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# Eastminster Messenger

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“God’s Word –  
Trustworthy and True”

It’s summer. School’s out. Choir’s taking the summer off. My Bible Study Group has dismissed for the summer. My calendar suddenly has a LOT more empty space on it for a few months. What am I going to do with all of that extra time on my hands? God’s answer to me is STAY IN HIS WORD. It’s not just a fascinating way to make good use of time, it is also a *personally valuable* use of time.

As accurately predicted in 1 Corinthians 13, “When I was a child, I thought as a child.” As a child viewing Scripture, I saw this “history lesson” called the Old Testament and this collection of “short stories” about Jesus called the New Testament. I failed to see the Bible as one perfect and seamless presentation of God’s love for us. I held to a youthful myth that since some ancient human had written things down, the author had to have paraphrased something along the way. Fortunately, as it says in 1 Corinthians 13, “When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me.” And that’s when I began to both discover and deeply enjoy digging deeper into His Word because I now know that the God of the universe doesn’t make mistakes. His word is always TRUSTWORTHY and TRUE.

Join me Sunday and let’s explore how we can use that truth to our benefit for the glory of God.

Blessings,  
Mark Miller

PLEASE NOTE: The front entrance will be closed until the steps and porch project has been completed. It is just too dangerous for us to use right now. Thank you for understanding.

**Please pray for the following:** Jane Williams; Melba Hutchinson; Bryan Figg; Pat Harrawood; Trish Toelle; Dave & Bobbi Moran; David & Fay Kishline; Barry Hill; Chris & John Matzen; Mary Lou Matzen; Dave Moran’s brother-in-law, Gary; Jenny Murphy’s father - Jerry Nagle; Pattii Rusche; Virginia Rahn; Lillian Tierney; Jenny Murphy’s brother - John; Charles M.; Bob Lewis; John Chaddock; JoAnn Meth; Barb Ferguson; J.B. & T.W.; Barbara; Carol Palmer.

**If you have a prayer request or wish to be removed from the list, please contact Leslie Webb at [epcprayers@gmail.com](mailto:epcprayers@gmail.com) or Dave Matzen at [davidallyn39@gmail.com](mailto:davidallyn39@gmail.com)**



## GREETINGS!

Greetings from the Community and World Missions Committee! Which, right now, is three people. Not a lot. We are looking for people who want to be a part of helping the church fulfill its main goal...reaching out to and helping others in the name of Jesus. We have had some great missions over the years : we've gone to Mexico to build houses, gone to East Kentucky to help a small town and its church, been to Albuquerque and helped renovate school building, including a cafeteria and science lab. We were in Pittsburgh last year, renovating a house, and working on a community garden, bringing fresh food to people living in a food desert. The volunteers, young and old, on these trips, have been extraordinary, and we have, at the same time, had an incredible, paradigm shifting, eye opening blast. And now, the committee needs help. We need willing souls, fresh ideas, and new brains to meet the challenges of "what can we do next, and how do we do it?" Anyone and everyone is welcome to join us. Each person who is there contributes a unique perspective and creativity that drives us on, and helps us achieve so much more than we ever thought we could. Please, consider joining us. Let Donna Cooke or Mary Fulkerson know, or just join us at Assembly night in June. You will be welcomed with open arms, big smiles, and pizza! You are a one of a kind, unique creation of God. Please come and share your talents with us!

Blessings,  
Donna Cooke and the Mission Committee

## Sunday May 19, 2019

### 8:00 A.M. Service

#### Liturgist

Allen Helmstetter

#### Usher

Tony McClees

### 10:30 A.M. Service

#### Liturgist

Allen Helmstetter

#### Head Usher

Mel Ellsperman

#### Ushers

TBA

#### Greeters

Marilyn Ellsperman  
Jayne & Pat Manis

#### Acolyte

Garrett Ferguson

## Eastminster Staff

Mike Cantrell - Handyman  
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## Church Office Hours

M - Th: 8:30 –3:00 P.M.  
Friday: 8:30 - Noon

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**Strawberry Shortcake Bakers Needed!!**



Shortcake is needed for the Strawberry Festival - forty 9x13 cakes to be precise.

The church is pre-ordering the cake mixes as a convenience for "bakers" to pick up at church on Sunday 5/19 - you just need to add margarine, eggs and time!

We are asking that you reimburse the church for the cost which will be posted by the cake mixes and with an envelope provided for your convenience. We will be using Betty Crocker Pound Cake Mix as consistency is needed when serving such large quantities of the same item to the public.

You will need to bake two cakes at a time. It takes 3 boxes to make two 9x13 cakes.

Cakes will need to be baked and delivered back to the church NO LATER THAN 12 NOON ON SATURDAY MAY 25TH - THE DAY OF THE FESTIVAL.

**We also need workers on Friday, May 24, for cleaning, cutting and sugaring berries. That will be a big – busy day!**

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Russ Genet who passed away on May 9.

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

This Sunday, May 19, 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

**Car Wash for Camp PYOCA**

Join the campers on Sunday, June 2nd at 11:30 a.m. at G.D. Ritz's for a carwash to help raise donations for camp. We have 27 registered campers at a cost of \$5,780. Campers have raised roughly \$3,000 thus far but more donations are needed. So, come on out and get your car washed all for a good cause! All proceeds support each camper!



**Bake Sale for Camp PYOCA**

The Campers will be hosting a bake sale at the Alvard Neighborhood Yard Sale. Water, sodas, coffee, etc., will be sold. We are needing donations of those items so please contact Sabrina Holden at 812-205-9609 for more information or to say you will donate!



**Shhh....It's a SURPRISE!**

Please join the family and friends of Allen Sanderson as Allen receives honorable recognition for his time in the Air force and for all of his efforts in helping with the Evansville Wartime Museum.

Allen is an outstanding individual who is involved in the community as well as the church. At 1:00 P.M. Congressman Larry Bucshon is scheduled to visit the Evansville Wartime Museum and will surprise Allen by reading the Statement from the Congressional Record. Everyone is invited! No RSVP required.

The presentation will be held on May 28th at 1:00 p.m. at The Evansville Wartime Museum 7503 Petersburg Road

**Christian Education**



**WE NEED YOU!!**

Yes! You! If you are reading this column, I am asking you to prayerfully consider leading Sunday School this Summer. We need teachers for all of our

Summer Sunday school classes from Preschool through Adults and Children's Worship. The sign up sheets are at the Welcome Center in the Narthex or Lobby.

We have the best Summer Sunday school around and it would be so great if we could get all of the dates for each week filled in the next two or three weeks. The topics are listed on the sheets in the Narthex. Find a date that works for you, find a topic you like and write your name down. Have a topic idea? Still unsure? Contact Erin Tipton to ask about what is involved.

Erin Tipton: erin@epcevv.com

Or call the church on Tuesday or Thursday morning to chat with me about it. 812-476-3355

**DATES FOR SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Summer Sunday School runs from the beginning of June through the first week in September. Check your calendars and see when you can sign up to lead!

- June: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
- July: 7, 14, 21, 28
- August: 4, 11, 18, 25
- September: 1



**Children's Worship Leader Schedule**

- May 19—Mary Fulkerson
- May 26—Erin Tipton



Harrison High School  
Baccalaureate Greeters  
May 19, 2019 at 2 p.m.

If you volunteered to help greet graduates and their families, please arrive around 1:15 p.m. Many families arrive early to get their seats and get settled. We would love for you to stay for the reception, if you are able to.

**Maybe you've noticed some exciting changes?**



**All of our Sunday School classrooms are getting new televisions! We are excited to be able to provide access to a great deal of new digital content for our church family. Need to show the kids a short Bible story video on You Tube for your Sunday School lesson? Now you will be able to. Want to incorporate content from The Bible Project or Right Now Media? Now you will be able to. A HUGE thanks to Gary and Peggy Pennington who have been working so very hard to install this new technology for us!! Erin will offer a few training sessions on these new TVs in the future. Watch the newsletter for details!!**

