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“Wonderful World”

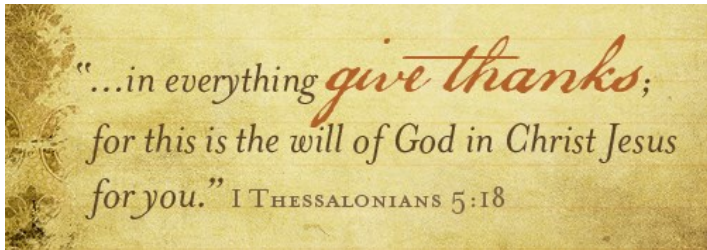
We have finished the first two segments of our Summer Sermon Series on “Movies, Books & Songs That Convey a Spiritual Message without Being Religious.” I have been surprised to discover how much more difficult the final section of the series has proven to be. I would have thought the Songs portion would be easier than either of the other two but the opposite has proven to be true.

Last year, we looked at songs of Stevie Wonder, U2, The Beatles and “Over the Rainbow.” With each of the composers, there seemed to be a faith element that fit nicely with the lyrics of the particular song we used. In trying to do the same thing this summer, I’ve found it somewhat difficult. Remember, we’re not talking about songs that openly express a Christian message, but ones that carry that element in a veiled fashion.

Last year, I recall opening the series by suggesting I was taking the easy way out by using a Beatles’ song because it’s hard to argue with the Beatles. I’ll use the same approach this time as we focus this Sunday on a song that virtually everyone has to enjoy. If you don’t, well...let’s just assume everyone likes it.

It’s a song that, like others we’ve used, has an interesting background. Read Psalm 8 as we consider the majesty of God’s creation and marvel at God’s “Wonderful World.”

Blessings,
Dennis



Eastminster,

Thank you all for always being there for me throughout my life. Everyone of you always have showed me Christ in different ways and have been a major part of my growth as a Christian.

Thank you,
Noah Viner



Ladies Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 14th at 6:00 p.m. at the House of Como. Reservations are a must, so please call the church or see Sue Shelton to make yours.

Prayers & Concerns

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



Bible Quiz

How many times does Jesus say we should forgive others?

- A. 7
- B. 70
- C. 77
- D. 70 x 7
- E. C or D, depending on the translation

forgive

Answer: E (See Matthew 18:22.)

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Sunday, August 12, 2018

8:00 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST
Dottie Mans

USHER
Tony McClees

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST
Pam Doerter

HEAD USHER
Mel Ellsperman

USHERS & GREETERS
TBA

Steve Fritz, Pat & Jayne Manis

ACOLYTE
Garrett Ferguson



Office Hours Thursday from 4:30 - 7:00



This Sunday the youth will be having their Annual beginning of the school year powdered sugar fight. This means

they will be returning home quite messy (***This is a warning to parents***). Everyone should wear clothes they don't mind getting messy and I encourage you to bring a change of clothing with you as well. Because of the nature of powdered sugar fights, participants should be prepared to be covered head to toe in all sorts of sticky things meant for eating not just powdered sugar. We will be doing this during normal Youth Group time this Sunday 6:00-8:00 p.m.

I hope to see you in the Place,
Trey



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.

The following article appeared on the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary blog. The Summer Youth Institute was the sponsor for our Summer Mission Trip and several of our youth (including Trey Fulkerson) were SYI participants.

Trusting God in the Middle of Uncertainty



I live in San Sebastián, Puerto Rico. On Sept. 20, 2017, Hurricane María struck our island as the strongest cyclone in modern history with winds up to 175 mph and rainfall measuring up to 37.9 inches. My mother is the executive director of El Guacio, Puerto Rico's only Presbyterian camp. Here, we passed the storm.

Each of the events that occurred in the camp resulted in great stories of faith and resilience.

Power, water, and communications completely fell a few hours in. When we were able to come outside, we saw we were trapped beneath many feet of branches. With help of the community, it took two days to leave the house and around 10 days to visit our family. The camp has its own water source, but the pipes were destroyed. The community united and we were able to bring water to the camp. People came to fill their water needs and with a generator do daily tasks like wash their clothes. Help continued, and with donations we have been able to provide laundry services, water, refrigerators, stoves, food, supplies, and clothes, among other things, to families in need.

Ice was one of the scarcest resources. and with the help of a Presbyterian church in New York the camp got an ice machine distributing up to 800 pounds of ice daily. The camp has become a hub for mission. People who come to help and rebuild stay at the camp to visit the communities.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance visited the camp this year and saw the needs and how we provided assistance. They granted funds to the camp to be able to rebuild its infrastructure and give to the community. We are currently working to make a garden to plant fruits and vegetables so that the community may have a steady food resource.

My church experience led me to know the importance of the service work that was needed and to trust God in the middle of uncertainty. Looking back, I wish I had knowledge of how to prepare and have the supplies needed. It is alarming that due to climate change a hurricane like this may strike again in the next years. Each of the events that occurred in the camp resulted in great stories of faith and resilience. Through it all we have seen how God cares for God's people and that we are all intertwined in the mission to serve.

Natanael (Nato) Rivera Vargas participated in the Seminary's Miller Summer Youth Institute, a program for rising high school seniors to earn college credit while exploring what God is calling them to do and who God is calling them to be.

Christian Education

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

Sunday, August 12th

Sunday school leaders

Preschool—Annie Engelbrecht

K-2nd—open

3rd-5th—Suzette Fritz

Middle/High School—Trey Fulkerson

Adults—Pam Doerter

Children's Worship—open

I am here at church Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. My office is upstairs across from Room 206. I am available by email or phone on the days I am not at the church.

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Thanks so much!

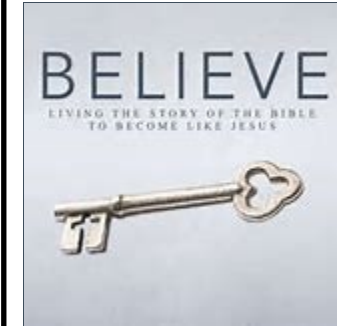
Erin



**Calling all
Sunday
School
Teachers!**



We would like to meet toward the end of August to get curriculum in your hands, so you can look at things prior to the Sunday School Fall Kick Off this year. Look for an email from Erin Tipton soon regarding this meeting. Looking at the evening of 8/21/18 or 8/23/18. If daytime hours work best, we can try to do that, too.



**Coming this
Fall...**

A few years ago, as a church, you all studied a year-long curriculum called "The Story" by Randy Frazee. This year

we will begin another whole church curriculum by Randy Frazee called "Believe". This curriculum is designed for our youngest little ones all the way through adults. Each week there is a new topic to be discovered and unpacked. For adults, youth and upper elementary students there is an accompanying video curriculum, as well. For the younger children, there are accompanying story books that contain the stories for that week. Topics include God, Personal God, Salvation, The Bible, Humanity, Sharing My Faith, Spiritual Gifts, Bible Study, Love, Patience, just to name a few.

If you haven't tried our Sunday School classes, now would be a great time to start as we prepare to experience this new curriculum as a church family. 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)**

Middle and High School students will all meet in The Place this fall with Trey Fulkerson.

Fall Kick off is 9/9/18! See you then! Erin