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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".

June brought the tremendous and joy energy of Morningside Theatre campers back to the rooms, hallways, patios and sidewalks of Edina Morningside Church! Now in its tenth year, Morningside Theatre Company has grown to offer four camps this year to three different age groups. Two of the co-founders (Jim Lansing and Jane Williams) are still leading it this year: Jim is in his final season, but Jane will continue overseeing the ministry in her role as our Creative Arts Director. I've had the delight of spending more time with youth and their families this year, taking breaks with them, teaching card games, and learning their names. Children, youth and staff of the church have been part of all the productions this year, but this outreach ministry reaches families far into the neighborhood and beyond.

Morningside Theatre Co.
Summer Camps Present

Annie KIDS
Fri. June 21 - 7 pm
Sat. June 22 - 10 am & 3 pm

LEGALLY BLONDE
The Musical Jr.
Thu. June 27 - 7 pm
Fri. June 28 - 10 am & 7 pm
Sat. June 29 - 10 am

A Year With Frog and Toad KIDS
Fri. July 19 - 7 pm
Sat. July 20 - 10 am & 3 pm

Tickets: \$5 General Admission tickets at the door
Doors open 30 minutes prior to curtain
Find us: facebook.com/MorningsideTheatreCompany

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In addition to the sheer delight of making theatre magic together, I've noticed all the life lessons taught in the process of preparing a production. Even this week's camp for the youngest kids include youth leaders who were in earlier productions, and those youth who have aged out are coming back to work roles behind-the-scenes. This ministry is a significant investment of our building, staff and time resources, and it's one of the most successful ways of connecting with children and families around us. See below for photos and details about catching further shows: tonight, tomorrow morning, and in mid-July! Huge thanks to Jane and Ella Williams, our many other leaders in these weeks, and the youth who make these productions possible. You help us live into "sharing the joy" as part of our purpose at Edina Morningside Church!

Morningside Theatre Company Presents

Legally Blonde The Musical Jr.



The 2019 edition of Morningside Theatre Company youth camp is quickly coming to an end. The last opportunities to see Legally Blonde the Musical JR will be **tonight at 7pm** and **tomorrow, June 29th, at 10am**. For all of the shows, doors open 30 minutes prior to curtain. All tickets are \$5 - general admission.

Fellowship Hall has been bustling every morning for the past 3 weeks. These teenage students of the theatre have been working hard and having fun - come see what they have accomplished.



MTC Kids Camp has brought it's own group of talented youngsters to the building this week. Farm animals are learning to dance and sing and love for the theatre is starting to grow!!

Sunday Worship Service - June 30, 2019

Before Worship

- Rehearsal with worship participants
- Fill out prayer request slips

This Week's Leaders

- **Leading Worship:** Rev. Oby Ballinger
- **Music Director:** Conie Borchardt
- **Nursery Attendant:** Ella Williams
- **Ushers:** Doug Engelke and Jim Olson
- **Offering Counter:** Doug Engelke

During Worship

- Children's activity table in the Sanctuary
- Nursery Care available
- Loose coins collected in June go to [Edina Meals on Wheels](#)

After Worship

- Coffee and Community in the Gathering Space
- Second Hour: Archive Discoveries (Meeting Room)

In Our Prayers

We especially hold these members and friends in our prayers:

Second Hour: Archive Discoveries

After Sunday worship, grab a cup of coffee and then come to the Second Hour in the Meeting Room. This week the Archives team will report on **discoveries in the Church Archives and recap current progress and future plans**. A Minnesota Legacy Grant has helped us make significant strides in our continuing efforts to catalog the historic church collection.

The logo for 'The Church Archives' is written in a bold, red, serif font. The words 'The', 'Church', and 'Archives' are stacked vertically, with 'The' at the top, 'Church' in the middle, and 'Archives' at the bottom. The text is slightly slanted to the right.

This Week at EMC

Church Office Hours:	M-W	10am-3pm
Pastor's Office Hours:	M-W	appointments encouraged

Monday

- 4pm **MTC Placement/Casting** (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30pm **Faith Formation Director Search Committee Meeting** (Meeting Room)

Tuesday

- 10am **Bible Study** (Meeting Room)

Wednesday

- 5:30pm Hand of AA (Gathering Space)
 - 6:15pm – **Meet for Dessert on the Patio**
 - 6:45pm – **Worship** (On the Patio)
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July Worship Preview

During July, our Sundays move to Wednesdays—and outdoors! Please note that we will not have Sunday sanctuary worship in July until the very end of the month, and instead will gather outdoors (weather permitting) on Wednesday evenings for community time and treats at 6:15, then worship at 6:45pm. See below for service highlights, and I look forward to worshipping together with you!

July 3rd: We gather to enjoy the evening outdoors, begin our July series on the Psalms, sing patriotic music, consider Psalm 113 in light of **Independence Day**, and share communion around the patio tables.

July 10th: We hear the **expressions of lament** in Psalm 69, and consider the times we or loved ones have felt overwhelmed, praying for God's salvation. Barb and Charlie Green share a New Testament invitation to participate in the Back-to-School Drive for VEAP.

July 17th: Bring your bikes (all shapes and sizes) to the **Blessing of the Bikes!** Inspired by the confidence of Psalm 40, we pray for safety and encourage all riders, including the dozens who pass by the church on roads and sidewalks each day.

July 24th: In the midst of change, Psalm 27 expresses trust in God's care. We enjoy the music of **the women's quartet "Heartfelt"** (including Denise Cochran!), and establish a "four way covenant" with church member Rev. Emily Goldthwaite Eries, recognizing her

four-way covenant with church member Rev. Emily Goldswaite Fries, recognizing her ministry at Beacon Interfaith Housing through the Minnesota Conference and the UCC.

July 28th: Returning to Sunday worship in the church building, we gather for worship in a circle of chairs around the (air-conditioned) Gathering Space. In this new place, we consider the age-old insights of **Proverbs 1**, and begin a series on **Biblical wisdom passages**.

July Birthdays



- July 3** Laurie Cory
- July 9** Mary Herbst
- July 10** Lianne Beyerl
- July 12** Barb Dibble
- July 13** Conrad Phelan
- July 15** Chloe Gratzek &
Maimie Jamieson
- July 16** Carol Downey
- July 17** Don Patrick
- July 22** Harry Jamieson
- July 24** Katelyn Gill
- July 25** Zach Engelke
- July 26** William Eidsness
- July 28** Ella Williams
- July 31** Caitlin Rogers

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

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group: July 8, 6:30-8:30pm



On Monday, July 8th, at 6:30pm, the monthly **Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group** gathering will take place for those seeking information and resources in caring for those with dementia. This meetings will take place in the EMC Meeting Room and will be facilitated by Frank Bennett and Mary Lenard. [For More Information](#)

Save the Dates for Wednesday Night Worship in July!

Worship moves to Wednesday evenings in July, including on **July 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th**. Each week we'll gather on the patio (weather permitting) at 6:15pm for dessert, with worship starting at 6:45. We **return to Sunday morning worship on July 28th**.



Upcoming ISAIAH Opportunities



enhance our voice among dozens of other faithful leaders.

Next month, Edina Morningside Church hosts the **Hennepin County meeting of ISAIAH**, people of faith working together across congregations to advance public policies for racial and economic justice. Join the conversation at EMC on July 9th from 6:30-9pm to

We'll also have our church's own training (by ISAIAH organizer Ollin Montes, on Thursday, July 31st, 6:30-9pm) for our members to **have effective, transformational, one-to-one conversations** and really get to know another person. With all the new members who have joined FMC since our last conversation training in 2016 this is the perfect opportunity to

joined LINC since our last conversation training in 2018, and is the perfect opportunity to build community with people you worship next to but don't always know very well. After the training, we'll see how many one-to-one conversations we can have among church members, better understanding together what brings this community joy and struggle.

May Financial Report

	May	Year to Date
Budgeted Pledges	\$19,579	\$95, 448
Actual Pledges	\$15,110	\$101,363
Difference	(\$4,469)	\$5,915

VEAP Back to School Drive



Let's equip our local students for the first day of school, and the whole year! Many students in our community need help filling a backpack to ensure success during the school year. Every child should have access to the tools and supplies they need! This summer, our community partner [VEAP](#) will collect and sort school supplies and then distribute to the schools.

When: July 15 – August 1

What supplies are most needed? Backpacks, headphones, USB thumb drives and calculators are the most needed items. (NEW SUPPLIES ONLY PLEASE) Traditional supplies like notebooks, paper, pens and pencils are needed as well. Other ideas include: Pens, Spiral Notebooks, Two-pocket Folders, #2 Pencils, Markers, Colored Pencils, Crayons (24 ct.), Rulers, Pencil Boxes and Pouches, Highlighters, Erasers, Glue Sticks, Glue Bottles, and Scissors.

Please plan now if you'll be able to share any supplies during the donation window that

starts in July. Thank you for helping make sure every student gets a strong start when school resumes in the fall!

July Calendar



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

Conversion Therapy is Dangerous



On June 16th, Jesus Lucero gave a very interesting and information filled 2nd Hour presentation about OutFront Minnesota. One of the things he talked about was eliminating Conversion Therapy in Minnesota and how we came within one vote of making that a reality in our state this session. There is an on-line petition that each of us can sign to let our legislators know that we oppose Conversion Therapy and want it outlawed in Minnesota.

*(From the website as an FYI) **Conversion Therapy Is Dangerous***

“Conversion therapy,” often referred to as “reparative therapy,” “ex-gay therapy,” or “sexual orientation change efforts,” includes a range of dangerous and discredited practices aimed at changing a person’s sexual orientation, or efforts to change a person’s gender identity or expression. These harmful practices are based on the false claim that being Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, or Queer (LGBTQ) is a mental illness that should be cured. The United Nations has even gone so far as to classify these practices as torture. Unfortunately, many LGBTQ Minnesotans are still coerced and subjected to these harmful practices, which put them at risk for serious harms such as depression, substance abuse, and suicide.

We have the chance to end it.

There is a request for a lot of personal information on the petition site that will be used for data collection and to acquaint the legislator with their constituents. We will not get lots of emails from this organization. [To sign the petition click here.](#)

Daylight Update



This month's update is full of photos and information about the Daylight School Store, part of the everyday life for all the students and neighbors of Daylight. [Click here](#) to learn more, and let Pastor Oby know if you're interested in more information about joining [EMC's trip to Daylight](#), planned for summer 2020.



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!

Member and Community Happenings

QPR - Suicide Prevention Classes in St. Paul

July 15, 12-1pm

July 24, 5:30-6:30pm

Nami Minnesota, 1919 University Ave. W, Suite 400

QPR is a free, one-hour presentation sponsored by NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness) that covers the three steps anyone can learn to help prevent suicide - Question, Persuade and Refer. Just like CPR, QPR is an emergency response to someone in crisis and can save lives. QPR is the most widely taught gatekeeper training program in the United States, and more than one million adults have been trained in classroom settings in more than 48 states. For information or to register call 651-645-2948 x198 or see "classes" at namimn.org.

Hennepin County Commissioner Conversations

Join Beacon Congregation members as we learn about the resources needed for supportive housing, including rental assistance. Hear Hennepin County Commissioners discuss the county's role and the potential to be an ally in our work with the legislature.

All conversations are 7-8pm

[Click here to register](#)

Tuesday, June 25th, Commissioner Angela Conley, District 4

Wednesday, July 10th, Commissioner Marion Greene, District 3

Wednesday, July 17th, Commissioner Debbie Goettel, District 5

Wednesday, July 31st, Commissioner Mike Opat, District 1

Tuesday, August 13th, Commissioner Jeff Johnson, District 7

TBA, Commissioner Irene Fernando, District 2

TBA, Commissioner Jan Callison, District 6

Not sure who your commissioner is? [Click Here](#)

Feel free to attend more than one conversation (where you live, where you worship). EMC is in District 6.

ME/CFS Alliance Fundraiser (EMC's Bob and Lianne Beyerl)

Tuesday, July 30th, 4-9pm

LTD Brewing, 8 8th Ave N, Hopkins

We hope you and your thirsty friends will drop by for an evening of celebration as we commemorate Minnesota **ME/CFS Alliance's first year** of providing education to our medical community, and support for the 17,000+ missing in Minnesota due to myalgic encephalomyelitis / chronic fatigue syndrome. LTD Brewing offers outstanding craft brews and root beer. Add a scoop of ice cream for the quintessential summer treat! LTD is generously donating 20% of the evening sales. Appetizers provided and onsite donations will be available.

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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