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From the Pulpit

“Bread and Water”

The summer season of picnics, family reunions and outdoor celebrations seems to be a good time to consider one of the best known and loved stories from the gospels, the feeding of the 5000, an enormous picnic!

Our text will be John 6:1-21, which links the feeding of the 5000 with the equally familiar story of Jesus walking on the sea. For those of us who have listened to lots of sermons and done lots of Bible studies, these very familiar stories present a particular kind of challenge. We know them already and we've heard them so many times that it may be hard to bring fresh ears and eyes and open hearts to receive a living word. One reason this story is so familiar is that it is one of the few that appears in all four gospels. If you want to look at the other versions, see Matthew 14:13-27, Mark 6:32-51, Luke 9:10-17.

As we seek to hear a fresh and living word from this very familiar story, the sermon will focus our attention on how John tells the story – and why. John begins his gospel with a phrase we associate with the Christmas season: “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” The rest of the gospel explores the questions “who is this Jesus, this Word made flesh?” and “what does it mean to *abide* in him?” These questions will shape our encounter with John's version of this well-loved story.

See you in church!
Wendy McCormick



Prayer Concerns

Please pray for the following:
Bryan Figg; Dave & Bobbi Moran; David & Fay Kishline; 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; John Chaddock; Barb Ferguson; Barbara; Julie Summit; Amelia Webb; Pam Attebury; Katy Evans; Ira Mowrey, Ron Harper.

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

EPW Rummage Sale and Country Kitchen Bake Sale

**Saturday, August 10
7 AM to 1 PM**

You may begin bringing your donated items on August 4. Remember - no adult clothing or electronics. Work hours to be announced.

Our Guest Preacher

Wendy McCormick is a minister member of Ohio Valley Presbytery. She was a pastor for 20 years, most recently at First Presbyterian Church in Evansville. Currently she serves the Center for Congregations, a statewide organization that supports Indiana congregations of all traditions with consulting, education events and grants. Wendy preaches occasionally and is involved with the presbytery and synod. Wendy is originally from Ohio. She is a graduate of Carleton College and Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York. She and her family have lived in Evansville since 1997.

Sunday, July 21, 2019

8:00 A.M. Service

Liturgist
Corey Fritz

Usher
Rebecca Conen

10:30 A.M. Service

Liturgist
Corey Fritz

Head Usher
Mel Ellsperman

Greeters
Marilyn Ellsperman,
Jayne & Pat Manis

Ushers
Sarah Karges

Acolyte
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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.

This Sunday, July 21, 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



Progressive Dinner!

We are having a Progressive Dinner on Saturday, August 3, beginning at the church at 5:30 P.M.

You must sign up to attend, and sign ups will be accepted until the end of services on Sun 7/28/19.

This is such a great time of fellowship and a good way to get to know your other church members in smaller groups as you share portions of the meal in others' homes.

We will all begin at the church. This is where you will receive maps and directions to the homes where you will have salad - and then on to another home for the main course. Everyone will then come back together for dessert at the end of the evening.

This brings me to the first step to be completed—Hosts needed. Hosts are asked to prepare a portion of the meal (salad OR main course) in their homes for 6-8 people. Recipes and food will be delivered to those hosting on Friday afternoon, Aug 2nd, so they have plenty of time to prepare their portion of the meal for those coming to their homes. Drinks will be the responsibility of the Hosts—water, tea, lemonade, etc.

If you are interested in hosting or have questions, please contact Brenda Miller at 812-499-4840 or sign up on the green sheets in the Narthex.

Cost per person is expected to be \$10 or less—much will depend on the sign ups. Mark the date and plan to join us for a wonderful & warm evening of Fellowship!

Vacation Bible School was
fun for all!



Christian Education



Thank You!

I know I have said it before, but you all are truly the best volunteers! From the setting up the VBS backdrop and tables to the crew leaders to the Cactus Café crew to Saddle-up Sports to Projects with a Purpose to the Trading Post Crafts to Bible Adventures to Moosic, it was all a wonderful experience for our young ones and you all made that possible. I cannot thank you enough for volunteering, bringing your children and grandchildren, and sharing the love of God and taking the time to fellowship with one another and our little ones. It was a great time for all involved!

—Erin

