

THIS WEEKS REMINDERS

- Children's Sunday School today after Children's Time - K-3rd - Saints Room & 4th - 6th - Beatitudes Room
- Youth Group today after worship at 12:30 p.m.—Youth Room
- Lay Leader School today at 2 p.m. – Beatitudes, Wesley, Grace
- Jonah Class today at 5:30—7 p.m.— Hybrid—Wesley/Zoom
- Finding Peace Through Grief meeting on Monday at 11 a.m.
- Lay Leadership (Nominations) Team Meeting on Monday at 6 p.m. - Zoom
- 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
- CARE Team Meeting on Monday at 7 p.m. – Zoom
- Finance Team Meeting on Monday at 7 p.m. - Zoom
- Tuesday Night Movie Group on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. - Zoom
- Cub Scouts Meeting on Tuesday at 6 p.m.—Grace Hall, Upstairs Classrooms
- Shadbush Meeting on Tuesday at 7 p.m. - Wesley
- Early Risers Men's Book Club on Wednesday at 7 a.m.—Wesley
- Choir Practice on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.—Sanctuary
- Edinboro Area Historical Society Meeting on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.- Grace Hall
- 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
- Longs School of Dance Classes on Thursday at 3:30 p.m.—Zacchaeus
- Church Council Meeting 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

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.

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.



EDINBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



“Decisions in the Valley

OCTOBER 18, 2026

EDINBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Pamela Gardner, Pastor

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost October 18, 2026

**denotes standing as able*

We Gather in Praise

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kay Jordan

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 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" 400

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Kay Jordan*

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

SCRIPTURE Exodus 33: 12-23 (NRSV) *Kay Jordan*

INVITATION TO CHILDREN'S TIME
"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" 206

CHILDREN'S TIME *Bethany Carner*

PSALM Psalm 23 (Dallas Willard Version) *Pastor Pam*

REFLECTION "Decisions in the Valley" *Pastor Pam*

CHOIR ANTHEM *Chancel Choir*

HYMN "From the Inside Out"

We Respond to the Word

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 "To God Be the Glory" 98

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 praise band side near the windows of the sanctuary under the camera.

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

Donations being Collected for PennWest Edinboro Students Deployed

Eight PennWest students have either been deployed this semester or are scheduled to be deployed before the semester ends. To support these students, the Office Military and Veteran Success is collecting donations for care packages, which will then be assembled and packed. Jordanna Isiminger will be collecting here at EUMC and will get the items to PennWest. A tote is located in the Narthex for your donations.

The following items are what is needed:

Snacks and beverages: Gum, mints, gummies, theater-box candy (no chocolate), individually packaged cookies, crackers and sunflower seeds, coffee and powdered drink packets, protein bars & granola bars.

Personal Care Items: Toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, floss, tissues, toilet paper, chapstick and lip balm, sunscreen, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, deodorant, hair ties, combs, brushes

Entertainment & activities: puzzle books, paperback books, adult coloring books, colored pencils and fine-tip markers, playing cards, card games (UNO and Skip-Bo), hacky sacks and small portable games

Please donate items by November 2, 2026.

Edinboro United Methodist Church
celebrates

All Saint's Sunday

Celebrated in Honor of all the Saints

November 1, 2026 at 11 a.m.

To have your loved one added to the program, please fill out the form and include a picture of your loved one and turn in to the office. Forms are due by Tuesday, October 27th.

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.



Are you interested in volunteering for a EUMC Mission Trip to Red Bird Mission?

The dates are set and reserved for the
Red Bird Mission Trip

June 13 - June 18, 2027

We will be traveling to Beverly, Kentucky
and help the Red Bird Mission organization with their
ministries in the surrounding area. They are building healthy,
sustainable communities in the mountains of
southeastern Kentucky.

All ages are welcome! We would like to have
adults and youth participate!

If you are interested in participating, please
sign up in the Narthex.

*Questions?
Dennis & Bethany Carner
will be leading this Red Bird Trip.*

*Inter-Church Ministries
of Erie County*
HELPING FAMILIES • SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

COATS FOR KIDS CAMPAIGN

OCTOBER 1 – OCTOBER 31, 2026

Help Keep Erie County Kids Warm!

We are collecting new or gently used coats,
winter boots, hats, scarves and gloves
to help children and young adults throughout
Erie County stay warm this winter.

**DONATE
TODAY!**

 COATS (New or Gently Used)	 WINTER BOOTS (New or Gently Used)	 HATS (New or Gently Used)	 SCARVES (New or Gently Used)	 GLOVES (New or Gently Used)
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ALL SIZES — CHILDREN THROUGH YOUNG ADULTS

 **DONATION DROP-OFF LOCATION:**
250 W. 7th St.
Erie, PA 16501
Monday – Friday | 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

 **(814) 454-2411**
 icm@icmeriecounty.org
 icmeriecounty.org

 *Together We Can Make a Difference!* 

FINANCIAL STATUS OF EDINBORO UMC
SEPTEMBER 2026

RESTRICTED INCOME IN SEPTEMBER 2026

RESTRICTED (DESIGNATED) \$ 1,783.45

CURRENT TITHES/OFFERING IN SEPTEMBER 2026

CURRENT \$16,055.97

PROPERTY \$ 2,593.45

\$18,649.42

TOTAL EXPENSES IN SEPTEMBER 2026 \$ 29,557.62

SHORTFALL \$ -10,908.20

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

SEPTEMBER -\$10,908.20

SHORTFALL FOR YEAR -\$12,097.32

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.

A Prayer for October

Loving God, we thank you for this new month in which we have the great opportunity to unite with other Christians around the world and ecumenically to celebrate in our respective places of worship to partake of loaf and cup.

We are grateful for World Communion Sunday and all times of worship. Our hearts are open as we lift hands and voices to praise your holy name. Fill us with the desire to serve you as we serve your people.

Grant us peace as we lie down each evening and as we arise, let us praise your name and experience the joy of the morning, a new day.

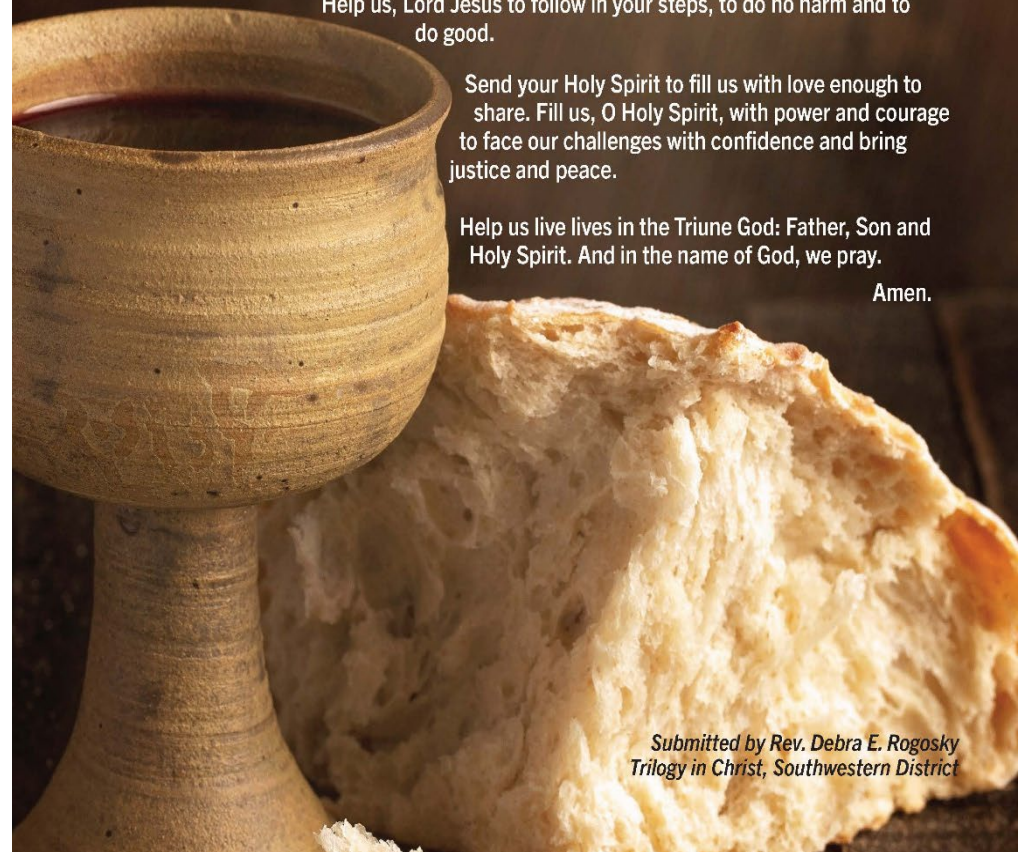
There is much to be thankful for, and there is much to be forgiven for. Loving Jesus, forgive us for doing those things we hate and not doing those things we want, to further your kingdom.

Help us, Lord Jesus to follow in your steps, to do no harm and to do good.

Send your Holy Spirit to fill us with love enough to share. Fill us, O Holy Spirit, with power and courage to face our challenges with confidence and bring justice and peace.

Help us live lives in the Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And in the name of God, we pray.

Amen.



*Submitted by Rev. Debra E. Rogosky
Trilogy in Christ, Southwestern District*

**NOV. 8
2026**

THANKSGIVING LINGER LONGER
PENNWEST EDINBORO FOOD DRIVE



HELP US, HELP OTHERS

FOOD DRIVE

Help donate to students in need!

Lunch - Turkey & Gravy provided by Nick's Place

Mashed Potatoes - Jerra & Eva

Stuffing - Meg

Please sign up in the Narthex for the dish you will
bring to share

PennWest
EDINBORO



ACCEPTING CANNED AND
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD
ITEMS

WHAT WE NEED:

Complete meals, Mashed potato cups, mac & cheese cups & box, SpaghettiO's, ravioli, pasta noodle, pasta sauce, pasta & rice sides (bags), canned chicken, jelly, pop tarts, oatmeal, granola bars, green beans, peas, corn, mandarin orange cups, peach cups, mixed fruit cups, cereal, hand soaps, shampoo, body wash, lotion, conditioner, disposable razors, shaving cream & gel, regular feminine pads, panty liners, super tampons.

Food Blitz Game

Object of the game: your team donates the most items for the Student Food Pantry - winners will receive a prize and bragging rights!

TEAMS

Children Sunday School

Spirit Journey Sunday School

Early Risers Men's Group

Monday Night Disciple Group

Youth Group

Choir

Women's Book Group

Tuesday Movie Group

or sign up your own

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THANKSGIVING LINGER LONGER PENNWEST
EDINBORO FOOD DRIVE
CO-SPONSORED BY IFF & MISSION
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