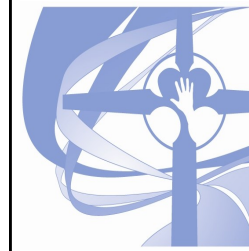


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# Eastminster Messenger

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## “Spring Break”

This Sunday is the Sunday we know as Palm Sunday. We all know what that means but if you didn't know it, that would seem to be a very strange way to refer to this day. Even when you read the accounts of the event it commemorates, Palm Sunday is more than likely not the name you would attach to this day.

If we look at Mark's version of what took place and if we decided to stay with the same focus, we'd call this “Leafy Branch Sunday” which clearly doesn't have the same ring to it. Another good possibility might be “Colt Sunday” which would resonate with a lot of football fans in our area.

Another logical name by which we might refer to this day would be “Hosanna Sunday.” We'd clearly know what that meant because we never think of that word except in connection to this event.

Our observance of this day, though, has fallen out of favor in recent years and I must say I agree with the reason for that.

In times past – decades ago – the week we refer to as Holy Week was given special attention. People always attended both a Maundy Thursday service as well as a Good Friday service.

That's no longer the case, though, and we move much too easily from the “Hosanna” of Palm Sunday to the “He is risen” of Easter with no thought of all that took place between the two.

Be that as it may, let's take time to celebrate the traditional Palm Sunday event this Sunday by looking at Mark 11:1-11 where it looks a bit like a traditional “Spring Break.”

Palm Sunday Blessings,  
Dennis



## Annual Prayer Vigil

For more than 20 years, we have held a Prayer Vigil on Maundy Thursday-Good Friday. It begins at the conclusion of our Maundy Thursday Communion Service and concludes at 5:00 PM on Good Friday. This year, the date is Thursday, March 29-Friday, March 30.

There are a significant number of people who would say that this period of time is the most meaningful time they spend at church all year.

Here's how it works – we have a chart in the Narthex that lists every hour, from 8:00 PM Thursday through 4:00 PM Friday. Individuals sign up for one of those hours. More than one person may sign up for the same hour. You can use your time in the Sanctuary however you choose.

Barb Ferguson will have a table set up at the front of the Sanctuary near the cross on the pulpit side. There will be a variety of Lenten-Easter resources, along with a CD player and CDs.

There will also be a “Stations of the Cross” arrangement in each of the windows that Emma Sue created a number of years ago. At each station, there are paintings and scripture readings that take you around the sanctuary and finish at the cross in the Chancel.

You have the freedom to use any of these resources or do whatever you like that would be most meaningful to you. At the conclusion of your hour, the next person will arrive and you may depart or remain as long as you like.

The times that some find most meaningful to participate are the times between midnight and 6:00 AM. The sign-up chart is in the Narthex. If you have questions, call the office or contact Barb Ferguson.



**Sunday, March 25, 2018**

### 8:00 A.M. SERVICE

#### LITURGIST

Allen Helmstetter

#### USHER

Tony McClees

### 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

#### LITURGIST

Allen Helmstetter

#### HEAD USHER

Mel Ellsperman

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Barb Ferguson & Team

Steve Fritz, Pat, Jayne & Tracey Manis

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**Office Hours Thursday from 4:30 - 7:00**



This week office hours will be held at our normally scheduled time from 4:30-7:00.

This week for youth group we will be studying Luke 22:39-51. A story in which Jesus demonstrates his compassion in a pretty strange way, by reattaching a man's ear. This will be followed by a fun game and time for fellowship. 6:00-8:00.

See you in the Place,  
Trey

### Prayers & Concerns

Please pray for the following: Anna Cantrell, Austin Smith, Pam, Tracey Manis, Carol Palmer. If you have a prayer request, please contact Leslie Webb at [epcprayers@gmail.com](mailto:epcprayers@gmail.com) or contact the Church Office.



## Easter Lilies

Orders are now being taken for Easter Lilies. The cost is \$11.00 payable at the time of the order. Please fill out the form below and return to the office.

Yes, I would like \_\_\_\_\_ Easter lily/lilies.

I will be taking my lily/lilies: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory/Honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

### "Easter Canticle" set for Palm Sunday

In the past, we had heard different accounts of the story of the First Easter from the supporting players of the story and even from some animals.

On Palm Sunday, March 25, our own Miss Penelope introduces us to five animal friends, including three key animals that play both chief and supporting roles.

Meet Zechariah the donkey, Joshua the rooster, Bathsheba the lamb, Leah the kitten and Artemus the owl. Each of these little animal friends tell that glorious story of how they witness the week that forever changed the world, and of that forever glorious morning of mornings that, too, changed the world.



This is told in Pen's latest Holiday outing, "The Animals' Easter Canticle," presented to our Children on Sunday, 3-25 and as always, to request your copy for your child or grandchild, be sure to call the church office.



Let the love of the Risen King enter your heart this Easter Holiday.

Easter Greetings & Blessings,  
Roland Small, Jr.  
Coloring Bookmaster, Children's Ministry

### EPW

Ladies, we will be sorting and pricing rummage items in the church basement most Thursdays from 2 - 4 PM between now and June. Come and enjoy working together while we prepare for the big sale. Clean, gently used items continue to be welcomed. No adult clothing or shoes or electronic items, please. Many hands make light work! Note that we will not work during Holy Week.

# Christian Education

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### Summer in Psalms Reading Schedule

Psalm 1:2 Instead, his delight is in the LORD's instruction, and he meditates on it day and night.

March 12-Psalm 68

March 13-Psalm 69

March 14-Psalm 70

March 15-Psalm 71

March 16-Psalm 72

March 17-Psalm 73

March 18-Psalm 74

No pressure! Just catch up as you are able to. Keep on keeping on!

These stellar kiddos have completed their Memory Work!

Adrienne Carter

Nash Conen

Ashlyn Eddlemon

Addison Fritz

Levi Holden

Maddie Holden

Jacob Irmscher

Alex Kuhs!

Bella Kuhs

Elizabeth Lee

Adam Tipton

Evan Tipton

Owen Tipton

Hope I didn't miss anyone. But, if I did, I will get your name in this coming week. Congratulations!!

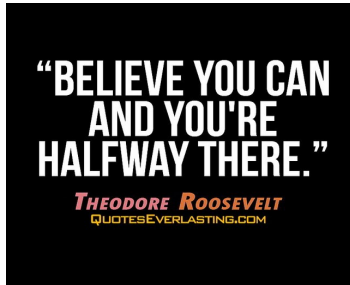
### From Community and World Missions

We will be having a meeting of all who would like to participate in the Mission Trip to Pittsburgh in July. It will be Sunday, April 8, in the parlor, following the 10:30 worship service. This will be a short meeting to go over preparations and fund raisers for the trip. If you wanted to be at our first meeting but were unable to be there, this is a great time to come!

Anyone who is interested in this mission is welcome to join us! This is going to be a wonderful experience in many ways. Not only will be bringing God's love and helping in some of the most needy areas of Pittsburgh, this will also be a learning experience on how we can share this love in our own community of Evansville. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Halfway to Summer in Psalms

Can you believe we are almost exactly halfway through the book of Psalms? Has anything jumped out at you? Anything stirred you? Has anything made you curious? I shared with you a couple of weeks



ago that Psalm 13 is one that I go back to when I am feeling low. Somehow it helps to know that David knew those feelings, too. A person God loved so very much felt the same things I feel at times. I don't know when I wrote it, but next to Psalm 13 I wrote "My Psalm" in my bible. I guess misery truly does love company. Haha! But, what I love is that David turns it around at the end of the Psalm and rejoices that God is faithful and good and generous to him. This is something I need to be reminded of often and I am ok with that.

Although, it doesn't quite feel like spring, it is just a few weeks away. Summer will be here before we know it. Have you found a Psalm that you would like to share with others? Or, would you be willing to take a leap of faith and say that you will share even though you may not have found just the right one yet? My vision for this Adult Summer Sunday School class is that a few people could talk each week and share just 10-15 minutes about a Psalm that struck them. You wouldn't need to fill the whole Sunday School hour.

Emma Sue Davenport graciously agreed to kick us off on this journey on June 3rd with an introduction and background into this book of the Bible.

Here are the dates! Check your calendar and see which one works with your schedule. Let me know if you would be able to try this!

June 3-Emma Sue Davenport

June 10-

June 17-

June 24-

July 1-

July 8-

July 15-

July 22-

July 29-

August 5-

August 12-

August 19-

August 26-

September 2-