

January Messenger (Copy 02)

[Campaign Preview](#)

[HTML Source](#)

[Plain-Text Email](#)

[Details](#)

The Monthly Newsletter for Edina Morningside Community Church

[View this email in your browser](#)

The Messenger: January 2018

Through the Lens of Faith

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".



Last night, a dozen EMC members gathered in the home of Jane and Larry Williams to share what's causing harm and heartbreak to us and those we love. We named health

Table of Contents

- [Through the Lens of Faith](#)
- [January Worship and Second Hours](#)
- [Faith Formation Notes](#)
- [Sunday Service - December 31, 2017](#)
- [This Week at EMC](#)

insurance expenses, prescription drug costs, immigration failures, student loan debt, changing needs in elder care, and a general "us/them" coarsening divisiveness in public discourse. Many of these are the result of damaging decisions by those in power, so we also planned how we can "come out" as people of faith and advocate for a different way forward in 2018. Many of us (myself included) are planning to be [Faith Delegates](#) in partnership with thousands of other Minnesotans, organized by [ISAIAH](#) into a statewide, multiracial and ecumenical coalition advocating for those whom Jesus called "the least of these". Please let me know if you'd like to know more about this process, and watch for more ways that EMC will continue "sharing the joy of Christ's love" by serving our community as a bold, faithful public Christian voice.

Pastor Oby

January Worship and Second Hours

January 7th: Rev. Elaine B. Kirkland leads worship to launch our **Epiphany theme, "Come and See at EMC!"**. We share communion at the front of the church, and consider Jesus' calling of the first disciples (John 1:35-51), when he tells them "Come and See, Then Follow Me". For Second Hour after worship, Janet Anderson leads a book discussion on *Grief is the Thing with Feathers*, by Max Porter.

January 14th: For the Second Sunday after Epiphany, we "**Come and See Uncommon Glory**", made visible in Jesus' transformation of water into wine at the Wedding of Cana (John 2:1-

- [at EMC](#)
- [Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Breakfast-January 15, 2018](#)
- [January Front Porch Friday](#)
- [Taco Salad Lunch Fund Raiser](#)
- [November Financial Report](#)
- [Member and Community Happenings](#)
- [Table of Contents](#)
- [In Our Prayers](#)
- [January Birthdays](#)
- [Women's Social Evening](#)
- [January Calendar](#)
- [Daylight Update](#)
- [February Messenger Deadline](#)

11). Kat Vann from [Beacon Interfaith Housing](#) brings greetings and thanks from Beacon in worship. For Second Hour, Kat Vann further informs us about the need for affordable housing in the west metro, and how congregations are working together through Beacon to offer shelter and hope to formerly homeless people.

January 21st (10am): Come and See Faith Set Free, as Jesus rebukes the corrupt temple practices of his day (John 2:13-25). He demonstrates that God's favor is for all who need to experience the holy, not just with those who can pay for temple sacrifices. Immediately after worship, the Second Hour is our congregational meeting to consider approving the 2018 Budget.

January 21st (7pm): Please join us every third Sunday at 7pm during the winter months for a warm and centering Taizé-style worship service in the sanctuary. Our 30 minute, candlelit service of meditative songs, scripture and silence is followed by a simple soup supper in the library. Please join in; all are welcome!



January 28th: Just as Nicodemus encounters Jesus in John 3:1-21 and learns that he can be born anew, "**Come and See What You Can Be**" in the graceful encouragement of Jesus' love! Second Hour downstairs afterward is the tasty Taco Salad Lunch offered by Women's Fellowship--raising funds to feed clients of Families Moving Forward!

Faith Formation Notes

VACATION NOTICE

Thank you to everyone, teachers, board

In Our Prayers

We especially hold these members and friends in our prayers:

January Birthdays



Jan. 1

Kira Gratzek
Cory Howard Jr.
Kira Jasper

Jan 3

Cory Howard

Jan. 5

Maggie
Stevenson

Jan. 10

Janet Preston
Carol Russell

Jan 11

Michael Toth

Jan 18

Sarah Gednalske
Benjamin
Krebs-Boie

Jan 23

Annabelle Joyce

Jan 25

Thank you to everyone—teachers, board members, staff, pageant leaders, OWL and confirmation chaperones, and others—who made this a wonderful fall faith formation season! I will be on vacation starting Christmas Day and returning January 3rd. Merry Christmas to everyone at EMC, and I'll see you in the new year! –Janet Anderson

SUNDAY SCHOOL



January 7th: Faith formation classes return for all students in grades K-12! Laurie Eckberg, Megan Gratzek, and Janet Anderson teaching.

January 14th: Faith formation class is offered for students in grades K-5. Janet Anderson teaching. Youth are invited to worship. (Youth, children and adults are also invited to the MLK Holiday Breakfast on Monday, January 15th. See below.)

January 21st: Faith formation classes are offered for students in grades K-5 and 6-8. Laurie Eckberg and Janet Anderson teaching. High school youth are invited to worship.

January 28th: Faith formation class is offered for students in grades K-5. Robert Schumacher teaching.

CONFIRMATION



This month's confirmation class is **Wednesday, January 10th from 6:30-8:30**

John Sorensen

Jan 29

Alex Beyerl

Jan 31

Daniel Toth

Please **let us know** if we missed your big day!!

Women's Social Evening



Women's Social Evening - Now

that the busy holidays are over it's time to relax and reconnect. Time to have a cup of coffee or a glass of wine, some refreshments and time to get together to talk with friends.

Friday evening, January 26th at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall, we are planning another social

p.m. We'll be discussing how God seeks and loves and saves us, as well as judging us.

SECOND HOUR JANUARY 7TH: BOOK DISCUSSION

I will lead a Second Hour discussion of Max Porter's novel, *Grief Is The Thing With Feathers*. The book features a father and two sons who are in mourning for the wife and mother they lost. It also features a crow who is raucous, bawdy, kind, annoying, cold, a trickster, and the symbol of their process through grief. We'll start with a little contextualization: reading Emily Dickinson's poem, "Hope Is The Thing With Feathers", reminding ourselves of who Ted Hughes was (the father in the novel is a Hughes scholar), and considering our impressions of crows. Then we'll talk about how the book made us think and feel about the grief that we experience, including whether or not faith provides consolation. **All are welcome.**

OWL CLASS



OWL class for high school students returns on **Wednesday, January 24th** after a long holiday break. We've got good questions to address from our Question Box before we move on to discussing verbal and non-verbal communication, sexuality in relationships, and sexuality through the life cycle. **Class is from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the third floor.**

evening for EMC adult women Members and Friends. We want to continue to get to know each other better. Please bring a beverage and/or a snack to share. This would be appreciated but not required. We will again have materials available to tie a fleece blanket for the Park Nicollet Frauenschuh Cancer Center.

Please [RSVP to the church](#)

[office](#) by

Monday,

January 22nd –

so we can plan....

or just come! If

childcare is

needed, please

let Laurie E. or

Pam know as

soon as you can

so we can make

arrangements.

Questions??

Contact [Pam](#)

[DeLaittre](#).

Hope to see you

Sunday Service - December 31, 2017

Worship Leaders

- **Leading Worship:** Rev. Oby Ballinger
- **Guest Pianist:** Barb Green
- **Song Leader:** Charlie Green
- **Reader:** Alan Eidsness
- **Offering Counter:** Doug Engelke
- **Ushers:** Brad Gangnon and Chuck Clay

During Worship

- Singing Christmas Carols
- December Loose Coin offering
for [Community Emergency Service](#)

This Week at EMC

Church Office Hours: Tu, W,Th, F

Pastor's Office Hours: Tu

Faith Formation Hours: W,TH

Preschool Winter Break

Monday

- **New Year's Day, church office closed**

Tuesday

- 10am **Bible Study (Library)**
- 6:30pm **Divine Design Task Force**

Wednesday

- 9:30am **Women's Fellowship (Library)**
- 5:30pm **The Hand of AA (Library)**

there. It won't be
the same without
you!

January Calendar



[Click here](#) to see
what is
happening at
EMC in January.

Daylight Update



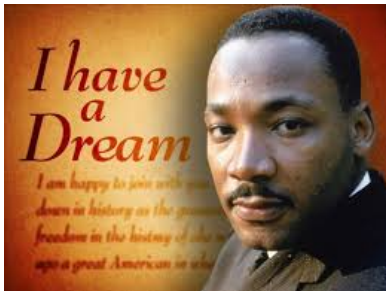
In this month's
update, Dr. Lenny
Snellman,
Daylight Board
Member, writes
about the
amazing success
of Daylight
students and their
dedicated
teachers. In the
most recent
published
national test
results, Daylight
is in the top 100
schools in the
entire country
and has the top
student in the

- 6:15pm **Morningside Bells Rehearsal**
- 7:30pm **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**

region, 8th grader
Leah Chepkemoi!

[Read more](#)

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Breakfast- January 15, 2018



An exciting field experience is planned for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, January 15th.

Confirmation students will be attending **the MLK Holiday Breakfast** via telecast, organized by [Interfaith Action](#), and doing a 90-minute confirmation lesson on justice and peace afterward. The event takes place at Judson Memorial Baptist Church, 4101 Harriet Avenue in Minneapolis. Breakfast is served at 7:00 a.m., and at 8:00 a.m. a speech by **actor David Oyelowo** is telecast from the Minneapolis Convention Center. (Oyelowo played the role of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the Oscar-nominated film *Selma*.) After the speech, EMC confirmation students and others who are interested will gather for a lesson on justice and peace. This field class will conclude at 11:00. **Cost for the event is \$5/person with children age 12 and under free.**

Registration can be made [here](#), or you may pay at the door. **Join us--all are welcome!**

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

February Messenger Deadline



Articles for the February Messenger should be in the church office on **January 22nd.**

Contact us

Pastor
[Rev. Oby Ballinger](#)

**Administrative
assistant**

January Front Porch Friday



We have a great opportunity to visit the new Beacon Housing for homeless

youth, called 66 West. It is located on 66th street right across from Southdale, in a totally renovated former bank building. Edina Morningside has been one of the churches offering support for this project. and now it is up and running!

The Front Porch Friday group - and any interested church members and friends - can join us on **Friday, January 19** for a private tour. We will meet at church at 9:30 for the tour at 10:00 AM. Of course, you can also meet us there. **HOWEVER, for their security reasons, we need to know by January 11 the NAMES of those planning to attend. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the office. Please sign up or call the church office with your reservation.** The tour lasts about an hour. We usually meet for lunch after our events. The place is still to be determined, but it will be nearby. It should be an interesting day! For more information, contact [Molly Cox](#), [Pam Delaittre](#), or [Laura Simonson](#).

[Laurie Eckberg](#)

952-926-6555

Website

emcucc.org



Taco Salad Lunch Fund Raiser



Sunday, January 28 - right after worship

All proceeds benefit our ministry with Families Moving Forward. This is the main fundraiser for

this outreach ministry.

Tickets: \$10/adults \$4/children - Plus \$1 for each take-out

Women's Fellowship donates the money to purchase the ingredients for this meal -- so every cent you contribute goes towards buying the food we serve several times a year at Parkway UCC in north Minneapolis, through [Families Moving Forward](#). (The dates for our dinners in 2018 are Feb. 12th, May 7th and Aug. 6th.) We are proud that we can continue to serve a delicious and nutritious meal to Families Moving Forward, and we know you will enjoy the meal, too.

Tickets go on sale Sunday, Jan. 14th. Please join us on the 28th. It's a great chance to sample the same meal we have served our guests several times in the past 18 months at Parkway UCC. If you are able to donate anything over and above the cost of your tickets, it will be greatly appreciated and put to good use.

Any question, please contact [Laurie Cory](#) or [Pam DeLaittre](#).

November Financial Report

	11/2017	Year to Date
Budgeted Pledges	\$17,282	\$190,249
Actual Pledges	\$26,310	\$190,916
Difference	\$9,028	\$667

Member and Community Happenings

Paul and Mindy's Annual

Skate Party and Potluck

Friday, December 29, 2017--TODAY!

Skating 3pm-5pm

Weber Park: 4115 Grimes Avenue South,
Edina, Minnesota 55416

Great family fun! Some skates are available to borrow in the warming house.

20th Annual Holiday Potluck and Candle Lighting 5-10pm

Home of Paul Thompson & Mindy Ahler:
4244 Crocker Ave, Edina, MN 55416

Celebrate the transition to a new year by sharing your hopes and dreams for 2018.

Bring a free-standing unscented candle for each person to light, and a favorite dish (home prepared, organic/local/GMO free if possible) to share. Soup, beverages, music and warm community available in large quantities! Lost? Questions? (952) 920-1547

Seeing All as God's Children

Sunday, January 7th at 1pm

The Basilica of St. Mary, Minneapolis

This is a one-hour interfaith service embracing immigrants and refugees. Through testimony, prayer and music we will recognize our common bond and dignity as beloved children of God. [RSVP here](#) and join Minnesotans who recognize immigrants as God's children.

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



Copyright © 2017, Edina Morningside Community Church, All rights reserved.

Our mailing address is:

4201 Morningside Road, Edina MN 55416

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#)

This email was sent to << Test Email Address >>

[why did I get this?](#) [unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)

Edina Morningside Community Church · 4201 Morningside Road · Edina, MN 55416 · USA



MailChimp.