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"Sweeter Memories"

Every church I have ever served has had a weekly newsletter. Having served in churches for 44 years, that amounts to approximately 2,200 newsletters and therefore 2,200 articles in this spot. I have one more after this one but, in actuality, this is the final newsletter article I will write that provides an introduction to the upcoming sermon.

Ordinarily at Eastminster, we follow the Revised Common Lectionary or devote several weeks to a Sermon Series. This week will be neither of those. Instead, I'd like to direct our attention to a passage in Paul's letter to the Philippians that I find particularly meaningful as I consider my last Sunday with you and the 1,376 Sundays that have preceded it.

I consider this coming Sunday to be my opportunity to focus on you rather than you focusing on me. It's an opportunity to celebrate the joyous years we have shared together and the way in which you have touched my life and the life of everyone in my family. I owe a debt to all of you that can never be re-paid and I consider it a tremendous honor to have been privileged to serve as your pastor for more than 2 1/2 decades.

When you consider the average tenure of a pastor is less than five years, you are truly a rare and wonderful congregation to allow someone to serve you as long as I have and I will be forever grateful for the privilege of doing so.

Read Philippians 1:3-11 as we consider "Sweeter Memories."

Blessings,
Dennis



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
11:30 a.m. in the Gallery

Prayers & Concerns

Please pray for the following: Borden Collins, Leroy Hartz family, Bryan Figg, Doris Grabhorn, Steve Gutridge, Christine Matzen, Tina Allen, Dave & Bobbi Moran, David Kishline, Barry Hill, Mary Lou Matzen, Dave Moran's brother-in-law, Gary; Jenny Murphy's father, Jerry Nagle; Jenny Murphy's brother, Patti Rusche, Virginia Rahn, Lillian Tierney, Jane Williams, Melba Hutchinson & Charles M.

If you have a prayer request, please contact Leslie Webb at epcprayers@gmail.com or Dave Matzen at davidallyn39@gmail.com

Sunday, February 24, 2019

8:00 A.M. Service

Liturgist

Tony McClees

Usher

Matt Fiedler

10:30 A.M. Service

Liturgist

Pam Doerter

Head Usher

Mel Ellsperman

Ushers & Greeters

Marilyn Ellsperman, Sue Shelton
John & Carol Olgesby
Corey Fritz, Jayne & Pat Manis

Acolyte

Garrett Ferguson

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Alanna Keenan - Director of Music
Marian LaChance - Housekeeper
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Erin Tipton - Christian Ed Director

Church Office Hours

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

This Sunday, February 24, 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

“So, what do we do about....”

Last week, we promised to share some suggestions with you in regard to questions you may have as our period of pastoral transition begins. You may wonder who to call if you have questions or information regarding certain areas. Obviously, the place to start will be with the church office. Someone will be able to direct your concerns to the appropriate person.

In the event of a death or hospitalization or health issue, you can call the church office during regular office hours. You can also call Trey Fulkerson, our Youth Director and Pastoral Assistant (812-604-8779) or Barb Ferguson (812-453-0559). Trey and Barb will be making hospital visits and will be available in emergency situations and will be able to assist you in finding additional help in particular areas. We will continue to update you regarding questions you may have and as we all work together, we will make this time of transition a positive experience for everyone!



**CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME TO
THE 2019
CONFIRMATION CLASS!**

This past Sunday we welcomed our 2019 Confirmation Class into membership. The six young people who officially became Eastminster members have been with us most of their lives and have proven themselves to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Welcome to IAN GARCIA, JACK GARCIA, MADDIE HOLDEN, ALEX KUHS, JOCELYN KUHS AND JACOB WEBB.

...AND WELCOME TO TWO MORE
NEW MEMBERS

In addition to our Confirmation Class, we also received two others into membership. Welcome to Barbara & Dave Moran who joined Eastminster this past Sunday.

*Let everything that has breath
praise the Lord. Praise the
Lord.
Psalm 150:6 (NIV)*

Dear Church Family,
On behalf of the family of Dorothy Engelbrecht, we would like to thank you for all of your prayers and support during Dorothy's illness and passing. We would also like to extend appreciation to Dr. Davenport for his steadfast support and to the Board of Deacons and the Compassion Team for the wonderful dinner that was provided for the family.

Sincerely,
Rob Engelbrecht.



Christian Education

Children's Worship

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!!

Just Breathe

Have you ever practiced yoga? I practice yoga several times a week to consistently stretch out an old running injury. I follow a yoga instructor on You Tube. She is always telling me to breathe even in the really intense stretching poses because when things get tough we tend to hold our breath. Sometimes I want to scream, "I am breathing!" But, then I realize I am not. Inevitably, when she says "just breathe," I am usually holding my breath. How does she know?!

I got an Apple Watch for my 40th birthday a couple of years ago and now my watch alerts me to breathe, too. It drives me absolutely crazy. I always talk back to it and tell it that I am breathing when it reminds me that it is time to breathe. So, in case you ever see me talking to my wrist in a flustered tone, you will know why.

What I am coming to realize is that I hold my breath a lot. When things get exhausting or overwhelming, I hold my breath. But, holding my breath doesn't make the uncomfortable go away. What gets me through those intense uncomfortable stretches in yoga and times when I feel stretched in life is breath and letting go of what I don't need. Breath in and breath out. Our breath connects us to our body and to God because He is the "breath of Life". And, while there is breath in my lungs, I need to remember to be open and available to the life God sets before me...the challenges and the joys.—Erin

A Special Thank You



We wanted to take a moment to thank the members of the Newburgh Presbyterian Church for sharing their resources with us. We brought many curriculum resources for children and adults, as well as craft supplies, an adorable puppet theater and five bookshelves that will definitely be put to good use. The bookshelves we brought from Newburgh to Eastminster will be in room 205 and will enable us to move the curriculum resources out of our supply room and into room 205. This will give us some much needed space in our supply room and we are excited about that. If you happen to walk by room 205 in the next couple of weeks, just remember the phrase...things might get worse before they get better.

We also wanted to thank the many members of both churches that made the moving of all of these resources possible. It was amazing to see us all working together and another indication that we make a great team!

With heartfelt thanks,
The Christian Education Committee



- 2/21/19 Everybody Always
Book Study @9:30am**
- 2/28/19 Everybody Always
Book Study @9:30am**
- 3/10/19 Memory Contest Begins/H2O
Project begins**
- 3/13/19 Assembly night—CE meeting
@6:30pm**