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“Habitat for Eternity”

As we move into the summer and begin to enjoy more outside activities with family and friends it is an interesting time to reflect on what will be an encouraging and indescribable experience in the future. The hope and joys we will experience in our eternal home.

Habitat for Humanity has blessed thousands of individuals here on earth with a comfortable and blessed place to live provided by donors and volunteers that share in their dream. Our heavenly Father in eternity past had the remarkable idea to provide a heavenly home that would give hope and joy to countless numbers of people.

This week we examine our heavenly home or habitat. We will take a look at our heavenly Father’s care. We will revel in our Savior’s comfort and sacrifice . We will consider our brothers and sisters who will inhabit heaven with us. We will better understand our citizenship in that realm. We will also be able to understand that our names are written there which assures us of an inheritance that will never fade away or be marred by pain or struggle.

So as you enjoy a beautiful summer sunset here on earth do not forget that there is a glorious future where the Son will always be shining.

Grace to you,
Pastor Cliff Herring

Greetings From Dennis Davenport

Dear Eastminster Philippians,

To understand the above reference, one must try to recall the final sermon I preached there on February 24. You were to me as the Philippian church was to Paul – a group of loving, supportive, encouraging, caring & compassionate followers of Jesus Christ. A significant period of time has passed since my departure from you. In the church calendar, we’ve gone through all of Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost.

I think enough time has passed where it should not be deemed inappropriate for me to be in touch with you and being 200 miles away should alleviate any concerns one might have about me having any influence there (assuming I ever did).

Emma Sue and I are doing very well and spending a great deal of time with family. We are enjoying the search for a new church home and seem to have found a perfect fit – not surprisingly, a church very much like Eastminster.

My main source of information regarding all of you has been through The Messenger and it has been such a delight to read of members of the congregation who have been willing to preach and take a variety of leadership roles within the church.

Nearly four months ago, when I compared you to the Philippians, I did not do so lightly. I trust you can still be referred to in that same fashion. I hope with one another you have remained the same loving, supportive, encouraging, caring and compassionate followers of Jesus Christ as you always were.

There are two groups for whom I hope this is especially true. Your Transitional Pastor Nominating Committee has a monumental task to perform and they desperately need all of those things mentioned above from you – your love, your support, your encouragement, your care and your compassion. Please include each one of them in your daily prayers and extend a word of thanks to them for their willingness to take on this enormous responsibility.

The second group is your staff. I’m sure you know how I feel about every member of your staff. They are as gifted and committed as anyone you could ever hope to find in the church. I’m quite certain that very few of you can comprehend how overwhelmingly difficult this time of transition is for them. They, too, are desperately in need of your love, your support, your encouragement, your care and your compassion. I hope you are including them in your daily prayers and I also hope you are taking time to extend your appreciation to each one of them for going the extra mile in their work to see that everything continues to run smoothly during this transitional time.

I challenge you to be to one another as you always were to me – the most loving, supportive, encouraging, caring and compassionate group of people I’ve ever known. You remain in my daily prayers and I have no doubt that *“through the power at work within you, God has greater things in store for you than you could possibly ask or imagine!”*

Blessings,
Dennis (your Old Corolla)

Sunday June 23, 2019

8:00 A.M. Service

Liturgist
Tony McClees

Usher
Matt Fiedler

10:30 A.M. Service

Liturgist
Stacie Schallaskey

Head Usher
Mel Ellsperman

Greeters
Marilyn Ellsperman,
Jayne & Pat Manis

Ushers
Bart & Marlene Huffaker

Acolyte
Jacob Irmscher

Eastminster Staff

Mike Cantrell - Handyman
Mary Fulkerson - Office Manager
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Alanna Keenan - Director of Music
Marian LaChance - Housekeeper
Rachel Luttrull - Organist
Erin Tipton - Christian Ed Director

Church Office Hours

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

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OFFICE HOURS EVERY THURSDAY
4:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.
YOUTH GROUP EVERY SUNDAY
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

It's Hammer Time!



Did you bring a hammer to the church to work during the Strawberry Festival? Did you get home with the same hammer? If you want to trade for yours, see Ron Sproatt.

Strawberry Festival Goodies



There are still many food items left from the Strawberry Festival - frozen, so still good.

The list - with prices - is posted in the kitchen.

You may pay Mary Fulkerson or Karla Horrell.

Movies!

Small Groups is planning a new event - Movie Night.

Admission on Tuesdays is just \$5.00 at all the main movie theaters.

We are planning to see "Yesterday" on Tuesday, July 2, at Showplace East for the movie beginning closest to 7:00 p.m. (it isn't listed yet).

Please call the office to sign up and we will all meet at the theater.

Prayer Concerns

Please pray for the following:

John Chaddock; Barb Ferguson; Bryan Figg; Family of Donald Soli; Gitty Gutridge; Dave Moran; David & Fay Kishline; Christine (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; Barbara; Jane Williams.

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

Echoes of Independence Exhibit

Once again the "Echoes of Independence" exhibit makes its return on Independence Sunday, June 30.

There are favorite Founding Fathers and Heroes of the Revolution - including Washington, Franklin, Jefferson, Adams, Hancock, and many others, along with replicas of flags and maps of the revolution.

Be there on June 30 to know the real meaning of July 4th as we remember those who gave their "Lives, Fortunes, and Sacred Honor" for us all.

Independence Day Greetings and Blessings,
Roland Small, Jr.
Coloring Bookmaster
Children's Ministry



Sympathy is extended to Mel & Marilyn Ellsperman in the death of Mel's sister.

Christian Education

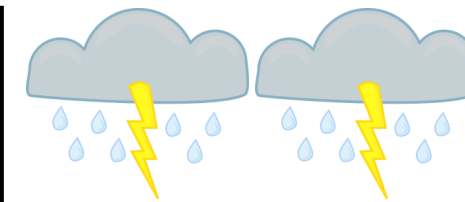
Coming to Eastminster Presbyterian!



July 12 from 6-8pm

July 13 from 12-3pm

Register soon! Music CDs are in the office. Pick yours up along with your Registration/Emergency form today!



Yesterday I spent Father's Day in Cincinnati with my dad, mom and one of my sisters. The boys and I drove over in the morning and back late last night. We left in glorious sunshine and everyone was excited to go to "Cincy-atti", as my little boys call it. I can't bring myself to correct them just yet. We had a great visit with my family and enjoyed a relaxing afternoon together.

But, the road home was not so good. We came home in terrible thunderstorms and blinding rain. The last half hour to hour of our drive was tense to say the least. Owen was crying because he was hungry and thirsty and needed a different show. The gas station Cheetos we had procured earlier in the trip were gone and phone kept beeping and alerting me that there was flash flooding...NO KIDDING (said sarcastically). I really didn't need the alert and certainly didn't need to take my eyes off the road to check my silly phone. Then people kept cutting me off in the right lane, turning their hazard lights on and slowing down. This didn't happen once, but three times. Each time I changed lanes, passed the offending cars and got to a place in the road by myself again.

I felt frustration welling up inside of me and I remembered my mom telling a story about driving the same interstate in a snowstorm and following a car driving in between the two lanes of the road. She has always said that God was driving that car in front of her. The car wouldn't let her pass, kept her going slow and gave her lights to follow when the snow was heavy. I went back and looked for God in this particular vignette, but didn't recognize anything that seemed to point me to God. We got home safely, but there wasn't a profound moment where I felt the presence of God. But, maybe that was where God was in all the non-profound moments? Do you ever go back and look for God in the stories of your life? I don't know that I do it enough. Sometimes I don't always recognize God. Just like the woman at the tomb who didn't recognize Jesus. I guess it is food for thought. Keep looking for God in the stories and just because you don't see him in the exact moment doesn't mean he wasn't there. It just means...well I don't know quite yet.

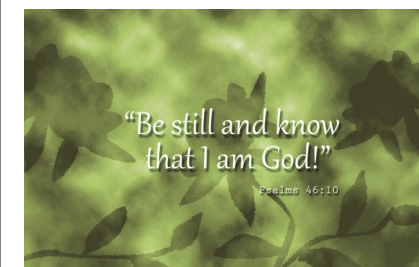
Many blessings—Erin :)

June Summer Sunday School Schedule Leader Schedule and Children's Worship Leader Schedule

Date	Children	Youth	Adults	Children's Worship
6/23	Gordon Wiley	Trey Fulkerson	Jim VanCleave	Erin Tipton
6/30	Gordon Wiley	Trey Fulkerson	Jim VanCleave	Mary Fulkerson

VBS Supplies Needed

- *Decorations for the Wild West
- *2 Lg. Boxes of Rice Krispies cereal
- *2 packages of mini marshmallows
- *2 packages of twizzlers pull and peel
- *2 plastic red-checked tablecloths
- *cardboard boxes for decoration-making
- *anyone willing to be a picture taker?
- *cow bell (yes, really)



Summer Sundays Fellowship

Join Jim and Diane VanCleave and Gordon Wiley this coming Sunday morning in room 101 at 8:45 a.m. for light refreshments and a time of fellowship. Children and adults are welcome to join in the fun and fellowship. This gives everyone a chance to visit and chat before we get to our lessons. Let's make this the best summer Sunday school series yet! Hope to see you there!