

THIS WEEKS REMINDERS

- ♦ No Children's Sunday School today
- ♦ Youth Group today after worship at 12:30 p.m.—Youth Room
- ♦ Jonah Class today at 5:30—7 p.m.— Hybrid—Wesley/Zoom
- ♦ Boy Scouts Meeting on Monday at 6:30 p.m.—Grace Hall, Boy Scout Room
- ♦ Faith for Today Group on Monday at 7 p.m.— Miriam
- ♦ IFF Meeting on Monday at 7 p.m.—Zoom
- ♦ No Tuesday Night Movie Group
- ♦ No Worship Team in October
- ♦ Cub Scouts Meeting on Tuesday at 6 p.m.—Grace Hall, Upstairs Class-rooms
- ♦ 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 on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary
- ♦ Men's Coffee Group on Thursday at 9 a.m.—Wesley
- ♦ Women's Book Club on Thursday at 9 a.m.—Zoom
- ♦ SPRC Meeting on Thursday at 7 p.m.—Zoom
- ♦ Longs School of Dance Classes on Thursday at 3:30 p.m.—Zaccheus
- ♦ Senior Citizens Meeting on Friday at 12 p.m.—Grace Hall
- ♦ Men's Breakfast Group on Saturday at 8 a.m.—Flips Café

Please note : Our worship service is being live-streamed 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 praise band side near the windows of the sanctuary under the camera.

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Our Staff:

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EDINBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



“Decisions in the Dark”

OCTOBER 4, 2026

EDINBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Pamela Gardner, Pastor

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026

**denotes standing as able*

We Gather in Praise

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Marcie Coward

Leader: Here we are! A gathering of doubters, dreamers, and disciples!

People: It is hard to decide if we are a doubter, dreamer, or disciple! Some days we seem to experience all three, all at once! We are in the messy middle

Leader: Perhaps we are a deeply Trinitarian people after all! Not only do we worship the God who is three-in-one, but we move easily between the three in our oneness.

People: Wherever we find ourselves this morning as doubters, dreamers, disciples and the messy middle, we bring our desire to live in wholeness and unity.

Leader: Let our worship be the great pursuit of God's heart and desire for us, for our neighbor, and the world.

People: We come with obedience and humility to this pursuit. May this time of worship enlighten our decisions and journey that we might find your peace no matter whether we are a doubter, dreamer, disciple, or somewhere in-between, forever we are yours. Amen.

HYMN "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

57

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Marcie Coward

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada (UMH 883)

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*RESPONSE "Love the Lord Your God"

2168

We Receive the Word

PSALM

Psalms 106: 1– 6 (NRSV)

Marcie Coward

INVITATION TO CHILDREN'S TIME

CHILDREN'S TIME

Karen Swager

SCRIPTURE

Luke 23: 44–49 (NRSV)

Pastor Pam

REFLECTION

"Decisions in the Dark"

Pastor Pam

CHOIR ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

HYMN

"Make Us One"

2224

We Respond to the Word

SERVICE OF COMMUNION (Word and Table, pg. 15) - *Sung responses*

Invitation to the Table

Time of Confession and Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS/JOYS

MORNING PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. We ask this prayer as doubters, dreamers, and disciples. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

*HYMN

"My Hope is Built"

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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.



FALL RETREATS

2026

*Three opportunities to slow down,
reconnect with God & renew your spirit.*

**OCTOBER
4-8
2026**



SILENT RETREAT

Silence in Community

Four nights away to listen deeply,
rest fully, and draw near to God.

- ♦ A four-night retreat of silence, community prayer,
shared meals, and daily one-on-one
- ♦ meetings with a trained Spiritual Director.

\$550

PRIVATE ROOM

**OCTOBER
16-18
2026**



NATURE & SPIRITUALITY RETREAT

The Wisdom of Wild Things

We invite you to spend a weekend exploring
this deeper wisdom as it emerges through the
natural world and scripture, woven together
into something meaningful and life-giving.



RETREAT LEADER
Rev. Beth Jones

\$290
SINGLE ROOM

\$272
DOUBLE ROOM

**OCTOBER
18-20
2026**
SUNDAY TO
TUESDAY



FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT

God's Masterpiece

Come discover the masterpiece
God is creating in you.
A weekend of faith, fellowship,
creativity and renewal.

EPHESIANS 2:10 NLT



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We look forward to welcoming you to Olmsted Manor!

Grace in the Spectrum

Seminar

WELCOMING FAMILIES
WITH AUTISM



Led by Dr. David Quel

**Learn how to provide support
and inclusion for autistic
families.**

Saturday, October 17, 2026

**8:30 Check in & Continental
Breakfast provided**

9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Seminar

**Seminar is free. Registration is required by
following this link**

<https://forms.gle/AcWbqdvUxJowoVj96>

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OCTOBER 1 – OCTOBER 31, 2026

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(New or Gently Used)



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(New or Gently Used)



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(New or Gently Used)

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FALL FLING DINNER

TO BENEFIT SARAH REED SENIOR LIVING
THE AMBASSADOR BANQUET &
CONFERENCE CENTER

OCTOBER 24, 2026

10 AM - 2 PM

SEATS ARE \$40 PER PERSON

Contact: Meg Gould 814-450-6417





Sunday,
November 1, 2026

During the service we will remember loved ones who have passed away **since November 1, 2025**. If you would like to include the name of a family member or close friend, please complete the form below and put it in the offering plate or leave it in the church office **no later than Noon Tuesday, October 27th**. For more information, contact the church office (734-3182).

Please **PRINT** the following information

Date of Death _____

Full Name _____
(First) (Middle) (Maiden) (Last)

Relationship to you _____

Your Name _____

Phone Number _____
(In case there are questions)

If you wish to have a photo included in the Power Point presentation during worship, please bring it to the office **no later than Noon - Tuesday, October 27th**. Please place photos in an envelope and include the name of the person being remembered as well as your name and a phone number where we can reach you in case there are questions. **Do not include with your tithe**. For more information, contact the church office (734-3182). **Be sure the envelope is marked as All Saints Sunday, Attn: Junia.**

Annual All Church Charge Conference

Sunday, November 1, 2026 at 1p.m.

Sanctuary

The Annual All Church Charge Conference is the meeting of our congregation to elect officers, celebrate God's gifts, vision for the future, lay leadership and set pastor salary.

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Scott Gallagher will be in attendance. Part of his role is to supervise the work of our pastor and congregation. The All Church Charge Conference allows for reporting and discussion.

All members of the congregation are invited and welcome to attend.