



"Sing lustily and with a good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sung the songs of Satan." - John Wesley

Edmonds United  Methodist Church

December 31, 2017 - 9:00a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

The heart of our life is joining together in gratitude and praise. You are invited to join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. in our Sanctuary as we sing, pray, laugh and learn together. On the first Sunday of each month we share in Holy Communion, and whether or not you are a member of the church you are welcome as a full participant.

Sunday Worship Services

Childcare for babies and toddlers (up to age 3) is available during both services in the nursery located in the Children's Center wing.

Sunday School classes for children three years old to 6th grade meet during both worship services.

Youth Group (grades 7 - 12) meets Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m., September - June in Youth Hall.

After worship service share in cookies and coffee at **Coffee Hour** in the Wesley Room, located just to the right of the sanctuary.

Our Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, ensembles, and soloists of our **Music Ministry** enrich our worship.

Grow

Our **Adult Spiritual Formation** ministry offers ongoing and short-term groups, Bible/book studies, retreats and special lectures. Consider signing up for the Winter Contemplative Retreat at Rainbow Lodge on Jan. 19-21. Contact Sue Sutherland-Hanson at Sues@Edmondsumc.org or call (425) 778-2119 with any questions you might have.

We offer opportunities for **children and families** to deepen their faith through Sunday School, Youth Group, Vacation Bible School, Club 58, Family Camp, and intergenerational worship services.

Serve

Our **Children's Center** provides enriching and developmentally appropriate preschool and daycare for children ages 2.5-12.

Each week, **Edmonds Food Bank** assists over 325 families with valuable nutrition.

The **Thrift Shop** sells low-cost clothing and other items each Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday morning. Proceeds support mission projects locally and beyond.

Volunteers in our **Tutoring Program** provide one-on-one tutoring for children in Kindergarten through Grade 6 Wednesday evenings from November through May.

The **Toy Shop**, provides a new book, stuffed animal, and toy for over 1,000 low-income local children during the holidays.

Through the **Emergency Cold Weather Shelter** network we provide safe and warm shelter to homeless families, women, and men.

Our **Advocates for Justice** work to solve the root problems of hunger, homelessness, racism, homophobia, gun violence, and climate change.

The 2018 **youth mission opportunity** will be July 29-August 4, on the Spokane Indian Reservation, with Sierra Service Project. The youth will do direct service projects and also participate in cultural immersion activities during the week with the local tribe.

Order of Service

Welcome! We invite you to complete the tear-off 'I Am Here' form at the side of this bulletin and pass it to the outside aisle where it will be collected by the ushers. Hearing assistance devices are available. Please ask an usher if you would like to try one this morning. As a courtesy to other worshipers, please turn your cell phone's ringer off. Thank you!

We Gather

Prelude *Gesu Bambino* Chris Oberfield
Pietro A. Yon, arr. Dan Coates

*Call to Worship

Welcome Rev. Clarissa Fuentes & David Hendrix

*Passing the Peace

***Opening Hymn** *Joy to the World* Red Hymnal #246

***Opening Prayer** Pastor Clarissa

We Proclaim

Invitation to Intergenerational Worship Jen McLaughlin

Lesson in Song *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Red Hymnal #230, vs. 1 & 2

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly Red Hymnal #217

Anthem *The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy* Charisma
Trad. Spiritual, arr. Philip Stopford

Meditation *Sing We Now of Christmas* David Hendrix

We Respond

Sung Response *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* Red Hymnal #224

*Please stand if it's comfortable for you to do so

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Clarissa

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering our Gifts and Our Lives

Invitation to the Offering

Pastor Clarissa

Offertory *The Glory of the Father*
Egil Hovland

Charisma

***Doxology** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Red Hymnal #206, vs. 1

*Prayer of Dedication

We Scatter to Serve

Sharing of Newcomer Flowers

Pastor Clarissa

Announcements

Pastor Clarissa

***Closing Hymn** *Go Tell it on the Mountain*

Red Hymnal #251

*Benediction

Pastor Clarissa

Musical Blessing *A New Year Carol*
Benjamin Britten

Charisma

Postlude *The Birthday of a King*
William H. Neidlinger, arr. Dan Coates

Chris Oberfield

~You are always welcome to be seated and enjoy the postlude~

A Christmas Offering

We offer you the opportunity to bring flesh to your love throughout the year. One of the quietest and most effective programs of our church is our Emergency Assistance Fund. When a person comes to the church office with a need for transportation, help paying a utility bill, rent assistance, or any of a dozen or more needs, we provide financial assistance. Your generous Christmas offering could help us care for the needs of people right here all through the year. Please find a Christmas offering envelope in the pews for your use. We thank you for your generosity in helping our neighbors in need.

Beyond Sunday Morning

Finding Solitude

Is there chaos, stress, grief in your life? Are you looking for a quiet moment of solitude? Spend a few moments in the prayer area of the chapel to sit quietly, wrap yourself in a prayer shawl, breath, say or write a prayer, meditate, listen to God. The prayer area is open daily. God is waiting for you.

Stewardship – Final Update!

Our estimated pledges for 2018 will be \$807,333 from 236 contributing families and individuals. We had a total of 30 new pledges compared to 2017. Please keep church leaders and the church staff in prayers in the new year as we work together to form a budget for the church. Watch for Pastor Sandy's Guidelights article in the January edition that explains more details about the budget work ahead.

Upcoming Events:

Epiphany Family Movie Night | January 5 | 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m. | FREE

The entire EUMC Family is invited to join us for kettle corn and cocoa by the fire in the Youth Hall as we watch Bears by DisneyNature. Note that the dinner portion of this event has been cancelled. This intergenerational event will be fun for all ages!

Charge Conference & Church Council Meeting January 7 | 11:45a.m. | Sanctuary

The charge conference directs the work of the church and gives general oversight to the church council. At the January 7, meeting we will receive ministry reports, adopt the 2018 budget, and vote on candidates for ordained ministry. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Spiritual Formation This Winter | January 7, 14 & 21

Sign-ups for the Winter Session of Adult Spiritual Formation will begin Sunday, January 7, after services, and continue on January 14, and 21. Come see the wide array of groups, classes, and special events open to you this Winter.

Women's Retreat Planning Meeting | January 10 | 7:00p.m.-8:30p.m.

Have you ever thought about being more involved with the Women's Retreat? This is your chance! Interested women are invited to attend a gathering at Michelle D'Couto's home on Wednesday, January 10th from 7 - 8:30 PM. There will be warm appetizers, warm and cold beverages, lovely women, and a casual discussion about the opportunities available to help with the retreat. Please RSVP for the address. 510-299-1096, michelle.dcouto@gmail.com

Beyond Sunday Morning Cont....

Winter Retreat: Deep Hope | January 19-21

The 2018 retreat is at Rainbow Lodge in North Bend. Join us this year as we explore the theme of Hope. We will seek to open to God's Hope, drawing from Cynthia Bourgeault's Mystical Hope. Register Sunday mornings before or after worship in the Wesley Room. Please contact Sue Sutherland-Hanson with questions at 425-778-2119 or sues@edmondsumc.org.

Women's Retreat Fundraiser: An Evening of Elegant Simplicity | January 25 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Enjoy a selection of hors d'oeuvres, desserts, delicious wines, and non-alcoholic drinks. We will have a wide variety of silent auction items to bid on. Or perhaps you will consider making a one-time financial gift to the Women's Retreat. Auction items include: Theater tickets for the Edmonds Center for the Arts, Two Night Getaway in Sequim, Boudoir Photo Shoot, FlatStick Pub Party Package, Massages, Makeovers, and Spa Products, Gift Baskets, and more. Event is at Hunni Co. | 186 Sunset Ave. | Edmonds, WA 98020

Attention Parents and Grandparents! | January 29 | 9:30. - 11:30a.m.

If you (or know someone you know) is looking for childcare, look no further than our very own Children's Center! Come visit the classrooms, explore our wonderful facility, meet the teachers, and see them in action at our Open House on Monday January 29th from 9:30am-11:30am. If you are not able to join on Jan.29th but would like to schedule a tour or have any questions about the programs we offer please call Heather Bruno at (425) 774-4458. We look forward to seeing you!

Couples Date Night: Sex & Intimacy | February 10

You and your sweetheart are invited to an intimate and enjoyable "date night" at EUMC. Along with a table for two, good food and warm hospitality, there will be a presentation by Jean Frinak M.Div. LMFT a therapist. \$50 per couple covers dinner for two and the therapist led session. Childcare available for \$10 per child, max of \$25 per family. Scholarships available. Register online beginning January 10.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner | February 13 | 6-7pm

Celebrate Mardi Gras as a church family with pancake dinner, pancake flipping races, and live music! Get your party shoes on and join us! Suggested donation \$4 per person.

MOPS | First and third Wednesday of each month | 9:30-11:30

Moms of children newborn to kindergarten, please join our MOPS group for brunch, fellowship & speakers! Childcare is provided. Please contact coordinator for more info: Megan Harrington meganharrington5@gmail.com

Save The Dates:

-Women's Retreat: April 20-22, 2018

-Family Camp: June 22-24, 2018

-Vacation Bible School: July 16-20, 2018

-Sierra Service Project Spokane 2018: August 5-11

Those experiencing grief: Gail Colson on the death of her mother Virginia "Ginny" Hardman; Sandy Stolle on the death of her mother, Irene Smith; Kevin Stolle on the death of his father, Walter Stolle; Christine Harris on the death of her mother, Agnes Tyrrell; Terri Bartish on the death of her father, John White;

Those with health concerns:

John Rodenberg, Vergie Knight, Charles Townsend, Dorothy Jennings, Gladys Rhinehart,

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

A simple prayer you may use:

We pray for all your people. Bring peace to those who fear, bring healing to those who suffer, bring comfort to those who grieve, and grow the joy of those who celebrate. We pray these things in the name of your Son. Amen.

If you have an emergency (hospitalization, death) you may dial this number: 425-366-9615. Please leave your name, phone number, and a brief message.

I Am Here

December 31, 2017

Name

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email

Newcomer (fewer than 5 visits)

I'm Visiting with/for:

Edmonds UMC is my church home

This information is a change

I would like to receive a name tag.

I would like information about becoming a member of this church

Please add me to the email list: Weekly Announcements & Guidelights (electronic)

Please add me to the mailing list: Guidelights (paper)

Grow...

I would like information about:

- o Children's & Youth Ministries
- o Adult Spiritual Formation
- o Music & Arts Ministry
- o Reconciling Team
- o Advocates for Justice

Serve...

I would like to learn about serving:

- o Edmonds Food Bank
- o Tutoring Program
- o Annual Toy Shop
- o Cold Weather Shelter
- o Thrift Shop

Sign-Ups...

I would like information about:

- o Winter Retreat
- o Women's Retreat Planning
- o Couples Date Night
- o MOPS

Leading Worship Today

Pastor of Congregational Care
Rev. Clarissa Fuentes

Guest Organist
Chris Oberfield

Music Director
David Hendrix

Family Ministry Director
Jen McLaughlin

Acolytes
Nathaniel & Fiona Black

Ushers
Bob & Gretchen Dixon, Jerry Freeland, Steve Black, Kirk Jones, David & Joyce Danielson

Altar Flowers
Altar Committee

Coffee Hour
Darryl Berg; Jackie & Sten Lekseni

Visitor Flowers
Carol Hollyfield

Bus Driver
Tom young

Sound & Projection
Ken Pickle, Pat Cross, AP Van Meter, Marilyn McKinnon

ASL Interpreter
Jon Woods



Edmonds United Methodist Church is a Reconciling Congregation, welcoming all LGBTQ persons. If you'd like more information, please contact the church at 425-778-2119 or office@edmondsumc.org

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