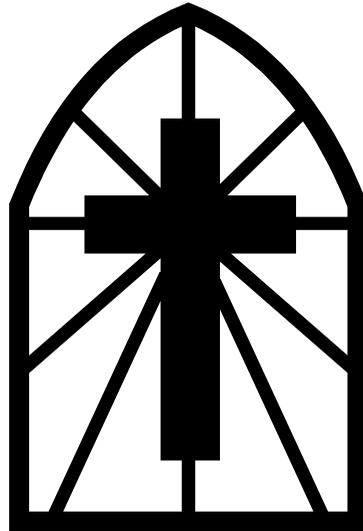


# Announcements May 2018

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

**In Our Prayers . . . . . Kay Ikert’s family upon her passing on April 25th.  
Her memorial service is on Saturday, May 19th from 2-4 P.M at EPC.**

**Continued prayers for the search for our PNC (Pastoral Nominating Committee).**

**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.**

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**Debbie Paton, Pastor**  
**Emily Culella, Director of Children & Youth Ministry**  
**Susan Smentek, Director of Music**  
**Karen Bircher, Office Administrator**  
**Jesus Garcia — Custodian**  
**Cheryl Kopecky, Clerk of Session**  
**Cheryl Turek/Carol Ewert /Bill Berner/Ray Lee**  
**Technology Assistant Sunday morning’s**  
**Frank Dattilo & Rick Rodriguez —Sound Techs,**  
**Sunday morning’s**  
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## Worship Schedule for May

As Eastertide leads us to Pentecost, we see a group of sad, scared, scattered disciples drawn together, gathering others, driven by a vision of a new community.

May 6      John 15:9-17    “A Love Song”

May 13      Acts 1:1-11      Jim Davidovich preaching

May 20      Acts 2:1-21      “Powered by the Holy Spirit” (the congregation is invited to wear the colors of fire; red, orange, yellow to celebrate Pentecost).

May 27      Acts 2:37-47    “Marks of the New Community”  
Join us as we celebrate the birth of the church, and explore the development of a new community through the Acts of the Apostles.

**\*\*\*\*\*Sunday, May 20th recognizing those who will be graduating during the 10:30 am worship service. Please contact the church office if you know someone who will be graduating.**

### Session Notes:

The Session is discussing transition planning and preparation for our new pastor.

**Garden Gathering:** Many thanks to the people who attended our “Garden Gathering” event on April 28 and 29. I hope you had fun and learned something about gardening, whether you worked in the dirt, stopped by the garden information table, or made a monetary contribution toward maintaining the gardens at Elmhurst Presbyterian Church. Thanks to Liz Johnson for providing lunch on Saturday!

**Children’s Vegetable Garden:** We hope to get the kids out planting in the garden by the end of May. The last frost date for our area is usually May 15, but because we’ve had such a cold spring, it may not be safe to plant until early June. We’ll see! All produce harvested from the Children’s Vegetable Garden will be donated to the Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry or other local food pantries.

**Flower Beds and Borders:** Volunteers are needed to help weed and water this summer. The beds and borders have been divided into sections, and somewhat like “Adopt-a-Highway,” each person needs to maintain only in his or her chosen area. See the sign-up sheet in the Nelson-White Room. No previous experience needed—Ruth will teach you!

Ruth Schroeter  
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# News from The Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next time Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet will be on Wednesday, May 2nd. Time: 1:00-2:30 P.M. in the Nelson White Room.

We have something NEW! The prayer shawl knitting and crochet group has been making lap robes. It's a covering large enough to keep your knees warm if sitting or in a wheelchair. We continue to have the prayer shawls and the mini pocket prayers for those who would like them.

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



## Children and Youth Ministries (CYM)

### Upcoming Events:

#### **NO VBS THIS SUMMER—NEW IDEA - SUMMER NIGHTS MESSY CHURCH**

Introducing Family Messy Church Nights! Every Wednesday evening in June, we'll get together to do a craft, learn something new, and eat dinner! Invite your friends and family and let's have fun together!

Dates: June 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-8:00 P.M.

Contact Emily Culella, [eculella@gmail.com](mailto:eculella@gmail.com) for questions.

#### **FAMILY PRIDE BLOCK PARTY**

We are pleased to host our first annual Family Pride Block Party on June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12-4. We'll have a bouncy obstacle course, face-painting, tattoos, carnival games, live music, and food trucks! If you would like to volunteer, donate money, or be on the committee, please email Emily Culella at [eculella@gmail.com](mailto:eculella@gmail.com).



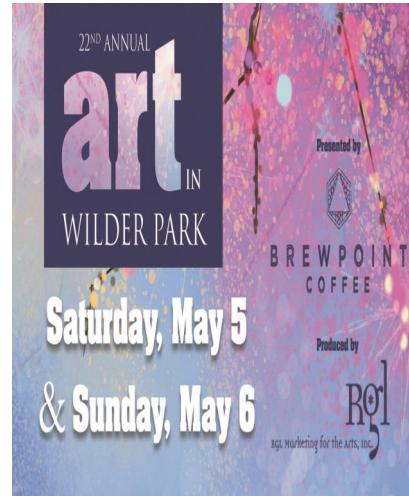
## Art in the Park May 5th & 6th 10-5

We are excited to announce that Elmhurst Presbyterian has a booth in the upcoming Art in the Park event at Wilder Park! Not only is this our first time in this event, but we are also the first church in the event!

For this historic occasion, EPC will be applying tattoos to kids and facilitating a community art project. You don't have to be an artist to help out!

Come check out EPC's booth!

Contact: Emily Culella  
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**MOVIE GROUP** will meet on Saturday, May 5th, 2018. Members will be notified. Contact Susan Leslie at [kcleslie206@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kcleslie206@sbcglobal.net) to be added to the member list. The Movie Group meets the first Saturday of the month.

**MONDAY MORNING WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP** The group meets in the Tallman Room from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Questions contact Muriel Gifford at (630) 510-2680.

**THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT BOOK GROUP** meets at 7pm in the Tallman Room. We have begun a new book series. All are welcome, come check it out. We will be reading and conversing about "Convictions" by Marcus J. Borg.

### **R.O.M.E.O. Group (Retired Old Men Eating Out)**

Will meet on Wednesday, May 23rd at Hi-View Restaurant in Villa Park.  
Time: 1:00 P.M.  
Contact: Doug Hall at (630) 279-8739.

### **SOUND BOARD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are asking for one or two volunteers to step up to fill the void of a tech who stepped down due to his traveling work schedule. The sound board ministry isn't very complex to learn, but it is a crucial part of our worship services at EPC. Please contact Pastor Debbie [Dlpaton@yahoo.com](mailto:Dlpaton@yahoo.com) if you are interested in helping out.

### **SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Adult Bible Study, meets every Sunday in Calvin Hall, 9:15-10am. We are studying the Gospel of John. No preparation necessary, join us when you can. We read the text together, share our questions and thoughts, explore the words, context and theology as seek to understand the text and its meaning for us. We close our time together with prayers for loved ones and the world. All are welcome, come check it out.