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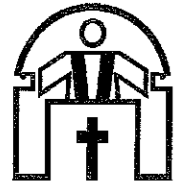
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Three-In-One



No, that's not the title of the sermon this Sunday. It's simply a way of saying that we'll be focusing on three different things this week. Sunday will mark the exact day of the 10th anniversary of the event we have come to know simply as 9-11. We've already been inundated with information about it and this week promises to bring even more. While we'll acknowledge the occasion, it won't be our main focus in worship this week.

This Sunday is also Fall Kickoff, which means that a new program year in Sunday School begins this week. We, at Eastminster, feel very strongly about the importance of our Sunday School program and stress its importance for all of us. We have great Sunday School classes for all ages. This is extremely rare in this day and age and I strongly encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to join one of our adult classes. Read about them in the separate mailing you'll receive this week.

There's two of the three areas on which we will focus this Sunday. The other is Grandparents Day. This Sunday, the Sunday after Labor Day, is always the day so designated. This Sunday, we'll not only have the opportunity to celebrate grandparents, but we'll have a real grandparent with us as our guest preacher. Yes, I know - I'm a grandparent myself now, but I'm talking about a REAL grandparent being with us - someone who has 35 years of experience in what it means to be a grandparent!

The Reverend Emmett C. Owensby will be our guest preacher this week. Emmett has 9 grandchildren, ranging in age from 23-35 and 8 great-grandchildren. He's been preaching for nearly 65 years and, in fact, continues to preach every Sunday at the Heritage Nursing Center before joining us at Eastminster.

Read Psalm 1 in preparation for a message that will center on "Grandparents."

Three-in-One Blessings,
Dennis

Remembering

The Reverend Dr. Michael Jenkins, president of the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, began a column he wrote this week, with the words, "Remembrance is among the most courageous things we do. It is also among the most important. Remembrance connects us to our past, but in a way that guides our futures." It was a column that reflected, very movingly and thoughtfully, on the events of September 11, 2001.

As is mentioned in the previous column, while we'll acknowledge this, the 10th anniversary of that horrible event, we won't use it as our main focus in worship. Roland Small (column on the next page) will be setting up a patriotic display in the Fellowship Hall that I encourage you to view. I always find it interesting to look back at old sermons that I have preached that tell me something of what was going on in the world and in the church and even in my own life.

This week, I looked at the sermon I preached at Eastminster on September 16, 2001 which was based on Psalm 46. Included were these words...

"...It is truly beyond belief. Only as we turn to God and God's Word can we hope to make sense out of the senselessness. What we find is that in the midst of the chaos, God is there - our refuge and our strength in times of trouble. No matter what it is that happens, the Psalmist tells us, God is there and God is always in control..."

...And God doesn't do it from a distance. Look at the Psalm - 'God is in the midst of the city... God will help it when the morning dawns.' God is there - in New York City and in Arlington, Virginia, God is there...not looking down from some lofty heavenly throne, but God is there - in the midst of the city, in the midst of the chaos, in the midst of the madness."

It was true then and it is still true today. It's true in the big events of national and international significance and it's true in the events of our own lives. God is there - always looking to turn something bad into something good.

DEACONS



CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Now that school is back in session, we are almost ready to adopt families from Caze school to receive our Christmas Baskets. Specific information will be forthcoming, but now is the time for Sunday School classes, small groups, individuals, families and/or groups of families to think about adopting a family. Baskets include food, household and personal items for the family, a Bible, and gifts for children under age 18. Remember that families are often non-traditional in the sense that they may be multi-generational, single parents, or have special needs. Watch and listen for more detailed information.

Armchair Travelers Resuming for the Fall Wednesday, September 21st 6:30 PM



Please join us on Wednesday, September 21st at 6:30 p.m. for a trip down under by Ron & Patsy Sproatt. Ron & Patsy will be sharing their trip to New Zealand & Australia. Everyone is welcome!



Ladies Night Out Tuesday, September 13th at 6:15 PM

Come enjoy an evening out, good fellowship, and good conversation. Please call the church office at 476-3355 to reserve your seat at the table.

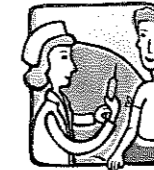
PRAYER WALL

Please pray for the following individuals:

John Shofstall	Mike
Coreen	Martene McGinnis
William	Vicki Allen
Justin	Sherry Straus
Tammy	Tid Turner
Jim	Chase
Ginny Marvel	David

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

Parish Nurse



Sunday, October 16th, CVS will be here at church to administer flu shots to any church members, friends, and visitors who would like one. If you are on Medicare or have insurance coverage, CVS will make arrangements to bill them. If you have a co-pay, you will be responsible for that. If you want to receive an immunization but cannot afford the co-pay, or you don't have coverage and need help with the cost, please contact the church office. We may be able to help you.

Because CVS is offering this, there is paperwork to fill out regarding payment, and a consent form to sign. If you are interested, we will be handling the paperwork on **Sunday, October 9**, so the process can flow more smoothly on the 16th.

Please call the church office to sign up. There is no limit to how many people can be served, but we do need to have a reasonable idea of how many people are interested, so we have enough vaccines available.

If you have had the flu recently, you can still get the vaccine. The vaccine is active for a year, so it is not too early. Stay healthy, and have a wonderful holiday!

Blessings,
Donna



Men's Bible Study

The weekly Men's Bible Study will resume this Monday, September 12th from 7 - 8 p.m. in the Place. New members, visitors & friends are welcome to attend. We hope to see you there!

"Echoes" Return for 11th of September Encore



In celebration, recognition and Holy Remembrance of the Heroes and victims of September 11th the "Echoes of Independence" display makes its encore return in fellowship hall on Sunday, September 11. The portraits of our nation's founding Heroes, along with replicas of documents and maps of the Revolution are all included. Even in a world of 9/11 revolving around us, the spirit of '76 is alive and well, and is still with us today. Make plans to see this very special encore.

September 11th Blessings,
Roland Small, Jr.
Coloring Bookmaster

"Inasmuch as you have done it to the least of these, you have done it unto me."

Matthew 25:40

Dear Church Family:

"Operation Inasmuch" takes its name from the above words of Jesus. We are making plans for one big day of missions – a day set aside for making a difference in the lives of others in our community.

"During the reign of Oliver Cromwell, the British government found it was running out of silver coins. Cromwell sent his men to find more silver. When they returned, they reported the only silver they could find was the statues of the saints standing within the churches. Cromwell's reply to the report was this, 'Good. We'll melt down the saints and put them into circulation.'"

On Saturday, October 1, you are invited to join with other "saints" of Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Aldersgate United Methodist Church, St. John's East United Church of Christ, Alexander AME Chapel Church & Bethlehem United Church of Christ in circulation as the hands, hearts and feet of God as together we reach out to touch the world with the love of God.

We have selected a broad range of activities that will enable every member of our congregation to be involved.

Whatever your age, interest or skill level, there's something for you! SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, is the designated day for Operation Inasmuch and all the activities will take place on that day.

We will begin the program with an opening organizational rally at Aldersgate at 8:00 AM. At that time, you will be provided with the information and materials you will need for your project and introduced to the others with whom you will be working. We'll have coffee, juice and doughnuts. For past participants, please wear your royal blue "Operation Inasmuch" t-shirt. There will be "rookie red" t-shirts for those participating for the first time this year.

At noon we will celebrate at The Dream Center (16 W. Morgan Avenue) for lunch, fellowship and a time to share.

Please complete the enclosed card and put it in the offering plate or return it to the church no later than Monday, September 26, 2011. We encourage you to join us in this exciting venture to reach out to our community. What better way to explore that mission than through a multi-faceted program such as this!

In Christ's Service,
The Operation Inasmuch Team



**Saturday,
October 1
2011**

Please sign me up to participate in the activity I've checked below.

_____ **School Yard Service Project**
(bring rakes, trimmers, etc.)

_____ **Christian Life Center Project**

_____ **United Caring Shelter Projects**

_____ **Tri-State Food Bank Projects**

_____ **Nursing Home Visits**
(singing & item distribution)

_____ **Prison Ministry Cookie Bake**

_____ **Dream Center Projects**
Including lunch preparation

_____ **The Potter's Wheel**
(Serving Breakfast)

_____ **Bus Station & Laundromat**
Coin and token distribution

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Number for lunch: _____

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Sunday, September 11, 2011

8:00 A.M. SERVICE
USHERS

Anne Fiedler & Dorothy Mans

10:30 A.M. SERVICE
USHERS

John Oglesby & Madonna Smith
Jim McGillem & Corinne Smith

GREETERS

Paula Yeager, Pat & Jayne Manis
Sloane Hayhurst & Abby Morgan

LITURGIST

Carol Woodward

NEW MEMBER ELDERS

Tony McClees & Carol Woodward

ACOLYTE

Daniel Holden

FLOWER DEACONS

Mical Michel & Barb Turpin

NURSERY WORKER

Tracey Manis

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP LEADER

Music with Barb Kuykendall

Eastminster Staff

Donna Cooke - Parish Nurse

Dennis R. Davenport - Pastor

Emma Sue Davenport - Director of Christian Education

Mary Fulkerson - Office Manager

Dennie LaChance - Sexton

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