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FROM THE



PASTOR

“Once Upon a Time”

It’s rather fascinating to think of the way the stories of the Bible were first conveyed. We can picture a gathering of friends and family around a campfire with one of the elderly leaders telling a story. The little children would huddle together at the storyteller’s feet and marvel at the great tales of days gone by.

As those stories were told over and over and over again, one generation after another, they became embedded in the minds and hearts of the people. They knew they were part of something special – that God had been guiding them and protecting them through one trial after another. There would be a natural sense of gratitude, along with a healthy dose of satisfaction in knowing your ancestors had overcome overwhelming odds because of the mighty acts of God throughout history.

We yearn for that kind of heritage and that kind of security and assurance. We’d all love to feel as though we, too, were part of a heritage like theirs.

The thing is – that’s us. We *are* part of that heritage. We have a seat at that campfire and those stories are stories of our own ancestors. They are stories of our ancestors in faith.

In the book of Joshua, we find one of the most beautiful accounts of the way in which God has always been present and active in the community of faith that we share. Joshua, through the voice of God, reminds the people of the events of their past – those times when God acted on their behalf to rescue them from danger and overcome every foe who sought to defeat them.

Included in this account is one of the most memorable verses in the Old Testament. It’s a commitment and a challenge from Joshua. Read Joshua 24:1-25 where we find a synopsis of a series of stories that could all begin with a fairy tale-like “Once Upon a Time.”

Blessings,
Dennis



Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Dorothy Amos who passed away on October 31, 2017.



Small groups will be taking the EPC bus to Ferdinand on Saturday, November 18 to attend the Christkindlmarkt.

This is a citywide market with trolleys & buses throughout Ferdinand to move visitors from place to place throughout the day.

The EPC bus will leave Eastminster at 8:30 a.m. and return at approximately 6:00 p.m. **Please call the church office to reserve your spot on the bus.** If you want to drive separately, we would love to meet you in Ferdinand. The price for the transportation is \$6.00 per person.

NEW EPC T-SHIRTS ARE IN!



If you would like a t-shirt the cost is \$15 each. If you preordered a shirt, just stop by the office to pick yours up. All proceeds benefit the Community & World Missions Committee. Thank you for your support!

Prayers & Concerns

Please pray for the following:

Shirley B, Marilois Barker, Austin Smith, Bob Gudgel, Ingeborg Bailey, Pam, Connie Nichols, Max Foley & Tracey Manis. If you have a prayer request, please contact Leslie Webb at epcprayers@gmail.com or contact

Sunday, November 12, 2017

8:00 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST **USHER**

Jarid Shofstall Allen Helmstetter

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST **HEAD USHER**

Jarid Shofstall Mel Ellsperman

USHERS & GREETERS

Pete & Carrie Mogavero & Team
Pat, Jayne & Tracey Manis

ACOLYTE

Sydney Webb

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP LEADER

Annie Engelbrecht

FLOWER DEACONS

Jane Biggs & Alice Hoover

Eastminster Staff

Ashley Barnas - Nursery Worker
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Mary Fulkerson - Office Manager
Trey Fulkerson - Youth/Pastoral Assistant
Marian LaChance - Housekeeper
Dennis Malfatti - Director of Music
Erin Tipton - Christian Ed Director

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Friday: 8:30 - Noon

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YOUTH ANNUAL SOCK DRIVE



During the winter months, the most requested item from both the homeless community and homeless shelters are socks. Beginning Sunday, November 12th the youth group will be doing their annual sock drive. Due to the extreme conditions these men and women are exposed to their socks all too often do not hold up well. Not having warm, dry socks when exposed to the unforgiving elements often leads to illness and extreme discomfort. **We need your help!** Please consider donating new, unopened packages of socks. Adult sizes for both men and women are our top priority.

Please leave your donations in the green collection bin in the Fellowship Hall or drop them off in the church office. Donations will be greatly appreciated by both our youth who are working hard to assist our community and the men and women who desperately need these items.

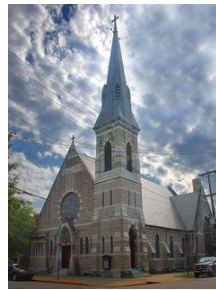
OFFICE HOURS CANCELLED THIS WEEK

The youth will be assisting Chris Kuhs at Sister Joanna's table despite the Youth Directors absence. Be sure to be there from 10:00 – 1:00 p.m.



This Sunday, November 12th, the High School Sunday School class will be led by guest teacher Sabrina Holden. Youth Group will be held at the normal time where we will have a lesson that brings us more in touch with the tribal roots of our faith followed by a fun night of fellowship.

See you in The Place,
Trey



Sister Joanna's Table

Sister Joanna's Table, is a community Soup kitchen and is open every Saturday of the year serving a hot meal to anyone in need.

This Saturday, November 11th Community & World Missions will be preparing and serving the meal. If you would like to join us for this important time of commitment to our community and fellowship with one another than please come to St. Paul's Episcopal Church located at 301 SE First St. at 9 a.m. or anytime before 2:30 p.m. If you would like more information on serving, please contact the church office or see Chris Kuhs or Jarid Shofstall. Thank you!

Christmas is Coming!

If you are thinking about giving or using gift cards for Christmas gifts or shopping, please take a look in the Narthex at our list of cards available. The last day that I can take orders and guarantee to have them available for Christmas will be Monday, November 27. We currently have available, in very limited supply:

- Toys-r-Us
- Walmart
- Target
- Sally Beauty Supply
- Sephora
- Longhorn/Red Lobster/Olive Garden
- Outback/Bonefish
- Arby's
- Barnes & Noble
- Lowes
- Home Depot
- Red Robin
- Great Harvest
- Hallmark

Thank you for all the cards you've bought this year. You are helping our church and we appreciate it very much!



We would like to thank the EPC Youth Group and Trey. He and his crew helped move our numerous items from storage to our new home. Their hard work and great attitudes made our chore a very fun experience. What an awesome group of youth we have in the EPC community!

*With gratitude,
Brian & Beth Bailey*

