

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
- ◆ "The Cross & the Lynching Tree" Lenten Study today at 7 p.m.—Zoom
- ◆ Boy Scout Meeting on Monday at 6:30 p.m.—Scout Room
- ◆ Faith for Today Group on Monday at 7 p.m.—Miriam
- ◆ Mosaic Reconciling Ministries Meeting on Monday at 7 p.m.—Wesley/Zoom
- ◆ Cub Scout Meeting on Tuesday at 6 p.m.—Grace Hall, Scout Room, upstairs classrooms
- ◆ Early Risers Men's Book Club on Wednesday at 7 a.m.—Wesley
- ◆ "The Cross & the Lynching Tree" Lenten Study on Wednesday at 10 a.m.—Zoom & Wesley (Hybrid)
- ◆ Lenten Luncheon on Wednesday at 12 p.m.—Grace Hall/Sanctuary
- ◆ 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 Council Scouting Meeting on Thursday at 5 p.m.—Grace
- ◆ SPRC Meeting on Thursday at 7 p.m.—Zoom
- ◆ Senior Citizens Meeting on Friday at 12 p.m.—Grace Hall
- ◆ Men's Breakfast Group on Saturday at 8 a.m.—Flips Café
- ◆ Bishop's Conference Updates Gathering on Saturday at 3 p.m.—Sanctuary

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Larry & Brenda Evans, Music Lead	Nikki Tatta, Nursery

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Edinboro United Methodist Church



March 8, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.
Third Sunday in Lent

EMBRACE

ENGAGE

IGNITE

EDINBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Ed Schoeneck, Pastor

Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

**denotes standing as able*

We Gather in Praise

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries*) *Gert Myer*

One voice: Lenten travelers, why are you here?
Many Voices: We gather to do the work of worship.

One Voice: Lenten travelers, what happens when we gather to worship?
Many Voices: We listen and proclaim. We sing and pray. We repent and encourage.

One Voice: Lenten travelers, how do we do the work of worship?
Many Voices: We bring all that we are to be present to God and one another.

One Voice: Lenten travelers, what work does God do in worship?
Many Voices: God raises us up so that we can delight in life together with God and one another.

One Voice: Lenten travelers, come, let us worship God together!
Many Voices: Come, let us worship God together! Amen.

*PRAISE HYMN "Blessed Be Your Name" 3002

*OPENING PRAYER *Gert Myer*

Holy God, in Jesus Christ you have built for us an eternal house, a temple of righteousness, a place of gracious plenty for the hungry and abundant life for the poor in spirit.

Fill us with zeal for the body of Christ. Overturn the tables of corruption and greed and upset the imbalance of injustice, so that we may worship you in spirit and truth; through Jesus Christ, who is risen indeed.

RESPONSE Gloria Patri/Glorify Thy Name

We Receive the Word

SCRIPTURE READING **Exodus 20: 1– 17 (NRSV)** *Gert Myer*

HYMN "Sanctuary" 2164

CHILDREN'S TIME *Karen Swager*

HYMN "Sanctuary" 2164

SCRIPTURE READING **John 2: 13–22 (NRSV)** *Pastor Ed*

REFLECTION "Facing the Storms" *Pastor Ed*

HYMN "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" 526

We Respond to the Word

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS/JOYS

MORNING PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Forth to Serve

HYMN "All Are Welcome"

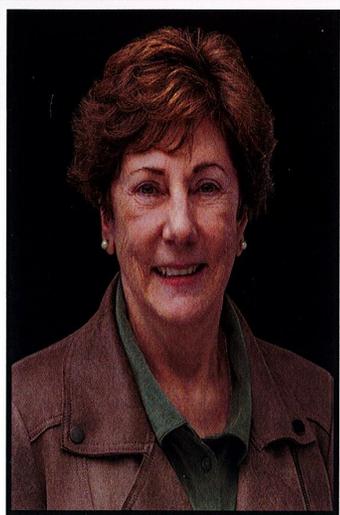
BENEDICTION

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.

FEATURED SPEAKER

MAJOR GENERAL MARI EDER

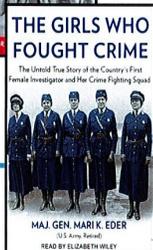
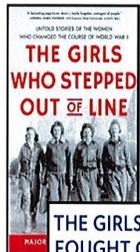


Tuesday, March 24
11am - 12:15pm | Pogue 143

Mari K. Eder is a retired Army Major General with a distinguished career in military leadership and strategic communications. She served in senior roles at the Pentagon and on the Army Staff, including Deputy Chief of Public Affairs of the Army Reserve. General Eder also served as Director of Public Affairs at the George C. Marhsall European Center for Security Studies, and as an adjunct professor at the NATO School and Sweden's International Training Command.

General Eder also received both her BA and MA in English at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania (now PennWest Edinboro), as well as an honorary PhD in Humane Letters from Edinboro. She also has an MS in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. Now, a USA Today bestselling author, General Eder is known also for her books *The Girls Who Stepped Out of Line* (2021) and *The Girls Who Fought Crime* (2023). Her new book, *The Girls Who Beat the Odds*, will release in May 2026.

For additional information, please contact Alena Clark at clark_a@pennwest.edu



Lent 2026 Schedule

Edinboro United Methodist Church

Date & Time	Event	Details
Sunday Mornings @ 8:45 a.m.	Why did Jesus have to die? Lenten Study	Spirit Journey Adult Sunday School Lenten Study - Zoom Ends on 3/29/26
Sunday Evenings @ 7 p.m.	The Cross & the Lynching Tree	Pastor Ed Lenten Study - Zoom Ends on 3/29/26
Wednesday Mornings @ 10 a.m.	The Cross & the Lynching Tree	Pastor Ed Lenten Study In Person & Zoom Ends on 3/29/26
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	Grace Hall
4/3/26 @ 7:30 p.m.	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary
4/5/26 @ 11:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday Service	Sanctuary

HELP ADDIE CARNER MAKE EASTER BASKETS FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN

ITEMS NEEDED

WRAPPED CANDY SMALL STUFFED TOYS
FIDGETS PUZZLE BOOKS
PLAY DOUGH CARD GAMES
INDIVIDUAL SNACK PACKS
COLORING BOOKS AND CRAYONS

MONETARY DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED.

If you wish to order online to be shipped to Addie go to:
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/32VJC4DL20L3C?ref=cm_sw_em_r_un_un_mcLMenwdiP9kV

Donations are being collected through
March 29th



You Are Not Alone

A community gathering to pray for
immigrants, migrants, and refugees



Friday, March 13, 2026

12:15 PM – 12:45 PM

Erie Federal Courthouse
17 S Park Row

Monthly vigil, second Fridays. Sponsored by NETWORK: Erie Advocates for Catholic Social Justice and Benedictines for Peace. Organized this month by The Erie-Meadville District Anti-racism Team, WPA Conference of the United Methodist Church.

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.

SCAN ME





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:

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>

Cookie Donations Needed

PENNWEST - EDINBORO
OFFICE OF (CORE) COMMUNITY,
OPPORTUNITY, RESPONSIBILITY &
ENGAGEMENT



Celebrates Women's History Month

Jordanna Isiminger is planning an event for Women's History Month at PennWest Edinboro.

She is in need of homemade cookies for her CORE table.

*If you are willing, please sign up in the Narthex
and bring your cookies to the church
before or on March 22nd.*



Thank you!!



Youth Collection Disposable Shopping Bags



The youth are collecting disposable shopping bags (i.e. Wal Mart, Dollar General, etc.) for a mission project to make mats for the homeless. This will be an ongoing mission. It takes 400 shopping bags to make one mat. There will be a bin in the Narthex for donations. Please be sure the bags are clean and in good condition.

50/50 EUMA CHALLENGE

Be part of helping with the **BASIC NEEDS** for those in **NEED**.
JOIN US IN THE 50/50 EUMA CHALLENGE

Each week there will be two items for individuals to donate to the cause. There will be baskets in the Narthex to put your items into each Sunday.

If 50 people each bring the two items weekly - by the end of the challenge EUMC will have 10 baskets of 50 items each to donate to EUMA to assist in their ministries.

Collection Dates:

March 1st **March 8th**
March 15th **March 22nd**
March 29th

ITEMS:

- March 1st - Body Wash & Bath Towel
- March 8th - Dish Soap & Dish Towel
- March 15th - Adult Socks (Male & Female) & Deodorant
- March 22nd - Toothpaste, Toothbrush & Shampoo
- March 29th - Paper Towels & Clorox (disinfectant) wipes



All items with the exception of the bath towel are available at the \$1 store.



Time To Travel

WASHINGTON D.C.
AUG. 31 - SEPT. 3, 2026
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW



MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE
DEAD SEA SCROLLS
EXHIBIT AND MORE!

Deadline to Sign up:

April 15th

Contact - Jerra Jenrette
(jerrajenrette@gmail.com)

YOUTH GROUP MOVIE NIGHT!

MONDAY, MARCH 16

FROM 6-8 PM

NOW SHOWING!



NOW SHOWING!

OPEN TO ALL
YOUTH IN
GRADE 7-12

EMPEROR'S
NEW GROOVE

PULL
THE LEVER TO
AWESOMENESS!



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113 HIGH ST, EDINBORO

JOIN US FOR FUN & FELLOWSHIP!



MARCH 22, 2026

UMCOR SUNDAY



On UMCOR Sunday, we join our United Methodist connection in a special offering to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the humanitarian relief and development arm of the church. UMCOR comes alongside individuals, families and communities affected by natural or human-caused disasters – famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire or other events – to alleviate suffering and serve as a source of help and hope.

Your donations equip UMCOR to respond quickly when disaster strikes and to stay for the long term. From training volunteers to keeping the office lights on, the UMCOR Sunday special offering helps cover the costs of this nonprofit UMC organization and allows for 100% of gifts given in response to disasters to assist with the disaster.

Thanks to UMCOR’s reliable infrastructure, expert leadership and trained volunteers, every dollar received is leveraged to work as hard as possible, meeting the needs of people in crisis around the world. UMCOR equips and partners with churches, annual conferences and local organizations to help communities rebuild, even when rebuilding takes years.

When you give generously to support UMCOR Sunday, you embody God’s love in action.

Giving in The United Methodist Church is more than a financial act — it’s a bold expression of faith. It fuels ministry across borders, languages, and cultures, and becomes a witness to God’s expansive love. Our generosity fuels hope, relief and ongoing recovery for communities in need — a powerful reminder that we are never alone in times of crisis. Together we are united in impact.

UNITED IN IMPACT



MARCH 22, 2026

UMCOR SUNDAY



Contributions cover UMCOR’s operating costs, ensuring that every dollar given to disaster response goes directly to communities in need. Our generosity opens the door for more people to find help, experience relief, and discover hope through long-term recovery.

- **International Disaster Response efforts provide assistance following natural or human-caused disasters outside of the United States.** Typical emergency response efforts include the distribution of food, hygiene supplies and facilities, nonfood items, psychosocial support and shelter. To learn more about the ministry visit umcmmission.org/international-disaster-response.
- **Global Migration provides relief and recovery in the form of food aid, basic necessities, and legal and transportation services for vulnerable migrants and refugees.** To learn more about the ministry visit umcmmission.org/learn-about-us/global-migration.
- **Environmental Sustainability program seeks to enhance the use of renewable energy, particularly in disaster response and healthcare.** It works directly with churches to lead local environmental projects and partners with United Methodist agencies to pursue net-zero emissions by 2050. To learn more about the ministry visit umcmmission.org/environmental-sustainability.
- **Yambasu Agriculture Initiative honors the vision of Bishop John K. Yambasu, to empower African churches and communities to achieve self-sustainability through agriculture.** Through grants and training, this initiative mobilizes land and people to improve livelihoods, strengthen food security, and support the financial stability of annual conferences. To learn more about the ministry visit umcmmission.org/yjai.

HOW TO GIVE:
Write a check to your local church and write, **“UMCOR Sunday”** in the memo line.
To give online or set up monthly giving, go to donate.gcf.org/UMCOR.

United in Impact: Our Generosity Fuels Hope, Relief and Ongoing Recovery for Communities in Need