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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".

In a partisan era when contemporary American society is so bitterly divided, anxious and heartbroken (more about that in Sunday's sermon), I pause to give thanks for these fine folks at the Tuesday morning Bible study this week, and the ten who gathered the night before as part of "Two English Teachers Read the Bible". I marvel

at the selfless curiosity and interest in community which brings members of the church and neighborhood together for these conversations. None of us is the expert--some just bring to bear more experience with texts or more experience with life. On Tuesday mornings we look at the Bible passage for the next



Sunday, and the "Two English Teachers" explore classic stories that we all (think we) know. Through laughter, storytelling and grace, each group connects ancient Scripture with current insights about contemporary life. I couldn't be more proud of these participants and leaders. Being among them is one of the most holy experiences of the week for me.

If you're looking for faithful exploration of what it means to be Christian today, charitable exchanges of insight and opinion, or conversation that goes deeper than the weather, I encourage you to come to one of these upcoming studies (every Tuesday morning at 10am, or the next evening one on 10/22 at 7pm, hosted by Jane and Larry Williams). I promise there will be room at the table for everyone who comes-- even if we need a bigger table next time (praise God)!

Sunday Worship Service - September 23, 2018

Before Worship

- Rehearsal of service parts
- Fill out prayer request slips

This Week's Leaders

- **Leading Worship:** Rev. Oby Ballinger
- **Guest Musician:** Fran Linhart
- **Song Leaders:** Wendy Grim, Darlene Clay, Barb & Charlie Green
- **Scripture Readers:** Barb & Charlie Green, Jane & Larry Williams
- **Faith Formation Director:** Janet Anderson
- **Nursery Attendant:** Laurie Eckberg
- **Ushers:** Marge Ellingson, Janet Preston, Jill Schons
- **Fellowship Hosts:** EMC Children and Youth
- **Offering Counter:** Marge Ellingson

During Worship

- Children's Activity Table in the Sanctuary
- Children and Youth spending the hour in Fellowship Hall doing a Church Service Project
- Nursery Care available
- Loose coins collected in September will go [Daylight Center and School](#).

After Worship

- **Second Hour:** Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary immediately following worship
- Refreshments in Fellowship Hall

In Our Prayers

We especially hold these members and friends in our prayers:

Invitations from Janet Anderson, Faith Formation Director

COFFEE HOUR BROUGHT TO YOU BY KIDS



This Sunday during worship, young people may sit with family, do activities at the children's table in the sanctuary, or join a crew in the kitchen that will be baking treats and setting up service for fellowship hour. We'll be thinking about the Israelites' escape from the Egyptians through the Red Sea and about how willingly serving God can free us from harmful kinds of enslavement. Grades K-12 welcome!

AT-HOME PRACTICE: CONTEMPLATIVE LIFE IN THE TWIN CITIES

If you have participated in the contemplative classes that we've offered this year—Spiritual Cross Fit, Sacred Intuition, Story & Stretch—you may want to attend the Thin Places worship service at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, October 3rd. You'll meet others interested in contemplative prayer. Details here: <https://www.westminstermpls.org/event/thin-places-20th-anniversary-ecumenical-worship-service/>

This Week at EMC

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

Monday

- 10am **UCC Retired Clergy Luncheon** (Fellowship Hall)
- 7pm MNA Steering Committee (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday

Tuesday

- 7:30am **Divine Design Task Force**
- 10am **Bible Study** (Sanctuary)

Wednesday

- 9:30am **Women's Fellowship** (Sanctuary)
- 5:30pm Hand of AA
- 6pm **Youth Group** (EMC)
- 7pm **Archive Steering Committee**

October Worship and Second Hour Preview

October 7th: We hear God's covenanting with the people of Israel (Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17) through the Ten Commandments. What covenantal behavior shall we practice in our congregation, as we celebrate global connections on **World Communion Sunday**? We also receive the Neighbors in Need special mission offering and share in the Baked Potato Luncheon for Second Hour, hosted by Women's Fellowship.

October 14th: This year's **Blessing of the Animals** is in the sanctuary at our customary worship time. All well-behaved critters (or photos) are welcome for this shorter service, where we'll hear about God's covenant with all creation. We will praise God alongside every creature and every part of the cosmos mentioned in Psalm 148. After worship and Fellowship Time, all are invited to stay for an 11:30-1pm training on the new governance model.

October 21st: King David may have been the greatest Hebrew ruler, but in 2 Samuel we read of his greatest failing in the affair with Bathsheba and the killing of her husband Uriah. What might we learn from the prophet Nathan's risky truth-telling and the contrition of David that follows (Psalm 51)? The Second Hour presentation is by Laura Herman, introducing us to [myHealth](#), which offers full-service, affordable health care for teens and young adults in the west metro.

October 28th: When God offers **King Solomon** anything he wishes (1 Kings 3), Solomon famously chooses wisdom rather than wealth, longevity or military prowess. Where is the covenant of divine wisdom to be found among public leaders in our own time? After worship, the Second Hour is a tour and exploration of the archives by church historian Doug Fuerst.

October Birthdays!



October 1 - Jane Williams

October 2 - Madeline Krebs

October 4 - Kyle Eldsness

October 5 - Cathy Baldwin

Gina DeLong

Lisa Lally

October 7 - Constance Fantin

October 9 - Tyson Engelke

October 13 - Bill DeLaittre

October 15 - Joe Fritz

October 18 - Jordan Engelke

October 20 - Natalie Preston

October 23 - Laura Benson

Kaylee Jasper

October 25 - Christopher Audette

Emily Neuhaus

October 26 - Connor Williams

October 30 - Matt Peterson

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

Daylight News



Daylight
Center & School

Read this month's [Daylight update](#) for a reflection from
Pastor James Gunnerson (Pastor Child's husband) on "Africa



Pastor Javen Swanson (Pastor Oby's husband) on "African Time" and the Importance of Relationships.

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!



October Calendar



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

Neighbors in Need Offering

Love of Neighbor

If scripture commands, "love your neighbor as you love yourself." [Lev. 22:39]
Then who is my neighbor?

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
God is still speaking.
NEIGHBORS IN NEED 2018
ucc.org/nin

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the [Council for American Indian Ministry \(CAIM\)](#). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in

Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. **This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.**

We will receive the NIN offering on Sunday, **October 7, 2018** as part of our World Communion Sunday observance. NIN contributions can be made online at any time [here](#).

Fall Baked Potato Lunch

BAKED POTATO LUNCH is almost **here!** On **Sunday, October 7th**, Women's Fellowship will serve the annual baked potato lunch with BIG fluffy baked potatoes, all the trimmings, dessert and beverages. **Tickets are \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children and a maximum of \$15.00 for a family.** Tickets are on sale now! Please sign up in advance for "take out", and we will have them ready for you. With any questions, please contact [Laurie Cory](#) or [Pam DeLaittre](#).



Beacon Update



Thank you to all who participated in the Beacon Congregation Convening Thursday night, Sept. 13th, at Colonial Church. We were a dedicated group of 15 EMC members among over 300 Beacon supporters! We sang, we clapped, we listened, and we learned. We heard the importance of home from someone who has recently moved from homelessness to stable housing through Beacon, we were asked to commit to support Beacon's initiatives, and we secured commitments to support affordable housing and rental assistance from mayors and county commissioners. We were inspired, and we were energized!

During the fall we will have opportunities to learn more about Beacon's BOLD Campaign, to create:

- Three new housing developments (100 – 150 new homes with family supportive services) in 3 communities around the Twin Cities for families transitioning from homelessness.
- A dedicated public funding source for rental assistance.

We also have these **New Learning Opportunities** through the [Beacon Academy](#):

- **Power Surge:** Plugging into Beacon actions and opportunities
- **Ally Strategy:** Building support with public officials and influencers

Through the **Beacon Academy** we will be able to strengthen more skills by attending workshops such as:

- **Building Homes:** What It Takes
- **The Power of Telling Our Stories**
- **The 1–1 Visit:** Building Relationships
- **Power Tools** (3 sessions: Power and Change, Building Relational Power, and Power in the Public Area)

For those of you who weren't able to attend *this* Convening do not despair! **Get out your calendars and save Tuesday, January 29, 2019 for the next Convening.** (Location to be announced.) The plan is to have a Convening with larger participation, *new* news about our progress, meet the new Governor and engage him in our plans! See you there!!



“Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice. – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.”

“Who’s got the Power? We do, in our hands!”

August Financial Report

	8/2018	Year to Date
Budgeted Pledges	\$14,184	\$134,749
Actual Pledges	\$11,847	\$136,713

Difference (\$2,337) \$1,964

Advent Workshop Leadership



It's not too early to start planning for the annual EMC Advent Workshop. Please [contact the church office](#) if you want to be part of the Leadership Team putting together this fun church & community event!

New Voter? New Address? Register to Vote Today!



As Christians, we pray, "thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven". One modest but critical way we work for God's realm is by voting for candidates who best express God's vision of hope and wholeness for all creation. The next Election Day is Tuesday, November 6th. If you haven't voted before, or if you're at a new address since the last time you voted, visit mnvotes.org to **register as a voter, vote early by mail, or view your sample ballot.**

An Invitation from Mayflower UCC

Mayflower UCC in Minneapolis will be hosting a special event on October 27th in the Mayflower dining room from 9am to 2pm. **"Unabridged: Living a Complete Life"** is a workshop sponsored by Mayflower's Senior Living Project, and offers a multi-generational exploration of the opportunities for change, growth, and development in longevity. It will challenge the notions and stereotypes of aging to seek a new and more realistic view of what longer life offers. The program is developed and presented by David Carey, a Mayflower member and filmmaker. You can learn more about his work and access his film at www.agingfilms.org.

Mayflower
Church

Registration is \$15 and includes continental breakfast and lunch. Please call the Mayflower Church office at 612-874-0761 to register. Registration deadline is October 18, 2018. For questions contact [David Carey](#).

Member and Community Happenings

Public Hearings on Redevelopment of the Edina Cleaners Site; Traffic Study

Tuesday, October 2, 7pm

Edina City Hall

The City of Edina will hold two public hearings on the redevelopment of the Edina Cleaners site. The first hearing will be at the next **Planning Commission** meeting (7pm, August 29th at City Hall). The **City Council** will hold its public hearing at its meeting on October 2nd. At both hearings, residents will have three minutes each to speak. Written comments can also be submitted via the links below.

To submit comments to the Planning Commission:

<https://edinadocs.edinamn.gov/Forms/contact>

To submit comments to the City Council:

<https://www.edinamn.gov/772/City-Council#contact>

The City's traffic study on the project can be found on the Morningside Neighborhood Association's Publications page:

<http://www.edinamorningside.org/publications/>

The United States Supreme Court in Perspective: 2017-2018

Thursday, October 4, 2018, 7:00 PM

Edina City Hall

The Edina League of Women Voters will be hosting an event on **Thursday evening, October 4** at Edina City Hall to hear **Professor Timothy R. Johnson**, speak on the United States Supreme Court, the impact of recent decisions, new members and nominations and the how the current political climate affects the Court. Professor Johnson is a highly engaging speaker who spoke to a standing room only crowd at a LWVE event two years ago. **All are welcome!** You are encouraged to register for a free ticket for priority seating, but please feel free to attend without a ticket. Get your tickets [HERE!!!](#)

ONA Framed by Love and Justice

Saturday, October 13th 1-5pm

United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

2000 5th St NW, New Brighton, MN 55112

5000 Sun St NW, New Brighton, MN 55112

On Saturday, October 13, 2018, the Minnesota Conference United Church of Christ (UCC) will gather at United Theological Seminary in New Brighton, the very first UCC-related seminary to proclaim themselves Open and Affirming to members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities. The Minnesota ONA Celebration is an annual gathering that includes workshops and worship to lift up the ONA presence within the Minnesota Conference UCC and to continue learning about being more loving and inclusive, as well as ways to advocate for justice in the world in areas of gender and sexuality. The schedule for our time begins with workshops at 1:00 PM, followed by worship at 2:30 PM. [To register, follow the link here.](#)

Minnesota AIDS Walk

Sunday, October 14, 2018

Minnehaha Regional Park.

The Minnesota AIDS Walk started in 1988 with the first event held at Minnehaha Regional Park. Since then, the walk has raised millions to support HIV prevention and care initiatives in Minnesota. All are welcome! Registration begins at 10 am. Walk just one mile through the beautiful Minnehaha Regional Park starting at 11 am. **To register, donate, or form a team visit www.mnaidswalk.org**

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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