



“Happiness is not only a hope, but also in some strange manner a memory ... we are all royalty in exile.”
G.K. Chesterton

Edmonds United  Methodist Church

December 3, 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 worshippers, please turn your cell phone's ringer off. Thank you!

We Gather

Prelude *Sing We Now of Christmas*
arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Chapel Bells

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Sandy Brown

***Passing the Peace**

***Opening Hymn** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Red Hymnal #211, vs. 1 & 2

***Lighting of Advent Wreath**

(9:00) The Knechtel Family
(10:30) The Calabro Family

***Sung Response** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Red Hymnal #211, vs. 6

***Opening Prayer**

Rev. Clarissa Fuentes

We Proclaim

Children are invited to Sunday School

***Scripture Readings** Isaiah 42:1-9; Luke 4:16-21

Anthem *He Will Not Cry Out*
(Based on Isaiah 42)
Bruce Benedict & Isaac Wardell
arr. David Hendrix

David Hendrix, Chancel Choir & Chapel Bells

Prayer of Preparation

Pastor Sandy

Sermon *Songs of Advent: 1) The Prophet*

Pastor Sandy

We Respond

Silent Meditation

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

Sung Response *All Earth is Waiting*

Red Hymnal #210, vs. 1 & 2

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Clarissa

Offering our Gifts and Our Lives

Invitation to the Offering

Pastor Clarissa

Offertory *Mary, Did You Know*
arr. Anna Laura Page

Chapel Bells

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

Red Hymnal #206, vs. 1

***Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor Clarissa

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

We Celebrate the Love of God

Invitation to the Table Pastor Clarissa

The Great Thanksgiving Pastor Sandy

Communion 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.

Words of Institution Pastor Clarissa

This is Christ's Table. Everyone who would like to participate in this meal is welcome here. Please come down the center aisle, hold out your hands to receive the bread then dip the bread into the cup. You may then return to your seat by the side aisles. If you prefer to remain in the pew, let an usher know, and we will serve you in your seat. Although we say, "wine," we actually use juice that contains no alcohol. If you need gluten free bread and cup, please move to the center serving station where our acolytes will serve you with gluten-free bread and gluten-free-only cup. Come, and share in this feast of God's joyful love.

Songs During Communion	<i>Come, Share the Lord Of the Father's Love Begotten Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	Black Hymnal #2269 Red Hymnal #184 Red Hymnal #216
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Prayer After Communion

We Scatter to Serve

Sharing of Newcomer Flowers Pastor Sandy and Pastor Clarissa

Announcements Pastor Sandy

***Closing Hymn** *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* Red Hymnal #196

***Benediction** Pastor Sandy

Postlude *Angels from the Realms* Chapel Bells
arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Beyond Sunday Morning

Stewardship Update

As of November 27, we have 211 pledges totaling \$720,674. If you haven't had a chance to turn in your pledge card, please bring it to the church office.

Today's Tables and Sign-ups:

Last Chance to Help the Toy Shop!

In-person Volunteer Registration and after worship toy sales will conclude this Sunday, December 3, after both services in the narthex. Donations of all kinds are still needed. And volunteers are needed for Toy Shop Set-up on Thursday, December 7 and Friday, December 8, and at the Toy Shop Event on Saturday, December 9. We are also in desperate need of Spanish and Russian Interpreters. If you speak Spanish or Russian or know someone who does please contact the church office at 425-778-2119 or office@edmondsumc.org

It's Not TOO LATE (but GETTING CLOSE) for Signing up for Taming Bigfoot Teams

There will be a sign-up table for Taming Bigfoot Edmonds Teams between services and after second service today. We have room for several more people to complete the teams that need one more person. Bring in your information form, and/or stop by and complete your form to show your support for saving our amazing planet. Not only will you learn new ways to reduce your carbon footprint, but you will also meet other people who are committed to making a difference. Sign up Today.

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.

Today's Events:

UMW Bazaar | Today | Between services and on until 2:00p.m. | Kennedy Hall & Aldersgate

Come downstairs, enjoy coffee hour in Aldersgate and support the United Methodist Women in their biggest event of the year - They use the funds they raise to support so many groups, missions and causes in our community. A silent auction is set up today, and Kennedy Hall has many tables of all kinds of different goodies to peruse. You don't want to miss it.

Israel/Palestine Event | Today | 12:00p.m. - 1:30p.m. | Chapel

You are invited to join us for the DVD showing "The Occupation of the American Mind," Israel's Public Relations War in the U.S. Marc Lamont Hill, CNN political analyst and host of HuffPost Live, says, "Amazing! A must-watch documentary for anyone interested in understanding the truth of the Occupation and the failures of Western journalism." Refreshments will be served!

Advent Spiral Service | Tonight | 7:00p.m.

Youth Hall

Start the Advent Season with the elegant Spiral Service. Walk your prayers through a green spiral path with candles in apples. Anticipate with gratitude the blessing of all nature in the celebration of the birth of Christ.

Youth Group | Tonight | 5:30p.m. - 8:00p.m.

Decorate the Youth Hall for Christmas and enjoy the lights and space to pray at the Spiral Service.

Beyond Sunday Morning Cont....

Upcoming Events:

Christmas Pageant Sign Up Dates | December 3 & 10 | Chapel

Christmas nativity costumes + tons of kids = EUMC Christmas Eve Pageant every December 24 at 5pm! Your kids can participate by signing up in the Chapel on December 3rd or 10th and taking measurements for costume planning purposes! Required Pageant rehearsals are December 17 at 11:45 and on Christmas Eve at 3:30pm.

ATTENTION EUMC TAMING BIGFOOT EDMONDS (TBE) TEAM MEMBERS

As you may know, we have an App for Taming Bigfoot Edmonds Team members to use to track their carbon footprints. There will be several training sessions on using the App (and answering questions) led by Stan Gent, a new member of our congregation.

Sessions will be held on:

- 1) Dec 7th at 7:00 p.m., Edmonds City Council Chambers, 250 N. 5th Edmonds
- 2) Dec 9th at 10:30 a.m., Edmonds Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 8109 224th Street SW, Edmonds
- 3) Dec. 10th at 12:00 p.m. A special session for EUMC after the second service in the EUMC Library. Come to any of these sessions, and/or contact Gayla Shoemake for questions (425-418-7673).

Cheryl Hay and Pastor Sandy share their 2017 pilgrim walking adventures | December 10 | 11:45a.m.

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.

Advent Evensong Service | December 10 | 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.

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!

Beyond Sunday Morning Cont....

A Service of Light on the Longest Night | December 21 | 7:00p.m. - 8:00p.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.

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!

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.

We're in the Final Count Down to Toy Shop

With five days to go, we are still collecting items in the red barrel outside the office: new toys, gently used toys, books, as well as holiday wrap and decor. Or you can visit our wish list on Amazon. Go to www.edmondsumc.org/toyshop and find the link. Items will ship directly to the church for a hassle free experience.

Extra, Extra...

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 10 Advent Evensong | 7pm
- December 17 Messiah Sing-A-Long | 7pm
- December 21 Longest Night Service | 7:00pm
- 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

We're returning to SSP for summer 2018, but this time to the Spokane Reservation. We'll learn about Native American tribal life, offer some building and repair projects, and get to sleep in the Spokane Reservation's Pow Wow grounds! Contact GregM@edmodsumc.org for more info!

Those with health concerns:

Gladys Rhinehart, Dana McMechan, John White, Ginny Hardman

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

The peoples from the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle include: Myanmar, Thailand

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 3, 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 Toy Shop

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

Phil Borgnes

Communion Assistants

Jullann Ray, Steve, Doris, Nathaniel & Fiona Black, Phil Borgnes, Katy Brock, Jessica Pair,

Acolytes

Colin & Chaley Ray, Nathaniel & Fiona Black

Advent Wreath Candle Lighters

Kent, Sharon, Colin & Cliff Knechtel; Eileen, Lucy & Violet Calabro

Star Bearer

Jenna Brock, Adrian Fuentes

Ushers

Andrew & Mary Feldhaus, Jane & Carls Carlson, Keith Skore, Scott Anderson, Russ Bauder

Altar Flowers

Linda Maki

Coffee Hour

Whitney Massae, Virginia Lowe, Danya Tomlinson, United Methodist Women

Visitor Flowers

Claudia Carr

Bus Driver

Matt Cook

Sound & Projection

Ken Pickle, Ella Ray, 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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