

Announcements September 2017

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“We are a church called by Jesus Christ to Proclaim, Teach & Serve.”

In Our Prayers. Sandy Skat

And Judith Gerleman upon the passing of her husband Kenneth.

There will be a service for Kenneth on Wednesday, August 30th at 10 A.M.
at Ahlgrim Funeral Home.

There is a list on the bulletin board in the Nelson-White Room on the
“news” bulletin board. It shows the latest parishioners who are in a
health center or are hospitalized. If you would like your name added to the
board or put on the prayer list, please contact the church office.



Debbie Paton, Pastor
Diane Slocum, Associate Pastor
Susan Smentek, Director of Music
Karen Bircher, Office Administrator
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EPC Fall Worship Series

Tending the New Creation:

“And if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” - 2 Corinthians 5: 17

What does it mean to be a “new creation?” We all yearn for renewal– but are we willing to pursue it? How is our own personal renewal connected to “new creation” in others, in our communities and in the world itself? “Tending” means to lean in the direction of something... to “attend” to something is to nurture it, grow it, build it, pay... “attention!” So this is what we will do on the 8 week journey toward the New Creation Christ in-tends for us!

September 3 “His Yoke Is Easey.” Matthew 11:28-30.

September 10 “Tending/Attending to the New Creation”
2 Corinthians 5:17

At this special Fall Start-Up Worship service, we invite you to join with the other members of your Parish Unit and sit together in worship. Getting to know the folks in your Parish Unit is a first step toward “Tending” to relationships in our community. As part of our “Attending” to one another, worship will flow directly into our Western BBQ themed church picnic at 11:15, so please plan on staying for this fun time of fellowship and food! Western wear is also welcome so get out your cowboy boots and hats and join us for a fabulous beginning to a new year at EPC!

September 17 “Re-Creating Sabbath” 2 Cor. 4:5-12, Mark 2:23-3:6

September 24 “Expanding Kinship” Mark 3:20-35. “Who is Our Kin?”

October 1 “Planting With Care” Mark 4:26-34, World Communion Sunday

October 8 “Living Out Loud” 2 Cor. 6:1-13

October 15 “Healing Old Wounds” Mark 4:26-34

October 22 “Sharing the New Creation” Mark 6:1-13

October 29 “God’s Economy” Ephesians 1:3-14

November 5 “Breaking Down The Walls” Ephesians 2:11-22

Donation Drive – We’re Doing it Again

Back by popular demand, EPC is hosting another fundraising Donation Drive. If you didn’t get a chance to contribute last time, or found more items, you have **until Thursday, September 14** to drop off your gently-used clothing and household items on the stage in Calvin Hall. Acceptable items include clothing, shoes, accessories, books, DVDs, sporting goods, kitchen items, linens and small household items (no furniture). Your donations are tax deductible and receipts are available. The drive is in partnership with Savers, a global thrift organization that pays EPC by the pound for our donations.

Questions?

Contact Karen Miller at 630-702-9876 or karen@onelouderinc.com.



MISSION PAGE

UNDY SUNDAY September 17th. Men’s and women’s underwear is being collected for PADS. You can leave your donations in the baskets in the Nelson-White Room.

Thank you to Sue Hall and Faith Hill who oversee the donations left in the baskets by sorting the donations, and making sure what is needed for our PADS guests.

PADS Season Begins October 1st

**We are looking for new volunteers for our PADS Mission Work at EPC.
There are many ways to help!**

The PADS organization provides shelter and meals to the homeless in DuPage County. We serve 35+ homeless in our basement site each Saturday night and Sunday morning. We are eager to share this gratifying experience. Our service is a direct and profound way of making a difference in someone’s life.

**If you are interested in learning more, please call Diana Riekse at
630-220-2269!
*Touched by Grace, We Live Differently***

Children and Youth Ministries (CYM)

Many thanks to all who stepped up this summer to keep our programs going.

Special thanks to Ruth, Sarah, Karen , Heather and Olivia.

The CYM team is working to organize and oversee , to recruit, train and support teachers and program leaders for our Children and Youth Ministries this fall. We are excited and eager for the new season of growing in faith.

We have made some changes in the Sunday morning schedule as follows:
There will be no Sunday School on September 3 (Labor Day weekend) and September 10 (the church picnic). Third grade is when the children of EPC receive their Bibles. Please let the office know if this year your child should be receiving their Bible or if your child should have received a Bible, and didn’t get one.

September 17, will be “Rally Sunday”, with the restart of Sunday School for children at 9:30am. The Jr. and Sr. High Youth will gather in the kitchen to prepare and host coffee for the congregation (every third Sunday), and on the first Sunday of each month for learning and sharing in the youth room at 9:30am.

The children and youth are always welcome in worship and invited to come to the front for “the time with young disciples,” The children are also invited to leave after the music ministry for Bible Zone. The change is that the children will not return to church but remain in Bible Zone until worship is over. On the first Sunday of the month, when we celebrate communion, the children will remain for all of worship. This will allow more teaching time with the children and youth as well as worship time with the community.

The CYM team is also planning for Kids Club and Family Ministries (more information to come).

The Yorkfield Presbyterian Church continues to invite our youth to participate in Jr. and Sr. High Youth fellowship. (more info to come).

We are creating a list of substitute Sunday School teachers and helpers, to step in when needed. We are looking for people who like to tell stories, do crafts, play games, sing songs, bake cookies, and most importantly love children. If you would like to know how you can help, please contact Paula Reckley, Diane Slocum or Debbie Paton.

ADULT STUDIES WITH PASTOR DEBBIE

Sunday morning Adult Bible Study will not meet September 3 (Labor Day weekend) and September 10 (the church picnic). We will continue our study of the Gospels Parallel, looking at the passion narrative in Matthew, Mark and Luke on September 17 at 9:15am.

No preparation is necessary, just come with open hearts and minds to share in the conversation and learning.

Wednesday Evening Book Study, will resume on September 6 at 7pm. We will continue our conversation on The Book of Joy by the Dalia Lama and Bishop Desmond Tutu. We will focus on the "Pillars of Joy".

All are welcome to join us.

MONDAY MORNING LADIES BOOK GROUP RESUMES

The group will begin on Monday, September 11th from 9:30 -11:00 A.M. in the Tallman Room. A new book will be picked to read and discuss. Questions please contact Muriel Gifford at 630-510-2680.

COMING SOON . . .

EPC is in the process of launching a new website with a fresh look and more tools to make it easier for us to communicate with you.

Final touches are in process. We'll let you know when it goes live. Web address stays the same: www.elmhurstchurch.org

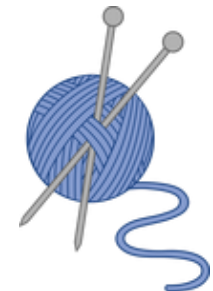
News from The Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next time Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet will be on September 6th. Time: 1:00-2:30 P.M. in the Nelson White Room.

We have a number of completed prayer shawls. If you know of someone (or yourself) who is in need of a hug from God and the warmth of a shawl to help you or someone you know face a difficult time, please let Mary or the church office know.

Pocket Prayer Shawls are also available in a basket in the Nelson White Room. Three hundred and seventy seven shawls have been given to members and friends of the congregation.

Any questions please contact Mary Mueller at 708) 547-8793.



GARDEN NEWS

September, 2017

Children's Vegetable Garden

The Children's Vegetable Garden is producing nicely now, especially tomatoes and cucumbers. As of August 19th, 68 pounds of organically-grown veggies had been delivered to the Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry, with lots more to come.

Butterfly Garden

Ruth is going to apply to Monarch Watch to have our butterfly garden certified as an official "Monarch Waystation." Information about this organization and how to help the monarchs can be found at MonarchWatch.org.



Beds & Borders

We could use more help with watering and weeding. Please contact Ruth Schroeter (708-562-5346 or SchroeterRuth@yahoo.com).

UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update YOUR record for the Fall paper church directory. It is time to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year. Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you have your current email address? If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the directory is correct.

Contact the Church Office at epc@elmhurstchurch.org or call 630-834-7750.

MOVIE GROUP will resume on Saturday, September 9th. Members will be notified of the movie choice, location and time. Refreshments and discussion will follow at church. Contact Susan Leslie at kcleslie206@sbcglobal.net to be added to the member list.

R.O.M.E.O. Group (Retired Old Men Eating Out) Will be meeting on Wednesday, September 27th at Hi-View Restaurant in Villa Park. Time: 1:00 P.M. Contact: Doug Hall at (630) 279-8739.

PRAYER IS POWERFUL

EPC has a Prayer Team! If you are interested in having members of our congregation pray for you or your loved ones, there are several ways to go about it:

1. Email your prayer request to prayerplease@outlook.com. Requests sent to this email address are only distributed to EPC's Prayer Team.
2. Attach a prayer request card to the net in the sanctuary or submit a concern during today's Prayers of the People.
3. Meet with a member of the Prayer Team who will be available for private prayer every Sunday immediately following the service in the front right pew.
Is there anything you'd like a prayer for?

PASTORAL CARE AT EPC

One of the key ingredients in any successful church is the quality of care it extends to its people and the surrounding community. The care the church exercises is called "pastoral," not in the sense that it is from the pastor him/herself, but that the care has the basic qualities of love that Jesus Christ demonstrated. At EPC, we have a whole church full of individuals who can provide pastoral care. This is everyone's job. If you or someone you know is in need of pastoral care, please contact the pastors or leaders of the pastoral care team – Laurie Wilson, Pat Campbell, Carol Ewert, Cami Streuter and Cheryl Kopecky.

EPC POTTED PLANTS OUTSIDE THE CHURCH, thank you to Joan Strouse for planting the summer and fall plants and caring for the pots.



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DEACON'S CORNER

Dust off your cowboy boots and hats to join us Sunday Sept. 10th for a fun-filled day of getting to know your Deacon along with great food and fellowship. Please be sure to RSVP to your Deacon when you receive your invitation. Western wear is encouraged, but not required. We hope ya'll can join us for a rootin' tootin' good time!



EPC will be hosting Grace Café on Monday, November 13th at 5:00 P.M. Sign-up to help at the picnic.

Long time EPC member Margaret Schult would like to attend our Sunday service once a month if possible, but is in need of transportation. Please contact Trish Waters at (630) 878-8331 if you are available to provide transportation on a rotating basis. Thank you.

