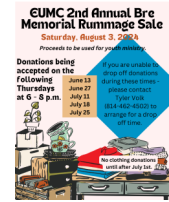


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Edinboro United Methodist Church

CROSS CURRENTS

“What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.” (John 1:4-5)

April 2024

Dear Friends,

After a long, long, long wait... Spring has arrived! I'm so grateful for the hope of spring. It's a time of beauty and renewal! It is the time of Easter! New life comes through the 'death' of winter, not around it. Spring is the time when we celebrate Resurrection and new life. We Christians are Easter people; people who believe and live a resurrection lifestyle.

All throughout our journey of Lent we have walked we have taken a spiritual pilgrimage; we sought to *“Listen”* to find God's guidance on the paths that bring life. We faced the pain of examining our own brokenness and sin. We faced our own desires to do it alone. We've seen the cruelty and evil in our world; from Palm Sunday to the courts. We heard the question asked, ***“Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah? All of them said, ‘Let him be crucified!’”*** It seemed that evil had won. There was no hope.

Then we discover the great truth of God. The stone was rolled away! The tomb was empty! It has been transformed to a womb; a birthplace of new life! We came to see that the great act of God ***is not*** that God prevents suffering or death. The great act of God ***is*** that God meets us in the valley of the shadows of death and leads us through to new life! The Cross, the 'gas chamber' of its day, has become the birth place of new life!

Ann Weems writes in her book [Kneeling in Jerusalem](#),

Just when I thought
There would be no more light
in the Jerusalem sky,
the Bright and Morning Star appeared
and the darkness has not overcome it.

Easter is about resurrection and new life! We become transformed to be “Easter people”; a people who know and trust the light that shines in the darkness. We become a people who ***live believing that the darkness will not overcome it!*** We become a people of hope, in our words, our actions, and our love; empowered by a ***living*** God. **Our theme for this Easter season is “Emerge”.** Come join us as we celebrate that the story is true and alive today! ***What “New Life” can emerge in you, as God makes all things new!***



Happy Easter

Pastor Ed

HELPING OUR AREA HOMELESS

THANK YOU!

About 12 years ago, the Layden family moved to Edinboro from the Pittsburgh area. They had been very involved in church activities there. Naturally, they became active members of Edinboro UMC. During discussion of how to help EUMA serve the homeless community, Dawn suggested an idea she had brought with her—The Giving Calendar. With a few adjustments, the EUMC calendar for Helping Our Area Homeless was born.

Over the years, EUMA has received generous donations from our congregation. This year’s collection has surpassed all expectations!!

Jesus said, “if you have done it for one of the least of these, you have done it for me.”

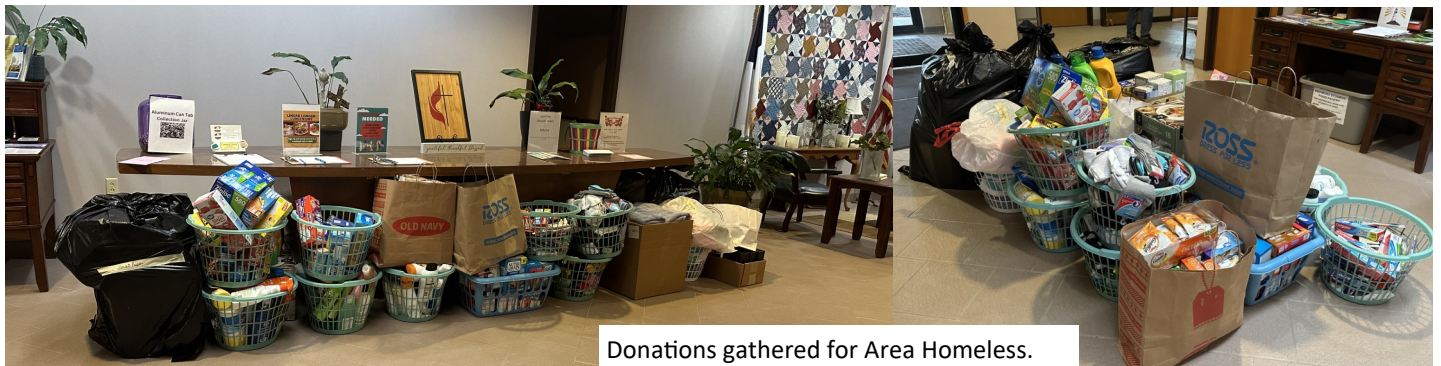
Well done, servants of God. Thank you.

Gert Myer

SPRC Committee

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) met in April to approve the recently revised Safe Sanctuary Policies of our church. Pat Crist and Tim Rankin worked on these revisions during the fall of 2023, after a Safe Sanctuary training session held earlier in the year. We also made a minor revision to the job description of our Family and Youth Ministry Director, and determined some annual evaluation procedures for paid church staff. The annual Pastor Evaluation was reviewed and will be completed next month. Anyone with feedback on the pastor, or any of the paid church staff should contact a member of the SPRC. Members include: Dale Hunter, Don Myer, Karen Swager, Janet Dean, Cheryl Wiegler, Tamara Shepherd, Vera Woods, Jerra Jenrette, and Tim Rankin.

Reverend Dennis Swineford, our District Superintendent, will be retiring in July from his position. We thank him for being such a supportive, insightful, and approachable resource for our church over the past many years. Rev. Sang Choi will succeed him in this role, and will continue to use the offices upstairs at EUMC as the District Office for the United Methodist Church. We look forward to working with him. Pastor Ed is scheduled for vacations May 9-14, and June 24-July 9. Pastoral needs can be directed to Jerra Jenrette and Lay Leader John Layden during those times.



Donations gathered for Area Homeless.

IFF: Men’s Book Club “Early Risers”

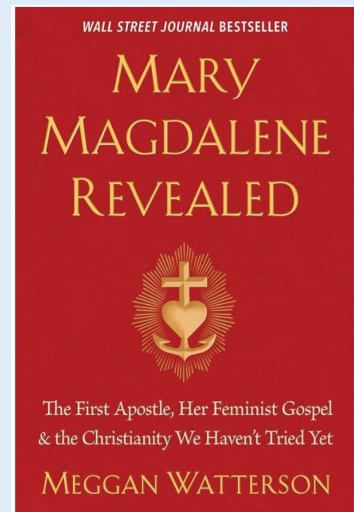
Every Wednesday morning at 7:00 a group of between 12-15 fellows meet to discuss a book we are all reading. Many in our group attend this church, but just as many do not, and are connected with us because they enjoy the friendships and great discussions each week! SO, EVERYONE IS WELCOME! We have plenty of coffee, and some good morning refreshments (often home-made!).

We have just finished a book by David Zahl, entitled Low Anthropology, an interesting insight into human behavior and expectations. Zahl encouraged us to be a bit more understanding of one another, and forgiving of our limitations, and our common tendencies toward self-centeredness and doubleness. You would have gained insights into everyone in the group, and yourself, had you been part of these discussions on relationships, politics, religions, and many other topics.

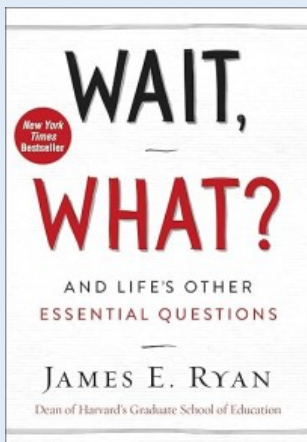
Join us for our next book, Facing the Mountain, by Daniel James Brown (author of The Boys in the Boat), a story of Japanese American Patriots and their families during World War II. Much changed in America after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, and this book follows several Japanese families during that aftermath. It's the "story of victors, of people striving, resisting, rising up, and standing on principle, laying down their lives, enduring, and prevailing." -San Francisco Chronicle

IFF—Thursday Women’s Book Club

The Thursday Book Group meets every Thursday morning at 9 AM by Zoom to include previous members who have moved out of the area and those of us who travel a lot. This is an ecumenical group. You do not have to be a member of EUMC in order to participate. We love getting together and discussing books and actually seeing one another. The discussions are rich and varied. We are currently reading **Megan Watterson’s Mary Magdalene Revealed: The First Apostle, Her Feminist Gospel & the Christianity We Haven’t Tried Yet**. Since our group is composed of doubters, dreamers and disciples, we have had some interesting discussions under the direction of Marian Beckman. Currently, we are reading the third power, ignorance. We anticipate being finished by the end of May.



Our next choice will be **Wait, What? And Life’s Other Essential Questions** based on the commencement address, the art of asking and answering good questions by James E. Ryan, dean of Harvard’s Graduate School of Education. Here is the description from the Amazon summary. Whether we’re in the boardroom or the classroom, we spend far too much time and energy looking for the right answer. But the truth is that questions are just as important as answers, often more so. If you ask the wrong question, for instance, you’re guaranteed to get the wrong answer. A good question, on the other hand, inspires a good answer and, in the process, invites deeper understanding and more meaningful connections between people. Asking a good question requires us to move beyond what we think we



know about an issue or a person to explore the difficult and the unknown, the awkward, and even the unpleasant. In *Wait, What?*, Jim Ryan celebrates the art of asking—and answering—good questions. Five questions in particular: *Wait, what?*; *I wonder...?* *Couldn't we at least...?*; *How can I help?*; and *What truly matters?* Using examples from politics, history, popular culture, and social movements, as well as his own personal life, Ryan demonstrates how these essential inquiries generate understanding, spark curiosity, initiate progress, fortify relationships, and draw our attention to the important things in life—from the Supreme Court to Fenway Park. By regularly asking these

five essential questions, Ryan promises, we will be better able to answer life’s most important question: “And did you get what you wanted out of life, even so?” At once hilarious and illuminating, poignant and surprising, *Wait, What?* is an inspiring book of wisdom that will forever change the way you think about questions. This book has been on our “to read” list for several years, and we are excited to finally read it. We have such varied interests in the group that we are always adding to our list of books we would like to read be able to discuss with this group. We enjoy each other’s company and insights and with certainly welcome anyone would like to join us. If you are interested, please contact the church office and Junia will give you a link to the zoom meeting.

SAVE YOUR SHOES

and donate them to help those who are homeless or who have a disability.



12th Annual Shoe Drive

June 6th - June 8th
Bayfront Convention Center

You can help those in need, simply by gathering and donating your gently worn, used or unwanted new shoes.

25 pairs of shoes equals about \$10 towards individuals and families dealing with homelessness, or those with disabilities.

EUMA - Erie.org

Here's How:

- Gather your old, unwanted shoes (condition: new or gently-used)
- Rubber band pairs or tie shoelaces together.

Drop Off Locations:

- WPAUMC Annual Conference at Erie Bayfront Convention Center from Thursday, June 6 through Saturday, June 8. EUMA's truck will be there to receive your collected shoes.
- Rainbow Connection Thrift Store, 1516 Buffalo Rd., Erie, PA 16510

SHOES CAN BE BROUGHT TO EUMC CHURCH NARTHEX AND PLACED IN THE LARGE SHOE BOX. THE SHOES WILL THEN BE DELIVERED TO THE WPAUMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON JUNE 6TH.

C.A.R.E. Team

At Edinboro United Methodist Church our mission is to lovingly care for each other spiritually, emotionally, physically, and practically. The C.A.R.E. Team is a nurturing arm of our ministry for those in need of support- whether mental, social, or spiritual. Activities coordinated by the C.A.R.E. Team include: The Teddy Bear Ministry. Welcome travel mugs for guests. Funeral dinners. Meal deliveries to those who are ill, and those recovering from surgery or treatment. Cards, phone calls, and/or visits to those who are homebound. You can assist the C.A.R.E. Team by contacting the church office (814-734-3182) if someone you know has been absent from church for awhile, is ill, is facing or recovering from surgery and/or medical treatment, has suffered a loss of any kind. We are a caring and compassionate church community. Why not send a card or make a phone call to someone who is on your mind? We are all, in fact, members of a care team.



Red Bird Mission Trip—2024

A 2024 Red Bird Mission trip is being planned for this July, the week of July 20-26. Anyone interested in being part of this mission experience, please reach out to Greg and Debbie Thomas or Jim and Deb Zahler. Cost per individual is \$100. Balance of the cost comes from fundraising. Mission Scholarships are available.

The group has been busy fundraising through the soup sale, bread sale and most recently the Mother's Day hanging basket sale. Stay tuned for a report on the trip!

CHOIR NOTES

The choir has worked very diligently to adapt to using pre-recorded accompaniment versus live music, The Easter anthem was quite challenging and they rose to the occasion.

Over the last year, we have gained 5 new members! We welcome anyone with open arms. Be looking for the choir to join with the Praise Band for a new piece in the coming months.



SUMMER COFFEEHOUSE

THURSDAY, MAY 30TH
7:00 – 9:00 pm

FEATURING:



Plus:
OPEN MIKE NIGHT!



500 WEST PLUM STREET,
EDINBORO, PA, 16412,
UNITED STATES
814.734.8590



Intentional Faith Formation Team (IFF)

The **Monday Night Disciple Book Group** is using Adam Hamilton's Doubt for their study which began on April 22. For further information see Jan or Lynn Brawn.

Pastor Ed was involved with the Lay School Ministry, teaching a course on Anti-Racism which concluded on May 5. He also taught the Confirmation class with Tyler Volk, which wrapped up on May 19. After this class ends, Pastor Ed will take a break from teaching until late summer when he will lead a study on the book of Revelation (text to be determined during the summer). Classes will meet via zoom on Sundays at 7:00 and Wednesday mornings in-person at 10:30. Study will begin on August 4/7 and conclude on September 15/18 (Monday-Wednesday).

After a short break he will start a fall study, on the New Testament which will run from October 6/9 – November 24/27.

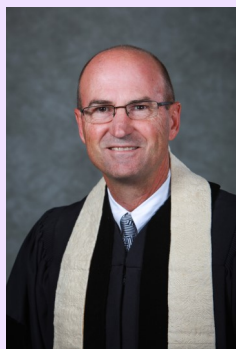
HERSTORY II! Jerra Jenrette, pastoral assistant, will lead a 3-week summer study entitled "Herstory II: Bad Women of the Bible" with focus on a few women thus giving time for depth, including Delilah, Lydia, and others. Participants will read selected scriptures in preparation for each class which will depend primarily on discussion, with some "lecture." This study will be held on Sunday evenings, 6:00 p.m., in-person only. Each session will last about 90 minutes. Dates are June 30, July 14, and July 21.

Trips: Sights and Sounds and Lancaster, PA to see "Daniel"

18 people went from our church, May 14-16
September trip to Cincinnati to visit the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden, along with other sites. Participants cover all costs including transportation, hotel, admissions, and food. Additional information will follow. Signups for the trip is happening now in the Narthex. The dates of the trip are Sept. 15-18, 2024.



Adult Sunday School:



Mike Graves is Scholar in Residence at Country Club Christian Church in Kansas City. He taught in seminaries for thirty years before retiring as Emeritus Professor of Preaching and Worship at Saint Paul School of Theology, also in Kansas City.

Dr. Graves will join the Adult Sunday School class on zoom, Sunday, June 9 at 9:00 a.m. for conversation about his book, Jesus' Vision for Your One Wild and Precious Life, which the group is now reading and discussing. All are welcome!

The next Adult Sunday School topic will be a combination of Hollywood (Movie Night) meets Sunday School, to begin on June 23rd. See Ad on page 8.



IFF—Lancaster Sight & Sound—Daniel; Ephrata Cloister, Julius Sturgis Pretzel; Lititz Moravian Church tour.

HerStory II

Bad Women of the Bible

Led by Dr. Jerra Jenrette.

Sunday evenings at 6 p.m.

in person only.

June 28, July 14 & July 21

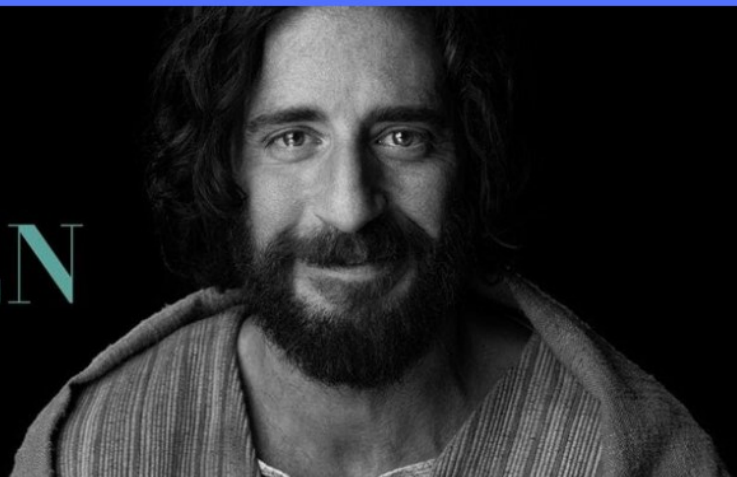
Sign up in the Narthex or call the church office.

COMING SOON

Movie Night Meets Adult Sunday School

Starting June 23rd - the Adult Sunday School class that meets on Zoom on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. for chat and 9:00 a.m. for class discussion will begin discussing the drama series *The Chosen* - Season 1. Participants will watch an episode of *The Chosen* each week on their own time and then discuss during class. There will be a workbook to use with the video. Sign up in the Narthex or talk to Dr. Jerra Jenrette.

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CHOSEN



Church Council

During its March meeting, the Church Council continued the process of examining our purpose, this time focusing on our *vision statement*. A vision statement not only defines our purpose but is intended to act as an inspirational statement of our goals and aspirations. In other words, as a church, we need to consider what we want to be in the future. Here is our current vision statement:

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

Council members were asked to consider the following questions pertaining to our current vision statement:

Given our mission, what are we ultimately supposed to be doing?
Why do we do what we do?
How do we do what we do?

In response to the first question, members felt that we should offer to love anyone who comes through our front door, and follow-up with those who are or have been missing from our community. The remaining discussion focused on the third question – How we do what we do? As the ministry and administrative teams generally report their activities to Church Council, our current actions demonstrate that we love those who are here and welcome all. Many believe this is “the how” of fulfilling our purpose.



During our May meeting, we will continue focusing on the *vision statement*, ensuring that it is still relevant and reflects our purpose and aspirations.

EUMC Scholarship

The EUMC Scholarship team is ready to award two \$500 grants to persons who are pursuing education or training beyond the high school level. If you are a full time student and have completed at least two semester of course work (as defined by an accredited institution or at least 25% of your training in a specialized program), we invite you to apply. The application is available on the EUMC website.

If you have any questions regarding eligibility, please contact Debbie McElroy at: macjdp@comcast.net.

In particular, we are looking for persons with an academic record reflecting potential and motivation for success in their field. We also want recipients to be involved in church and community service so as to demonstrate character exemplifying the principles of the Christian life.

The deadline for applying is May 31st. Please contact the church office for details.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Your EUMC trustees for 2024 include the following members: Erinn Lake-Brozewicz, Pat Crist, Diana Corner, Tim Elder, Rob Green, John Snow, Greg Thomas, Joe Tuminello and Dean Woods. We are very fortunate to have this group of people as trustees. They have varied backgrounds and areas of expertise and are always trying to do what is best for the church and responsibly use congregational monies. As we have said before, we have a major investment in our church building and parsonage, and we take seriously the maintenance of those properties.

In March, we were notified by the Edinboro Borough that they were offering competitive matching fund grants to property owners on certain streets. There was a maximum grant of \$5000 and had to be used on the outside of the building and viewed from High Street. Of course, we considered the sidewalk parallel to High Street, but were informed that was being handled by the borough under separate funding. After analyzing our needs, and looking at the view from High Street, the trustees decided that we would replace the fascia board that goes along the front of the building which is starting to disintegrate. We would also like to install lighting at the end of the parking lot so that the driveway entrance is more visible at night, and that we would repair as much sidewalk as we could. We also considered putting in some plantings along the south side of the driveway, where the large trees were removed several years ago. All of this is certainly more than the total of \$10,000 (\$5000 grant and \$5000 match). We ultimately submitted two slightly different grants and are currently waiting to hear the outcome of our proposals.

April on the trustees calendar was the time for indoor cleanup. John Snow with the help of Patti has agreed to be our Closet Trustee. He is checking all the closets and storage areas and is getting things ready for disposal or recycling.

May will be our outdoor clean up time, although with the nice weather we had in February, Aaron Glass, our landscaper, did get a head start on that. You may have noticed some of the tiles have water stains on them. We have been in contact with our roofing contractor, Ryan McCreary of McCreary Roofing, and we are currently addressing those problem areas. Flat roofs in northwestern Pennsylvania are always an ongoing issue. Thank you for your continued support.

Update on the Edinboro Borough Grant

On April 29, we were notified by the Edinboro Borough that we would be receiving a grant for \$4,290.76 to enhance our EUMC property facing High Street. The Grant will provide plantings on the south side of the driveway where the large trees were taken down several years ago. Julie Marchese of Scotland Yard will be providing the plantings and our own Aaron Glass will be actually planting and working that bed. We will also have lighting at the end of the driveway and along the soffit to the right of the front entry doors. Dean Woods will be the contractor for that part of the project. And the final portion to be done will be the replacement of the fascia board along the front of the church. Ryan McCreary of McCreary Roofing will be completing that for us. These are all people who have helped us in previous times with previous projects and we are delighted to be working with them again.

Missions Team Report

Many new opportunities to participate in Mission activities:

Highmark Walk on June 1

Ruck the Bay on May 11

Save your SHOES- Taken to Conference June 6-8

The Refuge Golf Tournament-June 17

Garden of Edin- All summer long

Red Bird Trip and Fundraisers: Trip will take place in July

Ramps of Hope – donations or building skills

Rummage Sale for the EUMC Youth in honor of Bre on August 3- donations of items and helping during the sale. More information is coming.

Donations to the Clean-up Buckets—maybe a trip to the Mission Building?

Ongoing need for Food and Hygiene Donations to Penn West and The Edinboro Food Pantry.

Erie Gives in August.

If you are not in a position to further your financial gifts, please continue your prayer gifts. Prayer is one of the most important ways of impacting this world gone wild.

God Bless, Meg

Confirmation Class 2024

Pastor Ed Schoeneck and Tyler Volk have been meeting with young people of the church since February to lead them in their confirmation journey. There have been Confirmation Mentors to assist in this walk—a thank you to Christine Henderson, Jerry & Marcie Coward and Kurt & Becky Crays for sharing your gifts.

On Sunday, May 19th, six young people joined the UMC Church Membership. Welcome to **Jera Atkin**, daughter of Jason & Cassandra Atkin, **Abigail Dougan**, daughter of Rebecca & Mitch Dougan, **Issac Lindahl**, son of Garrett & Brooke Lyle-Lindahl, **Sarah Giannamore**, daughter of Tina & Rob Giannamore, **Jason (Jay) Ramey**, son of Kattie & Jim Ramey, and **Haeven Elyse Sedler**, daughter of Carol & Dennis Sedler.



Six Youth Join EUMC through Confirmation

May 19, 2024



Abigail Dougan, Baptism & Confirmation



Issac Lindahl, Reaffirmation of Baptism & Confirmation



Jera Atkin, Reaffirmation of Baptism & Confirmation



Sarah Giannamore, Reaffirmation of Baptism & Confirmation



Haeven Sedler, Reaffirmation of Baptism & Confirmation



Jason (Jay) Ramey, Reaffirmation of Baptism & Confirmation

IFF—Elementary Sunday School Report

April 2024

Our Elementary Sunday School program is growing. PreK – 3rd grade averages 6 students a Sunday. Fourth through Sixth grade averages 3 to 4 students. These students are 4th and 5th graders.

The Easter Egg Hunt was held March 17th with 15 children participating. Due to inclement weather over 400 eggs were hidden in Grace Hall. Children and parents enjoyed pizza and crazy bread for lunch. A colored craft was also done. Ann Trask and Kelly Temple organized.

A meeting will be scheduled with the teachers to review Sunday School curriculum for next year.

In addition, a meeting for interested parents and teachers will be scheduled to discuss an event for the end of the Sunday School, summer activities, selling drinks at the rummage sale and planning a Sunday School kick off in the fall. If others would like to participate, please see Kathy Rankin or Irene Smith. We look forward to your ideas and help.

The last day of Sunday School was May 19th.

Anyone interested in joining the Sunday School Teacher rotation please notify the church office. We would love to have you join our teacher monthly rotation. There is no Sunday School on Communion Sunday. Clearances are required.

Holy Week Services

EUMC held several services during Holy Week this year.

Maundy Thursday service was held in Grace Hall with a soup and bread meal, followed by a short service including time for foot washing.

Good Friday service was held in the Sanctuary with a Tenebrae Service covering the last seven words from Jesus.

Easter service was held during Sunday worship with a celebration of Jesus' resurrection.



WITNESS TEAM

The witness team is looking for a few people who may be interested in reaching out to guests who visit our church. The outreach may include postcards, emails, cards, etc. If you are interested, please let Kim Kennedy know.

The witness team has been working on several projects including videos to promote the church, t-shirt designs and discussing other ways to expand our outreach mission.

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi Visits EUMC

On Sunday, April 7th, EUMC was blessed by a visit from the bishop of Western Pennsylvania conference UMC. The morning kicked off with Bishop Moore-Koikoi meeting with our 2024 class of Confirmands. It was an opportunity for the youth to ask questions and discuss various items with the bishop.

The day continued with Bishop Moore-Koikoi delivering her reflection "Peace," based on John 20: 19-31 (NRSV). Then inviting all to Communion.

Following Sunday Worship, a Linger Longer Luncheon was held in honor of the bishop's visit. Then going directly into Pastor Ed Schoeneck's Lay Ministry Class on Anti-Racism.



Easter Sunday Service

IFF—Youth Sunday School & EUMY Student Ministry

Hey Church!

It is hard to believe that it is almost summer. The youth, leaders and I, have been working to plan a fun and impactful summer. I am really looking forward to making memories this summer with them. The youth would like to serve the community by serving at EUMA and the Missions Barn and some yard workdays. We are specifically going to the Missions Barn on July 10th; we will transport youth. More information will be announced closer to the date. There will also be a youth Summer Schedule coming soon.

I want to give a big shout out to the Trustees, Pastor Ed and Junia for their hard work, as we will be getting a storage trailer for the 2nd Annual Bre Memorial Rummage Sale. This will be extremely helpful to keep all of the donations organized and have less stress on the day. The Rummage Sale will be August 3rd. We will have a prep night the night before on August 2nd, we will appreciate anyone who is willing to give us a hand.

Also, since we have the storage trailer, we will be able to start accepting donations on June 13th. Keep in mind that the youth will be the ones organizing and prepping for the rummage sale. The dates for donations will be 6/13, 6/27, 7/11, 7/18 and 7/25 between 6-8 pm. If none of those dates, or times work for you, please call me (814) 462-4502 to schedule a drop-off time.

One last note about the Rummage Sale. This is an event run by the youth for the benefit of the youth. The funds that are raised will be used for youth activities and events, in memory of Bre. We want to assist the youth in experiencing God's love and spreading the Gospel.

In case you haven't seen it yet, our youth ministry is spending time supporting each other in their extracurricular activities. We have gone to two plays so far, The Little Mermaid and The Tale of a Damsel. Both performances were wonderful, with some of our youth involved. Sometime the youth forget to tell us what they are up to, if anyone hears about one of our youth or even children activities that they are involved in please let us know, you can also email me, youthandfamily@edinboroumc.org.

Thank you Church and Peace be with you.

Tyler

(814) 462-4502



EUMC 2nd Annual Bre Memorial Rummage Sale

Saturday, August 3, 2024

Proceeds to be used for youth ministry.

Donations being accepted on the following Thursdays at 6 - 8 p.m.

- June 13
- June 27
- July 11
- July 18
- July 25

If you are unable to drop off donations during these times - please contact Tyler Volk (814-462-4502) to arrange for a drop off time.



Easter Baskets for EUMA Refuge

With the help of her church family—Addie Carner was able to make 31 Easter baskets and 20 blessing bags filled with toys and goodies for the kids at the EUMA Refuge! Addie's mom, Bethany was the head basket filler and chauffer of Addie to deliver the baskets to EUMA. The Carners would like to thank all of you who donated to Addie's mission project.



About EUMC

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.

Confirmands Meet with Bishop, Explore Calling

Confirmands came together at Edinboro UMC on March 21st from across the conference to meet the Bishop, explore what it means to respond to a calling, engage in mission, play a game, and have fun! A second meeting was held at Community Church Harrison City. The Confirmation Journey event at Edinboro United Methodist Church was an amazing, hope-filled day of learning, serving in hands-on mission, making new friends, and celebrating Confirmation students from around the Conference -- helping them to recognize the unique call that God has placed on each of their lives.



MOVIES UNDER THE STARS
2024 Schedule

 July 11	 July 18	 July 25
 August 1	 August 8	 August 15

July movies at PennWest Edinboro University,
August movies hosted by Goodell Gardens



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!

Pentecost 2024

“Quest: Travel As a Spiritual Act”



Whether you travel far away or see your local surroundings as if for the first time, pilgrimage has long been a spiritual practice, and “journey” a deeply-felt metaphor for our spiritual lives. “Quest” comes from the Latin root meaning “ask, seek.” This five week worship series will encourage us to open ourselves more fully to the curiosity and wonder, reflection and transformation that travelers—not merely tourists—experience when they choose to immerse themselves in soul-widening adventures.

- May 19:** Pentecost: Confirmation Sunday
 “Journey: The Places We Will Go” (Acts 2: 1 - 21)
- May 26:** “Leaving Home” (Exodus 13: 17-21)
- June 2:** Graduation Sunday
 “God will Provide” (John 6: 1-14)
- June 9:** “The Encounter” (John 4: 7-26)
- June 16:** “The Reflection” (Revelation 21: 22-26)
- June 23:** “Returning Home” (John 15: 1-17)
- June 30:** Dr. Jerra Jenrette

Finance

The 1st quarter financial picture shows the stretch of our commitment to expanded ministries as our Church continues to grow. Our first quarter results show a monthly shortfall of ~\$2,200 (income less expenses). Reasons for this falloff primarily lie in our commitment to increased programming to grow our ministries and unforeseen financial needs in our support our community.

In order to reverse this trend, we must commit to a combination of prioritizing our allocation of resources (giving) combined with a commitment by all of us to consider an increase in our financial commitment to support and grow our church.

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