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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

Cephas' Corner

“Participation with Christ and the Growth (or Edification) of Paul’s Believing Communities”

We as a Church just got done with the sermon series “Just say yes,” My prayer and vision for this congregation leading under the direction of the Holy Spirit, in fulling God’s mission on Earth. Let’s, live the culture of “YES” in proclaiming God’s Kingdom here on earth. October, we began a new series, “Living Generously.” I do know and believe you have read my letter, and I hope and pray to see you through this series and encourage you to invite a friend or a stranger. Now, let’s reflect on what it means participating with Christ! According to New Testament studies the apostle Paul was once a persecutor of the Christian Church. He is noted for most of the New Testament writings, thirteen in all according to traditional view, but today’s modern scholars has disputed six of his thirteen writings. In today’s New Testament scholarship Paul’s writings are divided into two, namely: undisputed writings (seven of the thirteen letters) and disputed writings.

One question that can help us believers today is ‘How Paul calls on his believing communities to solidarity and growth in Jesus the Christ? This question is important because it can help us to live out our faith. In the exploration of this question I am using as my sources two of Paul’s undisputed letters in particular, I Corinthians and I Thessalonians. According to a New Testament Scholar, J. Paul Sampley, in his book *Walking Between the Times: Paul’s Moral Reasoning*; Paul’s understanding of participating with Christ is the believers being aware of their prefaith lives of sin and the enslavement of sin and accepting the new life that is in Christ. Thus, the believers ought to receive this New Life in Christ as a calling. This “call” is the life of faith and love, and is lived out by the believers in his or her measure of faith given by God. This life of faith is God’s relationship with the believer, and this relationship is only examined by God in relation to strength. The question for us, members of Easton Place United Methodist Church are we taking our new lives in Christ as a “calling?” A “call” of faith and love? Are we living that “calling?”

For Sampley, Paul brings his communities (believers) to be fully involved “in Christ” now by teaching them about the future hope which help them to cling onto the present life “in Christ.” Thus, “Paul reflections on the relationship between present and future largely focus on ways in which the present leads into the future.” Whereas, the life of faith of the believers

is inaugurated by the Holy Spirit; and when the believers' lives yield what Paul calls "fruit of the Spirit" then God is present in the believer's lives. Thus, these fruits (love, peace, joy, etc.) are works of the Holy Spirit that enhance the believer's solidarity with Christ.

In 1 Corinthians Paul calls the believing community of Corinth to self-examination because their perception of solidarity to Christ was improper to his teaching with them. This improper perception led to division and arguments of what to eat or not to eat as well as oppression of the poor who were in the majority at the Church in Corinth. When I say oppression of the poor I am referring to the elite, the ways they behave doing the Lord's Super as noted by Paul in 1 Corinthians 11. Paul than called his believing community to a sense of unity, love, and that they all are of one body, (solidarity) Jesus the Christ. Thus, Paul's message of solidarity in Christ to his community is noted in chapters 12, 13, and 14 of 1 Corinthians. Another community Paul calls to solidarity in Christ and encourages them is the Church at Thessalonica because of the death of its members and opposition from other communities. Paul notes that despite all the trouble, they should keep the faith and continue in their growth in Christ. Are we in solidarity with Christ? I encourage you to be thankful and grateful for life in Christ and how we can fully live our calling of faith and love. We can do all things through Christ who strengthen us.

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Living Generously Note

Welcome to 5 of our 5-week journey of Living Generously. As we have been discussing, the key here is LIVING generously. Not just giving away some money, but a true heart change. This series is about the life that is truly life, Gospel living is generous life. God so loved the world that He Give. Gospel living recognizes that all things (our gift, our time, our resources) have come from God both for our enjoyment (1 Tim 6:17) but for others. The journey starts by giving ourselves first to the Lord as the Macedonian did. This consecration recognizes that we are an offering to the Lord and others...this is "in keeping with God's will". Paul tells Timothy to do good, be rich in good deeds, be generous, and be willing to share.

Finance Update

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

AUGUST

8/05/2018-\$3,207.65
8/12/2018-\$1,186.51
8/19/2018-\$1,965.71
8/26/2018-\$2,312.07

Total for August \$8,671.94

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? Think about it.

In Christs Love

The Finance Committee

Presence:

September 344

Gifts -Tithes and Offerings Receive

September \$10,790.29

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) 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

LOST A LOVED ONE: Heer Family, Winterbottom Family

Missions Report

God is good, ALL the Time!! We as a missions committee feel so blessed. We are serving the people of our community every Thursday night, on the average of 40-50 people each night. We do want everyone know, you do not have to be a member of the missions committee to help out. If you want to come help, come, no one is turned away. If you want to cook a meal, we would be so appreciative!

The Hunger Hike is coming up on October 14th. There is an orange bucket in the back of the church. Easton Place has always been so good to donate to this.

In Christ's Love
The Mission Committee



October

Grace Bogle	10-01
Samuel Hoffman	10-01
Janet Dyer	10-02
Tamie Grenz	10-02
Jessica Chiles	10-03
Lekia Ogbonah	10-03
Ramona Kintz	10-04
Emily Dudzinski	10-05
Megan Rus	10-06
Brandon Ball	10-11
Breanna Ball	10-11
Marlene Schultz	10-12
Denise Langill	10-13
Seth Abbas	10-13
Janice Hoffman	10-14
Julie Marker	10-14
Shelby Cook	10-15
Nicholas Layton	10-15
Ted Layton	10-15
Craig Bellis	10-19
Denise Bogle	10-21
Joseph Robinson	10-21

Worship Helpers for October 2018

October 7, 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader: Cathy Parsons
Liturgist: Courtney Heer
Sound: Mike Parsons
Acolyte:
Ushers: Bob, Peggy, Kathy, Sug
Children Message: Jeannie Staton
Jr. Church: Jeannie Staton
Nursery: Diana Alton
Offering Counters: Mike Parsons
Janice Hoffman
Communion Stewards: Cathy Parsons
Janice Hoffman

October 14, 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader: Romona Moore
Liturgist: Connie Bishop
Sound: Mick McFadden
Acolyte: Delanee Stuve
Ushers: Sandy, Mike, Bryan, Kay
Children Message: Jeannie Staton
Jr. Church: None
Nursery: Diana Alton
Offering Counters: Mike Parsons
Jeannie Staton

October 21, 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader: Romona Moore
Liturgist: Connie Bishop
Sound: Mick McFadden
Acolyte: Delanee Stuve
Ushers: Sandy, Mike, Bryan, Kay
Children Message: Cathy Parsons
Jr. Church: Diana Alton
Nursery: Kayli Brealing
Offering Counters: Mike Parsons
Ellen McFadden

October 28, 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader: Mick McFadden
Liturgist: Ellen McFadden
Sound: Mike & Janice Hoffman
Acolyte: Jamisin Breeding
Ushers: Mary Jo, Caleb, Wimpy, Ray
Children Message: Cathy Parsons
Jr. Church: Jeannie Staton
Nursery: Diana Alton
Offering Counters: Mike Parsons
Kathy Fedson

**Lectionary Scriptures for October
for Personal Devotions and Study**

October 7

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Job 1:1; 2:1-10
Psalm 26 or Psalm 25
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

October 14

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm 22:1-15
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

October 21

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-17
Psalm 104:L1-9, 24, 35c
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

October 28

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

**EASTON PLACE WOMEN UNITED
News and Calendar for September 2018**

- Oct. 3 7: 00 pm General Meeting
Deborah Circle hosting
- Oct. 10 6:30 pm Deborah Circle
Host: Erna & Sue Bellis
Mission: Children's
Underwear
- Oct. 11 1:00 pm Easton Service
Group
Visit Nadine Layton
- Oct. 12 1:00 pm Esther Circle
Hostess: Romona
- Oct. 17 7:00 pm Mary Circle
Hostess: Jan Green
- Oct. 24 7:00 pm EPWU Board
meets

UNITED METHODIST MEN

- Oct. 13 8 am in the fellowship hall

Circle Reports September

EPWU General

No minutes submitted

Deborah Circle

No minutes submitted

Easton Service Group

Easton Service Group had our meeting on September 13, 2018 with six in attendance here at the church. Romona opened by reading Proverb and leading prayer. We had a business meeting and then Virginia gave us a terrific program, all about five hymns, which we also got to sing. It was such a great program we decided to do it in November for General. It will be a 1:00 meeting November 7, 218 and we hope you'll all come wo you can experience Virginia's terrific program. Plus for our October meeting on the 11th we will be going to have lunch with Nadine. We'll meet at the church at 12:30 and car pool to Nadine's. We are truly blessed.

Esther Circle

September 14, 2018 at 3:00 pm Esther Circle had our meeting. Because of the Parson funeral we had our meeting later. There were six of us in attendance and it was a good time. Virginia led our business meeting and began with a neat prayer "Good Morning God." We really didn't have much business, best part was that we voted \$30 to the Hunger Hike. Romona led our program based on 2 Corinthians 1:2-11. We were all blessed. Plus we were privileged to pray for Pastor Davis and Bruce as they went out to visit with people on Lay Street. Mary Christie was our hostess so needless to say we had lots of delicious treats. My favorite were the banana chocolate chip applesauce bars. It was a short but good meeting.

Mary Circle

MARY CIRCLE SEPTEMBER 19, 2018 Diana opened the meeting with prayer. Seven members were present. Sandy F read the minutes from the last meeting, and they were approved as read. Jan G gave the Treasurer's Report for June and July. She reported that \$50 from our calendar money was used for Joshua Christian Academy school supplies. She also reported that the

Academy now has 148 students. Jan reimbursed Diana \$15 for potatoes for the potato bar last weekend. Diana stated a chili supper will be held October 5th from 4:30-6:30 p.m. sponsored by the women's group. Mary Circle is responsible for 2 dozen cookies, a relish tray, and a crockpot of chili. All officers will retain their same duties for 2019. The hostess months will be decided at the October meeting. The cavatelli dinner will be November 9th, with more details to follow. The meeting was then turned over to our hostess, Judy Burns, who served us Italian cream cake, mixed nuts, with drinks. Her program covered a letter titled "If" found in her late Mother's "treasure box" which had been handwritten by her great aunt to Judy's mother. The circle members discussed the meaning behind some of the phrases in the letter.
Secretary - Sandra F

These lovely ladies raised over \$2400 this year for our general budget. THANK YOU!!! You are so dedicated and giving to do this for the church.



Mark your Calendar October 2018

I need all information for charge conference by October 22, 2018

- 1.
2. 6:00 pm Education
7:00 pm Worship
3. 7:00 pm EPWU General
Deborah Circle hosting
- 4.
5. 4:30 - 6:30 pm Chili Supper
Free Will Offering (EPWU)
6. 1:00 - 3:00 pm Girl Scouts
7. Walking Taco's after Worship
Free Will Offering Fund raiser for
t Hunger Hike
- 8.
9. 6:00 pm Trustees
7:00 pm Nominations meeting
10. 6:30 pm Deborah Circle
Erna & Sue Bellis Host
Mission: Children's Underwear
11. 1:00 pm Easton Place Service
Group / Visiting Nadine Layton
12. 1:00 pm Esther Circle
Diana Hostess
- 13.
14. Hunger Hike
15. 11:30 am CWU Board meets
16. **NO** SPRC meeting
17. 7:00 pm Mary Circle
Jan Green Hostess
- 18.
- 19.
20. Variety Show: Meal 5-6:30 pm
Show 7:00 pm
- 21.
- 22.
23. 6:00 pm Finance
6:45 pm Ad Council
24. EPWU Board meeting
25. Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary
reserved all day
26. Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary
reserved all day
27. 1:00 - 3:00 pm Girl Scouts
28. 2:00 pm Charge Conference
Ankeny First UMC, CLC campus
- 29.
- 30.
- 31.

CHILI SUPPER

FRIDAY OCTOBER 5TH, 2018

4:30 PM-6:30 PM

FREE WILL OFFERING

COME AND ENJOY THE
MEAL AND FELLOWSHIP



Walking Tacos

Sunday October 7, 2018

After Worship

This is a fund raiser for the
Hunger Hike.

*All proceeds to towards the
Hunger Hike that
is on October 14th.*



“Fall Follies”

October 20, 2018

Meal 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Includes: All you can eat chili,
peanut butter sandwich, or plain
bread & butter, dessert bar, juice,
coffee or water.

\$6 Adults

\$3 Children 4-10

Free: Children 3 and under

Coming November 2, 2018

Cavatelli Dinner

4:30 – 6:30 pm

Cavatelli, salad, dessert,
and drink

Free Will Offering