

Zechariah

I see the world being slowly transformed into a wilderness; I hear the approaching thunder that, one day, will destroy us too. I feel the suffering of millions. And yet, when I look up at the sky, I somehow feel that everything will change for the better, that this cruelty too shall end, that peace and tranquility will return once more. -- Anne Frank

Edmonds United Methodist Church

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

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 *Pifa: Pastoral Symphony from Messiah*
George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Hyun-Ja Choi

Benedictus
Alec Rowley (1892-1958)

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Sandy Brown

***Passing the Peace**

***Opening Hymn** *People, Look East*

Red Hymnal #202, vs. 1-3

***Lighting of Advent Wreath**

Sung Response *People, Look East*

Red Hymnal #202, vs. 4

***Opening Prayer**

Rev. Clarissa Fuentes

We Proclaim

Children's Song *Star Child*

Black Hymnal #2095, vs. 1

Children's Time

Jen McLaughlin

Children's Song *Star Child*

Black Hymnal #2095, vs. 1

***Scripture Readings** Jeremiah 23:3-6; Luke 1:67-79

Anthem *Thou Shalt Know Him*
Mark Sirett

Chancel Choir

Prayer of Preparation

Pastor Sandy

Sermon *"Songs of Advent: 2) Zechariah*

Pastor Sandy

We Respond

Silent Meditation

During this time of quiet you are invited to reflect on the sermon or to pray.

Sung Response *Blessed Be the God of Israel*

Red Hymnal #209, vs. 1 & 3

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 *Comfort Ye & Every Valley Shall Be Exalted*
(from Messiah)
G.F. Handel

David Hendrix

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

Red Hymnal #206, vs. 1

***Prayer of Dedication**

9:00 Amanda Birkby
10:30 Miranda Huff

We Scatter to Serve

Sharing of Newcomer Flowers

Pastor Sandy and Pastor Clarissa

Announcements

Pastor Sandy

***Closing Hymn** *Now Bless the God of Israel*

tune Forest Green

***Benediction**

Pastor Sandy

Postlude *Wake up, The Voice Calls Us*
arr. Gustav Merkel (1827-1855)

Hyun-Ja Choi

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

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

Beyond Sunday Morning

Today's Events:

Winter Retreat Registration Open | Today | Wesley

The 2018, retreat, January 19-21, is at Rainbow Lodge in North Bend. Join us as we explore the theme of Hope. We will seek to open to God's Hope, drawing from Cynthia Bourgeault's *Mystical Hope*. Register after worship in the Wesley Room. Please contact Sue Sutherland-Hanson with questions at 425-778-2119 or sues@edmondsumc.org.

Last day for Christmas Pageant Sign Ups | Today | During Services | Chapel

Christmas nativity costumes + tons of kids = EUMC Christmas Eve Pageant, December 24 at 5pm! Your kids can participate by signing up in the Chapel today and taking measurements for costume planning purposes! Required Pageant rehearsals are December 17 at 11:45a.m. and on Christmas Eve at 3:30pm.

Cheryl Hay and Pastor Sandy share their 2017 pilgrim walking adventures | Today | 11:45a.m. | Aldersgate Room

Join us in the Aldersgate Room as Edmonds UMC pilgrims Cheryl Hay and Pastor Sandy Brown share slides and stories from their adventures. Cheryl Hay, retired business administrator of our church, walked 500 miles on the Camino de Santiago with her sister and father. Pastor Sandy walked from Switzerland to Italy on the Via Francigena pilgrim trail and led pilgrims from Florence to Assisi and Rome with his son on the Via di Francesco. In this one-hour presentation you'll hear about hardships and new friendships that came from their pilgrim walks.

Advocates for Justice meeting | Today | 11:45a.m. | Room 302

Come join in the discussion of how our congregation can stand up for the Gospel values of justice, mercy, and compassion. All are welcome!

Taming Bigfoot Edmonds (TBE) Training and Info Session for EUMC Teams and Interested Individuals | Today | 12:00p.m. | Library

There will be a training/information session for Taming Bigfoot Edmonds. You can come before and after Pastor Sandy and Cheryl's slide show of their pilgrimages, if you want to see both. If you have not already signed up for a team, there is still time. Come and listen to the information, ask questions, and sign up. There will be door prizes. Contact Gayla Shoemake (425-418-7673) or your Team Facilitator if you are on a team and cannot attend any of the training sessions.

Advent Evensong Service | Tonight | 7:00pm

Come participate in an ecumenical Evensong service of contemporary Advent themed music, poetry and prayer. We'll take an evening to slow down and focus on this season of hope, anticipating the light we know is coming with Christmas. A freewill offering will be taken to help support the music ministries at EUMC.

Youth Group

No Youth Group tonight. We will resume next week, December 17.

Beyond Sunday Morning Cont....

Upcoming Events:

Movies with a Message | December 16 | 2:00p.m. | Library

United Methodist Women will be hosting the movie, Christmas in Canaan. Popcorn will be served. Hope to see you there.

Date Night at the Festival of Lights | December 16 | Meet at EUMC at 5:00pm

Whether you're single or part of a couple, take an evening to enjoy the Lights of Warm Beach with a walk around the enchanted lighted grounds, a fabulous 5-course meal, and live theater. Cost: \$60 per person includes transportation, dinner, and admission to tour the Christmas lights. This event isn't suitable for children under age eight. Only 5 spots left!

Messiah Sing-Along | December 17 | 7:00pm

Messiah Sing-Along concerts have become a beloved holiday tradition. The Music Ministry team at Edmonds United Methodist invites all church members and our surrounding community to come for an evening of festive singing! Join in on your favorite choruses from this great masterwork by George Frederick Handel. A freewill offering will be taken to help support the music ministries at EUMC.

Decorate Gingerbread Houses! | December 20 | 6:30-7:30p.m.

You are invited! The Children's Center would love for all to join our monthly Family Night in December-making and decorating Gingerbread Houses! You can bring a gingerbread house to assemble or use one of the graham cracker houses we will have available. We will provide houses and frosting. Please bring a bag of candy to share...and your Christmas spirit of course!

A Service of Light on the Longest Night | December 21 | 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m.

If you are experiencing loneliness or loss of any kind, the Christmas holidays can be particularly difficult. On the longest night of the year, we gather together for a quiet, meditative service. Let the quiet space, music, and candlelights heal your hurting places. This service will be held in the Sanctuary. Transportation and/or childcare is available by calling the church office at 425-778-2119 before December 14.

Cascade Percussion Ensemble Concert | December 22 | 7:30p.m. | Sanctuary

The Cascade Percussion Ensemble will be performing in our Sanctuary. No tickets required. A freewill offering will go to support EUMC Music Programs. Music from classical Christmas Holiday traditions will be featured on Marimbaras, vibraphones, xylophes, bells and chimes.

Attention Parents and Grandparents! If you are looking for Preschool or childcare | January 29

(or know someone who is) 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!

Beyond Sunday Morning Cont....

Serving & Volunteering

Assist the Cold Weather Shelter

CWS is in need of more people. Help in the kitchen for various meals and clean-up, standing watch to make sure everyone is okay. 8:00am - 12:00pm or 12:00am - 7:00am. As well as a new EUMC Team Coordinator. For years this effort has been coordinated by Coralie Shepherd, who is now looking for a successor. Please let us know by checking the I Am Here form or by contacting the church office at office@edmondsumc.org.

Tutoring Program in need of Cooks and Substitute Tutors

The Tutoring Program is still looking for substitute tutors, and cooks, on Wednesday evenings until May 16. Contact Mary Feldhaus at 425-672-1469, feldhaus1@comcast.net or Annette Roberts 425-778-2261 leftyanette@yahoo.com to substitute. Contact Darryl Berg to cook zlgreatguy@comcast.net, 206-890-5788 (texts accepted), or you can sign-up to cook at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4ba8ac28a6fa7-20178>. Training is provided.

Extra, Extra...

Stewardship Update

As of December 4, we have 228 pledges totaling \$749,494. If you haven't had a chance to turn in your pledge card, please bring it to the church office.

Be a part of the DREAM Act

Tom Quigley will seek appointments with our legislators to advocate for the passage of a clean DREAM Act of 2017. (S.1615/H.R. 3440). If you would like to be a part of this advocacy group, please contact Tom Quigley at tomquigley1@comcast.net or by phone at (206) 498-9705.

Important Dates to Know

Church Building Closure

Our church building will be closed Monday, December 25 - Saturday, December 30. The building will be closed again on Monday, January 1, in celebration of New Year's Day. The Church building will open at 8:00a.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

Advent Dates:

- December 17 Messiah Sing-A-Long | 7pm
- December 21 Longest Night Service | 6:30pm
- December 24 Christmas Eve | 5pm, 7pm & 9pm

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 with health concerns:

Dorothy Jennings, Gladys Rhinehart, Dana McMechan, John White, Ginny Hardman

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

The peoples from the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle include: Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam

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 10, 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 Cold Weather Shelter
- o Tutoring

Sign-Ups...

I would like information about:

- o Winter Retreat
- o DREAM Act
- o Holiday Services Childcare
 - Longest Night
- o Holiday Services Transportation
 - Longest Night
 - Messiah Sing Along
 - Christmas Eve 7pm service

Leading Worship Today

Lead Pastor

Rev. Sandy Brown

Pastor of Congregational Care

Rev. Clarissa Fuentes

Organist

Hyun-Ja Choi

Music Director

David Hendrix

Family Ministry Director

Jen McLaughlin

Scripture Readers

Rayna Iverson, Darryl Berg

Acolytes

Annalisa & Zoe Grant, Nathaniel & Fiona Black

Advent Wreath Candle Lighters

David, Sarah, Forest & Alden Hendrix; Scott, Gabrielle, Lexi & Haley Catton

Star Bearer

Mitchell & Makenna Cook; Cienna Moss & Maggie McGuire

Ushers

Paul & Deb Hawley, Russ Bauder, Jerry Freland, Del Campbell, Dean Averil, Tom & Carol Woltjer

Altar Flowers

Julie Boyd

Coffee Hour

Vanessa Bishop, Eileen Kelliher, Mark & Tamara Sutton

Visitor Flowers

Julie Boyd

Bus Driver

Shannon Speight & Luke Van de Krol

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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