

EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
5501 Washington Avenue
Evansville, IN 47715

RETURNED SERVICE REQUESTED

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 2682
Evansville, IN 47708



Eastminster Messenger

Heads, Hearts & Hands for Christ in Service & Celebration

Volume 34, Issue 28

July 24, 2018



“The Battleground”

This summer we’re doing something similar to what we did last summer. In worship, we’re focusing on movies, books and (maybe) songs that have a spiritual message without necessarily being religious.

The books portion of the series began two weeks ago as Shane O’Neill led us with a first-person introduction to Thomas Merton and many of his outstanding works. Last week we focused on Dag Hammarskjöld’s spiritual diary entitled Markings. Both of those men can serve as ideal models of what it means to follow Christ in our daily lives.

In this third week, we’ll focus on a man about whom the same can’t be said. If you look at the life of Fyodor Dostoevsky, you probably wouldn’t want him as your role model of Christian faith. However, Dostoevsky’s novels offer as fine an expression of Christianity as anything ever written. They show the struggles he endured throughout his life – struggles that are familiar to all of us. He was a man with a deep and profound faith that was matched by his intellectual depth and knowledge.

In his masterpiece, The Brothers Karamazov, a novel of more than 800 pages, there is a chapter that may be as influential in Christian thought as anything outside of the New Testament. Read Matthew 4:1-11 where we find Jesus in “The Battleground.”

Blessings,
Dennis

Memorial Service Virginia Marvel

This Sunday at 1:00 PM in The Gallery, we will hold a Service of Witness to the Resurrection in Memory of Ginny Marvel who died in June. Join other members of our church family and Ginny’s family in celebrating Ginny’s life.

Our Pittsburgh Mission Trip The Miller Summer Youth Institute Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Twelve Eastminster members spent a week in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania working in two creative Christian ministries in one of the most impoverished areas of the city. Every member of that mission team would say that it was an extraordinary experience in which they grew closer to one another and to God as they accomplished great things in the name of Christ.

This Sunday, you will have the opportunity to learn more about their experience in two separate settings. Ron Sproatt, one of the team members and the bus driver extraordinaire, will lead our Adult Sunday School class in The Gallery and he will be joined by the other members of the team to share information about the experience. Following the 10:30 service, the team will again be in The Gallery to offer more information and answer questions you may have about the trip.

Casual Sunday This Week!

Our Outreach Committee is encouraging everyone to observe Casual Sunday on the last Sunday of each month during the summer. We recognize that some people from outside our congregation may feel a bit intimidated by Eastminster, thinking there’s a “dress code” to which they must adhere to worship here comfortably. Yes, that’s true. There really are folks who won’t join us in worship because we’re a bit too formal. We encourage you to come to worship as casually as you are comfortable doing this summer and then join our Mission Team (who will all be dressed in their casual work attire) for information and refreshments following the 10:30 service.

Prayers & Concerns

Please pray for the following: Amelia Webb, Kristen, Jordan Whelen, Conner Chapman, Hadrian & Robby, Michael & family, Ron Harper & Shriley B. If you have a prayer request, please contact Leslie Webb at epcprayers@gmail.com or contact the Church Office.



Sunday, July 29, 2018

8:00 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST

Tony McClees

USHER

Rebecca Conen

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST

Donna Cooke

HEAD USHER

Mel Ellsperman

USHERS & GREETERS

The Youth

Steve Fritz, Pat & Jayne Manis

ACOLYTE

TBA

Eastminster Staff

Mike Cantrell - Housekeeper

Dennis R. Davenport - Pastor

Mary Fulkerson - Office Manager

Trey Fulkerson - Youth/Pastoral Assistant

Alanna Keenan - Director of Music

Marian LaChance - Housekeeper

Rachel Luttrull - Organist

Erin Tipton - Christian Ed Director

Church Office Hours

M - Th: 8:30 –4:00 P.M.

Friday: 8:30 - Noon

Church Communication Lines

Phone#: 476-3355/Fax: 476-8755

Web: eastminsterchurch.com

Email: epc@epcevv.com

Sound Engineer: Ron Harper

Social Media Administrator: Tony McClees

Prayer Chain Captain: Leslie Webb

YOUTH GROUP

The youth are hitting the ground running after our amazing mission trip experience! In an attempt to make the most out of the remaining portion of summer we will be experiencing an increase in activity.



This Wednesday from 5:00-7:30 we will be hosting Bad Movie Night. Movie is TBD.

For office hours this week (Thursday) we will be meeting at Hartke Pool. The cost will be \$3. Bring extra money for the concession stand. We will be swimming from 4:30 until 7:00.



YOUTH GROUP

This week for youth group we will be studying Philipians 2:3-11 in an attempt to gain a stronger understanding between the differences of pride and humility. 6:00-8:00.

See you in the place, Trey



2018 MISSION TRIP



OPEN
HAND
ministries

Group at Frick Museum in Pittsburgh



Youth at house in East Liberty



Before picture at Garfield Farm



After picture at Garfield Farm



Christian Education

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

July 29th Sunday school leaders...

Preschool—Annie Engelbrecht

K-2nd—Erin Tipton

3rd-5th—Beth and Brian Bailey

Middle/High School—Trey Fulkerson

Adults—Ron Sproatt

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! Thanks—Erin

- | | |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8/5/18 | Blessing of the Backpacks |
| 9/9/18 | Sunday School Fall Kick Off/
Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers |
| 10/28/18 | Halloween Carnival |
| 11/18/18 | Thanksgiving Processional |
| 12/2/18 | Church Advent Lunch |

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

August 5, 2018



All children, youth, and adult life-long learners are encouraged to bring their backpacks or school bags to the 10:30 a.m. worship service 8/5/18 for a special blessing and sweet treat to get everyone started on the right track for a wonderful 2018-2019 school year!



SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

The CE committee is in contact with the principal at Caze Elementary School. We should have a list of school supplies that their students need to publish in the bulletin this Sunday, 7/29/18. So stay tuned for that! If you are out and about and wanting to purchase extra school supplies, washable markers, pencils, 1 subject notebooks, 3 x 5 cards are always needed in an elementary school. A labeled bin will be in the Narthex for you to place your donations. Thank you for supporting the students of Caze Elementary School. Let's make sure the students have the supplies they need to have a great academic year.

