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“The Cave”

We’re in the second week of the third section of our Summer Sermon Series dedicated to “Secular Movies, Books & Songs with a Spiritual Message.” The basic premise is that we can find a profound message in unexpected places. Philip Yancey has written an entire book based on that premise – Finding God in Unexpected Places.

In this series, I’m afraid I’ve had a tendency to use movies, books and songs that are – for lack of a better word – old. I can try to justify that by saying they are works that have stood the test of time. Nevertheless, perhaps it would be good to take a look at something a bit more contemporary to help us understand that we can find a spiritual component in the things we see, hear and read every day.

This week I’d like us to focus on a song that may have a multitude of interpretations. There are seemingly obvious references to the philosophical writings of Plato, Homer’s Odyssey, the life of St. Francis and even the Letter of James in the New Testament! That may seem to be quite a stretch, but when you hear the lyrics of the song, you’ll understand what I mean.

It comes from a group called Mumford & Sons. Many – if not most – of you are probably unfamiliar with this band. They’re a contemporary British group whose sound might be categorized as folk-rock.

Often, when experiencing something from the world of the Arts, there are various ways that one can be touched. I think that applies with the song we’ll consider this week. The way I’ve chosen to understand it is most certainly not what was intended by the writer but I think that’s the beauty that can be found in the world of the Arts.

Read Acts 9:1-20 as we consider what it might mean to emerge from “The Cave.”

Blessings,
Dennis

What is Per Capita?

Per Capita is “the tie that binds” - annual giving that unites the entire church in the ongoing and essential work that guides the Office of the General Assembly, the life of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and benefits every congregation and every mid council ministry. Per capita is the primary source of funding for the Office of the General Assembly, and is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit’s leading for the future.



- ◊ It is how Presbyterians are trained to become better ruling elders, deacons, and ministers of the word and sacrament/teaching elders.
- ◊ It is how Presbyterians come together to discern God’s call in their lives.
- ◊ It is how Presbyterians participate in the life of the wider church by serving on General Assembly committees and commissions, regardless of distance or financial resources.
- ◊ It is how Presbyterians participate in the life of the church universal as we commit ourselves to work and live in fellowship with “all persons in every nation” (Book of Order, G-4.0101)

Per Capita for 2018 is \$36 per member. If you have not paid your Per Capita we encourage you to do so.



JUST A REMINDER!

If you are having an upcoming surgery and will be hospitalized or if you are admitted to the hospital, please be sure the church office is contacted. It is also helpful to know when you are released.

Prayers & Concerns

Please pray for the following: Kristen, Jordan Whelen, Family & friends of TaRhel Brockers, Conner Chapman, Hadrian & Robby, 11 month old, Michael & family and Shirley B. If you have a prayer request, please contact Leslie Webb at **epcprayers@gmail.com** or contact the Church Office.

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Sunday, August 19, 2018

8:00 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST
Tony McClees

USHER
Matt Fiedler

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST
Marilyn Ellsperman

HEAD USHER
Mel Ellsperman

USHERS & GREETERS
TBA
Steve Fritz, Pat & Jayne Manis

ACOLYTE
Lilly Ferguson



Office Hours Thursday from 4:30 - 7:00

Youth Group is this Sunday at 6:00 P.M. We will have a lesson and then a time of fellowship.



On Friday, September 14th we will have a Lock-in, we will be starting at 7:00 P.M. and ending on Saturday, September 15th at 8:00 A.M.

Snack and/or drink donations would be greatly appreciated.

I hope to see you in the Place,
Trey

*Annual Youth Group
Powdered Sugar Fight!*



Eastminster Choir re-sumes on Thursday, August 30th at 7 p.m. in the choir room. All are welcome and we look forward to a season of beautiful music making. If you have any questions or would like more information about the choir, please contact Alanna Keenan at ak215@evansville.edu



EPC Book Club The EPC Book Club will meet on Tuesday, August 28th at Noon at Western Ribeye. This month's book selection is Road to Valhalla. Join us for an hour of fun, fellowship and wonderful discussion.



Now that school is back in session, the school supply drive has ended – and that means it's time for the Christmas Basket drive to begin! Yes, already!! Please check the pew rack for the August bookmark which lists practical household items needed. Place your items in the baskets provided in the Narthex.



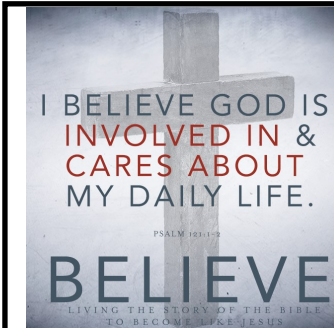
Join small groups for a night at the Evansville Otters baseball game on Friday, August 24th at 6:35 at Bosse Field where they will play the River City Rascals. Please call the church office to make your reservation. Tickets will be \$6 at the door and there will be a small charge for the bus transportation. We will leave EPC at 5:30 and return following the game's last out.

Christian Education

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

Sunday, August 19th
Sunday school leaders

Preschool—Annie Engelbrecht
K-2nd—Stacie Parsons
3rd-5th—Suzette Fritz
Middle/High School—Trey Fulkerson
Adults—The 201 adult Sunday School class
Children's Worship—open



**Taking a
look into
Believe...**

Are you the type of person who wants to know what you are getting into? I certainly do. I am an introvert and someone who needs time to process things outside of face to face conversations or meetings. Or, maybe you are the opposite of me, and you like to discover new ideas in the context of conversations and dialogue with others.

No matter how you learn best, I want to provide you with some additional information about our new year-long curriculum. It will give you a taste of what things will be like. Below is the link to the website about the curriculum. Click on the Free Resources and you will find lots of great information. There is a scope and sequence, as well as, a free e-book that has three of the lesson topics that we will be covering. I encourage you to check it out!

<http://www.believethestory.com/>

Adults meet in rooms:

101 (Jim and Diane VanCleave)
201 (Mike Lee/Sabrina Holden)
203 (Dennis Davenport)

Children meet in rooms:

104 (2-3 year olds)
102 (Early Elementary—Pre-K-2nd)
206 (Upper Elementary—3rd-5th)

We hope you consider joining one of these great classes!

Thanks so much! Erin



**Come join us for
our Sunday School
Fall Kick-off**

Sunday, September 9th
Join us in the Sanctuary at
9:00 a.m.

**This is for our whole
church family—all ages!!**