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## Sunday August 16, 2009

### 8:00 A.M. SERVICE

#### USHERS

Max & Virgie Foley

### 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

#### USHERS

Madonna Smith, Rob Engelbrecht,  
Ron & Patsy Sproatt

#### GREETERS

Jim & Sue Shelton, Greg, Dedra & Miley Settle,  
Jenny Sandefur & Jared Settle

#### LITURGIST

Susan Parsons

#### NEW MEMBER ELDERS

Chris Walsh & Susan Parsons

#### ACOLYTE

Mackenzie Settle

#### FLOWER DEACONS

Barb Kuykendall & Mical Michel

#### VAN DRIVER

Robin Mitchell

#### Eastminster Staff

Angela Brandenburg - Nursery

Joseph Choi - Music Director

Donna Cooke - Parish Nurse

David Davenport - Summer Intern

Dennis R. Davenport - Pastor

Emma Sue Davenport - Director of Christian Education

Nancy Engelbrecht - Small Group Coordinator

Mary Fulkerson - Office Manager

Tom Hall - Sunday Sexton

Heidi Harper - Financial Secretary

Dennie LaChance - Sexton

Helen Skuggedal Reed & Bret Rauscher - Organists

Penny Lain Shipley - Youth Director

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# EASTMINSTER MESSENGER

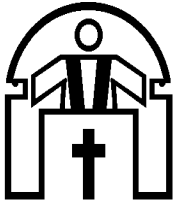
*Heads, Hearts & Hands for Christ in Service & Celebration*

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## “God at Work in the Life of John Calvin”



As we continue our series of “God at Work in the Life of...,” we would be remiss not to include the individual in Church history most associated with Presbyterianism. It would be logical to include John Calvin in this series at any time that it was done, but it is especially appropriate

this year.

2009 is the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of John Calvin. When we think of Presbyterianism, we think of John Calvin in much the same way that Lutherans think of Martin Luther and Methodists think of John Wesley.

In preparation for worship this Sunday, read Romans 8:26-31 as we consider “God at Work in the Life of John Calvin.”

Blessings,  
Dennis

For several years we have had a very well-organized and effective prayer chain. Helen Mahannah has masterfully served as the administrator of the prayer chain and many of you have served as members of it. We are in the process of re-organizing our prayer chain and invite you to consider becoming a part of it. The beginning of the Unbinding Your Heart program is an appropriate time for us to be centering our attention on the prayer chain since prayer will be such a vital part of this experience.



If you are currently serving on the prayer chain or are interested in becoming one of its links, we invite you to call the church office and make plans to attend a very brief training session on Sunday, September 13 following 10:30 worship. We will have five teams of 4-10 individuals who will be notified of prayer requests as they are received. It is a very simple, yet very meaningful way to play an active role in the life of the church and to bring comfort to those in need.



## Thoughts on Prayer in Unbinding Your Heart

Unbinding the heart begins when we are in touch with our Lord. PRAYER is the essential way to do this. The Lord loves to have us pray. He answers us always. With His great knowledge and love for us, the Lord may not always give what we ask.

You are encouraged to pray for those in need and for the entire “Unbinding Your Heart” event in the weeks to come. In the Fellowship Hall, we have a Prayer Wall. It serves as a place for you to give thanks for the church, the staff and the leaders of our “Unbinding” groups as well as a place for specific prayer requests that you have. In turn, you are encouraged to take time to visit the Prayer Wall and see the expressions of thanksgiving that others have offered and specific needs as well. Be assured that others will be regularly visiting the Prayer Wall and offering prayers on behalf of those in need. We are a loving and caring church and prayer is a way that we signify that love and care.

Another exciting opportunity in prayer connected with the “Unbinding Your Heart” project is a Prayer Vigil. For many years we have conducted a Prayer Vigil during Holy Week and those who have participated have indicated that their time in prayer in the sanctuary is a tremendously meaningful experience. Next week we’ll give you more information about the upcoming Prayer Vigil and how you can participate for 30 minutes or more – either in the sanctuary or in your own home.

## **Music in the Gallery**

Eastminster co-organist Helen Skuggedal Reed will present a concert of solo harpsichord music on Sunday, August 16, 2009 at 3 PM.

The varied program will include music from the times and places associated with three of the artworks hanging in the Gallery. There will also be music by J. S. Bach and Duke Ellington among others.

Helen is principal harpsichordist for the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra, and performs frequently in Evansville and the Midwest. She will play her Italian-style harpsichord, which was built in 1997 by the distinguished builder David Sutherland, of Ann Arbor, MI.

**Everyone is invited.**

# A Note from David

Youth Faith Exploration: All high school youth are invited to join us for our final class this Thursday at 7:30 in the Place. Our discussion this week will split its focus between the eastern religions of Buddhism and Hinduism. We will first strive to understand the basic beliefs associated with these two traditions and then move on to search for similarities between them and Christianity. And because this will be our last class together, we will also do a recap of our time together and focus on where we go from here.

thank you

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Eastminster Church for its support of the Center for Church Leadership of Hanover college and for its support of me this summer. I hope everyone who attended my classes found them to be helpful and enlightening. Further, I hope that anyone who found himself or herself developing a passion for anything we discussed will work to keep that passion alive. I would also like to thank all of you who attended my classes, specifically Tommy Hall, Trey Fulkerson, and Keaton Weil, whose attendance at my classes was nearly perfect. Honorable mention is also due to Steve Fritz, whose power of persuasion should not be underestimated.

Peace, Thanks, and Blessings,  
David



This Sunday, August 16th, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Call the church office to sign up. Our goal is 20 donors. Please plan on giving.

Eastminster's Family and Friends  
Game Night  
August 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm  
in Fellowship Hall

Robert Foose, Eastminster's own game enthusiast, provides many classic, as well as unusual board games. Come and enjoy a lively night of playing games and fellowship. Bring your favorite board games, some snacks or sodas, or just come and have a good time. Invite your friends to come too. The fun begins at 6pm. See you there!



I've been thinking a lot these days about Unbinding Your Heart, the study that we are getting ready to do as a part of the Eastminster E-vent. Mostly I have been thinking about how to convey to folks in the congregation who haven't as yet signed up, why they should want to participate. I believe that most of you would end up signing up if I or someone else who has taken the series were to sit down with you and talk with you about the experience. I believe that we are that excited about it.

So let's enter into that willing suspension of disbelief that we utilize when we go to a movie or a play. Let's assume that I am face to face with you right now. I can see you walking in from the mailbox or sitting in your chair or doing ten things for the kids while you are reading this.

"Let's start with the basics, just in case you have been gone or not read the newsletter recently. Unbinding Your Heart is a six week course that will meet weekly for one hour and 15 minutes a week. It is an opportunity to join people with whom you worship in a small group and share with those folks while strengthening your relationship with God through prayer and reflection of your own faith story. It is material that is not as much informational as it is formational. We have groups offered virtually every day and three times a day, except for Sunday morning. We have facilitators who are eager to share with you and your group in getting the ball rolling so to speak. We have a prayer team who is surrounding you in prayer and providing you opportunities for participation in a prayer vigil as well. We have a pastor and staff and a session that are willing to set aside the routine business of the church for 6 weeks so that you won't have conflicts. In other words we are ready and waiting but the thing we need most is YOU.

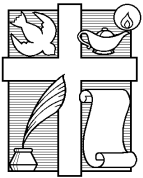
Why? Is it just so we can have large numbers to brag about? Absolutely not! We want you to participate because as members of the body of Christ we all want to grow in our personal relationship with God. This study helps that to happen. I believe that most of the people who have completed the series found that this certainly did impact their spiritual life personally and has changed the way they worship and join with others on Sunday. I know that I personally have had conversations on Sunday morning with people with whom I worshipped for years, conversations that are more connected and on a more personal level. I want that for you as well. For if we all experience church in a different way, there is no telling what we can do."

Convinced? Call the church office and sign up, or pick up one of the brochures. Not convinced? Call me personally and let's chat. I would love to answer your questions and concerns.

I'm looking forward to you jumping on board. I think you'll be glad you did.

Blessings  
Barb Ferguson, E-vent Coordinator  
453-0559

“Teach,



and

Inspire”



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Emma Sue Davenport, Director of Christian Education, 476-3355



## The Lives of Great Christians

### Eric Liddell

Eric Liddell, the “Flying Scotsman,” is best known for his gold medal win in the 1924 Olympic games as portrayed in the movie *Chariots of Fire*. However, there is much more to know about this outstanding Christian man than his athletic ability.



Eric was born in China on January 16, 1902, to missionary parents. He attended school in China until he was five. Then he and his 8 year old brother, Rob, were sent to boarding school while his parents continued to serve in China.

Eric went on to attend the University of Edinburgh. During his college years, rugby was Eric's sport of choice. He played with distinction for both the University of Edinburgh and on Scotland's national team. However, his strongest athletic talent was running. He set aside rugby to concentrate on preparing for the 1924 Paris Olympics. There he won a gold medal for the 400-meter and a bronze medal for the 200-meter.

After the Olympics, Eric Liddell followed in his parents' footsteps going to China to serve as a missionary. He began his missionary service in North China in 1925. When the Japanese invaded China in 1941, he sent his family to his wife's home in Canada while he stayed behind. He was imprisoned by the Japanese in the Weihsien Internment Camp in 1943. While in prison, Eric continued serving his fellow prisoners in a multitude of creative ways. The children in the camp called him “Uncle Eric.” He developed an inoperable brain tumor that led to his death at age 43 in 1945.

Eric Liddell chose to live a dangerous, materially unrewarding life in China, serving God, when fame and riches were within his grasp. His greatness of heart and unwavering conviction are still an inspiration today.

Join Pete Mogavero in the Gathering Room this Sunday, at 9 a.m., to learn more about this great Christian man.

## A Bouquet of Thanks to All Children's Worship Leaders

A bushel full of thanks to all those who helped to lead our Children's Worship program during the 2008-2009 year.



This wonderful program for our children would not have been possible without your help!

Sarah Crecelius (who headed the program and found all our volunteers for the year!), Emma Sue Davenport, Barb Ferguson, Dusty & Max Fiester, Patty Garcia, Shannon Green, Penny Lain and Adam Hensley, Sabrina Holden, Suzanne Hunter, Lizzie Kuhs, Megan Kuhs, Barb Kuykendall, Carrie Mogavero, Becky Nichols, Laura Nicholson, Stacie Parsons, Sue Shelton, Ann Snodgrass, Amy Van Zandt, Paula Viner, Kim Weil, Erika Weil, and the Youth Group,

## A Bounty of 24 Backpacks

Again and again the love and generosity of our church family is overwhelming! We asked if you would be willing to provide backpacks and supplies for the beginning of school and your response was twenty-four backpacks and hundreds of supplies to fill them! Many of the bags came filled and even had sacks attached to them as all the supplies purchased for them would not fit inside!



What a wonderful blessing this will be to girls or boys who had dreaded starting the year without the necessary items the other children would have. On their behalf we sincerely thank everyone who participated. We hope it is an equal blessing to you knowing that your gift has made a difference in the life of a child!

## Blessings for the School Year

Over 50 jars of jelly were handed out last Sunday to those who came forward for our blessing of school students, teachers and workers. We wanted them to have a sweet start to their new year of learning. Please hold them up in your prayers as they begin school and throughout the coming year.

