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# Eastminster Messenger

Heads, Hearts & Hands for Christ in Service & Celebration

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FROM THE



PASTOR

## “New Year’s Evolutions”

Okay. I admit it. The title of this Sunday’s sermon may have absolutely no bearing whatsoever on its content. Here’s how it came about. On Monday – New Year’s Day – Emma Sue and I were in Indianapolis and had just begun our return trip home. As cold as it was here that day, it was even colder in Indianapolis. The temperature was -10 degrees, there was a stiff wind making the wind chill -27 degrees and there was about 6 inches of snow on the ground.

As we passed a church, I saw someone outside changing the sign board and thought how miserable it would be to have to do that on that kind of day. I then realized that the next day, Anna would have to be doing the same thing to our own sign. In staff meeting on Tuesday, I told Anna that rather than making her do that alone, I would help her. I then told her I’d try to figure out a way to simply re-configure the letters from last week’s sermon that she had dutifully put on the board – “New Year’s Revolutions.” And then it hit me – all we have to do is remove an “R” on either side and we’ve got something brand new!

As I said, that new title may bear no resemblance to the content of the sermon this Sunday...but, then again.... Our Gospel lectionary reading is found in the first chapter of Mark and it’s his account of the baptism of Jesus. We can’t think about the baptism of Jesus without giving thought to our own baptism. I wonder if baptism isn’t more often a process than a momentary change. In other words, perhaps baptism involves an evolutionary process as much as it does a revolutionary one. Hmm...maybe that title really does fit.

Read Mark 1:4-11 as we give thought to “New Year’s Evolutions.”

New Year’s & Baptism of the Lord Blessings,  
Dennis

P.S. This Sunday will be our Ordination & Installation service at 10:30 worship. That, too, fits nicely with this entire theme.

## Civic Theatre Annual Pancake Breakfast at Eastminster!

*Our session has approved a request from the Evansville Civic Theatre to hold their Annual Pancake Breakfast here. With our interest in and commitment to Christianity & the Arts, this is clearly a good fit for us. The following is their official announcement and invitation. We hope you’ll join us for the food, fun, fellowship & entertainment that day!*



Please come support the Evansville Civic Theatre by stuffing you, your kids, your elders, and your neighbors with pancakes! Matt and Caitlyn Hummel and their Friends of Civic Theatre group are grateful to be holding their Annual Pancake Breakfast at Eastminster on January 13 from 8-11AM, serving coffee, sausage links, hashbrowns, and of course piles of pancakes! They will also be teasing their youth production of "Carrie: the Musical," opening the following weekend. Buy tickets at the door for: \$10 (Adults 18+), \$8 (Kids 3+), and FREE (Kids under 3). Proceeds to benefit Evansville Civic Theatre.



*To my Church Family,  
I just wanted to thank you so much for all your prayers, phone calls and concerns regarding my recent back surgery! It is so comforting to be a part of a loving body of kind and caring Christian friends who are always there for you! I am happy to report that the surgery went well, was successful, and my recovery is also going well, and the constant chronic pain is gone! Praise the Lord, the source of all healing!*

*Yours in Christ, Jack Turpin.*

## Communion Sunday, January 7, 2018



### 8:00 A.M. SERVICE

#### LITURGIST

Dick Yeager

#### USHER

Rebecca Conen

### 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

#### LITURGIST

Dick Yeager

#### HEAD USHER

Mel Ellsperman

#### USHERS & GREETERS

TBA

Pat, Jayne & Tracey Manis

#### ACOLYTE

Chloe Webb

#### CHILDREN’S WORSHIP LEADER

Annie Engelbrecht

### Eastminster Staff

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### Church Office Hours

M - Th: 8:30 –4:00 P.M.

Friday: 8:30 - Noon

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**After a long holiday hiatus the Youth Group is going back to its normal routine.**

Office hours will be held this Thursday beginning at 4:30 and will end at 7:00.

During Youth Group on Sunday we will be discussing Balaam's talking donkey and what that story could mean in our own lives. We will conclude with a fun game. I hope to see you all at 6:00 PM.



On January 13th we will be lending a hand at Sister Joanna's table. Sister Joanna's table is a soup kitchen located in Saint Episcopal Church where we will be serving lunch to roughly 100 people. See you from 10:00-1:00



There will be a Nerf War on January 27th so stay posted for more details!

See you in The Place,  
Trey

## Prayers & Concerns

Please pray for the following: Donna Davis, Marian Bruggenschmidt, Marilois Barker, Austin Smith, Connie Nichols, Tracey Manis.

If you have a prayer request, please contact Leslie Webb at [epcprayers@gmail.com](mailto:epcprayers@gmail.com) or contact the Church Office.



## Important NOTES



### GIVING STATEMENTS

Final 2017 Giving Statements will be mailed within the next two weeks. Please contact the office if you do not receive yours or if you have discrepancies.

### ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual Reports from staff and committee chairs will be due by January 26, 2018. Information regarding Annual Reports will be sent to committee chairs within the next week.



### FLOWER CALENDAR

The new Flower Calendar is up and ready for 2018. The cost is now \$45 for two vases. Please reserve your special date as soon as possible as the dates fill up quickly.

### NEW OFFICER TRAINING

On Saturday, January 6 from 9-noon we will be holding our annual new officer training in room 101.



### ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

Ordination & Installation of Officers will be held on Sunday, January 7th at the 10:30 service.



### ASSEMBLY NIGHT

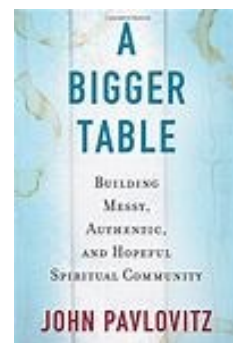


If you are serving on Session or have been asked to serve on a committee, please remember to sign up for the Assembly Night meal that will be held on Wednesday, January 10 at 6 p.m.

Pizza & drinks will be served so it's good to have a count on what to order. The sign up sheet is located in the Narthex or see Mel Ellsperman for assistance.

# Christian Education

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### A Bigger Table

The '201' adult Sunday school class is preparing to read a new book by John Pavlovitz called 'A Bigger Table'. Sabrina Holden is leading this study and it is sure to be one that lends itself to great discussions!



### Pardon Our Mess

The CE team is preparing to do a bit of decluttering and organizing in the supply room (room 204) in 2018. As with any decluttering project, it always gets worse before it gets better. So, don't be surprised if it is a mess for awhile. We would just ask that you be patient with us during this time. Thanks so much!

*Romans 12:2 (ESV) "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."*



### SUMMER IN PSALMS CHALLENGE

Just a reminder that on January 4th starts our challenge to read one Psalm a day for the next 150 days to prepare for our *Summer in Psalms* adult Sunday school class. Hope you join us on this exciting challenge.

I cheated just a bit and already read Psalm 1. What can I say? I get overly anxious and excited! I have tried to read Psalms before and only made it to Psalm 34. This time I want to make it through the book!

As I read each Psalm I like to choose a phrase or a verse that sticks out to me. In Psalm 1 verse 2 struck me. I think it is because it offers a guide to meditate on the law of the Lord day and night. That got me thinking. If the first thing I read in the morning and the last thing I read at night were the words of God, how would that change my life? Would it? I wonder...

