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From the Pulpit

Bob Dylan might have had it right when he penned these lyrics to his 1960's folk song "The answer my friend is blowing in the wind."

We all probably feel a bit challenged when asked to explain the Holy Trinity and particularly the Holy Spirit. I believe as Jesus existed in a body of flesh that He could not be everywhere at once so He and His Father sent a spiritual body which could be anywhere and everywhere at once. Like the wind, it can't be seen or touched and like the wind it can appear anywhere at any time and disappear at the drop of a hat.

Acts 2:38 - "Peter replied to the people to repent, be baptized every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for forgiveness of sins and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Luke 49 - Jesus said to His disciples, "I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." (Holy Spirit)

Galatians 5:22 - Tells us what the fruits of the Spirit are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control.

Luke 12:11-13 Tells us "if we who are mortal and sinful and know how to give good gifts to our children, how much more will our Father in Heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him."

Luke 11:9-10 tells us how we can receive the Holy Spirit, "ask and it shall be given you, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you, for everyone who asks shall receive."

I think we are all aware of the tremendous challenges facing our community, our nation, and our world as it relates to morality, integrity, families, and faith. Perhaps the answers, my friend, are truly blowing in the wind.

Blessings,
Steve Fritz

PRAYER VIGIL

For more than 20 years, we have held a Prayer Vigil on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. It begins at the conclusion of our Maundy Thursday Communion Service and concludes at 5:00 PM on Good Friday. This year, the dates are Thursday, April 18, and Friday, April 19.

There are a significant number of people who would say that this period of time is the most meaningful time they spend at church all year.

Here's how it works – we have a chart in the Narthex that lists every hour from 8:00 PM Thursday through 4:00 PM Friday. Individuals sign up for one or more of those hours. More than one person may sign up for the same hour. You can use your time in the Sanctuary however you choose.

Barb Ferguson will have a table set up at the front of the Sanctuary near the cross on the pulpit side. There will be a variety of Lenten-Easter resources, along with a CD player and CDs.

You have the freedom to use any of these resources or do whatever you like that would be most meaningful to you. At the conclusion of your hour, the next person will arrive and you may depart or remain as long as you like.

The times that some find most meaningful to participate are the times between midnight and 6:00 AM. The sign-up chart is in the Narthex. If you have questions, call the office or contact Barb Ferguson.



Attention Ladies.

EPW will be hosting a night gathering for all those who can't join us during the day. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for you to select a day and time that works best for you. Please contact Beth Bailey at 812-841-5932 with any questions or concerns. Thank you!

Sunday, March 31, 2019

8:00 A.M. Service

Liturgist

Patsy Sproatt

Usher

Matt Fiedler

10:30 A.M. Service

Liturgist

Patsy Sproatt

Head Usher

Mel Ellsperman

Ushers & Greeters

Karla Horrell & Team
Marilyn Ellsperman,
Jayne & Pat Manis

Acolyte

Jacob Irmscher

Eastminster Staff

Mike Cantrell - Housekeeper
Mary Fulkerson - Office Manager
Trey Fulkerson - Youth/Pastoral Assist.
Alanna Keenan - Director of Music
Marian LaChance - Housekeeper
Rachel Luttrull - Organist
Erin Tipton - Christian Ed Director

Church Office Hours

M - Th: 8:30 –4:00 P.M.
Friday: 8:30 - Noon

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OFFICE HOURS EVERY WEDNESDAY
4:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

This Sunday, March 31, we will meet for Youth Group, have a lesson and then a time of fellowship.

I hope to see you in The Place,
Trey

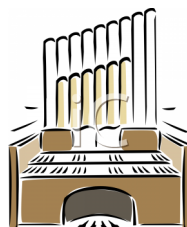
Youth Help Community One

This Saturday, March 30th the Youth will be serving alongside **Community One** for our Evansville area. We will be working as a demolition crew rehabilitating a house in order to turn into affordable housing for community members in need.

Although this is a youth project, we invite all members of the congregation to contribute to this cause. If you are interested in participating in our work with Community One, please stop by the church office to pick up a liability waiver (even if you are an adult.) Individuals who do not have a waiver will be unable to enter the work site. We will meet at Eastminster at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday morning where we will take the church bus to the actual work site. Our work will conclude by 12:00 p.m.

Pedals, Pipes and Pizza

Children ages 10 and up with any amount of piano background are invited to Pedals, Pipes and Pizza on Saturday, April 6th from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the University of Evansville for an up-close experience with the pipe organ.



This year, attendees will be working together to build a small, working pipe organ themselves! Registration is \$10 and includes lunch. Talk to Rachel or email reluttrull@gmail.com for more information, or to register.



Prayers & Concerns

Please pray for the following: The family of Sonny Queen - Jack Turpin's cousin; Jane Williams; Melba Hutchinson; Bryan Figg; the family of Amanda Gidcum; Pat Harrawood; Trish Toelle; Dave & Bobbi Moran; David & Faye Kishline; Barry Hill; Chris & John Matzen; Marylou Matzen; Dave Moran's brother-in-law, Gary; Jenny Murphy's father - Jerry Nagle; Patti Rusche; Virginia Rahm; Lillian Tierney; Jenny Murphy's brother - John; Charles M.; Bob Lewis.

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



We will be kicking off our "Send a Kid" to camp campaign on Sunday, April 14, immediately following worship.

Camp is June 9-14

Donations for the luncheon will help off-set the expense of sending 19 campers to camp. Any portion of that is helpful and appreciated. You may send a donation in to the office at any time with "camp fund" notated.

If you are a camper and have not turned in your registration forms, please do so ASAP!

New Members

We welcome two new members to our Eastminster Family - Mary Lou Matzen and Ben Bendetti.

Christian Education

Children's Worship

March 31st—Erin Tipton
April 7th—Erin Tipton
April 14th—Stacie Schalasky
April 21st—Erin Tipton
April 28th—Sabrina Holden
May 5th—Erin Tipton
May 12th—Stacie Schalasky
May 19th—Sabrina Holden
May 26th—Erin Tipton

Please consider volunteering!! Thanks so much!!

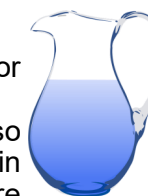
EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

All children's Sunday school classes (Preschool through 5th grade) will be combining on Palm Sunday, April 14, for a lesson, craft, games, and tasty treats. Please join us! More details to come. Can't wait to see you then.



H2O Project Update

We have raised \$293.00 so far for our H2O Project! Let's keep it going!! Thank you so very much for your participation in this important opportunity to share the living water of Christ and bring clean water to communities throughout the world.



Congratulations to the following children who completed their memory work! You all are AMAZING!! Way to go!!

Adrienne Carter

Addison Fritz

Adam Tipton

Your church family is so very proud of you. So many of you are well on your way to being finished. Keep up the great work!



GREETERS NEEDED

Harrison High School's Baccalaureate will be the afternoon of May 19, 2019 at 2pm. Would you be available to greet students and their families? If so, please let Erin Tipton or the church office know. We pay in cookies...Donut Bank cookies!!

Thanks! CE Committee



4/10/19 Assembly night—CE meeting @6:30pm
4/14/19 Palm Sunday Processional for children and youth/Easter Egg Hunt
4/15/19 7 PM Bob Goff @ Bethel Church presented by the Evansville Christian Life Center
4/21/19 Easter/Rain date for Easter Egg Hunt