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Sunday School
 for all ages
 gathers at
 9:00 am

Worship Service
 Every Sunday 10:30 am

Reflections From Pastor Daniel

When I attended seminary it was made clear to me that theology was not just a study of Christianity. It was the study of God and it includes all religions and faith groups. As part of the study, we were led to believe that there are many ways to God. I considered their arguments and was almost persuaded. However, as I prayed to God about it in the name of Jesus Christ, it was revealed to me that Christianity IS the only way to God. In John 14:6 "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" I know it is not politically correct to say it, but Jesus IS the only way to God.

If you are not convinced, consider this. If other religions or faith practices could enable people to go to heaven, why did Jesus die? Jesus is God. He knew that Mohammad would come and create a new religion. He knew about Confucius and all the other faith groups from the beginning of time until today. If any of those could enable people to go to heaven, why would He go through all the suffering He did. He could have said, "people can follow one of those other religions" and he could have saved Himself all the suffering and His death. We know He didn't want to die. Jesus said in Matthew 26:39 ". . . My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."

It is obvious to me that if any other religion or faith practice could enable anyone to go to heaven, Jesus would not have died. He specifically asked God if there was any other way and God's answer was no. If His answer had been yes, Jesus would not have suffered and died.

In addition to all this, Jesus is the only faith leader to rise from the dead. No other faith tradition can compare.

God be with you all,

Pastor Daniel

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Finance Update

March

3/04/2018-\$2,865.21
3/11/2018-\$2,774.06
3/18/2018-\$1,199.53
3/25/2018-\$2,279.45
3/29/2018-\$45.01
3/30/2018-\$112.00

Total for February \$9,095.26

February

2/04/2018-\$5,318.00
2/11/2018-\$1,695.02
2/18/2018-\$1,955.26
2/25/2018-\$1,204.10

Total for February \$10,172.38

As 2018 starts, please continue to pray for Easton Place. Pray that we can grow as a congregation. Pray that we can continue to meet our financial obligations. Let us remember, that God only asks us to give what is already His!

In Christs Love

The Finance Committee

Presence:

March 314

Gifts -Tithes and Offerings Received

March \$9,095.26

The Mission of Easton Place UMC

To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

Gather in a safe, nurturing Christ-centered way in worship, meetings, and small groups as we...

Grow in relationship with Christ; and

Go into the world, to share the love of Christ with others

**As members of the Easton Place UMC,
we vow to faithfully participate
in its ministries**

Asking Jesus into your life:

O God, without you, I am lost - a sinner in a sinful world. Jesus I believe in you. I need you. Be my Lord and Savior? Receive me -- your child. I ask for forgiveness. I ask for guidance. I accept you as my God, my Guide, my Help, and my Hope from this day forward into the very light of eternity. I lift this prayer in the power of Jesus' mighty name. Amen. God's Promise of Forgiveness: 1 John 1:9 God's Promise of Salvation: John 3:16 God's Promise to You: Romans 8:15b-17a All you need to do: Romans 10:9



****To start prayer chain:**

Call Romona Moore

Keep In Prayer For Healing: (Remember to let the office or the Pastor know if you are in the hospital)

PRAY FOR

HOSPITAL:

RECOVERING AT HOME

NURSING HOME AND ASSISTED LIVING

RESIDENTS: Gladys Hooten (Spurgeon Manor, Dallas Center, IA), and Mary Alice Winterbottom (Fleur Heights) Nadine Layton (Bridges, Ankeny)

KEEP IN PRAYERS: Deb Christian, Karen Baumgartner, Anna Mascaro, Kim Cox, Reba Larson, Helene Snyder, George Schultz, Jenny Schultz, Judy Burns, Keith Mascaro, Ron Smith, Phyllis Randall

LOST A LOVED ONE:

EPUMC Congregation:

I would like to invite you to come to the Ad Council meetings. This is a new year with a new ad council. We will be receiving a new Pastor in July. If you have questions about your church or suggestions you would like to be heard or would just like to sit in to absorb information I would love to have you come. The meetings for the Ad Council are every 4th Tuesday at 6:45 pm.

God Bless
Mick McFadden



April

Miracle Ogbonnah	4-03
Elijah Bogle	4-05
Diana Alton	4-10
Adam Hoffman	4-10
Dean Edward Layton	4-11
Perry Heer	4-19
Mick McFadden	4-19
Keith L Isreal	4-20
Clarence Robinson	4-20
Shannon Hoffman	4-21
Vanessa Buettner	4-24
Alicia Rus	4-25
Todd Scharf	4-27

Worship Helpers for April

April 1, Easter Sunday

Worship Leader: Mick McFadden
Liturgist: Jim Alton
Sound: Mike & Janice Hoffman
Acolyte: Delanee Stuve
Ushers: Marlys, Leo, Subs
Children Message: Jeannie Staton
Jr. Church: Jeannie Staton
Nursery: Diana Alton
Offering Counters: Mike Parsons
Janice Hoffman
Communion Stewards Susee Jenks
Midge Tillotson

April 8, Youth Sunday

Worship Leader: Amanda Faux
Liturgist: Caleb Cook
Sound: Mike & Janice Hoffman
Acolyte: Delanee Stuve
Ushers: Courtney, Alex, Marlys, Leo
Children Message: Christi Rus
Jr. Church: None
Nursery: Diana Alton
Offering Counters: Mike Parsons
Jeannie Staton

April 15, 3rd Sunday of Easter

Worship Leader: Cathy Parsons
Liturgist: Courtney Heer
Sound: Mike Parsons
Acolyte: Jamisin Breeding
Ushers: Bob, Peggy, Kathy, Sub
Children Message: Cathy Parsons
Jr. Church: Diana Alton
Nursery: Kayli Brealing
Offering Counters: Mike Parsons
Ellen McFadden

April 22, 4th Sunday of Easter

Worship Leader: Cathy Parsons
Liturgist: Courtney Heer
Sound: Mike Parsons
Acolyte: Jamisin Breeding
Ushers: Bob, Peggy, Kathy, Sub
Children Message: Jeannie Staton
Jr. Church: Jeannie Staton
Nursery: Diana Alton
Offering Counters: Mike Parsons
Kathy Fedson

April 29, 5th Sunday of Easter

Worship Leader: Romona Moore
Liturgist: Judy Burns
Sound: Mick McFadden
Acolyte: Josalyn Adams
Ushers: Sandy, Mike, Amanda, Kay
Children Message: Diana Alton
Jr. Church: Jeannie Staton
Nursery: Diana Alton
Offering Counters: Mike Parsons
Sandy Mathews

Lectionary Scriptures for April
for Personal Devotions and Study

April 1

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
John 20:1-18 or
Mark 16:1-8

April 8

Youth Sunday

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

April 15

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

April 22

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23 or 137
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

April 29

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

Circle Reports

EPWU General

March 7, 2018. Prayer and devotions were led by Jeannie Staton. Midge gave the treasurer's report. Phyllis read the minutes from our previous meeting. The Vendor sale was well attended. Food was very good-everyone enjoyed the beef burgers we sold out! Meal in the Upper Room on March 7 was a joyful event to share and remember. The Women will have a pizza party following worship on Sunday April 15, 2018. We discussed the Mother/Daughter Banquet coming up on Friday May 11, 2018. Menu and entertainment plans are being made. Phyllis Randall, Secretary, EPWU

Meal in the Upper Room

Easton Place Women United held their annual program, Meal in the Upper Room, on Wednesday March 7, 2018. It is also known as the SEDER MEAL or the Passover. We used the adaption of the program called "The Room Upstairs" written by John W Carter. Five readers read scriptures pertaining to the Passover Meal. Exodus 12:3 through Exodus 15, explains in detail the story of how the children of Israel were led out of Egypt from slavery to freedom. Everyone was invited to attend and participate in this special evening. We were delighted to welcome 31 people and felt that all were blessed.

Symbolic foods and drink of the Passover were served:

- 1) a cracker representing unleavened bread
- 2) celery representing bitter herbs
- 3) roasted meat representing Christ, the Lamb of God, who was crucified for us, and
- 4) grape juice representing the blood of Christ that He shed for our sins.

A traditional dinner was also served by a hostess from each table. We enjoyed a tasty meal of chicken and rice, apple/nut salad, peta bread (flat bread) and spice cake. It was an exceptional evening for all who shared this time of faith and fellowship.

Easton Service Group

Easton Service Group met at church on March 8, 2018 at 1:00 pm. Romona led our business meeting and I want to share the quote she began our meeting with: "In School you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In Life you're given

a test that teaches you a lesson." Diana did the program from 40 Days with Wesley by Reuban P. Job. Mary Christi was our hostess and we were delighted she was able to be with us. She treated us to four different kinds of cookies, and crackers with a dip she had made plus Cran-Promagrated juice. It was a good time and we would love to invite you to join us next month. We all want to also thank Janet, for even though she was unable to attend our meeting, she made sure each of us received a St. Patrick's decoration which she had made!

Esther Circle

None Submitted

Deborah Circle

Jeannie read devotion from Monday's upper room. Be prepared to feed and serve strangers. Sandy & Kay prepared delicious homemade potato soup and yogurt pie. Jeannie read a second devotion after our meal from Tuesday Upper Room about Unexpected generosity. Prayer requests were taken and prayed for. Old business: Vendor sale: \$675 made by the church, \$260.75 made for EPWU. Meal in the Upper Room had 29 people present. New Business: April General will be hosted by us. Jeannie suggested a musical extravaganza again. Spring theme suggested. April 15 is the Pizza party after worship. Mission project next month is Dental products. Hostesses for April are Phyllis and Connie. Standing rules person is Sandy. Go to her with specific rule changes. Kathy made a motion to adjourn, Bev seconded it. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted
Cathy Parson

Mary Circle

March 21, 2018. Diana opened the meeting with 8 members present. She presented each of us with an Easter Bunny of our choice which had belonged to Leona and that made them so much more special. The minutes were read and approved. She said the Vendor Sale made \$675 and Midge said the Bake Sale made over \$200. Diana thanked everyone who helped with Meal in the Upper Room. Jan G gave the treasurer's report for Jan. & Feb. A motion by Jan G to give Lila \$25 for health bags for the Women's facility each quarter of 218. 2nd by Sandy Fleck. All

approved. Sandy is to check with Joshua Academy for new list of needs. Meeting turned over to our hostess, Diana, who served us pie and ice cream, St. Patrick 's Day nut cups filled with goodies. She presented her program from John Wesley's book "40 days of Lent, #26 Doing Good which reminded us that "everyday there's a chance to do good, and that doing good is directed to everyone.

God Bless
Sandy Fleck

SPRING BASEMENT SALE

Set up starts April 21st

SALE STARTS

April 27th 9 am to 4 pm

April 28th 9 am to 11 am

April 28th Sack sale 11 am - Noon

Pizza, Pizza, Pizza Party
Sunday April 15
After Worship
Free Will Offering

Mother Daughter Banquet
May 11, 2018
6:00 pm

Reservations will be taken
April 22 -May 7.

Contact Midge Tillotson

Adults \$10.00

Children 4-10 \$5.00

Children 3 and under Free

MARCH CALANDER 2018

1. Easter Cantata 7:00 am
Easter Breakfast 8:00 am
Sunday School 9-10:15 am
Easter Sunday Service 10:30 am
- 2.
3. 6:00 pm Education
7:00 pm Worship
4. 7:00 pm EPWU General
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
8. Youth Sunday
- 9.
10. 6:00 pm Trustees
11. 6:30 pm Deborah Circle
12. 1:00 pm Easton Service Group
13. 1:00 pm Esther Circle
14. 8:00 am UMM
10:00 am Fellowship Hall reserved
Pinewood Derby
15. EPWU Pizza Party after Worship
16. 11:30 am CWU Board meets
17. 6:00 pm SPRC
18. 7:00 pm Mary Circle
19. 4:30 pm Missions
20. 4:00-9:00 pm Fellowship Hall reserved
21. Basement Sale starts setting up
22. Start taking reservations for Mother Daughter Banquet
23. Ad Council minutes and Star Articles Due
24. 6:00 pm Finance
6:45 pm Ad Council
25. 7:00 pm EPWU Board
- 26.
27. 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Basement Sale
28. 9:00 am - 11:00 am Basement Sale
11:00 - 12:00 pm Sack Sale
3:00 - 5:00 pm Girl Scouts
- 29.
- 30.
- 31.