

OUR SEASONS AND GOD'S SEASON

For everything there is a season:

A time to seed the grass; a time to mow the brass.

A time to marvel at the leaves; a time to rake the leaves.

A time to enjoy iced drinks; a time to scrape ice off windshields.

Once again we have come to the turn of the seasons, to both the end and the beginning of the overlapping calendars by which we live. One season ends in dry leaves, icy sidewalks, short days and long nights. The new season begins with the placing of special lights and sharing refreshments and fellowships which warm and brighten our hearths and our hearts.

"I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the goal."

For every season of our lives there is that friendly Divine voice, reminding us of that Divine Presence present here and now for us, present also whenever and wherever we go.

At the darkest part of the worldly time, "in the bleak mid-winter," and at the darkest part of night, the Divine Light shines. First we hope we are seeing it from afar. Then there it is certainly shining from a small manger. Then the Light shines brighter for us, all around us and in us, bringing us to a new spring. Whatever our age a new age dawns, extending our horizons.

For everything God provides the season.

For creation, hope.

For sin, redemption.

For wounds, healing.

For salvation, fulfillment.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Happy Advent!

Happy Christmas!

Happy Easter!

And Happy be your every day ordinary time, which God makes holy!

P.S. A thanks to all for the lovely cards and gifts I received for Pastor's Appreciation month.

Pastor Bill!

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
8:30 am – 12:30 pm
Thursday from 12:00-4:00 pm

To start the **Prayer Chain** for someone in need of prayers call Mary Cordes at 618-465-1760 or 462-0677 ext. 2835 or Marj Bryant at 618-466-5421 or 466-6005.

ESPC Web Site

<http://espccalton.tripod.com>
<http://espc.weebly.com>

LITURGISTS

November 24 – Tom Wyatt
December 1 – Debbie Wallace
8 – Jenny Wyatt
15 – Mary Cordes
22 –
29 – Chance Shewmake
January 2014 – 5 – Debbie Wallace
12 – Jenny Wyatt
19 – Mary Cordes
26 –

USHERS

Please volunteer to usher. It takes more than one, the same ones are doing it over and over, let's everyone take a turn if you are able. A Sign-up sheet is in the sanctuary.

COMMUNION SERVERS

December 1 - Marj Bryant, Chr.
Audrey Stewart,
Richard Hetge
(Set up & Serve)

Communion will also be served on the other Sundays in December
Servers to be determined later.

ATTENDANCE

10/6-32, 10/13-2, 10/20-31, 10/27-22,
11/3-32, 11/10-24, 11/17-28

SYMPATHY

June Justine long time member of ESPC died on Thursday, November 14, 2013 at the Blu Fountain Manor

BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER

8.....Willa Humenick
13.....Marilyn Stephens
14.....Tanya Sisk
15.....Tess Phelps
16.....Jamie McLaughlin
18.....Joshua Shewmake
20.....Mildred Maguire
21.....Pat Gross
Dale Bailey
Emily Schultz
28.....Lauren McLaughlin

JANUARY – 2014

2.....Emily Paddock Gillean
12.....Caitlin McLaughlin
15.....Marjory Bryant
16.....Brayden Shaw
17.....Kathy Steinmann
18.....Richard Hetge
25.....Dorothy Waggoner
26.....Christopher Williams
29.....Brian Lichtsinn

FEBRUARY

11.....Daniel Jarman
17.....Joy Bryant
18.....Verna Wilson
19.....Becky Saville
25.....Kathy Shewmake
If I have missed your birthday, I'm truly sorry. I hope it was a good one. Please, let me know when it was.
Marj Bryant

DEACONS REPORT

The Deacons are still collecting empty ink-jet cartridges with printer heads. They are planning for Mitten Sunday and their Christmas gift giving.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The committee has sent out the pledge cards and some have been returned. They are now working on the budget for 2014. The Per Capita amount per member will be \$30.20.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

A Sunday school class for the preschoolers is being held during the Worship Service when we have children present. A Bible Study is being held on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

They are studying books on Evangelism for small churches hoping to come up with some exciting ideas for ESPC. They have given \$100.00 each to the Prison Ministries, Salvation Army and Kemmerer Home. They will again have the Angel Tree that supports Christmas gifts for children whose parents are in prison. The Christmas Brunch was discussed. They will continue supporting Rothana Sak through World Vision and have put Blanket Sunday on hold until they can talk with Carole Springgate.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The committee is working on the usual maintenance of the buildings along with the heating problems in both buildings.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The worship committee met and discussed and made plans for the Advent Session and picked out bulletin covers and Advent booklets. Rayford Raby will be playing for worship on Sunday, November 24, 2013. Some of the committee decorated and worked outside for Emily Paddock's wedding. Reformation and All Saint's Sunday were discussed.

SESSION INFORMATION

The Session met October 22 and approved the following:

1. All committee reports
2. Giving \$500.00 to Presbyterian General Mission and \$200.00 for Theological Education.

INVITATION

Tom and Jenny Wyatt would like to invite their ESPC family to celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary On December 28, 2013 at an Open House at their home from 1:00 until 4:00 pm No gifts please.

UPCOMING EVENTS

On Sunday, November 24, 2013 the Worship service will a combined Christ the King Sunday and Thanksgiving service followed by a Special Coffee Hour.

Session meets Tuesday, Nov. 26th @ 7 pm.

The church office will be closed Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Hanging of the Greens worship service will be Sunday, December 1, 2013, which also the first Sunday of Advent.

Christmas Cantata "The Gift Goes On" will be on Sunday, December 15th during worship.

The Christmas Brunch will follow worship on December 15th Adult tickets are \$5.00. Youth from 6 through 12 are \$3.00 and youth under 6 are free. See JoAnn Phelps for tickets or come to the church office. They will be available Monday, November 25, 2013.

Over 55 on Friday, December 20th will make their annual trip to the St. Louis Symphony Holiday Concert. Prior to the concert we will have lunch at 1111 Mississippi. When you make your reservation please indicate your choice of entrée from the following:
1. Pan-seared pork tenderloin; 2. Chicken Linguini; 3. Crispy tilapia; 4 Eggplant parmesan. They come with the proper sides and a variety of desserts. Cost all inclusive \$66.00. The bus leaves from CAPC at 10:00 am.

The Christmas Joy Offering will be collected on Sunday, December 22, 2013.

Christmas Eve Service on December 24th at 6:00 pm.

St. Matthew United Methodist Church Musical "The Glory of Christmas" at 7:00 pm. Sunday and Monday December 15 & 16, 2013

DECEMBER 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10am Worship Communion Hanging of the Greens 1 st Sunday of Advent	2 8:00 pm AA/Anon	3 7pm Choir Practice	4 11:00 am Girl Scout delivery 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	5 10:30 am - 3:00 pm Kathy Steinmann LL CE BLDG <i>Co's Worship comm. mtg.</i>	6 8:30 am - 2:00 pm BHA Christmas Party	7
8 Worship 10:00 am Communion 2 nd Sunday of Advent	9 8:00 pm AA/Anon	10	11 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	12 7pm Choir practice	13	14
15 10am Worship Cantata 3 rd Sunday of Advent Christmas Brunch	16 6:30 pm Deacons Outreach comm. following 8:00 pm AA/Anon	17 7pm Deacons and Session joint meeting followed by Session meeting	18 6pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	19	20 Over 55 trip St. Louis Symphony	21 <i>2-9 Church basement Paddock family</i>
22 Worship 10am Communion 4 th Sunday of Advent <i>Collect Christmas Joy offerings</i>	23 8:00 pm AA/Anon	24 Christmas Eve Service 6:00 pm	25 Christmas	26	27	28
29 10 am Worship	30 8:00 pm AA/Anon	31				

JANUARY 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 New Year's Day Office closed	2	3	4
5 10 am Worship Communion	6 8:00 pm AA/Anon	7	8 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	9 7pm Choir practice	10	11
12 Worship 10:00 am	13 8:00 pm AA/Anon	14	15 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	16 7pm Choir practice	17 Elm Leaf Deadline	18
19 Worship 10:00 am	20 6:30 pm Deacons 7 pm Outreach Comm. 8:00 pm AA/Anon	21	22 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	23 7pm Choir practice	24	25
26 Worship 10:00 am Christ the King	27 8:00 pm AA/Anon	28 7 pm Session meets	29 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	30	31	

Elm Leaf Prayer Concerns –December 2013

“Members”

Esther & Bill Bott
Nellie Smithee
Lois Mitchell
Elaine & Buck Hamer

Nancy Bailey
Brent Phelps
Dorothy Waggoner
Carole Springgate

“In The Nursing Home”

Pat Gross.....Willow Rose
Willanette Ball.....Eunice Smith Nsg. Home
Doris Watkins.....Jerseyville Manor

Relatives and Friends of ESPC

Carol Jo & Don Domesick.....Carole Springgate
The Reynolds family.....Cherilyn Trusty’s Family
Kathy Shewmake.....Zada and Chance’s daughter

Mary Brown	Bill McClintock	Dave Cordes	Chuck Gable
Gary Ralston	Mary Brinkley	Andy Torrez	Carol Bryant
Doug Waggoner	Dale Bailey	Torrie Kruse	Emmett Fitzgerald
Janet Vandegriff	Jennifer Hopkins	Pat Slayton	Judy Belletti
Pat Navarre	Bob Hodge	Jessica Sutphin	
The families of June Justice and Ron Bauser			

All who need prayers not mentioned but are in our hearts.

For ESPC: Courage, Unfailing Strength, Wisdom, Patience and Reinforced Faith

Please let me know if any of these people can be taken off of our prayer list.

Please call the church office at 466-5421

Thanks Mari