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“What You Are ~ Are You?”



Last week, at the beginning of this column, I said I didn’t know if I’d ever used the sermon title for this past Sunday, but if I hadn’t, I’d thought of it many times. This week, as I was reading the gospel lectionary reading, a title immediately entered my head and I was fairly confident that I hadn’t used it previously but had seen it used by someone else.

I knew exactly where to turn to find that sermon, that title and that preacher. It was the Reverend Tom Jones – a Presbyterian minister, not the singer – and it’s included in a pamphlet of Dr. Jones’ sermons that I picked up a long time ago. Sure enough, the passage on which that sermon was based was that very passage I was reading that made me think of that exact title.

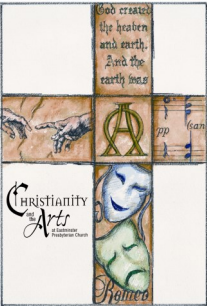
Last week, even though our focus was on the epistle lectionary reading from I Corinthians, I referred to the gospel reading which was the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount. This week, we’ll be looking at the verses which immediately follow the Beatitudes – words that made me think of that sermon title from many years ago.

Read Matthew 5:13-20 and reflect upon the question – “What You Are – Are You?”

Blessings,
Dennis

Congratulations to Jenny & Chris Kuhs!

Congratulations are extended to Jenny & Chris Kuhs and their entire family on the birth of Ava Elise Kuhs, born on Friday, January 27. Welcome to the world and to your Eastminster family, Ava!



Christianity & the Arts Presents Luther Lewis at Eastminster

The next Christianity & the Arts program will feature Luther Lewis. Luther hails from Evansville but has found acclaim all over the world. He is an artist in the broadest sense of the word.

Luther is both an opera singer as well as a painter and he will combine both of these extraordinary talents in a program to be held on Saturday, February 18 at 7:00 PM. We’ll have more information in next week’s newsletter and in future mailings but we urge you to make plans to join us and to invite friends as well. It promises to be an unforgettable evening of celebrating “Christianity & the Arts!”



CPR at EPC

Our Community & World Missions Committee will be sponsoring a CPR class on Saturday, February 25 for anyone in the congregation who is interested.

The cost of such a class is significantly higher than it was in the past. The Committee has made arrangements for a course that will just be \$70 which is much lower than what some classes traditionally cost. Because the Committee feels it is important for us at Eastminster to be certified in CPR, they will cover half the cost for anyone who is interested and because of the importance of such training for those in high-profile positions (all staff and Sunday School teachers), they will cover the entire cost.

If you are interested in registering for the class or would like more information, contact Donna Cooke (812-589-2520), or call the church office.



Communion Sunday, February 5, 2017



8:00 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST
Dorothy Mans

USHER
Rebecca Conen

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST
Karla Horrell

HEAD USHER
Mel Ellsperman

USHERS & GREETERS

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

COMMUNION ELDERS

Mark Nicholson Patsy Sproatt
Donna Cooke Ron Sproatt
Steve Fritz Dick Yeager
Shannon Irmscher

ACOLYTE
Ian Garcia

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP LEADER
Annie Engelbrecht

Eastminster Staff

Anna Cantrell - Housekeeper
Kayla Cantrell - Nursery Worker
Dennis R. Davenport - Pastor
Emma Sue Davenport - Dir. of Christian Education
Mary Fulkerson - Office Manager
Trey Fulkerson - Youth Director
Marian LaChance - Housekeeper
Dennis Malfatti - Director of Music
Helen Skuggedal Reed - Organist

Church Office Hours

M - Th: 8:30 –4:00 P.M.
Friday: 8:30 - Noon

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Bring a friend to church...and then stay for lunch!



The Outreach Committee is organizing a potluck luncheon Sunday, February 19, following the 10:30 service.

The entrée will be baked ham. We ask you to bring your specialty - salads, sides, or desserts.

Come and enjoy good food and fellowship...and share it all with your friends from outside Eastminster!



**Ladies' Night Out at
Bone Fish Grill**

**Join us on Tuesday, February 21st at 6:15 p.m.
(Note Date Change for February)**

Please contact Sue Shelton at 812-453-3607 or call the church to make your reservation. This is a great time of food, fun and fellowship. Newcomers are most welcome.



SHOWER YOUR LOVE ON HOUSE OF BREAD AND PEACE IN FEBRUARY

The women of EPW have committed to continuing their support Evansville's House of Bread and Peace, a homeless shelter for women and children, whose mission is to assist those women in becoming independent and self-sufficient.

We invite congregation members to join us as we show our caring with consumable personal care and household items for the residents and place them in designated baskets in the narthex. Through Sunday, February 19th, you may bring such items as shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, body wash, lotions, powders, toothbrushes & toothpaste, hair brushes or barrettes; also laundry detergent, dryer sheets, Ziploc bags of all sizes, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, antibacterial wipes, etc.

These are just suggestions to get you started; please remember, items are needed for children as well as women. All items must be new. Our sharing shows these families someone cares. Thank you!

ASSEMBLY NIGHT WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

As we begin a new year, Assembly Night will still be held on the second Wednesday of each month. We will continue to have a meal at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall and our opening assembly at 6:30 in the sanctuary.



We will be providing pizza for the meal and need to know how many will be attending the meal to order properly. If you are serving on a committee and will be attending the meal, please call the church office or sign up in the narthex this Sunday.

PER CAPITA AMOUNT

In a recent letter to the congregation, we encouraged you to consider paying your per capita - the amount the church pays for each person on our rolls. We failed, however, to tell you the amount for 2017. It is \$30 per member.



The Compassion Team Needs Your Help!

The Deacons have established a Compassion Team that will provide a meal for a family following the funeral of a loved one. Often extra help is needed. Please fill out the form below if you would be willing to be placed on a list to be called to assist.

I would be willing, if called, to provide the following for a funeral meal:

_____ Vegetable dish _____ Salad

_____ Dessert

_____ I would be willing to be present and assist with set up, serving, and clean-up.

Name _____

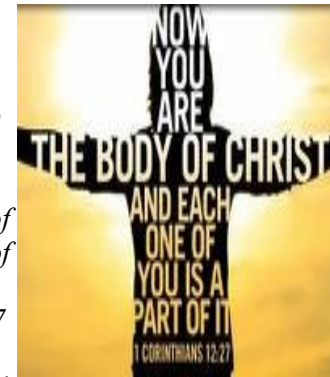
Phone _____

Please drop your completed form in the offering plate; leave it on the Welcome Center; call the office to make your preferences known; or contact Patsy Sproatt at 812 477-3202. Thank you

Your Church Family Needs You!

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

1 Corinthians 12:27



When the sky is grey and the weather is gloomy, it is easy to convince yourself that missing one Sunday of worship won't matter.

In truth, it does matter. Your church family needs you and you need your church family, for together we are the body of Christ.

Borrowing from the lyrics of David Bailey's song *Not Yet*, on any given Sunday in our church family there might be someone who comes to church because they have a joy they want to share. They need someone to celebrate and rejoice with them.

Or, they might feel all alone. They might feel afraid and ashamed of the choices they have made. They might be discouraged, they might be depressed. They might feel they have a few things to confess. They may be convinced they can no longer cope. Shadows all around them may have made them blind. They may feel they simply can't go on.

They may be confused by all that they have seen—from the happy to the hopeless and everything between. The answers are not waiting in a magazine. They will not find the truth upon the movie screen. They need the reassurance of their church family. They need you.

If you are not found in the list of those above, you are still needed. For you might have the happiness to lessen someone's gloom. You might have the words to lessen someone's load. The energy of children is contagious and offers a vitality to others. Words of kindness and appreciation always warm the soul. The fact that you listen means you are connected. Concern can be shown in a multitude of ways. A handshake, smile or hug can make all the difference in the world. Just your presence says you care.

We are the body of Christ. We need to be in worship not just to give praise, thanksgiving, confess and hear the message God has for us that day. We need to be in worship to receive support and give support to others in our church family.

Your Church family needs you and you need your church family.



This Sunday, February 5, the Fun Begins

Our Eastminster Name that Baby Contest!

Most of us are familiar with the faces of the cherubim found in Raphael's *Sistine Madonna* painting. Will you be so lucky identifying the baby faces of our own Eastminster family?

You will have a chance to do so this Sunday, February 5, and next Sunday, February 12, in the Gallery of the church. It has become a February tradition for the Christian Education committee to provide an activity to help our church family become better acquainted with one another. This year we will be providing a fun-filled way to do this through our Eastminster Cherubs.

We are asking everyone in the church to please bring a framed photo with them church this Sunday and give it to Vickie Rauch. The baby pictures will be displayed anonymously to see if our church family can tell who they are by looking at them.

Next week, names will be revealed for the pictures and we will be voting on the cutest baby picture. Everyone will be given a candy kiss. There will be valentine style bags next to each photo. You may vote for the picture you find the cutest or most enjoyable by putting your candy kiss in the bag next to that picture.

Then the following Sunday, February 19, the person whose photo received the most votes will be given a Bible appropriate for their current age.

We have already received a good number of photos. Come on, join in the fun of our Eastminster Cherubs by bringing in your baby picture this Sunday.

Are You Missing the Point?

Last week someone was overheard saying they weren't bringing a picture because they weren't a cute baby!

Really? Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. In the eyes of the members of our church family there is no such thing as a baby that isn't cute! Anyway, don't miss the point! Beauty is not what is important. What is important is getting to know one another and to have fun doing so! Bring your picture. Your church family will love it!

