

THIS WEEKS REMINDERS

- ◆ 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
- ◆ Bread & Cup Team Meeting on Tuesday at 6 p.m. - Beatitudes
- ◆ Worship Team Meeting on Tuesday at 7 p.m.—Beatitudes
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Men's Coffee Group on Thursday at 9 a.m.—Wesley
- ◆ Women's Book Club on Thursday at 9 a.m.—Zoom
- ◆ Finding Peace Through Grief Luncheon on Thursday at 10 a.m.—Crossroads Dinor
- ◆ Lay Leadership Meeting on Thursday at 6 p.m.—Zoom
- ◆ SPRC Meeting on Thursday at 7 p.m.—Wesley
- ◆ Men's Breakfast Group on Saturday at 8 a.m.—Flips Café
- ◆ District Conference Meeting on Saturday at 2:30 p.m.—Saegertown UMC

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

**The church office will be closed Monday, September 7, 2026
for Labor Day**

Edinboro United Methodist Church

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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 6, 2026

EDINBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Pamela Gardner, Pastor

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026

**denotes standing as able*

We Gather in Praise

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pat Crist

Leader: Come to Christ, the living bread, who satisfies those who hunger and thirst for what is right and infinitely good.

People: We are here hungry for bread that fills our lives with your presence and grace.

Leader: Come to Christ, who gives living water, that we may never thirst again.

People: Yes, we are ready to receive the gifts of the kingdom of God. Bless us, O Lord, with your living presence.

Leader: Come to Christ, that being filled with this holy meal set before us, we might be called into deeper communion with those who hunger and thirst in our community.

People: Come Holy God, into this hour of worship and praise as we receive the blessings that lead to life abundantly and everlasting. Amen.

HYMN "Come, Now is the Time for Worship" 3176

*OPENING PRAYER

Pat Crist

Holy Spirit of God, who gathers the church into one body, gather us again in your presence and strengthen the bonds of holy affection which holds your people together. Be with our kaleidoscopic church giving us the grace to be with one another in loving service that we may be the signs of your uniting love in a fractured, unfocused world. Enable us to radiate the colors of compassion, dedication, and wild imagination as we encounter the deep disappointments, frustration, and sorrow the world so often lays before us. May your church, we who are here this day for worship, bring forth your will and reign. Amen.

*RESPONSE

Gloria Patri/Glorify Thy Name

We Receive the Word

SCRIPTURE **Matthew 18: 15-20 (NRSV)** *Pat Crist*

PRAISE "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" 206

CHILDREN'S TIME *Dennis Carner*

HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" 206

SCRIPTURE **Romans 13: 8-14 (NRSV)** *Pastor Pam*

REFLECTION **"What Time Is It?"** *Pastor Pam*

We Respond to the Word

SERVICE OF COMMUNION (Word and Table, pg. 15)

Invitation to the Table

Time of Confession and Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

COMMUNION HYMN "Bind Us Together" 2226

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS/JOYS

MORNING PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Forth to Serve

*HYMN "Mighty to Save" 3038

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.



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

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RETREAT EXPERIENCES INCLUDE:

- COMFORTABLE LODGING
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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

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Email at agcmroh2010@gmail.com

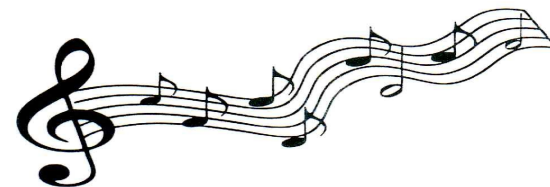
Auction items may be viewed beginning 8/1/26
allgodschildrenministries.org



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



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!





A Bible Study by
Barb Roose

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

ALL CHURCH Outing

Sunview Golf

Mark your
calendar!
9-27-2026
after
worship



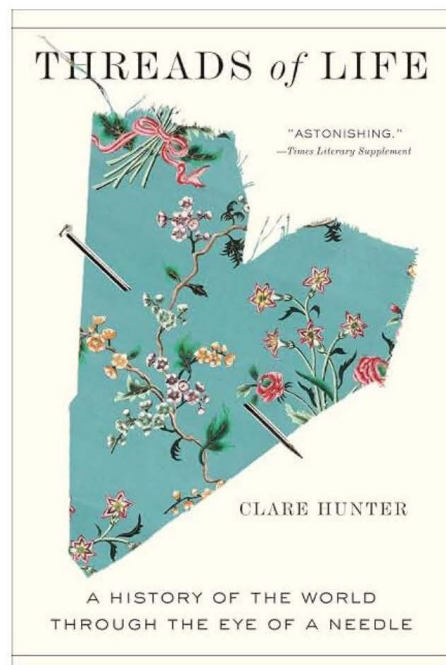
**Includes :
Lunch &
Putt-Putt**

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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