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This Sunday “Connect the Dots”

I was never a good student in school – at any level. I didn’t excel in grade school or junior high. In high school, my class ranking was higher than 254 others in my graduating class – but lower than 262, which means I was in the bottom half. I’m going somewhere with this, so just bear with me.

In college, I graduated but with very, very average grades. In seminary, I could probably have won the “*Most Surprising Student to Actually Make It Through*” award if such an award had existed.

Trust me – I really am going somewhere with this. It seems as if such information as I’ve just shared always ends with something like “*I was bored with school*” or “*I wasn’t challenged enough*” or “*I was into more creative forms of expression than what was offered in school.*” Not me. The reason I wasn’t a very good student is because....drum roll....I’m not very smart.

Where I’m going with all this is to tell you that I was the opposite of that “*...into more creative forms of expression...*” rationale for lousy grades. In Junior High School, I failed both Music and Art class! How is that possible?!

The reason I’m telling you all of this is because I have always been in awe of people who *are* creative or gifted in the fine arts. As we move into our Stewardship emphasis, I have been fascinated to experience the creative thinking and creative gifts of the individuals who have been putting our program together this year.

Over the next few weeks, we’ll have the chance to see what happens when people like Mark Nicholson, Matt Hummel, Caitlyn Hummel, Sophie Nicholson and others get together and think creatively.

This Sunday, our Stewardship Committee will be presenting the message in a – yes – creative fashion that will challenge us and inspire us to be all that God calls us to be. You don’t have to be a genius to understand how important giving is in the life of a Christian!

Stewardship Blessings,
Dennis

Ryan Theological Scholarship

For more than a decade, we have had the privilege of providing a \$1,500 annual scholarship to students pursuing a theological degree at an accredited seminary. There has always been a student with a direct or indirect connection to Eastminster who has been the recipient. Derek Davenport, Sara Coggin, Tami Recob, David Davenport, Nathan Van Cleave, Will Mattingly are past recipients of the scholarship.

This year, we’re pleased to announce that we again have a recipient who has a connection to Eastminster. Chris Taylor is in his Middle year at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. The connection to us is that Chris has played an instrumental role in the seminary’s Summer Youth Institute. He was a participant in high school and has served as an intern and in other leadership capacities in the program. Three of our past scholarship recipients have been a part of the Summer Youth Institute and three others from Eastminster were participants.

Chris has provided us with more information regarding his call to ministry and his experience in seminary. He writes, “*I find myself daily wrestling with God’s word and the reason I find myself called to ministry – a struggle that I welcome with open arms. Seminary has provided me with an incredible learning opportunity that I try each class period or late night study session to not take for granted. Since my arrival at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, I have been immersed, and at times overwhelmed, with readings for Old Testament, New Testament, Systematic Theology, Church History, papers for all of these classes, and verse after verse of Hebrew translation. Yet, each day is a new day in which I am invited to soak in God’s word with the hope that I can reflect it back to the world post-graduation. Seeking a Masters of Divinity (one of the coolest degree titles), I am on track to graduate in 2019. While I am still not sure where life and God will lead me beyond that, I am excited to see how seminary continues to shape and mold me.*”

On receiving the scholarship, Chris writes, “I can’t express my appreciation enough for your willingness to extend this scholarship to me. Many, many thanks and prayers to everyone at Eastminster!”

Sunday, October 22, 2017

8:00 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST USHER

Mark Nicholson Matt Fiedler

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST HEAD USHER

Mark Nicholson Mel Ellsperman

USHERS & GREETERS

Rob Engelbrecht & Team
Pat, Jayne & Tracey Manis

ACOLYTE

Jacob Irmscher

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP LEADER

Annie Engelbrecht

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Jayne & Tracey Manis

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Erin Tipton - Christian Ed Director

Church Office Hours

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

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CLEAN THE PLACE DAY!

Tuesday, October 17th at 4:30 p.m. is "Clean The Place Day"! To show our appreciation and respect for the magnificent facility we have been blessed with, the youth will be taking a couple of hours to remove some of the clutter. After the clutter is removed, we will begin prepping "The Place" for some of our upcoming events. Normal office hours will still be held on Thursday at 4:30 p.m.



This Saturday, October 21st, the youth will be participating in the Halloween movie night. We will be watching Goosebumps on the front lawn, so be sure to bring blankets or chairs! The youth are also encouraged to bring a bag of chips or other snacks. The movie starts at 6:30 and will end around 8:15 p.m.

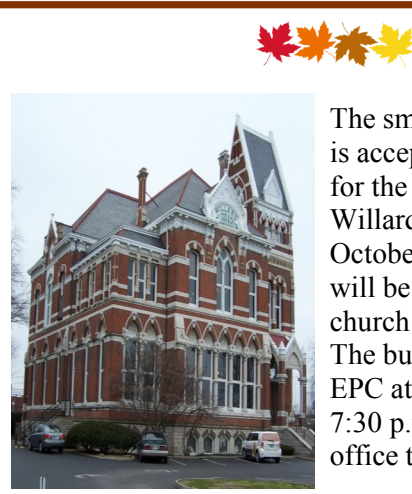


This Sunday, October 22nd, the youth will be studying the second installment of ME: the me I want to be. John Ortberg and Scott Rubin team up in this series to provide a guide to help us discover how to be the "us" God made us to be. We will follow up the lesson with a fun game.

SNACK OR DRINK DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!!!

On Thursday, October 27th, the youth will be having a costume party in The Place, so snack or drink donations would be much appreciated! Be sure to check out the new Youth Bulletin Board located outside the Youth Director's Office to find out other cool things our youth are doing for the month, scripture lessons chosen by the youth and pictures of all the fun stuff we have going on.

See you in The Place,
Trey



The small group committee is accepting reservations for the Grey lady tour at Willard Library Thursday, October 26th at 6 p.m. We will be taking the bus from church leaving at 5:30 p.m. The bus should return to EPC at approximately 7:30 p.m. please call the office to reserve your spot.

Prayers & Con- cerns

Please pray for the following:
Shirley B, Marilois Barker, Austin Smith, Bob



Kickoff is Sunday, October 22, 2017 with cheeseball tasting and ordering in the Gallery after each service. EPW will take orders from October 22nd through November 5th.

Five varieties will again be offered: Classical, Western, Mexican, Tropical, Chocoholic. Special orders without pecans are available. The cost of each cheeseball is the same as past years -- \$8.00.

Cheeseball pickup and payment will be on Friday, November 17, from 10:00-12:00 Noon pm in the church kitchen or after each service on Sunday, November 19th. You won't want to miss out on these creamy, delicious cheeseballs -- just in time for the holidays

EPW Cheeseball Fundraiser

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Classical _____ Western _____ Mexican _____

Tropical _____ Chocoholic _____
(contains peanuts!)

Total Amount Due: _____

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*There is time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven...
Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV)*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 21--6:30pm
Movie Night

Oct. 29--after
worship--Halloween
Carnival

Nov. 5--Shoebox
Collection

Nov. 19--Children &
Youth Processional for
Thanksgiving

Dec. 3--Advent Lunch



With thanks...

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the lovely reception last Sunday. It was so very thoughtful and kind of you. I really appreciate the warm welcome.
In gratitude--Erin

Halloween Carnival Oct. 29th

Could you, would you
run a game?
None of them are
AT ALL lame.

Remember sign up sheets are in the Narthex.

Could you, would you
bring some candy?
If so,
that would be really dandy.

Collection baskets are in the Narthex (some non-chokable candy or items would be great too). Also, please remember we have several children with food allergies.

Could you, would you
like to come?
Oh yes, oh yes,
it will be so fun!

Fellowship Hall following the 10:30 worship service on October 29th!

If you, if you
need to know more
members of CE
can share much more.

Patti Garcia, Annie Engelbrecht, Cheryl Ison,
Gordon Wiley, Vickie Rauch, Sara Garrett, and
Erin Tipton

Thank you, thank you
for helping make our Carnival be
super fun for our church family!

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

The Samaritan's Purse Website says that there are a few things that have changed for 2017. Here is a list of those changes.

Please...No candy & No toothpaste

They are asking for a **\$9 donation** to cover shipping costs, if possible. If not, packing the shoebox is enough!



Christmas Pageant

Chris and Jenny Kuhs are organizing a Christmas Pageant this year! Would your child be interested in participating? Please see Chris or Jenny to let them know!!

Erin's Office Hours

Tuesdays 8:30-12:30
Some Wednesday afternoons
Thursdays 8:30-12:30
Phone: 812-476-3355 Ext. 227
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Fun for the whole family!

No cost!

PRE-K -- 3RD GRADE: BRING 2 LITER DRINKS
3RD GRADE -- HIGH SCHOOL: BRING SNACKS OR CHIPS

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, 6:30PM

DON'T FORGET YOUR PILLOWS AND BLANKETS!



*Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)*

