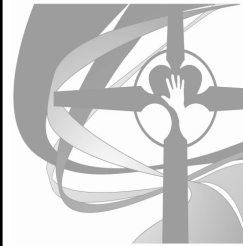


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“Get Up and ...”



I have a five-volume set of The Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible sitting on the bookshelf closest to my computer in my office. It’s the shelf where I keep a lot of the books to which I refer on a regular basis.

This past week, it occurred to me that within those five volumes, divided alphabetically, there is no reference to some of the most basic words of our faith.

For example, “Christmas” isn’t there, nor is “Epiphany,” “Advent” or “Easter.” That may seem odd, but the fact is, those words aren’t found in The Bible so there would be no reason for them to be included in a Bible dictionary. What would it be like, though, if someone with no understanding of the Christian faith came across these five volumes and decided to look at them to learn something about words of Christianity they had heard people talk about? They’d be baffled by their exclusion.

I thought of that as I was thinking about our passage for this Sunday which is the event we know as the Transfiguration. What a strange word that is! That one *is* included in that five-volume set because a form of the word – transfigured – is found in the gospels.

It’s not just the word, though, that’s strange. The event itself is quite baffling. I’d like to focus on one of the many messages this story can teach us. Read Matthew 17:1-9 where Jesus says to three of his followers, “Get Up and...”

Blessings,
Dennis

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING This Sunday, February 26, 11:30 AM



Our Annual Congregational Meeting for the purpose of receiving staff, board and committee reports and reviewing our annual budget will be held following the 10:30 service. We will also receive a report from the Nominating Committee for the purpose of filling vacancies.



Please come
to a
Farewell, Emma Sue reception
in the Gallery
this Sunday, February 26
following the congregational meeting

*A basket will be provided for your cards



EPW News

Thank you to everyone who brought gifts to shower those at House of Bread and Peace. Thanks to your generosity, we are showing the women and children there that they are loved and valued and helping to give them new hope towards independence. *Thank you!*

Wednesday, March 1st is almost here and our March EPW meeting is going on the road – to visit Evansville Assoc. for the Blind at 500 N. 2nd Ave. Following lunch at noon at their location, our own Karla Horrell will give us a tour (if you want all the inside scoop) and we’ll learn about the many services they provide for those with vision impairments and how they bless the Evansville community. Business meeting will follow the tour. Lunch /will still be only \$5/each. If you want to carpool, please be at the church by 11:45 AM to head downtown. If you are driving yourself, meet there (corner of 2nd and Virginia) and park in the lot across from the front door, or on the street. All women in our church family are invited. Please call the church for reservations.

Don’t forget the “kitchen work day” on Monday, February 27, from 9 – 3. We’ll be sorting and sprucing. Bring a bag lunch if you can stay through lunchtime. All willing hands are welcomed and any time you can offer is appreciated. We have good fun and fellowship while we work together!

*Worship
With Us*
Sunday, February 26, 2017

8:00 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST
Tony McClees

USHER
Matt Fiedler

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST
Shannon Irmscher

HEAD USHER
Mel Ellsperman

USHERS & GREETERS

Mel & Marilyn Ellsperman
Jo Chaddock & Sue Shelton
Pat, Jayne & Tracey Manis

ACOLYTE

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With the changes that will be taking place in Christian Education over the next few weeks it might be a good time to remind our teachers and our other workers in the Christian Education programs of the supplies and resources that are available to them in the Supply and Resource Rooms.

Over the years we have built a wonderful library of teaching tools. These two rooms contain a wealth of teaching aids and literally hundreds of lessons for use in the classrooms for all ages. These rooms are located on the second floor of the educational wing.

If you need help locating them or finding material in them, see Vicki Rauch, Annie Engelbrecht or Cheryl Ison for help.

THE SUPPLY ROOM THE RESOURCE ROOM



Our thanks to the children in our Children's Worship program for the gift of their Valentines last Sunday. Their handmade gifts of love brought smiles to many.



We Have Great Youth At Eastminster!

We really do have great youth at Eastminster!

Have you noticed how often you see them stepping in to help or fill a need? They never have to be asked, they see what needs to be done and they VOLUNTEER!

It was amazing to see the number of them pitching in to help clear out Fellowship Hall following our Friendship Potluck. They are great role models and are wonderful leaders in our church family!



Train up your children in the way they should go, and when they are old they will not depart from it.

Paraphrase of Proverbs 22:6

Memory Contest For Children and Youth Begins March 5!



We believe it is never too early to begin to teach children about our God, our Savior and what it means to have the Holy Spirit dwell within us. We know that for many people the scripture they memorized as a child is the only scripture they have committed to memory.

Studies have shown that the minds of children and youth are constantly storing information. They enjoy learning and memorization is easier for them at this time of their life than any other. Therefore we want to encourage our children (as young as possible) and youth to begin to commit to memory portions of scripture and Bible knowledge which they will find helpful through out their lives.

Our Bible Memory Contest begins Sunday, March 5.
It concludes on Palm Sunday, April 9.

The memory work builds from year to year. Each child must recite all of the work for his or her age group to win an award.

Parents, please remember one of the ways to help your child learn memory work is to make memory work fun. While our Sunday School teachers go over memory work in class, it is essential to have your co-operation also. Be positive and encouraging about memory work. Show your children where the verse or information is found in the Bible. Mark their Bible with a special color to help them recognize verses they have memorized. Teach them one phrase or word at a time. Recite the memory work several times a day in your children's presence so it becomes familiar to them.

Build your children's confidence by praising their efforts and rewarding them in some way, even with a hug, when they accurately complete their work. Older children and youth particularly need to be helped and encouraged regularly by their parents as they face the more difficult memory challenges.

Make sure you pick up a memory book this Sunday. Being familiar with scripture is a valuable gift we can give our children and youth. Let's work together to help them build a firm foundation of faith for their lives!

Christian Education



"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ...' The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these, my brothers and sisters, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:37-40

This morning people around the world woke up and went to get water. 663 million of them didn't walk to a bathroom sink or kitchen faucet, but to their closest water source many miles from their home. This water is often contaminated but is all that stands between them and certain death.

Our reality is so different. American families used 100 gallons of water a day. Our 5 minute morning shower uses more than twice the water many families have for the entire day. Not only do we have easy access to clean water it is not uncommon for us to spend up to \$20 in one day on beverages we don't need for survival. Did you know the average American worker spends \$1,100 on coffee each year? Americans spend \$65 billion dollars on soft drinks and \$11 billion on bottled water.

In comparison, families in many parts of the world use 2-4 gallons of water a day. They have no guarantee from one day to the next that their water source will not have become contaminated. They have to walk miles to get this water. The carriers of water are usually women or children who have had to give up jobs or schooling in pursuit of water. Their journey for water is often an unsafe one. If their containers are small, or if they do not have enough strength to carry the containers when full, they have to make the trip more than once. Stop and think about it. One gallon of water weighs 8.34 pounds. How far could you walk carrying 33 sloshing pounds?

If you are one of those children lucky enough to attend school, you carry roundworm, whipworm, and hookworm with you from the dirty water. These worms stunt growth, cause anemia, and cause shrinking cognitive abilities. Most of the time, clean water is available, but it is not accessible. How can you help?

Every year during Lent, members of the congregation are given the chance to save a life—yes, literally save a life—with very little effort. Every year in Lent we ask you to drink tap water for two weeks and donate the money normally spent on beverages to the H2O project. This action can literally save a baby, child, youth or adult from death. A donation of \$20 can provide clean water for life for one person.

Eastminster has helped to build ten such wells. We have literally saved the lives of hundreds of people by our donations. We are helping to have a major impact on our world through our donations as globally the battle for clean water is slowly being won. We would like to build an eleventh well.

Please consider taking part in the H2O project from Sunday, March 5 through Saturday, March 18. Then on Sunday, March 19, place your donation to the H2O project in the offering plate. Working together we can provide a cup of water to a thirsty world in Jesus' name.

Why Support



the



H2O Project?

