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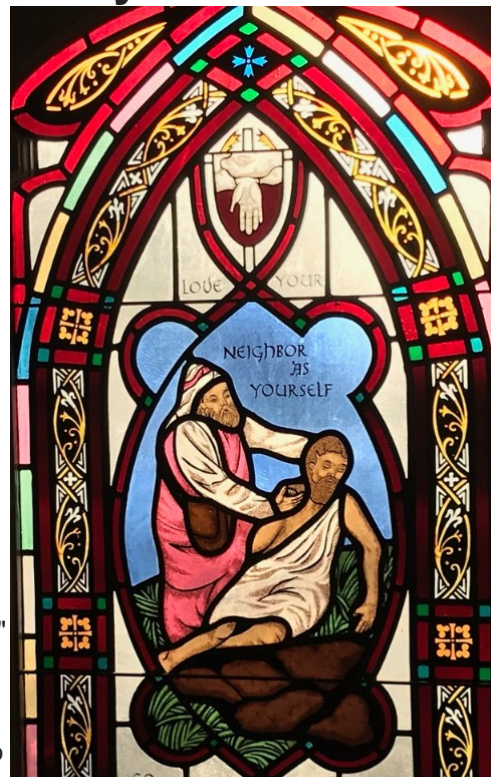
## Through the Lens of Faith, by Pastor Oby

*What's happening in the world and the church, as it relates to God's purpose for Edina Morningside Church:*

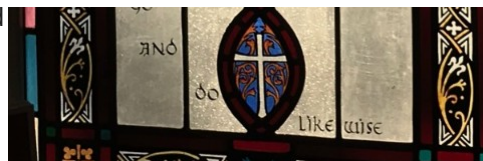
*"Sharing the joy of Christ's love by welcoming and serving".*

Last Sunday morning as I entered the building, morning sunlight in the stairwell drew my attention to the painted glass window on the eastern side. Honestly, I'm quite often so preoccupied with thoughts of the day that I'm not paying attention to the beauty around me. That morning though, for the first time, I really stopped to notice (and take a picture of) this window. It shows a scene from the Parable of the Good Samaritan ([Luke 10:25-37](#)), where Jesus describes how an unlikely outsider caring for a victim of highway robbery exemplifies the command written at the top of the window, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus finishes the parable and commentary on it with the command written below the Good Samaritan's image: "Go and do likewise."

With all the transformation afoot right now in the congregation, seeing that window was a helpful reminder that everything we do



is for the sake of loving our neighbors as ourselves. A remodeled entrance, gathering space and bathrooms will better serve our guests and members who have disabilities. ([See the images from last week's remodel presentation here.](#)) Streamlined governance proposals (draft [constitution](#) and [bylaws](#)) are intended to free up time spent in meetings so there's more time for the "welcoming and serving" at the heart of our church's life. New possibilities for faith formation (watch for a survey soon!) will try to better reach every generation with the example and mission of Jesus Christ. These new efforts, alongside what we have done for years and decades, help fulfill the church's realization of Jesus' calling to love our neighbors as ourselves. So the next time you pass this window in the entry stairwell, remember that all of our comings and goings are opportunities to show love and service, to "go and do likewise".



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## Sunday Service - April 27, 2018

### Before Worship

- Rehearsal of service parts
- Fill out prayer request slips

### This Week's Leaders

- **Leading Worship:** Rev. Oby Ballinger
- **Minister of Music and Liturgical Arts:** Rev. Elaine B. Kirkland
- **Liturgist:** Rianna Ray
- **Worship Readers:** Charlie Green, Catriona Ray and Larry Williams
- **Song Leaders:** Darlene Clay, Charlie Green, Wendy Grim and Lisa Lally
- **Teachers:** Janet Anderson and Laurie Chidester
- **Nursery Attendant:** Cathy Baldwin
- **Offering Counter:** Cathy Baldwin
- **Ushers:** Chuck Clay, Brad Gangnon, Sarah Gednalske and Diane Halpin

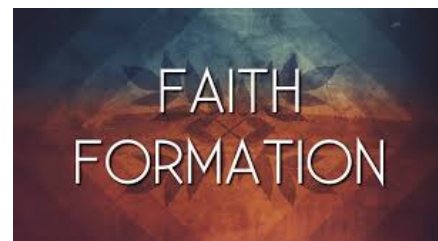
### During Worship

- Nursery Care available
- [Video presentation of Scripture](#)
- Receiving New Members
- Sunday School for K-5, 6-8
- [Video](#) and skit presentations connected to de-stigmatizing mental illness, especially in the church
- April loose coin offering for [Northside Achievement Zone](#)

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## Faith Formation

This week, Laurie Chidester will lead Sunday school for **grades K-5**. She'll be talking with them about the daughters of Manasseh, who received plots in the Promised Land, even though inheritance laws favored sons. God saw this injustice and responded to it.



Janet Anderson will teach **grades 6-8**, considering the practical and spiritual question of why we pray when it doesn't seem that God always answers our prayers.

## Sacred Intuition

This Monday, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. our Sacred Intuition meditation will start with progressive muscle relaxation and go deeply into experiences of joy. Join us for an hour of seeking wisdom within—and then head down to Fellowship Hall for Morningside After Dark!

## Confirmation

We hold the final, regular confirmation class next Wednesday, May 2nd from 6:30-8:30 pm. We'll be reviewing statements of faith as we look forward to the confirmation service on May 13th!

## Save the Date: Recognition Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

Our next Family Sunday will be May 20<sup>th</sup>. On that date, we will recognize graduating high school seniors and celebrate the work that we all do together to make the church community vital. Mark your calendar for festive worship, followed by the annual meeting!

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## In Our Prayers

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

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## Second Hour: Make It OK Campaign

[Make It OK\\*\\*](#) is a campaign that focuses on reducing stigma by starting conversations about mental illness. Community outreach, education and personal stories are helping to dispel myths and reduce the stigma surrounding mental illnesses.



This Sunday Kelsey Ford, community health coordinator with HealthPartners will join us for Second Hour to talk about the Make It OK campaign and how to get involved.

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## This Week at EMC

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

### Monday

- 6:30pm **Sacred Intuition**
- 7:30pm **Morningside After Dark**

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

### Saturday

- 9:30am **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**

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## May Worship and Second Hour Preview

**May 6th: Celebrate Music and Worship Ministry** with a special service led by Morningside Bells and the Chancel Choir using the butterfly theme "Drink: Trusting God's Provision"! Join us

bells and the Chancel Choir, using the butterfly theme "Drink, Trusting God's Provision"! Join us for communion by intinction at the front of the church, plus musical reflections on Isaiah 55 (written by Music and Liturgy Director Elaine B. Kirkland). For Second Hour, the Governance Task Force will present and answer questions on the new drafts of our church [Constitution](#) and [By-Laws](#).

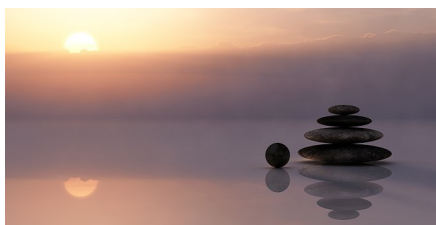
**May 13th: Pentecost** celebrates the life of the church with fire, languages and the Holy Spirit. This is also our **Confirmation Sunday**, where six youth will reflect on their commitment to the Christian faith and the church. The butterfly of Easter's emergence is now ready for "Journey: The Places We Will Go"! We'll pray for families on this **Mother's Day**, and have a simple reception after worship for confirmation youth.

**May 20th: Family Sunday** is when we recognize graduating high school and college seniors, honor volunteers throughout the life of the church, and celebrate the work we do together to make the church community vital. After this festive worship, the Second Hour is a congregational meeting to vote on proposed governance changes and to elect leaders for the next year.

**May 27th: Memorial Day** worship brings an opportunity to "stump the pastor" with our first **Instant Sermon!** Bring your deep or silly faith questions to worship and write them down at the beginning; Pastor Oby will respond to as many as possible in the sermon time. Invite friends, and begin thinking of questions now!

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## Easter Series: Sacred Intuition



*Sacred Intuition* is the title of a book written by Karen Boileau, who is a member of EMC's Spiritual Writing Group. The book provides spiritual exercises that engage not just the intellect but also the body and the creative mind in an effort to provide deep, personal, sacred insights. Classes will be held in the library on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and are a mix of breathing, stretching, guided meditation, and de-briefing on paper and in conversation. The focus for this week's session is **Meditation on a Joyful Experience**. There is no cost and no need to belong to a church to attend. Invite a friend!

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## Morningside After Dark

Don't miss the final installment of **Morningside After Dark**



Don't miss the final installment of **Morningside After Dark** this Monday, April 30th, from 7:30 - 9 pm (doors open at 7 pm) with the theme "Growing Pains." Featuring 15 alternating musicians and writers from the neighborhood and beyond, don't miss public radio stars Cathy Wurzur and Andrea Swensson, neighborhood writers Laurie Lindeen and Jim Mahoney, and musicians like Terry Walsh of the Belfast Cowboys, Dan Israel, Ali Gray and Kari Arnett plus drag star Giselle Obermay courtesy of a connection through Pastor Oby! Enjoy tastings by Superior Switchell and Grlk sauces with a free Caribou Coffee Bar. FREE event (donations appreciated)! 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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## May 6th Second Hour: Governance Conversation

After 18 months of work, the Governance Task Force is ready to share the draft constitution and bylaws proposed for our new governance structure! Please find via the links here a [letter of context and overview](#), the [draft constitution](#), and the [draft bylaws](#)!

Join us for Second Hour next Sunday, May 6th, for a presentation and listening session about these drafts.



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## May Birthdays



**May 1** Sarah Engelke

**May 2** Marit Gennrich

**May 3** Suzanne Comes Flying

**May 9** Art Downey

**May 20** William Phelan

**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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## "Love of Neighbor" Opportunities May 7th

### Families Moving Forward, May 7th, 5-7:30pm



**Families Moving Forward**<sup>™</sup>

Edina Morningside Church has a commitment to serve dinner for Families Moving Forward at

Parkway United Church of Christ (3120 Washburn Avenue North in Minneapolis) on Monday, May 7th. We'll meet and set up dinner at 5, serve at 6, then play with kids and clean up between 6:30 and 7:30pm. This is an intergenerational service opportunity that provides a lot of satisfaction! If you haven't participated in the past, maybe now is the time to try it out. Women's Fellowship will provide the meal. Please use the sign-up by the church office to indicate your interest, check the appropriate box on the Time and Talent slip in worship, or [email us](#).

### Volunteer at Perspectives, May 7th, 3:30-6:30pm

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 2017. This volunteer opportunity is open to you too—even if you barely know your way around a kitchen. There is sign-up by the church office or use this [SignUpGenius link](#) to learn more and pitch in!



## Daylight Update



Daylight  
Center & School

Daylight takes pride in celebrating the cultural heritage of its students. [Learn about and see pictures of these celebrations in this months update.](#) What a wonderful way to value and celebrate these amazing children and their communities.

On May 13th all are invited to the 10th Anniversary Celebration of Daylight School with Michael Kimpur. Look for more information in Member and Community Happenings.

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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## May Calendar



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

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## Summer Camp and Retreat Opportunities



## at Pilgrim Point

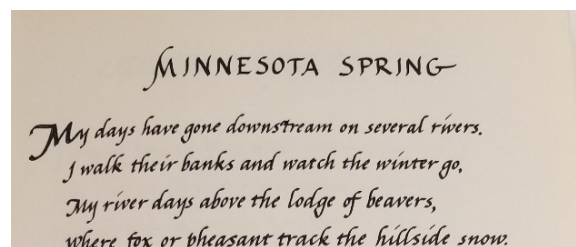
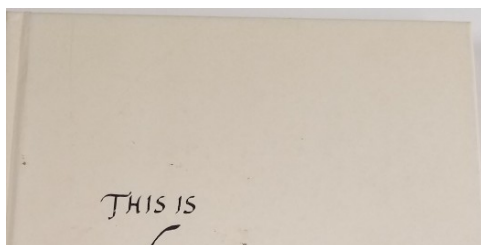
Registration for the 2018 Season of Conference Camps & Retreats at Pilgrim Point Camp & Retreat center is now open. Campers and retreat participants will explore the theme "Sowing Beauty, Sowing Life" through music, art, poetry, contemplative practice, reflection, open play, caring conversation, service, justice, and worship.

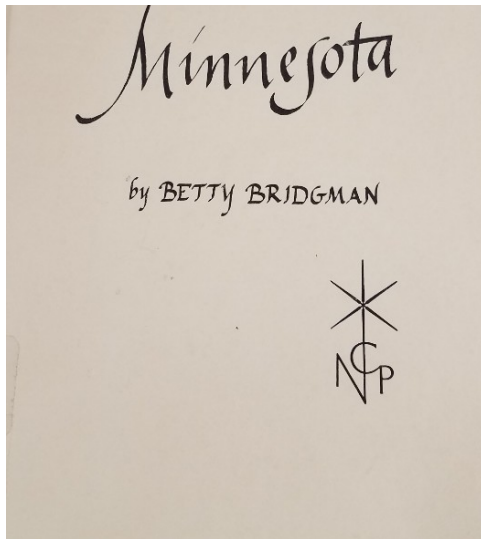
- **Spring Middle School Youth Event:** Friday, May 4 - Sunday, May 6
- **Sowing Stillness Retreat:** Tuesday, May 15 - Thursday, May 17
- **OWL Adult Training:** Friday, May 18 - Sunday, May 20
- **Sowing Justice Retreat:** Tuesday, May 22 - Thursday, May 24
- **Deaf Family and Friends Camp:** Sunday, June 17 - Friday, June 22
- **Affirming Beauty, Affirming Life - Sexuality Retreat:** Thursday, June 28 - Sunday, July 1
- **July Family Camp:** Sunday, July 15 - Friday, July 20
- **Affirming Beauty, Affirming Life - Family Retreat for Families with Transgender and Gender Non-conforming Children & Youth:** Friday, July 27 - Sunday, July 29
- **Youth Camp:** Sunday, July 29 - Friday, August 3
- **Young Adult Retreat:** Friday, August 3 - Saturday, August 4
- **August Family Camp:** Sunday, August 5 - Friday, August 10
- **Sowing Kindness: All-Ages Service and Mission Week:** Sunday, August 12 - Friday, August 17
- **Affirming Beauty, Affirming Life - Adult Trans Retreat:** Friday, August 24 - Sunday, August 26
- **Women's Retreat:** Friday, September 21 - Sunday, September 23
- **Men's Retreat:** Friday, September 28 - Sunday, September 30
- **Affirming Beauty, Affirming Life - Marriage Retreat:** Friday, October 5 - Sunday, October 7

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## From the Archives, by Church Historian Doug Fuerst

Seems especially appropriate this year: "Minnesota Spring" by neighborhood resident and longtime friend of the church Betty Bridgeman.





*My Spring, when it is ready, comes by valley,  
Comes north on several rivers, flooding wide,  
Taking the towns, another harbor daily,  
Another island green beneath the tide—*

*Shouldering old moraines and scouring deeper,  
My rivers guide the flyways from the south,  
And lay a course for wind-borne water vapor,  
While all my days float out of sight like froth.*

*Deeper the currents cut the glacial cover,  
Widen the valleys, roll the boulders down—  
And there my days go, till the birds fly over,  
And Spring comes north to take my river town.*

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## Member and Community Happenings

**IcePortation (including EMC youth Nicole Chidester!)**

**The SQSA Parade 2018 Spring Ice Show**

**Friday, April 27th, 7pm**

**Saturday, April 28th, 2pm & 7pm**

Nicole will be skating in 4 numbers at this years ice show, including *Fly Me to the Moon* and *Big Yellow Taxi* (a duet). [For tickets and more information.](#)

[Youth Climate Summit](#)

**Saturday, May 5th, 9:30am - 2pm**

**Edina High School**

A day of action for *Youth by Youth*. Adults welcome in support of *Youth*.

**Let Freedom Ring performed by the Bloomington Chorale (including Rev. Molly Cox)**

**Friday, May 11th, 7:30pm**

**Saturday May 12th, 4pm**

The Schneider Theater, Bloomington Arts Center

**Friday, June 1st, 7pm**

Normandale Highlands United Methodist Church

Enjoy this patriotic presentation featuring songs of service and valor. Tickets for the May performances may be [purchased online](#). Tickets for June 1st concert will only be available at

the door (cash or check only). Adults \$15, Seniors and Students \$10.

**Daylight Open House with Michael Kimpur**

**Sunday, May 13th, 2-4pm**

**Solomon's Porch Church, 100 W 46th Street Minneapolis**

Come celebrate Daylights Ten-Year Anniversary and the people who make it special! [For more information and to RSVP](#)

**Screen the Skin You're In**

**Monday, May 14th, 5:30-8pm**

Minnesota Oncology Edina Clinic (**Darlene Clay's workplace--she's helping this day!**)

**Monday, May 21st, 5:30-8pm**

Minnesota Oncology Maplewood Cancer Center

Take advantage of these free screenings by board certified dermatologists. Walk-ins welcome, but priority will be given to those who reserve a spot. [For more information and to RSVP](#)

**To Honor and Remember: A Tribute to Edina's Service Members**

**Saturday, May 19th, 10am**

**Utley Park, 50th and Wooddale**

Mayor Jim Hovland and Edina Veterans Memorial Committee members retired Brigadier General Dennis Schulstad, Vietnam veterans Bob Benson and Marshall Schwartz, will share their perspectives on Edina's proud record of military service.

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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