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# Eastminster Messenger

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## "A Piece of Cake"

I'm going to tell you this now so I don't have to include it in the sermon this Sunday. I am intentionally avoiding all of the lectionary readings for the week. I'm also going to tell you why. They're too difficult. Seriously.

The Old Testament lesson is from the prophet Jeremiah and it refers to his call to be a prophet. I couldn't get beyond some of the challenges he knew he would be facing as well as some that he *didn't* know but we, as readers, *do*.

The lectionary epistle reading is the passage in I Corinthians that follows last week's and you may recall that it ended with Paul saying "I will show you a more excellent way." That 'way' of course, leads to I Corinthians 13, known to us as "the love chapter." That one is so easy that it's difficult.

That leads to the gospel lesson for this Sunday and it's from Luke's gospel – Luke 4:21-30. Particularly at this point in time, I find it extremely difficult to read this passage and not see an unmistakable message that is absolutely perfect for our day and age. You may logically ask, "Why, then, not use it?" I must admit that I'm asking myself the same question. Let me simply encourage you to read it and prayerfully consider whether it is saying something to you in a personal way as well as a national way.

While I haven't chosen to use that Lukan passage itself, I will be using a reference that Jesus makes within it. He gives a couple examples of Old Testament events that enrage the people of his hometown.

Read I Kings 17:8-16 where we find a delightful story about "A Piece of Cake."

Blessings,  
Dennis



EPW Luncheon Gathering  
Wednesday,  
February 6, 2019  
Noon

We are welcoming all women to come and "get acquainted" with old friends and new friends from Newburgh.

Refreshments will be provided. Please join us for a time of fun, food and fellowship!

Communion Sunday, February 3, 2019



### 8:00 A.M. Service

#### Liturgist

Jeanie Diemer

#### Usher

Tony McClees

### 10:30 A.M. Service

#### Liturgist

Jeanie Diemer

#### Head Usher

Mel Ellsperman

#### Ushers & Greeters

Marilyn Ellsperman, Sue Shelton  
John & Carol Olgesby  
Corey Fritz

#### Acolyte

Jacob Irmscher

#### Communion Elders

Karla Horrell	John Niehaus
Barb Ferguson	Marilyn Ellsperman
Corey Fritz	Dick Yeager
Donna Cooke	Shannon Irmscher

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After 27 years of love and dedication  
It's time to take a permanent vacation

Please join us for a Retirement Reception  
Honoring

The Rev. Dr. Dennis R. Davenport

Sunday, February 24, 2019



## Welcome

Shannon Irmscher as Clerk of Session  
&  
Melissa Mattingly as  
Volunteer Administrator!

At our session meeting last week, there were two important and closely related decisions made. Melissa Mattingly has served as our Clerk of Session for several years. She will be stepping down from that role and Shannon Irmscher was elected as our new clerk. Shannon has the gifts and background to clearly fill the role capably. She has filled in for Melissa as Interim Clerk on several occasions in the past year and she has been a Presbyterian her entire life. On top of all that, her father currently serves as the clerk of session in Shannon's home church so she has both her father and Melissa to serve as worthy role models.

Closely related to Shannon's election as clerk, the session also voted to designate Melissa as our Volunteer Administrator. This is a new role and it will basically be stepping in to assist with administrative decisions that have traditionally fallen to the pastor. Obviously, this role can change at any time if it becomes unnecessary but it will be extremely important for the next several months.

As congregational members wonder how decisions will be made that don't require session action, we now have an answer. Our staff, our clerk and our administrator will be in close communication with one another and they will be the ones making decisions. In other words, they will together be ones about whom you can say "the buck stops here!"

Our thanks to Shannon and Melissa for filling these roles and this should bring the same level of comfort and assurance to the entire congregation as it does to the entire church staff.

## 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 Dave Matzen at [davidallyn39@gmail.com](mailto:davidallyn39@gmail.com)

## Opening the Doors to Our Future



The Capital Campaign Committee is pleased to report that our Eastminster family has answered the call to "Open the Doors to Our Future" by pledging over \$239,000.00 to the Capital Campaign.

In addition to the three year pledges by our members, we also received an up-front grant from the Trustees - a formula-based percentage of the Endowment earnings over the last three years in the amount of \$40,000.00. The children of the church participated in the campaign with their Lego Church Build where each participant made a small contribution for their building blocks. We also received generous donations from the Men's Bible Study Fellowship group that has met at Eastminster every Tuesday evening since 2014. Truly, we have been blessed by the generosity of our amazing church family.

All pledge payments over the next three years will be deposited directly into the Capital Reserve Fund within the Eastminster Endowment Account at Old National Bank, where they will be invested, and used for repairs and improvements to our church building, HVAC equipment, and other physical needs as they arise. All expenditures from the Capital Reserve Fund will require approval from the Session upon recommendation from the Building and Maintenance Committee. An accounting of the income and expenses from the Capital Reserve Fund will be included in the 2019 Annual Report.

Your faithful pledge will go a long way toward insuring that our church home will be kept in good repair well into the future. Through your gifts you have honored the visionaries who built this church, and shown your faith in the ongoing ministries of Eastminster to our current and future members, our children and youth, and to our extended community. We are deeply grateful for your gift.

With Heads, Hands and Hearts for Christ,

Barbara Ferguson  
Fred Folz  
Susan Parsons  
Anne Stallings

## Christian Education

### Children's Worship

February 3rd—Annie Engelbrecht  
February 10th—Annie Engelbrecht  
February 17th—Annie Engelbrecht  
February 24th—Annie Engelbrecht  
March 3rd—Erin Tipton  
March 10th—to be determined  
March 17th—Suzette Fritz  
March 24th—to be determined  
March 31st—Stacie Schalasky  
April 7th—Erin Tipton  
April 14th—Stacie Schalasky  
April 21st—to be determined  
April 28th—Sabrina Holden  
May 5th—Erin Tipton  
May 12th—Stacie Schalasky  
May 19th—Sabrina Holden  
May 26th—to be determined  
Please consider volunteering!! Thanks so much!!



I found a new podcast I thought some of you might be interested in. It is called "The Next Right Thing" with Emily P. Freeman. Emily is a writer and deep thinker. She artfully weaves a devotion or prayer into the end of each podcast. Her podcasts vary in topic, but the last two were entitled "Wait Now Go" and "Don't Let the Ending Define the Whole Story". She is sincere and filled with love and fear and hope and all of the things. If you give it a try, let me know what you think. Blessings—Erin

As you send out your valentines, please remember members of our church family that might need a note of cheer and reminder that they are loved by a friend or neighbor.



### CALLING ALL KIDS

Ms. Erin made a mistake in the newsletter. Can you find it? Write it down below and give it to Erin on Sunday!

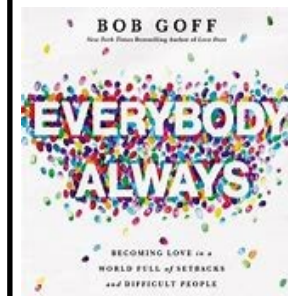
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### CE EVENTS

- 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**
- 2/21/18 Everybody Always Book Study @9:30am**
- 3/10/19 Memory Contest Begins/H2O Project begins**
- 3/13/19 Assembly night—CE meeting @6:30pm**

### EVERYBODY ALWAYS



We had a great first meeting of the Everybody Always book study! Six women came and shared and discussed and enjoyed fellowship together. If you are interested in joining, you are not too late. We will cover Chapters 4-6 this week. The book is a helpful guide and supplement to the DVDs, but not a necessity. Patsy Sproatt mentioned that Bob Goff will be in Evansville soon. Beth Bailey found out that he will be in town April 15th at Bethel Church at 7 p.m. The cost is \$25. I know many people mentioned that the time of this study just didn't work for them, but they were reading the book and enjoying it, so just wanted to pass this information along.

