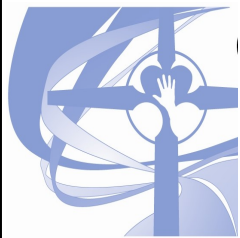


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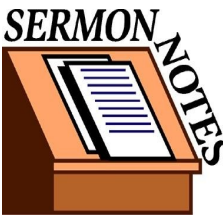


# Eastminster Messenger

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## From the Pulpit

Barnabas is a fun guy to study in the Bible. Barnabas was a thoughtful and generous man who conducted himself with integrity.

After Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus, it was Barnabas who introduced Paul to the other disciples. Barnabas did not just see Paul's potential as a great apostle, he did something about it. This scenario would repeat itself in Barnabas' ministry. He eventually found himself working as Paul's sidekick in the book of Acts, sailing all around the Mediterranean spreading the story of Christ. Barnabas developed a reputation during his lifetime as the man who helped others reach their potential. This encouraging and optimistic approach that Barnabas took in regards to evangelism eventually resulted in him becoming more popular around the cities than Paul. The story of Barnabas is a brilliant one that illustrates the importance of comradery and devotion to one another.

As we prepare for worship this week, spend time studying the book of Acts, more specifically the story of Barnabas. May we all come to know what it means to truly live by putting other people first the way he did.

Blessings,  
Trey



We extend our sympathy to Doris and Al Grabhorn in the death of Doris's sister, Mary Ruth Stevenson, who passed away on February 13, 2020.

## Mission Study News



The Mission Study Committee is excited to invite you to complete a survey that will help leaders gauge the trends and energy in our church. The information gained from this will help the leaders of Eastminster as they make decisions about the future of our church.

On March 1st, you will each receive an email with a unique link to this survey. We are asking you to go online by clicking on the link provided and tell us about your experiences in and priorities of our church, and complete by March 23rd. Please do not discuss the survey or your answers with others as this may influence their answers.

If you need a paper copy, please come to the office and we will provide it and a self-addressed stamped return envelope.

ALL answers are strictly anonymous. We have no way of matching any assessment to a particular person, so please candidly share your perceptions and opinions. Our church's future is dependent on your participation and honest answers. We will release the results of the survey on Palm Sunday, April 5th.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE TO SEND YOUR UPDATED EMAIL ADDRESS TO DAN OR STACIE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE SURVEY.**

If you have any questions, please contact someone on the Mission Study Committee:  
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In His Service,  
Allen Helmstetter, Chris Kuhs, Corey Fritz, Dan Irmischer, Ian Garcia, Mark Miller, & Stacie Schalasky - Mission Study Committee

Sunday, February 23, 2020

### 8:00 A.M. SERVICE

#### LITURGIST

Stacie Schalasky

#### USHER

Matt Fiedler

### 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

#### HEAD USHER

Mel Ellsperman

#### LITURGIST

Stacy Schalasky

#### GREETERS

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Corey Fritz

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Marilyn Ellsperman, Corey Fritz,  
Brenda Miller, & Jim McGillem

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

This Sunday, February 23, 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



Did you know that in addition to getting our paper version of the newsletter you can receive an electronic version sent to your email address?

Let us know in the office if you want this option!

## We Need You!

Usher captains are needed for the 10:30 worship service for the months of May, September, October, and December. A sign up sheet is at the welcome center in the narthex.



PLEASE NOTE CORRECTED DATE

The EPC Book Club will meet at noon on Tuesday, February 25, at the Western Ribeye on Boeke Road. We will discuss The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes.

The CAJE house meeting scheduled for Feb 23 has been postponed until March 4 at 6:30.

## Congratulations!

Oliver Izaac Davenport was born February 10, 2020. He weighed 9 lbs., 1 oz.

Congratulations to parents Drew and Marie, to big brothers Emmett and Asher, and to proud grandparents Dennis and Emma Sue.

Everyone is doing fine.



The children and youth of Eastminster will be presenting the call to worship on March 15. We will rehearse at these times: Sunday Feb 23 at 10:00 in room 102 and during children's church on March 1 & 8. On the 15th they will need to meet in the narthex at 9:50 to practice one last time. Please have your children practice at home. Go to youtube Gaither Psalm 100. It's the version with kids in the picture. Thanks so much for all your help.

Barb Kuykendall



## Our Aurora Cupcake Ministry

On the 3rd Tuesday of each month we provide a few dozen cupcakes (and sometimes ice cream) to the children living at the Aurora apartments on North Third Avenue to help them celebrate their birthdays.

We need three more volunteers - for October, November and December. Please sign up!

## Prayer Concerns

### Please pray for the following:

Beth Bailey; Tracey Manis; Scott & Tammy Solether; Barbara; Amelia; Barb Ferguson; Pam Attebury; Dave & Bobbie Moran; Christine & 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; Jane Ball; Walt Lowe; Kylie & family; Dorris Miller.

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) or call the church office.



## Bible Memory Work

We believe it is never too early to begin to teach children about our God, our Savior and what it means to have the Holy Spirit dwell within us. We know that for many people the scripture they memorized as a child is the only scripture they have committed to memory.

**Our Bible Memory Contest begins on Sunday, March 1 and concludes on Palm Sunday, April 5th.**

The memory work builds from year to year. Each child must recite all of the work for his or her age group to win an award.

Parents, please remember one of the ways to help your child learn memory work is to make memory work fun. While our Sunday School teachers go over memory work in class, it is essential to have your co-operation also. Be positive and encouraging about memory work. Show your children where the verse or information is found in the Bible. Mark their Bible with a special color to help them recognize verses they have memorized. Teach them one phrase or word at a time. Recite the memory work several times a day in your children's presence so it becomes familiar to them.

**Memory books will be made available soon** for you to pick up. Being familiar with scripture is a valuable gift we can give our children and youth. Let's work together to help them build a firm foundation of faith for their lives!

## Family Movie Night

Free for everyone.  
Bring your friends!

**Friday, February 28  
6:00 - 8:00 PM**



## Middle School Sunday School

In last week's edition of The Messenger we read about what the middle school Sunday school class has been learning and doing. We also saw some photos of their artwork.

Here is a photo of that creative group of young people.



## Children's Worship Leader Schedule

February 23 - Annie Engelbrecht

March 1 - Sabrina Holden

March 8 - Barb Kuykendall

**Many dates in March and April are still open, please prayerfully consider how you might help!**

The sign up sheet is located on welcome table in the Narthex..

## EPW News

Ladies of Eastminster, our next regular EPW meeting will be Wednesday, March 4th at noon in the gallery. Come and enjoy lunch fellowship, a creative program and a short business meeting. All women of the church are welcome and please feel free to invite a friend along. Our requested lunch donation is just \$5. Hope to see you there!