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Our Interim Pastor

Several years ago, before I had children in school, one of the large office retailers had a television commercial showing a man skating and gliding a shopping cart through a store gleefully picking up school supplies. His near-dance maneuvers were set to the soundtrack of a man crooning: "It's the most wonderful time of the year." Meanwhile the on-looking children wore dour expressions. This ad stays in my memory because it made me laugh, and that was because it was creative. I knew that I had been those children, and wondered if I would one day become that parent?

I know not all of us at Eastminster are students, teachers, or parents; but is there not some common denominator about what we call "Back to School season?" How often do folks with no kids, ask school children about the new start of their academic year? Besides this, we all notice the increase in traffic once schools resume new sessions. If nothing else, it is something that happens in our culture that helps us mark the passage of time. Some of us hearken back to when we had our school days. It is a reminder of learning, changing, growing; and how that is an important continual part of the human process.

The word kindergarten is borrowed from the German language. It literally translates to "child garden," A place where children grow. We all do need some growth and enrichment in our lives. Whether actually in a school setting, or through involvement with one of our congregational activities like Sunday School, One of our Small groups, youth group, or simply connection to one another. This coming Sunday we will observe the "Blessing of the Backpacks," an opportunity for us to share in prayer and spiritual support of students, teachers, educators, and all those involved in the educational process.

If you would like to see the television commercial I mentioned, here is a link to it on youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Iz56prGBiS8>

Blessings,
JT

"Back to School"



Assembly Night will be held on Wednesday, August 8th at 6 P.M.



Please pray for the following: Rose Kuhn; Julie Summit; Tid Turner; Jane Williams; Gene Tying; Mike Crecelius; Walt Lowe; Mae Chin; Pat Manis; Sue Kuhs; Allen Sanderson.

If you have a prayer request or wish to be removed from the list, please contact Leslie Webb at epcprayers@gmail.com or call the church office.

You're invited to the wedding reception for



Sunday, August 22nd, 2021

Eastminster Presbyterian Church
5501 Washington Ave. Evansville, IN 47715

Casual Reception Directly Following Worship

Eastminster Staff

Mike Cantrell - Handyman

Mary Fulkerson - Office Manager

Trey Fulkerson - Youth/Pastoral Assist.

Alanna Keenan - Director of Music

Anslee LaChance - Nursery Worker

Marian LaChance - Housekeeper

Rachel Luttrull - Organist

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Be sure to join us every Sunday at 9 a.m. for Sunday School and every night at 6:00 p.m. for Youth Group where we will have a lesson followed by a time of fun and fellowship.

Tuesday at 3 p.m. We hold Church Office Hours, come hang out, watch some t.v., play video games or just share how your day is going with other members of the youth group.

I hope to see you in the Place,
Trey

Welcome & Thank You to Jack Garcia



We would like to welcome and say thank you to Jack Garcia for his Videography skills and working each Sunday to provide our folks at home the opportunity to participate in Sunday service. Every Sunday it is Jack behind the scenes making all that online magic work. Jack is also a participant in our Youth program, and is a student at Castle High School and is the son of Jesse and Patti Garcia. Welcome to our team and thanks again Jack!

From The Outreach & Missions Committee



The Outreach and Missions Committee will be sponsoring a Halloween Carnival for the community from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 30th. There will be games, contests, face painting, and a small number of Trunk or Treat cars. We will need a large number of volunteers from the congregation and most won't need to do any preparation. You will just need to show up and be in costume. We will start giving you more details in September, but please add this to your calendar now.

Every Pet Counts!

We are putting together a wall showcasing our furry buddies. If you have a pet and want to put their photo on the wall, get a copy to the church office. The exact location of the wall will be announced later. Please include your pets name and your name on the back of the photo! You can submit by dropping in the offering plate, coming by the church or mailing.

Please note: photos will not be returned.



Liturgist Schedule for August

August 8th - Mark Miller
August 15 - John Niehaus
August 22 - Patsy Sproatt
August 29 - Gary Van Zandt

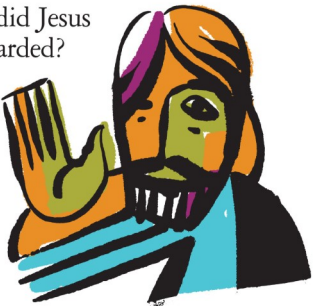


In our previous Messenger we listed the availability of Sunday School for 2 and 3 year olds. The emphasis of that article was to be on the availability of such a class. We have not had any children in that age range since before the pandemic, but intended to communicate our readiness. As you reach out to folks and invite them into relationship with Eastminster, remember that the Christian Education Committee is committed to bring spiritual growth opportunities for any and all age groups involved with Eastminster.

Test your Bible Knowledge!

What seemingly small act did Jesus specifically say would be rewarded?

- A. Giving a child a toy
- B. Giving a lost traveler directions
- C. Giving someone a cup of cold water
- D. Giving a sad person a hug



Answer: C (See Matthew 10:42.)

What was the name of Moses' wife?

- A. Miriam
- B. Jochebed
- C. Zipporah
- D. Leah



Answer: C (See Exodus 2:21.)



**This Sunday, August 8th
Blessings for Back to School!**



This Sunday, August 8, during our 10:30 a.m. worship service, we will be asking for God's blessing on and protection for all students, teachers, teacher's aides, administrators, bus drivers and other workers with our schools. Children are invited to bring their backpacks and place them around the Communion table for a service of blessing.

School Supplies Needed

This year the Christian Education Committee will be donating school supplies to The Teacher's Locker.

Needed Supplies are:

- Loose Leaf Paper-College rule,
- Spiral Notebooks-College rule,
- Crayola Markers-10ct. Pack,
- Color Pencils-12ct pack,
- #2 Wood Pencils,
- Water Colors-Crayola brand 8 or 16 ct.

******Paper Clips—HIGHLY NEEDED**

Teachers Locker is an EVSC collaborative partnership. The community can also come together to provide free classroom supplies for K-12 teachers to reduce what they spend out of their own pockets to support their teaching.

Baskets, clearly marked for donations, are placed throughout the church.