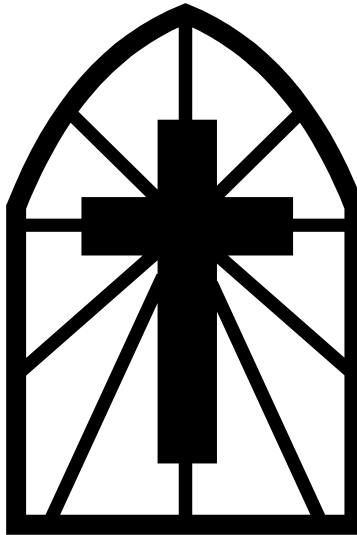


Announcements April 2019

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

In Our Prayers Dorothy Fisher, Marjorie Leslie and Sally Schult.

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
Jesus Garcia — Custodian
Liz Johnson, Clerk of Session
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PASTOR’S CORNER

Intergenerational Ministry Updates

“Intergenerational Ministry” is a buzzword in many of my professional circles. Though it sounds like jargon, it simply means “ministry for all ages.” Many churches are finding that separating church attendees by age all the time is not only tiring, but it leads to a lack of conversation between age groups. Our churches are strongest when we learn from each other. Old learns from young. Young learns from old. We share our lives together.

Emily is working hard to make sure that EPC does intergenerational ministry in a thoughtful way. We don’t want adults to feel like our church is becoming too “child-centric” but neither do we want our children to feel like they don’t belong. It’s a balance. How do we create a church environment where children feel welcome and included?

Here are some of the things Emily and I have talked with the session about. Please reach out to Emily or I with any questions:

- **Family Communion Sundays** -- On the first Sunday of the Month, communion Sunday, all ages will be in worship together. I encourage you to be on the lookout for young people during these Sundays and make sure to help them feel welcome and included. Emily and I will be working to make sure the Sermon moment is especially friendly to children and youth on these Sundays. They might have an interactive piece of some type, or a way to keep us all engaged together.
- **Busy Boxes** - In time for Easter we will be purchasing the materials we need for “busy boxes.” These boxes will have a variety of things to keep children engaged in worship, including children’s Bibles, ribbons to wave during music, and other materials that are just for them.
- **Vacation Bible School** - This year, some of our older youth will be putting together our Vacation Bible School for the younger children. They will need help from all of us to make their plans a reality!

Our hope and prayer is that as we incorporate experiences and liturgies for all ages, all will grow in faith together, at our own pace. We know it can be a challenge. Children can be loud or spontaneous at times! At the same time, we know that there’s a great payoff to including children in everything we do.

Children aren’t the “future” of our church. They are part of our church right now. When we incorporate them into every aspect of our church’s life and ministry, amazing things will happen.

With gratitude,

Pastor Traci

MISSION PAGE

On Palm Sunday we will be celebrating One Great Hour of Sharing. Your gift to the Presbyterian Church for One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God’s love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

This year’s Easter officer will go the EPC gardens. It will be used to purchase edging, more flowers for the butterfly garden, mulch and many other needed supplies. Let’s show our support and help make EPC beautiful by donating generously.

Ever wonder what to do with your old cell phones, tablets and ink cartridges? Now you can drop them off in the designated boxes in the Nelson-White Room and we will see that they are recycled. Please contact Pam Fuesz with any questions.
twofueszs@att.net.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

HUGS

Our HUGs (Hearts of (uf) Grace) group will be gathering again on Monday, April 22, 2019 at Carol Ewert's home.

Please mark your calendar and join Pastor Traci and the women of the church for fellowship, food, and conversation.

Carol will follow up with the time and details for our shared meal, but for now, mark your calendar and know you have something special to look forward to this spring!



MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 18th

5:30 P.M. Soup Supper, Calvin Hall, sign-up sheet is on the board in the Nelson-White room.

7:00 P.M. Tenebrae Service, Sanctuary

GOOD FRIDAY, April 19th

4-7:00 P.M.

Open House Style Prayer Stations, Family Friendly

EASTER SUNDAY

9:45-1:00 A.M. Resurrection/Memorial Garden Service in the Memorial Garden

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

Easter egg hunt for the children following the 10:30 A.M. service, outside on the lawn.



PICK UP AN EASTER FLOWER envelope from the ushers, if you would like to order Easter flowers. **Deadline to order flowers is Sunday, April 14th (Palm Sunday).** Any questions, contact Meg March at 312-699-9763.



SESSION NOTES MARCH MEETING

- Beginning in April EPC starting Family Friendly Communion Sunday's. The first Sunday of the month children will remain in worship. A special activity for small ones will be available in the front of the sanctuary. Busy boxes will be available to children in the pews every Sunday. Children are encouraged to explore the boxes and do activities.
- Mission continues to sponsor the Children Up program. Our current student, Acan Rovister, will be graduating this year. We are sponsoring an additional student, Lanyero Peaslive, 15 year's old who dreams of becoming a nurse/midwife.
- Please welcome Marcia and Jimmy Bremer and their children Sean & Fiona. They will be joining EPC.
- After 2019, EPC is no longer sponsoring Ethnos 360 due to conflict concerns. Luke and Betsy Kruse are returning home.
- The old Lor Jon Montessori Room will now be called Fellowship Hall.

Liz Johnson
Clerk of Session

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Please join us on the first Wednesday of the month to knit or crochet comfort shawls or lap robes.

If you want to learn to do either; we can teach you. The next meeting is on Wednesday, April 3rd, 1-2:30 p.m. in the Nelson-White Room.

Gandhi once wrote, "the best way to find yourself is to loose yourself in the service of others."

Hope to see you there!

Any questions contact Mary Mueller

maryway@comcast.net.



Spring Garden Work Day
Saturday, April 13 - 9 a.m. to Noon
(Rain Date: Saturday April 20th)

Come join us as we clean up the gardens: raking, pruning, edging, digging, and weeding. If the weather cooperates, we'll plant some spring crops in the vegetable garden, too. Bring gloves, tools, and paper yard waste bags, if available. No previous experience necessary. Free lunch! Please sign up in the Nelson-White Room so we know how to plan.

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



MONDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP STUDY, 1-2:30 p.m.
All women are welcome to study by and join the study. Contact is Muriel Gifford.

MOVIE GROUP The group will meet on Saturday, April 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.

THE DEACONS WILL MEET Tuesday, April 2nd 7:00 P.M. in the Tallman Room.
Moderator of Deacon's is Mary Ellen Hayes.

THE TRUSTEES will meet Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00 P.M. in the Tallman Room.
Head of Trustees is Greg St. Laurent.

R.O.M.E.O. Group (Retired Old Men Eating Out)
Will meet on Wednesday, April 24th at Hi-View Restaurant in Villa Park.
Time: 1:00 P.M. Contact: Doug Hall at 630) 279-8739.

EASTER MORNING USHERS AND GREETERS ARE NEEDED, please contact the church office if you would like to usher or greet.

SUNDAY MORNING USHERS ARE NEEDED if you are interested in helping usher, please contact Tom Turek at tturek.248@gmail.com.

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.

YELLOW LIGHT! When driving and you approach an intersection with a red or green light, you know what to do. If the light is yellow, it's a judgment call. Life is full of yellow lights. Christians are guided in making the right choices by staying in touch with the One who points the way. *These Days* offers an aid with selected Scripture, meditations and and prayers for a daily quiet time. Free copies of the April – June issue are available on the literature table in the Nelson/White fellowship area.

ART IN THE PARK

May 4 & 5

Calling All Artists and Volunteers!

It's almost time for our Art in the Park Community Project!

Last year we interacted with our neighborhood by creating our giant plywood canvases. This year, we need help to cover shifts, buy supplies, and transport them to and from Wilder Park.

Art in the Park goes from 10-5 each day. We'll need volunteers for Friday night to help set up the tent (after 4 o'clock), people to help set up the booth in the morning on Saturday (9:00) and people to help tear down for Sunday (4:30-5:15). We'll also need someone to help transport the art back to church and place it in Calvin.

Contact Emily Culella to let her know how you can help.



There will be dinner, activities, craft, skits, games & a movie.

Registration will be online, no charge. Questions contact Emily Culella.
eculella@gmail.com.