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The weekly newsletter for Edina Morningside Church

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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".

How does that saying go—"When the pastor's away, the contractors will play"?? Wow—thanks to all those who have been helping along the Divine Design remodel while some of us have been visiting Daylight School in Kenya! ([Scroll through posts on Facebook](#) to see pictures and daily updates from the Kenya trip.) It was remarkable to step into the building again this week and see all the changes that have already taken place.

At an early-morning meeting on Tuesday, we heard some updates on construction progress. (Here you can see site



supervisor Loren Butler from Watson-Forsberg discuss molding around the front door with project architect Kelly Mastin from



Miller Dunwiddie, as Mary Engelke looks on.) We anticipate some savings from shorter sanctuary doors and the removal of proposed glass panels alongside them (not possible with existing ductwork), approved a change in ceiling/lights for the new bathrooms, and spent time discussing the ideal function of the coffee area. Finally, we've learned that the custom-cut aluminum-frame front door will be delayed about a month, at least for the color that will go best with the exterior stone. Interior work continues on the same schedule, so that when the door is installed (now likely to be November) it'll welcome people upstairs into a beautiful new Gathering Space.

Regarding overall project costs, at their meeting last week the Trustees reviewed Capital Campaign income against construction expense trends so far, including additional expenses approved by the congregation and/or Trustees. Chair Doug Toth expressed confidence that the Divine Design Task Force's work on the project continues to be prudent and express responsible stewardship. Some members have expressed a desire for more consistent updates, so I've agreed to share in this space what we learn at each of the bi-weekly construction progress update meetings.

While these months will be disruptive in the building (and please use caution as you're around the property!), we're glad that things continue to move along in our effort to make the building more "welcoming and serving" to the congregation and entire community. Thank you for your continued patience and encouragement along the way!

Wednesday Worship Service - August 1, 2018

Before Worship

- 6:15pm: Welcome back Janet Anderson as we gather for dessert and fellowship on the patio (weather permitting)

This Week's Leaders

- **Leading Worship:** Rev. Oby Ballinger
- **Minister of Music and Liturgical Arts:** Rev. Elaine B. Kirkland
- **Nursery Attendant:** Ella Williams
- **Fellowship Hosts:** Molly Cox and Mary Engelke
- **Offering Counter:** Donella Neuhaus

During Worship

- Children's Table on the patio
- Nursery Care available
- Loose coin offering for the [Islamic Resource Group](#)

In Our Prayers

We especially hold these members and friends in our prayers:

Time and Talent Offering - July 25, 2018

Please [contact the church office](#) if you would like to share your time or talent in one of the ways listed below. Thank you!

- I/we are interested in helping with summer cleanup of the play yard in anticipation of the first day of preschool! I can give an hour or two over the next couple of weeks to weeding flower beds.
- I'd like to learn more about serving on the Pastoral Relations Committee as a liaison to Pastor Oby on the congregation's behalf. Approximate time commitment: quarterly dinner meetings.
- I/we could host (make and set up coffee, clean up or provide treats in advance) for coffee/fellowship hour on one of these "open" Sundays:

August 19

September 3

September 30

This Week at EMC

Church Office Hours:	M-Th	10am - 3pm
Pastor's Office Days:	Tu, W, Th	appointments encouraged
Faith Formation Days:	W,Su	

Sunday, July 29

- No Sunday Worship

Tuesday, July 31

- 10am **Bible Study** (Edina Highland Villa Apartments, 5250 Villa Way)

Wednesday, August 1

- 5:30 Hand of AA (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:15pm **Dessert and Fellowship on the Patio**
- 6:45pm **Worship**

Sunday, August 5

- 10am **Sunday Worship**

August Worship Preview

August 1st (6:45pm): We welcome back Janet Anderson from her summer writing leave, and close out our mid-week worship series on table fellowship by celebrating Holy Communion outside on the patio (weather permitting). Join beforehand for drinks/dessert at 6:15pm!

August 5th: Worship returns to the sanctuary on Sundays at 10am. We'll begin a worship series on some of the more challenging sayings of Jesus, starting with his command to fix our own errors before addressing those of others: "first the log and then the speck" (Luke 6:39-42).

August 12th: Our worship series on the challenging sayings of Jesus continues with "Judge not, that you be not judged" (Luke 6:37-38). How do we give and forgive as Jesus commands, "for the measure you give will be the measure you get back"?

August 19th: Jesus' commands to nonviolence are sometimes misinterpreted as a call to passivity and inaction. However, Matthew 5:38-39 is better understood as "Turn the other cheek and **surprise** the one who hits you".

August 26th: In Luke 6, Jesus calls on disciples to "love your enemies and pray for those who hurt you". How might we do this in the context of personal, cultural, and global hostility?

August Birthdays





August 2 Julia Lorenzen
August 7 Gary Lundgren
August 13 Don Dibble
August 15 Jessie Holly
August 16 Logan Kreun
August 24 Cooper DeLong
August 25 Mary Rogers &
Cindy Joyce
August 28 Graham Peterson
August 31 Joe Toth

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

VEAP Update - School Supplies Needed in July

To best meet the needs of families, students and teachers, this summer VEAP will collect and sort school supplies, then distribute those supplies to the schools. Teachers know many of the students that may need help filling a backpack and during the pre-school meet and greets and orientations, they can make sure that every student has the supplies they need to be ready for the first day of school and the year ahead.

When: July 16 – August 1 Time is running out!!

What supplies are most needed? Backpacks, earbuds, USB thumb drives and calculators are the most needed items. As times have changed, so have the items that students need for school. In addition to the standard pencils, pens and paper, your donations of the above mentioned items will help students succeed.



Where can I drop off school supplies? We will be collecting school supplies here at EMC. The VEAP "shopping" cart is now located in the back of the sanctuary and will be on the patio Wednesday nights.

Daylight Nowel

Daylight News:



It was wonderful welcoming back some of the EMC Daylight Travelers when we gathered for this week's Wednesday night worship service! We look forward to a time in the near future to see and hear more about their amazing experiences in Kenya. In the meantime, [scroll through posts on Facebook](#) to see their pictures and daily updates from the trip.

Daylight provides a safe and fun overnight option for boarding students. The students love staying in the dorms with their friends and dorm hosts (teachers and staff who oversee the dormitories). It feels a lot like American summer camp! It is so exciting that recent expansions to the dormitories allow for 120 students to study and stay overnight at Daylight! [Read more here about the dorm expansion and those who made it possible.](#)

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!

August Calendar



Want to know what is happening at EMC next month?
Check out the [August Calendar!](#)

Beacon Thank-You!

*Here is part of a
thank-you note that
EMC received this*



Beacon

week:



INTERFAITH HOUSING COLLABORATIVE

Ciera has made it.

I am grateful for your **gift of \$3,471.13 from your capital campaign to Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative**. Your contribution will be used to support the development of 66 West, housing for young people like Ciera.

A year ago, Ciera moved into her own two-bedroom, market-rate apartment. There's enough space for all of her clothes. She appreciated the independence and consistency that Nicollet Square offered - **as well as the birthday parties thrown by volunteers**.

Sincerely,

Debra Rodgers

Associate Director of Congregational Organizing a& Engagement

Fire at Pilgrim Point Camp



West wall closest to The Point



Looking into the dish room

On the evening of July 4th, a fire damaged the dining hall at the UCC's **Pilgrim Point Camp** in Alexandria, MN. While there were no serious injuries, it will take some time and energy to restore full service at the camp. In the meantime, consider attending a **fundraising dinner and concert** at Robbinsdale UCC on August 8th at 6pm. [Click here for more information and to RSVP.](#)

Member and Community Happenings

Pilgrim Point Fundraiser

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Wednesday, August 8, 6-8:30pm

Robbinsdale UCC, 4200 Lake Rd, Robbinsdale

Everyone is invited for an evening of food, fun and music hosted by the Pilgrim Point Camp Committee, Robbinsdale United Church of Christ, and camp staff. All proceeds will be used to support the dining hall repairs and other facilities needs at Pilgrim Point. [For more information](#)

Feather the Nest Street Party

Wednesday, August 15, 6-10pm

3412 Library Lane, St. Louis Park

SLP Nest—a welcoming, teen-centric space—plans to open Tuesday, September 4, the first day of the school year (remember the garage sale hosted by Cathy Baldwin). Now, the organizing team is kicking off Feather the Nest, a fundraising effort to equip the new community gathering space at 3412 Library Lane. Supporters can make a tax-deductible donation for anything from paint to chairs to light fixtures. To learn more about the Saint Louis Park Nest, visit slpnest.org.

Beacon Congregation Convening

Thursday, September 13th, 7-8:30pm

Colonial Church, 6200 Colonial Way, Edina

All are invited to connect with others across this interfaith housing collaborative, working so that all people have a home. This convening allows us to show the power of **‘together’** as 500 of us gather to say, "We care about home!" [Click here for more information and to register](#).

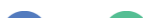
Do you have events or news to share? [Please email us](#) the information by Wednesday for inclusion in the next Friday Update.

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