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Sunday, January 3, 2010

8:00 A.M. SERVICE

USHERS

Tim & Matt Fielder

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

USHERS

Jeff & Heather Greenwell
Ron & Patsy Sproatt

GREETERS

Pat, Jayne & Tracey Manis
Mike & Marilyn Day

LITURGIST

Donna Cooke

COMMUNION ELDERS

Ron Sproatt Wayne Fiester, Susan Shelton,
Chris Walsh, Joe Carothers, Dan Engelbrecht,
Melissa Mattingly & Barbara Barrett

NEW MEMBER ELDERS

Donna Cooke & Allen Sanderson

ACOLYTE

Annie Engelbrecht

VAN DRIVER

Chris Walsh

Eastminster Staff

Angela Brandenburg - Nursery

Joseph Choi - Music Director

Donna Cooke - Parish Nurse

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

Felicia Holland - Youth Director

Dennie LaChance - Sexton

Helen Skuggedal Reed & Bret Rauscher - Organists

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“Finding Jesus”

Last week we looked at a passage in Luke’s gospel where Mary & Joseph were *searching for Jesus* in Jerusalem after he’d been left behind on the way home to Nazareth from the family’s Passover observance.

This Sunday is Epiphany Sunday and also the first Sunday of the new year and even the first Sunday of the new decade. Epiphany is the traditional observance of the visit of the Wise Men. It’s a time to rejoice in the fact that Jesus came, not just for those of his own nation and ancestry, but for all people.

I think there’s a profound connection between the celebration of Epiphany and the celebration of the new year. Both observances have an unknown journey standing at the center. The Wise Men didn’t know what they would encounter as they embarked upon their journey and neither do we as embark upon our own journey into the future.

All we know about the Wise Men is encapsulated into just 12 verses in Matthew’s gospel. Read Matthew 2:1-12 where the Magi set off on their journey and end up “Finding Jesus.”

Epiphany & New Year’s Blessings,
Dennis

Another Opportunity to Serve Your Church

Are you interested in doing something very simple & very enjoyable that would enable members of our church family to be with us on Sunday morning who would otherwise not be able to be here? If so, we have the perfect opportunity for you. We need Van Drivers. We have several individuals who have made a commitment to this vital service but we need just a few more.

A seasoned driver will join you on your first trip to show you where to go and what to do. If you’re interested in learning more, call the church office.



The Diner Needs You – You Need The Diner!

That’s right – The Diner does need your help this Saturday, January 2. This is an extremely vital mission that is provided to our community by Eastminster. Literally hundreds of individuals are fed by members of our church family on the first Saturday of each month.



Not only does The Diner need you, though. You need The Diner! Seriously. You will be inspired and emotionally moved by the experience you will have at The Diner. It is one of the most fulfilling ways imaginable to spend a Saturday morning. Join us at any time between 7:00 – Noon at The Potter’s Wheel (333 Jefferson Avenue) and we’ll give you something to do to help. It’s truly a wonderful experience. Don’t miss out!



“Loaves and Fishes” Small Group to Begin



We are going to start an exciting new project called “Loaves and Fishes”. Nance and I have coordinated this program in previous churches we’ve attended and have always been excited about the results. L & F is basically a “dinner club” with certain rules. The purpose of this “club” is to allow people in the congregation to get to know one another better. It should result in many new friendships being formed and a closer knit congregational family.

The rules and concept are simple and have been included in past issues of the Messenger. Please fill out the form below and drop in the offering plate on Sunday or call the church to sign up for this exciting time of fun & fellowship. If you have any questions please contact Wayne or Nance at 490-9101.

“LOAVES & FISHES” Small Group



Name(s)

Phone



2009 was a great year for Eastminster!

We at Eastminster were blessed to serve others through many mission opportunities including Disaster Relief, Habitat for Humanity, Missions House, the Diner, Rescue Mission, Cookie Caper, Christmas Angel tree, H2O Project, Operation Shoebox, Operation-In-As-Much, Backpacks for Education, Christmas Baskets, and more.

Our church has been filled with beautiful musical presentations by our choir, led by Joseph Choi, every Sunday. We have had the pleasure of hearing many special music presentations by our talented organists Helen Reed and Bret Rauscher and other guest artists. Joseph Choi conducted the combined Eastminster choir and American Baptist East choir in the Easter Cantata and our choir along with the First Baptist choir in the Messiah.

Eastminster members and friends participated in a variety of small groups and special events such as Men's Bible Study, Couple's Night Out, Family Game Night, Great Egg Caper, Spring Picnic, Unbinding The Gospel, Unbinding the Church, Unbinding Your Heart, Golden Age Group, Line Dancing, Women's Bible Study, Mah Jong, Eastminster Quilters, Superbowl Party, Mother Daughter Tea, Eastminster Book Club, Night Nature Hike at Wesselman Park, Halloween Carnival, Wonderful Wednesdays for Women, Eastminster Presbyterian Women, Men's Breakfast Group, Ladies' Night Out, Children's Movie Night, Advent Dinner, Christmas Tea, and Parents' Shopping Day.

Eastminster's Youth Group is going strong and growing. We welcomed Felicia Holland as the new Youth Group director. The youth met weekly and participated in the 30 hour famine, Nerf wars, lock ins, and Faith Exploration classes.

Eastminster's Sunday school continues to grow in numbers. We are blessed to have such dedicated, caring Sunday school teachers donating their time and talents to the children of Eastminster.

It has been a GREAT year and we look forward to the wonderful opportunities 2010 will bring. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Bible Study/Discussion Group

A ten week Bible study will begin on Thursday, January 14, at 9:30 a.m. The study is called "Jesus Christ: What Did He Teach?" Tony McClees will lead the group.

If you would like to participate, please contact the church office.

Participants will each need a Bible and a packet of study material. The study material will be available in the church office starting January 4.

For additional information please contact Tony at 401-1541.



PRAYER WALL

Please pray for the following individuals:

John Black	Herb
Marie Ebinger	Laura
Melissa Espirtu	Hannah
Gary Mitchell	Martene McGinnis

For more specific information, please stop by the prayer wall located in Fellowship Hall.



Ladies Night Out at Hacienda on Tuesday, January 12th at 6:15 PM. Please call the office to sign up!



The 2010 Chancel Flower Calendar is located in the hallway just outside the Sanctuary (piano side). Please be sure to sign up for your special Sunday.



**Pray, and let God worry.—
Martin Luther**



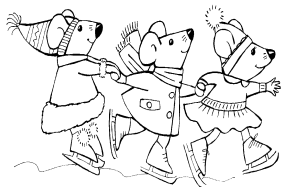
Do you ever feel like the weight of the world is on your shoulders and you just don't know where to turn? Or are you content and thankful for the blessings in your life and want to thank God for his love and be a blessing to others? Is one of your New Year's resolutions a closer relationship with God? Do you feel like your spiritual life is missing something?

Please consider joining the Ladies' Prayer Group on Tuesday nights from 5:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. We will be meeting again beginning January 5th in room 201. It's a time for fellowship and sharing of blessings and concerns. It's a time for inviting God into our presence for his healing grace and love. It's a time just for YOU and other ladies of the church who enjoy each other's company and support.

Babysitting is available but must be arranged in advance, so please call Laura Nicholson at 483-0887 if you will be bringing children with you and plan to attend. All ages are welcome.

Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?-- Corrie Ten Boom





January 2011



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

January Anniversaries

- 1/12 Ray & LaVonda Abbott
- 1/13 Jeff & Heather Greenwell
- 1/23 James & Janet Gregg



January Birthdays

- 1/1 Brady Fiester
- Carolyn Tying
- 1/3 Janet Gregg
- 1/4 Stephanie Hollander
- 1/5 Adam Greenwell
- Adam Hensley
- 1/6 Susan Riley
- 1/6 Jim Shelton
- Alex Stauth
- Patrick Walsh
- 1/8 Jenny Redden
- 1/12 Barb Ferguson
- 1/13 Jocelyn Kuhs
- 1/14 Paula Yeager
- 1/15 Ralph Frasier
- Joel Grizzell
- Stephanie Parsons
- 1/16 Sherie Hambidge
- Frankie Miller
- 1/17 Sabrina Holden
- 1/17 Adam Lentz
- 1/18 Lois Tredwell
- 1/19 Chip Hills
- 1/21 Owen Bethel
- 1/23 Ryan Kuhs
- 1/24 Barb Kuykendall
- 1/24 Ellen McCoy
- Eleanor Rhoads
- 1/28 Samantha Wolf
- Tyler Kuhs
- 1/29 Mary Wolf

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
					Office Closed	9:00 A.M. The Diner
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	7:00 PM: Men's Bible Study	9:00 AM: Quilters 5:45 PM: Ladies Prayer	7:00 AM: Men's Breakfast at Newburgh Health Care	7:00 PM: Choir		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	7:00 PM: Men's Bible Study	9:00 AM: Quilters Noon: EPC Book Club 5:45 PM:	7:30 AM: Men's Breakfast at the Carousel 6:30 PM: Christian Education	7:00 PM: Choir		9-Noon: Officer Training <u>Rescue Mission</u>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Ordination/ Installation of Officers	7:00 PM: Men's Bible Study	9:00 AM: Quilters Noon: Golden Age Group 5:45 PM:	7:30 AM: Men's Breakfast at the Carousel 6:00 PM: Session	7:00 PM: Choir		10:00 AM: CPR Training
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	7:00 PM: Men's Bible Study	9:00 AM: Quilters 5:45 PM:	7:30 AM: Men's Breakfast at the Carousel	7:00 PM: Choir		
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10:00 AM: Carpenter Shop						

Sunday Schedule

8:00 AM: Worship



- 9:00 AM: Sunday School
- 10:00 - 10:30 AM: Fellowship
- 10:30 AM: Worship
- 6:31 PM: Youth Group

Warm Winter Blessings

