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Gemini camp at PYOCA is looking at dates for the possibility of a fall retreat for high school youth. They have done this the past two years, and the kids love it. A fall reset, and time spent with camp friends was amazing for the kids that went last year. Feel free to grab any of them and ask about their experience at the fall retreat.

The tentative date is November 23, the weekend before Thanksgiving. To make this feasible, they would need at least 20 kids confirmed. If your child in grade 9-12 would be interested, please let me know. If there is enough interest, letters will go out in October. In the past, cost has been \$50 per camper. If there are enough of our youth that would like to go, there is a possibility we could take the bus. Let me know, and I'll pass along our numbers.

Many Blessings!
Sabrina

We invite you to join Pastor Scott, Tammy & Brandon as they walk along with us through their first year. Please use this prayer as a foundation of prayers that you offer for them and our congregation.

Irish Blessing

*May the Lord bless and keep you
May the Lord make His face
to shine upon you and be gracious to you
May God grant unto you His peace
In your going out and in your coming in,
in your lying down and in your rising up, in
your labor and in your leisure,
in your laughter and in your tears,
until you come to stand before Jesus,
on that day in which there is
no sunset and no dawning.
Amen.*

Sunday, October 13, 2019

8:00 A.M. Service

Liturgist
Patsy Sproatt

Usher
TBA

10:30 A.M. Service

Liturgist
Patsy Sproatt

Head Usher
Mel Ellsperman

Greeters
Corey Fritz,
Marilyn Ellsperman,
Jayne & Pat Manis

Ushers
TBA

Acolyte
Bella Kuhs

Eastminster Staff

Mike Cantrell - Handyman
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Trey Fulkerson - Youth/Pastoral Assist.
Alanna Keenan - Director of Music
Ansee LaChance - Nursery Worker
Marian LaChance - Housekeeper
Rachel Luttrull - Organist
Scott Solether - Pastor
Erin Tipton - Christian Ed Director

Church Office Hours

M - Th: 8:30 - 3:00 P.M.
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Prayer Concerns

Please pray for the following:

Sue Shelton; Melba Hutchinson; Dave & Bobbi Moran; 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; Barb Ferguson; Barbara; Julie Summit; Amelia Webb; Pam Attebury; Ron Harper; Katy Evans; Ira Mowrey; Virgie Foley; Nick Prout; Linda; Tracy, Margaret Martin; Dr. Andrew Riggs, Scott & Tammy Solether.

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



thank you

I would like to thank all of you who wrote notes and sent cards in appreciation for my time served in the Army at this year's Honor Flight to Washington D.C. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Mel Ellsperman





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

This Sunday, October 13, 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

Attention All YOUTH!

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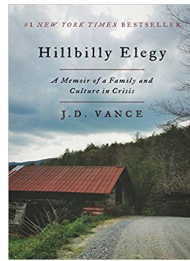
Saturday, October 19th
12P.M. - 6 P.M.

MUST COMPLETE A SERVICE PROJECT TO
ATTEND. SEE TREY FOR MORE INFO.

IT'S NERF OR NOTHIN'!



DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR CHEESE-BALLS! SEE A MEMBER OF EPW OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE.



Join the Book Club on Tuesday, October 22, at Noon at Western Ribeye to discuss Hillbilly Elegy, a memoir of a family and culture in crisis by J.D. Vance. Everyone is invited to attend, even if you haven't read the book. For more information, call the church office.



Liturgist Schedule

- October 20 - Corey Fritz
- October 27 - Dick Yeager
- November 3 - Donna Cooke
- November 10 - Tony McClees
Shannon Irmscher
- November 17 - Allen Helmstetter
- November 24 - Tim Fiedler
Pam Doerter



Acolyte Schedule



- October 20 - Elizabeth Lee
- October 27 - Michael Montgomery
- November 3 - Evan Tipton
- November 10 - Jacob Irmscher
- November 17 - Bella Kuhs
- November 24 - Elizabeth Lee



Christian Education

Children's Worship Leader Schedule

- 10/13/19—Gordon Wiley
- 10/20/19—OPEN
- 10/27/19—Erin Tipton
- 11/3/19—Barb Kuykendall
- 11/10/19—Gordon Wiley
- 11/17/19—Sabrina Holden
- 11/24/19—Barb Kuykendall
- 12/1/19—Barb Kuykendall
- 12/8/19—Erin Tipton
- 12/15/19—Erin Tipton
- 12/22/19—Annie Engelbrecht
- 12/29/19—Annie Engelbrecht



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR FALL

- 10-9-19 Assembly Night—CE meeting @ 6:40pm
Dinner is at 6pm.
- 10-27-19 Halloween Carnival
- 11-13-19 Assembly Night—CE meeting @ 6:40pm
Dinner is at 6pm.
- 11-24-19 Canned Food Drive and Thanksgiving Processional
- 12-8-19 Annual Advent Luncheon



VOLUNTEER



SERVICE HOURS

If you are member of the youth group in need of service hours and want to sign up to instruct during Children's Worship, please make sure you have an adult signed up to help you. You are most welcome to instruct, but we have to make sure we have an adult present in the classroom. If you aren't sure who to ask, check with Erin.

Thanks so much for being so willing to serve!



COULD YOU DONATE TIME OR CANDY?

In a few short weeks we will be having our Halloween Carnival and will need lots of candy donations this year, as we are including the youth in our haystack candy-hunting fun this year. They serve tirelessly and deserve to be included in the fun! Baskets are in the Narthex for you to place your candy donations!

Also, if you would be willing to be in charge of a game, we need volunteers. Directions are provided for each game and, if you could donate about 15 minutes after the 10:30 a.m. worship service, that would be wonderful. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex on the Welcome Center.

Remember that the children are welcome to wear their Halloween costumes to show them off to their church family. While we know the opportunities for fall family activities are plentiful in our area, we hope you will consider joining us for our Halloween Carnival and even inviting a friend for a fun-filled morning.

Safe treats for some of our food allergy kiddos are:

- TWIZZLERS
- SMARTIES
- SKITTLES
- HARIBO GUMMY BEARS
- STARBURST



Life is Like a Game of Uno



Evan, Adam, and I were playing Uno on Sunday. Evan showed me his cards and said, "Look, Mom." It looked like he was holding up one card and I instinctively yelled, "Uno!" I don't know why I fell for his trickery. I am a reasonably smart person and should have known better! Immediately, Adam dealt me four more cards because I yelled Uno when Evan didn't have Uno. Evan laughed and laughed because I had fallen prey to his trick. He could hardly contain his joy at my defeat. I lost every game with them! If they weren't skipping me, they were using the reverse card so I missed my turn or they made me draw two or four and I ended up with a MILLION cards that I could never ever get rid of.

It is funny how this game with the boys mirrors how I feel in life at times and maybe how we all feel depending upon our personalities. Just like the boys laid down the card to skip over me, sometimes I feel overlooked or skipped in life, too. Like I should have been chosen for something or should have been invited to something that I wasn't. Other times I feel like just before I am ready to commit to something, the decision is reversed and people decide to do things a different way. If only I would have made the decision faster, I think to myself. Then at other times I am just adding and adding to my already full deck of cards with no hope of discarding the things that weigh me down. I know most of us don't think about an Uno game this far out of context, so please forgive my gross extrapolation. But, as I reflect on this Sunday evening, I just can't get over how much life is like a game of Uno. Whether we are two or 42 or 82, I think we can all relate.

So, what is the next play? What card do we lay down next? Maybe we lay them all down and submit every feeling, pressure, or decision to the one or "Uno" (forgive me) who knows us best. That doesn't mean we do nothing, but maybe we lay down the Wild Card to change the course of the game or maybe God is the Wild Card, providing just the change we need just at the right time. My hope is that you have winning hands all week and remember that you are loved and seen and known by a Wild Card-loving God, who delights in you. ~~~Erin