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The Monthly Newsletter for Edina Morningside Community Church

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"Sunday Moves to Wednesday" in July!

For the sixth year, in July Sunday worship moves to Wednesday. This means there will be no sanctuary worship on Sundays, July 2, 9, 16 or 23.

We will gather instead on Wednesdays, July 5, 12, 19, & 26.

-----Wednesday schedule -----

6pm simple meal planned by a hospitality team

6:45-7:30pm Worship, *nursery care available for every service*

Come and feed your body and your

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Come and feed your body and your soul!

Worship moves back to Sunday on July 30th and continues on Sunday mornings through the rest of the year.

From the Pastor

Happy summer! This season—in gardens and in our lives—is marked by runaway growth and freedom from confining order. By the time fall comes, we (and the kids in our lives) might be eager again for the structure of school and other program schedules, but for now we're luxuriating in long sunny evenings, extended weekends, and outdoor recreation. Travel is also a sign of the season—I just had several weeks of vacation in Europe (thank you!), and after some office days am now at the UCC's General Synod in Baltimore. I look forward to sharing more about these travels in the weeks and months ahead. I'm especially grateful for Laurie Eckberg, Molly Cox, Elaine Kirkland and Frank Bennett for helping to cover administrative, pastoral care and worship needs so I have time for this rest and learning! I hope that you too are experiencing renewal this summer.

While enjoying the freedom of doing things differently, I hope you'll join us for outdoor dinner and worship opportunities this month!

In July, Sunday worship moves to Wednesdays—see the Worship Preview below for all the details. That also frees us up on Sundays to experience the worship of other communities, which might give us new ideas and further chances to be together!

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In Our Prayers

We especially hold these members and friends in our prayers:

ideas and further chances to be together!

Here's where I'm going to be on three

Sundays in July—[let me know](#) if you want to join me in checking out something new:

- **July 9th, 5pm bluegrass worship** at [House of Mercy](#) in Saint Paul
- **July 16th, 10am larger-church, more formal worship** at [Gloria Dei Lutheran Church](#) in Saint Paul (my husband Javen's church)
- **July 23rd, 10:30am ecumenical community worship** at [Lyndale UCC](#) in Minneapolis (one of three churches sharing a building and programs as [SpringHouse Ministry Center](#))

I look forward to these and other ways to stay connected in this season of restoration, travel, and following how the Pentecost God is still doing a new thing!

Pastor Oby

Wednesday Service - July 5, 2017

Scripture reading: Psalm 133

This Week's Leaders

- **Leading Worship:** Rev. Oby Ballinger
- **Minister of Music and Liturgical Arts:**
Rev. Elaine B. Kirkland
- **Nursery Attendant:** Ella Williams
- **Dinner Team Leaders:**
Marge Ellingson and Lollie Eidsness
- **Offering Counter:** Donella Neuhaus

Before Worship

- Simple Supper on the patio starting at 6pm

July Birthdays



7/3

Laurie Cory

7/9

Mary Herbst

7/10

Lianne Beyerl

7/12

Barb Dibble

7/13

Conrad Phelan

7/15

Chloe Gratzek

Maimie Jamieson

7/16

Carol Downey

7/17

Don Patrick

7/22

Harry Jamieson

7/24

Janet Anderson

7/25

Zach Engelke

7/28

Ella Williams

7/31

Aiden Kreun

Caitlin Rogers

Please let us know if we missed your big day!

During Worship

- Focus on unity, diversity, and experiences of the broader United Church of Christ
- Invitation to share Joy/Concern prayers
- Communion around tables
- Anointing with oil
- Nursery care available

This Coming Week at EMC

Church Office Closed For July 4th Holiday

Pastor's Office Hours: Thursday

Wednesday

- 5:30pm The Hand of AA meeting, Library
- **6pm Supper on the Patio**
- **6:45 Worship**

Thursday

- 5:30pm **Perspectives Outreach**
- 7pm **Preschool Board Meeting**
- 7pm **Board of Christian Ed. Meeting**

Sunday

- **No Sunday Worship at EMC - dinner and worship on Wednesday, July 12th**

July Worship Preview

Daylight Mission Trip



Interested in going to Daylight Kenya in Summer 2018

Informational meeting Monday July 10th at 7pm at Edina Morningside UCC

Come learn about this amazing two week trip to serve alongside the staff and students at Daylight School in Kenya and learn about Kenyan culture. Help teach English or learn how you may share your unique skills! The trip also includes a one day safari and lots of animal sightings! Teens are welcome with

During July, our Sundays move to Wednesdays—and outdoors! See below for service highlights, and contact Pastor Oby if you want to join one of his expeditions to another style of worship on Sundays!

July 5th: We gather to experience God's "**Embracing**" love, and consider "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity", according to Psalm 133. We reflect on experiences of dis/unity in the wider church and society, celebrate communion, and go out anointed to be uniting **Ties that Bind** in the world.

July 12th: We enjoy the music of the women's quartet "Heartfelt" (including Denise Cochran!), and consider a theme of "**Moving**". Relationships are a dance, and to be connected is to find a rhythm with those around us. When we are in step with the rhythm of the Spirit, the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:15-26) will strengthen the **Ties that Bind**. How might that 'beat' sound?

July 19th: Washing the feet of disciples in John 13:1-17, Jesus models a new kind of relationship that put no person above another. In fact, we see Jesus always "**Lifting**" up those who were put down. Do we lift others up or do we bring them down? What acts of kindness will we do to create **Ties that Bind**?

July 26th: Our final Wednesday evening begins the start of a new series, **Celebrating God's Presence**, and today's focus is "**In Each Moment**". The Celtic tradition of blessing prayers honor the Holy in every moment, every thing, every person. Such praying begets a way of living – of observing and celebrating, blessing and being blessed by the ordinary acts and encounters of life. What if we saw our waking, the rituals of getting up and getting out, the rhythms of our work, play and rest, as rife with blessing?

an adult guardian. Cost is \$3100/person and includes flight. Please let us know if you are able to join us on for the information session on the 10th. [RSVP here](#)

Daylight Update



Take a minute to read this month's update from Daylight [celebrating the live of Kama Sukoka](#), a wife and mother who died to soon.

Please continue to keep the people of Kenya, the dedicated people who support Daylight, and the staff and children at Daylight in your prayers.

Blessings!
Pam DeLaittre

July 30th: Worship returns to Sunday mornings at 10am, and the service considers **Celebrating God's Presence: In the Extra/Ordinary**. One of the ways we notice life's blessings is to delight in the 'small things'. Everyday objects and activities from coffee cups to taking off our shoes can be blessings. Moving through our days with the mantra, *Bless to me my _____*, is a Celtic practice that slows us down and calls us to notice the beauty in *every* gift of life

66West Update



Update on 66West Community Room –
Because you are all so generous, we are doing very well getting the games and coffee mugs for the Community Room at 66West. So far the congregation has donated funds for 26 of the 32 mugs and we have all of the games. That is fantastic! We would still like to provide the other 6 mugs so if you are interested in donating any of them, please let me know. I will be taking what we have over to 66West this week so that the young people can start

MN Conference Reflections

Brad Gangnon along with Barb and Charlie Green attended the Minnesota Conference UCC Annual Meeting earlier in June.

Brad's reflections on the weekend start out with this question - Is Edina Morningside Church a vital congregation? To read what conclusion he came to and more just [click here](#).

Barb and Charlie have also written out their thoughts and experiences from the conference. [Click here](#) to read about the workshops they attended over the weekend.

the week so that the young people can start relaxing, enjoying the games and beverages and getting to know each other in the Community Room. More details as they are available. Thank you so much! [Pam DeLaittre](#)



And now for your two-minute, song-and-dance break: click on the picture above and get a sneak preview of Godspell from the [Morningside Theatre Company](#) cast, who kicked off worship last Sunday with joy and great spirit. See the show **Tonight (6/30)**, 7 p.m.; and **Saturday, (7/1)** 1 pm and 7 pm [#letstalkaboutlove](#)

Service Opportunities

Perspectives: Volunteer in July



July Calendar

Click [here](#) to see what's happening at EMC in July.

Thank - You!!



Thanks to all who have worked on our outside spaces the past 2 weeks!! It looks Fantastic!

Messenger Deadline

Articles to be included in the August Messenger should be in the church office on July 24th

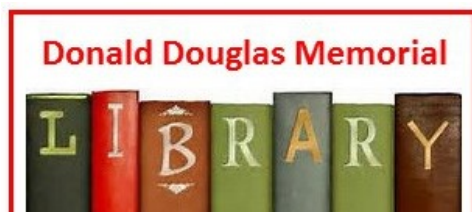
Pastor Relations Committee

The Pastoral

Since March, EMC volunteers have been helping to prepare dinner once a month at Perspectives, a family-focused St. Louis Park nonprofit. In the summer, we're signed up to volunteer **three Thursday nights in July (7/6, 7/13, and 7/20), 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., in Ainsworth Park (7700 W. 28th Street)**. Basketball in the Park has become a "National Night Out" for 12 weeks during the summer months. In addition to basketball, flag football, kickball and arts and crafts, they also hope to continue teaching lacrosse and yoga this year. Peter Hobart Elementary School is again on board and will be sending teachers to the park this summer as well. Last year the program served over 300 different kids and had almost 40 different volunteers. In addition to the activities, a meal of hot dogs and snacks is served for all participants.

EMC adults and kids can participate—in fact, all are welcome. As a volunteer, you might register participants; help out with basketball, kickball or yoga; set up crafts; hand out snacks; or clean up afterwards. In addition, on July 20, we are sponsoring the dinner, bringing about 150 all-beef hot dogs and buns plus fruit or chips for about 150 people. We are hoping to have 10 volunteers each week. To sign up, please contact the [church office](#).

The EMC Douglas Memorial Library Needs Attention



Relations Committee (PRC) is comprised of Cathy Baldwin, Laurie Cory, and Larry Williams. We meet quarterly with Pastor Oby to provide a sounding board for him on how he feels things are going and to act as liaisons from the congregation about issues that you, the congregation, bring forth. If there are any concerns or things that you would like to have shared, please bring them to one of the members of the committee who will treat the information with complete confidence and bring it up at our next meeting. Our next meeting is set for the second week in July.



The wall has been straightened and the new windows have been installed. It is time to put the library back together! If you have an hour or two to work on cleaning and putting the entire room in order (not just the books on the shelves), please contact the [church office](#).

Painters Needed



Starting next week, Laura Gennrich is heading up the work crew to **Renew** the preschool rooms and hallway in July. A detailed description of this two phase project is in the narthex. If you are able to grab a paintbrush and help out please get in touch with [Laura](#).

Contact us

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Financial Report

	5/2017	Year to Date
Budgeted Pledges	\$19,851	\$85,947
Actual Pledges	\$19,291	\$86,268
Difference	(560)	\$321



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