

Christian Education



The Christian Education Committee is hosting a new program "Family Fun Night." The purposed of this program is to

give children and their families an opportunity to have fun and get to know one another better.

Our first event is coming up soon.

What: Pizza Dinner /Make Your Own Sundae Party

Date: Friday, March 3,

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Place: Fellowship Hall of Church

How do I sign up? With your child's Sunday School teacher or call the church office.



Encore Celebration of Love and Marriage THIS Sunday, February 19, after worship!

Love and laughter abounded in the Gallery this past Sunday as nearly 50 wedding pictures and albums were on display. Many memories and stories were recalled and shared with one another.



We saw the way Fellowship Hall looked when it was our Sanctuary in Bob & Annie Gregg's wedding photo. We celebrate with LaVonda and Raymond Abbott as the longest married in the church at 66 years. We discovered 8 other couples were married at Eastminster and 4 at Washington Avenue. We learned whose wedding dress was also her graduation dress. We saw the church and Rev. Davenport change over the years as many of the pictures were taken at Eastminster.

Those who had forgotten their pictures asked for another chance to bring them in and share the joy of their wedding with their church family. So, again this Sunday, February 19, we will have the opportunity to walk down memory lane together. If you don't have a picture on display, bring one this Sunday and share it with your church family. We would especially like to see the pictures of those who have been married 0-10 years and those married 20-30 years. Join in the fun as our celebration of love and marriage continues.

2-3 Year Olds Sunday School Class

Our 2-3 Year Old Sunday School Class are busy learning basic Bible songs. As you walk by their room, you will hear all five of the students singing Zachaeus, Jesus Loves Me, Deep and Wide, or the B-I-B-L-E. Our thanks to Laura Nicholson for the wonderful job she is doing teaching this class each Sunday.



New Beginnings — Adult Bible Study

Adults in room 201 will begin a new study, *Breaking Barriers and Strengthening Relationships*, on February 26th. The class will focus on developing our character in order to then strengthen our relationships. Our relationship with God can be compared with a growing family relationship between a father and his children or to an endearing relationship between a husband and his wife. Proper nourishment of this special relationship must involve love, respect, honor, action and effort.

"He who does not love does not know God, for God is love" 1 John 4:8



As John tells us, God is love. Love sums up God's character, His motivation, how He lives and how He deals with us. He wants us to show love in all our dealings with others. Like any relationship, its success also requires a major investment of time. We hope you will join Dusty Fiester February 26 as she leads the New Beginnings class in this journey at 9 a.m., in room 201.

My How We Have Grown!

Isn't it fun to watch our church children as they grow?



During our Vacation Bible School program last summer we measured each of the children. We explained to them that just as we grow physically we need to grow in God's love.

For the next two Sundays Emma Sue Davenport will be measuring the children again to see how much they have grown physically and to help them examine how much they have grown in God's love. All children are welcomed to be measured.

We have already discovered that some of the children have grown 2" physically since June and "leaps and bounds" in God's love! What a joy to watch our church children grow physically and spiritually!

Children's Worship leader for February 19th is Kim Weil.

EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
5501 Washington Avenue
Evansville, IN 47715

RETURNED SERVICE REQUESTED

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 2682
Evansville, IN 47708



Sunday February 19, 2012

8:00 A.M. SERVICE
USHERS
Tim & Matt Fiedler

10:30 A.M. SERVICE
USHERS & GREETERS
Rob Engelbrecht & John Niehaus
Tom & Margot Savage, Ralph & June Tate

LITURGIST
Susan Parsons

WELCOME TEAM
Susan Parsons

ACOLYTE
Spencer Greenwell

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP LEADER
Kim Weil

FLOWER DEACONS
Patti Garcia & Marlene Huffaker

Eastminster Staff

Kayla Cantrell - Nursery Worker
Donna Cooke - Parish Nurse
Dennis R. Davenport - Pastor
Emma Sue Davenport - Director of Christian Education
Mary Fulkerson - Office Manager
Dennie LaChance - Sexton
Marian LaChance - Housekeeper
Dennis Malfatti - Director of Music
Helen Skuggedal Reed & Bret Rauscher - Organists
Veltri Taylor - Parish Associate

Church Communication Lines

Phone#: 476-3355 Fax#: 476-8755
Web: eastminsterchurch.com
Webmaster: Wayne Fiester
Email: epc@epcev.com

Office Hours

8:30 - 4:00 P.M.



EASTMINSTER MESSENGER

Heads, Hearts & Hands for Christ in Service & Celebration

02/14/2012

Vol. 27

No. 7



"Through the Roof!"

We've been moving through the first chapter of Mark's gospel since the beginning of the year. That's what the gospel lectionary readings have been. This Sunday is designated Transfiguration Sunday – the Sunday prior to the beginning of Lent. The reading from Mark is, therefore, further along in his gospel – all the way to the ninth chapter. There is an alternate reading, though, that simply picks up where we left off in the story. That's what we'll do this week.

In the beginning of Mark's second chapter, he tells a fascinating story of a man who was paralyzed who needed the help of his friends to get to Jesus. You probably already know the rest of the story. It's one of those heart-warming stories that we first learn in Sunday School as a child and it presents a very clear picture of the importance of friends in life.

Read Mark 2:1-12 where the friends of this man enable him to be in the presence of Jesus by dropping him "Through the Roof!"

Blessings,
Dennis

P.S. This Sunday, at the 10:30 worship service, we will hear much more about our new Youth Group plans for the future and celebrate the work of those who have enabled the program to continue at a high level over the past 6 months.



The Golden Age Group will meet on Tuesday, February 21st at Noon at Rafferty's. Please contact Joyce Newman at 477-4151 or LaVonda Abbott at 476-1933 to make your reservations.

2011 Annual Report

This past Sunday, at our Annual Congregational Meeting, we reviewed reports of our staff, boards, committees and organizations. We also reviewed our financial report for 2011 and our budget for 2012.

Ordinarily, we try to have the report available on the Sunday prior to the meeting but, for a variety of reasons (primarily computer and software related), we were unable to do so this year. If you have questions about the report after looking at it more closely, please don't hesitate to call the church office for clarification. If you discover something that seems to be incorrect, please let us know about that as well. If you were not here this past Sunday, Annual Reports are still available in the Narthex.

In terms of our Financial Report for last year and Budget for this year, we provided only a summary in the Annual Report. If you would like a full report with all line items listed, we'll be happy to give you a copy. The 2012 line item budget has not been completed because each committee will still need to make determinations of where their allotted funds will be allocated. This is due to the necessary 10% cut in all committee budgets (with the exception of Personnel).

Even though budget cuts were necessary, our Stewardship Committee and Budget Committee did an outstanding job this year. They did an outstanding job because so many of you did an outstanding job! We are still optimistically hopeful that the reductions in committee budgets (and therefore ministries and programs) will be able to be restored through our Generous Giving opportunities!



Last Sunday was a busy day for our Youth Program!

We made plans for our Lock-in for this weekend...

Parents & Confirmation Candidates met to look at a schedule...

All youth & parents met to learn about our Spring Youth Program...

and to finish off the evening, we had our regular youth program.

Sunday was a busy, exciting and productive day!

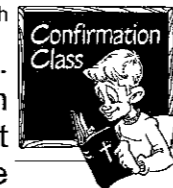
Lock-In This Weekend!



This weekend, we'll have a Lock-in at church for all Middle School and High School students. We'll start at 6:30 Friday evening and finish at 8:00 Saturday morning. Throughout the evening we'll have lots of fun, lots of food, lots of fellowship, and even – believe it or not – lots of learning!

Confirmation Class

We'll be starting a 10-week Confirmation Class for all 8th-12th graders on Sunday, February 26. We'll meet every Sunday from 5:00-6:30 in Room 201. Contact Dennis if you want to know more about the class.



Game Night
Saturday, February 25th at 6:00 PM
in Fellowship Hall



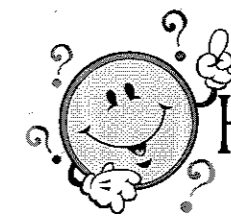
EPC BOOK CLUB NEWS

The EPC Book Club invites YOU to join them in for a lively, fun filled hour of great book discussion. Book Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month at Noon at the Grand Traverse Pie Company.

February 21, 2012

I Still Dream About You by Fannie Flagg

Ladies' Night Out at Cheddar's at 6:15 PM on Tuesday, February 21st! Call the church office to make your reservations.



Have You Noticed?

The Outreach Committee is providing snacks during fellowship time (10:00 to 10:25) one Sunday each month. Here is the schedule for the next few months:

March 11
April 8
May 13



EPW is now accepting donations for the Rummage Sale in May. Please NO clothing except children's clothing. Thank you!

Prayers & Concerns

Please pray for the following individuals:

Josh Franklin, Paula Yeager, Alex, Joann, Austin, Jack Chaddock, Casey Doerter, Patty Aakuus, Laura, Dan, Mary, Kenzie, Coreen, Justin, Midgi, Tammy & Archie, Amanda (Fritz) Baker & Bill Hutchinson.

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