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"What Is It?"

Last Sunday, we looked at an Old Testament passage from the lectionary that was part of one of the greatest stories in the Bible – the story of Joseph. This week, the lectionary includes another Old Testament passage that is part of another of the great stories of the Bible.

Following the Israelites deliverance from Egypt and after the crossing of the Red Sea, the people found themselves wandering in the wilderness. It was not an easy journey they were taking and at times it seemed to be more than they could endure. They became downhearted and discouraged and they let Moses and Aaron know of their displeasure.

When we read through the story of the Exodus, it seems as though the people were constantly complaining and whining about their circumstances. Perhaps it seems that way because they really were! Our inclination is to look at – as we referred to it last Sunday – “the big picture” and see God’s deliverance from captivity and their eventual arrival in the Promised Land.

The Israelites, however, didn’t have the luxury of looking into their future as we do. They could see only their immediate situation and it didn’t look at all promising from their perspective.

Read Exodus 16:2-15, one of the most amazing experiences the people had on their journey, where they ask of Moses, one another and God – “What Is It?”

Blessings,
Dennis



10:30 OUTDOOR WORSHIP Something for Everyone This Sunday



This Sunday, we will celebrate our 3rd annual outdoor worship service.

Our 10:30 service (weather permitting) will be held outside on the front lawn. We’ll have chairs in the west side parking lot but feel free to bring your own lawn chairs. Our configuration will also allow you to bring a blanket if you’d rather recline on the ground.

Since our 8:00 service will be held in the sanctuary, there’s something for everyone! If you ordinarily attend at 8:00 but would like to experience outdoor worship, join us at 10:30. Conversely, if you are usually here at 10:30 but don’t want to worship outside, join us for the indoor 8:00 service.



Adult Sunday School Class



Our three Adult Sunday School Classes all got off to a great start this past Sunday! All three classes were comfortably full which means there’s still room for you to join them! If you

haven’t attended Sunday School recently, now is a great time to start. Jim Van Cleave leads a class that meets in Room 101, Mike Lee’s class is in room 201 and Dennis Davenport is in a class that meets in room 203. All three classes would warmly welcome you!



Sunday, September 24, 2017

8:00 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST **USHER**
Lannie Frasier Tony McClees

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST **HEAD USHER**
Lannie Frasier Mel Ellsperman

USHERS & GREETERS

Donna Cooke & Youth
Pat, Jayne & Tracey Manis

ACOLYTE

Addison Fritz

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP LEADER

Annie Engelbrecht

FLOWER DEACONS

Marlene Huffaker & Jimmy Moore



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Church Office Hours

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

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Worship Exploration Team

On Fall Kick-Off Sunday, our combined Adult Sunday School Class engaged in small group conversation about the following questions. You can help our Worship Exploration Team by completing the questionnaire and returning it to the church office. Thanks!

1. Tell about a particularly meaningful worship service at our church or another.
2. What is it that helps you be comfortable in worship?
3. What makes you “cringe” in worship (here or elsewhere)?
4. What makes our worship most meaningful for you?
5. What is missing in our current worship services that might help us offer our best worship to God?
6. How is our worship similar to or different from that of other churches you have attended?
7. If there is anything about our worship you would never change, what is it?

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Office Hours

Every Thursday beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday School

Every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Middle School/High School Youth Group

Every Sunday at 5:30 p.m.



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

We will continue to receive donations to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program. In addition to aid being offered to victims of Hurricane Harvey, the program is now also making plans to be on the ground in Florida, offering assistance to those in need from the devastation of Hurricane Irma.

BOOK CLUB

September's book selection is The Captain's Daughter by Meg Mitchell Moore. Everyone is welcome to join us at Western Ribeye on Tuesday, September 26th at noon for an hour of good food and great discussion!

Prayers & Concerns



Please pray for the following:

Shirley B, Ingeborg Bailey, Sarah Yeager McKee, Barbara, Marilois Barker, Connie Nichols, Tracey Manis, the Stone Family, Elizabeth Keith Daugherty, Ken, Caitlynn Kelly, Mark, & Ginny Marvel.

If you have a prayer request, please contact Leslie



Dear Eastminster Church Family,

Our Christmas Basket Program is in full swing and school is now in session. Now we are ready to take another step in serving our neighbors at Caze School. Deacons will soon be in touch with Caze Elementary School and we will need to let them know how many families Eastminster will adopt/sponsor for this Christmas season so they can complete their necessary paperwork in a timely manner and Eastminster can complete its necessary preparations.

The Caze social worker works with us to identify stable and deserving families who do not receive assistance from other charities. We, in turn, work to provide a joyous Christmas for these families. In our Christmas baskets, we not only provide items for the holiday meal, but attempt to provide groceries for each family to be able to prepare healthy meals throughout the winter school break. We also provide gifts for the children in the family who are age 18 and under. It is our suggestion for children to receive a warm outfit and up to three age appropriate toys, books, or games. We refrain from wish lists for specific items so there will be no disappointment if they do not receive a specific request, but the school does provide us with the children's interests. The deacons will provide a Bible for every family that is adopted. We want this program to continue to be an outpouring of our love and cheerful sharing of our blessings, not a burden.

If you are called to this ministry, we want you to consider what size family you would like to sponsor. You can participate in a number of ways: Sunday school classes, small groups, groups of friends or as individuals. Many of these families are non-traditional in the sense that there may be single parent families, special needs children, or maybe multi-generational families. While we do not ask volunteers to buy gifts for any family member over 18, it is important to consider family size when providing grocery and household items.

We have an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of these families by sharing our blessings and the miracle of Christmas love with them.

Thank you,
Eastminster Board of Deacons



Yes, I / we want to sponsor a family
(please return form to the church office)



Name: _____

Group _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Family Size _____



Do you shop at Schnucks?

Do you have a Schnucks eScrip Customer Card?



If you shop at Schnucks and you DON'T have a Customer Card then please see Donna Cooke this Sunday or contact the office to get your card. We will even activate the card for you!!

Each time you shop for groceries simply present your card at the check out because for every dollar you spend, Schnucks will contribute up to 3% of your purchase amount to the church.

This is such a simple way to help our church raise additional funds. Thank you!



DON'T FORGET
We have gift cards!!! See Donna or contact the office to get yours!

Goosebumps

Halloween Movie Night

Saturday, October 21st at 6:30 PM

Fun for the whole Family!

NO COST!

Pre K - 3rd Grade: Bring 2 Liter drink
4th - High School: Bring snacks or chips

Don't forget your pillow and blanket! We hope to see you there!!

