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Biblical Geometry

If you're at all like me, the mere title above – specifically the second word – may send shudders down your spine and fill you with unpleasant classroom memories of parabolas and hyperbolas and ellipses and geometric equations.

If it will ease your mind, I assure you that we won't really talk about any of those things this Sunday. Well, only one of them but not in a fashion that will make your head spin with mathematical mayhem. For one thing, I'm not capable of that and for another, we're talking about something quite different.

This past Sunday, we were presented with a stunning visual representation of our Stewardship theme for this year. It was created by Mark Nicholson and, as he told us in worship, it's not finished. You are helping complete that beautiful work of art and this Sunday we'll see more of your finished product.

As we consider the theme of "Connect the Dots" for Stewardship this year, I think there's a passage of scripture that fits perfectly with that theme. It's found in one of Paul's letters and it includes one of the most beautiful and important things the great apostle ever said.

It's something that helps us understand what it means to "connect the dots" in our daily life – the way we spend our time and our money, the way we interact with others and the way we determine what's most important in life.

Read Philippians 2:1-11 where we find a fascinating example of "Biblical Geometry."

Blessings,
Dennis



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.

Stewardship 2018 Connect the Dots

On the reverse side of the calendar in this issue of "The Messenger," you'll find the presentation Mark made in worship last Sunday regarding this year's Stewardship program. You'll also find the script for "The Underfunded Jedi" presented by Matt Hummel and Trey Fulkerson.

Commitment Sunday is NOVEMBER 12. Next week, you'll receive information regarding the proposed budget for 2018 along with a Commitment Card. As always, we ask you to bring the card with you to worship and we'll all have the opportunity to place our card on the Communion Table at the conclusion of worship as a sign of our commitment to God, to one another and to the work of the church in the coming year.

EPW is still taking your orders now through November 5th. Five varieties will again be offered (see below!). 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: _____
(Cheeseballs are \$8.00 each)



Communion Sunday, November 5, 2017



8:00 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST John Niehaus
USHER Tony McClees

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST John Niehaus
HEAD USHER Mel Ellsperman

USHERS & GREETERS

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

COMMUNION EDLERS

Vickie Rauch Donna Cooke
Shannon Irmscher Jarid Shofstall
Patti Garcia Gary Pennington

ACOLYTE

Chloe Webb

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP LEADER

Annie Engelbrecht

FLOWER DEACONS

Jayne & Tracey Manis



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Erin Tipton - Christian Ed Director

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

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Our Halloween party was a huge success! A special thanks goes out to all of those who donated drinks and snacks. The amount of generosity received by the congregation was both unexpected and greatly appreciated. For the first time ever 100% of the food and party materials were provided by the congregation. This left the Youth Director and the kids hands free to focus on the best part, the fun part!



Not only should our congregation receive a special thanks, but so should our youth. From soup kitchens to helping members of our congregation move, to whatever other miscellaneous and often last minute tasks our church needs the youth are always willing and ready to help. When our youth hear the call to aid they are more often than not willing but also enthusiastic about helping in any capacity they can. As a church family we should all be incredibly joyful that we have a group of young people so willing to serve our God and our community in the capacity that they do.

Don't forget...Office Hours this Thursday from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Youth Group this Sunday from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (we will have a lesson followed by a fun game!)

See you in The Place,
Trey

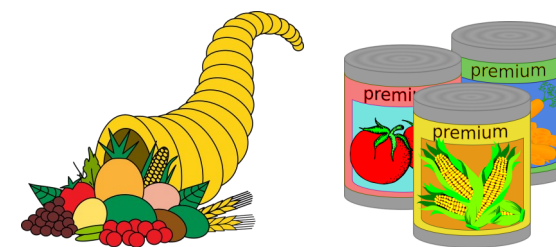


CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Thank You

We had a great Halloween Carnival and could not have done it without support from the many youth and adults in the church who ran games, set up haystacks, and decorated. The Christian Education Committee works hard to make the day full of joy, excitement and fun for the children of Eastminster. Thank you to Roland Small, Trey Fulkerson, Patti Garcia, Meredith Garcia, Jack Garcia, Ian Garcia, Dan Engelbrecht, Rob Engelbrecht, Annie Engelbrecht, Cheryl Ison, Vickie Rauch, Lilly Ferguson, John and Carol Oglesby, Chloe Webb, Jacob Webb, Matt Hummel, Marilyn Ellsperman, Suzette Fritz, Alex Kuhs, Yancey Ferguson, Kirsten Shofstall, and Dan Tipton.

Have a safe and Happy Halloween!



Thanksgiving Processional

On Sunday, November 19, 2017, the children and youth will process during the 10:30 a.m. worship service to fill the cornucopia and food basket. We are continuing the tradition that began last year and we ask that the children bring one canned good with a 2018 expiration date to carry during the processional. In one hand they will carry their canned good and in the other hand they will carry their item to fill the cornucopia. Please meet Cheryl Ison and Erin Tipton at 10:15 in the Gallery to prepare for the processional.

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!!



Attention Sunday School Teachers

Do you need items in your classrooms replenished or restocked? Pens, pencils, dry erase markers, paper? Please don't hesitate to let me know. I am here to help!
erin@epcevv.com



Advent Lunch

The Christian Education Committee would like to invite you to attend our annual Advent Lunch on Sunday, December 3, 2017 following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. We will provide sandwiches, drinks and dessert. Could you bring a crockpot of soup? If you would be able to bring soup, please let Cheryl Ison, Erin Tipton or the church office know. As is our tradition, we will make a small ornament and also have our Advent devotion books available for you. This is such a special time for our church family as we prepare our hearts and minds for the Advent Season.

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bearing with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Colossians 3:12-14 (NIV)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 5--Shoebbox

Collection

Nov. 19--Children & Youth Processional for Thanksgiving

Dec. 3--Advent Lunch



November 2017

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP PRESENTATION

Mark Nicholson, Chair

Last spring, we gathered a cross-section of our congregation together to learn why our members give, and to get their perceptions about their attitudes about stewardship. One person made an observation that some people need help with "connecting the dots" between what matters most in life, and where they spend their money. "Connect the Dots" stuck with us because the more we thought about it, the better it seemed to describe many ideas about stewardship and our campaign. Here are the Top Ten ways "Connect the Dots" came to mind, as the Stewardship Committee worked on the 2018 Stewardship Campaign:

1. Instead of overlooking or missing something that God is trying to show us - something that in hindsight that may seem clearly obvious - Let us "Connect the Dots" to see God's path for us more clearly.

2. Let us "Connect the Dots" between our Mission -- "Head's, Hearts and Hands in Service and Celebration" -- and our Stewardship message.

3. Let us "Connect the Dots" between our local community's needs, and our mission to support a place for them to worship and grow in faith.

4. Let us "Connect the Dots" across generations, honoring the contributions of those that came before us, and our legacy to those who will follow us.

5. Rather than spending our money on things to make us feel better, let us "Connect the Dots" in our spending - by keeping our financial priorities aligned with our self-identification of being disciples of Christ.

6. Let us "Connect the Dots" between our "Christianity and the Arts" emphasis of using the arts to communicate spiritual messages, and the Stewardship Campaign.

7. Instead of reacting negatively out of habit, or in cynicism -- only to regret it later; let us remember to "Connect the Dots" between our actions and our beliefs - by being mindful about what we do each day.

8. Let us "Connect the Dots" between ourselves and our fellow members, and pull together as a church family to reach our stewardship goal.

9. Let us "Connect the Dots" between our financial support, and Eastminster's ability to carry out its missions and thrive - by coming up with a 2018 budget.

10. Finally, let us "Connect the Dots" between our giving to our Church and to God, and the joy it makes us feel.

THE UNDERFUNDED JEDI

Written by Matt Hummel, Performed by Matt Hummel & Trey Fulkerson

A long time ago in a galaxy that must be closer than you think because, well, they all speak English anyway...two Jedi knights, Ace Minstar and Prisby Terrion, exit a meeting of the Jedi council.

Ace: Well, Prisby my friend, seems we have a long, adventurous journey ahead of us to save the Revden system from the invading E'maizou. Quickly, requisition a droid and I'll meet you at Davin Port 1!

Prisby: Davin Port 1's been closed I'm afraid.

A: All right, Davin Port 2 then.

P: That port's down as well. They're all down.

A: There are five Davin Ports! You're saying they're all down?! Why?

P: Budget cuts I'm afraid. The Jedi is a faith-based not-for-profit organization. We don't exactly bring in consistent cash flow.

A: We keep peace throughout the galaxy! Never mind, we'll find a port when we get down there for now, as I said, requisition a droid and we'll--

P: We had to relinquish a lot of droids as well.

A: All of them?!

P: Oh no! We've certainly maintained the droids we have. I'll be able to get one. I just don't know that we'll be able to accomplish our mission without asking for help along the way...

A: Nothing wrong with th--

P: Multiple times.

A: ...Okay--

P: I'm saying we may want to forgo a droid unless we absolutely need it.

A: We could perhaps go without. In fact I'd say, knowing the menacing nature of the E'maizou, we'll need only the diplomatic might of our lightsabers.

P: ...ehh...

A: No, NO, we are Jedi! That's the calling card of our Order. We cannot serve our cause without those.

P: Lightsabers are costly equipment.

A: Prisby!

P: We can afford something close...

A: What do we have?

Prisby reveals a toy lightsaber

A: Wh-- Where did you even get that?

P: I got it out of a Cracker Jack box!

A: I'm not dismayed. After all, our program for the younglings at least will--

P: Well...

A: Don't! (sighs)

P: Let's face it Ace, we simply can't abide in the Force when our finances are constantly ebbing and flowing like a singing Malfaccchian. To effectively sustain the Order, we need at least \$370,000.. It pains me to say, but our power is limited to the constraints of our budget.

A: No. No Prisby. The Force is the truest power there is. Finances will never check our ability to extend peace and good in the galaxy. It is the will of the Force that will guide us through this and every other Mission, even though economically checked.

P: You're right. (beat) Sure would be nice if we could put a new roof on the Jedi Temple though.

(Ace whimpers and exits; Prisby follows)

Anniversaries

11/3 Rick & Stacy Lockard
11/6 Andrew & Cheryl Gregg
11/9 Mel & Marilyn Ellsperman
11/10 Jason & Leslie Webb
11/11 Bob & Susan Parsons




Birthdays

11/1 Virginia Marvel
Erika Weil
11/2 Mike Stauth
11/4 Addison Kuhs
11/5 Russ Genet
11/6 Rob Engelbrecht
Tracey Manis
Luke Nicholson
11/7 Cole Irmscher
Harold Post
Evan Tipton
11/8 Sue Goodloe
Jeff Pease
Katy Wilborn
11/10 Rick Lockard
11/14 Jonathan Van-Cleave
11/15 Virgie Foley
Brad Mogavero
11/17 Allen Sanderson
11/18 Claude Wilder
11/21 Thomas Goodloe, Jr
11/23 Douglas Miller
11/24 Gary Van Zandt
11/25 Landon Shofstall



Sunday Schedule

8:00 Worship
9:00 Sunday School
10:00 -10:30 Fellowship
10:30 Worship
6:00 PM Youth Groups

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7 AM Men's Breakfast @ Carousel Noon - EPW 6 PM Deacons	2 9 AM 4C Play & Learn 4 PM Mahjong 4:30 Youth Office Hours 7 PM Choir	3	4
5 Collect Christmas Shoeboxes	6	7 9 AM Quilters 6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	8 7 AM Men's Breakfast @ Carousel	9 9 AM 4C Play & Learn 4 PM Mahjong 4:30 Youth Office Hours 7 PM Choir	10	11 Serve lunch at Sister Joanna's Table
12 Commitment Sunday	13	14 9 AM Quilters 6:15 PM Ladies' Night Out 6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	15 7 AM Men's Breakfast @ Carousel Noon—Parlor Book Club 6 PM Assembly Night	16 9 AM 4C Play & Learn 4 PM Mahjong 4:30 Youth Office Hours 7 PM Choir	17 10 AM - Noon Cheeseball Pickup 	18
19 Cheeseball Pickup 10:30 AM Children & Youth Thanksgiving Processional 	20 1 PM Bridge	21 9 AM Quilters 6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	22 7 AM Men's Breakfast @ Carousel	23 OFFICE CLOSED 	24	25
26	27	28 9 AM Quilters Noon—Book Club 6:55 PM Men's Bible Study	29 7 AM Men's Breakfast @ Carousel 6 PM Session	30 9 AM 4C Play & Learn 4 PM Mahjong 4:30 Youth Office Hours 7 PM Choir	