



Everett United Methodist Church

“From Pastor Dave’s Desk”

“Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes. To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours; Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Corinthians 1.1-3

I have always been interested in how people introduce themselves. Most of our New Testament is followers of Jesus introducing or reacquainting themselves with a congregation. In the passage above, it is easy to see my resume is not as impressive as Paul’s here. All the New Testament letter writers state their name, who they are writing to, any personal relationships that might help the church find common ground with the writer. Above all, the attribute their leadership or ability to write with confidence because God has placed them in a position to offer leadership and life.

Last year around this time Lisa and I were introducing ourselves to you for the first time, such a gracious and blessed experience. It has been one year since you have said, “yes” and allowed me to be your pastor and lead you as a congregation. It has been quite the year— EUMC getting struck by lightning, strengthening EUMC’s relationship with the Children’s Center (we have multiple church members who work or volunteer there), reminding me *we all forget sometimes* as I forgot the words to the Lord’s Prayer during a children’s message, aiding my socially acceptable addiction of coffee drinking, believing that my favorite colors in the fall are vest and plaid, offering grace to your sick pastor on Christmas Eve, getting married to my dear Lisa, and allowing me to walk with you through a worldwide pandemic— as you can see.

You have offered Lisa and I nothing but grace and compassion since we have arrived here, and while I don’t have quite the resume that Paul has (I don’t want that anyway), I have a church that lets me lead them to grow into putting on the character of Christ.

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“From Pastor Dave’s Desk” continued...

Friends, you have allowed me to serve as your pastor for the past year and I am so thankful for you all. More importantly, I thank God for his wisdom in allowing me to serve here at EUMC. In the next year we will continue to discern God’s will for EUMC and where God might be personally calling you during this year.

So, if I had to write an introduction to EUMC like Paul writes to the Corinthians above, it would probably look something like this,

“Dave, pastor you’ve allowed to serve you for the past year, whom you have loved and cared for well. In the name our good and beautiful God, I am excited to see where we grow together as a church this year, as we learn to Know Christ and Make Him Known to our Everett community. Grace and peace for God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.”

I am ecstatic to see where God calls us this year. Let us continue to journey together!

Know that God loves you and I love you as well,

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Upcoming Events at Everett UMC



The praise team rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7pm.

Women's Prayer Breakfast

Hopes to start back up in the fall. Exact date TBD.

Questions? Contact Sandra Thomas (652-5128).

Men's Breakfast

TBD.



The Next Chapter (widows group)

TBD.

Daycare Center News

Hi Everyone,

Can you believe summer is almost over?! I know that at the Children's Center, we are just so happy to be back at work again! We are now fully opened. The process has been a huge effort on everyone's part. I feel so blessed to have a staff that is always willing to go the extra mile, especially with all the extra work we are asking them to do. Not to mention our Church family, who we are so blessed to have.

Ann Akers has made the most beautiful window coverings and curtains for each of our classrooms! They are so awesome! I would like to invite you in to take a look, but unfortunately I cannot do so with the current state restrictions. I am sure you are finding those everywhere you go. Jim Pittman has fixed our messes and changed our light bulbs so we can continue through our days.

Our children are watching caterpillars turn into butterflies along with the changes ladybugs go through. We have also been spending a great deal of time outside (no mask zone) playing on our climbing dome.

Thank you for supporting us with your prayers. May you find God's peace and blessing wherever you go!

Blessings

Judy Furgison





Bringing All of Our Lives Before God

- ✝ JB Whisker
- ✝ Margie High
- ✝ Kathy Bush and family
- ✝ Bill Imler
- ✝ Family of Randy Barber
- ✝ Birdie Jean Sigle (granddaughter of Ronda and Eddie Sigel, great granddaughter of Duane and Patty Trueax)
- ✝ Bob Burns (son-in-law of John and Ann Akers) passing
- ✝ Jeff Stone, knee surgery recovery
- ✝ Daycare staff offering ministry to our community
- ✝ Pain and suffering that COVID has caused in our world, nation, and communities
- ✝ Those with fearful hearts
- ✝ Morgan Eisenhart traveling back to California
- ✝ Pat Ryan
- ✝ Tom Ryan
- ✝ The Young Family
- ✝ For the blessing of our custodian Wendy Long and her husband Frank who helps with yardwork
- ✝ For the kindness we experience, the kindness we need to share, and where kindness is not being shared
- ✝ For those who are on fire for Jesus, those who are walking with him anew, and those who hunger to be in a deeper relationship with him.
- ✝ The care local communities take in looking after one another.
- ✝ Doctors, nurses, first responders, and medical workers who are helping wherever hands are needed
- ✝ For teachers, administrators, lunch staff, students, school maintenance workers, and parents during the uncertainty of what returning to school will look like
- ✝ Lois Morral currently in the hospital after falling
- ✝ Jerry Replogle and family effected by COVID
- ✝ Sandy Shaw's mother recovering well after a car accident
- ✝ Those struggling with loneliness or the chaos of not having a normal schedule
- ✝ For those trying to make leadership decisions with constantly changing reports and new information
- ✝ Jenny Clark undergoing a biopsy on thyroid

Extended Care:

Betty Noble (Rebecca's), Betty Tenley, Frank Shaffer (Colonial), Zil Tice, Kathleen Harclerode

In the service:

Jaden Foor, Mitchell Kovel, Isaiah Marauta, Collin Wilt

Media News

At this time, we are currently live-streaming worship from the 10:00 AM service onto Facebook Live on our Facebook page. This worked out well when we were worshipping from home (the videos could be edited with clear audio, picture, etc.), but now that we are having worship in the sanctuary we no longer prerecord.

This being said, we want to make our online worship experience and presence more participatory and available to folks who may not feel comfortable coming back to worship yet. We also want to communicate the unconditional love of God more clearly by offering higher quality videos to those who may stumble upon EUMC for the first time.

Now, you may be asking, who will run this?

We have a young follower of Jesus in our congregation, Del Hollis, who is willing to run the system needed to help communicate a clearer message. With that, we are reaching out to the congregation to help make this possible and enhance our online ministry and worship. Del did all the research and estimates the cost to get us started will be between \$2,000-2500. If you are willing and able, please prayerfully consider donating to encourage this media ministry.

You also may be asking; will it be worth it?

Yes, it will be worth it for a few reasons,

When people from out of town or those who locally who are not Jesus followers are looking for a church, the internet is often their first exposure. Many people are not simply walking through the doors of the Church in 2020. Instead, for many, worship online will be the front door for folks to get connected to Jesus.

Creating a stronger and clearer online presence prepares us for the future. We are unaware of what is happening with the coronavirus in the future, and if we are able to continually offer a strong online presence centered around God's love, we can help to create more disciples for Jesus.

It encourages the gifts of individuals within the congregation to connect them to the Kingdom of God. It helps open a new path for ministry to make our presence, as a people who love Jesus, in the Everett community to connect would-be disciples to Christ.

Thank you for considering a new impact we can make for Christ in our
community.

Much grace and peace,

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Friends, Hands in Ministry is beginning again. It is going to be led by Ginny LeVan. You might be thinking, isn't December a difficult month to revitalize a ministry? Normally the answer would be yes, but we wanted to make sure our health-bound (in the hospital) and homebound were not forgotten this season. With that being said, they are doing just that this holiday season, and they are reaching out with cards and words of encouragement! As we move into the New Year, Hands in Ministry will be providing more direction for how the ministry will take place, and how, we as a congregation can help and be involved with offering those who are not able to make it to church with acknowledgement that they are cared for and loved by God and the congregation.

As part of our Hands in Ministry, we keep in touch with those members of our church who can't get to church and fellowship with us. We visit them at least twice a year and take a little gift each time we go. Our Team would like to bring everyone one up to date on our health-bound and homebound members and where they can be found. They would like to hear from you by phone, a visit or by sending a card and certainly by remembering them in your prayers. **The following list are just those ones who cannot get to church:**

COLONIAL COURTYARD

FRANK SHAFFER—220 DONAHOE MANOR RD BEDFORD PA 15522

HOMEWOOD AT MARTINSBURG

BETTY TENLEY --437 GIVLER DR. MARTINSBURG, PA 16662

EDLA LENTZ---437 GIVLER DR. MARTINSBURG,PA 16662

REBECCA'S

BETTY NOBLE

PENKNOLL VILLAGE

KATHLEEN HARCLERODE- 208 PENKNOLL RD- EVERETT, PA 15537

THESE ARE OUR HOMEBOUND;

J B WHISKER— 163 MCCLEARY LANE NEW PARIS 15554 (LOVES TO LOOK AT CARDS)

VERYL PECK—1052 S BREEZEWOOD, PA 15533

DOTTIE AKERS—2179 BIG CREEK ROAD—CLEARVILLE, PA.15535

DEANNA FREEMAN—306 MAIN ST—EVERETT, PA

ZIL TICE- LIVING WITH SON, DENNIS TICE

CHARLOTTE HARTLE— 6912 MERTON ROAD—PITTSBURGH, PA 15202

LOIS MORRAL—7470 CHANEYSVILLE ROAD—CLEARVILLE, PA 15534 (814-784-3497)

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE THAT NEEDS ON THIS LIST, PLEASE CALL GINNY LEVAN AT 814.652.2527.

Conversations With Christians Over the Centuries

Each month we will share a quote from a Christian author to add some food for thought in our walk with Jesus. My prayer is that these quotes will challenge, strengthen, and encourage good life-giving conversations along our faith journey.

“When we Christians behave badly, or fail to behave well, we are making Christianity unbelievable to the outside world.”

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, 1952

Pastor Dave’s brief thoughts:

I believe this is exceptionally true. The number of Christians in the world is a lot, and the number of churches that are growing (people maturing in their walk with Jesus) is either plateaued or declining. Being a Jesus follower is not so much about how we behave but more about becoming the sorts of people who are saturated, pervaded, and immersed in the love of God. Paul mentions in 1 Corinthians 13 that he could have the strongest faith, the most elegant preaching, he could give away all his stuff for those in need, but if we don’t have the love of God absolutely none of those things matter.

My own personal thought is that it’s not so much that people don’t believe or trust Jesus, but that it’s that they don’t trust people who call themselves Christians. I think we can be Christians and not be disciples of Christ. I believe that if the Church is going to see people growing into the character of Christ, it starts with us examining ourselves and asking God to give us the grace to continually mature in him, so that as Christ followers we make Jesus attractive as people who know the “life that really is life” (1 Timothy 6.19) because we continuously experience this on our walk with Jesus.

What are your thoughts? Do you believe the quote has truth to it? Do you agree or disagree with Pastor Dave? (This is always good because it creates great faith-maturing conversation.)

Mission Team

The Mission Team is taking up a collection of items for numerous causes. All donations can be placed in the white clothes baskets scattered throughout the church.

1. “Blessing Bags” for the dispersed traveler and homeless people.

Suggested items for the bags include:

Toiletries: deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, razors, soap, body wash, shampoo, lip balm, female hygiene products, wash cloth, hand towel, comb, brush, hand lotion, nail clippers, sunscreen, travel tissue packs, band-aids and hand wipes.

Other Items: gloves, small notebook, pens, dried fruit, packs of nuts, trail mix, granola bars, beef jerky, small water bottles, multi-tool, first aid kit, and compact reusable bag (for trash or dirty laundry items, etc.)”

2. “Emergency Food Pantry”. This community ministry is housed in our Parish House. An emergency food box is offered for those in need of emergency assistance, not on a regular basis. All donations must be within 6 months of expiration or best by date. The following a list of items we are presently in need of:

Canned items: tuna, chicken, vegetables, fruit, soup. Peanut butter, Jelly, Velveeta, Applesauce, Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Ramen Noodle Cups, Beef Broth, Chicken Helper, Hamburger Helper, Instant potatoes (add water only), Pancake Mix (add water only), Syrup, Evaporated Milk Packets and Cereal.

Don’t forget the Mission Team’s ongoing collection year round:

Unexpired Coupons, heavy fabric to make school bags, plastic grocery bags, cancelled postage stamps, soda can tabs, used greeting cards, used—clean denim jeans.

SEE YELLOW SHOPPING LISTS LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE CHURCH!

Finances and Giving

Dear, friends and family of EUMC-

It has been quite the past few months and I know we wish our world was put back together. With this, I have a few things to say regarding the finances and ways to use the gifts God has given us.

1. First and absolutely foremost, thank you for your continued faithfulness in financially giving during this time. Thank you for helping to maintain ministry over these past few months. Your gifts have been used to continue producing online material for worship, to help make the transition back to the Children's Center reopening smoothly and help support staff.
2. I know that some of us have been impacted during this time of hardship, and if there is anything we are able to help with as a church we'd love to offer the gift of God's love anyway possible.
3. I have heard countless stories of the way you have all care for one another and neighbors that live nearby during these troubled time and this warms my heart as your pastor to hear about the ways you are serving in the name of Jesus.
4. A way to offer a blessing and a grace could be to write our staff at the church a "checking in" or "thank you" card. Our Children's Center staff, our Children's Center Director [Judy Rush Furgison], our custodian [Wendy Long], and our secretary [Katie Shafer] have had to adapt during this COVID season. There has been an immense learning curve and many extra duties to be completed to assure compliance with health and safety regulations.
5. I know that some of us have not be affected financially during this pandemic and I would ask you prayerfully consider using those gifts as a way to invest in the work of God. There are three ways to give: by mail, in-person worship, and online by going to everettumc.org and clicking the giving link and following the instructions from there.

My favorite author on our spiritual life writes this:

*"Asking people for money is giving them the opportunity to put their resources at the disposal of the kingdom [of God]. To raise funds is to offer people the chance to invest what they have in the work of God. **Whether someone has much, or little is not as important as the possibility of making our money available to God.**"*

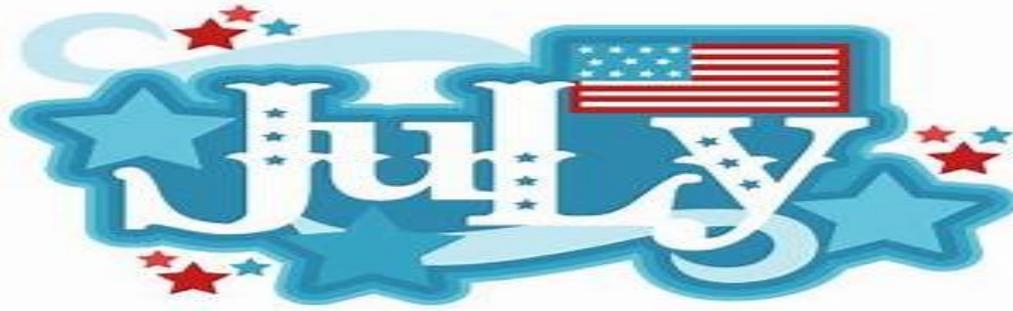
"A Spirituality of Fundraising" – Henri Nouwen, pg. 40

Friends,

Our funds are not our own. The amounts of funds we have does not matter. What matters is that God calls us to use them for the work of the kingdom and bring Jesus to wherever we find ourselves- To Know Christ in *all* the ways we give and To Make Christ Known in the opportunities we are presented with to show the love of God.

Much grace and peace,

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BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

2. Adam Barber
 Nathaniel Maxwell
 Ella McCahan
8. Evelyn Allman
9. Ethan Clark
10. Kelly Cornell
 Stephen McCahan
12. Doug Greenfield
13. Julie Stone
14. Tracey Hendershot
15. Bill Benigni
16. Dakota Foor
 Charlotte Hartle
 Quincy Swaim
19. Linda Clark
24. Rodney Barber
25. Myra Geisert
28. Paul Fischer
29. Susan Treece
31. Mark Broad
 James Pittman

If you or someone you know celebrate a birthday this month and are not on our list, please contact the church office!

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