

Announcements July 2018

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

In Our Prayers

Continued prayers as Phil and Cami Strueter travel for a year. If you would like to send them a card or letter their forwarding address to Cami's sisters house is: 212 Rosehaven CT, Kingsport, TN 37663. Also, their email addresses are in the church directory.

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
Emily Culella, Director of Children & Youth Ministry
Susan Smentek, Director of Music
Karen Bircher, Office Administrator
Jesus Garcia — Custodian
Liz Johnson, Clerk In Training EPC Session
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Frank Dattillo & Rick Rodriguez — Sound Techs,
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Summer Worship '2018

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

During 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, .

July 1	Romans 15:1-6	(Only this Sunday worship will be held in the sanctuary). Stories of Houston Mission Team
July 8	Acts 8:26-39	“Eunuch or Unique” - Communion
July 15	Acts 9:1-19	“Knocked Down But Not Out
July 22	Acts 9:32-42	“Get Up”
July 29	Acts 10:1-44	“God Shows No Partiality”
August 5	Acts 11:19-26	“How the Word Spread” - Communion
August 12	Acts 13:1-3	Commissioning of New Leaders”
		Pastor Debbie’s Last Sunday

Sunday School is outside! For the month of 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! Youth studies taking the month of July off, too.

EPC LIBRARY

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.



Report From The Clerk of Session

NOTE FROM BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Whenever there is a group meeting, please designate one person to “close” the church. This means to make sure all doors are locked and all lights are off.

Also, whenever there is an event in church (other than worship), the group planning and using the church facility needs to have someone in charge of clean-up: garbage out, new garbage bags in the cans, wiping up all counter tops, washing all dishes, putting them away, and taking home all dish towels that needed to be washed.

Thank you.

Marj Schuham, Buildings & Grounds

Dear Elmhurst Presbyterian Church Member,

On June 24th Elmhurst Presbyterian Church held a congregational meeting after the service in the sanctuary. A quorum was (more than) present and the congregation echoed the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) and our Session by voting to call Traci Smith as full-time pastor to EPC.

Traci is an experienced solo pastor who will be coming to us from a church in San Antonio, Texas. She has also served as an associate pastor in Detroit. A native of Naperville and Batavia, she has also been a children/youth minister here in the Chicago area. Traci was graduated from the Princeton Theological Seminary after her time at Calvin College, where she took a double major in social work and Spanish. Traci has served in Columbia and is bilingual. She is married — her husband is a native of Columbia who has completed his own Masters of Divinity and is working toward ordination as a Presbyterian pastor. They have two school aged sons and a daughter who will be two on her next birthday.

Pastor Debbie Paton as moderator for the congregational meeting. Her last Sunday with us will be August 12th and her service as interim pastor will conclude on August 31st. Traci will begin on September 1st.

The congregation also voted to accept Traci’s Terms of Call, which had been previously approved by the Session and reviewed by the moderator of our Board of Trustees.

The congregation also voted to dissolve the PNC with thanks to its members Patti Berner, Tim Christopher, Doug Fitzgerald, Bob Miller, Twana Rundle, Cami Streuter, and Trish Waters.

On Sunday, September 9th the Deacons will be organizing a picnic on the grounds after the service. The theme will be Happy Days, and this will be an ideal time to reconnect with EPC members who have scattered for the summer and to meet Traci Smith and her family. Please mark your calendar and watch for more information.

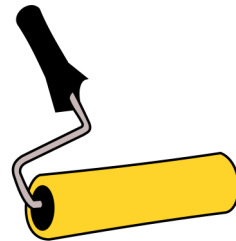
Sincerely,

Liz Johnson
Clerk In Training, EPC Session

Children and Youth Ministries (CYM)

Nursery Face-Lift

Throughout the month of July and August, we'll be sprucing up the nursery. We'll be taking down the wallpaper, cleaning the walls, giving it a fresh coat of paint, and sanding/painting the furniture. We are in need of supplies! If you have any sandpaper, rollers, drop cloths, etc., that you'd like to donate, please contact Emily Culella (eculella@gmail.com).



Confirmation

The month of September is the start of Confirmation! If you know of any students who are looking to be confirmed, please contact Emily Culella (eculella@gmail.com) to hear the details and start scheduling!



SESSION UPDATE

Notes from the June 19, 2018 Session Meeting

- EPC is a partner church with the Elmhurst Walk-in Assistance Network (EWAN). EPC will support the EWAN fundraiser on our sign. The September event is "Cue for a Cause" (that is 'Cue as in barbecue).
- Emily Culella reported on Wednesday night Messy Church. Attendees have included church members, members of other churches and some without a church home. Plans for Family Pride Fest also were discussed.
- The trustees informed the session that expenses were greater than income as of the May financial report. Please remember throughout the summer and fall to keep up your pledges and special giving. Thank you.
- The Mission Team is looking for new members. Please contact Pam Fuesz or the church office if you would like to serve others.

Thank you to Cheryl Kopecky, who filled in for Clerk of Session after Sandy Skat's passing. Liz Johnson will now take over as Clerk In Training.

PADS

We are working on site cleaning, improvements and restocking over the summer. If you come across any of the following over the summer 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 is 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 July off.

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

Will meet on Wednesday, July 25th 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 July off.

STILL TIME TO PICK YOUR 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.

HAVE YOU PICKED UP A NEW EPC SUMMER 2018 PAPER DIRECTORY?

The new directory can be picked up on the table in the Nelson-White Room.

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW? An old hymn says, "Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of life's wild, restless sea." Often the world's clamor drowns out His voice. We may need a quiet place and a quiet time to listen and reflect. *These Days* helps with daily Scripture selections, meditations and prayers. Free copies of the July-Sept. issue are on the literature table in our Nelson/White fellowship area.

SOUND BOARD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are asking for one or two volunteers to step up to be on our sound board ministry. 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 Paton at Ddlpaton@yahoo.com if you are interested in helping out.

News from The Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next time Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet will be on Wednesday, July 11th. Time: 1:00-2:30 P.M. in the Nelson White Room. Normally we meet the first Wednesday of the month, but due to the July 4th Holiday, we aren't meeting then.

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



GARDEN NEWS July, 2018

Children's Vegetable Garden: The children will begin harvesting this month with green onions, radishes, and herbs (sage and dill) early on, followed soon by initial pickings of beans, cucumbers, kale, Swiss chard, and collards. Later in the summer we expect tomatoes, peppers, squash, eggplant, beets, turnips, and carrots. All of this produce will be delivered to the Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry.

Garden Beds and Borders: Our many flowers are up and blooming! Have you seen the beautiful tall pink, red, and cream-colored hollyhocks and the lovely purple larkspur on the east side of the parking lot? How about the deep pink roses on the south end? The larva of black swallowtail butterflies have been spotted in the vegetable garden and the butterfly garden, but no monarchs yet. We're still seeking more volunteers to help with weeding and deadheading (cutting off faded blossoms), especially in the Memorial Garden where pesky little weeds keep popping up between the brick pavers. See the sign-up sheet in the Nelson-White Room or contact Ruth Schroeter for more information (708-562-5346 or SchroeterRuth@yahoo.com).

