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Our Interim Pastor



Recently I have had occasion to share a certain story about my mother. As a child, I remember quite a bit of what she taught me about the faith. Besides praying with me in our home, reading and talking about the stories of the Bible, and being my third and fourth grade Sunday School teacher, we usually sat next to one another in worship.

While it all fit together for me, it was her whispers in worship that seemed to mean the most to me. She would point out the different parts of the bulletin as we moved through the worship service, (often including the count of how many more hymns we would sing until the service was over.) It was this practice that helped me understand not only how much longer I would be sitting in the pew, but more importantly, what was going on and why we did it.

As we approach Pentecost this week, I am rethinking this story in the light of God's gift of the Holy Spirit. While my mother did not exactly interpret a different language to me, she helped me understand church language and worship language. I wish everyone had an interpreter like my mother; perhaps then church would not seem so strange or foreign to so many in our culture. The truth is there is a lot of translating we need to do. There are many more people each year who may believe in God but don't understand language used by church folks. Indeed to a guest, some of what we say can seem like a foreign language. How can we use language that communicates more clearly to newcomers? Are there practices we can adapt that will maintain meaning for us and help others understand?

Blessings - JT.

Don't forget to wear red for Pentecost Sunday!



Called Congregational Meeting

Sunday May 30, following worship, we will convene a Congregational Meeting to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee and two Trustees.



Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Eli Haddix who passed away on May 12, 2021. Eli's Memorial Service will be held at Pride's Creek Park in Petersburg, IN. Rides can be arranged with Barb Kuykendall.

Please contact the church for more information or to get a ride.

Help the Evansville Wartime Museum celebrate the fourth anniversary of its opening in 2017!

On Saturday, May 29

- ◆ Plane rides - local Evansville private pilots will be donating their time and planes to help raise funds for the Evansville Wartime Museum. Paid visitors to the museum will be able to ride in these planes for a donation of \$75-\$100 per person. The planes will take passengers on a 20-minute tour of Evansville departing and returning to the museum. Reservations for flights began May 17.
- ◆ D Company, 334th Infantry Regiment, 84th Infantry Division with members from Indiana and Kentucky will be on site as WWII re-enactors on the museum grounds. This group enjoys educating the public on the life of a WWII soldier and their daily struggles in combat abroad. Visitors can learn the history of one of the units that stopped the Axis at the Battle of the Bulge.

On Sunday, May 30

- ◆ Evansville's own P-47, Hoosier Spirit II, will be rolled out of the museum for an engine run on the tarmac south of the museum. Paid visitors will be able to watch while the engine runs for the first time since arriving in Evansville last September.
- ◆ Following the engine run, we plan to have a speaker who can talk about the one-ton Pratt and Whitney R-2800 Double Wasp two-row 18-cylinder radial engine producing 2,000 horsepower that runs the P-47.



More exciting events are to follow, please remember to always thank a veteran for their service and especially Allen Sanderson who has worked tirelessly to get the museum off the ground!

EASTMINSTER BOOK CLUB

Join the Eastminster Book Club on Tuesday, May 25th at the Sports Den located at 701 N. Weinbach. This month's book is David Baldacci's *Wish You Well*. David Baldacci typically writes murder mysteries, but amidst his stand alone books he wrote this novel.



We have 16 kids signed up for camp this summer! Unfortunately, COVID kept us from having our usual fundraisers, so we are asking for your help!

Any donations to help offset the \$250 cost per camper will be greatly appreciated.

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