

## THIS WEEKS REMINDERS

- ◆ Children's Sunday School today following Children's Time  
K-2nd grade—Saints Room; 3rd-4th grades—Beatitudes Room  
5th—7th grades—Wesley Room
- ◆ Youth Sunday School today at 12:30 p.m.—Youth Room
- ◆ Witness Team Meeting today at 12:30 p.m.—Beatitudes
- ◆ Dangerous Religious Ideas today at 3 p.m.—Zoom/Wesley
- ◆ Boy Scout Meeting on Monday at 6:30 p.m.—Scout Room
- ◆ Faith for Today Group on Monday at 7 p.m.—Beatitudes
- ◆ Cub Scout Meeting on Tuesday at 6 p.m.—Grace Hall, Scout Room, upstairs classrooms
- ◆ Boy Scouts Blue & Gold Dinner on Tuesday at 4 p.m.—Grace Hall
- ◆ 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
- ◆ French Creek District Boy Scouts on Thursday at 5 p.m.—Grace Hall
- ◆ SPRC Meeting on Thursday at 7 p.m.—Zoom
- ◆ Senior Citizens on Friday at 12 p.m.—Grace Hall
- ◆ Men's Breakfast Group on Saturday at 8 a.m.—Flips Café
- ◆ Spirit Journey Adult Sunday School on Sunday (15th) at 8:45 a.m.—Zoom
- ◆ 3D Café on Sunday (15th) hosted by Crists and Ketchum at 10—10:50 a.m.—Narthex
- ◆ Special Church Conference on Sunday (15th) at 12:30 p.m.—Sanctuary

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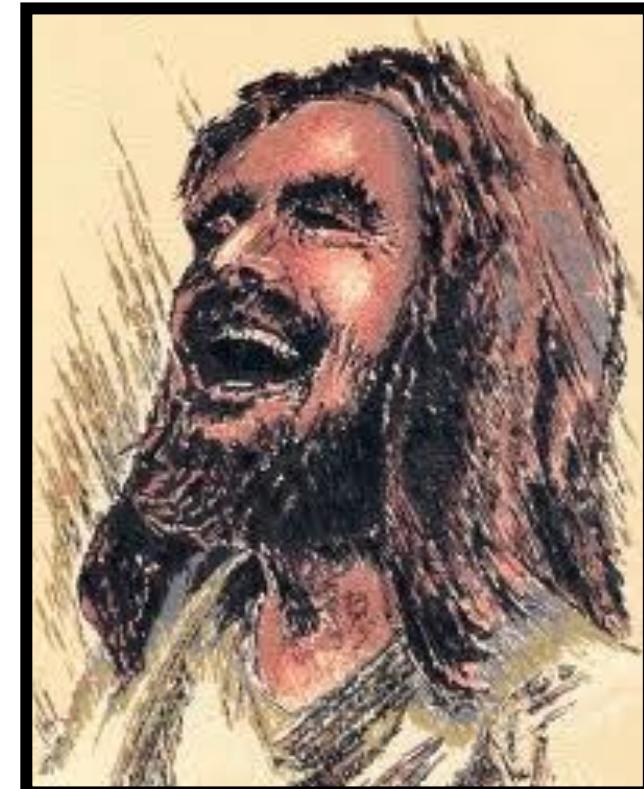
### Our Staff:

Pastor Ed Schoeneck	John Layden, Lay Leader
Dr. Jerra Jenrette, Assistant Pastor	
Junia Isiminger, Adm. Asst./ Coordinator of Financial Services	
Amanda Carter, Director of Youth Ministries	Dennis Carner, Tech
Jane Springer, Organist	Melissa Kuffer, Nursery
Larry & Brenda Evans, Music Lead	Nikki Tatta, Nursery

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## Edinboro United Methodist Church



**February 8, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.  
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
Scouting Sunday**

**EMBRACE**

**ENGAGE**

**IGNITE**

**EDINBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Rev. Ed Schoeneck, Pastor**

**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**February 8, 2026**

\*denotes standing as able

**Epiphany Series: Passionate Jesus**  
**Scout Sunday**

**We Gather in Praise**

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOY SCOUT MOMENT

*Theo Mikulcik*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Touch Holiness, Ruth Duck*)

*Diana Corner*

Leader: The Christian life is not so much a destination as a journey.

People: **Even so the worship of God is not to be found solely in the gathering of this people of faith nor in their acts of worship or faithful service.**

Leader: But true worship is found in the sharing of these moments when we sense God's presence, and in celebrating those moments together with joy!

People: **Let us worship God. Amen!**

\*HYMN "Beautiful Things" (*Gungor*)

\*OPENING PRAYER (*T. Anne Daniel, Africana Worship*) *Diana Corner*

Great Redeemer and Mediator of all your people, remind us that you are here. So easily we forget that you are always in our company. But more importantly at this time that is set aside for divine worship, call our attention to your will and purpose for our lives. We really want to worship you in spirit and in truth, so make yourself known to us again, O Lord, the rock of our salvation. Amen.

RESPONSE *Gloria Patri/Glorify Thy Name*

**We Receive the Word**

SCRIPTURE READING **Psalm 100 (NRSV)** *Diana Corner*

HYMN	" <i>This is Where Children Belong</i> "	2233
CHILDREN'S TIME		<i>Dennis Carner</i>
HYMN	" <i>This is Where Children Belong</i> "	2233
SCRIPTURE READING	<b>Luke 6: 17 – 23 (NRSV)</b>	<i>Brooks Mikulcik</i>
REFLECTION	<b>"Joy: Savoring God's Gifts"</b>	<i>Pastor Ed</i>
HYMN	" <i>Morning Has Broken</i> "	145
	<b><u>We Respond to the Word</u></b>	
	SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS/JOYS	
	MORNING PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER	
	OFFERTORY	
	DOXOLOGY	
	PRAYER OF DEDICATION	
	<b><u>We Go Forth to Serve</u></b>	
HYMN	" <i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i> "	89
BENEDICTION		

We welcome our Scouts with us this Sunday—Pack 177 and Troop 176.  
 Pack Leader: Jarrod Manti and Scout Leader: Missy Shaffer  
 The Cubs and Scouts will be helping us with the service today.

*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 choir side near the windows of the sanctuary under the camera.*

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.

# Spirit Journey Adult Sunday School LENTEN STUDY

When words fall short, the cross still speaks.

Despite the crucifixion's central place in Christian faith, the New Testament offers few clear answers about how Jesus' death saves, or why, exactly, he had to die. The New Testament writers use a host of metaphors—ransom, sacrifice, reconciliation, victory—but never explain exactly how it works or why it had to happen this way.

What if that's because we've been asking the wrong question? What if the cross isn't a transaction to be explained, but a living Word from God meant to transform who we are and how we live?

**EVERY SUNDAY - BY ZOOM  
BEGINNING - FEBRUARY 22ND**

8:15 a.m. - Chat  
8:45 a.m. - Class - till 9:45 a.m.

**SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE**

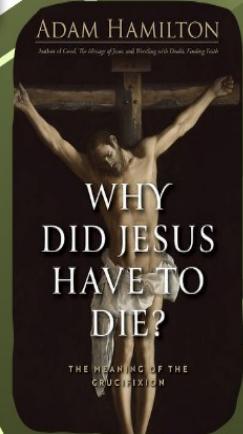
## Special All Church Charge Conference

February 15, 2026 at 12:30 p.m.

Sanctuary

A Special All Church Charge Conference is a meeting of our congregation to deal with a bequest given by Gae Fuller. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Lisa Grant will be in attendance.

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



# ••••• PASTOR ED'S LENTEN BOOK STUDY: The Cross & the Lynching Tree

The cross and the lynching tree are separated by 2,000 years. One is the universal symbol of Christian faith; the other is the quintessential symbol of black oppression in America." One is a symbol of hope and salvation; the other, a symbol of brutal oppression, cruelty and suffering. How do we reconcile "the essential symbol of Christianity and the quintessential emblem of black suffering"? Cone wants both blacks and whites to remember, to face this macabre spectacle and learn from it, to look and live.

Our study will use a guide from the New York Conference of the United Methodist Church Board of Church and Society along with sermons and videos from Dr. Cone and other Christian Theologians and writers.



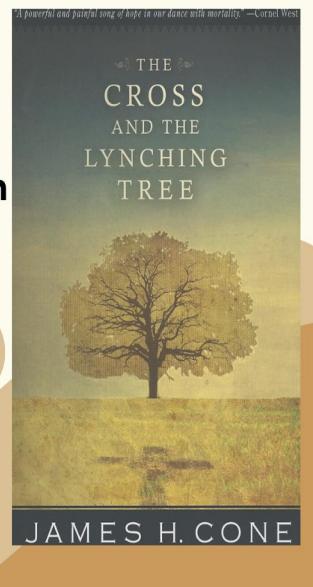
**Offered at 2 different times and ways**

**Sunday Evenings at 7 p.m. via Zoom  
February 22<sup>nd</sup> - March 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday Mornings at 10 a.m. in person  
February 25<sup>th</sup> - April 1<sup>st</sup>**

**COST OF BOOK \$15.50**

**Please sign up in the Narthex or  
call the church office.**



# Linger Longer Luncheon

SPONSORED BY THE MOSAIC  
RECONCILING MINISTRY

SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 22, 2026

FOLLOWING WORSHIP  
IN GRACE HALL



## Youth WINTER Clothing Drive for EUMA

The EUMC Youth Group are sponsoring a winter clothing drive mission for EUMA. Currently, EUMA has emergency needs due to the cold. Adults sizes are desperately needed but all clothing sizes will be accepted.

Sweatshirts & Sweatpants (preferably black & charcoal gray), White Undershirts, Heavy Socks, Hats & Gloves

Please bring in donations by March 1st.

A collection of winter clothing items including a black sweatshirt, a red knit hat, red mittens, a white t-shirt, black sweatpants, and blue socks.

### 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.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GARDEN OF EDIN

Each year, Edinboro United Methodist Church does several tithe garden beds at the Edinboro Presbyterian Church's Garden of Edin. All of the produce raised is then harvested and donated to the Edinboro Food Pantry to help feed our neighbors in need.

A group of EUMC congregation work together to weed and water the EUMC garden beds (a volunteer each day) and this year more volunteers are needed to continue this meaningful and necessary mission project.



### The GBHEM Scholarship Portal Is Now Open

The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) scholarship application portal is open for United Methodist students seeking scholarships for undergraduate and graduate study at colleges, universities, and seminaries.

In 2025, GBHEM awarded more than 2,500 scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students at over 600 schools worldwide. This financial aid helped students pursue their dreams to serve as the next generation of leaders. You may submit one application each year.

The deadline to complete your application is Friday, March 6, 2026.

Go here to apply and for more information: [https://www.gbhem.org/scholarships/applying-for-scholarships-at-u-s-institutions/?utm\\_source=MyEmma&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=2026+GBHEM+scholarships&utm\\_term=January+21&utm\\_content=U.S.+scholarship+portal](https://www.gbhem.org/scholarships/applying-for-scholarships-at-u-s-institutions/?utm_source=MyEmma&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=2026+GBHEM+scholarships&utm_term=January+21&utm_content=U.S.+scholarship+portal)

## Lent 2026 Schedule

*Edinboro United Methodist Church*

Date & Time	Event	Details
2/18/26 @ 7 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
2/22/26 @ 8:45 a.m.	Why did Jesus have to die? Lenten Study	Spirit Journey Adult Sunday School Lenten Study - Zoom Begins - Ends on 3/29/26
2/22/26 @ 7 p.m.	The Cross & the Lynching Tree	Pastor Ed Lenten Study - Zoom Begins - Ends on 3/29/26
2/25/26 @ 10 a.m.	The Cross & the Lynching Tree	Pastor Ed Lenten Study - Zoom & In Person - Begins - Ends 4/1/26
2/25/26 @ 12 p.m.	Lenten Luncheon	Grace Hall & Sanctuary
3/11/26 @ 12 p.m.	Lenten Luncheon	Grace Hall & Sanctuary
3/25/26 @ 12 p.m.	Lenten Luncheon	Grace Hall & Sanctuary
4/2/26 @ 6 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m. Service	Maundy Thursday Dinner & Service	Sanctuary
4/3/26 @ 7:30 p.m.	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary
4/5/26 @ 11:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday Service	Sanctuary



Dear Laity and Clergy of the Western Pennsylvania Conference,

Grace and Peace to you in this New Year! Each new year brings opportunities for God's new and next!

I invite you to one of six meetings with the Bishop taking place around the WPA Conference area. I will be meeting with Clergy and Laity to share an update on how we have been moving as a people empowered by God's Spirit. My gathering with you will include updates on vision, Conference staffing and restructuring, and the ministry and mission that has been moving since we last met at annual conference. As always, I will begin my time at each of these gatherings with scripture and a time of spiritual centering.

You are invited to be a part of whatever gathering in whatever area works best for you. I have intentionally selected these times and dates so that there are opportunities for our laity who work full time, as well as our bi-vocational pastors, to join one of the gatherings. Here are the dates and locations of each of the six gatherings:

Sunday, February 15 – 2:00-4:00 PM at Grove City Grace UMC

Sunday, February 22 – 3:00-5:00 PM at Trinity UMC Indiana

**Saturday, March 14 – 3:00-5:00 PM at Edinboro UMC**

Sunday, March 15 – 3:00-5:00 PM at Monroeville UMC

Monday, March 16 – 6:30-8:30 PM at Trinity UMC McMurray

Thursday, March 19 – 6:00-8:00 PM at Warren Grace UMC

Thank you in advance to those pastors and congregations who have opened their doors to host these times of sharing. Please use the registration link (below and above) to let us know which gathering you plan to attend so that we can be best prepared at each location and are able to communicate any schedule adjustments.

I look forward to being with you and celebrating how God's power is working among us, so that we might truly be God's people who Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously.

Peace,  
Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball  
<https://wpa-reg.brtapp.com/BishopsConferenceUpdatesGathering>

**Albright-Deering Lectures in Methodist Studies**

**Celebrating 70 Years of Full Clergy Rights for Women in The United Methodist Church**

March 3, 2026

**PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

In collaboration with and co-sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania Conference of The United Methodist Church

**The Rev. Stephanie York Arnold**, General Secretary for The General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, The United Methodist Church

**The Rev. Dr. Emily Nelms Chastain**, Assistant Professor of Christian History and Methodist Studies, Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University

Full details forthcoming. Visit [www.ptsem.edu/albright-deering-2026](http://www.ptsem.edu/albright-deering-2026)

## Albright-Deering Lectures in Methodist Studies

**Tuesday, March 3, 2026**

**Pittsburgh Theological Seminary**

### **Celebrating 70 Years of Full Clergy Rights for Women in the United Methodist Church**

Marking the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women's ordination in the Methodist Church, this three-part lecture series explores the past, present, and future of women's leadership in Methodist ministry. From the early pioneers who preached without permission to the complex realities faced by clergywomen today, the series traces how the Holy Spirit has moved—and continues to move—through the lives and leadership of women called to serve. Through historical analysis, theological reflection, and constructive visioning, these lectures invite the church and academy alike to consider how women's ordination has shaped Methodist identity, and how it will continue to form the church's witness in the decades ahead.

The Rev. **Stephanie York Arnold**, general secretary for The General Commission on the Status and Role of Women of The United Methodist Church, and the Rev. Dr. **Emily Nelms Chastain**, assistant professor of Christian history and Methodist studies at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, will present the 2026 Albright-Deering Lectures.

- Lecture 1: She Preached Anyway: How Methodist Women Turned Print and Polity into Power (1919-1956)
- Lecture 2: Still Called, Still Climbing: Clergywomen Today
- Lecture 3: The Next Iteration: Envisioning Women's Leadership Together

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