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**Sunday Worship 10:00 AM**

## **The Latch - September 2018**

### **EUCC Missions Updates**

Attention bargain shoppers! The hat/glove/mitten tree will return to EUCC in October. Please keep an eye out for deals on these items. This year we will also be collecting socks and scarves.



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Mission bank monies received in August will be used to purchase diapers and baby wipes for the Oasis of Hope Pregnancy & Parenting Support Center in Medina.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

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The United Way of Medina County reports that more than 1,100 students benefited from the back-to-school supply drive in July.

Your assistance by way of donations and monetary contributions was much appreciated.

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Thank you to those who have donated gently used eyeglasses. We will continue this effort throughout September.

### **Martha's Circle Fall Kickoff**

The ladies will meet on Thursday, September 6 at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. They will be watching *Won't You Be My Neighbor*, a film about the life and legacy of Fred Rogers.

All are welcome to attend.

### **Back to School Celebration** **September 9, 2018**

Come celebrate the start of a new season!

Sunday School resumes at EUCC on September 9 with a lesson, movie, craft and activities. The Nursery will be staffed.

We'll have Worship @ 10:00 AM in the Picnic Shelter (weather permitting)

**AND**

There's an **All-Church Potluck** after Worship. Bring your favorite dish to share.

Make plans now to join us!





## From Pastor Bert's Desk - September 2018

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**More often than not, the best answer to “WHY?” can be answered with a story, or even two.**

**Maybe even stories you have heard a few times before . . .**

One of the scribes came near and heard [the Herodians, Pharisees, & Sadducees] disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, the scribe asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?”

Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ — this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

*The Gospel of Mark 12:28-34 NRSV*

[Jesus said] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’

Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’

And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ ”

*The Gospel of Matthew 25:31-40 NRSV*

**May these stories of Jesus (as well as many others) be a guiding light, shining brightly on the mission and ministries of Emmanuel United Church of Christ.**

**Blessings, Pastor Bert**

Check the website for updates at  
euccvalleycity.org



Office Hours

Monday-Wednesday 8:30-12:30  
Thursday 8:30-3:00

## Special Occasions & Dates - September

### **September Birthdays**

Darla Schuehrer 9/1  
Lydia Healy 9/1  
Emmett O'Flanagan 9/2  
Mary Ann Kratzer 9/5  
William King 9/7  
Daryl Schuehrer 9/9  
Chris Balash 9/12  
Mary Ann Bauer 9/13  
Suzanne Neff 9/16  
Chad Healy 9/20  
Cassandra Campbell 9/23  
Bette Benko 9/26  
Shaun Mason 9/28  
Ed Schneider 9/29  
Tim Casada 9/29  
Sharon Davidson 9/30



Alan & Nancy Jackson 9/1  
Chad & Janelle Healy 9/3  
Harold & Joyce Boone 9/5  
Ed & Jane Schneider 9/6  
Bert & Elizabeth Ambrose 9/9  
Robert & Jill Morton 9/11  
Mark & Lori Weyls 9/16  
Aaron & Pamela Pasku 9/21  
Terry & Karen Hammon 9/24  
Carl & Celeste Scheutzow 9/26

### **Thank You!**

Many thanks to all who donated items and helped with the sale during the Valley City Street Fair. Many books, puzzles and toys found new homes with happy children and adults.

Proceeds from the Book & Toy sale totaling \$470.25 were donated to our General Fund by Martha's Circle.

### **Giving Report**

2018 Weekly Budget (Need)	\$3,000
August Giving	\$10,069
YTD Giving	\$80,139



### **Youth Confirmation Class**

The Youth Confirmation class has 3 members and meets on the third Sunday of each month. They will meet on September 16.

*Please remember the church in your financial planning and will.*

# September 2018

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9 10:00 AM BTS Celebration Outdoor Service Church Potluck	10 BHWF 2:00	11 	12 Bible Study 9:30 AM Choir Practice 7:00	13 BHWF 3:15	14	15
16 Youth Confirmation Class	17 BHWF 2:00	18	19 Bible Study 9:30 AM Choir Practice 7:00	20 3rd Thursday Lunch 12:00 BHWF 3:15	21	22
23	24 BHWF 2:00 Property Meeting	25	26 Bible Study 9:30 AM Choir Practice	27 BHWF 3:15	28	29

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## Liverpool Historical Spirit Walk

September 22 6:00-8:30 PM @ Mill Stream Park

Featuring Liverpool's Deming, Warner, Reusch, Olin, Heath, Strosacker & Frank families.  
Tickets available September 3 at Beuhler's in Medina and the Liverpool Twp. Office.

### Third Thursday Lunch

September 20, 2018 @ 12:00 PM

Menu: Creamed Chicken  
over Biscuits w/Mashed Potatoes

Cost: Donation

### Being Healthy With Friends

Fall Schedule

Monday @ 2:00 PM

Thursday @ 3:15 PM

### Bible Study & Choir Practice

#### Resume

Bible Study resumes at 9:30 AM on  
September 5 in the Library.

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The EUCC choir will resume weekly  
practices on Wednesday  
September 5 at 7:00 PM.