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“Whatever”

Every parent cringes at that word, don't we? It's not the word itself – it's the manner in which it's said. You remind your teen-age daughter that she has to be home by 11:00 and she rolls her eyes and offers a curt “Whatever.” You tell your son to mow the lawn and he dismissively waves his hand while walking away and says, “Whatever.”

Believe it or not, that word is found in the Bible. No, it's not used in the way parents are accustomed to hearing it, but it's there nonetheless. In fact, it's found in the passage that is our lectionary gospel reading this Sunday.

It's in the gospel of John that we're informed of the first miracle Jesus performed. It's at the beginning of his ministry and the miracle itself is fascinating but of equal interest is the way in which John uses that miracle to help us understand a great deal of what will follow it in his gospel.

Read John 2:1-11 where the mother of Jesus says “Whatever.”

Blessings,
Dennis

Newburgh-Eastminster Update

This past Sunday was a very momentous and emotional day for all of us. It was a day that combined fond memories of the past with a glorious hope for the future.

Sunday morning saw two congregations gathered for worship for the very first time as members of the Newburgh Presbyterian Church joined with members of the Eastminster Presbyterian Church. 20-25 members of the Newburgh Church were here.

Following worship, a majority of those in attendance from both congregations gathered in The Gallery for a time of fellowship and refreshments as we welcomed our new friends from Newburgh. Rarely have we had a reception with that many people last as long as it did with people remaining for nearly an hour after the conclusion of worship. That speaks volumes about how much this means to all of us!

Sunday afternoon was the closing service at the Newburgh Presbyterian Church and it was a very moving experience for everyone in attendance. As a sign of our mutual love and respect for one another, 20-25 Eastminster members were present at Newburgh for the closing service. The rich history of the congregation goes all the way back to 1840. Many of the current members of the church have been there for their entire life and have experienced a variety of meaningful life events within the walls of their church building.

As we celebrated their ministry Sunday, the comments of Jim Gulick, Clerk of Session, were especially heartwarming and Jeanie Diemer, the Chair of their Mission Committee, shared wonderful news about the way in which their mission dollars were being used in our community and all around the world. There was a special donation given to the Evansville Rescue Mission in honor of Dave Kishline, a resident at Newburgh Health Care, and Dave was even present for the occasion!

It was a glorious day to celebrate the past and a great opportunity to look forward to the bright future God has in store for us together!



We will be updating our Directory sometime in the near future. If you have changed addresses, have a new phone number or email, please let us know ASAP. Thank you!

Sunday, January 20, 2019

8:00 A.M. Service

Liturgist

Corey Fritz

Usher

Allen Helmstetter

10:30 A.M. Service

Liturgist

Corey Fritz

Head Usher

Mel Ellsperman

Ushers & Greeters

Karla Horrell & Team

Marilyn Ellsperman, Pat & Jayne Manis

Acolyte

Chloe Webb

Eastminster Staff

Mike Cantrell - Housekeeper
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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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YOUTH OFFICE HOURS HAVE CHANGED!!!!
BE SURE TO JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY'S

This Sunday, January 13, we will meet for Youth Group where we will have a lesson and then a time of fellowship.

I hope to see you in The Place,
Trey

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.
 1 John 4:7



**Civic Theatre Annual Pancake Breakfast
 This Sunday at Eastminster!**

Please come support the Evansville Civic Theatre by stuffing you, your kids, your elders, and your neighbors with pancakes! Matt and Caitlyn Hummel and their Friends of Civic Theatre group are grateful to be holding their Annual Pancake Breakfast at Eastminster this January 19 from 8:30-11AM, serving coffee, sausage links, hashbrowns, and of course piles of pancakes! Buy tickets at the door for: \$10 (Adults 18+), \$8 (Kids 3+), and FREE (Kids under 3). Proceeds to benefit Evansville Civic Theatre.



Important NOTES




NEW OFFICER TRAINING
 This Saturday, January 19 from 9-11 we will be holding our annual new officer training in room 101.


ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

Ordination & Installation of Officers will be held on This Sunday, January 20th at the 10:30 service.

GIVING STATEMENTS
 Final 2018 Giving Statements will be mailed within the next two weeks. Please contact the office if you do not receive yours or if you have discrepancies.



ANNUAL REPORTS
 Annual Reports from staff and committee chairs will be due by January 18, 2019. Information regarding Annual Reports will be sent to committee chairs within the next week.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you!

I would like to express my deepest gratitude for all of your cards, calls and prayers during my recent surgery and my recovery. Your love is greatly appreciated.

Jane Williams

Prayers & Concerns
 Please pray for the following: Jane Williams, Melba Hutchinson, John & Charles M. If you have a prayer request, please contact Leslie Webb at epcprayers@gmail.com or contact the Church Office.



Christian Education



Children's Worship

- January 20th—Suzette Fritz
 - January 27th—
 - February 3rd—
 - February 10th—Annie Engelbrecht
 - February 17th—
 - February 24th—
 - March 3rd—
 - March 10th—
 - March 17th—Suzette Fritz
 - March 24th—
 - March 31st—
 - April 7th—
 - April 14th—
 - April 21st—
 - April 28th—
 - May 5th—
 - May 12th—
 - May 19th—
 - May 26th—
- Please consider volunteering!! Thanks so much!!

Technology and Faith
 If you are interested in some of the many things the world of technology has for you with regard to your faith, check this out:



The Bible Project on You Tube. This group of people put Bible stories and history together into hundreds of 5-6 min. succinct videos. Their mission is... "to show how the Bible is a unified story that leads to Jesus." See what you think! Erin

Everybody Always Book Study will be in Room 202 at 9:30 on Thursday mornings for 5 weeks. It will last about an hour. You don't need to have read the book prior to coming to the study. It is helpful to have a copy of the book, but certainly not necessary. The book is available on Amazon or locally at Vineyard and Barnes and Noble. A Study Guide will be provided prior to the study beginning. Let the office or Erin know if you will attend. All are welcome!!!
erin@epcev.com

CE EVENTS

- 1/24/19 Everybody Always Book Study @9:30am**
- 1/31/19 Everybody Always Book Study @9:30am**
- 2/7/19 Everybody Always Book Study @9:30am**
- 2/13/19 Assembly night—CE meeting @6:30pm**
- 2/14/19 Everybody Always Book Study @9:30am**
- 2/21/19 Everybody Always Book Study @9:30am**
- 3/10/19 Memory Contest Begins/H2O Project begins**
- 3/13/19 Assembly night—CE meeting @6:30pm**

