



*If there is no struggle, there is no progress. -- Frederick Douglass*

**Edmonds United  Methodist Church**

**February 24, 2019 - 9:00a.m. & 10:30a.m.**

# Welcome!

The heart of our church 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 8th grade meet during both worship services.

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. The Winter session begins February 3, with sign-ups on January 20 & 27.

We offer opportunities for **children and families** to deepen their faith through Sunday School, Youth Group, VBS, Family Camp, and intergenerational worship.

**Vacation Bible School:** July 15-19  
Who Is My Neighbor?: Exploring equity.

**Youth Group** (grades 7 - 12) meets Monday nights from 6:30-8:00p.m. in the Youth Hall. Join us for dinner and fellowship!

## 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 on Monday evenings and Tuesday mornings with valuable nutrition. Volunteers ages 9 and up are invited to serve Mondays from 3:00-6:00 p.m. in Kennedy Hall.

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 6th Grade, 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.

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

**Youth Mission Trip** | July 28-August 2 | L.A.S.T.  
Learn about root causes of poverty and serve the homeless population in Portland.

**Intergenerational Service Learning Trip**  
July 24-28 | BorderLinks in Tucson, AZ and Nogales, Mexico. Learn more about the issues affecting migrants along the border. Ages 14 and up.

## 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. We encourage congregants to speak quietly during the prelude so the music can help us center ourselves on worship. Thank you!

### We Gather

**Prelude**      *Jubilee*      Chapel Bells  
Arnold B. Sherman

**Welcome**      Rev. Dr. Sandy Brown

**\*Passing the Peace**

**\*Opening Hymn**      *Gather Us In*      Black Songbook #2236, vs. 1, 2 & 4

**\*Opening Prayer**      Rev. Clarissa Fuentes

### We Proclaim

**10:30 Special Music**      *Make a Joyful Noise*      Joyful Noise  
Shirley Lewis Brown

**Children's Message**      Jen McLaughlin

**\*Scripture Readings**      Galatians 5:1-15; Luke 5:33-39

**Anthem**      *As a Tree*      Charisma  
Mark Sirett

**Prayer of Preparation**

**Sermon**      *Conversations with an Atheist: 7) Are Christians Afraid of Change?*  
Pastor Sandy

## We Respond

### Silent Meditation

**Sermon Response**    *Change My Heart, O God*

Black Songbook #2152

**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Clarissa

### Our Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

### Offering our Gifts and Our Lives

**Invitation to the Offering**

Pastor Clarissa

**Offertory**    *Enduring Joy*  
Cynthia Dobrinski

Chapel Bells

**\*Doxology**    *What Gift Can We Bring?*

Red Hymnal #87, vs 4

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor Clarissa

### Commissioning of Stephen Minister Leader Kathi Matthes

**Announcements**

Pastor Clarissa

## We Scatter to Serve

**\*Closing Hymn**    *Christ Has Risen*

Black Songbook #2115, vs 1, 3 & 4

**\*Benediction**

Pastor Sandy

**Postlude**    *Divertissement*  
Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Hyun-Ja Choi

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

# Beyond Sunday Morning

**Today we celebrate the commissioning of Kathi Matthes** who recently returned from an intensive weeklong Stephen Ministry Leadership Training in Anaheim, CA. Her gift of leadership will help equip those who are and will be Stephen Ministers in our congregation. Congratulations Kathi!

## **Join the Edmonds United Methodist Annual Retreat for Women: Resilience for the Soul | Register Today**

It is vital for women to have time to connect with each other and recharge their reserves. This year's topic focuses on resilience - vital for our wellbeing. Our keynote speaker is Danae Ashley. Danae is an Episcopal Priest, Therapist, and Friend of the Church. Registration includes room for two nights, six meals, and access to the full agenda. Learn more and register today in the lobby following each service or at [edmondsumc.org/family](http://edmondsumc.org/family)

## **From the Immigration Team....**

Copies of the Sanctuary Proposal, its appendices and the Frequently Asked Questions document are available in the narthex every Sunday. Please pick up a copy and familiarize yourself with the proposal! Your questions and comments are invited.

Two more listening sessions on sanctuary will be offered...after second service on March 3 in the library and after second service on March 10 in the Chapel. If you would like to discuss questions or concerns that you may have about the proposal to become a sanctuary church, please plan to attend one of these sessions.

## **Intergenerational Mission Trip to BorderLinks meeting for all applicants has moved | Today | 11:45a.m. | CHAPEL.**

If you have applied or are still considering a last minute application, please plan to attend the 45 minute session to hear more about the trip, determine a fundraiser, and sign up for an interview.

## **Make Change | Today | 10:30 & 11:45 a.m. | Library**

Make Change - by sharing your perspective with your Washington State legislators. Come to the Make Change Session to learn about current bills in process at the State Legislature. Materials will be provided for you to send your personal support or opposition to a bill currently under consideration (or will be soon). Names, numbers, and sponsors of bills will be available, as will contact information for your representatives. Suggestions for effective comments will be offered for those who would like them. Join members of the Advocates for Justice Team on after both services. Any questions, Contact Gayla Shoemake or Carol Megenity for information.

## **Annual Report Deadline | End of February**

Leaders - submissions for the 2018 Annual Report are due by the end February. Please email your information to [annualreport@edmondsumc.org](mailto:annualreport@edmondsumc.org).

## **World Day of Prayer is coming | This Friday | 10:00a.m.**

Hosted by our church. This will be a wonderful service for you to attend. Service developed by host country: Slovenia. Refreshments after.

## **EUMC Girl Scout Cookie Sales**

Girl Scout cookie sales are coming up soon. Girl Scouts in the EUMC congregation/affiliated with EUMC are invited to sell cookies on:

- March 3 - after first service
- March 3 - after second service
- March 10 - after first service
- March 10 - after second service

If your daughter is interested, please contact Tina LaBelle with availability - [tina.labelle@comcast.net](mailto:tina.labelle@comcast.net) 425-743-9895

## **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner | March 5 | 6:00-7:00p.m.**

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. Church Council to follow.

## Beyond Sunday Morning Cont...

### **Ash Wednesday Service | March 6 | 7:00-8:00p.m.**

Special music, readings, burning of our prayers on the altar, & traditional imposition of ashes on our foreheads in the shape of the cross.

### **Save the Date: Roots and Wings | March 23 | 9:00a.m.**

This year's Roots and Wings conference will be held at our own Edmonds UMC. The Greater Northwest Area's Innovation and Vitality Team will be leading us throughout the day, in worship, plenary session, conversations, and workshops revolving around the three key practices that we believe are present in every vital congregation. These practices are namely, inclusion, innovation, and multiplication. Early-bird registration is \$20 per person until March 15, and \$30 per person thereafter & at the door. Scholarships available. To request a scholarship, please contact Hollie, hswanson@pnwumc.org or at (206) 870-6814.

### **Borderlinks Intergenerational Mission Trip**

#### **| July 24-28, 2019 | DEADLINE TODAY**

This trip to the Arizona/Mexico border offers experiential learning opportunities that explore the causes and difficulties of migration, as well as the impact of US immigration policies. Open to families with children, unaccompanied senior high students, and adults of all ages, who have no mobility restrictions. Come walk migrant trails, hear stories, and witness court proceedings. Cost is approximately \$1200 per person. Scholarships available. Applications available by the Church Office. Questions? Email clarissaf@edmondsumc.org. New: If communal sleeping arrangements were deterring your application, it is now possible to bunk in a local hotel without a huge price difference.

### **Would you like to be the ears and shoulders of God?**

Be a Prayer Partner after service on Sunday. Prayer Partners are those who offer an ear to listen in time of need. Needs will vary from grief, health, family, loneliness, even joy. Listening is most important, and confidentiality is pertinent. After listening, offer a prayer. If further help is needed, offer the person a Stephen Ministry card to contact someone for further communication. This is not a fix-it position, but merely an avenue of encouragement and love from God via you. We hope to get enough volunteers, so each prayer partner will only need to be there once every other month. Please contact Jacque Benjamin at 410-708-6267 or jacquez.benjamin@gmail.com.

**Help Wanted:** Our Church is in need of a substitute lawn mowing person to help out when Don Kleweno is away on vacation. Please contact David Walters (davew@edmondsumc.org) if you are able to assume these duties on a temporary basis. Don is on vacation until the first week of April and as you all know the grass doesn't wait to grow when our faithful volunteers goes on vacation. Any help one or more people can do would be greatly appreciated.

**Help Wanted:** Coralie Shepard is a faithful servant unlocking our church on Sunday mornings. She is finding herself needing to travel back to Pennsylvania as she needs to be by her brother's side since he is quite ill. The time to unlock the church will be around 7:30 AM. If you are interested please contact David Walters (davew@edmondsumc.org).

**Help Wanted:** Our church is looking to hire a part time weekend custodian. Please submit a letter of interest including relevant experience and/or a resume to April Judge at aprilj@edmondsumc.org.

**Those Experiencing Grief:** Chris Oberfield on the death of her brother-in-law, Robert DiDay

**Those with health concerns:** Don Holmes, Ginger Carson, Vicki Hoggins, Judy Hewitt's daughter-April Anderson, Jack Brock, Margie Jacobson, Claudia Mills, Margaret Barnes, Ben Hanchinamani, Tina Barner, Rev. Elmer Brunk, Marsha Hutto Emerson, Hillary Wagner, Rich and Vergie Knight, Sten and Jackie Leksen.

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers

**The peoples from the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle include:** Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands

**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: 425-778-2119 ext. 102. Please leave your name, phone number, and a brief message.

## I Am Here

February 24, 2019

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- Newcomer (fewer than 5 visits)
- I'm Visiting with/for:  
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- 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)

Please check all the boxes that apply for more information on a ministry or volunteer opportunity listed below...

## Grow...

I would like information about:

- Children's & Youth Ministries
- Adult Spiritual Formation
- Music & Arts Ministry
- Reconciling Team
- Advocates for Justice
- Having a Stephen Minister

## Serve...

I would like to learn about serving:

- Edmonds Food Bank Driver
- Thrift Shop
- Prayer Partner
- Tutoring

## Sign-Ups...

I would like information about:

- Youth Mission Trip
- Reading Scriptures
- Assist in Communion
- Roots and Wings
- Choir to Germany

**Do you watch the Live or archived worship services?** Yes No

**Can you share comments about the experience?**

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## Leading Worship Today

### Lead Pastor

Rev. Dr. Sandy Brown

### Associate Pastor

Rev. Clarissa Fuentes

### Organist

Hyun-Ja Choi

### Music Director

David Hendrix

### Family Ministry Director

Jen McLaughlin

### Scripture Readers

Kurt Schaueremann, Tim Guirl

### Acolytes

Adrian Fuentes

### Front Office

Charlotte Jane

### BlueVest Team

Jack Vickerman

### Altar Flowers

Betty Nilson

### Coffee Hour

Norma Thompson, Marcia Marsh, Marcia Fankhauser

### Ushers

Val Mosalsky, Carol Moore, Bill Bengston, Jerry Freeland, Steve Black, Jeanette Murphy, Denny Balascio

### Transportation

Matt Cook

### Visitor Flowers

Judy Triggs

### Welcome Desk

Claudia Carr, Carol Woltjer

### Sound & Projection

Ken Pickle, Amanda Birkby, AP Van Meter, Marilyn McKinnon



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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