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## Women's Social Evening Tonight

Time to gather again! **Tonight at 7:00 PM in the Meeting Room/Gathering Space** we are planning another relaxing social evening for EMC adult women Members and Friends. Please bring a snack and a beverage to share if you are able (not required). We will again have materials available to tie a blanket for the Frauenschuh Cancer Center - Park Nicollet. Questions?? contact [Pam DeLaittre](#). See you there!



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## Through the Lens of Faith, by Pastor Oby

*What's happening in the world and the church, as it relates to God's purpose for Edina Morningside Church: "Sharing the joy of Christ's love by welcoming and serving".*

I'm excited to share that our next Music Director for Edina Morningside Church will be Conie Borchardt, who has extensive experience leading congregational music with all ages, and brings a particular passion for all-church participation in worship music. Our current Director of Music and Liturgy Elaine Kirkland has shown phenomenal leadership these last few years, and has set us up well to carry the torch further upon her retirement June 2nd.

Over the past three months, our Music Director Search Committee has refined the job description, fielded interest from over a dozen applicants, then invited the Morningside Bells and Chancel Choir to give feedback on three finalists. We were blessed with great candidates throughout, and the Vision Council unanimously approved Conie as our choice. I'm particularly grateful for the detailed, patient and faithful work of our Music Director Search Committee, led by chair Bob Beyerl, in bringing us to this exciting new development.



In her application materials and interviews, Conie Borchardt (sounds like "Connie" and rhymes with "orchard") emphasized her love of expansive faith expressions, including music and movement. Her guiding intention is to "facilitate connections to the Great Mystery by leading the community's song in lament and praise from the piano, organ, and voice in worship liturgy, the work of the people." Describing herself as a "Wandering HeARTist", Conie has most recently been the Music Director for almost nine years at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in St. Paul. Conie is also a regional leader in what's known as "paperless music", singing that creates harmony and melody through on-the-spot teaching rather than printed notes. When she's not leading congregational music, Conie is a Song Leader with [Music that Makes Community](#), a Certified Dance Leader with [Dances of Universal Peace](#), and a Full Voice Coach with [Points of Light Music](#). She brings training in spiritual direction, passion for social justice, and experience as a person of mixed race to all that she does.

Having experienced firsthand Conie's talents in teaching and leading congregational song, I'm excited for EMC to start making music with her in the near future! Conie's first day will be June 1st, and her first worship service with us will be June 9th. Please plan now to welcome Conie to EMC on Pentecost Sunday!

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## Sunday Worship Services - April 28, 2019

### Before Worship

- Fill out prayer request slips

### This Week's Leaders

- **Leading Worship:** Rev. Frank Bennett
- **Guest Musician:** Rev. Doug Federhart
- **Reader:** Mary Lenard
- **Song Leader:** Darlene Clay
- **Nursery Attendant:** Becky Phelan
- **Ushers:** Chuck Clay, Sarah Gednalske and Diane Halpin
- **Offering Counter:** Cathy Baldwin

### During Worship

- Children's Activity Table in the Sanctuary
- Nursery Care available
- Time with Children, followed by "Story and Art" for youth with Pam DeLaitre
- Loose coins collected in April donated to [Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative](#)

- Loose coins collected in April donated to [Deacon Internship Housing Collaborative](#)

## After Worship

- Coffee and Community
  - 1:30pm Jeff Rice Visitation
  - 2pm Jeff Rice Funeral and Reception
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## In Our Prayers

*We especially hold these members and friends in our prayers*

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## This Week at EMC

***Pastor Oby will be on vacation April 24 - 30. For pastoral care needs, please contact Rev. Molly Cox on her cell: 952-564-7847.***

<b>Church Office Hours:</b>	M-Th	10am-3pm	appointments
<b>Pastor's Office Hours:</b>	W, Th	10am-3pm	encouraged
<b>Preschool Hours:</b>	Tu-Fr	9am-1pm	

### Monday

- 7:30pm **Morningside After Dark**

### Tuesday

- 10am **Bible Study** (Meeting Room)

### Wednesday

- 9:30am **Women's Fellowship** (Meeting Room)
- 5:30pm Hand of AA (Fellowship Hall)
- 6pm **Youth Group** (The Loft)
- 6:15pm **Morningside Bell Rehearsal**
- 7:30pm **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**

### Thursday

- 6pm **Pastor Relations Committee** (Meeting Room)

## **Saturday**

- 7pm **66West Tour** (3330 West 66th Street, Edina)
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## **May Worship and Second Hour Preview**

**May 5th:** For the **Third Sunday of Easter's** fifty days, we begin a monthlong series, "Go Therefore," tracing how Christian disciples are sent out by the power of Christ's resurrection. The Scripture passage is from Acts 10, where Peter's vision prompts us to consider whom the Spirit makes "Acceptable to God" today. We also observe Holocaust Remembrance Sunday and share communion by intinction at the altar. Second Hour is a discussion for feedback on the draft Safer Church Policy.

**May 12th:** On the **Fourth Sunday of Easter** we meet the Apostle Paul, whose calling from God welcomes non-Jews into the Christian movement. "Bearing Witness in the Work", Paul calls us to recognize those who lead within communities of faith. We receive a special offering for Seminary Sunday, and welcome new members to the church. Our Second Hour is Potluck and Ministries, building community and coordinating ministries over potluck food in Fellowship Hall.

**May 19th:** For **Liturgical Arts Sunday**, we experience anew God's call for us to participate fully and freely in Easter's joy—this Sunday through imagery, movement, and the music of our choirs. "Unashamed and Gifted", we delight in the power of God manifesting from beyond and within us, leading us to shine unabashedly in the world. Our Second Hour is a congregational meeting to elect those who will lead the church's boards and committees for future years.

**May 26th:** This **Memorial Day** weekend, we "Go Therefore: Poured Out in Hope" according to the encouragement of Paul in Romans 5:1-11. We consider the challenges and trials that lead from suffering to endurance to character to hope. Where are we called to pour out hope for the sake of the world?

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## May Birthdays



**May 1** Sarah Nelson  
**May 2** Marit Gennrich  
**May 9** Art Downey  
**May 20** William Phelan  
**May 22** Mark Mironer  
**May 24** Bill Obert  
**May 29** John Stout  
**May 31** Ann Merrill

Please [\*let us know\*](#) if we missed your big day!!

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## Morningside After Dark on April 29th



Don't miss the final installment of **Morningside After Dark** on Monday, April 29th from 7:30 - 9 pm (doors open at 7 pm) with the theme "Grace". Featuring musicians and writers from the neighborhood and beyond. Location: Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend and enjoy a night of local storytelling and live music to

brighten spirits in the darkest of winter months ...even in April! For more updates visit the [Morningside After Dark Facebook Page](#).

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## Pastor Relations Committee

The Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC) is comprised of [Cathy Baldwin](#), [Laurie Cory](#), and [Larry Williams](#) and meets 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 the next meeting -

**Thursday, May 2nd.**



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## **Beacon's 66West Tour - Saturday, May 4th**

The EMC Beacon Core Team has arranged for a tour of the Beacon 66West housing facility in Edina (3330 West 66th Street) on **Saturday, May 4th at 11am**. This new apartment building provides young adults from the southwest Hennepin County suburbs who have experienced homelessness a place to call home. To learn more about Beacon and 66West [click here](#). To RSVP for the Edina Morningside Tour [click here](#).



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## **Kenya Service Learning Trip Informational Meeting Sunday May 5th, 2-3 pm**



Come learn about this amazing two-week trip in June/July 2020 to serve alongside the staff and students at [Daylight School](#) in Kenya, and learn about Kenyan culture. Join people from other UCC churches in Minneapolis (and beyond) to 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 an adult guardian. Cost is approximately \$4000/person, depending on the cost of flights. Check out this [video introduction to Daylight Center and School!](#)

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## **Perspectives Outreach Opportunity: May 6, 3:30-6:30pm**

Since 2017, EMC members have been helping kids create healthy



... 2017, our members have been helping us create healthy dinners once a month at Perspectives, an award-winning human services agency in St. Louis Park. This volunteer opportunity is open to everyone 16 and older—even if you barely know your way around a kitchen. We serve on the first Monday of every month during the school year - and this is the last one! Please use this [SignUpGenius link](#) to learn more and pitch in!



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## Front Porch Friday



There will be a **Front Porch Friday outing on May 10th**. We will meet at church 10AM and car pool to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. There is a sign up sheet posted in the Gathering Space or contact the [church office](#) to let us know you are coming.

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## Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Giver: May 13, 6:30 - 8:30pm

Starting on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm there will be monthly **Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group** gathering for those seeking information and resources in caring for those with dementia. These meetings will take place in the EMC Meeting Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month and will be facilitated by Frank Bennett and Mary Lenard. [For More Information](#)



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## Taking Heart Open Houses



Ramadan is a month of the Islamic lunar calendar during which Muslims abstain from food and drink from sunrise to sunset; **in 2019 it falls between the dates of May 6 – June 5**. Fasting during Ramadan is one of the “five pillars” of





Islam, and is performed to learn compassion, self-restraint, and generosity.

**Taking Heart Open Houses** is a long-running program coordinated by the Minnesota Council of Churches (MCC) and the Muslim American Society of Minnesota (MAS-MN) to bring Christians and members of other faith communities together with Muslims for food and conversation during Ramadan. Minnesota mosques and Islamic community centers welcome their non-Muslim neighbors for a traditional Iftar meal at sunset, inviting a time of encounter and learning. Growing in popularity, Taking Heart saw more than 1100 non-Muslims attend Open House Iftar dinners in 2018. [Follow this link for more information, and to register to attend an Iftar interfaith meal this year.](#)

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## May Calendar

Click [here](#) to see what is happening at EMC this month!

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## Morningside Preschool News

It is hard to believe it is almost the end of April, for us at preschool that means we are nearing the end of our school year. This April we have been focused on spring and life cycles. We have searched for signs of spring on our play yard and around the neighborhood. We also had the opportunity to go on a field trip to Woodlake Nature Center where the children were able to explore further for signs of spring with the guidance of the park naturalists. To finish up April we will have caterpillars and watch them as they grow and change to butterflies.



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## Daylight Update



The test results are in! [Read about](#) how the 8th grade students at Daylight have qualified for high school with their good marks.



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

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## MTC Summer Camp Registration

Registration is still open! Forms are available on the [church website](#).

Youth Camp (completing grades 6-9)

**Legally Blonde the Musical, JR.**

**\*A Few Spots Left\***

Mon-Fri 8:30 am - 12:30 pm 6/10-6/27

Shows Thu 6/27 7pm, Fri 6/28 10 am & 7 pm, Sat 6/29 10 am



Elementary Camp (completing grades 2-5)

**A Year with Frog and Toad KIDS**

Mon - Fri 9am - 12pm 7/8-7/19

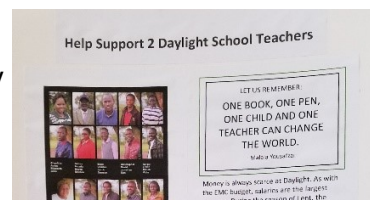
Shows Fri 7/19 7pm, Sat 7/20 10 am & 3pm

See more details (and share this opportunity!) via the [Morningside Theatre Company page](#) on Facebook.

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## Lenten Fundraising Challenge

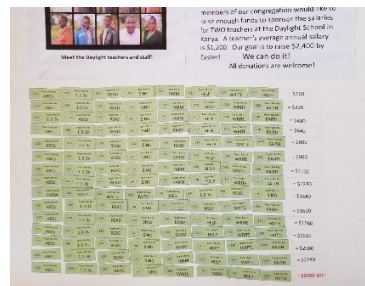
**We Did It!** Through your generosity, we reached beyond our **stretch goal to now fund FOUR teachers** with donations totally \$4,920 for Daylight School in Kenya! Thank you so much!!



Blessings, *Pam DeLaittre, Daylight Contact*

**Let us remember: One book, One pen, One child and One teacher can change the world.**

**- Malala Yousafzai**



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## Member and Community Happenings

### VEAP Gala

**Friday, April 26th, 6pm**

Radisson Blu, Mall of America

2100 Killebrew Dr, Bloomington

For more information and to register [click here](#).

### Youth Mental Health First Aid

**Saturday, April 27th, 8:30am - 5:30pm**

Progressive Baptist Church, 1505 Burns Ave, St. Paul

The course is designed to teach participants the risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems in adolescents, build understanding of the importance of early intervention, and teach individuals how to help a youth in crisis or experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge. Participants will also learn a five-step action plan to support an adolescent developing signs and symptoms of a mental illness or emotional crisis. To register (required) or get more detailed information, please contact NAMI Minnesota at 651-645-2948 or see “classes” at [namihelps.org](http://namihelps.org).

### Days of Remembrance

**Sunday, April 28th, 1-2:30pm**

Edina City Hall, 4801 W. 50th St.

The City of Edina’s Human Rights & Relations Commission (HRRC) holds an annual human rights forum, entitled Days of Remembrance, which will specifically look at “Surviving the Holocaust in France: With Help From Everyday Heroes.” Attendees of this forum will hear from Louise Dillery, a Holocaust survivor. Dillery didn’t spend any time in a labor or concentration camp, but growing up Jewish in Paris, France was extremely difficult under Nazi occupation. Her mother died when Dillery was just 13, just a few years later her father was taken and never seen again. She credits her survival to “human angels” who helped teach her, pay rent, hide her and feed her.

**Ice Shapes (including EMC youth Nicole Chidester!)**

**The SQSA Parade 2019 Spring Ice Show**

**Friday, May 3rd, 7pm**

**Saturday, May 4th, 2pm & 7pm**

Nicole will be skating in 4 numbers at this years ice show. [For tickets and more information.](#)

**#MillionsMissing Visibility Action**

**Saturday, May 11**

**People's Plaza in Minneapolis, 352 South 5th Street**

Please join EMC's Beyerl family as they raise awareness about Minnesota's lack of medical resources for those with myalgic encephalomyelitis / chronic fatigue syndrome. Everybody is welcome and encouraged to invite their doctors, family, friends, and those interested in learning more about this devastating illness. Please wear **RED!** [Click here for more information and to register.](#) Last year, #MEAction listed Minnesota's event as one of the largest in the United States with over 60 in attendance. Let's try to reach 100+ attendees this year in support of the 17,000+ missing in Minnesota!

**Creating Caring Communities Presentations in St. Paul**

**May 13th and May 29th**

Speakers from NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will present "Creating Caring Communities" in St. Paul on May 13 from 5:30-6:30 p.m., and again on May 29 from 11:00-Noon. Learn about mental illnesses, the impact of negative attitudes and five things each of us can do to make Minnesota a better place for people who experience a mental illness. These free programs are open to the public and will be held at NAMI Minnesota, 1919 University Ave. W., in St. Paul. For more information, contact the Workshop Coordinator at 651-645-2948 or [workshopreg@namimn.org](mailto:workshopreg@namimn.org).

**Bloomington Chorale (including Molly Cox)**

**"Songs of Hope and Inspiration"**

**Friday, May 17th, 7:30pm**

**Sunday, May 18th, 4pm**

**Bloomington Center for the Arts**

With selections from Brahms Requiem and Dvorak's New World Symphony.

[For tickets and information.](#)

**Legislative Wrap-up**

**Wednesday, May 22nd, 7-9pm**

Southdale Public Library, 2nd floor Conference Room

District 49 Legislators, Senator Melisa Franzen, and Representatives Heather Edelson and Steve Elkins will hold a Legislative Wrap-up Session. Come hear your legislators discuss

what bills were passed in 2019, what bills were not and what their priorities will be for next year. The event will be moderated by the League of Women Voters--Edina Chapter.

### **ECO Camp**

**June 24th - 27th, 9am - 1pm**

Union UCC, 3700 Alabama Ave, St. Louis Park

Create & expand a love of Creation, grow abilities for a smaller environmental impact and learn how inner peace and satisfaction come from relationships not ownership. [For more information](#)

### **Mental Health Crisis Planning for Families Video**

NAMI Minnesota recently released its newest video “Mental Health Crisis Planning for Families.” The video helps parents learn to recognize, prevent, plan for, and manage their child’s mental health crisis. It is patterned after NAMI’s booklet and class of the same name. The 15-minute video can be viewed in English or Spanish and was made possible by a grant from the Hope & Grace Initiative, a project of the New Venture Fund. To view “Mental Health Crisis Planning for Families,” go to “videos” at [namimn.org](http://namimn.org), or call NAMI at 651-645-2948.

Do you have events or news to share? [Please email us](#) the information by Wednesday for inclusion in the next Friday Update.



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