



Children's Sunday was a Happy, Happy Day for Everyone!

Our church was full of happiness, giggles and smiles this past Sunday as we celebrated Children's Sunday. Our children served in multiple capacities and presented us with two songs for worship. It was such a wonderful day. Thank you to everyone who helped make it possible.



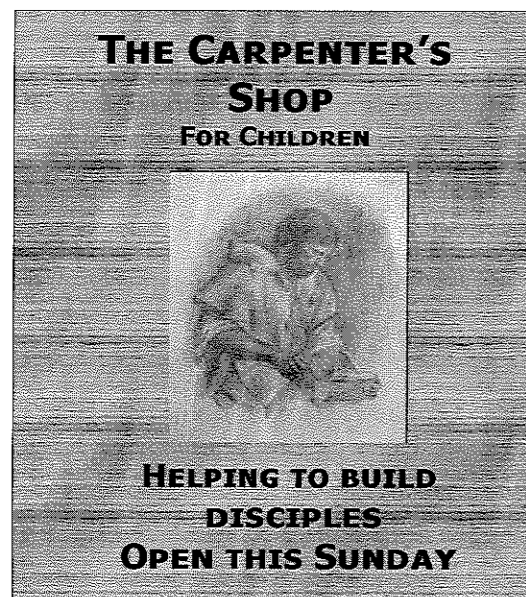
Over 60 different families are now receiving subscriptions to the Growing Child newsletter. If you signed up for this e-mail subscription and have not yet received your first copy, please re-enter your information (printing clearly) this Sunday. All information has been submitted to Growing Child and you should have received your first issue if you signed up.

This is a wonderful tool for parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles and those who work with children to have for use with their Growing Child. Our enrollment for the free newsletter will conclude this Sunday. If you would still like to sign-up for Growing Child you may do so this Sunday in the narthex of the church.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS FOR WOMEN



Wonderful Wednesdays for Women will start their year on Wednesday, October 12, at 9:30 a.m. with a study of women who encountered God and whose lives were changed forever. This study will focus on how these remarkable women (Eve, Rebecca, Abigail, Hannah, Gomer, Leah and Naomi) struggled to walk in faith in a world filled with trials, stumbling blocks and temptations. As we take a fresh look at these Old Testament women, we will gain insights and find a powerful witness to God's gracious love that promises to leave us feeling challenged, encouraged, and deeply valued.



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| SEPTEMBER 25 | FIESTERS |
| OCTOBER 2 | SUE KUHS |
| OCTOBER 9 | PAM DOERTER |
| OCTOBER 16 | DEVETA MILLER |

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Sunday, September 25, 2011

8:00 A.M. SERVICE

USHERS

Mike & Sarah Crecelius

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

USHERS

Ron & Patsy Sproatt, Wayne & Nance Fiester

GREETERS

Jim & Sue Shelton, Harold & Joan Post
Sue & Alex Kuhs

LITURGIST

Megan Kuhs

NEW MEMBER ELDERS

Ron Ison & Megan Kuhs

ACOLYTE

Meredith Garcia

FLOWER DEACONS

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"God's Lineup"

Last Sunday I revealed to you that Jesus, on occasion, makes me mad. I get so befuddled by the things that he says that I can't really figure him out. I think that may be the point in who Jesus is. I don't think we're supposed to figure him out because if we could, we'd have all the answers to life's most pressing questions and, let's face it, we don't. None of us does. Nor will we ever have all the answers.

The passage we looked at last week concerned an incident that took place in Jerusalem during Holy Week. Jesus had entered Jerusalem amid the cheers of his followers. The disciples wanted to be sure they were going to be richly rewarded because of their sacrifices and commitments. Jesus took the wind out of their sails with the parable about the compassionate owner (commonly referred to as the parable of the workers in the vineyard).

This week we'll look at yet another parable Jesus told during that week. This one isn't a response to the disciples, but rather to the religious leaders who questioned his authority. Read Matthew 21:23-32 where we find Jesus surprising us with "God's Lineup."

Blessings,
Dennis



Sympathy is extended to Janet Gregg & family in the death of Janet's father, Bob "Mac" McIntosh.

EPW Fundraiser

Kick off for EPW cheese ball fundraiser will be Sunday, October 9th. The cost is \$8.00. Cheese ball samples and order forms will be available in the Gallery after the 10:30 worship service. Orders can be picked up and paid for on Sunday, November 6th after the 10:30 worship service.

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

Matthew 25:40



**OPERATION
INASMUCH**

If you haven't yet signed up to participate in one of the mission opportunities, fill out this form and bring it to church with you this Sunday or return it

to the office. We'll meet at Aldersgate United Methodist Church at 8:00 AM for a celebratory send-off breakfast and then we'll meet at The Dream Center at noon for the concluding lunch.

Operation Inasmuch 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: _____

A Brief Reflection on Children's Sunday

What a great day we had at Eastminster this past Sunday as we celebrated the children of our church family! They served as greeters and ushers, presented the choral introit and anthem (thanks to Barb Kuykendall and Dennis Mal-fatti) and even introduced us to the old Scottish Presbyterian tradition of a crucifer and beadle (Keaton Weil and Annie Engelbrecht, respectively).

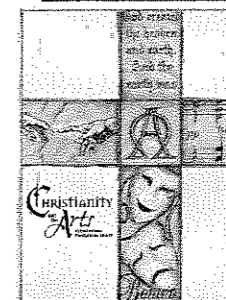


And then there was the crowning moment of the service (at least by the "laugh meter" rating) when – as the Bible tells us – "out of the mouths of children...." How appropriate that the most memorable moment of our Children's Sunday worship service would come from a child during the Children's Sermon! Thank you, Jack Nichols! For those who weren't there or didn't hear it, ask anyone who was and did! It was priceless! If you happened to look at the pastor at that moment, you would have noticed his reaction – or, more appropriately, his *lack* of reaction. Unfortunately, he wasn't able to hear what was said and was clueless as to the congregation's reaction.

It is always a blessing to hear the responses of children and to be given a glimpse into their thinking. What a joy it was to hear Sophie Nicholson's beautiful testimony and simple, yet profound, proclamation of the gospel on Sunday. Sunday was, indeed, a great Children's Sunday!



Have you ever noticed how many ways you can make friends and feel a part of Eastminster? Maybe originally you were only interested in the worship service and Sunday School, but to really feel part of the family you could join Loaves and Fishes, Women's Night Out, Men's Breakfast, The Golden Age Group, the Quilters, Mah Jong, Bridge, Mall Walking, Eastminster Presbyterian Women or Armchair Travelers to name just a few. Why not "GIVE IT A TRY?"



Please be sure to put the following on your calendar and plan to be here with friends and family members joining you. You'll be given more information very soon!

**Christianity & the Arts
"A Mighty Fortress"
Bach's Cantata 80**

**Saturday, October 22, 2011
7:00 PM**

In his Cantata based on the Reformation Hymn, Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott (A Mighty Fortress is our God), J. S. Bach uses a staggering array of musical techniques to create a "musical fortress" that vividly depicts the meanings in Luther's famous Reformation Hymn.

Majestic choral and orchestral movements depicting God's power and majesty are artfully paired with tender and intimate arias expressing the sincere joy that comes with faith.

Come hear the newly formed Evansville Bach Singers, with an orchestra of Baroque specialists playing on 18th century period instruments as you are led on a journey from the origins of Luther's hymn to its culmination in Bach's powerful and inspiring Cantata 80.

CHRISTMAS BASKET DONATIONS NEEDED

The Deacons are still collecting canned vegetables and fruits for this year's Christmas Baskets. Remember to check expiration dates when shopping. Thank you!



Please pray for the following individuals:

Martene McGinnis, Vicki Allen, David, Linda Coleman, Tid Turner, Coreen & William, Becky, Jim, Mary & Kenzie, Tammy, Cammy, Midge, Joann, Alex, Austin, Marian Lentz.

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

Please remember that after 5 weeks names are removed from the wall unless the office is notified.