



The Shepherd's Star

"We have seen (Christ's) star and have come to worship him."-Matt: 2:2b (NIV)

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Sunday School

for all ages gathers at 9:00 am

Worship Service

Every Sunday 10:30 am

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Cephas's Corner

Dying To Live

(Jeremiah 29:11, RSV) "For I know the plans I have for you" says the Lord, "plan for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Meditation: Life has lost meaning for many young people as well as older people. But children of God the Father, life has no meaning until we know God's purpose and plans for our lives. We must understand that life becomes painful and empty when God is left out. Yet, apart from God, the riddle of life never will be understood. Apart from God, our deepest longings will never be satisfied.

We do not need wealth, position, or pleasure to be happy, but we do need God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. No life is too empty to be filled with purpose and power through the living Christ. No life is too desperate and hopeless, bound and broken when one comes to Christ confessing his or her sin and putting one's trust in Him.

Only in God as Creator is there real purpose of being. Only in Christ as savior is there forgiveness in its fullness. Only in the power of God's spirit is there enablement to live new life. Every person can find real purpose to live when they surrender their will to Christ Jesus as Lord and yield their life to His control. As I have noted each Sunday during our series "Living Generously" it is our "heart" God wants. Thus, living generously is giving ourselves to God and response to serving others.

Prayer: Lord, guide our path as we travel life's road. Help us to put to death the things of this world and live the purpose of that which you have called us for. May we as your people understand that to live is to give. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Thought for the Month: "Live like a candle which burn's itself out, but gives light to others".

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Finance Update

OCTOBER

10/07/2018-\$2,507.08 10/14/2018-\$2,594.00 10/21/2018-\$1,577.69 10/28/2018-\$1,079.37

Total for September \$7,758.14

SEPTEMBER

9/02/2018-\$2,571.97 9/19/2018-\$1,210.13 9/16/2018-\$3,870.52 9/23/2018-\$987.00 9/30/2018-\$2.150.67

Total for September \$10,790.29

God is Good, All the Time! We need \$10,000.00 every month. We have paid our bills. We will be having our stewardship drive soon, please prayerfully consider your offerings to Easton Place. Is this the year we are willing to step out in faith, and do what God calls us to do? Is 2019 the year we will start living Generously?

In Christ's Love
The Finance Committee

Presence:

October 246

Gifts -Tithes and Offerings Receive

October \$7,758.14

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 Darlene McFate NURSING HOME AND ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS: Gladys Hooten (Spurgeon Manor, Dallas Center, IA), and) Nadine Layton (Bridges, Ankeny)

KEEP IN PRAYERS: Deb Christian, Karen Baumgartner, Anna Mascaro, Kim Cox, George Schultz, Jenny Schultz, Judy Burns, Keith Mascaro, Ron Smith, Phyllis Randall, Virginia Kimberling, Darlene McFate LOST A LOVED ONE:

Missions Report

God is so Good! The free meal is going great, every week we see someone new. It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of our 5th year, serving our neighbors.

We welcome anyone who might like to come and help, or cook a meal. All are Welcome! As we are writing this, the Thanksgiving Ingathering is Saturday Nov 3, we will be taking health kits and school kits.

WE are excited to start 2019, we just know that God has new and exciting things instore for us!

In His Service
The Mission Committee



November

Connie Bishop	11-04
Cameron McFadden	11-04
Sage McConnell	11-05
Mary Jo Cook	11-11
Nadine Layton	11-11
Gladys Hooten	11-12
Abigail Gwyin	11-13
Nicolas Pena	11-14
Linda Robinson	11-15
Rafe McConnell	11-17
Lexi Israel	11-20
David Staton	11-20
Cathy Parsons	11-25
Jakob Campbell	11-25
Breanne Parkins	11-25

Worship Helpers for November 2018

November 4, All Saints Sunday

Worship Leader: Romona Moore
Liturgist: Ellen McFadden
Sound Mick McFadden

Acolyte: Jamisin Breeding

Ushers: Mary Jo, Caleb, Wimpy, Ray

Children Message:Jeannie StatonJr. Church:Jeannie StatonNursery:Diana AltonOffering Counters:Mike Parsons

Janice Hoffman

Communion Stewards Cathy Parsons

Mike Parsons

November 18, Thanksgiving Sunday

Worship Leader: Rick Buettner Liturgist: Jim Alton

Sound: Mike & Janice Hoffman

Acolyte:

Ushers: Marlys, Leo, Amanda, Aaron

Children Message:Cathy ParsonsJr. Church:Diana AltonNursery:Kayli BrealingOffering Counters:Mike Parsons

Ellen McFadden

November 11, 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader: Rick Buettner Liturgist: Jim Alton

Sound: Mike & Janice Hoffman

Acolyte:

Ushers: Marlys, Leo, Amanda, Aaron

Children Message: Jeannie Staton

Jr. Church: None

Nursery: Diana Alton
Offering Counters: Mike Parsons

Jeannie Staton

November 25, Christ the King/Reign of Christ

Worship Leader: Cathy Parsons Liturgist: Courtney Heer Sound: Mike Parsons Acolyte: Delanee Stuve **Ushers** Bob, Peggy, Kathy, Sub **Children Message:** Cathy Parsons Ir. Church: **Jeannie Staton Nursery:** Diana Alton **Offering Counters:** Mike Parsons

Kathy Fedson

<u>Lectionary Scriptures for October</u> for Personal Devotions and Study

November 4 All Saints Sunday

Ruth 1:1-18 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 12:28-34

November 11 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17 Psalm 127 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44

November 18 Thanksgiving Sunday

1 Samuel 1:4-20 Psalm 113 Hebrews 10:11-14, 15-18, 19-25 Mark 13:1-8

November 25 Christ the King/Reign of Christ

2 Samuel 23:1-7 Psalm 132:1-12 Revelations 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37

EASTON PLACE WOMEN UNITED News and Calendar for September 2018

Nov. 7 1:00 pm General Meeting Easton Service Group Hosts

Nov. 8 1:00 pm Easton Service Group- Romona Hostess

Nov. 9 Cavatelli Dinner

Nov. 9 1:00 pm Esther Circle Hostess: Mary Christie

Nov. 14 6:30 pm Deborah Circle Fasting

Nov. 21 Mary Circle-NOT meeting

Nov. 28 7:00 pm EPWU Board meets

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Nov. 10 8 am in the fellowship hall

Circle Reports October

EPWU General

EPWU meet on October 3, 2018 with 20 present. Pastor Cephas and his wife, Phyllis, spoke to us. They told us where they grew up and how they met each other. Both were raised in the church. Cephas's dad told him "Go to church if you want to eat." (He says he hasn't missed any meals!) On that note, we know what a good cook Phyllis is also. As adults, there could be anywhere from 200-300 people in attendance on Sundays. Pastor Cephas has worked to train young pastors under age 40 in a clinic. They would respond to people with deplorable health conditions in Liberia. Phyllis was teaching there. The clinic was called "God's Hands and Feet Clinic". The purpose of the clinic is to set people free from drugs and other forms of substance abuse. Working with recovering addicts gave them a perfect opportunity to share their faith ad love of God with others. The General meeting continued. Sandy Mathews would like to have lists of officers in each circle. As our Vice President, she would also like to visit each circle. We will hold over most of our officers of the Board in 2019. Virginia read the list of officers for next year. Romona reminded us that World Communion Day is October 8th. The cost of \$5 will be accepted for lunch. Diana Alton needs help and prayers for the lunch Easton Place will be hosting on October 26th. The cost of this lunch is \$7. It will be from 9 am to 2:45 pm. Morning coffee & rolls are included. More cooks are needed to help with the free meal Easton Place serves on Thursdays from 5:00-6:30 pm. There are currently only 3 regular cooks. NEW BUSINESS: The women's chili supper will be from 4:30 - 6:30 pm on October 5th, Friday. Free will donations will be

The Cavatelli dinner is going to be on Friday, October 9th. Various people will bring lettuce for the salad (4 heads per circle) and dessert. Diana will do the salad dressing and cook the cavatelli. Midge made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Jeannie. Amen. Phyllis Randall, Secretary

Deborah Circle

We met on October 10, 2018 with 20 members present. Jeannie opened with devotions and prayer. Sue Bellis, Erna Warren and Shonda

made us a delicious salad and pizza for our meal. Cathy forgot he notebook so no secretaries' minutes were read. Mary Io read the treasurer's report. We then read the prayer of the least coin and collected our offering. OLD BUSINESS: Potato bar made \$222, Chili supper made \$223. The desserts at the General were good and we learned a lot about the pastor. NEW BUSINESS: Cavatelli dinner: 4 heads of lettuce (Bev. Erna: 2 each) 4 dozen cupcakes (Cathy, Janice, Julie, Sandy). Missions: underwear for children to be donated to Children & Family services. Thanksgiving baskets: donate food that you would have for your meal. Julie mentioned that North High School has a food pantry and a clothes closet in the school. Maybe our circle could help contribute to this as a mission. Bev made a motion to adjourn and Sue Turner seconded it. Motion carried. Julie led us in our lesson. She read us the words to a song then Janice played the song. We were to close our eyes and meditate on the words. We shared what the words said to us. Closed with prayer. Respectfully submitted, Cathy Parsons.

Easton Service Group

Easton Service Group met on October 11, 2018, a Thursday afternoon, and journeyed out to Bridges at Ankeny to visit with Nadine Layton. Judy Burns had made the plans so we were able to have lunch with Nadine in a private area and we just got to enjoy her all to ourselves which was so nice. Nine of us went to see Nadine, we were so happy that Susee Jenks and Lora Christian were able to join us. Plus, we were able to bring Nadine gifts from her "secret pal" which she really loved. Nadine also loves cards, you should have seen her face light up when Cathy passed out the Autumn cards she, Janice and Julie made. Nadine also loved the doilies for Halloween that Janet made for each one of us. Romona was able to lead us in our business meeting even though it wasn't always easy with all the fun and visiting going on. But we are ready to lead General in November, so hope you all come. It truly was a blessing to see and share with Nadine and just to be together sharing "the wonderful story of Jesus and His love.

Esther Circle

Friday, October 12, 2018 at 1:00 pm our most fabulous leader, Virginia called Esther Circle to order with seven in attendance. Virginia began our meeting by reading us a poem entitled "Don't Quit". When things seem their worst you must not quit. Diana read the September minutes that were accepted as read. Janice then read the treasurer's report. OLD BUSINESS: Both the September Potato Bar and the October Chile Dinner were successful with \$222 and \$223 being raised. NEW BUSINESS: Our next Women's Fund Raiser is the Cavatelli Dinner to be held on November 9th. Virginia will bring the 4 heads of lettuce required of our circle and Julie, Janice and Sandy will make the 4 dozen cupcakes. Virginia reminded us that Esther Circle will host the December General meeting and asked that we keep it in mind to discuss at our next meeting. Sandy then asked that if we could talk about the information in our Women's Year Book for 2019. We voted all officers to stay as they are this year and Change Sue Turner and Mary Christie's dates to Hostess. Virginia then turned the meeting over to Mona for devotions. Mona read from one of her Daily Devotions on doctrines of Salvation. Words that we do not commonly use any ore and their meanings backed with scripture. Diana closed with prayer. Our hostess Diana. Respectfully Submitted, Sandy Mathews.

Mary Circle

Mary Circle met on October 17th, 2018, with seven members present, including our special honorary member, Carol Brockman from Colorado. Diana presented each of us with a solar pumpkin, and then led us in devotions. The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved. Jan G read the treasurer's report, and it was approved as read. Sandy read a thank you from Joshua Christian Academy and put the enclosed magnet of the refrigerator in the kitchen. Mary Circle will not be meeting in November. The cavatelli dinner is scheduled for November 9th, and Mary Circle needs to supply 4 dozen cupcakes, and 4 heads of lettuce. Diana reminded us not to forget to pray for our secret pals. The meeting was then turned over to our hostess, Jan G, who served us delicious cream puffs, hot tea and gift bag filled with Halloween candies. Her program was the history of the Jack-O-Lantern, including how it originated in Ireland where they used potatoes and turnips instead of pumpkins. The Irish immigrants brought the tradition to America which has become an integral part of Halloween., Sandy Fleck

CAVATELLI DINNER FRIDAY November 9th, 2018 4:30 PM-6:30 PM



SALAD AND
DESSERT
INCLUEDED
FREE WILL
OFFERING

Holiday Extravaganza Hosted by the Missions Committee

November 11, 2018 after Worship

There will be quiche, breakfast pizza, fruit, rolls, & baked goods. Money raised will go to helping with the Thanksgiving & Christmas Baskets, \$10 gift cards to go in to the baskets and the free meal.

Come join us and help make this happen. Thank you.

Mark your Calendar November 2018 15. 7:00 pm Cantata practice 1. 7:00 pm Cantata Practice 16. 2. 7:00 pm Worship 17. 3. 1:00 - 3:00 pm Girl Scouts 18. 4. All Saints Sunday 9:00 am Thanksgiving baskets 19. Memorial meeting following assembled Worship 11:30 am CWU Board meeting 5. 20. 6:00 pm SPRC **Election Day** 6. 21. Mary Circle not meeting No Worship or Education meeting 22. Happy Thanksgiving 1:00 pm EPWU General 7. Fellowship hall reserved Easton Service Group Host McFadden all day 1:00 pm Easton Service Group 8. 23. 7:00 pm Cantata practice 24. Hanging of the Greens 9. 1:00 pm Esther Circle (tentatively) Fellowship Hall reserved all day for Cavatelli dinner. Serving from 25 4:30 - 6:30 pm 26. 10. 8:00 am UMM meet 1:00 - 3:00 pm Girl Scouts 27. 6:00 pm Finance meeting 6:45 pm Ad Council meeting 11. Holiday Extravaganza after Worship 28. 6:30 pm EPWU Budget meeting 7:00 pm EPWU Board meeting 12. 1:00 pm Esther Circle Diana Hostess 29. 7:00 pm Cantata practice 13. 6:00 pm Trustees 30. 14. 6:30 pm Deborah Circle-Fasting 31.