

THIS WEEKS REMINDERS

- ◆ Youth Group today after worship—12:30 p.m.—Youth Room
- ◆ Jonah Class today at 5:30—7 p.m.— Hybrid—Wesley/Zoom
- ◆ Mosaic Reconciling Ministries on Monday at 6 p.m.—Wesley
- ◆ Monday Night Disciple on Monday at 6 p.m.—Zoom
- ◆ Boy Scouts Meeting on Monday at 6:30 p.m.—Grace Hall, Boy Scout Room
- ◆ Community Youth Group on Monday at 6:30 p.m.— Youth Room
- ◆ IFF Team Meeting on Monday at 7 p.m.—Wesley
- ◆ Faith for Today Group on Monday at 7 p.m.— Miriam
- ◆ Tuesday Night Movie Group on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.—Zoom
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Mission Team Meeting on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.—Zoom
- ◆ Men's Coffee Group on Thursday at 9 a.m.—Wesley
- ◆ Women's Book Club on Thursday at 9 a.m.—Zoom
- ◆ Men's Breakfast Group on Saturday at 8 a.m.—Flips Café
- ◆ Rotary Health Fair at 6:30—9:30 a.m.—Grace Hall

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.

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

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, September 13, 2026

EDINBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Pamela Gardner, Pastor

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026

**denotes standing as able*

We Gather in Praise

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

2026 SCHOLARSHIP

Pat Crist

- Jordanna Isiminger

- Kasey Ramey

*OPENING PRAYER (by Valerie Bridgeman Davis)

Irene Smith

**God of every beginning
Walk with us in our halting steps
Prod us forward when we would stop
Hold us up when we fall
Love us when we pout because we do not want to
change.**

**Change us into the image of Christ
Grow us up and out
May we spread into your grace
Blossom into your joy
Run into your mercy
This day and always
Amen.**

*RESPONSE

"Sanctuary"

2164

We Receive the Word

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 19: 7-14 (NRSV)

Irene Smith

PRAISE

"This is the Day"

657

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Pam

PRAISE

"This is the Day"

657

Chelsea House Orchestra and the Ministry of Music

We Respond to the Word

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS/JOYS

MORNING PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING OF APPRECIATION

We Go Forth to Serve

*HYMN

"O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"

57
(verses 1-3)

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>

FALL RETREATS

2026

Three opportunities to slow down, reconnect with God & renew your spirit.

OCTOBER
4-8
2026

SILENT RETREAT

Silence in Community

Four nights away to listen deeply, rest fully, and draw near to God.

- ◆ A four-night retreat of silence, community prayer,
- ◆ shared meals, and daily one-on-one
- ◆ meetings with a trained Spiritual Director.

\$550
PRIVATE ROOM

OCTOBER
16-18
2026

NATURE & SPIRITUALITY RETREAT

The Wisdom of Wild Things

We invite you to spend a weekend exploring this deeper wisdom as it emerges through the natural world and scripture, woven together into something meaningful and life-giving.

RETREAT LEADER
Rev. Beth Jones

\$290
SINGLE ROOM

\$272
DOUBLE ROOM

OCTOBER
18-20
2026
SUNDAY TO TUESDAY

FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT

God's Masterpiece

Come discover the masterpiece God is creating in you. A weekend of faith, fellowship, creativity and renewal.

EPHESIANS 2:10 NLT

RETREAT LEADER
Keeley DiMartino
MUSICIAN • EDUCATOR • MINISTER

\$290
SINGLE ROOM

\$272
DOUBLE ROOM

RETREAT EXPERIENCES INCLUDE:

- COMFORTABLE LODGING
- DELICIOUS MEALS
- INSPIRING SESSIONS
- FELLOWSHIP & WORSHIP

COME AWAY. REST. RENEW.

17 E Main St. Ludlow, PA 16333 | (814) 945-6512 | frontdesk@olmstedmanor.org | www.olmstedmanor.org

We look forward to welcoming you to Olmsted Manor!



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

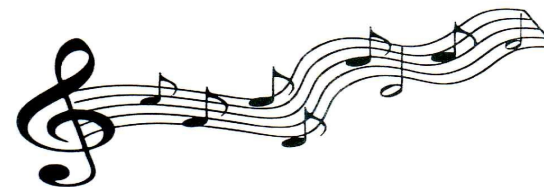
Auction items may be viewed beginning 8/1/26
allgodschildrenministries.org



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!

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

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.



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.



CHICKENS, BEANS AND BIG *Dreams*

Erie County CROP Walk

September 27, 2026 @ 1 p.m.

Presque Isle State Park - Beach 1 (Runner's Pavilion)
301 Peninsula Drive, Erie, PA

crophungerwalk.org/chw/event/eriepa



Donate or sign up
for your walk today!

ALL CHURCH Outing

Sunview Golf

Mark your
calendar!

9-27-2026
after
worship



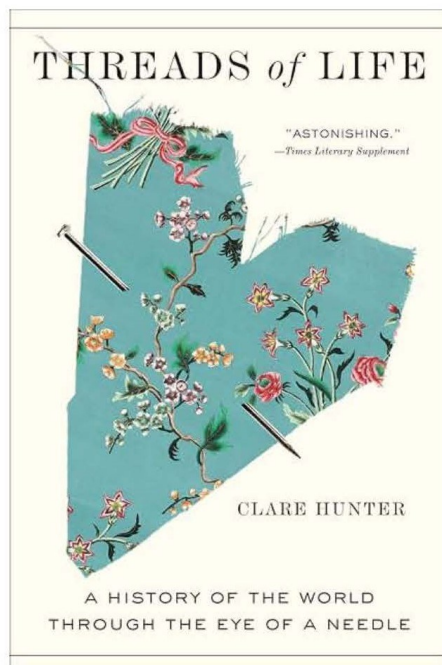
Includes:
Lunch &
Putt-Putt

SIGN UP IN NARTHEX

Women's Book Group

Meets on Zoom on Thursday mornings at 9 a.m.

The Thursday Morning Book Club has chosen their next book - *Threads of Life* by Claire Hunter. We will be beginning our discussion of the book on September 3 at 9 o'clock by Zoom led by Elaine Fertig. With so many of our group interested in needlework, this should be interesting and a change of pace. Call Junia to be added to the zoom list. See you on September 3!



In 1970s Argentina, mothers marched in headscarves embroidered with the names of their "disappeared" children. In Tudor, England, when Mary, Queen of Scots, was under house arrest, her needlework carried her messages to the outside world. From the political propaganda of the Bayeux Tapestry, World War I soldiers coping with PTSD, and the maps sewn by schoolgirls in the New World, to the AIDS quilt, Hmong story clothes, and pink pussyhats, women and men have used the language of sewing to make their voices heard, even in the most desperate of circumstances.

Threads of Life is a chronicle of identity, memory, power, and politics told through the stories of needlework. Clare Hunter, master of the craft, threads her own narrative as she takes us over

centuries and across continents—from medieval France to contemporary Mexico and the United States, and from a POW camp in Singapore to a family attic in Scotland—to celebrate the universal beauty and power of sewing.

Clare Hunter has been a banner-maker, community textile artist and textile curator for over twenty years and established the community enterprise NeedleWorks in Glasgow. Her first book, *Threads of Life*, won the Saltire First Book Award, was a Waterstones Scottish Book of the Month and a BBC Radio 4 Book of the Week. Her second book, *Embroidering her Truth*, was described by Hilary Mantel as 'a charmed feat of imagination and learning' and was an inspiration for Dior's 2024 Scottish Cruise Collection.

Grace in the Spectrum Seminar



WELCOMING FAMILIES

WITH AUTISM

Led by Dr. David Quel

Learn how to provide support
and inclusion for autistic
families.



Saturday, October 17, 2026

8:30 Check in & Continental
Breakfast provided

9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Seminar

Seminar is free. Registration is required by
following this link

<https://forms.gle/AcWbqdvUxJowoVj96>

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COATS FOR KIDS

KEEPING ERIE COUNTY CHILDREN WARM THIS WINTER

**SEPTEMBER 15 -
OCTOBER 31, 2026**

*Every child deserves
to be warm.*



WE NEED:

- NEW OR GENTLY USED WINTER COATS
- WINTER BOOTS
- HATS
- GLOVES & MITTENS
- SCARVES
- SNOW PANTS
- OTHER CLEAN WINTER OUTERWEAR FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

As temperatures begin to drop, many families throughout Erie County struggle to provide warm winter clothing for their children.

YOUR GENEROSITY CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE.

Since 1989, Inter-Church Ministries has helped provide thousands of children with warm winter clothing through our annual Coats for Kids Campaign.

CAN'T DONATE CLOTHING?



A FINANCIAL GIFT CAN HELP PURCHASE NEW WINTER COATS FOR CHILDREN WHO NEED THEM MOST.

Just \$25 can provide a child with a brand-new, high-quality winter coat.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP



TOGETHER,
we can keep
Erie County
kids warm!

CONTACT INTER-CHURCH MINISTRIES

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icm@icmeriecounty.org
www.icmeriecounty.org



Scan to learn more
or make a donation
online!



DROP-OFF LOCATION: Inter-Church Ministries of Erie County **Donation Hours:** Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

GIVE WARMTH. GIVE HOPE. GIVE TODAY.

FALL FLING DINNER

TO BENEFIT SARAH REED SENIOR LIVING
THE AMBASSADOR BANQUET &
CONFERENCE CENTER

OCTOBER 24, 2026

10 AM - 2 PM

SEATS ARE \$40 PER PERSON

Contact: Meg Gould 814-450-6417



AI Made Simple

What it Is, How to use It, and How to Stay Safe



Cody Gould joins us to share his expertise with the members of PASR and their friends on the topic of Artificial Intelligence at the annual PASR Region 9 meeting.

October 8, 2026 @12:00

Nick's Place

12246 Route 99, Edinboro, PA 16412

Cost \$25 - Pay at the Door

Menu - Chicken Broccoli Alfredo, Salad, Dessert and Drink

Reservations due by **Thursday, October 1**

Call/Text Pat Crist at 814.449.3509

e-mail pcrist331@yahoo.com - put PASR in the memo

Pat will confirm your reservation within 24 hours.

Recognizing that PASR members are lifelong learners, Cody will introduce AI in practical, approachable terms, highlighting how AI can support everyday tasks, such as writing assistance, trip planning, brainstorming projects, and exploring new topics for lifelong learners. The session will also cover how to use AI safely and responsibly, including understanding its limitations, verifying information, and protecting your personal data. The goal is to inspire confidence, showing AI as a practical assistant, not a replacement for human knowledge.

Bio: Cody Gould is a Forward Deployed Engineer at Salesforce, specializing in Agentforce design, multi-turn conversational architecture, and responsible AI. He works directly with enterprise customers to design, build, and ship production-grade agents, including a large scale AI deployments. He serves as faculty for Salesforce's R6 FDE bootcamp and has presented at TDX on Agent Script and Headless 360. Cody is a General McLane High School alum. He is completing a Master of Artificial Intelligence from Penn State University and holds a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from Baldwin Wallace University.

Kristen Holjes, PASR Executive Director, Jack Werner, PASR State President, and Diana Fesenmyer, PASR Region 9 Director, and many PASR Region 9 Chairs will also be present to answer any PASR questions and concerns.

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