



Announcements October 2017

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

In Our Prayers. Pat Kreibich & Sandy Skat.

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
Jesus Garcia — Custodian
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God 
Answers
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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!

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

**We will be accepting items at Redeemer on
Tues 10/10 from 11AM-3PM
Wed 10/11 from 9AM-1PM and 5PM-7PM
Thurs 10/12 from 9AM-1PM
Please bring your items pre-priced.**

**Send email to
rummagesale@redeemerlcms.com**

no clothing or entertainment centers please

***In addition the Food Pantry is in
need of the following items:***

Cleaning Supplies
Kleenex
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper
Shampoo
Toothpaste
Deodorant



**Multi-Church
Rummage Sale
Friday & Saturday
10/13 & 10/14
from 8AM-3PM**

***at Redeemer Lutheran Church
345 S. Kenilworth Ave, Elmhurst, IL***

**100% of the proceeds
to benefit the Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry**

For more information please contact rummagesale@redeemerlcms.com or Christ United Methodist Church at 630-833-7723

MISSION PAGE

PADS KICKS OFF OCTOBER 7TH

It is that time again where we open our doors to shelter 35 – 50 homeless people as a host church for DuPage PADS. There are many volunteer opportunities including sorting donations, donating coats/boots/jeans/etc. or toiletries, opening and closing the site, purchasing underwear and t-shirts, just to name a few options. We have posted information and a sign-up sheet in the Nelson-White Room or please see Pam and Dave Fuesz, Alan West or Diana Riekse for more information. Diana can also be reached at 630-220-2269.

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.

Children and Youth Ministries (CYM)

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.

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.

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. Middle School Youth Fellowship gathers on Wednesday nights from September—March at 5:30 p.m. at YPC. For more information check the MSYF page on YPC’s website.

Senior High Youth Fellowship meet Sunday evenings September—May at 6 p.m. at YPC.

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.

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ADULT STUDIES WITH PASTOR DEBBIE

Sunday morning Adult Bible Study will not meet October 1. We will continue our study of the Gospels Parallel, looking at the passion narrative in Matthew, Mark and Luke at 9:15am in Calvin Hall.

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

Wednesday Evening Book Study, at 7pm in the Tallman Room. 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

The group will meets 9:30 -11:00 A.M. in the Tallman Room. Questions please contact Muriel Gifford at 630-510-2680.

These Days Booklet

Peace. Be still! How easily Jesus calmed the turbulent sea. Would that we could so easily subdue the negative forces in our lives and the world around us. A daily quiet time for prayer and meditation can help us to focus on the positive and draw strength from God's grace even when we are agitated or distressed. The selected Scriptures, sermonettes and prayers in *These Days* provide an incentive for a special time set aside to listen for God speaking to us and ask for the Spirit's guidance to deal with each day's challenges. Free copies of the Oct.-Dec. issue are on the literature table in our Nelson/White fellowship area.

News from The Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next time Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet will be on Wednesday, October 4th. 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.



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GARDEN NEWS
October, 2017

Children’s Vegetable Garden

The Children’s Vegetable Garden has been doing well. As of this writing (September 20), we have been able to provide the Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry with 154 pounds of organically-grown, healthy veggies and herbs, plus an additional 68 pounds donated from members and friends of the church, for a total of 222 pounds so far. The garden is still producing, so we will continue picking until a hard freeze occurs.

Butterfly Garden

Ruth Schroeter has applied to Monarch Watch to have the butterfly garden on the southeast end of the parking lot approved as an official “Monarch Waystation.” We passed all of the qualifications—including plant density, milkweed (the host plant of monarchs), annual nectar plants, perennial nectar plants, and sustainable management practices (such as watering and weeding). We are currently awaiting our certificate plus a waterproof sign to post by the garden. Thank you to everyone who donated plants, pulled weeds, and even supplied surprise decorations!

New Plantings

Have you noticed the new plantings in the garden bed on the southwest end of the parking lot? Mary Mueller provided three Knock-Out Roses and three Bloomerang Lilacs for this area, and Phil Streuter provided all of the labor. Thank you both!



CLEAN-UP BUCKETS!

Helping to bring Hope out of chaos, we are offering all of you an opportunity to assist in recovery efforts from Hurricane Harvey and Irma by donating specific items, or making a financial donation that will be used to purchase these items which will be placed in a clean up bucket and shipped to Church World Service, to be used toward clean up relief in these areas. We will be collecting these items during the next two weeks, and assembling the buckets immediately following the Oct. 8 worship service. Here is the list of requested items:

1 Clean Up Bucket

- 5-gallon bucket with resalable lid
- 5 scouring pads
- 7 sponges, assorted sizes
- 1 scrub brush
- 5 dust masks
- 50 clothespins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- 1 box dry laundry detergent, 50-78 oz.
- 1 pair work gloves
- 2 pair latex gloves (like Playtex)
- 1 liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol), 12 oz.*
- 1 bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn), 25 oz.*
- 1 pkg. cleaning towels (18 reusable, like Easy Wipes)
- 24 count roll heavy-duty trash bags (33-45 gallon_
- 1 bottle insect repellant (drops or lotion, not aerosol), 6-14 oz.* *liquids in plastic bottles only
- Send only new, unopened materials. Pack items securely in the plastic bucket; seal lid with packing tape.
- Value \$75
- You may donate money toward purchasing the listed items and the cost of shipping these buckets. Checks should be made out to EPC. Please mark your donation: "Clean Up Buckets"

It would be helpful if you would let the office know what items you will be donating, so that we make sure we get all the items listed. Please email Karen Bircher at epc@elmhurstchurch.org to let her know what you will be bringing. Sign-Up sheet in the Nelson-White Room, too.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the church picnic a huge success! The day was filled with meaningful conversations, great food, fun and beautiful weather.

MOVIE GROUP on Saturday, October 7th. Liz Johnson is the host for the month. 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. The Movie Group meets the first Saturday of the month.

R.O.M.E.O. Group (Retired Old Men Eating Out) Will be meeting on Wednesday, October 22nd 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.

DEACON'S CORNER

Mark your calendars EPC will be hosting Grace Cafe on Monday, November 13th. There will be many ways to help for this event that reaches out to the community offering a free hot meal. Community members who are hungry, lonely, facing a tight budget or are eager to share dinner, companionship and conversation with other folks are invited to come to Grace Café. Please watch for a sign-up sheet to be posted in the Nelson-White Room the first week of October or email Trish Waters @ trishwaters6@aol.com with any questions or to sign-up.

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.

