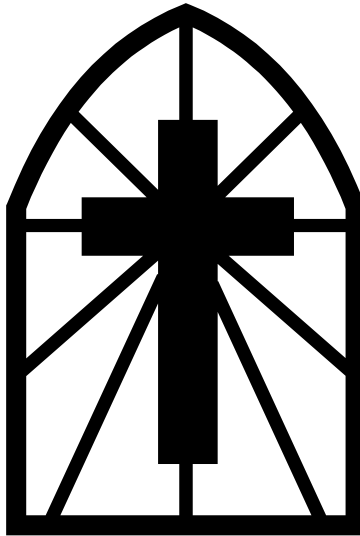


Announcements August 2019

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

In Our Prayers 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
Cheryl Turek Technology Assistant Sunday morning's
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Prayers*



PASTOR'S CORNER

You've heard the word "mission," no doubt, as our congregation supports various different ministries, both with our finances and with our time. DuPage PADS is, perhaps, our strongest mission partner, as we've dedicated a large portion of space to housing those experiencing homelessness and serve as a host site every Saturday evening during the PADS season. We also support a number of other mission partners, and the mission committee discerns where the spirit is leading us every year. Have you heard the word *missional*, as in *the missional church*? The word *missional* is a bit different from mission, although there are places of connection.

A *missional* church is a church that focuses on serving people outside their walls rather than expecting or assuming people will come to our church building. A missional church focuses on *everyone* in their circle of influence, not just people with socioeconomic or other "mission" needs. A missional church seeks to influence neighbors, millennials, teens, CEOs, service industry professionals, Wal-Mart workers, and everyone in between. How does a missional church accomplish this? The first step is recognizing that people in the community who don't have a church home are very unlikely to walk in doors without a personal relationship. Walking into a church building where you don't know anyone is a huge step, and hard to do without a personal invitation.

Many churches spend a lot of time creating the perfect event where people will want to come and experience the warm community of their congregation. There's nothing wrong with this, but it can often be ineffective. The good news is that we can bring our community to them. Who are the people in your sphere of influence who could benefit from our church community? Take time to build a relationship with them and share the good news of how your faith has changed your life. You don't have to be preachy or pushy, just share your story. Though it might feel hard at first, you might find that your community is hungry for spiritual nourishment and appreciates the space to talk about such things.

We'll continue to learn more about the missional church in the months to come, and to develop strategies for influencing others and sharing our faith stories. In the meantime, take a few moments to consider who you know who might be looking for some spiritual connection.

GARDEN NEWS August, 2019

Children's Vegetable Garden

After a slow start, the garden is producing nicely. So far, we have delivered radishes, spinach, scallions, spinach, sugar snap peas, Swiss chard, collards, kale, herbs, and beans to the Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry. Lots more will be coming in August, including cucumbers, squash, peppers, eggplant, and tomatoes. Children pick the vegetables and water the plants on Sunday mornings. Often they find interesting insects to observe, like butterfly and moth larva or pollinating bees. Adult volunteers care for the garden during the week, including watering, weeding, harvesting, cleaning, weighing, packaging, and delivering the food. Thank you, everyone!

Garden Beds

Flowers are blooming everywhere, especially in the Butterfly Garden on the south end of the parking lot. Currently in bloom around the grounds are Joe-Pye Weed, Beebalm, Coreopsis, Rose Milkweed, Butterfly Weed, Blazing Star, Purple Coneflower, Black-Eyed Susan, Shasta Daisy, Blue Vervain, Common Ironweed, Yellow Coneflower, Cardinal Flower, False Sunflower, Larkspur, Daylilies, Roses, Zinnias, and Geraniums. And the pots by the entrances are overflowing with lovely blooms. A whole team of volunteers helps by weeding, watering, fertilizing, edging, deadheading, and cleaning up debris. Thank you, all!

Garden Tip

You may be wondering: What is deadheading? Deadheading is the act of removing blossoms that have finished blooming. Not only does this improve the overall look, but it also tricks many plants into producing more blooms. When a plant is not deadheaded, the flowers produce seed, thus finishing the plant's life-cycle and telling the plant that its work is done. However, if the plant is not allowed to finish its life-cycle, the plant will continue to produce more flowers. Plants that respond well to deadheading include geraniums, roses, marigolds, zinnias, petunias, and Shasta daisy. If you find a plant that has already produced a seed head, like on a daylily, simply break off the capsule; the plant will then produce more flower stalks.

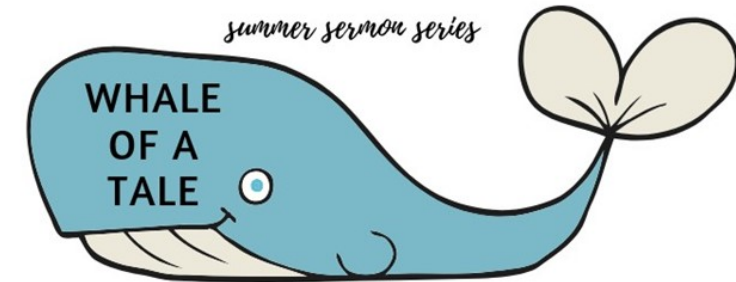
Garden Coordinator: Ruth Schroeter (708-562-5346 or [Schroeter-Ruth@yahoo.com](mailto:Ruth@yahoo.com))

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We will meet Wednesday, August 7th from 1:00-2:30 p.m. to knit and crochet shawls or lap robes. Please join us.

We will be happy to teach or refresh you on either knitting or crocheting.

Contact person is Mary Mueller at mayway@comcast.net.



WHAT DOES JONAH'S JOURNEY TELL US ABOUT OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?

Join EPC for a summer sermon series that explores God's gift of second chances.

Sunday morning worship at 10:30 am

July 28	Jonah, Chapter 1
August 4	Jonah Chapter 2
August 11	Jonah Chapter 3
August 18	Jonah Chapter 4



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all are welcome

DEACONS will meet on Tuesday, August 6th from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Tallman Room. Discuss upcoming EPC picnic.

EPC MOVIE NIGHTS will resume in September. Contact Susan Leslie kcleslie206@sbcglobal.net to be added to the member list for EPC Movie Night for the fall.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR CUPCAKES AND CONVERSATION!

On Tuesday, August 13th, at 7:00 p.m. PCUSA Mission Co-Workers Charles and Melissa Johnson will be at [Elmhurst Presbyterian Church](#) to talk about their work in Zambia. We'll have cupcakes (regular and gluten free), coffee, and conversation. Charles and Melissa will talk about healthcare in Zambia, and their work with farming. There will be plenty of time to ask questions about Zambia and their work there. Please spread the word to anyone who is interested in learning more about Presbyterian Mission Service OR Zambia, OR both!

In an effort to help ministers and congregations work together for

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

Will meet on Wednesday, August 28th 26th at Hi-View Restaurant in Villa Park. Time: 1:00 P.M. Contact: Doug Hall at 630) 279-8739.

HEALTHY PASTORS, HEALTHY CONGREGATIONS

In an effort to help ministers and congregations work together for financial sustainability, education and resources, the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (USA) has developed *Healthy Pastors, Healthy Congregations*.

Eligible pastors who complete the program may apply for a grant to put towards debt relief and/or retirement savings. Church Consultant Reverend Ken Green will be hosting a two and half hour seminar on A Theology of Benefits and Financial Realities Facing Pastors on August 26th at 6:30 All interested members are invited, and encouraged, to attend. A salad and sandwich dinner will be provided.

Please contact Pastor Traci or Liz Johnson to register.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2019
10:30 a.m. worship service



**BLESSING
OF THE
BACKPACKS**

The week before school starts in Elmhurst, all children, youth, teachers and school administrators are 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.



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