

The Eusebia Sower



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Blessed are those who trust in the Lord They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.

(Jeremiah 17:7-8)

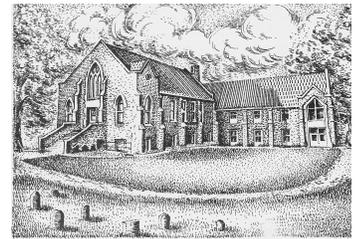


Eusebia Presbyterian Church

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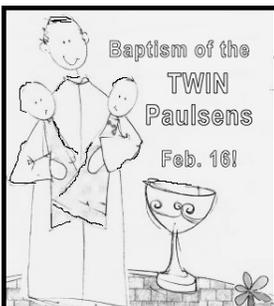
LORD'S DAY WORSHIP for:

(Each Sunday, 10:45 a.m. -sermons and meditations by Dr. Mounger, unless otherwise noted)



 February 2, 2014, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, Holy Communion- "Do You Really Want to Be Made Well?" (John 5:1-9). AFTER this service, a brief (about 10 minutes) "Service for Wholeness," with special prayers for healing for those who stay, and anointing for those who wish it.

February 9, Fifth Sunday after Epiphany- "Knowing What and When to Throw Away" (Luke 18:18-27).



February 16, Sixth Sunday after Epiphany, HOLY BAPTISM OF LITTLE TWINS CASSIDY & SAVANNAH PAULSEN; also observance of "Criminal Justice Sunday- "Divine Dermatology for Latter-Day Lepers" (Matthew 8:2-4).

February 23, Seventh Sunday after Epiphany- "Doing the Impossible?" (Matthew 5:38-48).

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Our Mission: *TO GROW IN AND SHARE GOD'S LOVE*

Weekly Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Weekly Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion first Sunday of each month and
on special days.

Fellowship Breakfast first Sunday of each month, 9:00 a.m.

Interim Pastor.....The Rev. Dwyn Mounger
Clerk of Session.....Tim Crawford
Treasurer.....Jill Hedrick
Director of Music.....Katrin Riggs
Pianist.....Nancy Allen
Elder of the Month..... Katrin Riggs



**ROB & JEAN WILLIAMSON
INVITE ALL MEMBERS AND
FRIENDS OF EUSEBIA** to
come February 2 at 6 p.m. to
their home, 769 Whippoorwill



Circle, Seymour, at 6 p.m. to eat and watch the Super Bowl, with legendary, pride-of-East-Tennessee, U.T. alumnus, philanthropist, and record-breaking quarterback Peyton Manning, of the Denver Broncos! **"ADMISSION": one can or unopened package of food, or else \$1, for C.R.O.S.S. (Christians Reaching Out Serving Seymour) ministries to the local needy.**

The nation-wide "Souper Bowl of Caring" began in 1990, when Brad Smith, associate pastor and youth director at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Columbia, SC, had a great vision for a project for the congregation's young people: collecting food and donations for the hungry, while having fun watching the Super Bowl.

Since then this annual event has spread to churches of all denominations and other organizations around the world. In 2013 in the U.S. alone 587 participating groups collected \$1,482,589 in cash and food items, on Super Bowl weekend, for charities in their area.

To member or friend of Eusebia Church:



BRING ALL OF YOURS Friday, Feb. 13, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., to the Eusebia Church Fellowship Hall, and our great, fun **PANCAKE PARTY** (our donations will support the ministries to the local needy by **C.R.O.S.S., Christians Reaching Out Serving Seymour**).

MENU: southern-style delicious, all-you-can-eat pancakes & syrups, hearty breakfast sides, plus plenty of sweets for all of **YOUR** sweeties!

“DOES THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAVE A HEALING SERVICE?”

My questioner was a 30s-something mother of two little children, a member of my congregation at that time. My mind filled with scenes to alarm any Presbyterian raised on “decency and order.” Slick TV preachers shaking hysterical true-believers and bellowing exorcisms while they fall, “slain by the Spirit.” Breathless mystics claiming recovery from poison ivy from having spied real tears on the face of a statue of the Virgin or of Jesus.



Yet I knew her question was urgent. Her diagnosis? Cancer, metastasized to her liver. So gulping, I quickly answered, “Well yes, we do have a ‘Service for Wholeness’ in our ***Book of Common Worship***. But I’ve never used it.”

At the woman’s request, and with the Session’s approval, we scheduled such an event in the church’s small chapel—for her, her family and friends, but with an invitation to the whole congregation. Beforehand, privately, I explained to her and her husband, “This isn’t magic, nor is it some bargain with God. It’s just a way you both can say with dignity and sincerity, ‘Lord, we need your wholeness; your will be done in us!’”

“We’d love that,” she replied, “before I go to the clinic in Birmingham!”

As I prepared for the service, I remembered James 5:14-15: ***“Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick”***

The well-attended event was simple. Informal yet liturgical. Very mainline Protestant. Yet profoundly moving, and—yes—healing, to each one of us! After leading bidding intercessions for others, I quietly invited forward anyone wishing brief, personal prayer and anointing. We concluded with simple Holy Communion by intinction—the very same way that you and I partake of the Sacrament here at Eusebia Church.

At the cancer clinic the woman underwent successful surgery—then went into remission that has lasted for years. Yet even had she not recovered, she—and all of us—knew the joy of God’s healing by the grace and power of Christ, the Great Physician! Living or dying, she was a whole person—in the Lord.

None of us, this side of heaven, is completely well in body, mind, or spirit. Far from it! “Salvation” comes from the same root as “salve.” Divine healing is a blessing that God promises you and me not just in heaven but in the here and now. By it the Lord graciously affords us an anticipation of that perfect healing that we’ll finally and truly experience in Christ’s full presence in paradise.

Beginning February 2, the Session has approved, on a trial basis, at the end of each first-Sunday service of Holy Communion, monthly through April 6, a brief (about ten minutes) “Service for Wholeness” for all who wish to stay for it. Because we will have already worshipped through Word and Sacrament, we can begin immediately with bidding prayers for the chronically ill, the aging, the hospitalized and those facing surgery. Also for military service personnel in danger and/or veterans suffering from combat stress. And for those called to the medical professions. Amid the short silences you may wish to speak the name(s) of one or more friends or family members, physicians, or nurses, who may need special healing and/or support.

Those who wish a brief, individual prayer, with anointing, may stand up or raise a hand for this simple, reverent gesture. Then the “Service for Wholeness” will conclude with our joining hands for the Benediction.

In April the Session will discuss how well these three events of worship have been received. Who knows? The elders may decide to make them a regular part of each of our first-Sunday services!

--Dwyn M. Mounger, Interim Pastor

Welcome!

Session to receive new members.

AT ITS MONTHLY MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, at 6:30 p.m., the Session will receive new members into the full fellowship of our congregation. If you feel that God is calling you to be part of this group, please speak as soon as possible to Dr. Mounger or an elder, or contact him at either (865) 249-7731 or (904) 315-9311.



HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PROMISE to use your particular gifts of time and talent, in service to God and the church in 2014? If not, please fill out the form in your bulletin for worship this Sunday, and drop it into the offering plate.

The Offering



Report from Treasurer Jill Hedrick

January 2014- Operating Income	\$ 4,213.80
Expenses*	\$ 4,670.00
Deficit	(456.75)

*Extreme has cold increased propane & electric bills.

January Mission Income (in addition to above):	
C.R.O.S.S. \$150. Family Promise \$30.	
T.E.A.M. (Davis) \$ 30.00	
Magi Meals (equally divided between C.R.O.S.S. & Family Promise)	\$ 411.50.

GET YOUR COPY OF THE EXCELLENT MISSION STUDY for Eusebia congregation, prepared by our Pastor Nominating Committee, based on the written surveys and the home meetings last fall. One per family unit. They are on the table in the church narthex.



BECKETT JEAN STEVEN TURNER receives Holy Baptism

On January 19 Beckett, now four-months old, was baptized by Dr. Mounger in our service of worship. Above, Beckett with his parents **Eric** and **Taylor**, sister **Elys**, and brother **Soren**. January Elder of the Month **Sherry Hedrick** assisted with the Sacrament.



EUSEBIANS MARCH IN MLK PARADE

Braving the cold, five members of our church family, **Tim Crawford**, **Connie Olschewske**, Connie's granddaughters 9-year-old **Kylie Wood** and 13-year-old **Jamie Johnson**, with **Dr. Mounger** and the **Rev. Eugene Thomas**, of Rocky Springs Church, marched with the 22-strong contingent of the Presbytery of East Tennessee in Knoxville's annual, mile and a half, MLK Birthday parade Jan. 20. Along the route they drank hot chocolate and munchd goodies handed to them by parade watchers. Above, they line up with PET's sign "Presbyterians for Peace and Justice." Behind the marchers, and towering above them, is a smiling Mahatma Gandhi!