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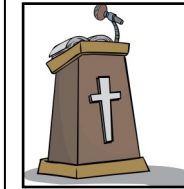


# Eastminster Messenger

Heads, Hearts & Hands for Christ in Service & Celebration

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## From the Pulpit

### “Who is Jesus?”

St. Paul writes in his letter to the Colossians that in Jesus, “the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily.” In this week’s sermon, I would like to explore what Paul meant by this statement and others like it in the letter. Why was understanding the nature of Jesus so important to him that he wrote a letter about it to a church that he himself had not founded and to people he had never met?

Like St. Paul, I think we’ll find that our conception of who Jesus is often influences how we relate to God. It’s good to become aware of what ideas we bring, sometimes unconsciously, to that relationship. I also hope that learning more about who Jesus is will bring greater freedom, joy, peace, and love to our lives.

In preparation for this Sunday, ask yourself how you think about Jesus. What most clearly stands out to you about who he is? Why is that understanding important to you and your relationship to God? For context, read Colossians 1:15-20 and 2:6-10, or consider reading the entire letter—it’s just four chapters.

Allen Helmstetter

*Thank you for coming to my 100th birthday celebration at Atria. You were wonderful to come, and I truly enjoyed seeing you.*

*Thank you for making my day special.*

*With love,  
Tid Turner*



## Our Guest Preacher

Allen Helmstetter is a former assistant professor of English at the University of Southern Indiana, where he taught English Composition and interdisciplinary courses in the humanities. Originally from Minnesota, he received his Master of Arts degree in Philosophy from the University of Minnesota and a doctorate in English Literature from the University of North Dakota. Now retired, Allen lives in Evansville with his wife, JoAnn. Allen currently serves Eastminster as an Elder and Chair of the Worship and Music Committee.



Many Eastminster Friends attended the 100th Birthday of Tid Turner. Much fun and fellowship was had by all!



**There will be no newsletter for the week of July 29.**

## 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; Ron Harper; Melba Hutchinson; Katy Evans; Ira Mowrey.

*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)*



## Sunday, July 28, 2019

### 8:00 A.M. Service

**Liturgist**  
Dick Yeager

**Usher**  
Matt Fiedler

### 10:30 A.M. Service

**Liturgist**  
Dick Yeager

**Head Usher**  
Mel Ellsperman

**Greeters**  
Marilyn Ellsperman,  
Jayne & Pat Manis

**Ushers**  
Sarah Karges

**Acolyte**  
Addison Fritz

## Eastminster Staff

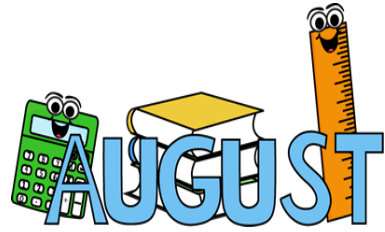
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## Church Office Hours

M - Th: 8:30 - 3:00 P.M.  
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# August 2019

## Anniversaries

- 8/3 Carol & John Woodward
- 8/9 Steve & Suzette Fritz
- 8/11 Robert & Mical Michel
- 8/14 Rick & Janet Zeiher
- 8/1 John & Carol Oglesby

## Birthdays

- 8/1 Madonna Smith
- 8/2 Drew Murray  
Samuel Nichols
- 8/3 Mel Ellsperman
- 8/4 Kim Weil
- 8/5 Mary Fulkerson
- 8/6 Ian & Jack Garcia
- 8/9 Mike Crecelius  
Jackson Patel  
Ginny Schroeder  
Leslie Webb
- 8/12 Jason Webb
- 8/14 Shannon Kuhs
- 8/15 Barbara Turpin  
Adam Tipton
- 8/17 Susan Parsons  
Karen Schaefer
- 8/19 Trey Fulkerson
- 8/21 Annie Engelbrecht
- 8/23 Susan Baker
- 8/24 Mark Miller
- 8/26 Karla Horrell
- 8/27 Roland Small
- 8/28 Joanne Chaddock



## Sunday Schedule

- 8:00 AM Worship
- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 -10:30 AM Fellowship
- 10:30 AM Worship
- 6:30 PM Youth Group

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 9 AM 4C Play & Learn 4 PM Mahjong 4:30 Youth Office Hours	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 8 AM Men's Breakfast 5:30 PM Progressive Dinner
<b>4</b> Blessing of the Backpacks	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9 AM Quilters 9 AM Staff Meeting	<b>7</b> 7 AM Men's Breakfast @ Carousel	<b>8</b> 9 AM 4C Play & Learn 4 PM Mahjong No Youth Office Hours	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7-1:00 EPW Rummage Sale & Bake Sale
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9 AM Quilters 9 AM Staff Meeting 6:15 PM Ladies' Night Out	<b>14</b> 7 AM Men's Breakfast @ Carousel 6 PM Assembly Night	<b>15</b> 9 AM 4C Play & Learn 4 PM Mahjong 4:30 Youth Office Hours	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 1 PM Bridge	<b>20</b> 9 AM Quilters 9 AM Staff Meeting	<b>21</b> 7 AM Men's Breakfast @ Carousel	<b>22</b> 9 AM 4C Play & Learn 4 PM Mahjong 4:30 Youth Office Hours	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9 AM Quilters 9 AM Staff Meeting Noon - Book Club	<b>28</b> 7 AM Men's Breakfast @ Carousel 6 PM Session	<b>29</b> 9 AM 4C Play & Learn 4 PM Mahjong 4:30 Youth Office Hours	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

# Christian Education

## Summer Sunday School and Children's Worship Schedule

Date	Children's Sunday School	Youth Sunday School	Adult Sunday School	Children's Worship
7/28/19	Gordon Wiley	Trey Fulkerson	Jim VanCleave	Gordon Wiley
8/4/19	Annie Engelbrecht	Trey Fulkerson	Jim VanCleave	TBD
8/11/19	Annie Engelbrecht	Trey Fulkerson	Jim VanCleave	Erin Tipton
8/18/19	Barb Kuykendall	Trey Fulkerson	Jim VanCleave	Annie Engelbrecht
8/25/19	Barb Kuykendall	Trey Fulkerson	Jim VanCleave	Mary Fulkerson
9/1/19	Barb Kuykendall	Trey Fulkerson	Jim VanCleave	Annie Engelbrecht



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 7/28/19 Summer Sundays Fellowship—8:45a.m. SS Hallway
- 8/4/19 Summer Sundays Fellowship—8:45a.m. SS Hallway  
Blessing of the Backpacks
- 8/11/19 Summer Sundays Fellowship—8:45a.m. SS Hallway
- 8/18/19 Summer Sundays Fellowship—8:45a.m. SS Hallway
- 8/25/19 Summer Sundays Fellowship—8:45a.m. SS Hallway
- 9/8/19 Fall Kick Off for Sunday School

I will be out of the office 7/21/19-7/28/19. If you need anything during that time, please email my church email or call the church and leave me a message.

Thanks so much! Erin



If you took any book materials that say YEE HAW on them, could you please put them in Erin's mailbox when you get the chance? You never know when we might head back to the YEE HAW ranch. Thanks so much!

And just one more time, I want to say thank you to all of the families who participated and the volunteers who worked so very hard to prepare a fun time for the children. It was outstanding! Thank you!!

*All shall be well. All shall be well and all manner of things shall be well. --Julian of Norwich*

I love this quote and I have been repeating it to myself often. As I have an overactive imagination (a.k.a anxiety) and am brilliant at worst case scenario thinking, this quote quiets my mind and refocuses me on the fact that I am not in control. And, even though I am not in control, things are going to be ok.

There are so many times that repeating this calms me. Preparing for VBS and wanting it to go well. All shall be well. Trying to pack for five people and a week away. All shall be well. Leaving our sweet chickens. All shall be well. Getting ready to send a child to middle school. All shall be well. Preparing Sunday School for the fall. All shall be well. See? It works in so many circumstances.

Whatever circumstance you face during the coming weeks, I hope you can remember that "All shall be well." It doesn't say that all will be perfect and work out perfectly, but just that it will be well. When Adam was three, and before Dan and I were outnumbered, we went to the beach and bought him one of those water shooting sticks from some beach store. You know the ones that you pull back to fill up a small cylinder of water and then push to shoot out a surprisingly strong stream of water? The entire trip he would sneak up on unsuspecting adults and shoot them with this water stick thing and yell "It'll be okaaaaay!" It is hard to imagine that the water will eventually run out and the sting of the stream will end, but it always did and it was always ok.

May all be well with you---Erin