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“Peaks & Valleys”



We are in the Easter season. It seems as though the Easter holiday ends even more abruptly than Christmas. It’s always interesting, isn’t it, the way everything related to Christmas seems to end on December 26. There are no more 24 hour Christmas music stations or channels, no more made-for-TV Christmas movies being aired, no more mall Santas.

The same is true – and even more so – at Easter. The Monday after Easter, we seem to have wiped it all from our mind and are ready to move on to something else.

That’s not true in the life of the church – especially not in worship. In fact, if it didn’t seem to border on sacrilege, one might even suggest that the after-Easter passages become almost monotonous. You’ve got Thomas in the Upper Room, the road to Emmaus, Jesus with the disciples by the lake and on and on it goes.

I think the point is that Easter wasn’t just a “one and done” event. In fact, it was far more than even the 50 days between Easter and Pentecost. Easter is not an event so much as it is an experience. It’s not a moment but a way of life. One of my favorite – perhaps very favorite – Easter songs conveys this in its very title – “Every morning is Easter morning from now on.” The next line of the song makes it even more clear – “Every day’s resurrection day, the past is over and gone.”

Following the Road to Emmaus story in Luke’s gospel is yet another fascinating account of an encounter Jesus had with his followers. It again – like all the others – emphasizes the reality and the mystery of the risen Christ.

Read Luke 24:33-49 where we find the disciples experiencing, as so many of us experience, “Peaks & Valleys.”

Easter Season Blessings,
Dennis

3x5 Questions



Our thanks to everyone who participated in the request Barb Ferguson made on Sunday to write down questions you have about issues related to faith. Normally, one can expect the response to such a request being in the single digits. Remarkably, more than 40 of you offered a question you have that you would like to have addressed in some fashion. Note that we have said “addressed” and not necessarily “answered.”

You’ll have the opportunity to participate with a group that will be doing precisely that – addressing the questions that you’ve raised. Call the church office to learn more about the plan to do so and how you can participate.



Dear Church Family,

On behalf of my family and me, I would like to thank you so very much for your prayers, thoughts, cards and food provided to us and for us during Anna’s short illness and death. You will never know how much your support and love means to us. Our heartfelt thanks.

Gratefully,
Mary Fulkerson & Family



Sunday, April 15, 2018

8:00 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST
Dorothy Mans

USHER
Tony McClees

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST
Patti Garcia

HEAD USHER
Mel Ellsperman

USHERS & GREETERS
John & Carol Oglesby & Team
Steve Fritz, Pat, Jayne & Tracey Manis

ACOLYTE
Chloe Webb

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Gordon Wiley

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Church Office Hours

M - Th: 8:30 –4:00 P.M.
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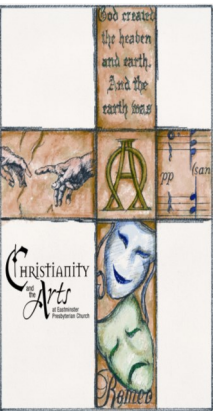
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CHRISTIANITY & THE ARTS PRESENTS

Alex ‘Nica’ Malaimare, Violinist
&
Catalin Dima, Pianist

Saturday, April 14, 2018,
7:00 p.m.

Free Admission/Free-Will Offering will be taken.





This week office hours will be held at our normal time from 4:30 until 7:00.

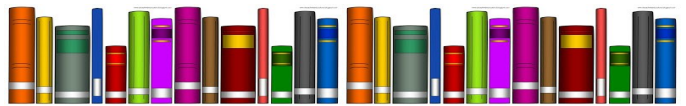
On Saturday April 14th we will hold our Talent Show rehearsal day. We will begin at noon with no set conclusion time. ALL PARTICIPANTS in the talent show are encouraged to show up at this time and practice until they feel ready to perform and make necessary accommodations for their acts. ALL THOSE PERFORMING NEED TO BE AT THE CHURCH ON THIS DATE AND AT THIS TIME!

This week at Youth Group, we will be taking a look at Samson, a man who could fit into a comic book just as well as he could fit into the Bible! We will be studying Judges Chapters 14 and 15 to see just what happens when our emotions get the better of us in possibly the only recorded case of fox arson. 6:00-8:00pm

See you in the Place,
Trey



feel free to call the church and let Mary or Dennis know. There are activities for every capability, from selling/arranging/washing vegetables at the farm market, to demolition and construction. This is going to be a great trip and we hope to have you with us.



The Parlor Book Club

Join the Parlor Book Club on Wednesday, April 18th at noon to discuss The Captain's Daughter by Meg Mitchell Moore. Everyone is invited!

The Tuesday Book Club

Join the Tuesday Book Club at Western Ribeye on Tuesday, April 24, where we will discuss Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate. Everyone is invited (reading the book is NOT mandatory!)



Sunday, April 22
SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER
Proceeds benefit Camp PYOCA

Saturday, April 28
TALENT SHOW
Proceeds benefit the SYI Summer Mission Trip

Christian Education

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Summer in Psalms

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

April 9-Psalm 96

April 10-Psalm 97

April 11-Psalm 98

April 12-Psalm 99

April 13-Psalm 100

April 14-Psalm 101

April 15-Psalm 102

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

H2O Project Kick Off

We raised \$116.50 for the start of our H2O Project this year!! Thank you so very much for all of you that participated in our Lemonade Stand Sunday. It was so fun! If you aren't familiar with Living Water International, I encourage you to get online and see what they are all about at www.water.cc. I know it is challenging to go without our favorite beverages for awhile and just drink water. I have been a coffee drinking machine lately. I spent \$18 on three bags of coffee the other day and then I bought some K-cups to bring to work for about \$10! I wasn't really paying attention to my beverage costs until I started reading more about the H2O Project. I bought the boys some Gatorade last week for sports practices, too, so there is about \$40 just in additional beverages that could go toward the H2O project! I would like to tell you that I can give up coffee, but I don't think that will happen. The caffeine withdrawal may be too much for me at this point in my life. Haha!



You're Invited

Please plan to join us on April 22nd after the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the Gallery Hall for a short reception in honor of the children and youth completing their Memory Work. We are so proud of them and hope they will continue to carry the Word of God in their hearts always. All church family is invited to come and share in this special occasion.

The painted rocks have moved! Check the Welcome Center for new sheets. Leave your sheets with your name on the back in Erin's classroom (102) and I will get you your treat 4/22/18!!!

Children's Worship Schedule

April 15—Gordon Wiley

April 22—Patti Garcia

April 29—Beth Bailey

May 6—Gordon Wiley

May 13—Sabrina Holden

May 20—Beth Bailey

May 27—Erin Tipton

Upcoming Events

4/8/18-5/20/18 H2O Project kick off

4/22/18 Memory Contest Awards and Reception after 10:30 a.m. worship service

5/20/18 Harrison High School Baccalaureate

6/3/18 Summer Sunday School begins

6/17/18-6/21/18 VBS

However, I will give my \$40 to the H2O Project to help provide safe and clean drinking water for people all over the world who are in need. Let's see if we can raise enough to build a well!! From my limited research, they can cost anywhere from \$3,000 to \$20,000. It is so easy to forget how lucky we are to go to a faucet, turn it on and know that we are getting safe and clean water. What a great reminder of all of the blessings that we have! And how wonderful it is to be a part of the body of Christ of Eastminster Presbyterian Church and know that we can do so much more together than we can on our own.

Our VBS is coming soon!!! This year we will be SHIPWRECKED from June 17-21, but don't worry because Jesus is sure to rescue us! If you would be interested in helping, please let Erin or the office know by filling out this form and dropping it in the offering plate. We have lots of opportunities for adults and youth! Ready to register your child? Forms are in the Narthex.

Name _____

Phone _____

Circle what you would be interested in helping with!

Games Snacks Crafts Teaching Set up/Decorating
 Skits Donating items Music/Songs