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A Revival?

Did you catch it on Choir Commissioning Sunday? At the beginning of the offertory, *Old Church Choir*, the first couple of words were “There’s a revival.” Sometimes you just gotta believe that the Holy Spirit is at work with us at Eastminster. Even before the choir was introduced to that piece, the Outreach committee had been at work trying to figure out where God wanted to lead us in reaching out to the community and to our own congregation members and regular visitors. What did we come up with? Brace yourself...

A Revival ... Presbyterian Style

Yes, you read that right. We are having a revival, complete with tent and gospel singing. Beginning Sunday evening, October 28th we will be holding a three evening event - a tent event - with a prayer service and the Word of our Lord. Monday evening following an opening prayer, we will have a class on the roots of Gospel music, and on Tuesday evening, there’ll be an evening of gospel hymn singing. All three evenings will



start with a light meal. You’ll be hearing more about this in the weeks to come but go ahead and get this event on your calendar.

Oh, and there will also be some activities leading up to the revival and some following as well. There’s more to come on that, too.

Each Member Belongs

⁴For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.. Romans 12:4-8, NIV

The theme for our call to deeper, more intentional stewardship, not just for a season, but for all of 2019 is:

Each Member Belongs

As written in Romans 12:5, we in Christ form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. Eastminster Presbyterian Church, and the Church, the Body of Christ, need each member's gifts to be complete. When someone is missing, it is like an incomplete puzzle or a person with a missing limb. We are praying for a year in which we, the body of Christ, join together in worship and service to share our different gifts with our church family, and our neighbors, near and far.

Each Member Belongs

You belong at our Stewardship Luncheon! Sunday, November 4, 2018

Our meal for the day will be the offering of a variety of stews, soups, cornbread, crackers, salads...and always...sweets! To be good stewards and a caring congregation, we invite as many as can to bring a pot of soup or stew, not only for our meal together, but....to fill freezable containers that can be shared with our members who find it difficult or impossible to travel to the church. Our wonderful members of the Congregational Care Committee who provide "Soul Food" and who visit our older members will be able to retrieve these from the church and offer a "cup of stew" and conversation as they visit. We are grateful to say that all of the Committees, not just Stewardship, are being good STEWARDS by offering their stew-making skills. They'd love you to join them!

If you are able to provide stews or soups, please use the sign up slip in the bulletin, or contact the office and let Chandra know..





Calling all volunteers!

One of the tasks of the Outreach committee is to work with other committees in their work in spreading the Gospel, whether that be in and around the church with functions, fundraising, or fellowship. The Outreach committee has an awful lot of fun working on whatever program or opportunity arises to serve our God and doing what we have been called to do. And that is to love our neighbors, feed the hungry and help not only our congregation, but those in our community as well. Have you thought maybe you'd like to be a part of the most fun group in the church?

But we also work with the rest of the committees in getting the job done. Have you maybe given some thought to helping with Congregational Care serving our members? Do you have some skills you could put to work around the church in light duty activities such as painting or changing the air conditioner filters? House & Property is the place for you. What about a passion for educating others about what it means to be a follower of Christ? The Christian Education committee could use your help. Worship is in need of help with folks who can serve Communion, be a liturgist, coordinate acolytes, and special duties such as decorating the sanctuary for special occasions. The Stewardship committee needs folks to count money and to speak to the congregation about fundraising at different times of the year.

It takes a lot to keep our church moving and doing God's work. Outreach would love to have you meet with us and help in planning and implementing the work that needs to get done. You can have fun with us and make a huge difference in what we do to serve Christ and our neighbors. Seek and find one of the Outreach committee members and let us know you'd like to hang with us. It's a commitment, but our God is committed to us. Let us be committed to Him.

The Eastminster Eagle

Only 3 more issues in the mass mailing, then the Newsletter will be online, available at Eastminster, and mailed to those of you who cannot get to Eastminster. Our last bulk mailing of the *Eastminster Eagle* will be the December 2018 issue (mailed in November).



On October 28, 2018, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday along with protestants all over the world. Tradition in most protestant congregations that day is to sing *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*. It is now, and in some areas of Europe during the early 1500s protestant movement, the hymn most identified with the movement.

Martin Luther's (1483-1546) story was well known in the past and newer Christians should learn of him. Briefly, he was a Roman Catholic monk, his study of the Bible led him to believe that the Church of Rome has many corrupt practices. He posted his famous 95 theses on the door of the church at Wittenberg October 31, 1517 to open debate. Luther finally broke with Rome in 1521 when he would not retract his writings before the Diet of Worms (a meeting of the Holy Roman emperor Charles V's imperial diet at Worms in 1521, at which Martin Luther was summoned to appear. Luther committed himself there to the cause of Protestant reform, and his teaching was formally condemned in the Edict of Worms). Ultimately, he was recognized as the leader of the German Reformation.

Besides skills as a preacher, translator, and writer, he was an amateur musician. Martin Luther gave protestants and Lutherans thirty-seven hymns and melodies, put many Latin hymns to German texts, and adapted folksongs and plainsong, along with his theological writings, his translation of the Latin Bible into German. His congregational songs defined the Lutheran confessional tradition and over the years were influential and truly ecumenical. Many of his hymns have some rough phrases and striking metaphors whose qualities are lost in English translations.

100 English versions of his hymns still exist. A U.S. Unitarian minister, Frederick Henry

Hedge (1805-1890) in 1852 provided the translation that appears in our *Glory to God* hymnal (Page 275), and in many other hymnals.

Luther did a metrical paraphrase of Psalm 45 in his German version embedding many Christological images.

Some think it may have been written as a homage to Leonhard Kaiser, a martyred friend of Luther. The exact date it was written is unknown, but it first appeared in a book in Augsburg, 1529. The hymn spread after the German princes made their formal protest against Rome and thus became known as "Protestants." The hymn has often been called "the true National Hymn of Germany." We know from writings that it was sung on the Leipzig battlefield in 1631 during the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648). It was called "the Marseilles Hymn of the Reformation" by the widely read 19th century poet Heinrich Heine.

Psalm 46 begins with "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Luther skillfully paraphrased the Psalm in German and Hedge also skillfully translated it into English. In my long distant past, in the SBC and the United Methodist church, sometimes, in order to save time, the minister would stop the hymn after only the first stanza. Stopping without singing all the verses of a hymn is a questionable practice (yes, we do that sometimes as responses, etc., and you will note the verse stands with meaning on its own). In this case "on earth is not his equal" refers to the Devil "our ancient foe" and not to Christ. To quote Dr. Harold Hawn, "It may be best not to leave the Devil in charge by stopping at the end of stanza one!"

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GOD'S PROMISE: I AM WITH YOU

By Amy Poling Sutherlun

Lesson Two: *God with Us in Our Uncertainty.*

“God accompanies the called; it is God’s presence in our weakness that equips us for our calling.”

What have you been asked to do that was out of your comfort zone, that was overwhelming? Think of Moses.

Moses was certainly overwhelmed with his call from God. He, who had killed an Egyptian and fled Egypt, then settled in Midian and started a family, was called to go back to Egypt to convince Pharaoh to let him lead the Israelites out of Egypt. Moses’ response was certainly not an emphatic yes. But he believed God’s promise to be with him, and he answered God’s call..

You can believe God’s promise, too.

Our second meeting for this session will be Tuesday, October 9 at 7 p.m. Darlene will give the devotional, Vicki will lead the lesson, and Helen will provide the refreshments.

Finding our range

While visiting a church, Robert Neff learned a lesson about the body of Christ. As he listened to a tenor’s faltering voice, he noticed worshipers pulling out hymnals to locate the soloist’s song.

“By the second verse, the congregation had joined the soloist in the hymn,” Neff says. “By the third verse, the tenor was beginning to find the range. By the fourth verse, it was beautiful. And on the fifth verse, the congregation was absolutely silent, and the tenor sang the most beautiful solo of his life.”

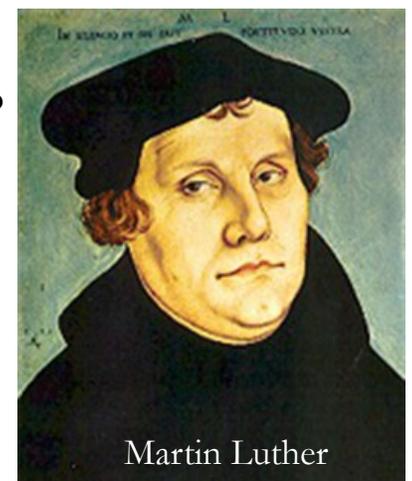
Neff concludes: “This is life in the body of Christ, enabling one another to sing the tune Christ has given us.”

—from *Witnesses of a Third Way*

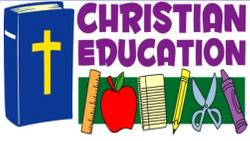
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Lastly, many church musicians and ministers who have not had the opportunity to study with excellent Hymnology teachers or to read any number of books by them, believe that Luther and the Wesleys got their hymn tunes from bars. Luther and the Wesleys did compose or incorporate music that reflected the styles of their day. In the case of Ein feste Burg (the name of the tune to which we sing *A Mighty Fortress*), Luther’s original music reflects a Renaissance folk style. Most of Luther’s and Wesley’s tunes can be traced to specific folk style of their day, but none to a bar. Luther does use a melodic structure called the “Bar Form” (AAB) which is the structure also of many German chorales which include Ein feste Burg.

Many have perhaps confused Luther’s use of the “Bar Form” with his documented presence in drinking establishments.



Martin Luther



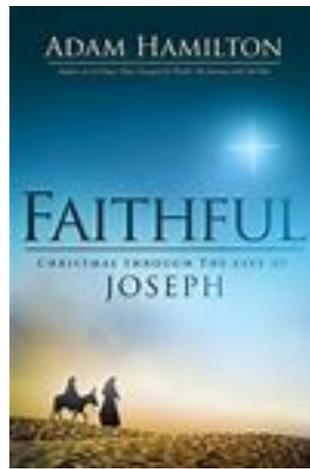
Advent Study

Our Advent Study begins on Wednesday, October 14 and continues through Wednesday, November 14. A light supper will be served at 5:45 p.m., and the study begins at 6:30 p.m.

John Williams will be leading our study of *Faithful* by Adam Hamilton. *Faithful* explores Christmas through the eyes of Joseph.

“We’re not that different from Joseph. We encounter circumstances that we’d never choose for ourselves. At times it can be tempting just to walk away, but Joseph provides us a great example of humbly obeying God when we don’t understand, faithfully moving forward in the strength that God provides.”

Come join us for this Advent Study. You don’t want to miss John Williams!



Eastminster Presbyterian Church Seniors’ Day out Friday, October 12, 2018 “Miracles from Heaven”

“If you don’t believe in Miracles, you will after watching this film? Based on the incredible true story of the Beam family. When Christy (Jennifer Garner) discovers her 10-year-old daughter Anna has a rare, incurable disease, she becomes a ferocious advocate for her daughter’s healing as she searches for a solution. After Anna has a freak accident, an extraordinary miracle unfolds in the wake of her dramatic rescue that leaves Medical specialists mystified, her family restored, and their community inspired.”



Congratulations to Ronnie Dixon, Kayla Kreger’s fiancé, for getting a position at Wrightwhite ISD working at the high school as a custodian.

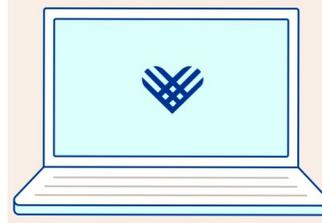


Thank you all so much for the prayers, food, flowers, calls and visits following my recent knee replacement surgery.

I appreciate you all so much, and am so blessed to be part of this church family. And I am so glad to be back at my desk in the office!

Chandra Anderson

Have you seen our new online giving program? We're excited about the new things happening at Eastminster through our online community. You can securely give from our website and via text message, you can even set up recurring donations. If you'd like to activate your account, please contact the church office by email at officeadmin@eastminsterdallas.org or by calling (214) 381-4693. We'll then email you so you can get started today.



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“Looking back over a lifetime, you see that love was the answer to everything.”

—Ray Bradbury

“A diamond is merely a lump of coal that did well under pressure.” —Henry Kissinger

“Change always comes bearing gifts.”

—Price Pritchett

“The more we pray, the more we come to the heartbeat of God.” —Richard J. Foster

“If I’ve learned anything about friendship, it’s to hang in, stay connected,” says journalist Jon Katz. “Don’t walk away, don’t be distracted, don’t be too busy or tired, don’t take them for granted. Friends are part of the glue that holds life and faith together.”

This applies to church life too. When we’re annoyed by some aspect of congregational life or caught in conflict with other members, it’s tempting to drift away to another church — or no church. Even when all is fine, we sometimes let church take a back seat. But our bonds with the family of God are “part of the glue that holds life and faith together.” For the sake of the benefits we gain and give, may we “hang in [and] stay connected” with our church family. May we not “walk away [or] be distracted, ... be too busy or tired.” May we not take one another for granted but thank God for this “glue” — even when things get a bit sticky!

Pleasant Grove Food Pantry August Report



The number of people served in August:

Date	#Families	#Children	#Seniors	#Adults =	Total Individuals	Pounds
8/7	148	255	84	264	603	4310
8/14	137	244	69	238	551	4099
8/21	145	262	82	251	595	7178
8/28	157	284	88	304	676	6339
Totals	587	1045	323	1057	2425	21926

Though daughters weren't allowed to inherit property, some young women whose father had died appealed to the community's leaders to change the law in their favor — and it was done! Who were these women?

- A. Mary and Martha
- B. The daughters of Zelophehad
- C. Nympha, Sapphira, Claudia, Tabitha and Lydia
- D. Joanna, Susanna and Salome



Answer: B (See Numbers 27:1-11.)

A sense of humor

Give me a sense of humor, Lord,
Give me the wit to see a joke
To get some humor out of life,
And pass it on to other folk.
—Anonymous

Going over our church finances I found a receipt from a local paint store signed by someone named Christian. I wasn't aware of anyone buying paint, so I called the store to point out its mistake.

"I'm sorry," I told the manager, "but there are no Christians here at First Baptist Church."



"You said dress up as a Bible character ...
and my character is Leviathan."

Scripture Readings for October

1 Pss. 62; 145	12 Pss. 51; 148	23 Pss. 54; 146
2 Pss. 12; 146	13 Pss. 104; 149	24 Pss. 65; 147:1-11
3 Pss. 96; 147:1-11	14 Pss. 19; 150	25 Pss. 143; 147:12-20
4 Pss. 116; 147:12-20	15 Pss. 135; 145	26 Pss. 88; 148
5 Pss. 84; 148	16 Pss. 123; 146	27 Pss. 122; 149
6 Pss. 63; 149	17 Pss. 15; 147:1-11	28 Pss. 108; 150
7 Pss. 103; 150	18 Pss. 36; 147:12-20	29 Pss. 62; 145
8 Pss. 5; 145	19 Pss. 130; 148	30 Pss. 12; 146
9 Pss. 42; 146	20 Pss. 56; 149	31 Pss. 96;
10 Pss. 89:1-18; 147:1-11	21 Pss. 67; 150	
11 Pss. 97; 147:12-20	22 Pss. 57; 145	

Servant Leadership

From Christ's perspective, a true leader is a servant, committed to the success of each individual in the group. Jesus did not criticize his disciples' desire to lead; he just showed them how to do it by washing their feet. ... The essence of spiritual leadership, therefore, is following Jesus and serving people. People rebel against controlling leaders, but it is impossible to rebel against a servant.

—Geoff Gorsuch,
Brothers! Calling Men Into Vital Relationships

Infinite Treasure

The present moment is always full of infinite treasure. It contains far more than you can possibly grasp. Faith is the measure of its riches: what you find in the present moment is according to the measure of your faith. Love also is the measure: the more the heart loves, the more it rejoices in what God provides.

The will of God presents itself at each moment like an immense ocean that the desire of your heart cannot empty; yet you will drink from that ocean according to your faith and love.

—Jean-Pierre de Caussade

Minister to your ministers

In honor of Clergy Appreciation Month, use these alphabetical reminders of how to treat your pastors:

Accept them as people.

Build them up. Say "thank you."

Communicate with them.

Defend them when someone tries to run them down.

Entertain them. They like to have fun, too!

Family. Allow them to have a family life.

Genuine. Be honest with them. Be yourself around them.

Honor them. Don't put them on a pedestal, but respect them.

Income. Pay them enough so money isn't a concern.

Judge not! Avoid being critical.

Kind. Treat pastors as you want to be treated.

Love. See 1 Corinthians 13.

Maintain. Their families have the same needs as other families.

Nurture. Help them grow in grace.

Offer to help. The list of things you can do is endless.

Pray for them. Lift up their names to God daily.

Quelch not. Encourage instead!

Rejoice in and with them.

Surprise them — in little and big ways.

Trust them. Believe in them.

Understand them. Put yourself in their place.

Vacation. They need time away. \

Welcome them into your home. Don't wait for an invitation.

eXpend yourself, not them.

Yoke. Help them bear their burdens with grace and dignity.

Zap all gossip!

October

- Neighborhood breakfast every Saturday (6, 13, 20, 27)
 Choir practice—Wednesdays (3, 10, 17, 24, 31)
 6 Stated Presbytery Meeting – 1st Presbyterian,
 Longview
 7 World Communion Sunday – Intinction;
 Committee Meetings
 9 EPW 7:00 p.m.
 12 Seniors' Day Out
 14 CCC Quarterly Fellowship Luncheon
 21 Children's Sabbath; Stated Session Meeting
 22 Newsletter Deadline
 24 Advent Study: 5:45 supper; 6:30—7:30 study
 28 Reformation Sunday
 31 Advent Study: 5:45 supper; 6:30—7:30 study

November

- Neighborhood breakfast every Saturday (3, 10, 17, 24)
 Choir Practice - Wednesdays (7, 14, 28)
 4 All Saints' Sunday/Communion; Stewardship
 Luncheon; Stated Congregational Meeting;
 Committee Meetings
 6 EPW 7pm
 7 Advent Study: 5:45 supper; 6:30—7:30 study
 9 Seniors' Day Out
 12 EARLY Newsletter Deadline
 14 Advent Study: 5:45 supper; 6:30—7:30 study
 18 Stated Session Meeting; Fall Youth Worship
 Service
 21 Office closes early – 12:00 p.m.
 22-23 Office Closed for Thanksgiving
 25 Christ the King Sunday/Communion – Intinction

December

- Neighborhood breakfast every Saturday (1, 8, 15, 22, 29)
 Choir Practice - Wednesdays (5, 12, 19)
 1 Stated Presbytery Meeting – North Park
 2 Communion – Pews; First Sunday of
 Advent/Christmas Joy Offering
 4 EPW 7pm
 5 Longest Night Service – Communion - Intinction
 8 Christmas Village
 9 2ND Sunday of Advent / Christmas Joy Offering
 Session Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Monday
 16 Third Sunday of Advent/ Christmas Joy Offering
 (Joy Offering, PCHAS, PC&S)
 23 Lessons and Carols
 24 Christmas Eve Communion - Intinction
 25-31 Office Closed



Nathan Eaton, Sr.	10/3
Michelle Uche	10/5
Shirley Karlen	10/9
David Anderson	10/10
Karen Martin	10/11
Katie Karlen	10/15
Bob Barraza	10/17
Teresa Slaton	10/17
Isabella Venegoni	10/20
Jacob Wood	10/21
Bruce Turner	10/22
Jack Lucas	10/24
Evelyn Parker	10/25
Hannah West	10/27
Doyle Oliver	10/28
Addley Blair	10/30



Doris & Bill Parker	10/6
Janet & John Hayes	10/9
Jacqueline & Talat Robert	10/10
Sue & Jim Bender	10/15
Cheryl & Danny Wood	10/21
Anna & Charles Blair	10/28

Those Who Will Serve in October



Ushers/Greeters—Team 1

Frank Karlen—Captain

Chandra Karlen Janet Muller

Doyle Oliver

Lay Reader

Evelyn Parker

Communion Teams

October 7

Vicki & Lewis Thiebaud



Eastminster Session

Chandra Anderson

Janice Bell

Tony Bennett

Cindy Garrett

Frank Karlen, Sr.

Janet Muller

Tom Pappas

Evelyn Parker

Jenelle Symns

Bruce Turner

Shirlene Watkins

Tom Whitley



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*They who wait upon the Lord shall renew
their strength, they shall mount up with
wings like eagles; they shall run and not be
weary, they shall walk and not faint.*

Isaiah 40:31



Special dates

- ◆ **World Communion Sunday, October 7, 2018**
- ◆ **Reformation Sunday, October 28, 2018**
- ◆ **Reformation Day, October 31, 2018**