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# Eastminster Messenger

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## Holy Communion This Sunday “Filled with Expectation”

On the Church calendar, the Sunday that follows Epiphany Sunday is always Baptism of the Lord Sunday. This is an observance that always presents a challenge – partially because there are so many different understandings of baptism. For many, there is even a serious question as to whether the concept and practice of baptism really matter. That question relates to the different understandings.



This Sunday, I’d like to touch on the meaning of baptism as well as the different ways we understand its significance. But I’d also like to suggest that there may be something about baptism that isn’t often considered that is of great significance. We ordinarily think of baptism in terms of an individual and we think of it in terms of our own personal relationship with God. Obviously there’s nothing wrong or incorrect about that understanding and yet I think we miss out one an important aspect of baptism if we restrict it only to its significance in the life of an individual.

The baptism of Jesus by John in the Jordan River is one of the few events that is recorded in all four gospels. This year, the lectionary gospel reading is from Luke. Read Luke 3:15-22 where we find the people who came to John to be baptized were “Filled with Expectation.”

Blessings,  
Dennis

P.S. Since we did not share Holy Communion this past Sunday, we will do so this week.

## Newburgh-Eastminster Update

**Men’s Breakfast** – Last Saturday, 22 men gathered in our Fellowship Hall for the monthly Men’s Breakfast that has been a long tradition of the Newburgh Presbyterian Church. The group was perfectly divided between Newburgh & Eastminster and was a great opportunity for the men of both congregations to share in a time of food, fellowship & study. Hopefully, this will be a tradition we continue and the next one will be held on the first Saturday of February – February 2 at 8:00 AM.

## Final Morning Worship at Newburgh Presbyterian Church

– This past Sunday, the final morning worship service was held at the Newburgh Church and there were a number of Eastminster members present to show their support. The Sunday School hour following worship provided the opportunity for fellowship with one another as well as the chance for Newburgh members to learn more about Eastminster.

**This Sunday at Eastminster** – This Sunday will be the first opportunity for members of the Newburgh Presbyterian Church to join us at either the 8:00 or 10:30 service (Sunday School at 9:00). For the 10:30 service, Eastminster members are encouraged to wait until just prior to worship to enter the sanctuary so that Newburgh members can determine where they would like to sit. It will be difficult as it is for them to not be worshipping in their familiar surroundings and the least we can do is allow them to choose where they wish to sit! Following the 10:30 service, we invite everyone from both churches to join in The Gallery for the opportunity to welcome Newburgh members to Eastminster!

**Newburgh Presbyterian Church closing service** – This Sunday at 3:00 PM, the closing service of the Newburgh Presbyterian Church will be held. Everyone is invited to attend and show our thanks and support for their more than 180 years of ministry!



## Communion Sunday, January 13, 2019



**8:00 A.M. Service**

Liturgist  
Marilyn Ellsperman

Usher  
Matt Fiedler

**10:30 A.M. Service**

Liturgist  
Marilyn Ellsperman

Head Usher  
Mel Ellsperman

Ushers & Greeters  
Karla Horrell & Team  
Marilyn Ellsperman, Pat & Jayne Manis

Acolyte  
Addison Fritz

Communion Elders

Corey Fritz	Dick Yeager
Karla Horrell	Dan Engelbrecht
Shannon Irmscher	Gary Pennington
Pam Doerter	Annie Engelbrecht

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### Church Office Hours

M - Th: 8:30 –4:00 P.M.  
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**OFFICE HOURS EVERY THURSDAY**  
**4:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.**

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



### **Civic Theatre Annual Pancake Breakfast 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 on January 12 from 8-11AM, 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.



### **Secret Santa Gift Exchange!**

This past Sunday was the day for our Secret Santa Gift Exchange. What a great idea from Annie Engelbrecht and what fun it was for everyone. 33 people of all ages gathered together in Fellowship Hall following worship and each person opened their gift while others shared in their excitement of an extra Christmas gift. Our thanks to Annie for putting it all together and everyone who participated! Next year, we look forward to having twice as many participants!



### **NEW OFFICER TRAINING**

On 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 Sunday, January 20th at the 10:30 service.

### **Prayers & Concerns**

**Please pray for the following:** Jane Williams, Angela Bethel, Melba Hutchinson, & 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.



# **Christian Education**



### **CE EVENTS**

**1/9/19 Assembly night—CE meeting @ 6:30 pm**

**2/13/19 Assembly night—CE meeting @ 6:30 pm**

**3/10/19 Memory Contest Begins**



Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:18-19 ESV

If you signed up for the Bob Goff study of **Everybody, Always**, I would like to get that started. Let's try for Thursdays at 9:30a.m. We will start 1/24/19 and go for 5-6 weeks. Can anyone make that time? Just let me know!! Call the office or email me.  
[erin@epcevv.com](mailto:erin@epcevv.com)  
Thanks!  
Erin

### **Children's Worship**

January 13th—  
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!!

### **Adult Summer Sunday School**

As I am thinking about Summer Sunday School plans, would you think about a few questions for me? What do you enjoy about summer Sunday School? Through the years, what topics have you enjoyed the most? What teaching format do you like best (small group conversation, one person doing all the talking, or a blend of both)? What would you like to see in the future in Adult Summer Sunday School (topics, themes, etc.)? If you would think about these things and email me, I would really appreciate it. Or, if you wish to remain anonymous, drop a note in my box! I want to make plans with your thoughts and wishes in mind.

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New Year's Blessings! Erin

