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## Connecting to Worship & Activities via Zoom

We are following [guidance from the Minnesota Conference](#) of the United Church of Christ, advising against in-person gatherings at least until mid-May to minimize the spread of COVID-19. **Until we can be together in person again, click on the links below to join us for these EMC weekly events**

**via Zoom.** The links and meeting ID's will be the same week by week.

Another way to connect to these events on Zoom is to call in. This option allows you to participate via audio in each event. You call in to Zoom as if it's a phone conference call. Dial 312-626-6799 (a Chicago area phone number) and when prompted, enter the correct Meeting ID. The EMC schedule of weekly Zoom activities is listed below with the corresponding ID. (These will be the same week by week.) If you have any questions please [contact the church office](#).

[Sunday Worship](#) ID 863-036-343

[Sunday Book Group](#) ID 436-074-729

[Monday Book Group](#) ID 386-601-478

[Tuesday Book and Bible Study](#) ID 564-967-741

[Tuesday Afternoon Happy Hour](#) ID 870-282-613

[Wednesday Bell and Chancel Choir](#) ID 511-709-185

[Thursday Morning Coffee and Conversation](#) ID 790-923-497

[Thursday HeartSongs](#) ID 431-161-455

## 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".*

Continuing our exploration of racial histories in Edina and Morningside with EMC Historian Doug Fuerst, we focus this week on an incident in 1960, when the village of Morningside grappled directly with racial injustice. Marion and Mary Taylor, he a chemist and she a teacher, lived in Minneapolis with their son Gregory. In 1959, this African American family was dislocated when their property was seized for the creation of 35W. They took the compensation and moved into Morningside



took the compensation and moved into Morningside, buying the lot at 4209 Scott Terrace and intending to build a house. The lot was more affordable than some because it was part of a peat bog; it had been used as a village dump until a developer had filled it in.

Nevertheless, according to a [Minneapolis Star article](#) that profiled Mary Taylor (and included the image here), "When the Taylors attempted to buy a lot...the real estate dealer boosted the price by \$400; the local residents demanded that the Village Council do something about 'them' moving in; and the Taylors were offered \$40,000 to sell the house before they moved in."



After Morningsiders (all White at the time) learned that the Taylors were moving in, some began harassing the family with names, derogatory remarks, and perhaps even thrown rocks. Neighbors threatened to sell homes next to the Taylors, and some Village members started a petition that the Taylors' property should be condemned in order to solve a "drainage problem" at the site. The confrontation heated up through April 1960, when Mayor Ken Joyce wrote an open letter ([page 1](#), [page 2](#)) to Morningside residents on the matter. Joyce, a member of Edina Morningside Church, denounced the racist opposition to the Taylor family: "We are now in a position to demonstrate the real spirit of an honest, God-fearing community... or to act impulsively, unthinkingly, and become known as a bigoted, prejudiced, hateful little area...." Even though the "drainage issue" was eventually put to a vote in the Village later that spring, Morningside "overwhelmingly" voted against condemning the Taylors' property.

The Taylors continued to live in Morningside throughout the decade, and Mary Taylor spoke favorably of Morningside in the 1967 Minneapolis Star article ([page 1](#), [page 2](#)). Greg Taylor graduated from Edina High School and the family eventually moved to the Rochester area, where Greg pursued college studies. You can read more about this incident (and much more in Edina's history) in an excellent [article published by historian Chad Montrie](#), which has informed several of these recent columns. Stay tuned for more ways to learn from the research of Montrie and our church historian Doug Fuerst!

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## Sunday Worship Service - March 29, 2020

Live [via Zoom](#)

### Before Worship

- Sunday School from 9-9:30am (via Zoom)
- Send in private prayer requests via [PrayerNet](#) or "Send Message" on our [Facebook page](#)

### This Week's Leaders

- **Leading Worship:** Rev. Oby Ballinger
- **Music Director:** Conie Borchardt
- **Digital Usher:** Mark Mironer

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- **Readers:** Darlene Clay, Chancel Choir members
- **Musicians:** Chuck & Darlene Clay, Brian DeLong, and Tom Martens
- **Time with Children:** Susan Weston

### **During Worship**

- Share prayer requests in the chat thread on Zoom
- [Donate online](#) through Breeze.
- To give via text, send an amount (ex: "25") to 612-712-3452. You'll receive a text back with a link to register card info. When complete, you'll receive a receipt via email. For future gifts, simply text the amount and it will process automatically. **Adding "coin" to your text gift** (ex: "10 coin") will direct your donation to VEAP, in support of MN Foodshare Month.

### **After Worship**

- Second Hour: "Waking Up White" Book Group (11:30-12:30 via [Zoom](#), or dial long distance 312-626-6799 and enter Meeting ID: 436-074-729)

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## **In Our Prayers**

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

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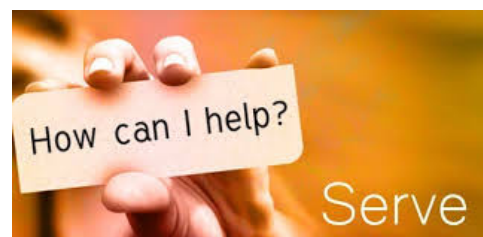
## **Time and Talent Offering - March 29, 2020**

I/we are interested in being a **reader for virtual worship** services in future weeks.

I am/we are interested in being a **digital resource** for the life of the church (making/editing PowerPoints, editing the website, assisting with Zoom and/or Facebook Live worship, etc).

[Please email the office](#) if you are interested in any of these opportunities--thank you!

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## Second Hour: Waking Up White Book Discussion Group



This year for our **all-church read during Lent**, we learn from Debby Irving's personal story of discovery about race and identity. Here is the remaining **"Waking Up White"** reading schedule:

**Week 5 (March 23rd-29th):** Chapters 32-39

**Week 6 (March 30th-April 5th):** Chapters 40-46; Tell Me What to Do!

Join this Sunday's Second Hour discussion from 11:30-12:30pm via Zoom video conference, or by phone! You can go to: <https://zoom.us/j/436074729>. If you are calling from a smartphone or tablet, that should be all you need. You can also join by computer, but you'll need to enable your microphone and video.

If that doesn't work, you can also call in to Zoom as if it's a phone conference call. Dial 312-626-6799 and when prompted, enter Meeting ID: 436-074-729.

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## This Week at EMC

<b>Church Office Hours:</b>	as needed
<b>Pastor's Office Hours:</b>	home office
<b>Faith Formation Hours:</b>	home office

### Monday

- 6:30pm **Waking Up White Discussion Group** ([via Zoom](#))

### Tuesday

- 10am **Book and Bible Study** ([via Zoom](#))
- 4pm **Happy Hour** ([via Zoom](#))

### Wednesday

- 4pm **Time with Children** (via Zoom, email [Susan Weston](#) for more info)
- 6pm **Bell and Choir Check-In** ([via Zoom](#))

### Thursday

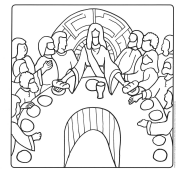
- 9am **Morning Coffee and Conversation** ([via Zoom](#))
- 6pm **Heart Songs** ([via Zoom](#))

## April Worship and Second Hour Preview

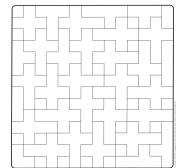
**April 5th: Palm Sunday** this year will be unlike any other, as we'll be waving sheets of colored palm branches in worship via Zoom. We'll begin Holy Week remembering Jesus' procession into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-11), and be led in communion at home as well. To prepare for worship, print and color your own [picture of palm branches!](#)



**April 9th: Maundy Thursday** worship is at 7pm, giving us a chance to remember Jesus' last supper and his final command: "love one another, just as I have loved you." We will again share in home communion, and as candles are gradually extinguished, we will remember the final hours of Christ's life. Here's your [Maundy Thursday picture](#) to print and color.



**April 10th:** Our **Good Friday** observance this year will be a contemporary "stations of the cross" organized by Healing Minnesota Stories, highlighting local Twin Cities sites of racial injustice. Watch our [Facebook page](#) for a link to this recorded service, and color all the crosses in this [Good Friday picture](#).



**April 12th:** Our **Easter Sunday** worship at 10am takes place via Zoom as well. Giving thanks for everlasting life, we sing praises to God and celebrate Christ's victory over the forces of death, even as we maintain physical distance for awhile longer. We also share in Easter communion together. Here is the [Easter picture to print and color](#), completing your Holy Week "portfolio"!



**April 19th:** The **Second Sunday of Easter** continues this season of joy with a focus on the story of Jesus' ascension (returning to heaven) in Acts 1:1-14. Jesus says, "You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Holy Communion gives us strength for our own resurrection witness of Christ in the world.

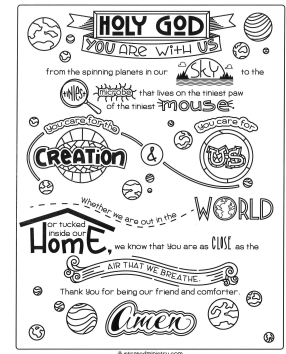
**April 26th:** We hear a story of healing on the **Third Sunday of Easter** from Acts 3:1-10. Peter says to a crippled beggar, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you, in the name of Jesus rise and walk." We also continue in our Easter season observance of weekly communion.



## Faith Formation Updates

### Prayers for When You Feel Anxious

Illustrated Ministry has provided these free Prayers for When You Feel Anxious [coloring pages](#). Try coloring the pages as you lift up prayers for courage and calm, or simply use the prayers as printed.



### Free Weekly Resources to Help Flatten the Curve: ALL AGES

Illustrated Ministry is offering another wonderful gift: [Free Weekly Resources to Help Flatten the Curve](#). When you sign up, you will receive a meditative coloring page in the confirmation email. Then you will receive a weekly email on Fridays that includes FREE faith formation resources for ALL AGES.

### VEAP Birthday Bags

Please continue to collect donations for the Birthday Bags and bring them to church when we are able to gather for worship again. We will celebrate our first Sunday School together again with a birthday bag packing party. Thank you for your support of our Sunday School class, and the children who will receive the Birthday Bags!



### Resources for all Households

Rev. Stacy Johnson from First Congregational UCC, River Falls, WI, has generously shared this resource to use during Holy Week: "[Jesus of Nazareth,](#)" from their *Picture the Bible* series, offers gorgeous art, coloring pages, and thoughtful text. The SALT Project is sharing their "[Guide to Self Care for Families Together at Home.](#)" While these resources are geared toward families with children, all ages may find them helpful during these challenging times.

### Faith Formation Online

**Sunday School, Bagel Bunch and our Multi-Church Youth Group are being offered through Zoom. In addition, we've added a Time with Children group for children in Grade 5 and younger, which meets via Zoom on Wednesdays at**



**4PM.** Families, look for emails with the log-in information for meetings. Please let [Susan](#) know if you haven't received the link or have trouble logging in. Sunday School meets at 9AM on Sundays, Bagel Bunch meets at 11:30AM on Sundays, and our Multi-Church Youth Group will now meet every other Wednesday at 6PM, with the next meet-up happening on April 8th. Families are also encouraged to join us for worship online, Sundays at 10AM.

**Blessings,  
Susan**

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## **Edina Morningside Preschool**

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, Edina Morningside Preschool is currently closed. We are sad to be missing these precious days with our students, but know that it is a necessary step to slow the spread of COVID-19 and "flatten the curve". We feel fortunate to be able to be safe at home with our families, and are so thankful for all the essential workers who are risking exposure every day while doing their job.



We will continue following the guidance of Governor Walz and his team of experts where it comes to educational programs like ours. At this time, school is set to resume on Tuesday, May 5th. If the Governor announces further closures we will follow his executive orders. Throughout this time, we are trying to stay connected to our preschool families by posting ideas on our [Edina Morningside Preschool Facebook](#) page for continued preschool learning while at home.

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## **Beacon Update**



Yesterday, the Minnesota State Legislature met to pass an emergency COVID-19 response package. In that bill, the legislature passed needed funding for shelters, which will assist them in the extra costs of creating a caring, clean and safe space for those who are homeless at this time. The bill also temporarily increased the rent and service rate in a program many Beacon residents receive, which will assist Beacon and its service partners during this time.

Despite all of our advocacy, **the bill did not include any funding for emergency rental assistance. This will have severe consequences for the stability of our families and state.** We cannot stay silent: we need to continue to lift our voice! Too many Minnesotans were already paying over half of their income to rent. Even with unemployment and federal stimulus, many may still struggle to keep their home once the governor lifts his suspension



stimulus, many may still struggle to keep their home once the governor lifts his suspension on evictions.

**Please take action today! Here are the steps:**

1. Look up your legislator [here](#).
2. Email your Representative and Senator this message:

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

*My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I live at \_\_\_\_\_ and am part of the Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative. Thank you for your leadership in passing the needed funds this week for shelters. I am disappointed that emergency rental assistance was not included in the bill. Please advocate for \$100 million of emergency rental assistance to be included in the next spending measure.*

*Thank You,*

\_\_\_\_\_

Please share this urgent message with others in your congregation and network - we all need to stand up and ask our legislators to prioritize home! Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Ben

Beacon Director of Public Policy

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## Support for VEAP Food Shelf

**The 2020 Minnesota FoodShare Campaign ends on April 5th and VEAP is still serving clients!!**

As VEAP CEO, Joe McDonald reminded us last week **"Food insecurity doesn't take a break."** And neither are they. In response to COVID-19, VEAP staff have developed a modified distribution system that was implemented on Monday, March 23rd. This new service model will include a drive-up system with prepackaged bags. Clients will come for their scheduled appointments and volunteers will gather their input on a limited choice of options such as: Dairy, Meat, Produce preferences. A volunteer will shop/fill their order in the pantry area then the client will pick-up their food at the donation door. Ride services have been suspended; clients who are unable to make alternative arrangements will be offered a delivery option.



As demands on our state's food resources continue to grow, especially as supplies dwindle, supporting the work of food pantries like VFAP becomes even more vital **Will you give the gift of**

supporting the work of food pantries like VEAP becomes even more vital. Will you give the gift of food to local families? \$1 allows VEAP to distribute enough food to make six meals.

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## Perspectives Outreach Cancelled



We received notification last week that **Perspectives has decided to cancel all programming until further notice.** Volunteers ***should not*** report to Perspectives from this moment forward.

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## Alzheimer Caregiver Support Group Monday, April 13th 6:30pm via Zoom

On Monday, April 13th at 6:30pm, the monthly **Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group** will take place for those seeking information and resources in caring for those with dementia. This gathering will take place via Zoom and be facilitated by Frank Bennett and Mary Lenard.



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## February Financial Update

*This update compares budgeted pledges and actual pledges through the month of February. The March comparisons will be in the May Messenger.*

	February	Year to Date
Budgeted Pledges	\$20,523	\$35,916
Actual Pledges	\$11,795	\$44,581
Difference	(\$9,772)	\$8,665

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## April Birthdays



**April 1** - Barb Johnson

**April 3** - Julia Eckberg

**April 7** - Amanda Mills

**April 12-** Jim Cory

Jeff Strickler

**April 13** - Marjorie Wezeman

**April 14** - Pam DeLaittre

**April 17** - Joe Clay

**April 21** - Sebastian Blrhard

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

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## Daylight Update



The latest news from Daylight indicates that they are currently socially distancing too. The kids that walk to/from school are not coming, the kids that live there obviously are staying. Some of the adults are using this time to do maintenance on the buildings, but classes are limited.

If you are a current Daylight classroom sponsor or are interested in becoming one (\$30 a month), [this month's update](#) shares the impact that letters from class sponsors have on the students, and offers some prompts on writing to the class.



As always, 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!

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## April Calendar



[Click here](#) for the latest EMC April Calendar. It is based on the premise that there will be gatherings via Zoom, but no activity in the church building for the entire month. If you have any questions, please [contact the church office](#).

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## Member and Community Happenings

### we count mn CENSUS 2020

**It's Census Time! What Do I Need To Know?** April 1 is Census Day. Now, more than ever, it matters that all of us are counted, just once, and in the right place. To learn more about why the Census is important and how to complete it, go to the [Edina Census 2020 Complete Count Website](#).



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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