

THIS WEEKS REMINDERS

- ◆ No Children Sunday School today
- ◆ Bread & Cup Team Meeting after worship—Beatitudes Room
- ◆ Youth Sunday School today at 7 p.m.—Zoom
- ◆ Monday Night Disciple Book Meeting 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
- ◆ IFF Team Meeting on Monday at 7:30 p.m.—Zoom
- ◆ Cub Scout Meeting on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.—Grace Hall & Upstairs Classrooms
- ◆ Worship Team Meeting on Tuesday at 7 p.m.—Beatitudes Room
- ◆ No Tuesday Night Movie Group this week
- ◆ "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
- ◆ Men's Coffee Group on Thursday at 9 a.m.—Overflow
- ◆ Women's Book Club on Thursday at 9 a.m.—Zoom
- ◆ French Creek District Boy Scouts on Thursday at 7 p.m.—Grace Hall
- ◆ No Trustee Meeting in February
- ◆ Men's Breakfast Group on Saturday at 8 a.m.—Flips Café

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.

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Edinboro United Methodist Church



February 2, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

EMBRACE

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EDINBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Ed Schoeneck

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 2, 2025

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Epiphany Series: "Who Are You?"

We Gather in Praise

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Dr. Lisa Hancock, UMC Board of Discipleship)* Gert Myer

Leader: Children of God, we come to worship today with expectations: how we expect to feel, what we expect to experience, songs we expect to sing, or prayers we expect to pray. We find comfort in the familiar.

People: **We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.**

Leader: Sometimes what feels familiar grows stale. We stop noticing the power of our prayers. We hear but don't listen to the Word. We sing without letting the music seep into our hearts. Yet, God is still here, moving and working among us.

People: **We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.**

Leader: We may meet God in a familiar voice speaking a hard word, in a song we love that pierces our hearts, in a prayer that we receive in a new way. Because God is here, moving and working among us.

People: **We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.**

Leader: Children of God, come! Let us worship, ready to embrace God's Word already at work among us, even when we are challenged to recognize God in the familiar and unfamiliar alike.

People: **We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here. Thank be to God! Amen.**

*HYMN "Word of God Speak" 3184

*OPENING PRAYER *(Written by John van de Laar, UMC Discipleship Ministries)* Gert Myer

In a cynical and despairing world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your hope. In a violent and angry world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your peace.

In a dismissive and disinterested world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your compassion. In a lonely and inhospitable world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your love.

In a grieving and weeping world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice to proclaim your joy.

May we be so captivated by your hope, O God, that we cannot help but to whisper, to sing, and to enact, the message of your reign which is always coming into our world; And may our quietly prophetic lives be channels of your restoring grace wherever we may go. Amen.

*RESPONSE Gloria Patri/Glorify Thy Name

We Receive the Word

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 5: 13-20 (NRSV)** Gert Myer

HYMN "Open Our Eyes" 2086

CHILDREN'S TIME Gert Myer

HYMN "Open Our Eyes" 2086

SCRIPTURE READING **Psalms 41 (NRSV)** Pastor Ed

REFLECTION **"Live with Integrity"** Pastor Ed

HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" 127

We Respond to the Word

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Time of Confession and Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving U. M. Hymnal page 15

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Forth to Serve

*HYMN "Shepherd of My Soul"

*BENEDICTION

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.



More details and registration are available at www.pts.edu.
sponsored by:



Church Audit Time

Cheryl Willey will be conducting the church audit for 2024 starting the first week of February.

All church groups need to bring their accounting/books to the church office and place in the container on the counter marked Audit.

If you have any questions, you can reach Cheryl by email at wandcwilley@gmail.com



Nominations being accepted for WPA Conference Committees

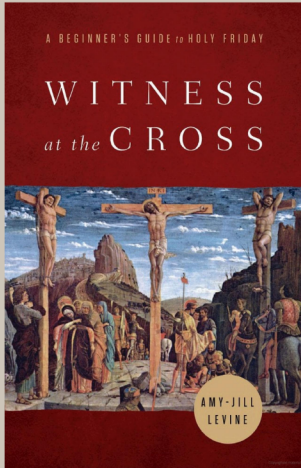
Are you being pulled to serve the United Methodist Church in other ways? Are you interested in serving on a conference committee? If you answer yes to these questions - now is the time to act! Submit a short bio (4-5 sentences) highlighting your background and interests and send by email to Jerra Jenrette by Wednesday, February 5th.

The conference committees are:

- Nurture
- Outreach
- Witness
- Archives & History
- Camping & Retreat Ministries
- Pensions
- Personnel
- Trustees
- Episcopacy
- Finance & Administration



Experience the profound Witness Accounts at the Cross.



Beginning, Monday, February 3rd, the Disciple Book Group will be studying Amy-Jill Levine's Book *Witness at the Cross*.

In Witness at the Cross, a Beginner's Guide to Holy Friday, Amy-Jill Levine shows how the people at the cross each have distinct roles to play in the Gospels. For each, Jesus has a particular meaning and message, and from each, we learn how those meanings and messages cross the centuries to any who would come to the cross today.



The group meets by Zoom every other Monday at 6pm. There are six chapters in the book, so we will be meeting on February 3rd & 17th, March 3rd, 17th, & 31st, ending on April 14th, the day after Palm Sunday. Sign up in the Narthex.

A preview about the book and video sessions is available at this link: <https://bit.ly/4gXgl3L>.

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MOVIE NIGHT!

THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 27TH AT
6:30 P.M. IN
EUMC SANCTUARY

YOU'RE INVITED TO A MOVIE NIGHT AT EUMC!

COME RELAX AND ENJOY "THE WAY." OUR LENTEN SERMON SERIES WILL BE BASED AROUND THIS MOVIE.

JOIN US FOR A COZY MOVIE NIGHT! POPCORN WILL BE PROVIDED, BRING COMFY BLANKETS, AND WHATEVER ELSE MAKES YOU COMFORTABLE.

TICKET

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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.