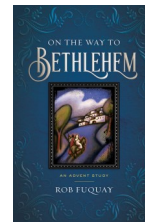
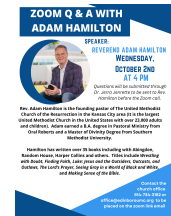




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# Edinboro United Methodist Church

## CROSS CURRENTS

"How can a grown man be born again?" Nicodemus asked. "He certainly cannot enter his mother's womb and be born a second time!" (John 3:4 GNT)

September 2024

Friends,

I was reading a daily devotion that I receive and was struck by the quote above. The devotion was written by Brian McLaren. He was talking about how God works by moving into our "ordered" lives through disruption or "disordering" with the purpose to reorder our lives. We see that in Holy Week; the movement from life, to death, and to resurrection. Those of us currently studying Revelation, we see it as well in the vision of John of Patmos. A new life is born through disruption.

One of Brian McLaren's examples of Jesus "disordering" in order to reorder it in a new way, was a man named Nicodemus. We are told by John that he is a "Pharisee". He would have been very learned in the scriptural laws that governed the Jewish life. Some Scholars say that the Pharisees knew over 650 laws that defined what it meant to be "holy". Talk about an "Ordered" live!

But God had a new life in store for Nicodemus and so Jesus challenges this very learned man that he needed to go back and start over; to be "born again". There were things he missed about the Spirit of God that would transform ("re-order") his life in a more vital and God-filled way. Nicodemus responds with the above. He responds like we all do, when our lives are disrupted and disordered, "What?! Are you kidding me?!"

Yet, Nicodemus was open to walking the journey with Jesus from this original "order" through "disorder" and found "New Life". We see him on Good Friday standing with the followers of Jesus caring for Jesus' body after the crucifixion. He becomes a leader in the early Christian Church. He was open to be "disrupted" so that God could "re-order" him anew.

There is no doubt that this year has been one of many "disruptions"! The order we once knew may seem to be turned on its head. Yet, it is the proclamation of our faith that God uses these times to bring new life.

The deeply important question is, how will we respond? May we value the lessons given by Jesus' teachings and guidance, so God may re-order us and our world in a way that brings life renewed! May we be open to responding as this man who felt very "educated and knowledgeable" in Jesus' time. So, like Nicodemus we may find the New Birth and New Life God is opening to us!

God's peace,

*Pastor Ed*



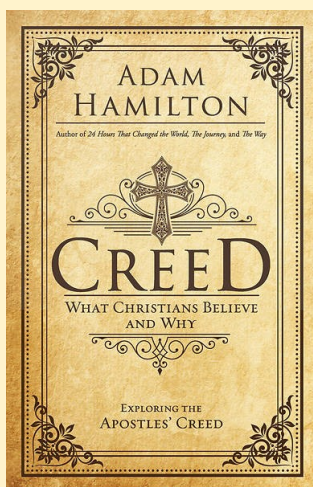
## IFF—Monday Night Disciple Book Group

**Starting in September, the Monday Night Disciple Class will be reading and discussing Adam Hamilton's book: *Creed*. It explores what Christians believe, why they believe, and why it matters through the Apostles Creed.**

We're all searching. Sometimes the search is easy: simply type a question and the answer pops up. But sometimes our questions are complicated, and the answers are difficult to see and harder to articulate. How do we discover and examine the truths that give meaning and purpose to life? Adam Hamilton believes that some powerful answers are contained in the Apostles' Creed, an early statement of foundational Christian beliefs.

In this book, Hamilton considers important questions of life, reality, and truth. He explores not only what Christians believe, but also why they believe it and why it matters.

Come Join us for discussion and videos about the book on every other Monday nights on Zoom at 6:00.



## SPRC Committee

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) met in July to make some updates to several job descriptions. We included tasks in the Technology Director's (Dennis Carner) profile to include streaming responsibilities, which have been added for worship and other special services. We also added language to the Administrative Assistant (Junia Isiminger) job profile clarifying use of vacation and flex time.

The SPRC is also responsible to set salaries and wages for the Pastor and all paid church staff. This will be a challenging task as we consider the 2025 budget in light of some recent budgetary constraints, and the reduction in some regular bigger donations due to moving out of the area and medical issues. Please keep our discussions coming in September in your prayers.

The SPRC team is a wonderful group of thoughtful and sensitive members, and I always look forward to working with them, because our church staff is so talented and dedicated to the love of Christ and ministry within (and outside of) our community!

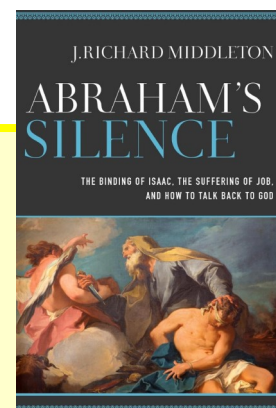
## IFF: Men's Book Club "Early Risers"

The Early Risers book group meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. in person at the church in the Wesley Room area. When I was working, I could not attend due to my work schedule, but since retirement, this has been a critical group for my personal and spiritual growth! I am not a prolific reader, but this group has motivated me to read books I would not have looked at before.

Our group has just finished reading *Facing the Mountains* by Daniel Brown, a moving narrative of the Japanese Americans who fought for the US military in World War II, despite their families being incarcerated in American concentration camps due to their nationality after the Pearl Harbor attack.

Our new book is *Abraham's Silence*, by theologian and biblical scholar J. Richard Middleton. This book explores our relationship with God, advocating honest and sometimes emotional communication with God, through prayers of lament and supplication. It also looks at the story of Job, and his direct anger expressed toward God, in contrast to Abraham's seeming passive compliance when God asked him to sacrifice his son.

Why not consider joining us if the time would work for you? You don't need to be a scholar (I'm certainly not), and even if you just join us to listen, we would love to have you among us. There are great breakfast refreshments as well! So set your alarm!



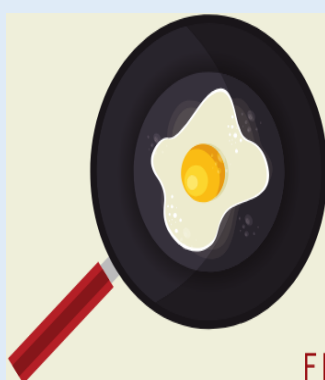
## IFF—Northeast Jurisdiction Meeting

Jerra Jenrette was elected as a delegate in June 2023 to the Northeast Jurisdiction (NEJ) which met in Pittsburgh, July 8-12, 2024. The purpose of this gathering was to examine the assignments of bishops in the jurisdiction and when appropriate to make changes. Changes were, indeed, made as Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi was appointed Bishop to Eastern PA/Greater New Jersey and Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball to Western Pennsylvania (WPA). Edinboro UMC wishes Bishop Cynthia godspeed and many blessings and welcomes Bishop Steiner Ball to our region.

Prior to the NEJ, delegates were asked to submit biographies and prioritize committees on which they were interested in serving. Jerra requested the Committee on Race and Religion, Church and Society, and Vision Table as her top three choices; she was appointed to the Vision Table and will be serving with Bishop Cynthia (Chair) and Reverend Alyce Weaver Dunn (Vice-chair and leader of the WPA Delegation).

Recently, Reverend Jenny Gordon of the Indiana, PA area contacted Jerra and asked her to serve as Vice-chair of the WPA Connectional Leadership Table (CLT), which essentially serves as the administrative council of our conference.

Please keep Jerra in your prayers as she takes on these new leadership roles.



## WOMEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST

FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH  
CROSSROADS DINOR  
8 AM

On Sunday morning, do you find yourself thinking about the other women in the congregation?

Asking yourself, what are their interests?

Do they have hobbies?

Not enough time on Sunday to find the answers!

Come to Breakfast!

More information - contact Gert Myer





**Fall Worship Series 2024****Theme: Living the “Salt Life”**

***“Let me tell you why you are here. You’re here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth.” (Matt. 5:13, the Message)***

Many of us have seen these “Salt Life” decals from a beach apparel company; they brought to mind Jesus’ quote above. When I looked up “salt life” online I read: “... *more than that team salt life performs in a variety of ocean sports (extreme surfing, free diving, fishing, etc.). These athletes not only excel in their areas of expertise, they are also passionate about living the “salt life” - every single day.*”

What if we were as passionate about living a “Salt Life” that Jesus calls us to live? What would that look like?

<b><u>Sunday Sept. 1:</u></b>	<b>“Getting Your Salt On” (Romans 13: 8-14)</b>
<b><u>Sunday Sept. 8:</u></b>	<b>“Chelsea House Orchestra”</b>
<b><u>Sunday Sept. 15:</u></b>	<b>“Keeping it Salty” (Matthew 20: 1-16)</b>
<b><u>Sunday Sept. 22:</u></b>	<b>Rev. Kathleen Schoeneck (pulpit swap)</b>
<b><u>Sunday Sept. 29:</u></b>	<b>Rev. Dr. Sang Choi – Erie-Meadville D.S.</b>
<b><u>Sunday Oct 6: World Communion Sunday</u></b>	<b>“Being Salt” (Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2:5-12)</b>
<b><u>Sunday Oct 13:</u></b>	<b>“Pass the Salt!” (Philippians 2: 1-13)</b>
<b><u>Sunday Oct 20:</u></b>	<b>“Worth your Salt” (Matthew 5: 13-20)</b>
<b><u>Sunday Oct 27:</u></b>	<b>“Salt Springs” (Matthew 9:9-13)</b>

## Church Council

During its May meeting, the Church Council concluded their discussions on visioning. Council members believe that our Vision statement is still very relevant. The resulting discussions surrounding our mission and vision statements were both enlightening and reaffirming, showing that our goals and aspirations for the church continue to be appropriate.

Our August meeting saw the reports of the ministry teams, following Council’s brief summer interlude. As you will read in this newsletter, the ministry teams remained active over the summer months. The next meeting of the Church Council will be held in October, at which time we will be preparing for Church Conference to be held on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. A Church Conference invites all members of the congregation to participate in the annual meeting of the Charge Conference. From the Book of Discipline:

“The primary responsibilities of the charge conference in the annual meeting shall be to review and evaluate the total mission and ministry of the church (¶¶ 120-124), receive reports, and adopt objectives and goals recommended by the church council that are in keeping with the objectives of The United Methodist Church.”

(Book of Discipline: ¶ 246 ff. The Charge Conference)

At Edinboro, the Charge Conference consists of the Church Council and Pastor Schoeneck, and is convened by our District Superintendent.



## C.A.R.E. Team

The C.A.R.E. Team is a nurturing arm of Edinboro United Methodist Church's ministry to those in our congregation 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 medical treatment; cards; phone calls; and/or visits to those who are homebound.

Excitement is growing over the new photo directory. We hope to have these soon to distribute. They will be provided to those who had their pictures taken.

A new ministry is being developed to make a difference in the lives of those who are unable to attend worship services in person. Volunteers are being trained to take consecrated communion elements to those who are missing the sense of connection to God and the community of faith that the Bread and Cup can bring. This ministry will remind them that they are not alone, and that they are loved by God and their church.

We are a caring and compassionate church community. Won't you join in our mission by sending a card or making a phone call to someone who is on your heart and mind. We are all, in fact, members of a caring team.

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

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

## **"Pack the Backpacks"**

On Monday, August 12, 2024 the annual indoor picnic and "Pack the Backpacks" event was held in Grace Hall. Men and women from our church and the other sponsoring groups joined in fellowship to share a potluck dinner, lively camaraderie, and the task of packing hundreds of school supplies. In the following two weeks 155 children in grades K-12 chose a new backpack and a large bags of school supplies as they visited the Edinboro Food Pantry with their families.

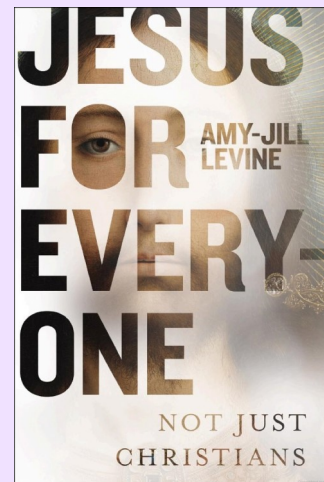
Thank you to all who contributed time and money to this valuable local mission project. Its success was made possible through the generosity and combined efforts of the people of:

Edinboro Food Pantry  
Edinboro United Methodist Church  
First United Presbyterian Church of Edinboro  
Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church  
Unity of Edinboro Church  
Salvation Army of Erie



## Intentional Faith Formation Team (IFF)

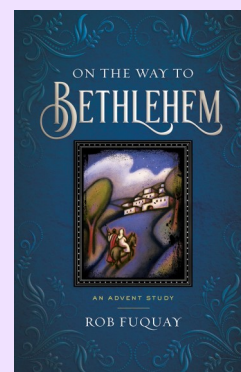
**Adult Sunday School** class continues to meet on Sunday mornings from 9-10:00, with an early chat time at 8:30 for those who want to visit. We are currently watching (on our own time) the first season of the popular series entitled “The Chosen.” We anticipate wrapping this study up on September 22nd. The Adult SS group has chosen for its next study, **beginning on October 6, Amy-Jill Levine’s new book entitled *Jesus for Everyone (Not Just Christians)*** wherein she examines the life and teachings of Jesus as they are valuable for everyone. She focuses on six major topics, including economics, slavery, women, amongst others. She examines the ethical-moral contributions made by this man from Galilee and calls on others to learn from his teachings and life. Levine will join the group in January via zoom for a Q/A.



### **Fall studies with Pastor Ed!**

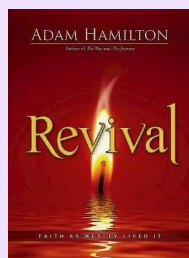
Pastor Ed is leading a seven-week study on *Breaking the Code*, which focuses on the Book of Revelation. This book challenges many of the stereotypical interpretations of Revelation as a portend of coming disaster. Meetings occur twice a week, Sundays at 7:00 p.m. on zoom and Monday mornings at 10:30 in person at the church. This study will end on September 29/October 2.

Pastor Ed will lead an Advent study beginning the first week of December—“*On the Way to Bethlehem.*” (see page 9 for more info)



### **Spring Studies:**

Pastor Ed will offer Introduction to the New Testament, using Daniel Da Silva’s book *Introduction to the New Testament*, a Wilke Institute for Discipleship publication, sometime during early spring 2025. This study will be nine weeks including an introductory session.



Pastor Ed and Jerra Jenrette will co-lead a study of Adam Hamilton’s *Revival* which looks at the history and theology of early Methodism. This will be a 6-week study in January-February, 2025.

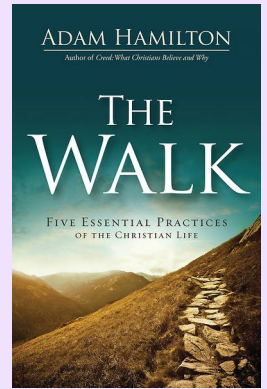
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## Intentional Faith Formation Team (IFF) cont.

### Lenten Studies:

Pastor Ed is planning to use *The Walk* which examines five essential spiritual practices rooted in Jesus' own walk with God. The Adult SS will determine their Lenten study at a later date.



**Trips for 2024-25!** More information will be forthcoming later this year



Sights and Sounds  
Cincinnati



### Fall "Holiday" Opportunities:

Handel's Messiah, Erie Philharmonic, at the First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant,  
12/14 Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

Presque Isle Lights, December (specific TBD)

Day trip to Kraynaks in Hermitage, PA, date TBD

### Collaborations:

**November IFF/Mission-Outreach Fundraiser for Edinboro Pantry with Linger Longer Luncheon (LLL)** . On November 10, Mission/Outreach and Intentional Faith Formation will co-sponsor a fundraiser for the Edinboro Food Pantry. We encourage everyone to bring their contribution, either nonperishable foods or financial donations. We will honor the day with a Linger Longer Luncheon. Donations will be accepted to help cover the cost of the meal with the surplus going to the Boro Pantry.

We will need volunteers to help with food preparation, serving, and clean-up. Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex later this fall.

**January 2025:** Fundraiser for the Penn West Food Panty (more information will be forthcoming)

### 12 January 2025: Game On 3!

This will be a church-wide event immediately following worship. Bring your favorite board games and enjoy fun, food, and fellowship.





## “Faith and Movies” Discussion group

On Tuesday evenings (excluding the first week of each month), those who love watching and discussing movies come together on zoom at 6:30 p.m. to talk about movies. We create a schedule for the fall, spring, and summer, in increments, and watch the movies on our own time. Then we gather for discussion. Participants take turns leading discussion. Everyone is invited to join! Contact the church office or Jerra to receive the zoom link.

Here's the rest of our fall 2024 schedule:

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|--------------|---|---------------|--|
| <b>10/8</b>  | <b>Shirley</b>  | <b>Jerra</b>  |  |
|              | In 1972, the first-ever Black congresswoman, Shirley Chisholm, launched a trailblazing campaign to become the president of the United States.   |               |  |
|              | Netflix   |               |  |
| <b>10/15</b> | <b>The Miracle Club</b>   | <b>Kathy</b>  |  |
|              | There's just one dream for the women of Ballygar to taste freedom: to win a pilgrimage to the sacred French town of Lourdes. With a little benevolent interference from their local priest, a group of close friends get their ticket of a lifetime.  |               |  |
|              | Netflix; \$3.99 on YouTube, Google Play, Apple TV, and \$4.79 on Amazon Prime   |               |  |
| <b>10/22</b> | <b>The Beautiful Game</b>   | <b>Gert</b>   |  |
|              | Mal is the manager of England's homeless football team, taking his players to Rome with the hope of being crowned champions of the Homeless World Cup. He brings with them a talented striker, Vinny, who could give them a real chance at winning.   |               |  |
|              | Netflix   |               |  |
| <b>10/29</b> | <i>no movie discussion</i>  |               |  |
| <b>11/5</b>  | <i>no movie discussion (ELECTION DAY!)</i>  |               |  |
| <b>11/12</b> | <b>The Light Between Oceans</b>   | <b>Deb T</b>  |  |
|              | Tom is a World War I veteran who maintains a lighthouse off the shore of Australia with his wife Isabel, a woman desperate to have a baby. Her prayers are answered when an infant washes up on shore in a rowboat. Tom thinks they should notify the authorities but ultimately gives in to Isabel's wish to keep the girl. Fate strikes again when the couple meet the child's biological mother on the mainland. Now, Tom and Isabel must make a decision that will forever affect the lives of four people. |               |  |
|              | \$3.79 on Amazon Prime; \$3.99 on Google Play, YouTube, Apple TV, and Fandango at Home  |               |  |
| <b>11/19</b> | <b>The Holiday</b>  | <b>Pat K</b>  |  |
|              | Dumped and depressed, English rose Iris agrees to swap homes with similarly unlucky in love Californian Amanda for a much-needed break. Iris finds herself in a palatial Hollywood mansion while Amanda navigates the lanes of a picture-perfect English village. Soon enough, both lovelorn ladies bump into local lads perfect for a romantic pick-me-up.   |               |  |
|              | \$3.99 on Amazon Prime, Google Play, Apple TV, and Fandango at Home; free on YouTube with subscription  |               |  |
| <b>11/26</b> | <i>no movie discussion</i>  |               |  |
| <b>12/3</b>  | <i>no movie discussion</i>  |               |  |
| <b>12/10</b> | <b>The Man Who Invented Christmas</b>   | <b>Cheryl</b> |  |
|              | In 1843 London, author Charles Dickens finds himself in financial trouble after writing three unsuccessful novels in a row. Desperate for a hit, Dickens relies on real-life inspiration and his vivid imagination to bring Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim and other classic characters to life in "A Christmas Carol," forever changing the holiday season into the celebration known today.   |               |  |
|              | Free on Amazon Prime with subscription; \$3.99 on Google Play, Apple TV, Fandango at Home, YouTube  |               |  |
| <b>12/17</b> | <b>I Heard the Bells</b>  |               |  |
|              | Known as America's Poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow leads an idyllic life, until the day his world is shattered by tragedy. With a nation divided by the Civil War and his family torn apart, Henry puts down his pen. The sound of Christmas morning reignites the poet's lost voice, and he discovers his rekindled faith.  |               |  |
|              | \$3.99 on Amazon Prime, Google Play, Apple TV, Fandango at Home, YouTube  |               |  |



## How Can We All Work Together to Make EUMC a Truly Welcoming Church?

We may say we are a welcoming church, and we are- but is it only to the people we know. This camaraderie is important, we love and connect with our church family. But how are we communicating with people in the congregation we do not yet know or to guests who are coming to our church?

Let's try what is called the '5-10 link'.

5 minutes before and after service, let's make sure we meet someone we've never met. Be careful leading with the question, "Is this your first time here?" It may not be, our paths just may not have crossed. We might say, "I don't think we've met yet", or a simple, "Hi, my name is so and so, what's yours?"

The 10 refers to distance. When someone we haven't met is within 10 ft. of us, we need to go and greet them. Even if we're standing with someone we know, we have to have the courage to excuse ourselves and break away to greet this person. Maybe we can invite them over to join with our friends and introduce them

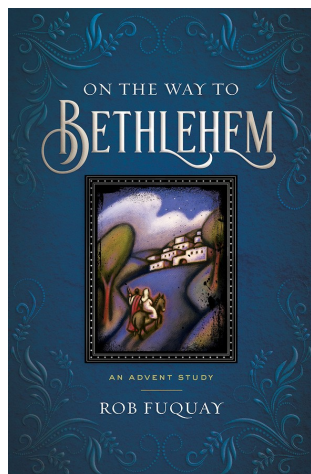
This leads to 'linking', connecting to other people in our church. In the process of getting to know a person (their name, where they're from, what work they do, children) we may realize they have something in common with someone we already know in the congregation. There may be a link, a connection that can break the ice and make them feel more comfortable, more included, more welcomed.

### ***"On the Way to Bethlehem"*** An Advent Study

By Rob Fuquay

The journey to Christmas begins in Rome.

*On the Way to Bethlehem* follows the long journey to Christmas. The story begins in Rome with a decree issued from the seat of worldly power for a census, setting into motion events leading to the birth of the Savior of the world in a town that represents the very opposite of worldly power, Bethlehem.



Author Rob Fuquay provides insight into the geographical and historical significance of Rome, Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, along with the important characters through whom the Christmas drama unfolds. You will be drawn into those places in a way that helps you experience the spiritual truths each location holds. The reflection we give in these places prepares the heart and soul to experience wonder, awe, mystery, and joy.

Chapters include:

Rome – A Place of Longing  
Jerusalem – A Place of Waiting  
Nazareth – A Place of Simplicity  
Bethlehem – A Place of Humility

Sign ups will be done in the Narthex in late October, early November. Watch for the announcements.



## IFF—Tithe Bed Team 2024 Report

This year our faithful Tithe Bed Team continued to look after three 4 x 8 and three trellis beds at the Garden of Edin. This has been a tough year as we have either had too much rain or too much sun or not enough of either. The harvest was not as plentiful this year but we did ultimately harvest and donated 80.6 lbs. to the Edinboro Food Pantry. Members of the team include Stephanie Berger (new this year), Cheryl Wiegler, Gert and Don Myer, Kathy Rankin, Trish Hillman, Jerra Jenrette, Marla Stauffer, Linda Moore, Deb Zahler, and Christine Henderson. Many thanks to everyone!

Our team would like to give a “shout-out” to Heather and Brian Zimmerman for their leadership, dedication, and commitment to making the Garden of Edin a blessing to the Edinboro community for 10 years! So, congrats and many thanks to Heather and Brian, without whom this Garden of Edin would not continue as it does!





Hi Church,

On behalf of the students and youth leaders, I want to thank you. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bre Humble Memorial Rummage Sale was a success. We were able to raise over \$2000. This is such a blessing, it will be used for big UMC Youth Events (such as Current), youth meals, materials required for special events, etc.

The Rummage Sale is a special event to me; since it was the first event I participated in for this church. It is more than receiving donations, raising funds, and donating the remaining items to EUMA. This event is about the church opening its doors to the community and being the church as the New Testament describes.

Another huge part of this event is that it honors Bre Elder. It is my belief that it brings joy to her heart in heaven; as many people she loved gather and do something good for the youth of the church. When I was interviewed last year, I told the committee that I believed Bre should have a place in this youth group. It is important that the youth be able to share about her openly whenever they need to express their emotions and feelings.

This school year we will be trying a different approach with the youth. Our goal is to focus on the youth being more involved in the church, which hopefully you are already noticing. Our goal is not to create the largest youth group in the area, that would however be nice. Instead, we are going to meet our youth where they are, while utilizing the resources and technologies we already have. Every Sunday Evening we are now gathering over Zoom, to have a bible study and check in. If you are aware of events that a child who is connected to the church is involved with let me know. Our group loves plays, band competitions and any other sport or activity our youth participate in. We want the youth to know they have adults and a church family there to support them during their various endeavors.

There will also be more of a focus on family ministry during this school year. Varying events for children, youth and families. Please pray for our youth and children during this school year. Pray they get closer to Jesus and peace and guidance for the volunteers.

Thank you and Peace be with you,

Tyler Volk  
Youth and Family Ministries  
Director





January  
12th,  
2025

# Game On 3

Bring your  
favorite  
board  
games.

Hosted by:  
**IFF Team**

Enjoy fun, food  
and fellowship!

Immediately after Sunday  
worship in Grace Hall. 📍



## 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.



# ZOOM Q & A WITH ADAM HAMILTON

**SPEAKER:**

**REVEREND ADAM HAMILTON  
WEDNESDAY,  
OCTOBER 2ND  
AT 4 PM**



*Questions will be submitted through  
Dr. Jerra Jenrette to be sent to Rev.  
Hamilton before the Zoom call.*

**Rev. Adam Hamilton is the founding pastor of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in the Kansas City area (It is the largest United Methodist Church in the United States with over 23,000 adults and children). Adam earned a B.A. degree in Pastoral Ministry from Oral Roberts and a Master of Divinity Degree from Southern Methodist University.**

**Hamilton has written over 35 books including with Abingdon, Random House, Harper Collins and others. Titles include *Wrestling with Doubt*, *Finding Faith*, *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders*, *Outcasts*, and *Outlaws*, *The Lord's Prayer*, *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White*, and *Making Sense of the Bible*.**

**Contact the  
church office  
814-734-3182 or  
[office@edinboroumc.org](mailto:office@edinboroumc.org) to be  
placed on the zoom link email**



# 2024 Fall Lay Ministry School

**(Erie-Meadville District)**  
**held at Edinboro United Methodist Church**

Sunday, October 6th - Sunday, November 3rd

**Register by Monday, September 30th.**

## Courses:

**Lay Servant Ministries (Basic)** - *encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship.*


**Leading Worship (Advanced)** - *This course focuses on the ministry of the lay servant who either regularly or occasionally leads a group or congregation in worship.*

**Living Our United Methodist Beliefs: United Methodist Heritage (Advanced)**  
- *This course will explore the special gifts of theology, witness, and organization that The United Methodist Church brings to the church universal, how we got where we are today, and how our distinctive emphases are still needed in the 21st-century church.*




# Homecoming Tent

## October 11th - 12th



Volunteers needed to:

- Set up and Tear Down Tent
- Staffing of Tent
- Cookie Bakers



Sign up in the Narthex.  
See Jerra Jenrette with any questions.



## Women's Ministry Courses through The Institute for Discipleship The Wilkie Institute at Southwestern College

Beadisciple.com will be offering a certificate program on women's ministry, starting in January 2025. These courses include the following:

[IFDC1310 – Biblical Faith Regarding Women](#)

[IFDC1320 – Theology Regarding Women](#)

[IFD1330 – Practical Women's Ministries I](#)

[IFDC1340 – Practical Women's Ministries II](#)



### Is the Women's Ministries IFDC program right for you?

interested in the role of women in scripture, church history, and current ministry?

looking for deeper understanding of women in scripture and women's theologies?

hoping to empower women in your congregation or community?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, the IFD Certification in Women's Ministries is right for you! Now, there's just one last question:

Are you ready to read, think, discuss, and grow?

<https://beadisciple.com/ifd-certifications/womens-ministries/>

If you're not quite sure, then check out this exciting new course on beadisciple taught by Reverend Beth Perry, that will give you sampling of what to expect in the Women's Ministry certification program. Beth Perry is the lead instructor of the Women's Ministries Certification Program, which is beginning its 5th cohort in August 2022. She has been studying women in religion and in the Bible for 30 years and has taught Women in the Bible at the undergraduate level. She brings an egalitarian theology to the topic of ministry for, by, and with 21st century women.

<https://beadisciple.com/online-christian-courses/womens-ministry/ifdc1360-womens-ministries-3-day-sampler/>

Jerra Jenrette will be teaching the second course in the certification series, Theology Regarding Women.



**Come and Experience...**

## ***“The Charred Cross”***

**Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> 3pm**

**Edinboro United Methodist Church**

**The Charred Cross, as it has come to be known, originated as a symbol of resistance to segregation in the Methodist Church and racialized violence.** In the fall of 1963, black and white students from Tougaloo College attempted to worship together in Methodist churches in Jackson, MS. Methodists from Chicago traveled to Jackson to accompany them. They were refused entry and arrested.

In response to the church visits, the KKK burned a cross on the lawn of Tougaloo Chaplain Ed King. King recalls: “We did not like the burning of the cross, but we kept it as a symbol. It did not intimidate us”. In 1964 the cross came to Pittsburgh as more than 1,000 Methodists gathered at Smithfield Street Methodist Church while the city hosted the 1964 General Conference. After an all-night vigil, the group carried the cross from Tougaloo through the streets to the Civic Arena and onto the Conference floor. They called upon delegates to “provide courageous leadership in removing racial injustice” from the denomination.

**The Charred Cross, on loan from its home in Chicago, is in Edinboro for just a short time.**

**Come and experience the power of the Charred Cross and hear about its history and relevance for our day.**

**Prayer service at 3pm in the sanctuary followed by discussion.**



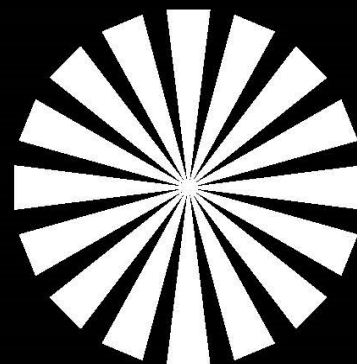
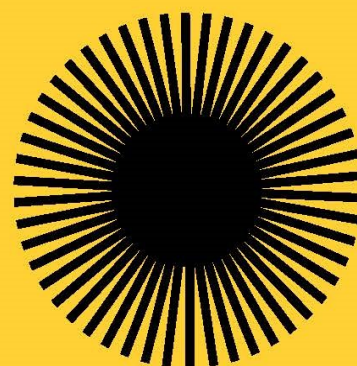
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# The Color of Compromise

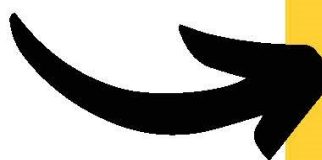
Virtual Book Study

Tuesdays in October  
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Join Peggy Ward on a journey to explore the American church's history with racism and learn meaningful steps to take toward justice. The book study is free, participants will need to purchase the book *Color of Compromise* by Jemar Tisby. This group will meet via Zoom, registration is needed to receive the Zoom link.



**Scan to register**



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# JERRA JENRETTE

IN THE ONLINE COURSE  
**'OLD TESTAMENT THROUGH A  
 DIFFERENT LENS: THE PROPHETS'**



This course examines Scripture through lenses other than those familiar to us as Christians. It looks at the Prophets—from Joshua, Judges, Samuel, and Kings, to the major and minor prophets of the Old Testament—and connects them to the contexts and experiences of ancient and modern Israel. It will focus on the “bad” kings, the heroes, the judges, the building of the nation into a unified monarchy and its dissolution. You will discover the many times Israel was invaded and dispersed in antiquity and see the role or prophetic voices in the exile/captivity, as well as learning more about how God works in the lives of Biblical figures. Finally, it will bring the insights of these ancient prophets into a modern context.

October 14 | 1 CEU | 2 Weeks | \$65



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## FINANCE

The generous response to the financial shortfall identified in June brought us back into balance entering the summer. Unfortunately, giving in July and August was off significantly and we find ourselves with a negative balance of ~\$16,400 at the end of August.

We are monitoring the financial situation closely as we return to normal fall ministries and will reassess our budget priorities if increased giving falls short of our current expectations. Our initial participation in Erie Gives was a success. The \$7,150 we will receive in September will help in reducing the summer dip in giving.



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