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FROM THE



PASTOR

Thank You

Since there are no quotes around those words, you know that's not the title of the sermon this Sunday. It's as simple as its writer – this "old Corolla" can't conjure up any more memorable and meaningful words than those.

My own words aren't there, but I can rely on those of others. First of all, the words of Paul that you heard last Sunday as he was writing to his favorite church in Philippi – *"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now."* I will, indeed, thank God every time I remember you and I will do so with great joy in my heart.

I'll also turn to those words that you heard Drew sing at the conclusion of the service – words of David Bailey in a song he entitled "Benediction." When I first gave thought to my final service with you, I immediately talked to Drew and told him that I had no idea what else would be included in the service, but I wanted him to close it with that song because it perfectly conveyed my thoughts of all of you.

*It's time for me to go,
Now I need you to know,
This final song is yours
It's the tide between our shores,
And wherever I may be
I will carry you with me,
You're a kaleidoscope of love & joy & hope,
And shining on your face
I see his amazing grace
So I never will forget
(These many years) that we have met
And if you believe in his endless love
We'll meet again someday above.*

The Apostle Paul and David Bailey have a way with words. All I can come up with is, again, Thank You.

Blessings,
Dennis



In Deepest Sympathy Sympathy is extended to Bob & Susan Parsons and family in the death of Bob's father, Robert Parson, Sr.

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, Sonny Queen, Charles M, Greg Ward & the family of Rick Ward, Aunt Winnie Craig, and Trish Toelle.

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

Sunday, March 3, 2019

8:00 A.M. Service

Liturgist

Karla Horrell

Usher

Pam Stevens

10:30 A.M. Service

Liturgist

Karla Horrell

Head Usher

Mel Ellsperman

Ushers & Greeters

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

Acolyte

Jacob Irmscher

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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, March 3, 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!

In the News!

Congratulations to Susan Parsons on receiving the Athena Award.

The Athena Award honors women leaders in Southwest Indiana by reflecting on the importance of women in the community. The women selected for this award are exceptional leaders in the Evansville area and have actively and generously assisted others in the attainment of professional excellence and leadership skills.

Great job Susan!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you from the entire staff for your generosity that was shown to us this past Sunday. Each of us feels it a great privilege to be working with such outstanding people here at Eastminster. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Sincerely,
The EPC Staff



Dear Church Family,

We wish to say “thank you” to my friends and church family for your prayers, cards, and visits during my illness and loss of my beloved grandson, Carlton C. Mans. A special “thank you” goes to the Reverend Dr. Dennis R. Davenport for his compassion, spiritual support, and the many, many visits. My family and I could not have endured the pain and heartache without him. He will never be forgotten.

Dorothy Mans and family,
Charles and Kim Mans,
GleeAnna and Richard Fossier



MYSTERY DINNER

Join us for a mystery dinner at EPC on April 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. We will spend the evening solving the mystery through clues given by each of us enacting characters. Sign up to be one of the characters or just come as one of the party-goers and help solve the mystery. Call the church office to make your reservation. Please note if you are willing to be one of the characters. The charge for this event, including dinner, will be \$10.00 per person.



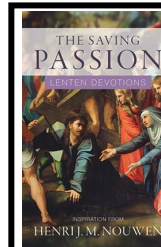
Ladies' Night Out will be Tuesday, March 12, at 6 PM. We will be dining at The Red Lobster so reservations are a must. Please call the church office if you plan to attend.



Christian Education

Children's Worship

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!!



Lenten Devotional Books are Available at the Welcome Center

The Christian Education Committee would like to offer you a devotion book for Lent this year. These books are available for you to pick up Sunday 2/24/19. There are also Children's Devotion activities for Lent similar to what we had during Advent available in Sunday School classrooms and a few on the Welcome Center. Please feel free to take one. Please let us know if you find this helpful during the season of Lent.

—The Christian Education Committee

**Our Memory
Contest starts
March 10, 2019!!
Are you ready? Do
you need a new book? Check
with Erin!**

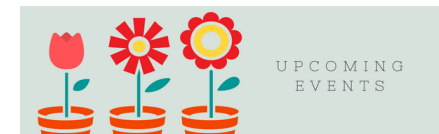


H2O Project

As we approach the season of Lent, we begin to think about what to give up. Just as Christ gave his life for us so that we might have new life in Him, we mark this time of year as a time to commit to letting go of something. Maybe a particular food or drink? Maybe a behavior or habit? Maybe a particular thought pattern? Our hope is that the absence of this thing will afford us the time to focus more on deepening our relationship with Jesus.



Each year, as a church, we commit to letting go of the money that we spend on our favorite beverages and drinking water. Then, we offer the money we save by not purchasing our favorite beverages to an organization called Living Water, Intl. in support of building wells in other countries. Water is an integral part of a healthy community. Let's continue this great tradition and offer our support of the children of God worldwide through the ministry of Living Water, Intl. More information to come next week!



**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**