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## Sunday, September 13, 2009

### 8:00 A.M. SERVICE

#### USHERS

Melissa Mattingly & Dottie Mans

### 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

#### USHERS

Carrie Mogavero & Jim McGillem  
Gene & Carolyn Tyring

#### GREETERS

Donna & Duncan Cooke  
Ricky & Stacy Lockard  
Elva Allen

#### LITURGIST

Megan Kuhs

#### NEW MEMBER ELDERS

Bob Gregg & Megan Kuhs

#### ACOLYTE

Annie Engelbrecht

#### FLOWER DEACONS

Nance Fiester & Stacie Krieger

#### VAN DRIVER

Mark Miller

#### 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

Dennie LaChance - Sexton

Helen Skuggedal Reed & Bret Rauscher - Organists

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#### Office Hours

8:30 -4:00 P.M.



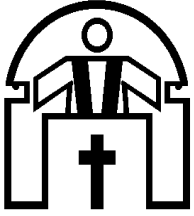
# EASTMINSTER MESSENGER

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## Unbinding Your Heart "Joined at the Heart"

We are now in the second week of the "Unbinding Your Heart" experience. More than 120 Eastminster members are sharing this experience together in groups that are meeting morning, afternoon and evening from Sunday through Wednesday. 5 different groups are meeting each week and being drawn closer to God, closer to one another and learning how to be drawn closer to those outside our fellowship of faith.

Last Sunday in Sunday School, I had the privilege of teaching our final installment in the Adult Summer Sunday School class on "13 Christians Everyone Should Know." The person I had the opportunity to talk about was Mister Rogers. Fred Rogers has long been a hero of mine and so I had a great time learning more about him in preparation for the class. No matter how enamored I was with Mister Rogers prior to my preparation, I am far more so now.

Fred Rogers seemed to have the rare ability to make everyone with whom he came in contact feel important. In fact, one of the things that was constantly said about him is that he made you feel as though you were the most important person in the world. Would that all of us could do that. Wouldn't it be a wonderful thing if every member of our church family stepped out into the world in an effort to make others feel important and feel good about themselves.

In Paul's letter to the church in the city of Ephesus, he talks about the importance of relationships within the body of Christ. He lets us know how important it is for us to love one another, care for one another, pray for one another and uphold and strengthen one another. That kind of love has a profound impact on the world.

As we finish week two and move into week three of "Unbinding Your Heart," read Ephesians 4:15-16 where Paul tells us that we are "Joined at the Heart."

Unbinding Blessings,  
Dennis



## Night Nature Hike Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 6pm

Soon the leaves will be turning beautiful shades of orange, red, and yellow and the air will be getting cooler. It's a great time for children to get out in nature and go for a Night Nature Hike.

All children grades K through 5<sup>th</sup> are invited to come to Wesselman Woods Nature Center on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> for a cookout and hike in the woods. We will meet at 6pm in the Nature Center.

The children will gather around the campfire and enjoy roasted hot dogs, chips, and hot cocoa followed by s'mores. The cost is \$5.00 per child. Adults are \$1.00. If you are paying by check, you can make it payable to WNS (Wesselman Nature Society).

Please call the church office to sign up. We would like an accurate count of children participating by Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> so we will know how much food to purchase. We ask that an adult accompany his/her child and friends. Child care for younger siblings is available at the church upon request. Children are welcome to invite their friends. The more, the merrier!

### An Event Not to Be Missed!

The EPW Coordinating Committee is hosting a Fall Kick-Off Luncheon for all women of the church on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at Noon. The menu will consist of lemon chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple/cottage cheese salad, hot rolls, sheet cake & drink. You don't have to make a thing; you don't have to provide a meal donation or help clean-up. A quilted throw will be the door prize. Just come join us for lunch and fellowship. All you have to do is make your reservation by Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Reservations can be made by calling the church office at 476-355 or Dorothy Mans at 853-3545. Thank you!

DON'T FORGET THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH AT 11:30 A.M. WE WILL HOLD A BRIEF PRAYER TEAM MEETING IN THE SANCTUARY. IF YOU HAVE SIGNED UP TO BE A PART OF OUR PRAYER CHAIN, PLEASE BE SURE TO AT-

## Date Change!

Eastminster's Game Night  
will be changed to Saturday  
September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

Bring your favorite game, friends, snack, or dessert and join the fun!

Dear Eastminster Family,

Although we have several months left until Christmas, our Christmas Basket program is already well underway. We have been receiving donations throughout these last several months and have a good start on being ready to serve our chosen families. We have committed to 5 families this year with the hope of additional families being sponsored by Sunday School classes, families or other groups. The deadline for sponsorship will be Sunday, September 20th. We are hoping that sponsors from prior years will once again commit to a family. If you or your group is interested, please fill out the form below and return to the church office before or on September 20. We are still in need of household products, canned goods and of course, monetary donations. Please contact the church office or your Deacon if you have questions.



DEACON  
BASKET  
FAMILY  
REQUEST



CHRISTMAS  
SPONSOR  
FORM

FAMILY/  
GROUP NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED FAMILY SIZE

1-2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3-4 \_\_\_\_\_ 5-6 \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the form and return before or on Sunday, September 20th. Family information will be passed along within a few weeks after receiving a sponsorship request. You are responsible for purchasing all household items, groceries & gifts. Basket delivery is scheduled for Sunday, December 20th.

## PRAYER WALL

Please pray for the following individuals:

Amanda & Bill  
Larry Wandtke  
Jeff Mitchell  
Vickie

Dear Friend  
Francis Seidl  
Marilyn Ellsperman

Gene Allen  
Michael Niles  
Martha Harris

Taylor  
Darrell Ragland  
Bill Doerter

Nancy Howland  
Martene McGinnis

For more specific information, please stop by the prayer wall.



Many of you may remember the Sunday of the Unbinding Your Heart Kick-off where we had a votive burning on the Communion Table for each person who signed up. What you may not know is that by the 10:30 worship service our 8-10 hours of candle burning time had completely melted together. In the middle of worship they spilled over the tray and

down the altar cloth onto the carpet. Dennis, in trying to get the situation under control, got it on his robe. Since symbolically these candles were representing how we come together as individuals and merge into one body of Christ, I wonder if the spilling over was us going out into the world, carrying the light of Christ? Now having said, that we would like to thank the following people for their assistance on that day: Dennie & Marian La-Chance, Tommy Hall, Roland Small, Jarid & Sandra Shoftstall. We would also like to extend a sincere thank you to Jayne & Pat Manis and Crescent Cleaners for their help with the paraments. Great job everyone!

The Golden Age Group will be meeting on Tuesday, September 15th at Noon at Yen Ching. Please contact LaVonda Abbott at 476-1933 or Joyce Newman at 477-4151 to make your reservations. Thank you!



# Fall Kick-Off THIS Sunday! CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



## Our Schedule for Fall Kick-Off, Sept. 13, 9 a.m.



We will begin our morning with a 10 minute COMBINED OPENING ASSEMBLY for everyone at 9 a.m. (SHARP!), in the sanctuary where we will:

- introduce our Sunday School staff,
- promote our children,
- present Bibles to third graders,
- close with prayer and immediately move to our classrooms.



In our Sunday School Classrooms:

- donuts, juice and/or coffee will be served,
- our Sunday School classes begin their courses of study,
- there will be plenty of chairs for new members in each of our classrooms!
- adults will receive an introduction to
- "*God Heard Their Cries*"

During 10:30 a.m. worship we will have:

- the Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers
- Children's/Adult mini-sermon will focus on Unbinding Our Hearts
- Children ages 4 through 2nd grade will go to the our Children's Worship program.



## Please Join Us For Fall Kick Off! We Really Want You To Be There!

We are blessed with a strong educational program. This year you will see some new faces on our teaching staff and a rotating style of teaching. A rotating staff allows class members to experience a variety of teaching methods, provides great leadership in all of our classes, gives our program a wider teaching base, gives our teachers an opportunity to become learners throughout the year and shows that everyone is called to use the talents God has given them to be a blessing to others!

## What's New in Sunday School?

### Children: 2-3year olds, Pre-K - K, and 1st-2nd grades, 3rd-5th grades

Our younger children will be studying the first Books of Scripture this fall. They will learn how they are created in God's image and given special and unique talents and gifts. They will learn the importance of obedience and trust in God.

Our 3rd-5th graders will be learning lessons that are an overview of the Bible, learning how to use their Bibles by learning the Books of the Bible, the locations of these books and how to apply the knowledge they contain to their daily lives.

### Middle and High School:

Our Middle School will be approaching Bible study from two different angles. First they will study several believe-it-or-not Bible stories that pack a wild, but powerful point. Then they will study Christian values and attitudes and answer the question, "Are they true or false for today's world?"

Our high school begins with the *God Heard Their Cries* study and then will move on to a variety of lessons styled to help them develop deeper faith for the challenges of today and tomorrow's world.

### Adults

All of our adults classes will individually be studying the eighth of the Faith Lessons Series by Ray Vander Laan, *God Heard Their Cry*. Our adult Bible study will take place in 3 parts. We will begin God's story in Egypt with Moses and the Pharaohs. We will then move into the desert and see where God led His people so He could shape them and mould them into a people He could use. Then we will go to the Promised Land and see how God continued to work in the lives of His people until Jesus was to come to complete that part of God's work.

