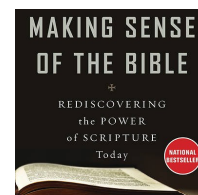


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Edinboro United Methodist Church

CROSS CURRENTS

“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even upon your menservants and maidservants in those days, I will pour out my spirit.”
(Joel 2:28-29)

Dear Friends,

At Edinboro UMC we’ve just celebrated a very important birthday we call “Pentecost”; it is the birthday of the church! Each year at this celebration we reflect on the day when the Holy Spirit of God came to the disciples.

As recorded in Acts 2, “When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting ... and they were filled with the Holy Spirit....” **That is the day when God called the Church and gave each person in the church family a ‘measure of the Spirit’.**

The Season of Pentecost extends throughout the summer months and is the time when we reflect as a community about God’s gifts to us both corporately and individually. Am I using what God is giving to me and if so, how? Am I using those gifts as God would want me to use them? I believe that how we live and use our God given resources are the gifts we bring to this “Birthday” celebration. **As we reflect this summer, I would like you to consider two questions:**

First, what are the gifts of the Spirit that God has given to me? Some are given gifts of teaching, singing, speaking, listening, or organizing. Some enjoy working with children, youth, adults, or elderly. All are needed gifts to share in the community of Christ’s body on earth. What are your strengths? What are you passionate about? Often times God’s call to grow comes to us as a need we notice, or an injustice we believe should be addressed.

Second, how are you sharing your gifts or responding to your passions? Come and share your gifts as an offering this year. We have been blessed at Edinboro UMC with many new and growing ministries, but they can only grow with support and help. There are opportunities for new ministries as we feel God’s call. We are empowered to grow as the People of God share their gifts and passions. Remember that salvation is not just an individual thing, it takes place in a community of faith. A community of faith that shares the gifts of God together keeps the ministry of the Gospel healthy, alive, and proclaimed. **Come and be a part of it!**

Happy Birthday!

Pastor Ed



Finance

June 2023

Year to date through May, our income continues to be ahead of expenses by about \$2,000 but was challenged in the month of May with higher two abnormal expenditures. The repair of the church sanctuary roof (~\$2,700) and the replacement of the HVAC unit at the parsonage (~\$8,000). These combined with three rather than the normal two pay periods resulted in higher expenses than income for the month. A portion of the HVAC cost was mitigated by transferring unused designated memorial funds.

In the month of May, we donated the following monies collected in the Easter offering.

- \$1510 to the Edinboro Food Pantry
- \$687 to the Penn West Student Food Pantry
- \$687 to Ramps of Hope and from a previous donation
- \$250 to the Tree of Life Holocaust Memorial

In other activities, the Finance Committee met with a Merrill Lynch advisor to investigate adjusting our ML investment account with a focus adjusting investments toward environmentally and ethically responsible investment options.

We also have been successful in enlisting two additional people to help count the offering. This is typically done every two weeks and additional counters are welcome. If you're interested, let Junia know.

SPRC Committee

The Staff Parish Relations Committee recently interviewed a couple of candidates for the Director of Family and Youth Ministry position that our church has open. We are following up with one of those candidates, planning for the candidate to meet directly with some of the youth, to get input from them.

Also, we have recently completed an evaluation of Pastor Ed's first year with us at EUMC. Although he may need a little down time and some relaxation, his first year has been a deep dive into all that is going on in our church. This evaluation session was a give-and-take dialogue between the pastor and the committee, and both benefited greatly from the conversation. We are excited to have Pastor Ed continuing to lead us as we look to the future.

Tim Rankin, Chair

IFF: Men's Book Club "Early Risers"

The Early Risers men's group meets on Wednesday mornings at 7 AM, with a delicious breakfast snack, brought by a weekly volunteer, and good coffee, prepared specially by our barista John Snow.

We are currently reading A History of God, by Karen Armstrong. This is a challenging book about the three monotheistic religions that are prevalent in our world today, Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. Karen's insights as to the parallels among the three faiths, and the history of the development of the theologies in each, are both challenging and insightful.

Please join us whether you are curious, seeking greater knowledge, or just like the idea of an early morning coffee and discussion. Whether you are an active participant, an occasional contributor, or just a listener, we welcome all!

Boy Scout Troop 176

In the last Cross Currents, we reported that Boy Scout Troop 176 had decided to disband due to a low enrollment at the Scout level, and that our church would no longer be holding the sponsorship, a sponsorship we had held since the late 1960s. We are happy to report that due to a significant increase in the number of cub scouts, we were approached by a committee from the Scouts requesting that we reinstate the sponsorship of Troop 176. At the Administrative Council meeting held on May 25, it was unanimously approved to sponsor the troop. We have contacted the French Creek Council of the BSA and have been told that the troop will be given the same number. We are in the process of completing the required paperwork.

Missy Shaffer will be the scoutmaster and Caius Dunning will be the assistant scoutmaster. Our own EUMC member and Eagle Scout Aaron Glass is very involved with the troop and helping to reestablish its presence in Edinboro. Don Beckman has agreed to be the organizational leader of the troop, representing the interests of the church and the troop itself. Don has filled that role in the past and we appreciate his willingness to be involved and his commitment to the youth of our community.

We are thankful for this opportunity and for the many years of a mutually beneficial arrangement with Troop 176. Welcome back!



EUMC Cross & Flame

Embrace - Engage - Ignite

Do you receive our weekly newsletter – The Cross & Flame? It is a newsletter that arrives in your email every Tuesday with current church schedule, announcements, and articles.

The email list for the newsletter is also used to send important messages or announcements. In addition, this is the method used for our Way Maker Wednesday ministry piece and the Zoom link for Conversations Uncorked on Thursday evenings.

If you would like to be added to the email list, please contact Junia in the office at 814-734-3182 or email her at office@edinboroumc.com.



Bre Humble & Kind Rummage Sale

The EUMC youth are organizing a special rummage sale to be held at the church on August 19th. The proceeds of the sale will go to the Bre Humble & Kind Fund for scholarships to teachers and students in memory of Bre Elder. Set up will be on Friday, August 18th with the sale taking place in the parking lot on Saturday, August 19th. The youth will be collecting items to sell and will also rent table spots for others to have space to sell their own items.

If you would like to donate items or rent a table, please contact Linnea (814-823-7695) or Christine (814-450-7232) Henderson.

IFF—Youth Group

The Youth Group has just finished the youth version of Mike Slaughter’s—Made for a Miracle. We are planning some activities to do over the summer. Our big service project being planned and being headed up by Linnea Henderson and her mom, Christine is a Bre Humble & Kind Rummage Sale to be held on August 19th. Please see the article to the left in this newsletter for more information.

C.A.R.E. Team

The C.A.R.E. Team focuses on HOSPITALITY and LOVING SERVICE within our church.



Work of the Team Members:

- coordinate meals for parishioners recovering from surgery and illness;
- Connections are made by team members with cards, visits, phone calls, prayers and e-mails to those who may be unable to attend church services;
- Welcoming new members to Edinboro United Methodist Church is coordinated through Pastor Ed and a sub-committee of the C.A.R.E. Team;
- The Teddy Bear Ministry strives to bring comfort and encouragement to people suffering from physical, mental, or spiritual stress. Groups of teddy bears consecrated at church services are ready to be sent out on their mission of love and caring; and
- Funeral dinners are coordinated by the Team. This most important service is only successful when YOU respond to the call for volunteers when needed.

TEDDY BEAR Ministry: 107 teddy bears were donated and blessed at the April 30th service. Thank you for your generosity in helping to make this popular and meaningful ministry a reality. Bears are delivered to those who need a tangible reminder that they are in our thoughts and prayers.

TEA ON THE PORCH': Tea will be served at the United Methodist House on the grounds of the Chautauqua Institution. Our congregation has been invited to host the weekly, Tuesday social hour on June 27th. We are asked to provide 20 dozen cookies, punch for 75 guests, and fresh flowers for the serving table (hopefully from one of our gardens.) There will be a signup sheet on the table in the narthex for you to volunteer to make cookies, to donate flowers, and/or to join us as we carpool to Chautauqua, N.Y. We will plan to leave our church parking lot at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 27th and return before 6:00 p.m.

BACK PACKS FILLED WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Last August, there was a joint effort with EUMC, the First United Presbyterian Church of Edinboro, the Edinboro Food Pantry, the Salvation Army of Erie, and Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church. 155 General McLane school students in grades K-12 were provided backpacks and school supplies to get off to a good start of their school year. Details will be forth coming. Please plan to donate to this mission project and consider joining us for the packing party and indoor picnic in mid-August.

AN UPDATED PHOTO DIRECTORY: Talks have begun, plans are developing to create an update to our church photo directory. Details will follow. **NAME TAGS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE:** Have you noticed new faces at worship? Do you experience those momentary blanks where a name escapes you? Do you appreciate being called by name? You are encouraged to make a name tag to be worn at Sunday services. For now the sticker type tags and markers

are available in the narthex. Talks of options for something a little more durable are in the works, watch for announcements.

If you or someone you know would benefit from any of the services/ministries noted above please call the church office at 814-734-3182.

Your C.A.R.E. Team: Linda Moore, Pastor Ed Schoeneck, Irene Smith, Patti Snow, Marla Stauffer, Kelly Temple, Debbie Thomas, Cheryl Wiegler, Debbie Zahler



Intentional Faith Formation Team (IFF)

Lady Kate sightseeing, Sunday, August 6, 3:00 p.m.

This 14 mile, 90 minute tour ventures onto the open waters of Lake Erie and Presque Isle Bay. Enjoy sites including Erie’s historic lighthouses, Gull Point Nature Preserve, Presque Isle’s shores, Erie’s skyline, ships, beaches, wildlife and more. Their knowledgeable crew will guide us through the tour with a full narration about the area’s landmarks and history.



Sign-ups are being done now in the Narthex or by calling the church office. Cost is \$18 /adult; \$10/ 5-12 years and under 5 is free.

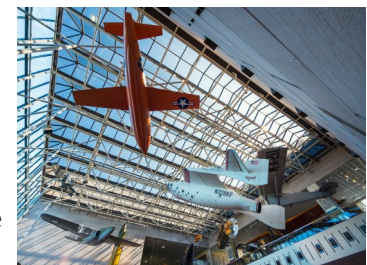
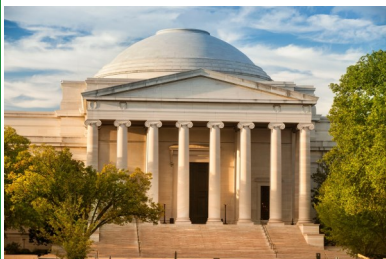
Adult Sunday School: You are invited to journey with us this summer as we began a new study from Reverend Josh Scott entitled *Bible Stories for Grownups* on Sunday, June 4. Alternating discussion leaders on each session, we will examine some of the more familiar characters from the Bible such as Moses, Noah, etc. Scott analyzes these stories with a fresh perspective asking how adults read and understand them. Adult Sunday School is done via Zoom on Sunday mornings with chat at 8:30 a.m. and Sunday School discussion at 9 a.m.

Adult Studies Coming up!

Herstory in His Time: Women of the Bible, July 9, 16, and 23 - Sunday evenings, 6:30 p.m.- In person and via zoom (simultaneously) (See ad on page 9)

Making Sense of the Bible , August 6 - September 17—Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. by

Zoom or August 8—September 20—Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in person.



Fall 2023 Trip Opportunity: Participants will travel, once again, to Washington, D.C. to visit the National Cathedral, the African American Museum, National Gallery, Natural History, Air-Space, and American History. Travelers will visit the museum(s) of their choice after our first stop at the National Gallery. Dates are September 12-15, and the deadline for signing up is July 20. Interested persons should contact, jerrajenrette@gmail.com. Participants will pay all costs including admission, hotel, food, and transportation costs.

Spring 2024: Join others from EUMC to see “Daniel” at the Sights and Sounds Theatre in Lancaster, PA. Reservations must be made soon so please sign up if you are planning to go. Tickets are \$99 per person. We will carpool and also plan to do other things in the area. Trip dates are: May 14-16, 2024. The tentative plan is to depart from Edinboro early to see the 3:00 p.m. show and spend two nights, using the next day to visit various sights in the area. Sign-up and deposit of \$99 are due by July 1st. For further info contact jerrajenrette@gmail.com. Sign ups are being done in the Narthex or call the church office.



Tithe Bed Team 2023: Preparation at the Garden of Edin is already underway with your Tithe Bed Team participating in prepping the ground for planting. We are excited that the Board, led by our own Heather Zimmerman, decided to refurbish the original 20 beds and put new framing around to make them like new. Beds have been tilled and are ready for planting. We have planted various lettuces, tomatoes, peppers, carrots, beans, radishes, yellow squash, and zucchini. We are praying for an especially bountiful harvest this year. Your team consists of Linda Moore, Gert and Don Myer, Marla Stauffer, Kathy Rankin, Cheryl Wiegler, Trish Hillman, Jerra Jenrette, and we welcome our new member, Susan Yatzor.

Sermon Themes—June - August 2023

June 4	“Entrusted with a Call” (Matthew 28: 16-20) Graduate Sunday
June 11	Rev. Dean Ziegler Camping Ministry Commitment Sunday
June 18	“Outstanding in the Field” (Matthew 9: 35 – 10:8)
June 25	Mike Corner Preaching
July 2	Rev. Dennis Swineford - Communion
July 9	Dr. Jerra Jenrette Preaching
July 16	“A Spirit to Guide Me” (John 16: 12 -15)
July 23	“Living Out Loud” (2 Cor. 6: 1-13 – The Message)
July 30	Rev Kathleen Schoeneck Preaching (Pulpit Swap Sunday)
August 6	“Our Greatest Glory” (Luke 10, 1-11, 16-20)
August 13	“Inner Strength” (Ephesians 3: 14-21)
August 20	“Breaking the Barriers” (Ephesians 2: 11-22)
August 27	“Growth” (Romans 8:9-17)



NUMEROUS OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT MISSIONS

IN OUR AREA

SHOES (GENTLY USED OR NEW) – Looking for a place for those old shoes? Worn out? Ragged? Too Small? Any condition – boots, sandals, sneakers, adults or kids. Bring them to church, tie or band the pair together and deposit them in the box located in the narthex. Funds derived from this collection fund mission projects.

ALUMINUM CAN TABS – Bring in the tabs from aluminum cans and place in the large jug on the desk in the narthex. These are used for the Bre Humble & Kind Fund which is a fund in memory of Breanna Elder. The fund is used to sponsor scholarships for teachers and students.

DIAPER FUND – This is a monetary donation and money can be deposited in the giant plastic baby bottle on the small table as you exit the sanctuary. Darla and Tim Elder use this money to purchase diapers for the families staying in EUMA housing in Erie.

PENN-WEST UNIVERSITY FOOD PANTRY – Bring donations of non-perishable food items and place them in the tub near the table in the narthex. Please check the expiration date of the items before donation!

JOIN US, MAY 14-16, 2024
SIGHTS AND SOUNDS THEATRE
LANCASTER, PA



Tickets: \$99.00

Other costs: hotel for 2 nights + food + transportation (car pool)

Deadline to sign up and pay deposit will be: **July 1, 2023 - \$99**

For further information and to sign up for the trip contact:

jerrajenrette@gmail.com

IFF: K-6 notes**Sunday School Report – (Elementary - Pre K through 6th Grade) – June 2023**

The Sunday School teachers are requesting SPRC to arrange for two paid individuals to staff nursery through four and five-year-olds in the nursery room. Additional volunteers are needed to teach 4th – 6th grade. Classroom helpers are needed with no prepping or teaching responsibilities. All persons must have clearances.

The plan to purchase bibles for each 3rd grader and additional bibles for 4th – 6th grade classroom use. An ongoing discussion over the summer whether elementary classrooms will be relocated. The purchase of a wall magnetic whiteboard and Smart TV may be needed.

We will continue using Deep Blue curriculum in the fall. Teachers select Art, Cooking, Science, Games, Missions, Spiritual Practices, Storytelling/Drama to teach. Teachers also supplement Bible stories/people, word searches, cross word puzzles, etc. In addition, plans are for fourth through sixth grade to learn more about the bible. A plan for teachers and parents to meet to discuss social activities for the summer months. A September picnic with games will be scheduled to kick off when Sunday School resumes in the fall.

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

In our last meeting, the Church Council voted to re-sponsor Boy Scout Troop 176, as there are many local Cub Scouts that will be moving to the Boy Scouts. We are currently establishing all the paperwork required by the French Creek Council to sponsor the troop.

Several people from the congregation have completed the training required by the Conference for our Lighthouse Church designation. A team has been formed to discuss how we can be in ministry for those coming to our church from disaffiliating churches. That team will be meeting in early June.

Much discussion revolved around our growing church and the need for more volunteers to push forward the work of the church. Areas of special needs include counters, Sunday School teachers and helpers, and kitchen help specifically for funeral dinners. The ministry teams (Worship, Outreach, Care and Intentional Faith Formation) continue to remain quite active. If you feel a call to participate on any of these teams, please contact Pastor Ed or one of the team leads: Worship (Pastor Ed), Outreach (Meg Gould), Care (Cheryl Wiegler), Intentional Faith Formation (Jerra Jenrette) for more information.

HERSTORY - In His Time: Women of the Bible

Led by Dr. Jerra Jenrette



*July 9th, July 16th & July 23rd at 6:30 p.m.
Hybrid - In Person in Wesley Room & on Zoom*

Only Bible needed (no book for this study).



Father's Day

June 18, 2023

Origins of Father's Day

The campaign to celebrate the nation's fathers did not meet with the same enthusiasm as Mother's Day—perhaps because, as one florist explained, “fathers haven't the same sentimental appeal that mothers have.”

On July 5, 1908, a West Virginia church sponsored the nation's first event explicitly in honor of fathers, a Sunday sermon in memory of the 362 men who had died in the previous December's explosions at the Fairmont Coal Company mines in Monongah, but it was a one-time commemoration and not an annual holiday.

The next year, a Spokane, [Washington](#), woman named Sonora Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents. She went to local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers and government officials to drum up support for her idea, and she was successful: Washington State celebrated the nation's first statewide Father's Day on June 19, 1910.

Slowly, the holiday spread. In 1916, President Wilson honored the day by using telegraph signals to unfurl a flag in Spokane when he pressed a button in [Washington, D.C.](#) In 1924, President [Calvin Coolidge](#) urged state governments to observe Father's Day.

Today, the day honoring fathers is celebrated in the United States on the third Sunday of June: Father's Day 2022 occurs on June 18.

In other countries—especially in Europe and Latin America—fathers are honored on St. Joseph's Day, a traditional Catholic holiday that falls on March 19.



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Father's Day: Controversy and Commercialism

Many men, however, continued to disdain the day. As one historian writes, they “scoffed at the holiday’s sentimental attempts to domesticate manliness with flowers and gift-giving, or they derided the proliferation of such holidays as a commercial gimmick to sell more products—often paid for by the father himself.”

During the 1920s and 1930s, a movement arose to scrap Mother’s Day and Father’s Day altogether in favor of a single holiday, Parents’ Day. Every year on Mother’s Day, pro-Parents’ Day groups rallied in [New York City’s](#) Central Park—a public reminder, said Parents’ Day activist and radio performer Robert Spere, “that both parents should be loved and respected together.”

Paradoxically, however, the [Great Depression](#) derailed this effort to combine and de-commercialize the holidays. Struggling retailers and advertisers redoubled their efforts to make Father’s Day a “second [Christmas](#)” for men, promoting goods such as neckties, hats, socks, pipes and tobacco, golf clubs and other sporting goods, and greeting cards.

When [World War II](#) began, advertisers began to argue that celebrating Father’s Day was a way to honor American troops and support the war effort. By the end of the war, Father’s Day may not have been a federal holiday, but it was a national institution.

In 1972, in the middle of a hard-fought presidential re-election campaign, [Richard Nixon](#) signed a proclamation making Father’s Day a federal holiday at last. Today, economists estimate that Americans spend more than \$1 billion each year on Father’s Day gifts.

The nation’s first Father’s Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in the state of Washington. However, it was not until 1972—58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother’s Day official—that the day honoring fathers became a nationwide holiday in the United States. Father’s Day 2023 will occur on Sunday, June 18.



Trustees

The trustees are charged with the oversight and care of both the church and the parsonage. Last summer we did a lot of routine work on the parsonage to maintain its value. One issue that came up at that time was that the air conditioner was not running efficiently and so we made the determination to have it replaced before this next summer. Dean Woods, a longtime member of this church, and a trustee, offered to do the work necessary to replace it, and also recommended that we take that opportunity to replace the furnace, as well. Dean was able to complete that work in March and while we have not had to use the air-conditioning yet this year, the new furnace is working, is much quieter and we're assuming will be more efficient than the previous one. Dean also had to do some related duct work. Dean was able to purchase the air conditioner and furnace at cost. The installation was also minimal, because Dean donated his time and labor to the project. He also installed a new thermostat, new smoke detectors and new carbon monoxide detectors in the parsonage. This year, Rob Green, also, a trustee, is going to refinish the entryway bookcases and put a new handrail to the basement. As you may remember, Rob did a great job in taking down old wallpaper and painting the walls, trim, doors and porches at the parsonage last year during the transition. We are very fortunate to have both of these people and their expertise on the trustees.

We also purchased a water sensor and a heat detector for the parsonage through our insurance company, Church Mutual. We have had one in the church for several years and have a group of people who are notified if there are any problems. The trustees felt that since the parsonage is not occupied 24-7, it would be prudent on our part to have a similar system there. The system cost \$200 and the first year of monitoring is free. After the first year, it will cost us \$10 a month for monitoring.

We have had some leaks in the choir room and in areas of the narthex. Ryan McCreary of McCreary Roofing proposed replacing the entire low roof between the sanctuary roof and the second story roof at a cost of \$59,000. We did not feel that we could afford that at this time and Ryan came up with a solution where the roof was inspected and all leak areas were replaced and or treated at a cost of \$2500. We will continue to monitor that low roof for potential problems. We appreciate the work Joe Tuminello, also a trustee, did to replace the damaged ceiling tiles in the both the choir room and narthex after the low roof was repaired. (continued on page 17.)

New Members

New Members who joined but we do not have a picture of:

- Erinn Lake Brozewicz
- MyaRose Smith (Jennifer Bostaph's daughter)
- Kelly Woods (Mark & Debbie Woods adult daughter)



Elisha G. Schoeneck

EUMC has been blessed with new members joining our church in January and in April. There are many new faces that are bringing their talents and faith to our church family. To help everyone recognize the faces and names, we thought an introduction in Cross Currents with pictures would be helpful. Please watch for more in depth articles regarding our new members in our weekly Cross & Flame.

New Members



Debbie Woods



Mark Woods



Charlene Shreve



Garrett Lyle-Lindahl



Tom Bennett



Jamie Chapman



Tamara Shepard



Leah Scott



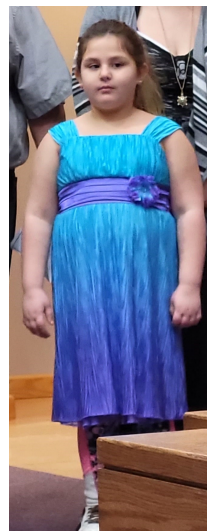
Jennifer & Lucas Bostaph



Gary & Shirley Bilek



Donald & Kristina Fuller with Jackson (baptized)



Olivia Farbo



Isaiah Farbo

New Study starting!

Adam Hamilton's "Making Sense of the Bible"

Sunday Evenings by Zoom 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Starting Sunday August 6 - September 17
or

Wednesday Mornings in person at 10:30 a.m. to noon
Starting Wednesday August 9 - September 20

In *Making Sense of the Bible*, Adam Hamilton invites us into an honest conversation about the Bible. The book begins with foundational questions such as: How and when was the Bible written? Who decided which books made it into the scriptures and why? How literally must we read it? Is the Bible ever wrong?

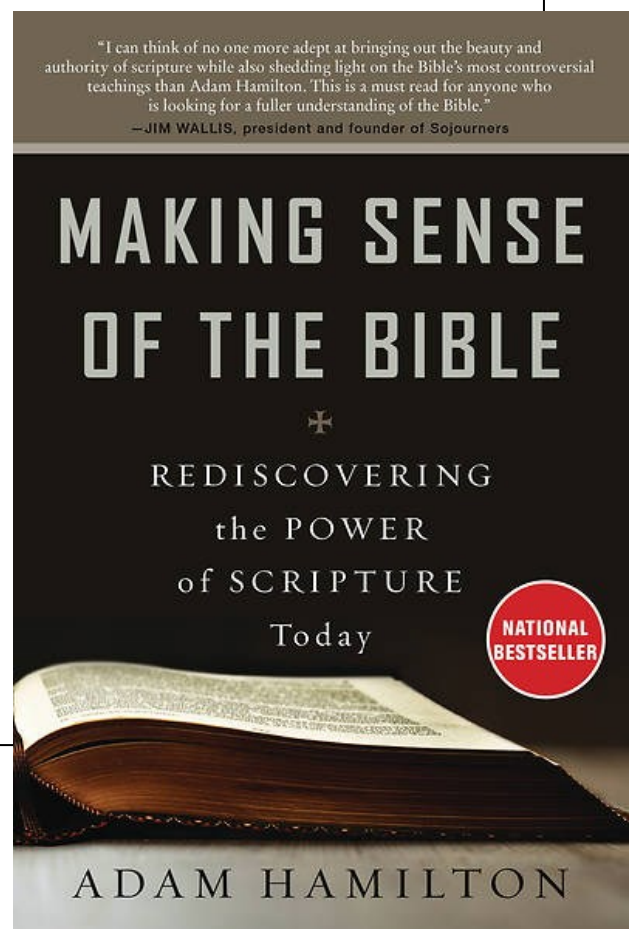
From there, Hamilton considers the real questions people frequently ask that continue to divide Christians and denominations alike, including:

- Were Adam and Eve real people?
- Why is God so violent in the Old Testament?
- Why would Paul command women to "keep silent in the church"?
- Is Jesus the only way to salvation? • How does God view the LGBTQIA Community?
- Is the Book of Revelation a guide to the End Times?

In approachable and inviting language, Hamilton addresses these often-misunderstood biblical themes leading readers to a deeper appreciation of the Bible so that we might hear God speak through it and find its words to be life-changing and life-giving.

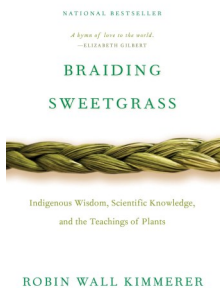
Donation for Study Guide:

\$13.00



IFF—Women’s Book Club - Thursday Mornings - 9:00am - Zoom

The Women’s Book Club meets Thursday mornings at 9:00 via Zoom to accommodate those of us who travel and who have moved to other communities. Women who do not attend EUMC are welcome to join the book club.. We enjoy reading current literature designed to prompt discussions about our faith and to improve our awareness of social concerns.



We recently finished Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Kimmerer draws on her life and experience as an indigenous botanist, to emphasize the need for reciprocity between humanity and nature, the intersection of science and spirituality and overconsumption as a consequence of modern capitalism. We thoroughly enjoyed her writing style and imagery and feel that we will be adopting some of her principles of valuing and caring for our earth.

On June 1, we begin A Life in Light: Meditations on Impermanence by Mary Pipher. From the bestselling author of Women Rowing North and Reviving Ophelia this is a memoir in essays reflecting on radiance, resilience, and the constantly changing nature of reality.

In this new book, Mary Pipher - as she did in her New York Times bestseller Women Rowing North - taps a cultural moment, to offer wisdom, hope, and insight into loss and change. Drawing from her own experiences and expertise as a psychologist specializing in women, trauma, and the effect of our culture on our mental health, she looks inward in A Life in Light to what shaped her as a woman, one who has experienced darkness throughout her life but was always drawn to the light.

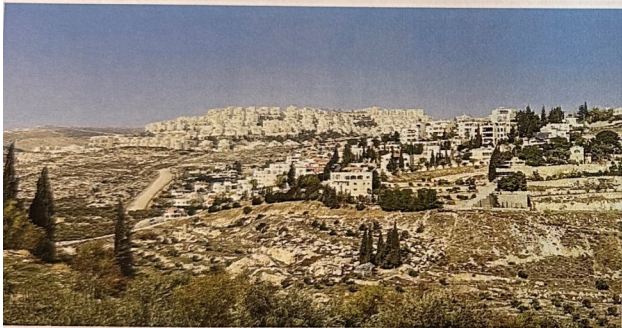


Her plainspoken depictions of her hard childhood and life's difficulties are interspersed with moments of joy and revelation, tragedies and ordinary miseries, glimmers and shadow. As a child, she was separated from her parents for long periods. Those separations



affected her deeply, but in A Life in Light she explores what she's learned about how to balance despair with joy, utilizing and sharing with readers every coping skill she has honed during her lifetime to remind us that there is a silver thread of resilience that flows through all of life, and that despite our despair, the light will return. In this book, she points us toward that light.

Where is Jesus Walking Today? Trip to the Holy Land – January 13 – 24, 2024 – Pastor Ed is serving as Tour Host – Trip organized by Tina Whitehead.



ITINERARY

January 13

Depart the USA on your flight to Tel Aviv.

January 14

Arrive in Israel and transfer to your hotel in Taybeh.

January 15

Wadi Qelt, Qumran, Dead Sea, Jericho, Qasr el Yehud, Overnight in Taybeh

January 16

Nablus, Samaria, Nazareth, Overnight in Tiberias

January 17

Capernaum, Mount of Beatitudes, Tabgha, Peter's Primacy, Boat on the Galilee, Magdala, Wadi Hamman, Overnight in Tiberias

January 18

Cana, Sephoris, Caesarea, Megiddo, Overnight in Bethlehem

January 19

Tent of Nations (full day), Dinner with Palestinian families, Overnight in Bethlehem

January 20

Church of the Nativity, Shepherds' Field, Nissan Brothers for lunch and shopping, Walled Off Hotel, Overnight in Bethlehem

January 21

Mount of Olives, Palm Sunday Road, Gethsemane, Gallicantu, Upper Room, Overnight in Jerusalem

January 22

Temple Mount, Via Dolorosa, Holy Sepulchre, Western Wall, Garden Tomb, Overnight in Jerusalem

January 23

Free day in Jerusalem. Transfer to the airport for your night flight.

January 24

Return to the USA

Pricing - \$4,098 from Pittsburgh

Price includes roundtrip international airfare, basic tour & guided sightseeing, transfers, breakfast & dinner, tips, taxes, first-class hotels and much more!

For more information or to express interest, please call the church office or Pastor Ed.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023

EUMC WOMEN HAVE BEEN INVITED TO SERVE COOKIES AND TEA AT THE METHODIST HOUSE ON THE GROUNDS OF CHAUTAUQUA INSTITUTE. "TEA ON THE PORCH" IS RETURNING TO CHAUTAUQUA THIS SUMMER AFTER A TWO YEAR HIATUS. SEE CHERYL WIEGLE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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We are having Bauer Insulation put foam insulation in the west entrance and front overhang of the church. Our main weather comes from the west and the current insulation gets blown around and gets wet, so we think this will be a more permanent solution. Speaking of weather from the west, we also had a pane of glass break in Grace Hall during a recent wind storm. We are in the process of getting quotes for the replacement of that window.

On May 4, we were able to have Trooper Andrew Hacke of the Pennsylvania State Police talk to about 40 of us regarding active shooter training. Corporal Eglund of the Edinboro police department also attended. We have requested a Risk and Vulnerability Assessment by the Pennsylvania State Police that will be under the direction of Trooper Scott Rossman. Those assessments are about a year out, however, due to our size and location, Trooper Rossman thought he might be able to complete our assessment this summer. In the intervening time, our insurance company has provided us with an active intruder alert. We are in the process of having that installed. We will keep you informed.

And last, but certainly not least, we are in the process of purchasing chairs for Grace Hall. This has been a long time coming, for a variety of reasons, but we feel confident that you will be able to sit on more comfortable chairs this fall! Deb Zahler, along with several other trustees, is putting the final touches on that project.



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About Us

OUR PURPOSE:

We join with the Holy Spirit to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

OUR MISSION:

We are a dynamic community of doubters, dreamers and disciples on a life long journey of faith and action with Christ.

OUR VISION:

By embracing grace, we will engage heads, hands and hearts in the way of Christ to ignite a profound love of God in all.

WE WELCOME YOU:

Regardless of race, ethnicity, age, marital status, gender identity, sexual orientation, social or economic status, physical and mental ability or religious affiliation. All persons are of sacred worth. We are all God's beloved.