

THIS WEEKS REMINDERS

- ♦ Children Sunday School today (following children's time —K-3rd grade—Saints Room; 4th—6th grade—Beatitudes Room)
- ♦ Game On 3—Linger Longer Luncheon following worship—Grace Hall
- ♦ Youth Sunday School today at 7 p.m.—Zoom
- ♦ Monday Night Disciple Book Group on Monday at 6 p.m.—Zoom
- ♦ Boy Scout Meeting on Monday at 6:30 p.m.— Grace/Scout Room
- ♦ Faith for Today Group on Monday at 7 p.m.—Miriam
- ♦ No Witness Team meeting in January
- ♦ Cub Scout Meeting on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.—Grace Hall & Upstairs Classrooms
- ♦ Tuesday Night Movie Group on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.—Zoom
- ♦ "Early Risers" Men's Book Club on Wednesday at 7 a.m.—Wesley
- ♦ Choir Practice on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.—Sanctuary
- ♦ Praise Band Practice on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary
- ♦ Missions Team Meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.—Zoom
- ♦ Men's Coffee Group on Thursday at 9 a.m.—Overflow
- ♦ Women's Book Club on Thursday at 9 a.m.—Zoom
- ♦ Men's Breakfast Group on Saturday at 8 a.m.—Flips Café

Electronic Giving Platform

For those who would like to bless EUMC with their financial gifts electronically. Scanning the Q-Code will take you directly to our electronic giving site.



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Edinboro United Methodist Church



January 12, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

Baptism of the Lord

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EDINBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Ed Schoeneck

Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025

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Epiphany Series: "Who Are You?"

We Gather in Praise

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Lisa Herschelman*
(Bruce Power, UM Discipleship Ministries)

Leader: Today we celebrate a special baptism; the baptism of Jesus of Nazareth.
God says: Look! See my chosen servant, the One in whom I utterly delight;

People: I have placed my Spirit on him, he will bring true justice to the nations."

Leader: When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened up, and Spirit came down like a dove; and there was a voice from heaven saying:

People: "This is my dearly loved Son, with whom I am delighted."

Leader: The joy of the Lord be with you all.

People: And also with you.

*HYMN "Here I am to Worship" 3177

*OPENING PRAYER *Lisa Herschelman*
(Bruce Power, UM Discipleship Ministries)

Most wonderful God, foolish and flawed though we are, we too delight in your beloved Son. As in his name we gather in the house of many praises, may the heavens be opened for us, that we may catch a glimpse of that Light and Love that transforms our common days with a beauty not of our making. Through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen!

*RESPONSE Gloria Patri/Glorify Thy Name

We Receive the Word

SCRIPTURE READING **Isaiah 42:1-9 (NRSV)** *Lisa Herschelman*

HYMN "Open Our Eyes" 2086

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Ed

HYMN "Open Our Eyes" 2086

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 3: 13-17 (NRSV)** *Pastor Ed*

REFLECTION **"Connected in Love"** *Pastor Ed*

SERVICE OF RENEWAL OF BAPTISM (Insert)

HYMN "I was There to Hear Your Borning Cry" 2051

We Respond to the Word

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Forth to Serve

*HYMN "Song of Hope" 2186

*BENEDICTION

Are you a visitor to our church? If you answer this question with a yes
– **Welcome! We are happy you are here!**
Please complete the blue Visitor card in the pew and place it in the offering plate.

Thank You from EUMC Staff
The EUMC Staff would like to express our thanks for the generous Christmas gifts! We are very thankful for your kindness and generosity. Please know that we enjoy serving the Lord and helping with the ministry here at EUMC.

Albright-Deering Lectures in Methodist Studies

February 19, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Edinboro United Methodist Church

"What Do We Do Now? Rebuilding After the Storms Have Passed"

Featuring The Rev. Dr. Lovett Weems

Distinguished Professor of Church Leadership and Senior Consultant of the
Lewis Center for Church Leadership at Wesley Theological Seminary

The pandemic and debates about disaffiliation have taken a toll on many congregations. Adding to these challenges is an era of declining overall religious participation in the country. While weariness is understandable, inertia and despair are not inevitable. Many congregations now feel freed to explore new directions for their churches as familiar patterns no longer work as they once did. Churches are finding hope and energy as they build on their founding values and purpose and discern the next faithful steps God has for their congregations.



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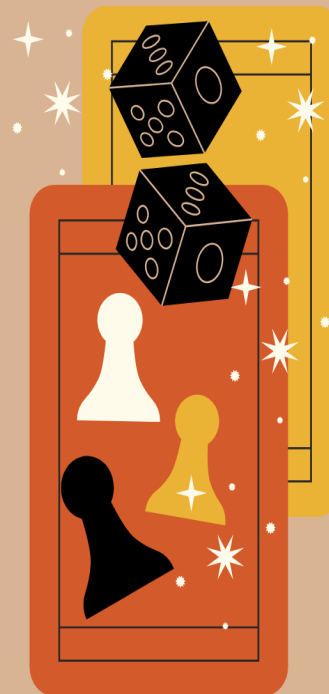
Game On 3

January 12th 2025

Immediately after Sunday worship in Grace Hall. 

Bring your favorite board games.

**Winter Picnic – Bring a dish to share.
Hot dogs, buns and beverages provided.**



Please sign up in Narthex on what
dish you will bring and if you can
help with clean up!

Hosted by: **IFF Team &
Mission/Outreach**

Enjoy fun, food and fellowship!

Please bring shelf safe items to
donate to the pantry:
Water, soup, mac & cheese, fruit
snacks, breakfast bars, etc.
Hygienic products also needed:
Sanitary products, shampoo,
conditioner, soap, etc.

Proceeds to benefit PennWest Food Pantry.



Human Relations Day—Jan. 19, 2025

Special Sundays are set aside each year to deepen the connection between the local church and ministries on a global scale. Individuals and congregations are encouraged to support the churches' collective efforts through an offering. We invite you to help continue to support the vital work of the Special Sundays.

United Methodist Churches traditionally observe **Human Relations Day on the Sunday** before Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. The official date for celebrating Human Relations Day during the current quadrennial season is January 19, 2025.

HOW TO SUPPORT

1. Giving through your local church
2. Donating on line at donate.gcfa.org
3. Sending a check in the mail to: General Commission on Finance and Administration, P.O. Box 340029, Nashville, TN 37203 (Please include Human Relations Day in the note section of your check.)



Please note : Our worship service is being live-streamed on our Facebook page and on our YouTube page. If you wish to not have your image broadcast during the live stream, please sit in the front area on the choir side near the windows of the sanctuary under the camera.



Question & Answer with Dr. Amy-Jill Levine

Sunday, January 19th at 9 a.m.
during
Adult Sunday School

Dr. Amy-Jill Levine is a Rabbi Stanley M. Kessler Distinguished Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Hartford International University for Religion and Peace. She works in biblical studies and is a self-described "critic of anti-semitic, sexist, and homophobic theologies". She is an accomplished author of multiple books, educational books, videos, and commentaries.

A self-described "Yankee Jewish feminist who teaches in a predominantly Protestant divinity school in the buckle of the Bible Belt," Levine "combines historical-critical rigor, literary-critical sensitivity, and a frequent dash of humor with a commitment to eliminating anti-semitic, sexist, and homophobic theologies." She is a member of the Orthodox Jewish synagogue Sherith Israel, though she herself does not observe kashrut or Shabbat according to Orthodox Jewish norms. Levine has produced lectures on the Old Testament and "Great Figures of the New Testament" for The Teaching Company.

Dr. Levine will join the EUMC Adult Sunday School class on Zoom to answer questions regarding her current book they are studying, "Jesus for Everyone: Not Just Christians" and any other questions that the group may have.

WHAT IS HUMAN RELATIONS DAY?

Human Relations Day is a special Sunday across our denomination, focused on fostering better relationships and supporting community and youth outreach. On the Sunday before Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, we take up a special offering to help bring his vision of a "beloved community" to life. Your gifts support important programs like Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Services, and Youth Offender Rehabilitation. We invite you to give through your local church or [online](#), helping us continue this vital work together.

Thanks to your generosity, over **\$250,000** was raised last year to support these vital ministries through the Human Relations Day Fund Sunday offering:

Fifty-seven percent of the funds received support the Community Developers Program (CDP) that strive to maintain, and strengthen racial-ethnic minority congregations through local United Methodist churches and engage based on community needs.

Thirty-three percent of the funds received support The United Methodist Voluntary Services (UMVS) that serves as a resource to congregations and volunteer working to challenge unjust political, social, and economic systems.

Ten percent of the funds received support youth rehabilitation programs, empowering young people through church-based activities, mentoring programs, and boys' and girls' clubs.

For over 50 years, United Methodists have observed this special Sunday to honor the message Jesus lived out: that every one of God's children matters. One of the beautiful things about The United Methodist Church is that, together, we can accomplish far more than we could on our own. Our collective gifts help build "the beloved community."

Reaffirmation of Faith

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ: through the sacrament of baptism God's Spirit has been poured out upon water, water poured over and immersing us, water that flows freely for all who will receive it, water from the streams of God's saving power and justice, water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness, water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.

Today we come to the waters, to renew our commitments in each other's presence to Christ who has raised us, the Spirit who has birthed us, and the Creator who is making all things new.

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Leader: And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

People: We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, Reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin!

Leader: Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

People: We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves!

Leader: Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

People: We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races!

Leader: Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

People: We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Leader: Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

People: We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church as we put our trust in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, his only Son, and in the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

People: Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God, the life you birthed in us by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die. Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting.

People: Your healing river flows. Your Spirit blows where you will. We cannot stop you, God!

Leader: But sometimes we try. We try to block the flow, we redirect the winds of the Spirit, or we walk so far away from the life-giving stream that we do not hear its sound, and we forget its power. We parch ourselves.

People: We are dry and thirsty, O God. Come, refresh us!

Leader: Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

People: Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Leader: Come upon these waters.

People: Come upon these waters.

Leader: Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

People: Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.

Leader: Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.

People: Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.

Leader: Most Holy God, Abba, Father!

People: Glory to you!

Leader: Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!

People: Glory to you!

Leader: Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!

People: Glory to you!

Leader: Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!

All: All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!