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FROM THE



PASTOR

“Three Little Words”

You think you know what those “Three Little Words” are, don’t you? There’s an obvious first answer – and, admittedly, a best answer. There are others, though, but I doubt that any of the other possibilities that you might consider are the ones to which I am referring.

I’m not going to tell you what they are but I think they are words that can be instructive for us in life. We have a tendency to point toward goals in life, thinking that once we’ve achieved something, we’ve “arrived.” That’s obviously not a bad thing. We should always have something we try to accomplish. At every age and in every stage of life there are challenges before us and we put forth the effort to meet those challenges.

Sometimes, though, in the midst of our pursuits, we lose sight of our purpose. We focus on the destination and ignore the journey and we do so to our great detriment.

Read Mark 10:46-52 where we find an important set of “Three Little Words.”

Blessings,
Dennis

BUDGET REPORT

	September	Year-To-Date
INCOME	\$12,363	\$286,498
EXPENSES	\$27,798	\$314,882

Irrespective of what we budgeted our actual year-to-date expenses exceed our income by approximately \$33,000. We encourage the congregation to keep their pledges current if possible.

WHY I GIVE...

- It’s my obligation
- Because I love God
- As thanks to God
- To be blessed by giving
- To support my church
- To help others through my church
- To invest in the community
- Because everything I have belongs to God
- To honor those who came before us and as a legacy for the future
- By giving, I grow spiritually

High School Retreat

On Friday, November 16 - Sunday, November 18, a retreat for highschoolers will be held at Camp PYOCA. All highschoolers are invited and encouraged to attend. If you are interested in more information or would like to sign up, please contact Sabrina Holden at 812-205-9609. You can also contact the church office at 812-476-3355.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Nominating Committee will be meeting soon. If you would like to offer a suggestion of someone you think might be a good candidate for one of our boards, call the church office and let us know. We will be seeking individuals to serve on SESSION, DEACONS & TRUSTEES.



Sunday, October 28, 2018

8:00 A.M. Service

Liturgist

Gary Van Zandt

Usher

Pam Stevens

10:30 A.M. Service

Liturgist

Gary Van Zandt

Head Usher

Mel Ellsperman

Ushers & Greeters

Rob Engelbrecht & Team
Marilyn Ellsperman, Pat & Jayne Manis

Acolyte

Addison Fritz



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

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Stewardship - 2018

Good morning. I come to you this morning with the second installment of information about the Capital Campaign. Last week Fred Folz shared with you the history of visionaries who believed that this church **should be** and not only **should be** but equipped with the very best to last well into the future. And far exceeding their expectations, it has and in fact continues to serve us today. However, it is time **for us** to accept the mantle as **new visionaries** and to stake our belief that this church will continue to serve in Christ's name with our heads, our hands and our hearts. Our time is now.

Let me bring you up to speed about what has been done and then what lies ahead. Currently our biggest needs and potential needs are for the most part not things that you can see as you look around. Knowing this the Capital Campaign Committee divided into two groups, one which examined the needs of the physical plant and the other half that would take those identified needs and bring them to you, our new visionaries. The exploratory half has completed its work and identified three areas of priority.

Let me review these with you:

1. **Doors:** There are two sets of doors that have become difficult to operate, to lock, and fail to prevent air filtration into the church. These are the set of east doors, beside Room 101 and the north doors, leading into Fellowship Hall and the kitchen. They would be replaced with doors similar to those which lead into the gallery and the office and would have the added cosmetic benefit of our entrances having a uniform look. The estimated cost for this project is \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00.
2. **Sanctuary HVAC System:** If you have recently attended church or another event in the sanctuary, you are aware that the system is not functioning properly. The system has exceeded its life expectancy and repairs, or replacement of this system could be as much as \$90,000.00.
3. **Long-term Needs Fund:** In addition to the immediate needs related to the doors and the sanctuary HVAC, there are a number of other areas that have far exceeded their recommended service life. Among those areas are the remaining HVAC systems, (with the exception of The Gallery), the roof, the organ, the parking lot and the list goes on. We are establishing a Long-Term Building Needs Fund within our general Endowment Fund that will be created from funds raised by the Capital Campaign, funds already designated for that purpose by the Trustees, future endowment funds grants and an annual line item in our Operating Budget. Needs would then be prioritized and addressed as needed and as funds are available.

I know that this is a lot of information for you to digest and I urge you, particularly if you are a visual person, to read it in the newsletter in the upcoming week. What is not difficult to digest is the need for us to understand that we need to jump on board as a believer in the future of this church and to understand that by being the visionaries for those to come and providing them with the equipment and funds to care for this building, we are giving them shoulders on which to stand, just as was done for us. This will be done by your pledging in addition to our annual operating budget to a three-year pledge to the Capital Campaign fund.

In the coming weeks you will continue to hear from three other members of the congregation about why they give. As you hear these reflections, use them to guide your study and your prayer about you and what your response would be to that question. Let your answers guide you in determining how you can be not only a part of today but also many tomorrows.

It is my fervent belief that each of us has a part to play. In preparing for this campaign I read a book about *Imagining Abundance*. One of the things that the author, Kerry Alys Robinson, said was that we do ourselves a disservice if we only leave giving up to the wealthy. She states, *"But a core tenet of faith is the call to live lives of authenticity, honesty, vulnerability, and generosity. Central to Christianity is the conviction that one finds life by first giving it away."*

I think that we can all share in the future of this church which we love so much and continue its mission far beyond what we can think or imagine. To this end we have planned a children's Sunday, November 4th where they will be able to purchase a bag of Legos and participate in a build of what they and their fellow team members see as the future church. A post card about this event will be sent out. I know I remember being present for the laying of the cornerstone as the first sanctuary. Hopefully this will be added to their memory bank of "Remember when...."

Finally, the week of November the 12th, you will receive one envelope with two letters and two pledge cards. A letter from Gary Van Zandt and a pledge card for our Operating Budget. The other letter from Barb Ferguson and a pledge card for the three-year commitment to Opening Doors to Our Future, the Capital Campaign. I think you will find them very distinctive.

It is heartwarming for me to stand beside you and spin my imagination with yours about what the future can be like, to wonder what God has in store for this church that I can't even imagine. I am buoyed by the fact that people of faith are confident in the future and that as a part of this church family I live side by side with just such visionaries. Thank you.

Barb Ferguson



Welcome New Members

Brian & Beth Bailey
2307 Silver Crest
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More information regarding the Baileys will be published in an upcoming newsletter.

COOKING WITH A CHEF

Eastminster is going to be cooking with Chef Eli Haddix on Friday, November 9th in the Fellowship Hall & Kitchen area. Please call the church office to make your reservation for this wonderful cooking experience. Chef Haddix can hold this class for 24 individuals so if you are interested, please let us know. Also, if there are any dietary restrictions, Chef Eli would need to have that information. This cooking experience (which will follow his article in "Evansville Living") will cost approximately \$10 per person. Cooking with instruction will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the meal being served at 6:30 p.m.



Halloween Movie Night

Saturday, October 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Eastminster Women

Following our meeting with Presbytery Women's Moderator Beth Snyder, we are making some new beginnings here at Eastminster. There will be a daytime EPW gathering on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 1:00 PM in Fellowship Hall to discuss future plans and enjoy light refreshments & fellowship together. Reservations are not necessary – all women are welcome.

Are you, as a Christian woman, interested in exploring ways to serve in our community as well as personal growth, women's & family concerns and issues, but not available during the day? Let us know of your interest in establishing an evening gathering of Eastminster Presbyterian Women. Fill out the form below and return to the office or drop into the offering plate. There is no obligation, just a survey of interest. Come grow with us!

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Best evening for me to meet: _____
I would like to learn more about: _____



Christian Education

Children's Worship Leader Schedule

10/28	Stacie Schalasky	12/2	Advent Lunch Pract.
11/4	Gordon Wiley	12/9	Gordon Wiley
11/11	Beth Bailey	12/16	Beth Bailey
11/18	Annie Engelbrecht	12/23	Sabrina Holden
11/25	Sabrina Holden	12/30	Annie Engelbrecht



This Sunday! October 28, 2018 after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Wear your costumes! Bring friends! Enjoy some snacks, games, prizes and the ever-popular haystack candy hunt! We still need a few more workers for games. If you are available, let the church office or Erin know.



Operation Christmas Child—Shoeboxes!

Patti and Meredith Garcia are heading up the Shoebox collection this year. The collection week is November 12-19th this year. If you are undecided about what age group to buy for...remember that many 10-14 year old girls and boys struggle in developing countries and could use our help. Those shoeboxes may be harder to pack, but don't let that stop you! On the Samaritan's Purse website they offer gift suggestions for all age groups. Check out samaritanaspurse.org to get some fresh ideas. Let's get started and make this our best year yet! We donated about 40 boxes last year. Do you think we can do more? We will be collecting shoeboxes November 4th and November 11th. Shoeboxes are available at the Welcome Center.

