

Announcements May 2019

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

In Our Prayers Sue Hall, Marjorie Leslie and Sally Schult. And please remember Kathy Thompson’s family, as her father passed away. If you would like to send a sympathy card to Kathy her address is 915 N. York Rd., #506, Elmhurst, IL 60126.

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

In Matthew 17:20, Jesus says "For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you." On Easter morning, this was part of the message I preached. Resurrection faith, I argue, is not necessarily big and showy, it can be small and uncertain. Resurrection faith, even a whisper of faith, is enough to move mountains, according to the scriptures. Sometimes we get caught up in the how and the why of faith. We wonder exactly *how* Christ was resurrected and why. This is where one of my favorite theological words *mystery* comes in. Great is the mystery of faith we say. Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. Let us cling to these words, even if we don't understand them. Easter is not simply a day, it's a season. Resurrection hope is more than just one day. As you consider this season, look around for signs of resurrection all around you. You will see them, in the birds, in the flowers, in the new life and new growth. Enjoy the season! Pastor Traci

May 19 - Heritage Sunday

Join us as we celebrate our history and look to the future! We will celebrate membership anniversaries and think about our church's rich history. A small cake reception will follow the service. Do you have a picture or artifact from the past you'd like to share? Contact Liz Johnson, Cheryl Turek, or Pastor Traci

May Worship Schedule

Join us for worship in May as we celebrate *abundance*!

May 5 - Abundance in Creation
Scripture: Genesis 1:24-31

May 12 -
Sermon: Abundance of Grace
Scripture: John 4:5-30

May 19 - Heritage Sunday
Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-11
Sermon: The Cloud of Witnesses

May 26
Sermon: Abundance of Hope
Scripture: Revelation 21:1-4

MISSION PAGE

GREAT HOUR OF SHARING, thank you to those who gave to this ministry. The total amount given was \$625.00.

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.

PADS

Our PADS season will be finishing May 26th and opening again in October. Thank you for your help and support this season. We had many volunteers who “opened and closed” the site each weekend, sort donations and clothing and hosted our 5th weekends. We will be holding a meeting with the other host churches in May to recap the season, plan improvements for the summer, and strategize for improvements next fall. If you are interested in attending this meeting, please contact Diana Riekse. WE ARE IN NEED OF TWIN SHEETS for the site, so please bring in extra sheets that you have, or find at a garage sale, over the summer. Thank You!

GARDEN NEWS May, 2019

Spring Clean-up

Many thanks to the people who cleaned up the grounds on April 13 and 20, including Liz Johnson who provided lunch on the 13th. Not only did we build muscles and burn lots of calories, but we also saved the church about \$300 that we would have had to pay for outside labor. The kids were even able to plant some cool weather crops in the vegetable garden!

Two Gardening Opportunities

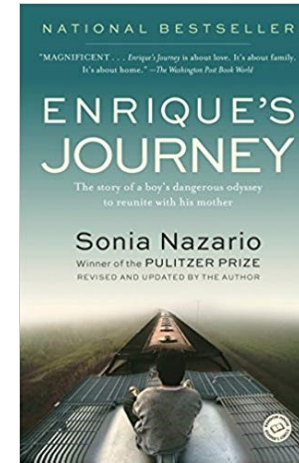
Opportunity #1: Flower Beds and Borders —

The beds and borders are divided into sections, and somewhat like “Adopt-a-Highway,” each person needs to maintain only his or her chosen area. If we had 18 volunteers, everything would easily be covered and all of the gardens would look beautiful all summer.

Opportunity #2: Children’s Vegetable Garden —

Every summer the children of the church help grow vegetables in the fenced garden on the north end of the grounds. The children harvest the produce on Sunday mornings, all of which is given to the Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry. Here, adult help is needed one week per month with watering, weeding, harvesting, and delivering the produce on weekdays. We need four volunteers for this opportunity.

Previous gardening experience is not needed—our Garden Coordinator Ruth can teach you. See the sign-up sheet posted in the Nelson-White Room. **Contact person is Ruth Schroeter (708-562-5346 or schroeterruth@yahoo.com).**



THE PASTOR’S BOOK STUDY for the book of May will be the book *Enrique's Journey* by Sonia Nazario. Enrique's journey shares the story of a young boy's immigration journey from Honduras to the United States. **The book study will meet to discuss the book on May 8, May 15, and May 29 from 7pm - 8pm.** On May 29th at 7pm, the final week of the study, Pastor Traci and the book group invite *all* who are interested in discussing immigration justice to attend, whether they've read the book or not. Pastor Traci will give a presentation on current immigration issues and discuss opportunities for advocacy. You can pick up a book in the church office. Cost is \$10.00.

SESSION NOTES APRIL MEETING

- A computer will be put in the counting room only for church staff and volunteers who may need to utilize a computer at church.
- In an effort to ensure all our committees are meeting to get valuable work accomplished, Session will be sponsoring All Committee Meeting day where all committees can meet to work on agendas and common church goals. Keep your eyes open for a future announcement of dates!
- PADS will be on summer break at the end of May. Cameras are being installed downstairs in the PADS area to increase security.
- We are continuing to work with the City of Elmhurst on a reasonable solution to address the issue of separating our storm water drainage from the sewer system.
- CYE is exploring the possibility of an inter-generational church camp outing in 2020. CYE is in need of additional teachers, as our youth population increases. If you are interested, please speak with Emily Culella, CYE Director.
- Keep an eye out for new cards being displayed that list all the various projects EPC sponsors through our Mission.

Liz Johnson
Clerk of Session

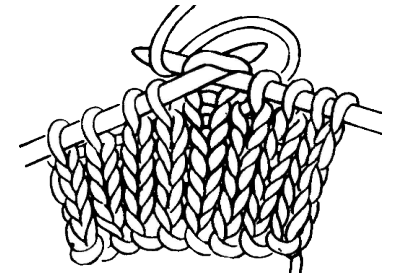
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

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, May 1st, 1-2:30 p.m. in the Nelson-White Room.

Hope to see you there!

Any questions contact Mary Mueller at maryway@comcast.net.





ChildrenUP Spring Gala!

May 2, 2019 — Thursday

5-8 p.m.

Wilder Mansion

Support Education in Uganda.

For Tickets
ChildrenUP website

Send a check to
ChildrenUp
481 W. Alma
Elmhurst, IL 60126

THANK YOU to all who helped during Holy Week for the soup supper, readers who read at the Maundy Thursday service, setting up the prayer stations on Good Friday. Easter greeters and those who helped deliver the Easter flowers to the shut-ins. And to Mary Mueller who planted flowers in the outside flower pots for Easter.

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, May 4th. 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, May 7th, 7:00 P.M. in the Tallman Room. Moderator of Deacon's is Mary Ellen Hayes.

THE TRUSTEES will meet Tuesday, May 14th 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, May 22nd at Hi-View Restaurant in Villa Park.
Time: 1:00 P.M. Contact: Doug Hall at 630) 279-8739.

EVENING WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP
For any women interested in a spirituality group, we are inviting interested persons to join us for our next book. Starting May 6th, we will meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, 7-8:30 pm, in the Tallman Room. This is a group whose purpose has been to deepen our faith and provide support and nurturing for participants (and lots of laughter). Our next chosen book is "What Do Our Neighbors Believe? Questions and Answers on Judaism, Christianity, and Islam" by Howard Greenstein. The book is available for purchase online through the PCUSA store or Amazon. If you have any questions, contact Liz Johnson at 630-450-3676 or lizzard2006@comcast.net. We hope you can join us!

ATTENTION GRADUATES! If you are graduating from High School, College, Grad School, Trade School or any other school, we want to know about it. Please let the main office know about your accomplishment and plan to be in the service on **May 19**, so we can celebrate you!

ART IN THE PARK
May 4 & 5

Another fun-filled day with our community is upon us! The first weekend in May is our annual Art in the Park event! Come help us splatter our canvases, buy supplies, get our canvases back to church, or volunteer for clean-up! See Emily Culella to learn more.



FAMILY PRIDE FEST!

Our second annual Family Pride Fest happens, this year, on June 22nd. Our vendors are already lining up to join our festival. If you'd like to be a part of this year's festivities, consider joining the Pride Committee. For more details talk to Doug Fitzgerald or Emily Culella.



MESSY CHURCH!

Our next Messy Church (formerly called LIFT) happens on May 29th! Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Come one and all (no matter how old or young) and experience a different way to be in community. We'll eat dinner, discuss the world around us, read the Bible, and do a craft! For more details see Emily Culella.



This year, the youth are leading VBS June 18-21, every night from 5-8 p.m. We need you to help us get this off the ground! They youth have picked “Superheroes” and need help with cooking, clean-up, and prep. If you need to know more, see Darelle Menendie or Emily Culella for further details.