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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

Grace to you and Peace from our Lord Jesus Christ.

GETTING THROUGH THE TOUGH TIMES Life can be challenging at times and we may even wonder how we are ever going to make it through. Our state of mind is a major factor in making it through those difficult times.

One of the most underestimated, least utilized, and yet most powerful tools we have for survival in those tough times is our memory. In a Science Digest article entitled "The Magic of Memory," Laurence Cherry says: "Our memories are probably our most cherished possessions. More than anything else we own, they belong uniquely to us, defining our personalities and our views of the world. Each of us can summon thousands of memories at will: our first day at school, a favorite family pet, a special vacation we loved." Oscar Wilde had all this in mind when he said, "Memory is the diary that we all carry about in us." And the German writer Jean Paul Richter said, "Our memory is the only paradise out of which we cannot be driven."

Happy memories can be a paradise for us in difficult times, which is why it is so important to build happy memories with our families and loved ones when we have the opportunity. Maybe on a four-day weekend, on a vacation or Holiday get together. Too often we opt for more "practical and profitable" uses of our time or we dismiss such family fun times as unnecessary. But having a treasury of pleasant experiences stashed away in our memories will sustain us and our marriages through the grinding tough times.

James Matthew Barrie once explained: "God gives us memory so that we may have roses in December." The Scripture says, "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything praiseworthy, think on these things." (Philippians 4:8)

PRAYER: Dear Father in heaven, grant me the wisdom to build a storehouse of happy memories with my family and friends that my memory may serve as a paradise into which I may find relief. Amen.

Yours in Christ,
 Pastor Daniel

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Finance Update

April

4/1/2018-\$2,386.76
4/8/2018-\$2,244.02
4/15/2018-\$1,030.76
4/22/18-\$1,460.50
4/29/2018-\$3,024.05

Total for April \$10,146.09

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 March \$9,275.26

God is Good, All the Time! As we are starting the 5th month of 2018, we are coming along. We have paid our bills, and been able to put a small amount of money into our Apportionment fund. The Summer months are coming, and as a pattern at Easton Place, the giving drops. What if this year, we don't let that happen? If you are going to be gone, drop your offering in the mail or drop it by the church. We have a lot going on at Easton Place and we want to do more, but it cannot happen if we don't give. As the Bible tells us, God only wants what is already His. Think about it.

In Christs Love

The Finance Committee

Presence:
April 301

Gifts -Tithes and Offerings Received

April \$10,146.09

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, 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

If you have moved or changed your telephone number, please inform the office so we can keep the Directory updated.

Thank you
Ellen McFadden



May

Tyler DeYoung	5-02
Chuck Faux	5-03
Shelby Langill	5-04
Tim Hoffman	5-06
Nick Buettner	5-07
Connie DeYoung	5-08
Marla Layton	5-08
Anna Mascaro	5-08
Tara Bogle	5-12
Becky Bogle Van Howeling	5-12
Dana Drew	5-14
Ruth Gibbens	5-15
David DeYoung	5-16
Sandra Fleck	5-16
Stephen Bogle	5-17
Linda Moore	5-17
Jenifer Parsons	5-19
Earl Ault	5-21
Kathy Fedson	5-22
Courtney Heer	5-22
Tami Israel	5-24

Worship Helpers for May

May 6, 6th Sunday of Easter

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

May 13, 7th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

Worship Leader: Mick McFadden
Liturgist: Connie Bishop
Sound: Mike & Janice Hoffman
Acolyte: Delanee Stuve
Ushers: Mary Jo, Caleb, Wimpy, Ray
Children Message: Susee Jenks
Jr. Church: None
Nursery: Diana Alton
Offering Counters: Mike Parsons
Jeannie Staton

May 20, Pentecost

Worship Leader: Mick McFadden
Liturgist: Connie Bishop
Sound: Mike & Janice Hoffman
Acolyte: Delanee Stuve
Ushers: Mary Jo, Caleb, Wimpy, Ray
Children Message: Cathy Parsons
Jr. Church: Diana Alton
Nursery: Kayli Brealing
Offering Counters: Mike Parsons
Ellen McFadden

May 27, Trinity Sunday

Worship Leader: Cathy Parsons
Liturgist: Ellen McFadden
Sound: Mike Parsons
Acolyte: Jamisin Breeding
Ushers: Marlys, Leo, Subs
Children Message: Jeannie Staton
Jr. Church: Jeannie Staton
Nursery: Diana Alton
Offering Counters: Mike Parsons
Kathy Fedson

Lectionary Scriptures for May for Personal Devotions and Study

May 6 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-49
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 13 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

May 20 Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34,35b
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 27 Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17



Friday, May 11th

6:00 pm

Adults: \$10.00

Children 4-9 yrs.: \$5.00

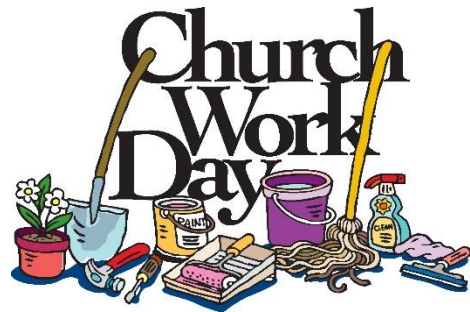
Children 3 and under: FREE

You can make your reservations now thru
Monday May 7th

To Make a Reservation Call:

Midge Tillotson

Volunteers Needed: There will be a church cleanup day on Saturday May 5, 2018, 9:00 am -1:00 pm.. Please see Mike Hoffman for more information or questions.



GRADUATES

If you are graduating this year, please turn your name into the church office or to Mary Jo Cook. Thank You!

Thank you to all that gave me a card of appreciation or told me personally this week that I was appreciated for Administrative Professionals Day. It makes me feel good about the job I am doing.

Ellen McFadden

UMM: Breakfast & fellowship
Saturday May 12, 8:00 am
All men are invited!!

VBS is fast approaching.

It is hard to believe it will be here in 3 short months. The dates are July 23-27, 2018 for Kids. 9:00 am until Noon. July 22-26 for adults, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Please pray for the VBS program this year, that we have more kids!!! Also, we are looking for more adult teachers. If you would like to teach one or our night classes, just let us know.

In Christ's Love
Julie Marker & Janis Hoffman

Coming up in JUNE
EPWU Salad luncheon, June 3 after worship. Free Will Offering

Congratulations to Alicia Rus
For winning the Hilda Mercer
Camping award.



Circle Reports

EPWU General

General was hosted by Deborah Circle in April. After the business meeting was over we had a Sing Along and Special music by Jim Alton, Mike Hoffman, and Mike Parsons. Cathy Parsons and Romona Moore each sang a solo also. We sang music in rounds. It was fun. Jello cake, nuts and m & m's were served for refreshments along with drinks.

Deborah Circle

Deborah Circle met on April 11, 2018 with 15 members present. Janice opened with a devotion about "The Myth of the Perfect Leader". Sometimes our best intentions can be disastrous. There are no perfect people, just the perfect love of Jesus. Connie Bishop served us tater tot casserole, marshmallow salad, and a lettuce salad. She served two kinds of fruit crisp for dessert. We signed cards for Romona and Kay. We said the prayer of the least coin and took up our offering. Treasurer and Secretary reports were read and approved.

Old Business: We hosted General and had a good turnout. **New Business:** Mother Daughter Banquet preparations are in the works. A subcommittee is working on the details. Julie led us in another devotional lesson. It was about not worrying about tomorrow. Give it to God and don't take it back. She closed with prayer. Kathy Fedson made a motion to adjourn. Mary Jo seconded it. Respectfully submitted
Cathy Parsons.

Easton Service Group

Easton Service Group had a delightful meeting April 18, 2018 at 1:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Judy Burns led our meeting since Romona is in the hospital. Mary Christie did our devotions and program, all about Jesus and how we are to reflect his love. Plus make sure you eat your spiritual food as well as your physical food. And always follow Jesus. Mary Christie gave each of us an Inspired Magazine and told us to concentrate on page 30. Then Janet spoiled us on a butterfly table with cream puffs, chocolate eclairs, and punch. Please feel free to join us next month when we go to visit Mary Alice. All six of us in attendance agreed we had a good time, so come join us.
Diana Alton

Mary Circle

Mary Circle met Wednesday with five members present. Sandy Fleck opened with devotion "He is always listening" from Laughter From a Woman's Soul. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Sandy read a thank you note from Lila for the \$25 for the women's health bags. A motion was made by Jan Green to give Diana \$25 for May baskets in honor of Hilda. It was seconded by Linda Moore; motion was carried. Our April card selections were made, and we were reminded not to forget to pray for our secret pal. Diana announced the General will be on May 2nd at 1:00 pm. The meeting was then turned over to our hostess, Sandy Fleck, who served angel food cake with black berries and strawberries topped with Cool Whip. She presented a program on Earth Day, and how God has made us stewards of the land. We also discussed recycling and ways to keep our water clean. She presented an Earth Day poem. She also displayed some items that had been made from recycled corn.

God Bless,
Sandra Fleck

Esther Circle

Friday, April 13, 2018 at 1:10 pm Virginia called Esther Circle to order with seven in attendance and soon to be eight. Virginia opened with a hug for each and every one of us. What a wonderful way to begin a meeting. We were all so blessed. Virginia then read a poem entitled "HUGS". She stated that the word hugs is not found in the Bible but using the definition from Webster's dictionary "embrace" is in Ecclesiastics 3:5. Diana read a book given to her by her dear friend Dee entitled "Hugs for my friends". Diana prayed and Virginia asked Sandy to read the March minutes that were accepted as read. Janice then read the treasurer's report. **Old Business:** Virginia reminded us that we will be hosting the May General meeting. Sandy suggested and it was approved that we serve Jello Yogurt pie. Janice will bring strawberry, Virginia lemon and Diana orange. Sandy will bring nuts, Julie candy and we will decorate with a flower theme. Water and coffee will be our beverages. As decided in the March meeting; Sandy will read about May Day, Janice about Memorial Day and Julie on Mother's Day. **New Business:** Virginia added that EPWU

will be hosting a Pizza Pizza Pizza Party on April 15, 2018 following worship and that we are encouraged to bring pizza toppings or pizza. The Mother Daughter banquet on Friday May 11, 6:00 pm was discussed and Julie gave us an update that the theme of "Memories" has been decided and we are encouraged to bring things handed down to us to be used to decorate with. Please remember to put your name of those items. Prices will be \$10 11-up, \$5 4-10, and free 3 and under. We then adjourned to our special treats of 3 kinds of homemade cookies provided by our hostess Kathy.

Respectfully submitted
Sandy Mathews

MAY CALANDER 2018

1. Fellowship Hall reserved for CWU until 4:00 pm
NO 9:30 Women's Bible Study today
6:00 pm Education
7:00 pm Worship
2. 1:00 pm EPWU General
Esther Circle Hostess
- 3.
- 4.
5. Church Cleanup day.
9 am - 1:00 pm
3:00-5:00 pm fellowship hall reserved for Girl Scouts
- 6.
- 7.
8. **6:00 pm Trustees**
9. 6:30 pm Deborah Circle
Ellen McFadden & Sue Turner
hostess
Mission: Bathing products
10. 1:00 pm Easton Place Service
Group, Visiting Mary Alice
11. **9:30 am CWU Upstairs**
1:00 pm Esther Circle
Hostess: Sue Turner
6:00 pm Mother/Daughter
Banquet
12. 8:00 am UMM
10:00 am - 9:00 pm Fellowship
Hall reserved: DJ Bishop
- 13.
- 14.
15. **6:00 pm SPRC**
16. 7:00 pm Mary Circle
Hostess: Mary Christie Rus
17. **4:30 pm Missions**
- 18.
19. 2:30 pm -7:30 pm Girl Scouts
Spaghetti dinner
20. Coffee & Rolls after worship
21. 11:30 am CWU Board meeting
22. **6:00 pm Finance**
6:45 pm Ad Council
23. 7:00 pm EPWU Board meeting
- 24.
- 25.
- 26.
27. **Graduation Sunday**
Potluck after worship
28. Memorial Day/Office closed
29. Ad Council minutes and
Star Articles due
- 30.
- 31.