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From the Pulpit

“What Does God’s Realm Look Like?”

“What would it be like to live in a world where God’s intent is realized? In the first three Gospels one of Jesus’ most frequent references is to ‘the Kingdom of God,’ or more often in Matthew ‘the Kingdom of Heaven. We tend to think of this as coming after death, but Jesus taught God’s realm is ‘at hand’ and available now. Most of us would like to live in a world where God’s way is reality. Jesus shows us what it looks like and how to live our lives now in that ‘Kingdom’?” Read Matthew 5:1-12.

Blessings.
Joe Easley



What a Wonderful Announcement Tim Fiedler made on Sunday, August 4th. Below is his announcement in its entirety.

Good morning! I have a big announcement for everyone today.

The Transitional Pastor Search Committee has completed the search process for Eastminster’s new transitional pastor. His name is Dr. Scott Solether. He is recommended unanimously by the Search Committee and this past week he was approved by Eastminster’s session and by the Presbytery to serve as our transitional pastor.

Dr. Solether’s start date at Eastminster will be Sunday, September 1.

There will be more information about Scott in the weeks ahead. For now, here is a little bit about him:

Scott Solether grew up near Cleveland, Ohio. His wife, Tammy, is from New Albany, Indiana, and her parents and several other members of her extended family reside there. The Solethers have three adult children. Dr. Solether received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Asbury College (Wilmore, KY), his Master of Divinity from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and his Doctor of Worship Studies from the Institute for Worship Studies (Jacksonville, FL).

He has served as a transitional pastor and as an installed pastor for Presbyterian churches in Michigan, West Virginia, Tennessee, Indiana, Kansas, and most recently the past two years in Rocky Mount, NC (near Raleigh-Durham).

That’s all I have for now. You will be receiving more information about Scott in the weeks ahead.

On behalf of the Transitional Pastor Search Committee, we thank everyone for your prayers and support for the Committee’s efforts during the search. We have felt God’s presence throughout the process and we feel confidence and excitement that Scott will be joining us.

Again, his starting date will be Sunday, September 1.



Congratulations to Joe & Stacie Schalasky on the birth of their son, Hayden Robert who was born on July 10, 2019. Proud big brother is Hunter. Proud grandparents are Bob & Susan Parsons.

Sunday, August 11, 2019

8:00 A.M. Service

Liturgist
Tony McClees

Usher
Allen Helmstetter

10:30 A.M. Service

Liturgist
Shannon Irmscher

Head Usher
Mel Ellsperman

Greeters
Marilyn Ellsperman,
Jayne & Pat Manis

Ushers
The Fritz Family

Acolyte
Garrett Ferguson

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Anslee LaChance - Nursery Worker
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Rachel Luttrull - Organist
Erin Tipton - Christian Ed Director

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

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Who is invited to Loaves & Fishes?

Everyone is invited to Loaves & Fishes.

What is Loaves & Fishes?

Loaves and Fishes is a dinner group with time for fellowship.

When & Where is Loaves & Fishes?

Usually there are 8 individuals in a group, couples & singles will be joined to make 8 total in the group. Once groups have been formed, information will be provided to all group members such as names, phone numbers, & e-mails. The first “host(s)” will be asked to call or e-mail members in their group to set a date, time, & place that works for everyone for the first meal along with requests for allergies (food or pet). Some may have the group of 8 join together to put a meal together in their home, while others may choose to have the group meet for dinner at a restaurant, it’s completely up to you.

At the first meal, someone will agree to be the second host and follow this same procedure. A different member will host the group each month.

Why Join Loaves & Fishes?

The purpose of Loaves & Fishes is to share a meal and spend an evening getting to better know others we worship with in our church. There is no agenda, just an evening of fellowship and food. Fun! Food! Fellowship!!!

How do I Join Loaves & Fishes?

If you would like to be part of a group please contact Karla Horrell by August 25, 2019

by e-mail at kczhorrell@aol.com or by phone at 812-476-5641.

Groups will be formed and notified by September 1, 2019.

Ladies Night Out!

Ladies, come join us for a night out at O’Charley’s! We will be meeting on Tuesday, August 13 at 6 p.m. There will be good food and great fellowship. We hope to see YOU there! Please call the church to make your reservation.



Summer is coming to a close which means our next **EPW Gathering will be September 4, 2019 at 12 noon.** A Carry In of Soup and Salad will be our theme for the luncheon. Bread, Dessert and Drinks provided by the elected leaders. Look for further details on this gathering in the up coming weeks. All ladies are welcomed and encouraged to bring a friend!

Blessings,
Beth Bailey
EPW moderator

thank you

Thank you to all for your prayers and concerns on my recent splat in the center aisle of the sanctuary. In a second several people were there to lift me up. I don't know who they are but I thank you! A nurse jumped into see if I was okay, I thank you! I think of the Eastminster Congregation as my extended family and I immediately felt your love and support.

*Thank you again,
Barbara Barrett*

thank you

Progressive Dinner: Thank you to the following for hosting one of the courses for the Progressive Dinner on Sat—Ellsperman, Engelbrecht, Hambidge, Irmscher, Yeager & Zeiher. There were 23 people in attendance and a great time of fellowship and food had by all.

Small Groups Committee

Prayer Concerns

Please pray for the following: Sue Shelton; Melba Hutchinson; 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; 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 or Dave Matzen at davidallyn39@gmail.com

Christian Education

Summer Sunday School and Children’s Worship Schedule				
Date	Children’s Sunday School	Youth Sunday School	Adult Sunday School	Children’s Worship
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

Calling all Sunday School Teachers!

All too soon we will be back to our regular Sunday school schedule and we always need teachers!

Our classes are as follows:

Pre-K through 2nd grade—Gordon Wiley and Erin Tipton

3rd-6th grade—Kim Weil

Middle and High School—Trey Fulkerson

Adult; 101—Jim and Diane VanCleave

Adult; 201—Vaughn Murray

Adult; 203—TBD

Gordon and Erin rotate monthly. If you would be interested in being added into that rotation, just let Erin know. If you are interested in filling in for the class upstairs in room 203 (formerly Rev. Davenport’s class), please contact Erin.



Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS

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

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43:19

I love this verse from Isaiah and I am sure that, theologically-speaking, I am not supposed to lift a verse out of the Book of Isaiah and tell you that I love it. Still, that is exactly what I am doing. New things are exciting to me. New school years, new school supplies, new schools, backpacks and lockers. I am pretty sure God likes new things, too. In Christ, we are new creations. And, to that end, we could say that new ways of thinking, new ideas, and new opportunities are all good gifts brought about by our constant renewal through our Creator. But, what do we do when we feel not new? When the new things we face are not opportunities, but challenges? When life is routine and mundane? What then? How do we seek renewal of our mind and body? I don’t know the answer for everyone, but for me I have to get quiet. I have to get quiet and still. I have write. I have to read. I have to observe things and be outside more. I have to watch in awe and wonder about why three young bucks just wandered through my yard when I only ever see doe. I have to laugh when yet another toad flails him or herself out of my potted plants when I want to move them and causes me to scream in fright. Or, watch my chickens become so excited about the possibility of mealworms that they jump up and peck the bag hoping for the chance to be the first to get a tasty morsel. I have to watch my boys play. I have to look harder and see the extraordinary in the ordinary, I suppose. I don’t mean to be cliché and really I am trying to convince myself of these things as I write them, as well. Each day we are here on Earth we get a NEW chance to do what God created us to do. Let’s do those new things. One day at a time. Together.

—Erin :)