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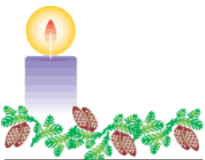


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“Those Who Wait”

A few weeks ago, Trey and I were talking about the Advent season and determined that a good time for him to preach would be December 17, the Sunday of the Children’s Christmas Pageant. Since then, as we have continued to talk about preaching, Trey told me he was planning on using one of the lectionary readings for that day. I didn’t think much more about it until I started to look at the full scope of the lectionary readings for the season of Advent – the Old Testament, the Gospel and Epistle readings.

When I did, I went into a brief panic, realizing how difficult I always find the Advent readings. I was afraid Trey might be overwhelmed by any of those suggested readings. Fortunately, by the time we get to the third Sunday of Advent, those readings seem to go a different direction, but the first two weeks are always tremendously challenging and problematic.

It might just be me, but I have to confess that the readings in the lectionary for the beginning of Advent give me some difficulty. Perhaps that’s the way it’s supposed to be. We’re getting ready for Christmas...but we’re not there yet. There are places we need to go before we can fully embrace of the wonder of the Christmas event.

The Old Testament reading for this Sunday is one of those places we need to go. Read Isaiah 64:1-9 were we find that we are included among “Those Who Wait.”

Advent Blessings,
Dennis

Connecting the Dots Stewardship Reminder

We’re deeply thankful to all those who have returned Commitment Cards for 2018 as we “Connect the Dots” in a variety of meaningful ways. If you have yet to return yours, the Stewardship Committee and the Budget & Finance Committee encourage you to do so as we seek to finalize our budget for the coming year.



EPW Christmas Luncheon

Ladies, this year's EPW Christmas luncheon will take place at the church on our regular meeting day, *Wednesday, December 6, at noon*. Guests are encouraged and *reservations should be made by Sunday, December 3*. The cost will remain \$5/person. This year we will celebrate with a tea luncheon and a sweet project for our Friends at Home. There will be no program; instead if you are able, we ask you to bring 2-3 dozen holiday cookies or packable goodies (purchased or homemade) to fill holiday tins that we will share with Friends at Home and with each other as a Christmas goody exchange. This is something we're trying for the first time, so if you have questions, please contact Marlene Huffaker. All Eastminster ladies are invited, so please come and enjoy a festive Christmas celebration.

Ladies’ Night Out

Long Horn Steak House
Tuesday, December 12th at 6:15 p.m.
Please reserve your spot by calling the church office at 812/476-3355.



Join the Parlor Book Club on Wednesday, December 13th at noon to discuss *The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. Copies are available in the office if you would like to borrow one. We hope to see you there!

Prayers & Concerns

Please pray for the following:

Janet, Marian Bruggenschmidt, Marilois Barker, Austin Smith, Bob Gudgel, Ingeborg Bailey, Pam, Connie Nichols, Max Foley & Tracey Manis. If you have a prayer request, please contact Leslie Webb at epcprayers@gmail.com or contact the Church Office.

Communion Sunday December 3, 2017

8:00 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST Karla Horrell
USHER Allen Helmstetter

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST Karla Horrell
HEAD USHER Mel Ellsperman

USHERS & GREETERS

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

ACOLYTE

Garrett Ferguson

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP LEADER

Annie Engelbrecht

FLOWER DEACONS

Jane Biggs & Alice Hoover

Eastminster Staff

Ashley Barnas - Nursery Worker
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Marian LaChance - Housekeeper
Dennis Malfatti - Director of Music
Erin Tipton - Christian Ed Director

Church Office Hours

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

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THE SOCK DRIVE CONTINUES!



During the winter months, the most requested item from both the homeless community and homeless shelters are socks. Beginning Sunday, November 12th the youth group will be doing their annual sock drive. Due to the extreme conditions these men and women are exposed to their socks all too often do not hold up well. Not having warm, dry socks when exposed to the unforgiving elements often leads to illness and extreme discomfort. **We need your help!** Please consider donating new, unopened packages of socks. **Any opened socks will be discarded!** Adult sizes for both men and women are our top priority.

Please leave your donations in the green collection bin in the Fellowship Hall or drop them off in the church office. Donations will be greatly appreciated by both our youth who are working hard to assist our community and the men and women who desperately need these items.

OFFICE HOURS THIS THURSDAY 4:30 - 8:00 P.M.



At Youth Group this week we will be discussing Genesis 18:16-33 and the rather bizarre narrative of Lot's wife turning into salt. We will conclude with time for fellowship and games.

See you in The Place,
Trey



This Sunday
December 3

8:00 AM: The Feidler Family

10:30 AM: EPC Youth

Christmas is Coming!

If you are thinking about giving or using gift cards for Christmas gifts or shopping, please take a look in the Narthex at our list of cards available. We currently have available, in very limited supply:

- Toys-r-Us
- Target
- Sally Beauty Supply
- Sephora
- Longhorn/Red Lobster/Olive Garden
- Outback/Bonefish
- Arby's
- Barnes & Noble
- Lowes
- Home Depot
- Red Robin
- Great Harvest
- Hallmark

Thank you for all the cards you've bought this year. You are helping our church and we appreciate it very much!



Poinsettias

Poinsettia orders are now being taken. The cost is \$10 each. Please fill out the form below and place in the offering plate on Sunday or mail to the church. Make checks payable to Eastminster with poinsettia marked in the memo field.

The deadline to order a poinsettia is Monday, December 11. All poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 24 for the Christmas Eve Service. After the Christmas Eve service you may take your poinsettia with you.

Yes, I would like _____ poinsettia(s)
In memory/honor of:

I will pick up my poinsettia(s) ____yes ____no

Donor's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Christian Education

Advent Lunch

Our annual Advent Lunch is scheduled this coming Sunday, **December 3, 2017**, after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Please join us for a variety of soups provided by the wonderful cooks of Eastminster, Subway sandwiches and dessert. Remember to pick up your Advent devotional book created by Emma Sue Davenport, as well as an accompanying children's activity. Our Advent book this year is The Jesse Tree. It is sure to be informative and transformative.

Hope to see you next Sunday!



40 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were delivered to the drop off location this year from Eastminster! If you are tracking them this year, they are headed west. The volunteers were taking the boxes to the Colorado distribution center and they thought they would be delivered to children in the Western US and Mexico. Thank you so much for your participation!

Thank you!

Dear Families,
Thank you so much for your participation in our annual Thanksgiving Processional. The children and youth did such a wonderful job and we had a full basket of canned goods to donate to the Deacon's Christmas Basket collection. What a wonderful way to show our thanks for the many blessings of God.

With Thanksgiving—
The Christian Education Committee

