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"Verbal Sticks & Stones"

Last Sunday we looked at a passage in James and suggested the possibility that James is really not a letter but rather a sermon. The tone of the writing certainly seems to indicate as much.

This week's lectionary epistle reading is again from James and it immediately follows last week's passage. In the third chapter of James, the brother of Jesus (if that is, in fact, who its author is) warns us of the danger of using language that may have a tendency to harm others. We don't often think about how important our words are, and yet they can have a profound impact on another person – positively or negatively.

I have a suggestion to offer - something to think about this week in preparation for a consideration of what James tells us about the importance of the words we use. Try to think back over your life to things people have said to you that you clearly remember. I would imagine those things left you with either very positive or very negative feelings about yourself and about the other person as well.

Now, take that exercise a slightly different direction – a direction that may be a bit uncomfortable. Think of someone else asking that same question of themselves and remembering something you said to them. Was that person left with positive or negative feelings about what they remember you saying to them?

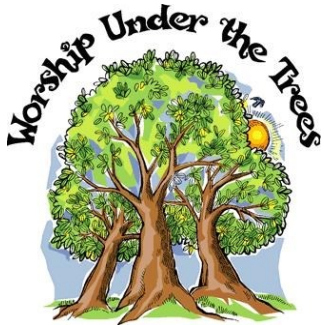
I don't know about you, but it frightens me to honestly think about what memories I may have created in another person by something I've said to them.

Read James 3:1-12 where we find the brother of Jesus addressing this very issue and talking to us about "Verbal Sticks & Stones."

Blessings,
Dennis
P.S. As you see from the column next to this one, our 10:30 service will be outside this week – always a fun time of worship together!

10:30 OUTDOOR WORSHIP Something for Everyone Sunday, September 16th

On Sunday, September 16th, we will celebrate our 4th annual outdoor worship service.



Our 10:30 service (weather permitting) will be held outside on the front lawn. We'll have chairs in the west side parking lot but feel free to bring your own lawn chairs. Our configuration will also allow you to bring a blanket if you'd rather recline on the ground.

Since our 8:00 service will be held in the sanctuary, there's something for everyone! If you ordinarily attend at 8:00 but would like to experience outdoor worship, join us at 10:30. Conversely, if you are usually here at 10:30 but don't want to worship outside, join us for the indoor 8:00 service.



Prayers & Concerns

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



Sunday, September 16, 2018

8:00 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST
Dick Yeager

USHER
Tony McClees

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST
Dick Yeager

HEAD USHER
Mel Ellsperman

USHERS & GREETERS
Donna Cooke & Team
Steve Fritz, Pat & Jayne Manis

ACOLYTE
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Rachel Luttrull - Organist
Erin Tipton - Christian Ed Director

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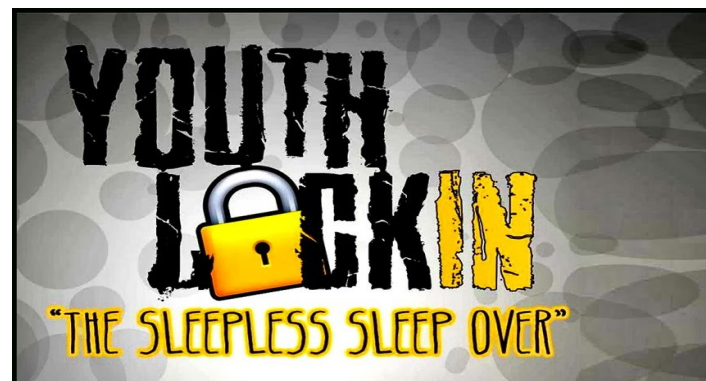
M - Th: 8:30 –4:00 P.M.
Friday: 8:30 - Noon

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NO OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK



This 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.

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

I hope to see you in The Place,

Trey



I would like to thank all of you for your well wishes, cards and prayers during my recent illness and recovery. I am home and I am improving everyday.

*Thank you again,
Jim Shelton*



Service Challenge Youth Vs. Everyone Else!

Last Sunday in worship, we focused on the passage in James that very clearly addresses the necessity of serving others if we are truly following Jesus Christ. He says, *"What does it profit if someone has faith but has not works? Faith – by itself, if it has no works – is dead!"*

As I was sharing those words in worship, I couldn't help but look over at the youth section of the sanctuary and realize that every one of our young people has a very clear understanding of what James is talking about because every one of our youth spends a great deal of time and energy in serving others.

I wonder if that's true for the rest of us? I think we have a reversal of roles in our Eastminster family. I think it's our youth who serve as the role models for the adults in what it means to give sacrificially in service to those in need.

This idea didn't come from me, but I think it's a good one. Let's devise a way to calculate how much time we spend as a congregation in service to others and see if our youth group members (about 5% of the entire church family) spend more time than all the rest of us combined in such service. Give me your ideas and suggestions and we'll offer a more detailed plan next week.



A volunteer is needed to transport children from Harper school to and from the clothing bank on a schedule set between the volunteer and the school -- usually one morning per week or every other week according to the needs of the children. For further information, please call Deveta Miller at 812 491-8674.



Christian Education

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

Children's Worship Needs You!

There are a few children who would love to get to know their church family! Please consider signing up to hang out with and teach these great kids. We have a fun new curriculum that includes songs, playing, stories and games. If you are not sure that you are interested and want someone to walk you through the curriculum, see Erin after worship. If you are the kind of person who likes to follow a lesson that is ok, you can use the lesson as a guide or just to get ideas. The CE Committee is really excited to incorporate more music/singing into this time with the children. We have lots of CDs that go along with the curriculum, as well as other Sunday School CDs to share.



9/9/18—Suzette Fritz

9/16/18—Patti Garcia

9/23/18—

9/30/18—Erin Tipton

10/7/18—Caitlyn Hummel

10/14/18—Stacie Schalasky

10/21/18—Gordon Wiley

10/28/18—Stacie Schalasky

11/4/18—Gordon Wiley

11/11/18—

11/18/18—

11/25/18—Sabrina Holden

12/2/18—Advent Lunch practice

12/9/18—Gordon Wiley

12/16/18—

12/23/18—Sabrina Holden

12/30/18—



If you are a parent or grandparent of a child in Children's Worship, the Christian Education Committee would like you to consider signing up for two time slots. Please look at your calendar and prayerfully consider participating in this fun time with our children. This is a great way to get to know the children of our church. They really are a fun group of children!!!

**Thanks so much!
CE Committee**

Fall Kick Off 2018



Thank You

Thanks so much to our fantastic Sunday School teachers and Leaders. We couldn't do these things without your help. Thanks to Suzette Fritz, Gordon Wiley and Addison Fritz for their help setting up. Everything looked great! Thanks to the members of the CE committee who serve so willingly. Thanks to all of you who came to our Fall Kick Off celebration. Hope you enjoyed the doughnuts and that you found a Sunday school class to call home. Many blessings for a great year!! Erin

