

THIS WEEKS REMINDERS

- ♦ Children's Sunday School today following Children's Time (K-3rd grade—Saints Room; 4th-6th grades—Beatitudes Room)
- ♦ No Youth Group today
- ♦ All Church Outing today after worship at Sunview Golf
- ♦ Erie County CROP Walk today at 2 p.m.—Presque Isle State Park
- ♦ Jonah Class today at 5:30—7 p.m.— Hybrid—Wesley/Zoom
- ♦ Monday Night Disciple Group 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
- ♦ Faith for Today Group on Monday at 7 p.m.— Miriam
- ♦ No Tuesday Night Movie Group
- ♦ Early Risers Men's Book Club on Wednesday at 7 a.m.—Wesley
- ♦ Edinboro Watershed Community Conversations on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.—Grace Hall
- ♦ 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
- ♦ Senior Citizens Meeting on Friday at 12 p.m.—Grace Hall
- ♦ Homecoming Tent on Friday at 8—12 p.m.—Front Lawn
- ♦ Men's Breakfast Group on Saturday at 8 a.m.—Flips Café
- ♦ Women's Breakfast Group on Saturday at 9 a.m.—Crossroads Dinor
- ♦ Homecoming Tent on Saturday at 8—12 p.m.— Front Lawn

Edinboro United Methodist Church

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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

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Jordanna Isiminger, Nursery

EDINBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



“Decisions in Uncertain Times”

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

EDINBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Pamela Gardner, Pastor

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 27, 2026

**denotes standing as able*

We Gather in Praise

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lisa Hershelman

Leader: Here we are! A gathering of doubters, dreamers, and disciples!

People: It is hard to decide if we are a doubter, dreamer, or disciple! Some days we seem to experience all three, all at once! We are in the messy middle

Leader: Perhaps we are a deeply Trinitarian people after all! Not only do we worship the God who is three-in-one, but we move easily between the three in our oneness.

People: Wherever we find ourselves this morning as doubters, dreamers, disciples and the messy middle, we bring our desire to live in wholeness and unity.

Leader: Let our worship be the great pursuit of God's heart and desire for us, for our neighbor, and the world.

People: We come with obedience and humility to this pursuit. May this time of worship enlighten our decisions and journey that we might find your peace no matter whether we are a doubter, dreamer, disciple, or somewhere in-between, forever we are yours. Amen.

HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

451

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Lisa Hershelman

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada (UMH 883)

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*RESPONSE

"Love the Lord Your God"

2168

We Receive the Word

PSALM

Psalm 19: 7—11 (NRSV)

Lisa Hershelman

INVITATION TO CHILDREN'S TIME

CHILDREN'S TIME

Mary Jo Melvin

SCRIPTURE

Esther 4: 1—8 (NRSV)

Pastor Pam

REFLECTION

"Decisions in Uncertain Times"

Pastor Pam

CHOIR ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

We Respond to the Word

HYMN

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

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SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS/JOYS

MORNING PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. We ask this prayer as doubters, dreamers, and disciples. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

*HYMN

"Grace Alone"

2162

BENEDICTION

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

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.

A Prayer for September

Gracious Loving God,

As we are starting a new season this month, and getting into the full swing of the new school year, let us pause to remember that you are ever present with us everywhere we go.

Let us remember those who may not be able to fully celebrate the joys of changing of the seasons, due to lack of senses, healthcare, transportation, employment, appropriate and accessible education, family or community support, enough healthy food to serve the household.

Gracious God, help us embrace not only those whom we know and see everyday, but also those who are living in the margins of life here in our communities and those around the world.

Guide and direct our every thought, action and words that we say each and every day.

Thank you God for today.
In your name we pray,
Amen.

Submitted by Deaconess Katie Peterson



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



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RETREAT EXPERIENCES INCLUDE:



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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!

Join us for the first in a series of...

EDINBORO WATERSHED COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS



- **What:** Educational evening with Watershed Experts

- Heather Cuyler, Pashek+MTR, Planning Lead for the Edinboro Lake Watershed Plan Update
- Dr. Brian Zimmerman, Geologist, Professor and Interim Associate Dean, PennWest Edinboro
- Dr. Eric Straffin, Professor of Geology, PennWest Edinboro
- Josh Thomas, NW Regional Watershed Forestry Specialist, DCNR Bureau of Forestry, WPC
- Brenda Costa, Executive Director, French Creek Valley Conservancy

- **When:** Wednesday, September 30th, 2026, 6:30–8:00 PM
- **Where:** Edinboro United Methodist Church, 113 High Street
- **Why:** To learn more about our watershed and the health of Edinboro Lake, to discuss the lake's recreation and economic effects, & to review best practices for the shoreline and property owners.

- **Text or call 717-903-1205 to reserve your spot.**
- **Children are welcome.**



Light refreshments provided.

Sponsored by the Edinboro Lakeside Association



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

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



Homecoming Tent October 2nd - 3rd

Volunteers needed to:
Set up and Tear Down Tent

Staffing of Tent

Cookie Bakers

Sign up in the Narthex.

For any questions, contact the church office.



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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Inter Church
Ministries

OF ERIE COUNTY

Partnering Together to Help
Our Neighbors in Need

COATS *for* KIDS CAMPAIGN

WARM COATS. BRIGHTER TOMORROWS.

Every child deserves to feel warm,
safe and cared for this winter.
Together, we can make a difference.



THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO HELP!



DONATE COATS

New or gently used coats
for children of all sizes.



MAKE A DONATION

Monetary gifts help us purchase
coats for children in need.



SPREAD THE WORD

Share this campaign and help
us reach more kids!



CAMPAIGN RUNS:
OCTOBER 1 – OCTOBER 31, 2026

Coats may be dropped off at Inter Church Ministries
or at any of our collection partner locations.

250 WEST 7TH STREET,
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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.

FINANCIAL STATUS OF EDINBORO UMC

AUGUST 2026

RESTRICTED INCOME IN AUGUST 2026

RESTRICTED (DESIGNATED) \$ 2,518.76

CURRENT TITHES/OFFERING IN AUGUST 2026

CURRENT \$41,956.79
PROPERTY \$ 2,144.76

\$ 44,101.55

TOTAL EXPENSES IN AUGUST 2026

\$ 36,430.39

NET INCOME

\$ 7,671.16

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**

AUGUST **\$ 7,671.16**

SHORTFALL FOR YEAR \$ -1,289.12

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

INSTALLMENT PAID IN AUGUST \$ 3,554.00

PARSONAGE PROPERTY TAXES FOR 2026 PAID IN AUGUST \$ 2,756.25

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

**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.**