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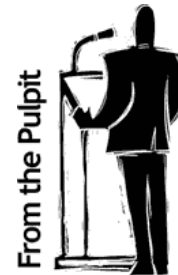
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The Reverend Dr. Shane D. O'Neill "Merton Speaks"



Nineteen years ago next month, August 22, 1999, one of the most successful mergers in the history of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley took place. It was the merger between the former Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church and the former Eastminster Presbyterian Church, creating the "new and improved" Eastminster Presbyterian Church.

Obviously, there were many individuals who played significant roles in that merger and contributed to its success. Those individuals represented both of the former congregations and enabled the union of the two churches to take place as smoothly as possible.

One individual, though, stands out from all the rest – one person who had the vision years before it was ever considered by anyone else. That individual was Shane O'Neill, the pastor of the Washington Avenue Church at the time of the merger. Shane's tireless work and perseverance led the way and he brought others on board with his vision.

We are privileged this Sunday to welcome Dr. O'Neill back to the congregation he helped create nearly two decades ago. Shane will be with us in a much different way, though. He will be with us as Thomas Merton, a Trappist monk from the Abbey of Our Lady of Gethsemani near Bardstown, Kentucky. Merton died 50 years ago but his powerful message of Christian faith is as relevant today as it has ever been.

Join us Sunday as the Reverend Dr. Shane O'Neill introduces you to a unique and inspiring individual brought to life as "Merton Speaks."

Blessings,
 Dennis



(SERMON INFO FOR SUNDAY, JULY 22)

"Yes"



Last summer, we focused on Books, Movies & Songs That Speak to the Soul. I'm not sure if we were consistent in using that title, but that pretty much explains what we did. I indicated a few weeks ago that we would be doing the same thing this summer in an abbreviated fashion. That still holds true, but it may not be as abbreviated as I had anticipated.

We've completed the movie portion of the series with "Field of Dreams," "Swiss Family Robinson," "Chariots of Fire," and "Goonies." This week, we'll begin the books portion with Shane O'Neill leading us in a look at Thomas Merton and his many writings (see column to the left).

Next Sunday, July 22, we'll continue the books part of the summer series by looking at a book that isn't a novel or a history book or a theology book or a poetry book. Instead, it's a book that in many ways fits every one of those genres. It's a book that has been a favorite of mine for many years. It's a book that I've only read through from cover to cover one time. But it's also a book that I've read portions of on countless occasions.

The book we'll be focusing on is entitled Markings and is probably best described as a spiritual diary of a man who was called "the greatest statesman of the 20th century."

Read II Corinthians 1:18-24 where we find that simple word "Yes."

Blessings,
 Dennis

Prayers & Concerns

Please pray for the following: The Webb family, Hadrian & Robby, Jordan Whalen, Tid Turner, Michael, Kristen, Conner Chapman. If you have a prayer request, please contact Leslie Webb at epcprayers@gmail.com or contact the Church Office.

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Sunday, July 15, 2018

8:00 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST
 Dorothy Mans

USHER
 Allen Helmstetter

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST
 Shannon Imscher

HEAD USHER
 Mel Ellsperman

USHERS & GREETERS

The Youth
 Steve Fritz, Pat & Jayne Manis

ACOLYTE
 Addison Fritz

Sunday, July 22, 2018

8:00 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST
 Karla Horrell

USHER
 Chris Kuhs

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

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YOUTH GROUP

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

Due to the SYI Mission Trip, we will not have Youth Group this Sunday, July 17th.



Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank you for your cards, calls, and prayers before and during the loss of my grandson, Austin. Your love and concern has meant so much.

Thank you again,
Madonna Smith



Pittsburgh Mission Trip

Our 12-member Mission Team will be leaving this Friday for a week of inner-city ministry in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, working with the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and the Miller Summer Youth Institute. The team consists of three youth, and nine adults – with three of those adults being members of our staff (Mary, Trey and Dennis). Keep the team in your prayers this week.

The Messenger will not be published next week, July 17th.

The church office will be open Monday - Thursday July 16 - July 19 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. each day and closed all day Friday .

Did you know? Past sermons and newsletters along with other important information can be found on our website: www.eastminsterchurch.com

If you would like to receive our enewsletter, please contact the church to be added to our newsletter list.

Loaves & Fishes



Who is invited to Loaves & Fishes?

Everyone is invited to Loaves & Fishes.

What is Loaves & Fishes?

Loaves and Fishes is a dinner group with time for fellowship.

When & Where is Loaves & Fishes?

Usually there are 8 individuals in a group, couples & singles will be joined to make 8 total in the group. Once groups have been formed, information will be provided to all group members such as names, phone numbers, & e-mails. The first "host(s)" will be asked to call or e-mail members in their group to set a date, time, & place that works for everyone for the first meal along with requests for allergies (food or pet). Some may have the group of 8 join together to put a meal together in their home, while others may choose to have the group meet for dinner at a restaurant, it's completely up to you.

At the first meal, someone will agree to be the second host and follow this same procedure throughout the four months. A different member will host the group each month during the next 4 months.

Why Join Loaves & Fishes?

The purpose of Loaves & Fishes is to share a meal and spend an evening getting to better know others we worship with in our church. There is no agenda, just an evening of fellowship and food. Fun! Food! Fellowship!!!

How do I Join Loaves & Fishes?

If you would like to be part of a group please contact Karla Horrell by July 29, 2018

by e-mail at kczhorrell@aol.com

or by phone at 812-476-5641.

Groups will be formed and notified by September 1, 2018.

Christian Education

"Heads, Hearts and Hands For Christ in Service and Celebration"

July 15th Sunday school leaders...

Preschool—Annie Engelbrecht

K-2nd—Patti Garcia

3rd-5th—Beth and Brian Bailey

Middle/High School—Trey Fulkerson

Adults—Shane O'Neill

Children's Worship—open



Looking Ahead

I have always loved an academic year planner. This means that I don't change my paper planner over to the new year until the last week of June each year, so now that I have made the change over to the new year. Let's get these dates on your calendar!

9/9/18	Sunday School Fall Kick Off
10/28/18	Halloween Carnival
11/18/18	Thanksgiving Processional
12/2/18	Church Advent Lunch

HELP WANTED

The CE Committee is looking for someone to teach Middle School Sunday School and Pre-K through 2nd grade Sunday School this fall. We will provide the curriculum. Email Erin Tipton, if you are interested in finding out more. erin@epcevv.com

Podcasts, anyone?

I have been obsessed with Podcasts for a few months now. I listen to all sorts of them. A couple I have really enjoyed lately are Ian Morgan Cron's Typology podcast, Jen Hatmaker's For the Love podcast, and Oprah's Super Soul podcast. While



not all of these would appeal to everyone, most of them have a component of sharing faith. Ian Cron is an Enneagram expert. The Enneagram is an ancient personality profile. It is really interesting if you are in to personal development (aka Self Help). Jen Hatmaker is a Christian author and speaker. She just finished a series about For the Love of Exploring Our Faith. It was great. And, who doesn't love Oprah? She has all sorts of interesting people on her Podcast and they all share their spiritual journey with her. It can be really powerful at times.

If you have any that you would like to share with our church family, please send me an email at erin@epcevv.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks!
Erin Tipton

Interested in learning more about the Enneagram?

Take the Enneagram Quiz at www.exploreyourtype.com

