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The weekly newsletter for Edina Morningside Church

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Friday Update/January Messenger: December 28, 2018

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 find this last Sunday of December to be tender and sweet, in these quieter days after all the hubbub of Christmas, travel, and other December activities. We continue in the twelve days of Christmas, so singing Christmas hymns (and a carol sing on Sunday!) are most appropriate. The broader culture is also turning its attention to the New Year. The efforts of Christmas have passed, everything seems possible on the horizon, and each new resolution is still unbroken. Sweet, right?

Many have put into verse humanity's hopes for New Years past, but one classic poem I turn to each year is by Alfred Lord Tennyson, "In Memoriam". I included it in my sermon from this Sunday last year, but the sentiments are evergreen,



so I share them here also. [Read the whole poem here](#) if you wish, and may these selected stanzas inspire and bless you as the year turns:

*Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.*

*Ring out the old, ring in the new...
Ring out the false, ring in the true.*

*...Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.*

*Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes
But ring the fuller minstrel in.*

*Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.*

*...Ring in the valiant [one] and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.*

Happy New Year, beloveds!

Sunday Worship Service - December 30, 2018

Before Worship

- Fill out prayer request slips

This Week's Leaders

- **Leading Worship:** Rev. Oby Ballinger
- **Minister of Music and Liturgical Arts:** Rev. Elaine B. Kirkland

- **Faith Formation Director:** Janet Anderson
- **Nursery Attendants:** Jane and Esther Putzier
- **Ushers:** Chuck Clay and Diane Halpin
- **Fellowship Hosts:** Darlene & Chuck Clay, Karin & Thom Miller
- **Offering Counter:** Doug Engelke

During Worship

- Children's Activity Table in the Sanctuary
- Nursery Care available
- Loose coins collected in December go to [Meals on Wheels](#)

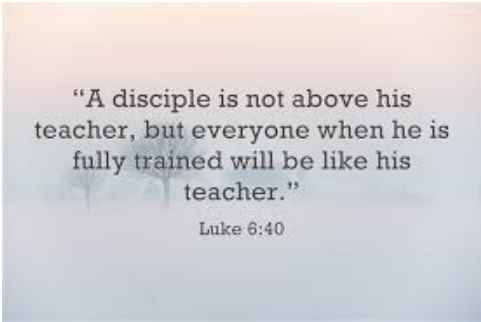
In Our Prayers

We especially hold these members and friends in our prayers this holiday season:

Invitations from Janet Anderson, Faith Formation Director

No Sunday School

We have one more week of rest from Sunday school before we return with Story and Craft on January 6th. Children are welcome in worship this week at the children's tables or with their families.



"A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher."
Luke 6:40

2 English Teachers Read the Bible

We'll meet next month on MLK, Jr. Day, Monday, January 21st, in the church Gathering Space. Our lesson will be the parable of the good Samaritan and the stories that surround it in Luke chapter 10. Together, these stories illustrate the tension between living by our values, living with other people, and honoring God. [Here](#) is a link to the readings.

Save the Dates!

Economic Justice Meal: Lunch at All Square in south Minneapolis, 11:00 a.m., Saturday January 26

Dreams Are the Way to God: Dream workshops with Karen Boileau, February 10, 17, 24, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

THIS WEEK at EMC

Church Office Hours:	W - Fr	10am-3pm
Pastor's Office Days:	W, TH	
Faith Formation Days:	W, TH	
Preschool Hours:	<i>Preschool Winter Break, no school</i>	

Wednesday

- 5:30pm Hand of AA

Thursday

- Music Director Search Committee Mtg

January Worship and Second Hour Preview

January 6th: Follow the Christmas star to Bethlehem, **journeying with the magi** to honor the Christ child! We welcome guest musician Jim Lansing, hear the Epiphany story from Matthew 2:1-23, consider the gifts we bring to the community of Christ, and receive communion in the pews. Second Hour is a listening session (open to all) hosted by members of the Music Director Search Committee, to get feedback about our current and future music needs as a church.

January 13th: We mark **Jesus' baptism** (Matthew 3:1-17) by reflecting on what it means to be baptized and called "Beloved", like Jesus. We also celebrate the baptisms of baby William Eidsness and mother Kaylin Eidsness! Second Hour is our first Potluck and Ministries brunch, where we build community over a meal, and meet to coordinate the ministries of the church.

January 20th: We follow **Jesus in the wilderness** (Matthew 4:1-17), where he is tempted at the start of his ministry. Our Second Hour presentation comes from Barb Patterson, who will share insights about year-round water stewardship in the environment.



January 20th (7pm): We gather for a warm and centering **Taizé** worship in the sanctuary. This 30-minute, candlelit service of meditative songs, scripture and silence is followed by a simple soup supper in the Meeting Room. Please join in; all are welcome!

January 27th: The **Beatitudes of Jesus** (Matthew 5:1-20) invite us to consider what it means to be blessed by God and called for service in the world. We'll share in

conversation about the Beatitudes for our own day, followed by a congregational meeting to vote on the proposed 2019 church budget. Second Hour is a Taco Lunch fundraiser for Families Moving Forward by Women's Fellowship!

January Birthdays



January 1 - Kira Engelke, CJ Howard

January 3 - Cory Howard

January 5 - Maggie Stevenson

January 10 - Janet Preston, Carol Russell

January 11 - Michael Toth

January 18 - Sarah Gednalske, Benjamin Krebs Boie

January 25 - John Sorensen

January 29 - Alex Beyerl

January 31 - Daniel Toth

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

January 6th Second Hour: Music Director Search Listening Session



The **Second Hour next Sunday January 6th** is a listening session (open to all) hosted by members of the Music Director Search Committee, to get feedback about our current and future music needs as a church. Please plan to participate if you can, look for another upcoming session, write on the feedback board in the Gathering Space, or offer your feedback

to Search Committee Chair Bob Beyerl

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Our current Minister of Music and Liturgical Arts, Rev. Elaine Kirkland, will retire at the beginning of June 2019. Thanks for helping us recruit the best next Music Director for Edina Morningside Church!

EMC Membership Meetup

Are you interested in **joining Edina Morningside Church** as a new member? We're offering our next Membership Meetup in January, which will include get-to-know-yous, a tour of the church, and information about community, giving and service opportunities. Please let Pastor Oby know of your interest ([via email](#) or cell: 612-900-3914), and whether you prefer the morning of Saturday, January 5th or after worship on Sunday, January 6th. We look forward to welcoming you again!



Daylight News



This is Daylight's 10th year and it is really amazing how far it has come thanks to the gifts of so many. [Click here](#) to read about the growth of this wonderful school. If you would like to support a classroom in the coming year [please fill out a sponsorship form](#) or email info@daylightcenter.org for more information.

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!

A Thank-You from Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship thanks **everyone** for your participation in the Cookie Walk after the Christmas Program! We raised over \$1000 to



support Beacon housing initiatives and other efforts in the community.
Thank you for your generous baking and buying!



January Calendar



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

VOLUNTEER AT PERSPECTIVES



There is an upcoming outreach opportunity at **Perspectives** in St. Louis Park on **January 7th from 3:30-6:30pm**. Help others by preparing a meal with kids of low-income families. You'll love the kids, and no prior cooking experience is required. You can now sign up through the end of the school year - [Sign up today!](#)

Women's Social Evening

Time to start the New Year off right and gather again! **Friday evening, January 25th at 7:00 PM in the NEW GATHERING AREA!** 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 Frauenshuh Cancer Center - Park Nicollet.





So we can plan, **please [RSVP to the church office](#) by Monday, January 21st** – 952-926-6555or just come! If childcare is needed, please let Laurie E. or Pam know as soon as you can so we can make arrangements. Looking forward to seeing you there! Questions? contact [Pam DeLaittre](#)

EMC Coffee Co-op's: New in 2019!



Coffee Co-ops are a new way that Edina Morningside is enlisting church members and friends to share hospitality after worship each week. We are forming small-group Co-ops to coordinate one month of service together, and then for the rest of the year you can simply enjoy the hospitality of others. We hope participants find it to be reasonably light work, and a chance to get to know others better while taking turns doing a bit of service for the rest of the church. If you are a member or friend who attends worship with some regularity, [consider the month which we've arbitrarily assigned to you](#). Can you help out for some or all of the Sundays that month? If you'll be away from worship for much of the month, consider trading with someone else in another month. **Please [let us know in the office](#)** if you do trade, and mark the Sundays of your month on your calendar now!

1. There will be an **organizing meeting** of your Coffee Coop after worship on the last Sunday of the preceding month. There, you will get to know one another a bit better, figure out how you want to divide up the work, and take a tour of the kitchen and serving spaces.
2. **Throughout your month**, each week some will make/buy treats, set up Sunday coffee/snacks, serve, clean up after, or do a bit of each. We trust you to do what's possible for you, and we've tried to pair more experienced folks with relative newbies. Ideally, everyone in your Coop is helping out in some way each Sunday, but some may divide up the month so you have heavier responsibilities some Sundays and none on others.
3. **On the second Sunday of most months** we'll have a "Potluck and Ministries" meal downstairs in Fellowship Hall. There might also be other Sundays in your month that are special meals. For these Sundays, you would still care for coffee and arrange food on tables downstairs, but wouldn't need to provide food (unless you want to bring something for the potluck). Everyone attending will be asked to help with cleanup.

Get organized the Sunday beforehand, serve as part of your Co-op in your month, and enjoy the hospitality of others the rest of the year. Does that sound workable? As a church we can't make this mandatory, but we do believe it's a relatively easy way to care for one another (and something we're

asking new members to join also). Contact Coffee Co-op “chaplain” [Mary Engelke](#) with any questions. Thank you for being open to this invitation. Many hands working together will make the work lighter!



Women's Fellowship TACO SALAD LUNCH FUNDRAISER

Sunday, January 27 - right after worship and the congregational meeting

All proceeds benefit our ministry with Families Moving Forward (FMF). This is the main fundraiser for this outreach ministry. Tickets: \$10/adults \$4/children - Plus \$1 for each take-out

Women's Fellowship provides the funding to purchase the food 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. **The dates for our FMF dinners in 2019 are March 25th, June 24th and November 4th.**

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. We are proud that we are able to continue to serve a delicious and nutritious meal to our guests in need, and we know you will enjoy the meal, too. Tickets go on sale Sunday, Jan. 13th. Please join us on the 27th. It's a great chance to sample the meal we have served our guests several times in the past at Parkway UCC.

Any question, please contact [Laurie Cory](#) or [Pam DeLaittre](#). See you for lunch!

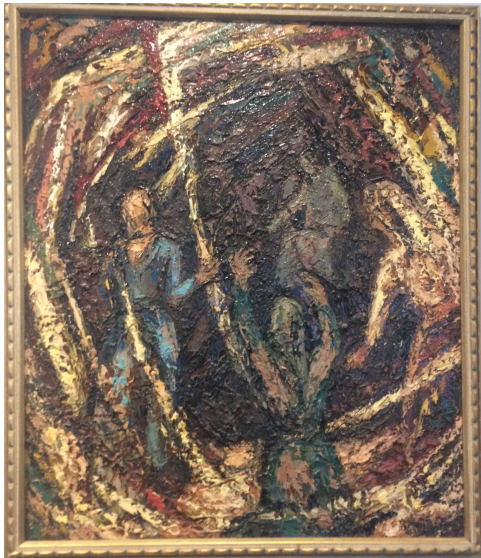
Morningside After Dark



The 2019 Morningside After Dark storytelling and live music series will kick off on Monday, January 28th from 7:30 - 9 pm featuring 6 musicians and 6 writers exploring the theme “Changing Lanes.” The Twisted Shot will give everyone a dose of their tasty new health tonics, Yoga Fit Linden Hills will provide free yoga passes, and as always a coffee bar will be available as we take in these special under-5-minute performances. We hope you can make it! If you would like to volunteer to help tear down the event at 9 pm we will gift you with product! Contact

Rebecca Sorensen at: morningsideafterdark@gmail.com if we can count on you! Save now the dates for our other upcoming shows, February 25th and April 29th. Thanks as always to our amazing church and volunteers for your support!

From the Archives...



Background on the two recently displayed pictures in the Gathering Space and Meeting Room:

"The Annunciation to the Shepherds" and "Women at the Sepulcher" are original expressionistic oil paintings by August Molder (1914-1982), an Artist in Residence at Augsburg College for 20+ years .

As a young freelance artist, August Molder acquired a talent which was to define his life's work, as part of a craft guild restoring church stained-glass windows in Estonia, where he was born in the early years of the 20th century. Molder was recognized in the artist community for his pioneer stained glass mosaic art technique, but his paintings are also prized by art collectors and institutions throughout the United States. The paintings exhibit his trademark three-dimensional style.

The artist's religious-themed paintings and windows are often found displayed together in churches and schools throughout the Midwest, e.g.; Augsburg College in Minneapolis, St. Olaf College in Northfield, St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Red Wing, as well as other churches and schools throughout the country.

Early in 2019, Augsburg College will visit our church to certify the paintings as August Molder originals, and begin the process to catalogue both paintings in their inventory of Molder originals.



Doug Fuerst, Church Historian

Member and Community Happenings

Let This Be Our Song

Minnesota BoyChoir (incl. church neighbor Nick Cecchi)

Sunday, January 6th 1pm & 3pm

Landmark Center's Musser Cortile, 75 West Fifth Street St. Paul

These performances are free and open to the public. A freewill donation is welcomed at each performance. [Click here for more information.](#)

January Town Hall Meeting:

District 49 Legislative Town Hall



Representative
Heather Edelson



Senator
Melisa Franzen



Representative
Steve Elkins

Tuesday, January 29th, 2019
7:00-8:00 PM
Edina City Hall
4801 West 50th Street,
Edina, MN 55424

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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