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# Eastminster Messenger

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## “The Wisdom from Above”



We have been in the book of James for the past two weeks and that’s where we’ll be this week as well. The more I read James, the more convinced I am of something I have suggested the past two Sundays. Even though this book is classified as a letter, I think it’s really a sermon.

I think the James who is the author was the James who was the brother of Jesus and the leader of the early church in Jerusalem. Having said that, I freely admit that I may be completely wrong in that conclusion. Maybe this wasn’t written by the brother of Jesus, maybe it wasn’t a letter and maybe it wasn’t someone who was a leader in the early church. Maybe.

All of that, however, doesn’t lessen the message that is found in this book. It is powerful and it is every bit as applicable today as it was when it was written. James has been compared to the book of Proverbs in the Old Testament. There are several reasons for that comparison. One of the reasons is because the book defies an orderly outline. It seems as though James wants to address a wide range of issues in a brief period of time (if it’s a sermon) or a brief set of pages (if it’s a letter).

This is no more true than when we come to the end of the book. It’s as if James has a whole lot of things that he wants to address but doesn’t have the time or space to address them.

This week’s lectionary reading from James is found in the fourth chapter and next week’s is in the fifth chapter. Since we’ll be going another direction next week, let’s look at the rest of the entire sermon (or letter) this week.

Read James 3:13-5:20 where the focus seems to be on “The Wisdom from Above.”

Blessings,  
Dennis

## A Mr. Rogers Weekend Saturday, September 30-Sunday, October 1

Unless you’ve been on a deserted island for the past year you certainly know of the resurgence of interest and popularity of Fred Rogers of “Mr. Rogers Neighborhood” fame. A recent documentary, several books and a feature film starring Tom Hanks have all been devoted to the life and ministry of Fred Rogers.



We will be focusing on Mr. Rogers on the weekend of September 29-30. On Saturday, September 29 at 7:00 PM we will be showing the movie “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?” in Fellowship Hall. Then on Sunday, September 30, we will have just one worship service (10:30) and we will have a special presentation that will focus on Mr. Rogers and his ministry. We will then show the film again following worship.

There may be a question as to why there is such renewed interest in Mr. Rogers and why we’re giving so much attention to him in church. The first question can be answered by what so many have said recently – “*We need the influence of Mr. Rogers today in our world.*”

That, in itself, is part of the answer to the second question – why we’re giving attention to him in the church. The Reverend Fred Rogers was a Presbyterian minister. He graduated from the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and he was ordained to a call in children’s television ministry. Everything that Fred Rogers did was a way of living out that call to serve Jesus Christ in his work with children.

We will have the opportunity to celebrate the life of Mr. Rogers and also consider ways in which we are challenged to exhibit the Christlike characteristics that he taught to children for more than 50 years. What a great opportunity this will be to invite someone to join you at Eastminster!



### Sunday, September 23, 2018

#### 8:00 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST  
Tim Fiedler

USHER  
Allen Helmstetter

#### 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST  
Tim Fiedler

HEAD USHER  
Mel Ellsperman

USHERS & GREETERS  
Donna Cooke & Team  
Pat & Jayne Manis

ACOLYTE  
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### Church Office Hours

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**OFFICE HOURS EVERY THURSDAY**  
**4:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.**

This Sunday, September 23, we will meet for Youth Group where we will have a lesson and then a time of fellowship.



Thank you to all who provided snacks, drinks and monetary donations for our lock-in this past Friday & Saturday. Twenty-three youth participated and had a blast!

I hope to see you in The Place,  
Trey

### 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](mailto:epcprayers@gmail.com) or contact the Church Office.



*Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Jane Grizzell who passed away on Sunday, September 16, 2018.*

## Service Challenge Youth vs. Everyone Else!

In last week's issue of "The Messenger," we suggested the possibility of a fun competition between the youth of the congregation and everyone else to determine who spends more time in service activities. We're still in the planning stages of that competition but this past Sunday was a prime example of the way in which our young people set the standard for the rest of us.

It was the youth who led the charge in taking up the chairs and everything else from our outdoor service. It was their example that encouraged all the rest of us to pitch in and lend a hand. We are so fortunate to have such service-minded young people in our congregation. Stay tuned for a detailed plan of having a fun competition that will primarily be a way to focus on the many ways that we can serve others in our congregation and our community.

## Grief Matters: Learning to Cope with Loss



Anyone who has gone through a significant loss knows very well that grief matters. It's just that sometimes we don't know exactly what to do with it and long to be able to share its impact on our lives.

Each Monday night, beginning October 8th from 6-8 pm, we will offer an opportunity for people to come together for six weeks to explore this topic. Utilizing a series of videos from Dr. Bill Webster as the focus of the discussions, we will seek ways to give voice and understand that which we have/ are experiencing. You are free to invite a friend or neighbor to join you, though the group size will be limited to 14 for discussion purposes. Barb Ferguson will act as convener and we will meet in the parlor. If the time is an obstacle to you because of the dark, please come to the first meeting and we will arrange transportation. Please call the church office (476-3355) to register. Looking forward to seeing you on the 8<sup>th</sup>.



# 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 aren't the kind of person who likes to follow a lesson that is ok, too, you can use the lesson as a guide or just to get ideas. The CE Committee is really hoping 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—Emma Sue Davenport  
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—Beth Bailey  
11/18/18—  
11/25/18—Sabrina Holden  
12/2/18—Advent Lunch practice  
12/9/18—Gordon Wiley  
12/16/18—Beth Bailey  
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

## CE Happenings

October 28—Annual Halloween Carnival



November 12-19—Operation Christmas Child  
Shoebbox Collection Week



November 18 -  
Thanksgiving Processional



December 2—Advent Begins



## IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR

CHEESE!



Calling all Eastminster Youth and Children! It is time that we updated the pictures in the hallway gallery for the year. We took some pictures last week and are hoping to get some more this Sunday,

September 23rd! Meet Erin in the Courtyard after Sunday School (weather permitting) to get this year's picture made for our hallway gallery. Thanks so much!

### Erin's Office Hours

Week of 9/17-9/21  
Tuesday 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m.  
Wednesday 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

