

EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
5501 Washington Avenue
Evansville, IN 47715

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Sunday, February 13, 2011

8:00 A.M. SERVICE

USHERS

Jim & Pam Stevens

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

USHERS

Corinne Smith & Fred Folz
Wayne Fiester & Pam Doerter

GREETERS

Joe & Dorothy Carothers
LaVonda Abbott, Bob & Annie Gregg

LITURGIST

Megan Kuhs

NEW MEMBER ELDERS

Mike Day & Megan Kuhs

ACOLYTE

Daniel Holden

FLOWER DEACONS

Jane Biggs & Margot Savage

NURSERY WORKER

Sabrina Holden

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EASTMINSTER
MESSIAH
Heads, Hearts & Hands



"Choices & Chances"

I think the most difficult aspect of our changing times, for me, is the proliferation of choices we face every day. I'm astounded, confused and exasperated by them. Back in the day, if you had a headache and went to the store in search of a remedy, your choices were pretty clear. Do you want Bayer or Excedrin? You could hold one in your right hand, the other in your left, read the label and make your decision. You could even flip a coin – heads for one, tails for the other.

But today? Today you have literally hundreds of choices, depending on what kind of headache you're experiencing, how much you want to purchase, what form it's in, how much you want to spend and a myriad of other specific details that differentiate one product from another. We live in a time and a society that is overwhelmed by options.

When the children of Israel were pressing toward the Promised Land, Moses spoke very frankly to them about the options that stood before them. He didn't suggest the countless possibilities that face us today about virtually everything we do or buy. In essence, Moses said, "You've got two choices – are you FOR God or AGAINST God?" Those were the only options.

Considering the number of times the people rebelled and yet were offered mercy by God, it appears as though they received far more chances than they had choices.

Read Deuteronomy 30:15-20 as we consider "Choices & Chances."

Blessings,
Dennis

Thank you

My family & I wish to extend our sincere thanks to my church family for all your prayers and concerns in the loss of my son, Arthur Mitchem. They are appreciated very much.

*Sincerely,
Joyce Newman*

The Golden Age Group will meet on **Tuesday, February 15th** at noon at Applebee's.

Eastminster Staff

Donna Cooke - Parish Nurse

Dennis R. Davenport - Pastor

Emma Sue Davenport - Director of Christian Education

Mary Fulkerson - Office Manager

Heidi Harper - Financial Secretary

Felicia Holland - Youth Director

Dennie LaChance - Sexton

Marian LaChance - Housekeeper

Dennis Malfatti - Director of Music

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Stewardship Update

Greetings,

Your Stewardship Committee would like to provide you with the highlights of our Stewardship Campaign for 2011. We are very excited about the results thus far and extremely thankful for your generosity.

We have received 96 "repeat" pledges for 2011 and those specific 96 pledges increased their financial estimate of giving to the Church by +17.2% or \$50,466. Without a doubt the congregation of Eastminster did "STEP" up with their giving and returned to God a portion of what He has provided to us.

Overall our budgeted total for 2011 "Operating Pledges" is \$387,238. This represents an increase of +\$21,423 over 2010 budgeted totals for the same period.

Your Stewardship Committee once again wishes to take this opportunity to truly thank each of you for your generosity and commitment to your Church. By returning a portion of our labor back to God this will allow our ministry, mission and outreach to continue in a strong and meaningful manner to our local community and beyond.

We look forward to the opportunity to serve you in 2011.

Thank you!

Ron Ison

Stewardship Chairperson

Armchair Travelers

(Re-)Tracing the Footsteps of Van Gogh

It's been several years since the Davenports were on sabbatical and, as part of their time away, followed the life of Vincent Van Gogh. Upon their return, they made one brief presentation to the congregation regarding their experiences. Next Wednesday, February 16 at 6:00 PM in Room 101, they'll share some of their experiences in the next journey of the Armchair Travelers. Everyone is invited to join us.



Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Elva Allen who passed away on February 3, 2011.



News from... *The* Place

"For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified." (1 Corinthians 2:2)



It is easy to lose sight of the cross being our focus in life. What is it about the cross, and how can we focus our entire beings on its meaning, and why should we? It is time for us to be a part of something greater than ourselves, and set our eyes on things above with the cross as our guide. Come and join us!

Felicia :)

Parents' Night Out - Friday, February 11th at 6PM

Dear Church Family,



It's Black History Month, and I would like to introduce you to D in the field of blood collection and plasma processing and storage, one of the most vital tools in medicine everywhere.

In 1940, the British government realized that with the possible in amounts would be needed for not only the military but the civilian in New York City, piloted a program called "Plasma for Britain" transfusions were being safely performed thanks to blood-typing ma that would be needed was difficult, if not impossible, due to v

Dr. John Scudder, a Columbia University assistant professor, wa Charles Drew as the medical director for the project. Dr. Drew thesis titled "Banked Blood", which the professor called "a mast both in form and content."

Presbyterian Hospital was selected as the central location for th composition and its preservation. Dr. Drew worked in a resear researchers in multiple locations into a successful means of mas example, upon hearing that the British had modified cream extra equipment constructed in the U.S. Before this, some hospitals u let the whole blood sit for several days until the components sepa was very slow. With Dr. Drew's new equipment, blood plasma quickly.

Another aspect of the research was to produce dried plasma for entering the war. The final product, dried plasma, rather than th transported more easily, and given under battlefield conditions.

Dr. Drew successfully used the laboratory results of himself and of blood collection and storage into mass production techniques quantities of slowly produced plasma, it is available in large quan

Blessings,
Donna

(information courtesy of the Red Cross history and museum, [http](http://)





AN EDUCATION

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



Love Your Church Month!



Praying for Our Church Families

We are richly blessed with a large number of families in our church. It is so wonderful each Sunday to have the front of the church lined by children for the Children's Sermon and to see the children turned youth sitting on the front row of the church.

Those of us whose families are grown remember the daily struggles raising a family can bring. We would like to support those going through the process now but aren't sure how to do it. We have a way you can help!



This Sunday in the Narthex of the church you will find a table of paper hearts. Each heart will have the name of one of our church families written on it. It will include the family surname and the names of the parents and children in the family. There will be hearts for all church families with children through high school age.

We are asking members of the congregation to take one of these hearts and to pray for the family and individuals listed on it between now and Easter. If you would like, you can let the family know you have their name and ask if they have any special concerns.

Make sure to place your heart somewhere in your home where you will see it daily and as you see it raise them up to God in prayer. Ask God to bless them, to give them a good day, to strengthen them, help them to resist temptation and to grow in the Spirit and nature of Christ —there are many different prayers you can offer for them at any given time. The important thing is to pray for them.

Raising a family is joyful and difficult at the same time. Let's show our church families they are important to us by daily lifting them up in prayer.

