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The Monthly Newsletter for Edina Morningside Community Church

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The Messenger: March 2018

March Worship and Second Hour Preview

March 4th: For Family Sunday, we worship around a “Bread of Life” theme (John 6:25-40), hear from members about why church matters to us, and share communion as a church family. Second Hour after worship (all month) includes quiet meditation time in the sanctuary.

March 11th: This Sunday we welcome Bennett Kersten into the church through baptism! We also consider in song and storytelling the way Jesus was blessed by the woman with costly perfume, who anoints him in anticipation of his death (John 12:1-11).

March 18th: On the Fifth Sunday in Lent, we recall the story of Lazarus (John 11), whose death was overturned by the love of Jesus. Where in our lives

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overturned by the love of Jesus. Where in our lives and community do we need to hear the freeing words of Jesus to Lazarus: “Unbind him, and let him go”?

March 18th (7pm):

Please join us 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!

March 25th: Palm Sunday welcomes us into Holy Week with an all-ages procession to start worship, and we baptize Piper DeLong into Christian faith. Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem (John 12:12-27) creates a stark contrast to his crucifixion on Golgotha (John 19:16b-22). Today’s Second Hour is the Women’s Fellowship Bake Sale, followed by an afternoon retreat to finish the Spiritual CrossFit Lenten series.

March 29th: Maundy Thursday worship invites us to remember Jesus’ service to his disciples at the Last Supper, and as he washed their feet (John 13:1-17). We observe the night of this great servant’s betrayal and desertion.

March 30th: New this year, our **Good Friday** observance is a meditative time to contemplate the crucifixion of Christ. The sanctuary will be open from noon-3pm and you are invited to come for some/all of the time, with Scripture readings and musical reflections every half hour.

April 1st: Easter Sunday—Christ is risen—no foolin’! We celebrate with a 7am sunrise worship outdoors at Browndale Park, and with our festive 10am sanctuary service.

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In Our Prayers

We especially hold these members and friends in our prayers:

Perspective

tuam sanctuary service.

Pastoral Care Coverage

Pastor Oby is on vacation and will be back in the office March 7th. For pastoral care needs, please contact Rev. Molly Cox on her cell: 952-564-7847.

Faith Formation Notes

Sunday School



March 4: Family Sunday! Children of all ages will be welcome to sit up front for the worship service. No faith formation classes.

March 11: Daylight Saving Time begins; spring ahead! Faith formation classes for grades K-5 (Kris Kulevsky teaching) and 6-8 (Janet Anderson teaching). High school students welcome in worship.

March 18: Faith formation classes for grades K-5 (Janet Anderson teaching). Students in middle and high school welcome in worship.

March 25: Faith formation classes for grades K-5 (Sarah Gednalske teaching), 6-8 (Mary Lenard teaching), and 9-12 (Janet Anderson teaching)

Confirmation



s Needs You!



Even if you barely know your way around a kitchen, we need YOU this coming Monday for a three-hour, one-time volunteer gig. EMC members have been helping kids create healthy dinners once a month at Perspectives, an award-winning human services agency in St. Louis Park, since early 2017. Please consider signing up—we need four volunteers. Maybe you'll meet someone new from EMC. Or sign up with a friend—or two. And remember: It's a great way to support the children in our

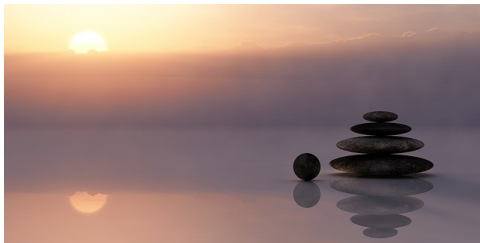


Confirmation class this month is on Wednesday, March 7 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. We'll be talking about the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, and how the sacraments of baptism and communion relate to his life. In addition, we will begin guiding students in the process of forming statements of faith. Students are asked to attend Holy Week and Easter services for their "field experience" this month.

OWL

Our Whole Lives class will be held on Wednesday, March 21, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for students in grades 9-12. We will continue examining media messages around sexuality and segue into ways to recognize healthy versus unhealthy sexual relationships. As always, we will address questions from the Question Box and sexual news in the world around us.

Sacred Intuition



While Frank Bennett is away on March 12, I will step into his Spiritual CrossFit time slot and offer a teaser class on Karen Boileau's *Sacred Intuition*. This will be a guided meditation experience involving breathing, stretching, prayer, and de-briefing with personal worksheets and simple drawing. The session will be held from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the library, with a light supper served in Fellowship Hall at 6:15. *Sacred Intuition* classes will resume on April 23 and go

communities.

Please follow this link:

www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0445aaaa23a57-perspectives

Preschool News



It's hard to believe it's already March. We have been having such a wonderful year! Our students are learning and growing so much and we enjoy getting to know each one of them and their beautifully unique personalities. It is truly an honor to be a part of their lives.

Due to the upcoming construction we will not be having

through May 21. No special talents or physical abilities are required, and the class is open to people of all faith and secular traditions. Bring a friend!

Janet Anderson

Palm Sunday Bake Sale and Cookie Walk



Women's Fellowship Palm Sunday Bake Sale and Cookie Walk – Sunday, March 25, 2018 - after Sunday worship in Fellowship Hall.

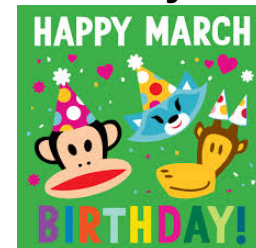
We know it is hard to believe but blessed Easter will soon be here! That means that the Women's Fellowship Palm Sunday Bake Sale & Cookie Walk cannot be far behind. This is the perfect opportunity to buy those luscious Easter sweets to serve to you guests and family...or to munch down yourself during coffee hour. We will have our famous "cookie walk" so come prepared with your own container or use one of ours. If you would like to contribute baked or pastry goods to the sale, please bring them to Fellowship Hall before Sunday worship. If you would like to bring them earlier and put them in the freezer that's fine, too. Just be sure they are marked for the bake sale and let us know they are there. ENJOY! Any questions, please contact [Laurie Cory](#) or [Pam DeLaittre](#).

Lenten Series: Spiritual CrossFit

preschool camps this summer. We are excited for the new look and energy this project will bring to the building.

We are currently accepting registration for the 2018-19 school year. We still have a few openings. If you or anyone you know is looking for a preschool please contact the directors, [Jessie Holly and Destiny Rock](#), for more information.

March Birthdays



March 3

Bennett Kersten

March 5

Katie Kersten

March 8

Lollie Eidsness &
Ben Neuhaus

Once again EMC is offering a special programming series during Lent. This year the focus is an introduction to Christian



mindfulness and contemplation. Sessions are led by our community minister, Rev. Frank Bennett. **The series continues on Monday evenings in March**, and will culminate with a retreat in the afternoon on Sunday, March 25th (Palm Sunday). Mondays start with a simple dinner in Fellowship Hall starting at 6:15pm and then proceed to the library for class (starting at 7pm). [Further details can be found here.](#)

Beacon in Action

Bonds that Build



MILLIONS of dollars toward affordable homes for YEARS!

Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative is in the midst of the #BondsThatBuildHomes legislative campaign, a push to secure \$140 million in the Minnesota state bonding bill to support over 4,000 new affordable homes. As a Beacon collaborating congregation, engaging in this effort is a phenomenal way for us to put our faith into action and tell local legislators: **home is a priority for us!** And we'll have a chance to do just that through Legislative Action. We are bringing legislators to

YOU CAN HELP CURE HOMELESSNESS – Your investment of a few hours one afternoon can mean

March 9

Natalie Eidsness

March 10

Catriona Ray

March 11

Jay Eidsness &

Matt Gennrich

March 12

Marge Ellingson

March 16

Roth Kersten

March 17

Reid Williams

March 21

Rianna Ray

March 25

Betty Scriver

March 26

Laurie Chidester

& Kirk Engelke

March 28

Cameron Green

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

March Calendar



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

Beacon congregations so they can hear from YOU about the importance of supporting housing in the bonding bill.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Join us at **3pm on Sunday, April 22** at Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church, 145 Engler Blvd, Chaska, MN 55318, to make your voice heard. Watch for more information during after-worship "tabling" in March, visit the [Beacon website](#) or [Talk with Pastor Oby](#) to learn more.

Morningside U: Family Genealogy & Archiving 101

Services like ancestry.com and 23andme.com, plus the "Finding Our Roots" TV series, are just a few of the signs



that family genealogy is a nationally growing pursuit. In addition, many adults these days are faced with the arduous task of sorting through family papers and photos, and choosing what to save and what to toss. That's why Morningside U is offering a new class, **Family Genealogy & Archiving 101** — open to the public — on **Saturday, March 17, 10 a.m. to noon.**

Certified genealogist Tom Rice will share information about getting started with your family genealogy, plus best research practices, note taking, organization, where to look for answers and next steps. Additionally,

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church historian and archivist Doug Fuerst

will offer his best advice about sifting through family artifacts, documents, photos, receipts and more, and then deciding what to save plus how to organize, store and/or display it.

This **free two-hour class** is another offering by Morningside U, a program of one-time classes taught by Edina Morningside Community Church members and staff. To register, please email your interest with the class title in the subject line to emcucc@emcucc.org. Each class has a limit on registrations, so sign up soon.

Daylight Update



Jedida is a 7th grade student at Daylight who loves math and playing hide and seek. [Find out more about this amazing girl and her family.](#)

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



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