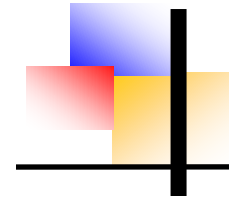


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“We are a church called by Jesus Christ to Proclaim, Teach & Serve.”

In Our Prayers EPC custodian, Jesus Garcia who recently had surgery. If you would like to send a card his address is: 1528 N. 39th Ave., Stone Park, IL 60165.

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.



EPC LIBRARY

Worship In June and July 2018

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and the prayers” Acts 2:42.

This summer we will be following the pattern of the early church, as we explore the movement of the Spirit in the Acts of the Apostles. We will gather in Calvin Hall around the tables, with our coffee and treats, to fellowship with one another, sing songs, say our prayers, and learn of and from the stories of the church’s beginnings. We will begin at our regular time of 10:30am. We will be focusing on some of the key stories in Acts, but I invite you to also read the material in between the stories. Come as you are (summer attire is expected), come, open yourself to the Spirit, to worship, to enjoy the company of your brothers and sisters in Christ, to grow and be encouraged in your faith, .

June 3	Acts 3:1-16	“In the Name of Jesus” (Communion)
Jun 10	Acts 4:32-5:11	“The Price We Will Pay”
Jun 17	Acts 6:1-7	“Practice what you Preach”
June 24	Acts 8:26-39	“Eunuch or Unique”
July 1	Acts 9:1-19	“Knocked down but Not Out
July 8	Acts 9:32-42	“Get up!”
July 15	Acts 10:1-44	“God Shows No Partiality”
July 22	Acts 11: 19-26	“How the Word Spread”
July 29	Acts 13:1-3	“Commissioning of new leaders”

Sunday School is outside! For the months of June and July, 5yr olds- 5th graders should come prepared to work in the garden! We will provide smocks, gloves, and hats for our gardeners. Come learn about God, nature, and our place through the immersive work of gardening!

The library has been moved to the Tallman Room.

Come and check out the new arrangement.

The books can be borrowed and returned when you are done reading them.



MISSION CORNER

Thank you to all who brought items for the CWS Hygiene Kits.

Upcoming Focus On Mission talk in June will be from EPC Members who went on the recent mission trip to Texas.



Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) Update

June is shaping up as an important month during the process of searching for a new full time minister for EPC.

We have done in depth reviews of more than 60 candidates — and watched enough online sermons to make us feel that we’re just about qualified to begin the second year of seminary ourselves.

What has come out of all of the paperwork analysis, online research, and interviews is a narrowing of the list to a few candidates.

We have seen one “neutral pulpit” sermon so far and have a couple more scheduled. This involves visiting a church other than the candidate’s home church to see the pastor preach live. Before a neutral pulpit, the Chicago Presbytery also reviews the candidate; we cannot meet in person with a candidate until the Presbytery has conducted its background and qualifications check.

We have also had a candidate visit Elmhurst to see first-hand what a potential move to the community would mean, and to meet the candidate in person.

As we’re evaluating candidates, they’re also taking a serious look at our church. For example, we’ve walked potential pastors through our financials in considerable detail, have shared what we have going on with children and youth, have talked about our mission programs and more. Candidates regularly ask about average church attendance and levels of congregational involvement in a variety of activities.

Candidates are excited about much of what EPC is doing. The people we’re considering see our PADS mission as a blessing, appreciate our outreach at the recent Art In The Park event, and are glad to see that we present ourselves as an open and inclusive church.

We hope to be able to present a candidate for the congregation’s approval this summer and appreciate your continuing prayers and support.

Submitted by
Doug Fitzgerald for the PNC

Children and Youth Ministries (CYM)

SUMMER NIGHTS MESSY CHURCH

What does church look like for busy families? Does the old model still work? Is there a way to experience church through activities? During the Month of June, we'll be exploring these questions together through the format of Family Messy Church. Each Wednesday, we'll explore a theme, sing songs, do a craft, and eat together. June's theme is "Who? What? Where?" and we'll be exploring our connections to each other to ourselves and to nature! Come check us out!

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

Contact Emily Culella, eculella@gmail.com for questions.

NURSERY ATTENDANT NEEDED!

Olivia Gough is graduating! We need some adults to volunteer 1 hour of their time on Sunday mornings to help in the nursery! From 10:30-11:30, we need an attendant to help with the babies and toddlers who might be visiting or attending our church! See Emily Culella to be put on the schedule for Nursery Attendant!

FAMILY PRIDE BLOCK PARTY

We are pleased to host our first annual Family Pride Block Party on June 23rd 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.



SESSION UPDATE

At the May 22, 2018 Session meeting:

- The summer Sunday worship plan was discussed.
- Emily Culella provided an update on plans for the nursery and need for adult volunteers this summer, Wednesday Night Messy Church and Family Pride Fest, including the budget and need for sponsors for some of the activities.
- The meaning of “Open, Inclusive, and Progressive” as descriptors for our church was discussed.
- Doug Fitzgerald provided an update on the work of the PNC.
- Session reviewed what has been accomplished during our interim period and what is still to be done.

PADS

PADS closes for the season at the end of May. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this important mission work. We will be working on site cleaning, improvements and restocking over the summer. If you come across any of the following over while attending garage sales or cleaning house, we are happy to have these gently used items for adult men and women:

- Jeans, Coats, Sweaters, Long Sleeve Cotton Shirts, Tennis Shoes and Boots
- Single sheets and pillow cases

Items that we stock that are purchased new include:

- Socks
- Underwear
- T Shirts
- Razors, shaving cream, deodorant, combs/brushes, ear plugs

We start back up the fall season beginning October 6th. Our first weekend to host is not until December 29th but we need volunteers beginning in October to open and close the site on Saturday from 5- 6 pm and Sunday mornings 6:45 – 7:30 am. Also, if you are interested in sorting donations and helping in other ways, please let us know! There are many ways to help!

For more information, please see Diana Riekse, Pam and Dave Fuesz, Alan West, Sue Hall or Faith Lee.

MOVIE GROUP will be taking the summer off. The group will resume the first Saturday in September. Contact Susan Leslie at kcleslie206@sbcglobal.net to be added to the member list. The Movie Group meets the first Saturday of the month.

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT BOOK GROUP will be taking the month of June off to be able to participate in Wednesday evening's Messy Church Night in Calvin Hall.

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

Will meet on Wednesday, June 27th at Hi-View Restaurant in Villa Park.

Time: 1:00 P.M.

Contact: Doug Hall at 630) 279-8739.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY is taking the month of June off.

FAVORITE HYMNS FOR SUMMER! Director of Music, Susan Smentek, would like to hear from you about your favorite hymns and praise songs for worship. What do you love to sing? Please send the title, plus a few sentences about why you like the hymn, to: epc@elmhurstchurch.org with FAVORITE HYMN in the subject line OR, drop a note to Karen Bircher in the office. Thank you for helping us make a joyful noise together.

THANK YOU Charlotte Johnson and Liz Johnson for planting flowers in the pots outside the church doors. They look beautiful!

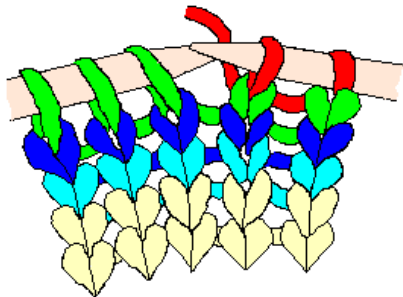
EPC SUMMER 2018 PAPER DIRECTORY can be picked up on the table in the Nelson-White Room.

News from The Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next time Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet will be on Wednesday, June 6th. 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.



GARDEN NEWS June, 2018

Children's Vegetable Garden: Jan Happel, originator of the Children's Vegetable Garden, and her husband Craig, planted most of the vegetable plants and seeds in late May, working around our wet and cold weather. In June, our EPC children will begin tending the garden under the direction of Ruth Schroeter. This watering, weeding, and harvesting will take place during "Sunday School" (the sermon part of worship). All produce will be donated to the Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry or other local pantries.

Garden Beds and Borders: A few more people are needed to help weed and water garden beds this summer. See the bulletin board display in the Nelson-White Room to sign up. Contact Ruth Schroeter for more information (708-562-5346 or SchroeterRuth@yahoo.com). Thank you to those who have already volunteered!

