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# Eastminster Messenger

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## "All Together Now"

No, I haven't decided to return to our "... Songs That Speak to the Soul" series, although I have obviously used a song title for the sermon title this week. I can't help but read our lectionary epistle reading and think of The Beatles song of the above title.

There are passages of scripture that speak to us in a clearly spiritual fashion and there are also passages that speak to us in common sense as well as spiritual fashion. When Paul was writing to the Christians in the city of Corinth, he offered guidance to them that fits very clearly into that second category. He saw a lot of problems within the life of the church and he was trying to offer some suggestions that would help move the people beyond those problems. What he came up with is absolutely brilliant.

Paul gives a very clear picture and offers a practical analogy that should be understandable to anyone in virtually any group of people. It just so happens that it works better within the life of the church than anywhere else. Paul's comparison of the church to our physical body offers an "Aha" moment for all of us. We read his words and we can all say, "Oh! I get it! That's how the church should function!"

While the meaning of his words can be applied to any group of people working together to accomplish something (an athletic team, a workplace group, a neighborhood, a family) it is most clearly applicable to the church. I have always loved the message of his words to the Corinthians about this matter.

Read I Corinthians 12:12-31 where Paul challenges us to be "All Together Now."

Blessings,  
Dennis

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICE



Last Sunday was an unusual day for us as it was for most churches. Many churches were forced to cancel services or other programs due to the snow, wind and slippery conditions. We're thankful to a number of people who enabled us to maintain our regular schedule on Sunday. All of our staff members were present and five of them were here before 6:30 AM to help clear the walks and do other things necessary to ensure the safety of our members. Our thanks to every one of them!

Our Sunday School teachers, ushers, greeters, worship participants and choir members were also here. Our thanks to them as well!

We had a worship attendance that was more than half of our regular average attendance. Our thanks to you as well!

One thing that we need to emphasize regarding inclement weather – do NOT try to be here if you have questions about your safety in doing so! We would much rather have you stay home and safe than risk injury that would make us all feel bad for being open and tempting you to be here! (see next page - "Inclement Weather").

The picture above shows our Ordination & Installation Service on Sunday. Like our over-all attendance, half of those to be ordained and/or installed were present. We'll schedule another Ordination/Installation time for those unable to be present. Note the wonderful variety of folks who joined together for the laying on of hands and prayer of ordination and installation. We are all one church family!

## Sunday, January 27, 2019

### 8:00 A.M. Service

#### Liturgist

Dick Yeager

#### Usher

Pam Stevens

### 10:30 A.M. Service

#### Liturgist

Dick Yeager

#### Head Usher

Mel Ellsperman

#### Ushers & Greeters

Karla Horrell & Team

Marilyn Ellsperman, Pat & Jayne Manis

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**YOUTH OFFICE HOURS HAVE CHANGED!!!!**  
**BE SURE TO JOIN US ON *WEDNESDAY'S***  
**FROM *4:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.***

This Sunday, January 27, 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

## Inclement Weather



Why does it always seem to happen on Saturday night – Sunday morning?! It's probably not really that way, but it seems as though winter storms come at the most inconvenient time for regular worship.

Many of us are left asking if we should try to venture out or stay home. Be assured that we will always be here and our Sunday morning schedule will remain the same. That being said, though, there are many times that a good number of folks should probably err on the side of caution and remain inside.



Remember – on those Sundays when you're not sure if it's wise to try to venture out, you're probably better off staying at home and staying safe! We know you're here with us in spirit!



We are considering expanding our prayer ministry by coordinating with a prayer request ministry that Newburgh Presbyterian Church has conducted for many years. Here is how Newburgh's prayer ministry works:

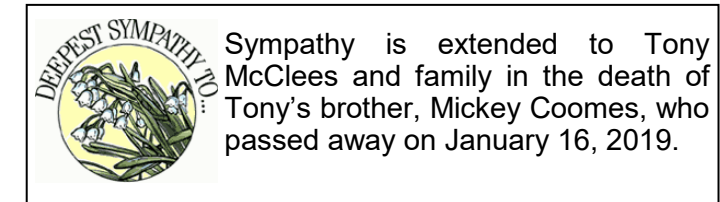
A request is made by sending via email, phone or text to a ministry coordinator with details of a request (name of person, nature of issue, etc). The coordinator then communicates the request to a prayer chain list (members and friends of the church) by email. The coordinator then follows up and reports updates as are communicated only from the requestor to the prayer chain list. This is to keep prayer requests current. If you name the person for whom the prayer is requested, you must have that person's permission. (For example: Request from Julie Smith: Please pray for John Doe as he is having surgery on Thursday. Julie must have John's permission to submit a request). If the person being prayed for would like to receive cards, please include their mailing address.

This is a wonderful way to share our concern and compassion for those in need. Prayer is what sustains us in life. It is a lifeline to the one who gives us life. Through the Spirit, prayer gives ability and strength; we don't have on our own. It gives us strong and courageous hearts.

**If you would like to be included in this ministry,** contact Leslie Webb by email at [epcprayers@gmail.com](mailto:epcprayers@gmail.com) or by text at 812-229-3972; David Matzen by email at [davidallyn39@gmail.com](mailto:davidallyn39@gmail.com) or by text at 812-618-8054 or the church office. Your name and contact information will be added to the prayer chain list.

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



Sympathy is extended to Tony McClees and family in the death of Tony's brother, Mickey Coomes, who passed away on January 16, 2019.



# Christian Education

## Children's Worship

January 27th—	March 31st—
February 3rd—	April 7th—
February 10th—Annie Engelbrecht	April 14th—
February 17th—	April 21st—
February 24th—	April 28th—
March 3rd—	May 5th—
March 10th—	May 12th—
March 17th—Suzette Fritz	May 19th—
March 24th—	May 26th—

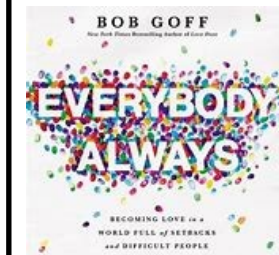
Please consider volunteering!! Thanks so much!!

## Lessons from the Karate mat

It was parent night at Karate class last Wednesday. Evan and Owen wanted me to go in hopes they could watch their instructor hit me in the head with a pool noodle when he jokingly says, "You're shoe is untied." (FYI...everyone is barefoot in karate, but the kids ALWAYS fall for this trick.) I suddenly felt like a little kid out on that mat. If my life was a movie, it was a moment where there would have been a flashback to my younger insecure-self inserted. There were 30 to 40 other parents attending, as well, so I was not alone. All the children were so excited to share the joy of something they love so much with their important people. It was a night of laughter, fun, and it was quite the workout. So, why do I tell you this? And what does this have to do with faith or anything remotely religious? Well, not much and so much at the same time. Do you ever feel that you never grew up? That you are still the same little child that you used to be? I do. I was the same kid sitting out on that mat, hoping not to be called on. Do you ever feel that way when God calls upon you? I do. My internal dialogue when God asks me to stretch beyond my comfort zone is much the same. No thanks, God. Find someone else. How many times do we see this in the Bible? Yet, God is not easily swayed by our balking. God presses the issue. In the Bible and in our own lives, God presses and sometimes doesn't take no for an answer so much so that you end up in the belly of a whale! Well, maybe not that exact experience, but you know what I mean. Taking karate with my boys was a leap. I had to do a lot of self-talk throughout the day to encourage inner anxious Erin, but I am so glad I leaped because I gained so much respect for what my kids do several days each week. I want to do more of that. More leaping. More stepping out in faith. Just more. Don't you?!

January Blessings! Erin

## EVERYBODY ALWAYS STUDY BEGINS THIS WEEK!!!



The Christian Education Team is thrilled to welcome you this coming Thursday, 1/24/19, at 9:30 a.m. to begin our study of Everybody Always. You do not need to read the book prior to attending. Just come for some great discussion, light snacks and fellowship as we jump into

this dynamic study. It should be a good one! Unsure about attending? Try out the first session and see what you think. No pressure. All are welcome!

See you Thursday!  
 Erin

## 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**

*Sometimes your only available transportation is a leap of faith. ~Margaret Shepard*