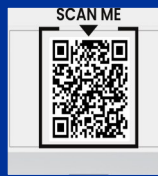


THIS WEEKS REMINDERS

- ◆ No Youth Sunday School in August
- ◆ 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
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Trustee Meeting on Thursday at 7 p.m.—Zoom
- ◆ Men's Breakfast Group on Saturday at 8 a.m.—Flips Café

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.



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

**Pastor Pam will be on vacation, August 31st.
The church office will be closed Monday , August 31st —
Friday, September 4th.**

Edinboro United Methodist Church

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Email: office@edinboroumc.org

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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 30, 2026

EDINBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Pamela Gardner, Pastor

John Layden, Lay Leader

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026

**denotes standing as able*

We Gather in Praise

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Pam

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalter 42, UMH 777)

Dale Hunter

All: God will give you a new heart, a new spirit put within.

One: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so longs my soul for you, O God

All: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?

One: My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

All: These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

One: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

All: Hope in God whom again I shall praise, my help and my God.

All: God will give you a new heart, a new spirit put within.

One: My soul is cast down within me, therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.

All: Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts; all your waves and your billows have gone over me.

One: By day the Lord commands his steadfast love; and at night God's song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

All: I say to God, my rock: "Why have you forgotten me?" Why do I mourn because of the oppression of the enemy?"

One: Like a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me;

All: they say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

One: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

All: Hope in God whom again I shall praise, my help and my God.

All: God will give you a new heart, a new spirit put within.

HYMN

"Many Gifts, One Spirit"

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*OPENING PRAYER

Dale Hunter

We come before You this Sunday morning with thankful hearts. Thank You for bringing us together as one family in Christ, As we begin this service we invite Your presence into this place. Remove every distraction, quiet our thoughts, and help us focus fully on You. Fill this space with Your peace and let Your Holy Spirit move freely among us. Open our hearts to receive Your word, strengthen our faith, and renew our spirits. May every song, prayer, and message glorify You.

*RESPONSE

Gloria Patri/Glorify Thy Name

We Receive the Word

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12: 1-8 (NRSVue)

Dale Hunter

PRAISE

"This is Where Children Belong"

CHILDREN'S TIME

Mary Jo Melvin

HYMN

"This is Where Children Belong"

SCRIPTURE

John 21: 15-19 (NRSVue)

John Layden

SPECIAL SONG

"O Let the Son of God Enfold You"

*Brenda &
Larry Evans*

REFLECTION

"What is Your Gift?"

John Layden

HYMN

"Here I Am, Lord"

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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

Jay Ramey

We Go Forth to Serve

*HYMN

"Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me"

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BENEDICTION



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



Fall Dinner & Auction Fundraiser supporting the Ramps of Hope program.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026

Silent Auction opens at 4:30 pm

Dollar Quilt Auction at 5:30

Dinner begins at 6:00 pm

Donation: \$25.00

Glenwood Methodist Church

2931 Myrtle St. – Erie, PA

RSVP by Phone (814) 774-4444 or

Email at agcmroh2010@gmail.com

Auction items may be viewed beginning 8/1/26
allgodschildrenministries.org

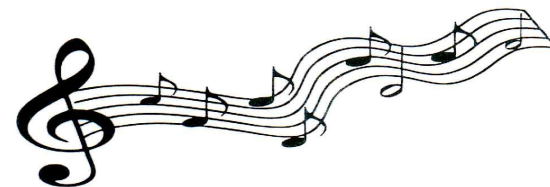
Meal includes roast beef, potatoes, green
beans, salad, roll & butter, dessert, and a
drink.

PLEASE CALL (814) 774-4444 TO DONATE AN AUCTION ITEM. THANK YOU!

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.

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



27TH ANNUAL RIDE FOR THE REFUGE

Date: September 7th, 2026

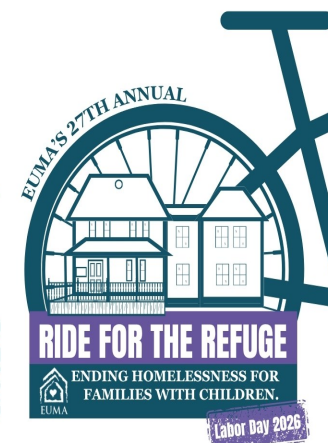
Location: Shades Beach Harborcreek

Registration: Opens 6:45 AM

Registration Fees:

\$45 for adults, \$35 for kids

Register to ride through
EUMA-Erie.org





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



**Sign up in the Narthex or
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814-734-3182**



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.