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“One Thing”

The above title is not to be confused with a Dr. Seuss reversal of that – “thing one.” It’s really something that Jesus says to a man who came to him in search of a deeper meaning in life. We all want that, don’t we – something that gives life more significance, purpose and fulfillment.

We try all sorts of different techniques that will fill the void that we find ourselves experiencing. Maybe it’s a different method of prayer or maybe it’s an exercise program or maybe a commitment to extensive travel or new relationships. The list can go on and on and can branch off into a variety of different directions.

The problem is that for every one of us, the answer is different. What may work for you won’t necessarily work for me. I think that’s one of the great lessons we can take from the encounter of Jesus and a man who came asking about eternal life.

Read Mark 10:17-31 where Jesus suggests – for this particular man – “One Thing.”

Blessings,
Dennis

P.S. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion this Sunday – October 14.



Attention parents and grandparents, the children will be presenting a short skit of The Little Red Hen at the 10:30 worship service this

Sunday, October 14. All children need to be in fellowship hall for practice. If you have questions or want more information, please contact the church office. Thank you!

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

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 Angela Bethel. If you have a prayer request, please contact Leslie Webb at epcprayers@gmail.com or contact the Church Office.

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Communion Sunday, October 14, 2018

8:00 A.M. Service

Liturgist

Karla Horrell

Usher

Suzanne Lokey

10:30 A.M. Service

Liturgist

Karla Horrell

Head Usher

Mel Ellsperman

Ushers & Greeters

Rob Engelbrecht & Team
Marilyn Ellsperman, Pat & Jayne Manis

Acolyte

Garrett Ferguson



Stewardship - 2018

When I was first tasked with chairing the Stewardship Committee this year, my first thought was to conduct a simple stewardship campaign; minimal discussion in the Sunday morning services, maybe just a letter mailed to our members and friends with the pledge card and a date by which to fill them out and mail the cards to the church office. Seemed like a simple plan to me; concise, short, easy; after all, we each know we have to support the operations of Eastminster through our gifts.

I ran this idea by Dr. Davenport, and he expressed some concern that we would not be educating our congregation as to the importance of giving to our church. Seemed that he also had a valid point.

So, fast forward a few months, and here we are! At the start of our 2018 Stewardship campaign; and we are now going to be conducting two campaigns instead of the normal one stewardship campaign; and we will do them simultaneously! Fast, no! Concise and easy, no! Important to the life of Eastminster Presbyterian Church, absolutely!

Our first campaign will be our usual Stewardship Campaign; whereby we raise the necessary funds to keep the lights on, keep the cooling on (sometimes), and pay to keep our really quite good staff. As usual we raise funds payable in the next year, to accomplish the functioning, music and missions of Eastminster for the coming year.

The second campaign will be a Capital Fund campaign, raising funds to complete improvements to our physical structure; the church building. This campaign will receive pledges at the same time as stewardship, but these pledges are payable over the next three years. If you recall, we last conducted a capital fund drive in 2005, and we built the beautiful and highly functional new Gallery, and put in an elevator to the second floor among other projects.

Our Stewardship Campaign this year will have as its theme, "Why do I Give...". You have an insert in your bulletin that introduces some reasons for giving to Eastminster. As I reviewed the possible reasons why I give to Eastminster, I initially thought one reason would be my primary incentive to give.

However, after further study, I have found that all of these reasons to give have at some time, and perhaps still do motivate my giving.

When I was an early teenager and got my first job, bagging groceries at a neighborhood grocery, I gave to my church because I believed it was simply my obligation. The Bible said I should, and even told me it should be 10% of my earnings. So, after I received my weekly pay on Saturday, I carefully put exactly 10% in an envelope I kept in my sock drawer. The next morning I took that money to church and placed it in the offering plate.

If I received a total of \$40.25 for the week's work, \$4.03 (yes, I felt I should round up!) went into the envelope marked "church." I would even break a dollar at the store to be certain I had the exact three cents!

Over the years, I have recognized there are many reasons I want to give to my church; it is no longer because I feel obligated. At times I have given less than the 10%, and at other times I have given more than 10%. Giving is a joy to me, and a real blessing to me. And, I no longer break a dollar to be certain I have the exact three cents!

Over the next five weeks you will hear three members of our congregation speak to you about "Why They Give...", and you will hear two of our members explain what we hope to accomplish with the monies we receive from the Capital Campaign.

So...Two financial campaigns, Stewardship and Capital! Listen to why your fellow pew sitters give, and think about why you give.

Gary Van Zandt

Communion Elders: Sunday, October 14th



Donna Cooke	Marilyn Ellsperman
Pam Doerter	Ralph Frasier
Carrie Mogavero	Patsy Sproatt
Ron Sproatt	Annie Engelbrecht

Christian Education

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DONATIONS NEEDED!!

In a few short weeks we will be having our **Halloween Carnival** and will need lots of candy

donations this  year, as we are including the youth in our haystack candy-

hunting fun. They serve tirelessly and deserve to be included in the fun! Baskets will be in the Narthex at the beginning of October for you to place your candy donations! Thank you!!

Could you lend a hand?

We need volunteers to run the games for the Halloween Carnival. Thanks to Donna Cooke, Meredith Garcia and Leslie Webb for signing up so far! You all are awesome. If you are willing to help the CE committee with this, please let us know by signing up on the sheets at the Welcome Center! Thanks so very much!!!



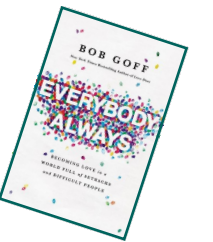
Operation Christmas Child—Shoeboxes!

Patti and Meredith Garcia are heading up the Shoebox collection this year. The collection week is November 12-19th this year. 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 will be available at the Welcome Center in the coming weeks, or see Erin Tipton if you need one sooner.



Book Study Anyone?

"Everybody Always: Becoming Love in a World Full of Setbacks and Difficult People" was written by Bob Goff about how to love others using Jesus as the ultimate example. I am listening to it on Audible right now and the church has purchased the study guide. It could be used in a Sunday School class or we could try a book study. Check out the book on Amazon and let me know if you would like to join me in a short 5 week study of this book. Email me and let me know if you are interested! Include if day or night would be better, as well as days of the week that work best.



Thanks so much! Erin
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*Be still
and know
that I am
God.
Psalm
46:10*



Youth and Children of EPC!

See Erin this week if you need your picture updated for our picture gallery in the downstairs Sunday School Hallway. Thanks!!

Children's Worship Leader Schedule

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—Annie Engelbrecht
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—Annie Engelbrecht