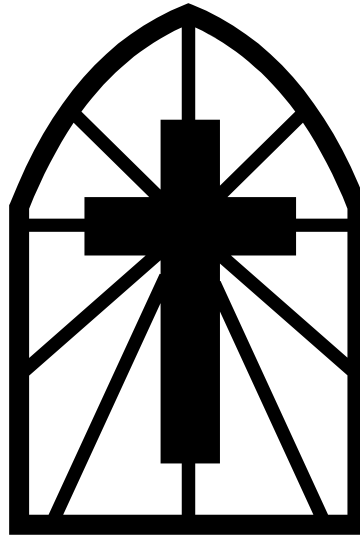


Announcements October 2018

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

In Our Prayers Jerrie Salchow, and Lee Strouse.

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.

Traci Smith, Pastor
Emily Culella, Director of Children & Youth Ministry
Susan Smentek, Director of Music
Karen Bircher, Office Administrator
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Answers
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Pastor's Corner - Rev. Traci Smith

As the weather turns cooler and the leaves begin to change, it's undeniable to me that we're marching steadily into the season of fall. After having been in Texas for 6 years, I'm very much looking forward to the changing of the seasons. There are seasonal changes in Texas, of course, but I found them to be much more subtle than the drastic changes we see up here where leaves fall, bare trees collect snow, and buds of new growth appear.

Churches have seasons, too, don't we? There are seasons where new life seems to be springing up everywhere as well as seasons of challenge, or drought. What season are we in here at EPC? Each of us might answer that in a different way, but for me, it seems that we are in a season of transition. You have a new pastor, and with that comes inevitable change as we learn to mold our different styles and walk together in ministry. It's exciting, but it can also be a challenge. My prayer for us all, as we enter into this season of transition, is that it would be marked by a few important things:

First, a commitment to direct and face to face communication. I love to chat and learn and listen. If you've got something on your mind, I want to hear it! Please, make an appointment to stop by the office, meet me at a coffee shop, or invite me over to your house. I would love nothing more than to hear what's on your mind or learn about your dreams for your church.

Second, a commitment to both the past *and* the future. As we walk into this next leg of our EPC journey, please know that I want to not only walk with you into the future, but I want to learn about the past. I'm the "newbie" here, and I have a lot to learn. Please, share with me stories of the past as well as hopes and dreams for the future. I want to know them all!

MISSION PAGE

[PADS KICKS OFF OCTOBER 6TH](#)

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. 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.

[ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING](#) (hunger, disaster & development) special offering being collected on Sunday, October 7th. Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural and human-caused disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

GARDEN NEWS

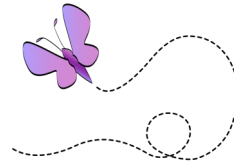
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Children's Vegetable Garden

The Children's Vegetable Garden has been producing nicely! As of September 21st, 239 pounds of organically-grown veggies have been delivered to the Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry, with more to come this month. Thanks to the children who labored in the garden on Sundays this summer and also to the adults who delivered the produce and cared for the garden during the week.

Butterfly Garden

Many butterflies, including monarchs, were spotted this summer in the Butterfly Garden. (Ask Liz Johnson to show you her photos.) Bees also enjoyed the nectar of many kinds of flowers, and goldfinches have been feasting on the seeds. We're happy that our special garden is providing for our insect and bird friends.



Beds & Borders

Thanks to the volunteers who have been tending the gardens this summer. Watering chores should be less this month and weeding should be easier as the weather cools. Thank you, Liz Johnson, for the new planters by the entranceway! And to Karen Fitzgerald & Liz Johnson you planted flowers in the new planters.

Contact Person:

Ruth Schroeter (708-562-5346 or SchroeterRuth@yahoo.com).

Pastor's Corner Continued - Rev. Traci Smith

Finally, a commitment to love one another. As I was lying in bed and recovering from my wisdom teeth extraction, I had the opportunity to watch the documentary on Mr. Fred Rogers. I highly recommend it! Mr. Rogers was an ordained Presbyterian minister who had so much to say about the meaning of love. I was particularly moved by this simple, yet profound, quote: *"Deep within us—no matter who we are—there lives a feeling of wanting to be lovable, of wanting to be the kind of person that others like to be with. And the greatest thing we can do is to let people know that they are loved and capable of loving."* Friends, with love we can do great things."

Thank you for welcoming me and my family to pastor alongside you for this next season!
With grace and peace,

Pastor Traci

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October in Worship

October 7 -- Sabbath I - "A Holy Waste of Time" Psalm 90

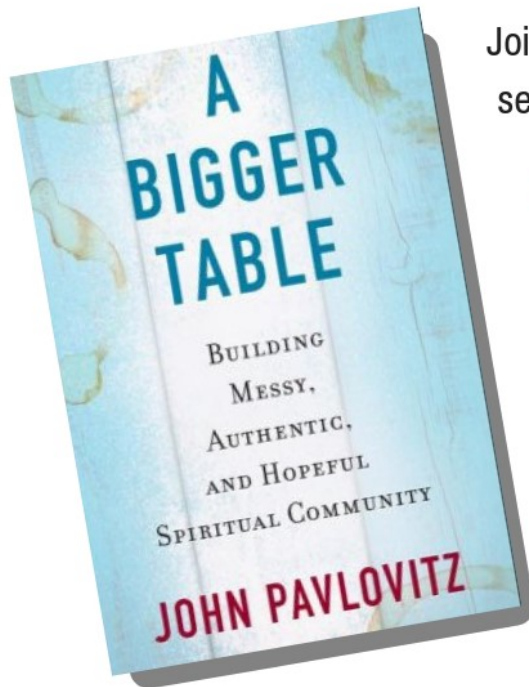
October 14 -- Sabbath II - "Learning How to Be Silent"
Isaiah 58:13

October 21 -- Found Faithful I - "Called to Be Faithful"
1 Corinthians 4:1-2

October 28 -- Found Faithful II - "Faithful In Little" John 6

UNCONDITIONAL WELCOME

How can we make the church a place
where there's room for everyone?



Join EPC for a six-week discussion
series based on "A Bigger Table."

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
October 10 to
November 14, 2018

- Meet in the Tallman Room
- Led by Rev. Traci Smith
- All are welcome

More info at
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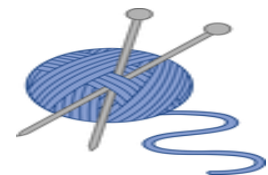
News from The Prayer Shawl Ministry

With cooler weather coming, I'd like to remind you that we have lap robes available. They are a small blanket that covers you knees in a wheelchair or just to cover you knees while sitting. And of course, we have the prayer shawls that go over your shoulders. Please feel free to take a pocket prayer from the basket (near the coffee on Sun. morning.) They are easily put in an envelop for mailing to a distant friend.

If you need any of the above items during the week, during office hours, I'm sure Karen would be happy to assist you.

If you knit or crochet or want to learn to knit or crochet, please join us on the 1st. Wed. of the month from 1-2:30. in the Nelson White Room. The next meeting will be on October 3rd.

Any questions, please call Mary Mueller 708)547-8793



ADULT STUDIES has begun on Sunday's at 9:30 A.M. in the Tallman Room. Pastor Traci will lead the study on Philippians.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP will resume October 1st from 1-2:30 p.m. A new book will be picked to read and discuss. Questions please contact Muriel Gifford at 630-510-2680.

MOVIE GROUP The group will meet on Saturday, October 6th. Contact Susan Leslie at kcleslie206@sbcglobal.net to be added to the member list. Normally the Movie Group meets the first Saturday of the month.

R.O.M.E.O. Group (Retired Old Men Eating Out)
Will meet on Wednesday, October 24th 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 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 Rick Rodriguez rodmann@hotmail.com if you are interested in helping out.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS we are looking for volunteers to serve as Worship Assistants. Everything is written out for you and you will lead the sections that Pastor Traci asks you to do. I will help lead you through the process. Please contact me at rebeccrod777@gmail.com or 630-432-2491. Contact Rebecca Rodriguez.

CHARGE IT It's happened to most of us. You're about to make a call and discover that your cell phone's battery is dead. Like phone batteries, our spiritual batteries need to be kept charged. For most of us, regular worship with fellow Christians is our primary source of spiritual energy. Study and fellowship in small groups helps, too. Following Jesus' example, another source of spiritual energy is a daily quiet time of prayer and meditation. *These Days* seeks to help with selected Scripture, meditations and prayers. There's no charge for the Oct.-Dec. issue. It's on the literature table in the Nelson/White fellowship area.

SESSION NOTES

- Next Session Meeting moved to Tuesday, October 23rd.
- Pastor Traci's Installation is scheduled for Nov. 4. During the 10:30 A.M. worship service.
- Oct. 28 EPC will be hosting Trunk or Treat. Specifics for the event will be provided by Emily Culella.
- We will be hiring someone for the nursery as well as a student assistant.
- Traci will be blessing PADS crew on Sept. 30 along with the FOM on PADS.
- Stewardship drive will begin in 3 weeks.
- We are going to return to sending out quarterly statements for pledging.

Submitted by:
Clerk of Session, Liz Johnson

GRACE CAFÉ

Elmhurst Presbyterian Church will be hosting Grace Café on **Monday, November 5th**. We will be needing help with cooking during the day, serving the meal, and clean up afterwards. Look for the sign-up sheet for Grace Café on the bulletin board in the Nelson White Room. Doors will open at 4:30 and dinner will be served from 5:00 P.M.—6:30 P.M.

Please help to provide an evening of delicious food and warm companionship.

Grace Café 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.

Contact person is Mary Ellen Hayes, Head of the Deacons.
maryehayes1@sbcglobal.net.



Children and Youth Ministries (CYM)

Starting Now: Children's Sunday School is Back! From 9:30-10:15, children learn through their own specialized lessons. From 10:45 to 11:30, Children also participate in Children's Church—learning about God through crafts, songs, plays, and more! Ages K-5th are welcome to join! See Emily Culella for details, accommodations, or questions.



Youth News:

Join us from 9:30-10:15 as we explore faith! If you aren't confirmed (or don't even know what that means) join us in the new and transforming youth space (above Buttons and Bows) to start your journey or find out what it means! If you are confirmed, come with us to explore leadership training and questions about faith, God, and practice. See Emily Culella for details, accommodations, and questions.



October 28th is our First Annual "Trunk or Treat!" Right after church we'll have lunch in Calvin followed by games, trick or treating in the parking lot, costumes, and more! See Emily Culella to sign up to decorate your car, volunteer for lunch, volunteer for games, or help clean up or set up! October 28th 12-2, Don't Miss It!

