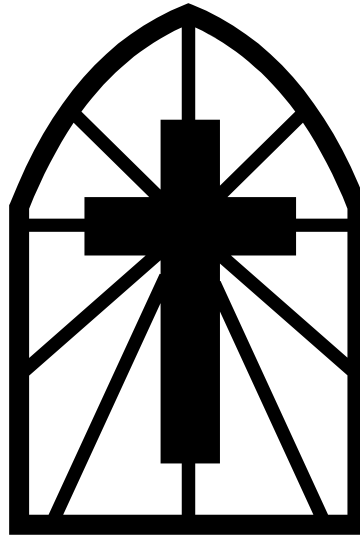


# Announcements June 2019

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

**In Our Prayers Mike Kubaszewski 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.

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**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**  
**Cheryl Turek Technology Assistant Sunday morning's**  
**Tim Christopher, Frank Dattillo & Rick Rodriguez —**  
**Sound Techs, Sunday morning's**  
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*Answers*  
*Prayers*

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear EPC Members and Friends -

Many churches slow down during the summer as people go on vacation and change their schedules. Don’t be fooled! EPC has a lot going on this summer, and if you’re in town, I hope you’ll be **here!** Here are some things I hope you’ll take note of:

**THE LONG SHADOW:** Come to a screening of the movie *The Long Shadow*, hosted by Elmhurst College. “Of all the divisions in America, none is as insidious and destructive as racism. In this powerful documentary, the filmmakers, both privileged daughters of the South, who were haunted by their families slave owning pasts, passionately seek the hidden truth and the untold stories of how America—guided by the South’s powerful political influence—steadily, deliberately and at times secretly, established white privilege in our institutions, laws, culture and economy.” The Long Shadow will be shown at Elmhurst College’s Irion Hall at 7:00 p.m. on June 10th. Doors open at 6:30.

**VBS:** Our Vacation Bible School is June 18-21 from 5pm to 8pm. The youth of our congregation are leading VBS this year. The theme is SUPERHEROES! Please tell your family members and neighbors about our Vacation Bible School!

**PRIDE!:** This will be the second year our congregation is hosting a family pride festival, complete with a bouncy castle, music entertainment, food, and booths. Fun for all ages. The date of the Pride festival is June 22.

**PSALM SERMON SERIES:** For much of the summer, (June 16 - July 21) our sermon series will be focused on the Psalms. The Psalms are a deep well of many different genres and emotions, and we’ll dig in to what they mean to us. Most weeks we’ll be in Calvin Hall for summer worship.

**JONAH SERMON SERIES:** From July 28 - August 18 we’ll be studying the book of Jonah. Maybe you’ve read Jonah several times, or maybe it’s a new book of the Bible to you. Wherever you find yourself, you’ll learn something new.

MISSION PAGE

PADS

Our PADS season is finished and opening again in October.

We are in need of twin sheets

Men’s clothing, shoes & coats

Women’s clothing, shoes & coats

Socks for men & women

For the site, so please bring in the above if you find them while at a garage sale, over the summer.

Thank You!

The Mission Team

## GARDEN NEWS

### June, 2019

**Children's Vegetable Garden:** Our first harvest of cool-weather crops—bright, red radishes—was picked on May 24. Then, while working around the frequent rain storms, the summer vegetables were planted by the end of May. Many thanks to the team of helpers who raised vegetable seedlings, prepared the beds, and/or helped with planting: Jan Happel, Craig Happel, Ted Steiskal, Fred Schroeter, Alan West, and Faith Lee. In mid-June, our EPC children will begin tending the garden during worship. Except for a taste here and there, all produce will be donated to the Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry or other local food pantries.

**Garden Beds and Borders:** Only five more people are needed to fully cover our 18 garden plots. Come help keep our gardens beautiful! Jobs mostly consist of weeding and watering, and Ruth can teach you what to do. See the bulletin board display in the Nelson-White Room to sign up.

For more information, contact Garden Coordinator Ruth Schroeter at 708-562-5346 or [SchroeterRuth@yahoo.com](mailto:SchroeterRuth@yahoo.com).



## PASTOR'S CORNER CONTINUED

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS:** On August 11, the week before school starts, all children, youth, teachers and school administrators will be invited to a very special “Blessing of the Backpacks.” We’ll bless students for the year ahead with a special liturgy and token of our love and care. Bring any special students in your life. (The Blessing of the Backpacks will be during our regular worship service, and it’ll be in the sanctuary.)

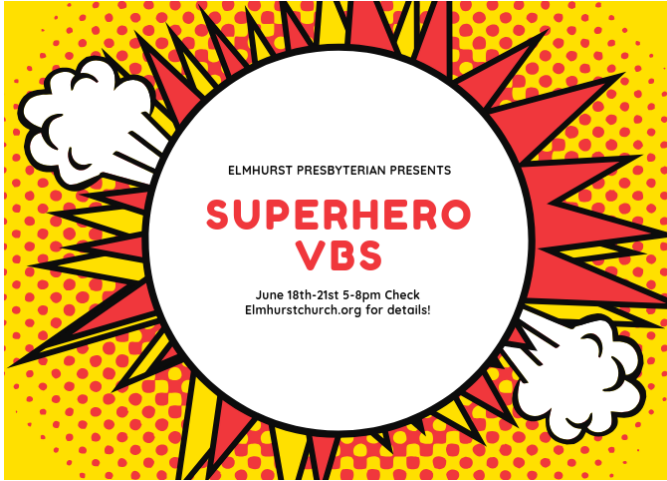
**YOUTH ROOM AND CHILDREN’S CHURCH ROOM REDO:** This summer is a perfect time for us to get our children’s church room and youth room ready for the school year! We’ll be painting, moving furniture, and setting up space for our children and youth! We’ll be moving furniture into the correct rooms and painting the space. If you’d like to help, please contact Pastor Traci. Work days are TBA!

Phew! That’s a summer! Looking forward to a fruitful summer at EPC.

With Gratitude,  
Pastor Traci

### More Light Presbyterians

This Spring the Session voted, unanimously, to become a “Presbyterian More Light” Congregation. What is a “More Light” Congregation? Well, the mission statement of More Light is “*Following the risen Christ, and seeking to make the Church a true community of hospitality, the mission of More Light Presbyterians is to work for the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) people in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in society.*” By voting to become “More Light,” our session has formalized our welcoming position so that those who are seeking a church home will know ours is a safe and open congregation. Learn more about More Light Presbyterians by visiting [www.mlp.org](http://www.mlp.org). If you have any questions about More Light Presbyterians, please talk to any of our session members, or Pastor Traci, and be on the lookout for future articles in the announcement bulletin and on our website.



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. You can sign-up to help on the bulletin board in the Nelson-White Room. If you need to know more, see Darelle Menendie or Emily Culella for further details. Open to kids K to 5. You can sign-up at [epc@elmhurstchurch.org](mailto:epc@elmhurstchurch.org) to register.

## 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.



### **ROMEOs, ROMEOs, Wherefore Art Thou ROMEOs?**

We call ourselves the ROMEOs. But we aren't none of us going to be climbing any balconies any time soon. The name stands for Retired Old Men Eating Out.

We gather at 1PM on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Hi View Restaurant in Villa Park. There we partake of tasty lunches, including a dozen dinner-size choices on the Senior Discount menu. Over lunch, we exchange a few jokes, inquire as to each other's health, debate the prospects of our favorite teams and resolve all of our church's problems. Time permitting, we also will come up with solutions for most of the larger world's ills.

The name notwithstanding, participation in this camaraderie is not restricted to the old and retired. If you are an AARP-aged male and able to get away for an hour or so, we invite you to join us for a pleasant lunch with a swell bunch of guys. Indeed, if you come prepared with a couple of jokes that we've not heard repeated a dozen times, we would welcome you with a favored seat at the table. Remember to speak up, as some of the guys don't hear so good.

As they say down South: Y'all come!

Dan McGuire

**EPC SESSION** didn't have a quorum to meet for their May meeting. No notes from the meeting to report. Session will meet Tuesday, June 18th at 6 p.m. in the Tallman Room

**MONDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP STUDY** is taking a break for summer. They will resume in September. The contact for the group is Muriel Gifford.

**EPC MOVIE NIGHTS** will resume in September. Contact Susan Leslie [kcleslie206@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kcleslie206@sbcglobal.net) to be added to the member list for EPC Movie Night for the fall.

### **HUGS**

All women of the church and their friends are invited to HUGS (Hearts of (uf) Grace), an evening for relaxing, sharing and laughing. The next get-together will be June 24, 2019, 6:00 p.m. at Cheryl Turek's. Please let Cheryl Turek know if you will attend, at [\(chirval1129@gmail.com\)](mailto:chirval1129@gmail.com). More details will follow.

**DEACONS** meeting canceled on Tuesday, June 4th.

**FIRST CHURCH**—sponsored for Youth Mental Health on Wednesday, June 12, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. The program topic is "Common Caregiving Experiences Dealing with Youth Mental Illness. At First United Methodist Church of Elmhurst, 232 South York Street. Please share this information with parents or other caregivers who might benefit from this support group. Encourage them to RSVP to me —Chris Squier at [squierc@gmail.com](mailto:squierc@gmail.com) for the upcoming meeting on June 12.

**SPRING CONCERT**  
**A TRIBUTE TO JOHNNY MERCER**  
**Starring Jeffrey Deutsch**

*Saturday, June 8*

*Performance: 7:30 pm*  
*Desserts, Coffee, Tea, & Raffle: 8:30 pm*

*Elmhurst Presbyterian Church*  
*367 Spring Road, Elmhurst, IL*

*RSVP (630) 834-7750*

*Casual Dress*



**TO BENEFIT**

**The Hundred Club  
Of DuPage County**

**Dedicated to helping families of  
fallen or injured police officers and  
firefighters for over 30 years**

**Donations to The Hundred Club of DuPage County  
accepted with gratitude at the door**



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 1:00-2:30 p.m. is meeting in  
the Nelson-White Room.

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, please join us  
to work on comfort shawls, lap robes or baby  
blankets.

Contact person is Mary Mueller at  
[mayway@comcast.net.](mailto:mayway@comcast.net)

