

THIS WEEKS REMINDERS

- ◆ No Youth Sunday School in August
- ◆ Community Youth Group on Monday at 6:30 p.m.—Youth Room
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Finance Team Meeting on Monday at 7 p.m.—Zoom
- ◆ Early Risers Men's Book Club on Wednesday at 7 a.m.—Wesley
- ◆ Praise Band on Wednesday at 7 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
- ◆ Church Council 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

If you require accessibility measures please contact the church office (814) 743-3182.

Pastor Pam will be on vacation, August 24th—August 31st.

**The church office will be closed Tuesday, August 25th—
Friday, September 4th.**

Edinboro United Methodist Church

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Email: office@edinboroumc.org

Office Hours: 9 a.m.—12 p.m. (M—F)

Check out our Website: www.edinboroumc.org

Find us on social media:

Facebook Page: **Edinboro UMC**

YouTube: **@BoroUMC**

Our Staff:

Pastor Pam Gardner

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

Edinboro United Methodist Church

Sunday, August 23, 2026

EDINBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Rev. Pamela Gardner, Pastor
Dr. Jerra Jenrette, Assistant Pastor**

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026

**denotes standing as able*

We Gather in Praise

GATHERING

Tim Rankin, Lead

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Pam

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Tim Elder

One Voice: We gather in the presence of the One who breathes life into all of Creation.

Many Voices: We gather as God's beloved people, leaving no one outside.

One Voice: In Jesus, there is neither outsider nor shunned, we are all accepted.

Many Voices: We are a gathering of nobodies, yet Jesus claims us as somebodies who all have a place.

One Voice: God invites all of us to be a part of a beloved community.

All: In gratitude for all of Jesus has done for us, let us worship God, Holy Creator. Amen.

HYMN

"Hymn of Promise"

707

*OPENING PRAYER

Sarah Giannamore

Dear God, sometimes our behavior does not always make everyone feel welcome. We desire to be a people who invite others to belong. We ask your forgiveness for our failures, believing you will help us amend our lives and grow each day into the image of Jesus Christ. Give us the courage to create a place where all know they belong. Give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. In the name of the most holy Redeemer, Emmanuel, Amen.

*RESPONSE

Gloria Patri/Glorify Thy Name

We Receive the Word

SCRIPTURE

Corinne Trask

Ruth 1: 1-7, 11-12, 14-18, 19a, 22a(NRSVue)

PRAISE

"This is Where Children Belong"

CHILDREN'S TIME

Bethany Carner

HYMN

"This is Where Children Belong"

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2: 11—22 (NRSVue)

Haeven Sedler

REFLECTION

Jerra Jenrette

"Belonging: Finding Your Sense of Place"

SPECIAL SONG:

"Held"

*Abby Dougan
& Jay Ramey*

We Respond to the Word

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS/JOYS

Cheryl Wiegler

MORNING PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

Cheryl Wiegler

OFFERTORY

Jane Springer

DOXOLOGY

"We Are an Offering"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Greg Thomas

We Go Forth to Serve

*HYMN

"How Great Thou Art"

77

BENEDICTION

Jerra Jenrette

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.



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.

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.



2026 Fall Lay Servant Ministries School (Northern District)

Open to all districts! An opportunity for Lay Servant Ministries (LSM) courses is available this fall in the Northern District on **five consecutive Sundays (October 4th to November 1st), from 2 PM to 4 PM, at Edinboro UMC (113 High Street, Edinboro, PA 16412).** Course offerings include:

- **Called to Preach:** This course is designed for those who have not completed formal preaching training, for pastors seeking a basic refresher course, and for others who are called upon to preach in a pastor's absence. Led by Pastor Terry Brown, senior pastor of Wattsburg and Phillipsville UMCs.
- **Exploring a Culture of Care for a Caring Congregation:** This course equips participants with tools for deep listening and grows their capacity to care in difficult situations of loss - all within healthy boundaries and a thoughtful awareness of the varying cultural contexts of caring ministry. Led by John Layden, a certified lay speaker and lay leader of Edinboro UMC.
- **Sacraments: Means of Grace:** This course combines Rev. Beth Galbreath's unique focus in the online *Be A Disciple* courses on Baptism and Holy Communion with the key insights of two books: *By Water and the Spirit* and *This Holy Mystery*, both by the late Gayle Carlton Felton. Led by Pastor Karen Trask, senior pastor of Erie: Lawrence Park UMC.
- **While the World Watched:** Using Carolyn Maull McKinstry's memoir recounting her survival of the 1963 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham, Alabama, and her coming of age during the Civil Rights movement, this study focuses on how far we've come and how far we have yet to go in our anti-racism work. Led by Patti Johns, a certified lay servant and member of the former Erie-Meadville District Anti-Racism Team.

Registration closes Sunday, September 20th. Payment of \$20 (cash or check payable to WPAUMC) is due to the Northern District Office (P.O. Box 175, Edinboro, PA 16412) before the start of the school.

To Register: <https://wpa-reg.brtapp.com/26FLSMND>



EmpowHER

**CALLED TO PURPOSE
& EMPOWERED TOGETHER**



The WPAUMC Discipleship Task Force is excited to invite women leaders, laity and clergy, to this leadership conference that aims to bring women together to affirm their call, build grace-filled relationships and mutual support, and equip hearts, minds, and hands to take the next faithful step in their mission and ministry.

Empowered together, women laity and clergy are created and called for purpose. You belong here. Join us for this affirmation of leadership, call, and connection.

SEPT 28-29, 2026

**Jumonville Camp
& Retreat Center**



www.WPAUMC.org/EmpowHER2026

AGENDA

MONDAY, Sept. 28

- 3:50 PM – Arrival & Check-in
- 5:30 PM – Welcome Dinner
- 7:00 PM – Opening Worship: "Affirm the Call"
speaker Bev Schweigert
- 8-8:50 PM – AFFIRM Breakout Sessions:
 - Bible Journaling for the Soul
 - Story Circle: Called by Name
 - Affirmation Art Cards
- 9:00 PM – (Optional) Evening Fellowship "Campfire Conversations"

TUESDAY, Sept. 29

- 8:30 AM – Breakfast & Morning Worship
- 9:30 AM – CONNECT Keynote: "The Power of We"
speaker April Casperson
- 10 AM – CONNECT Breakout Sessions:
 - Sacred Friendships
 - Creative Collaboration Art Project
 - Mentoring
- 11:15 AM – EQUIP Keynote: "Practical Faith for Real Life Ministry"
speaker Alyce Weaver Dunn
- 12:30 PM – Lunch & Table Conversations
- 1:30 PM – Breakout Sessions: EQUIP & SEND
 - Tech & Tools for Ministry
 - Bible Reading Rhythms for Busy Women
 - Conflict with Grace: Leading with Peace in Polarized Times
 - "Message to Me - What I'm Taking with Me"
- 2:30 PM – Closing Worship & Commissioning: "Sent, Not Spent"
speaker Bishop Steiner Ball

GOODELL GARDENS
& HOMESTEAD

JOURNEY TO WELLNESS

Join Goodell Gardens & Homestead for a three-part, interconnected series designed to support a holistic approach to navigating the stress that often comes with loss and major life changes. Participants will explore practical self-care strategies, connect with the healing power of nature, and hear from wellness professionals about nature's restorative benefits.

Cost: Free for members | \$7 for non-members

• Ages: Adults recommended

Dates: June 4th, July 30th & August 27th (6-7pm)

Each workshop will conclude with an intentional walk to the Gardens' labyrinth, led by Marian Beckman, offering a quiet opportunity for reflection and centering.

This series is offered free of charge for members, thanks to the support of our generous donors. Please meet at the Welcome Center..

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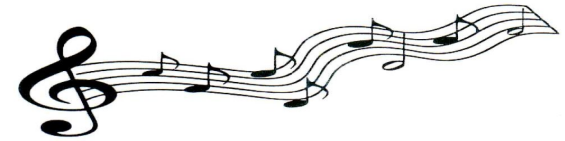
Scan code to view offerings and to RSVP!

www.goodellgardens.org

221 Waterford Street in Edinboro



FREE Big Band Concert



Featuring Erie's Own
MISERY BAY BIG BAND

200 YEAR HISTORY CELEBRATION

First United Methodist Church

In the sanctuary

707 Sassafras Street, Erie 16501

Friday Sept. 18th, 2026

6:00 PM – 7:45 PM

YOUTH SUMMER

Aug 10th- Outdoor Games

Aug 24th- Youth Cook Off

6:30-8:30

GRADES

6-12

**Youth are welcome of all
backgrounds and faith!**

**HOSTED BY THE EDINBORO
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Cause it's Monday allows for community service hours!



MONDAY NIGHT DISCIPLE GROUP

Classes kick off on Monday,
September 14th at 6 p.m.
on Zoom

Sessions
EVERY OTHER MONDAY
6 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Joshua: Winning the Worry Battle (Bible Study)

Do you or someone you know struggle with worry or anxiety? Do you or someone you know struggle with worry or anxiety? Join me for a six-week in-depth study on the book of Joshua where we'll explore powerful Biblical principles and learn practical tools that really work so that you can end your stressed out days and sleepless nights. Buy the book, apply the tools and wake up each day feeling energized and at peace because you'll be equipped to handle any difficult situations that comes your way!

SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX



Edinboro United Methodist Church

**Jonah for Normal
People: A guide to the
most misunderstood
prophet of the Bible**

Instructor: Pastor Pam Gardner

Sundays, Sept. 13th - October 18th
5:30 - 7 p.m. - Hybrid (In Person & Zoom)

Jonah's encounter with a big fish is one of the most widely recognized- and misunderstood- stories in the Bible. In this highly accessible, second edition of Byas' popular guide to the book of Jonah, Jared Byas invites modern-day readers to explore the context behind the story, and consider the questions Jonah's early audience faced: questions about the relationship between justice and mercy, what it means to be a worshipper of Yahweh (and who gets to be one), and what happens when God doesn't act how we would like.

Through explorations of genre, language, history, themes and theology, Byas skillfully guides us on a journey with Jonah into the depths of the unknown . . . and finds many of these questions are still relevant today.

Sign up in the Narthex or contact the church office
(office@edinboroumc.org)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

With Pastor Pam beginning on July 1st we wanted to update our volunteer list. If you signed up before - sign up again to confirm your desire to continue and if you have never signed up but are interested - sign up today!

- Readers during worship
- Greeters
- Offering Ushers
- Communion Helpers
- Sunday School Teachers & Helpers



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ALL CHURCH Outing

Sunview Golf

Mark your
calendar!
9-27-2026
after
worship



**Includes:
Lunch &
Putt-Putt**

SIGN UP IN NARTHEX

FINANCIAL STATUS OF EDINBORO UMC

JULY 2026

RESTRICTED INCOME IN JULY 2026

RESTRICTED (DESIGNATED) \$ 1,366.36

CURRENT TITHES/OFFERING IN JULY 2026

CURRENT \$47,305.42
PROPERTY \$ 2,779.76

\$ 50,085.18

TOTAL EXPENSES IN JULY 2026

\$ 26,156.11

NET INCOME

\$23,929.07

JANUARY **~~-\$9,989.44~~** COVERED BY DECEMBER 2025
CARRYOVER

FEBRUARY **+\$6,228.01**

MARCH **- \$8,960.97**

APRIL **- \$6,508.93**

MAY **- \$9,475.12**

JUNE **~~-\$14,072.34~~**

JULY **\$23,929.07**

SHORTFALL **(~~-\$ 8,860.28~~)**

PLEASE NOTE:

RESTRICTED INCOME IS INCOME THAT IS GIVEN FOR A SPECIFIC(DESIGNATED) AREA.

CURRENT TITHES/OFFERINGS INCLUDES ALL TITHES AND OFFERINGS MINUS THE RESTRICTED OFFERINGS.

EXPENSES INCLUDES SALARIES, UTILITIES, PROGRAMMING, TECHNICAL & SOFTWARE, WORSHIP, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, ETC.

NEW PARSONAGE BATHROOM IS NOT INCLUDED INTO EXPENSES DUE TO BEING COVERED BY A WPAUMC GRANT.

CHURCH PROPERTY INSURANCE INSTALLMENT PAID IN MAY \$ 3,554.00

**(WITHDRAWAL FROM MERRILL LYNCH INVESTMENT ACCOUNT TO
PAY PROPERTY INSURANCE)**

**MONTHLY WITHDRAWAL FROM NY LIFE INVESTMENT FROM ANTICIPATED
EARNINGS FOR 2026 IS \$ 1,250.00—THIS AMOUNT IS NOT LISTED UNDER
INCOME/OFFERINGS BECAUSE IT IS A TRANSFER FROM INVESTMENTS TO
OPERATING CASH.**



NORTHERN DISTRICT

Special District Conference & Installation Service

These two events will be held together on Saturday, September 12, 2026, starting at 2:30 PM, at Saegertown United Methodist Church. In addition to officially welcoming Scott Gallagher as Conference Superintendent, we will be electing district leadership and choosing a new district name.

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.

A Prayer for August

A universal prayer for peace of mind and for the world, drawing inspiration from the timeless prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
and where there is darkness, light.

Quiet my anxious thoughts
and steady my heart.

Grant me the grace to surrender my worries,
and let your peace - which transcends all understanding -

anchor
my soul.

Bring unity
to our communities

and healing
to the world.

Submitted by Deaconess Leanna Lake

Conference Special Sundays

Churchwide Special Sundays are designated each year to strengthen the connection between the local church and the global mission of The United Methodist Church. On each Special Sunday, congregations are invited to support our collective ministry through a special offering. Together, we nurture leadership, strengthen communities, extend compassion, further education, and share the love of Christ around the world.

- **Human Relations Day** Celebrated on the Sunday before the observance of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr's birthday, Human Relations Day acknowledges the right of all God's children to reach their potential, and calls all of our churches to strengthen United Methodist outreach to communities in the United States through supporting social justice and work with at-risk youth.
- **UMCOR Sunday Offerings** received on this Special Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent, provide major support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), which provides immediate assistance in the wake of disasters and helps support ongoing ministries of food, shelter, health and peace. UMCOR Sunday allows 100 percent of designated gifts to be used for specified disaster response or other ministry.
- **Native American Ministries Sunday** the third Sunday after Easter, serves to remind United Methodists of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society. The special offering supports Native American outreach within annual conferences and across the United States.
- **United Methodist Student Day** To call the church to support students as they prepare for life in uniting faith with knowledge; offering funds, scholarships and loans.
- **Peace with Justice Sunday** The first Sunday after Pentecost; supports peace with justice ministries through the General Board of Church and Society and the annual conferences.
- **World Communion Sunday** The first Sunday in October; supports World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program.