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March 2021

Cephas's Corner

Sunday school
 For all ages
 Gathers at
 9:00 am

Worship Service
 Every Sunday 10:30 am

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While the Pastor is Away, the Assistant will "play"

Just a couple little poems you may have seen or heard of for the season-Merry K. Orcutt

Walking with Jesus
God, Father and Creator,
we thank you for all the gifts
you have given us,
especially the gift of your Son.
During this holy season of Lent,
help us to change and grow and
become the kind of people
You created us to be.
Fill our hearts with love for You,
and love for other people,
created in Your image.
Show us how to use the gifts You have given us
to help others in Your name.
As we journey together toward the light of Easter,
we know You are with us in all that we do.
May we live always as people of Your kingdom
praising Your name now and forever.

Amen

*People are often unreasonable and self-centered,
forgive them anyway.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish motives,
be kind anyway.
If you are honest, people may cheat you,
be honest anyway.
If you find happiness, people may be jealous,
be happy anyway.
Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough,
give your best anyway.
For you see, in the end, it is between you & God.
It was never between
you and them anyway.
~ Mother Teresa*

EASTON PLACE WOMEN UNITED

March 3	7:00 pm	EPWU General
March 10	6:30 pm	Deborah Circle
March 11	1:00 pm	Easton Service Group
March 12	1:00 pm	Esther Circle
March 17	1:00 pm	Mary Circle

UNITED METHODIST MEN

March 13 8:00 am

Arlene Poole would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards after the death of her Son-In-Law and Brother.

**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

Mission Report

As the Missions Committee starts the New Year, we hope to be busy. Every 3rd Saturday, we will be at the church passing out food. **PLEASE**, as a congregation, let people know we are there!
We also have donated toilet paper and spiral notebooks to Hope Ministries. We will be looking for opportunities to help and serve others this year. We are now partnered with Hy-Vee for donations (Thanks to Bruce and Barry Tillotson). Every Monday the donations are picked up. This will be helpful for the drive-thru pantry, and also our congregation. Downstairs on the "Free/Bread" table there will be different items. The boxes or cans might be bent or torn but are still very usable. All are welcome to come down and see what is there. Take what you need or want.

In Christ's Love,
The Mission Committee

**DRIVE-THRU
FOOD PANTRY**

**SATURDAY
MARCH 20th**

1:00-2:00 PM

Or until we run out of food



PRAY FOR

LOST A LOVED ONE:

HOSPITAL: Charlene Montgomery

RECOVERING AT HOME:

NURSING HOME AND ASSISTED LIVING

RESIDENTS: Nadine Layton (Brio, Johnston),
Anna Mascaro (Mill Pond, Ankeny), George &
Jenny Schultz (Afton IA, assisted living), Keith
Mascaro (assisted living, group home in DSM)

KEEP IN PRAYERS: Ray Olson, Kim Cox,
Dennis Bishop, Merry Orcutt

Keep in Prayer for Healing:

(Remember to let the office or the Pastor know
if you are in the hospital)

To start prayer chain:

Call Romona Moore 515-262-9489

Trustee Notes

Our next meeting will be April 13th at
7:00pm

Worship Committee Report

Our next meeting will be April 6th at
7:00pm.

Ad Council

Effective January 2021 all committee reports (except SPRC) that accompany the Ad Council Packets need to be sent to Merry as soon as possible each month. The Ad Council packets will now be available the Friday before the meeting. The packets will be placed in the front pew with your name on them. The next meeting is April 27th, 2021, we will continue to follow the Finance Meetings. Thank you for your assistance in these changes.

Sandy Fleck

Ad Council Chair



MARCH

Jody Faux	3-13
Emma DeYoung	3-18
Cash Hoffman	3-19
Bruce Tillotson	3-19
Mary Christie Rus	3-21
Delanee Stuve	3-30

This year we have made \$230.23 in metal income. This is not what we usually make, however, we are grateful for whatever we have gotten. The items we can take are: Metal cans, Electrical wires, Pots and pans, Old Cell phones, DVDs, Vcr's, Remote controls, Tools
Any metal items continue to bring to church and put in bin by the back door.
Thank you

Finance Report

1/3/21- \$1,082.00
1/10/21-\$ 568.07
1/17/21-\$2,755.61
1/24/21- \$2,755.61
1/31/21-\$1,937.49
Total \$8,145.17

God is Good! What a time this has been the last few months, we are all wondering when will it be “normal” again? The people of Easton Place have been very faithful through all of this, and we are so very thankful.

The New Year is here, and as you can see, the giving is down. What was your New Year’s resolution concerning Easton Place? Was it to be faithful stewards of your money? Was it to give back to the Lord what is already His? Let us think about this.

In Christ's Love
The Finance Committee

Gifts -Tithes and Offerings Received **January \$8,145.17**

Presence: **February 99**

Note: Pastor will be gone from March 4-23 to his native country, Liberia. While there he will be hosting a conference for young church workers from about 50 different churches in his hometown, visiting families, and to attend his home Annual Conference, Liberia Annual Conference. While he is out of the country, trained lay servants Bruce Tillotson and Jennie Staton will be preaching and caring for the congregation. For emergency pastoral support, the pastor of Wesley and Sheridan Park UMC Pastor Doug Amis will be our contact.
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Lectionary Scriptures for March **Personal Devotions and Study**

March 7 Communion- **3rd Sunday in Lent**

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalms 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

March 14 **4th Sunday in Lent** **UMCOR Sunday**

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

March 21 **5th Sunday in Lent**

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalms 51:1-12
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

March 28 **Palm/Passion Sunday**

Liturgy of the Psalms
Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29
Liturgy of the Passion
Isaiah 50:49a
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1-15 **or**
Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

Worship Helpers for March 2021

March 7, 2021

Worship Leader: Romona Moore
Liturgist: Bruce Tillotson or Jeannie Staton
Sound: Dennis Bishop
Ushers:
Children's Message: Diana Alton
Offering Counters: Jeannie Staton
Kay Dilks
Communion Stewards: Midge Tillotson

March 14, 2021

Worship Leader: Romona Moore
Liturgist: Bruce Tillotson or Jeannie Staton
Sound: Dennis Bishop
Ushers:
Children's Message: Diana Alton
Offering Counters: Jeannie Staton
Diana Alton

March 21, 2021

Worship Leader: Romona Moore
Liturgist: Bruce Tillotson or Jeannie Staton
Sound: Dennis Bishop
Ushers:
Children's Message: Diana Alton
Offering Counters: Jeannie Staton
Bruce Tillotson

March 28, 2021

Worship Leader: Romona Moore
Liturgist: Bruce Tillotson or Jeannie Staton
Sound: Dennis Bishop
Ushers:
Children's Message: Diana Alton
Offering Counters: Jeannie Staton
Bryan Dilks

Circle Reports March

EPWU General

General Meeting was held on March 3, 2021 at 7:00 pm. This was a celebration meeting as we held the Meal in the Upper Room Program. There were 12 present (this included 5 men who also joined us for this Passover program. We had a short meeting before our program. As the Board had two recommendations to bring to the circle ladies for approval. They are as follows: The vendor sale will be Saturday, March 27, 2021 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm at our church. The recommendation was for us to buy two tables for \$40. We can sell food items that must be wrapped and priced. We will not be able to sell a piece of any food item due to virus situation. We must sell the product as a whole item (i.e., a whole pie). We can also sell other non-food items. The second recommendation is that the Mother/Daughter Banquet will be cancelled again this year due to the virus. Both recommendations were approved. We had an immensely powerful video and information regarding the Passover/Seder meal. Reminding us the Jewish people exodus from Egypt; trusting God to save them from their bondage. Personally, I was very moved by the Jewish rabbi/speaker was a Christian! After the program ended, we all said that watching the video made us hungry for own take of the traditional Passover/Seder meals that we had in our past.

Submitted by Connie

Easton Service Group

No minutes submitted

Esther Circle

Esther Circle met at Romona's house on February 12, 2021 at 1:00 pm with 7 members present. Diana opened with an article from "Women's Day Magazine", the author was Candice Cameron with scripture from Mark 12:30-31. Also, with a poem from Virginia with the author Ms. Bush. Both pieces have the "love" theme! Secretary's minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's report given with a balance of \$20.67. Janice stated she got 40 dozen of eggs at \$23.20 for the "drive-by" food pantry and that February's "drive-by" is all provided for! Old business: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the church is Ash Wednesday Services. Romona's devotion had an article from Dr. Stanley with scriptures from 2 Chronicles 20:14-25, Mark 11:24, and John 14:6. Our job is to glorify God, talk to God with our requests and thanksgivings, believe in God's truth, do not let our hearts to be troubled, and experience God's Joy and Peace as we live for Christ in our hearts! Also, step out in praise songs-let your songs flow loud and clear as your step out to God's fullness of our lives! Remember "Onward Christian Soldiers"! Julie as our hostess made all of us smile and say "this is perfect" because we each got a big package of chocolates (that we may or may not share)! HA! Mary Christie state that all are invited to her house on Easton Street at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 for Mary Circle, and a meal before attending Ash Wednesday Services. Janice will be our next hostess for March.
Connie B

Mary Circle

Mary Circle had a wonderful meeting February 17, 2021 at 5:30 pm at Mary Rus's lovely Eastside home. Sandy ran our business meeting and then Mary Christie

treated us to a delicious meal and just like Olive Garden she sent us home with meals too. We six in attendance had a wonderful time and even managed to make it to the Ash Wednesday service at the church. God truly blessed us.
Diana A

Deborah Circle

Deborah Circle met at the church on February 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm with 8 members present (9 by cell phone). Before our meeting started, Mike and Janice treated us to a bit of petting their new foster puppy, "Macky". He is so cute and adorable with really big paws! Jeannie opened with a devotion from Philippians 4:10-19, "And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19)." Jeannie stated that through Bruce and Barry in working with Hy-Vee who is now partnering with our church to provide food for our "drive-by" food pantry (held every third Saturday of the month), Janice reported that through the generous help from Hy-Vee, all the Circle Ladies, and people from our Church, the February food "drive-by" is good for food. The secretary's minutes were read, and a correction has to be mentioned. The correction should read: Janice made a motion that \$50.00 will be given to Hope Ministries for the Women/Children Program needs (not \$450.00). Treasurer's report was given and approved with a balance of \$66.78. We prayed that all that had sickness or concerns. Old Business: Changes to the EPWU Books were made known. Jeannie and Romona will get together to decide on a program for the Meal in the Upper Room, but there will not be any food served (March 3, 2021 at the church 7:00 pm). We discussed if Easton Service Group will still continue to meet as circumstances have

kept them apart. Since we did not have a second to the motion made from Mary Christie to give \$300.00 to Pastor Cephas so he can sponsor a conference for March in his hometown for new pastors/workers in the church; this motion failed. There was not any new business. Janice made the motion to adjourn, and Mary Jo seconded. We had a most delightful time “zooming” with Charlene in her hospital room. She is a lady full of joy and hope even in her situation! Jeannie gave each of us some homemade bath soap (cute colors and perfumed with wonderful smells). Our hostesses were Kay, Sandy, and Charlene. The basement was decorated with hearts and valentines. We each got valentine glasses and cute Little Debbie valentine cakes. They tested our knowledge of Bible Sweethearts and a Valentine’s word search puzzle. But we all had fun finding out some of our “secrets” in the Valentine’s this or that game (desires of our hearts). HA! Our hostesses for March will be Erna and Midge.
 Connie B

Christmas Lights-2020

Julie Marker	In Memory of Loren Marker In Honor of Jessica Bishop
Esther Circle	In Memory of Virginia Kimberling
Beverly Ann Ellis	In Memory of Dale Ellis
Secret Pal	In Memory of Wimpy Thomasson
Linda Moore	In Memory of Mom & Dad, Sister, and Grandsons
Janet Dyer	In Memory of Dale Dyer
Church Family	In Memory of Wimpy Thomasson

Church Family	In Memory of Virginia Kimberling
Mary Circle	In Honor of Lila Roe
Beverly Ann Ellis	In Memory of Alberta and Leland Harding
Dennis & Connie Bishop	In Memory of Juanita & Lynn Poush, and Elma & Lyle Bishop In Honor of Robert & Jessica Bishop, DJ and Jess, and Samantha Bishop
Mike & Janice Hoffman	In Memory of Bill & Betty Greer, and George Hoffman
Bob & Peggy Bishop	In Memory of Doug Bishop (son), Matthew Bishop (grandson), Amy Fedson (granddaughter), David Fedson (son-in-law), and our parents
Mike & Janice Hoffman	In Honor of Sam, Cash, Stella, and Leo Hoffman
Ardyce Poole	In Memory of Roy Poole
Anonymous	In Memory of Babies that didn’t make it to earth, and the ones that did but couldn’t stay! In Memory of All the people who have lost their lives to COVID-19 and their families that did not get to grieve!

Mark your Calendar March 2021

1. 6:30 pm Bible Study
(Romona Moore's home)
2. 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
(Romona Moore's home)
3. 7:00 pm EPWU-General
4. **Pastor Out**
- 5.
- 6.
7. 6:00 pm Lenten Study
"Embracing the Uncertain in This Troubling Time"
8. 6:30 pm Bible Study
(Romona Moore's home)
9. 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
10. 6:30 pm Deborah Circle
11. 1:00 pm Easton Service Group
12. 1:00 pm Esther Circle
13. 8:00 am UMM (?)
14. **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
UMCOR SUNDAY**
6:00 pm Lenten Study "Embracing the Uncertain in This Troubling Time"
15. 6:30 pm Bible Study
(Romona Moore's home)
16. 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
(Romona Moore's home)
17. 1:00 pm Mary Circle
HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY
- 18.
- 19.
20. 1:00 pm-2:00 pm Drive-thru Food Pantry
21. 6:00 pm Lenten Study
"Embracing the Uncertain in This Troubling Time"
22. 6:30 pm Bible Study
(Romona Moore's home)
23. **Pastor Returns**
9:30 am Women's Bible Study
(Romona Moore's home)
24. 7:00 pm EPWU Board
- 25.
- 26.
27. 9:00am-1:00pm Spring Vendor & Craft Sale
28. 6:00 pm Lenten Study
"Embracing the Uncertain in This Troubling Time"
29. **Star Articles DUE!**
- 30.
- 31.