



*The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.*

- Mahatma Gandhi

**Edmonds United**  **Methodist Church**

The logo consists of a black circle containing a white cross. A red flame-like shape is positioned to the left of the cross's vertical stem, extending from the bottom of the circle to the top of the cross's vertical stem.

**March 31, 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**      *Great is Thy Faithfulness*      Hyun-Ja Choi  
arr. Dan Miller

**Welcome**      Rev. Dr. Sandy Brown

**\*Passing the Peace**

**\*Opening Hymn**      *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*      Red Hymnal #101

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

### We Proclaim

**(9:00) Children's Sermon**      Jen McLaughlin

**(10:30) Children's Music**      *Ubi Caritas*      Joyful Noise  
Becki Slagle Mayo

**\*Scripture Readings**      Luke 7:36-50; Colossians 3:12-17

**Anthem**      *Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake*      Charisma  
Richard Farrant

**Prayer of Preparation**

**Sermon**      *Miracles of Jesus: 4) Forgiving the Broken*      Pastor Sandy

### We Respond

**Silent Meditation**

**Sermon Response**      *God, How Can We Forgive*      Black Songbook #2169, vs. 1 & 3

## 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

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*  
Sally Kidwell

Charisma

### \*Doxology

*Take My Gifts and Let Me Love You*

Tune: HOLY MANNA

### \*Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Clarissa

## Announcements

### We Scatter to Serve

### \*Closing Hymn

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Red Hymnal #140

### \*Benediction

Pastor Sandy

### Postlude

*God, How Can We Forgive (Tune: LEONI)*  
arr. Marianne Kim

Hyun-Ja Choi

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

If you have family or friends who were unable to attend today, they can stream the 9:00 a.m. service live, or watch it later in the week. Text them our stream site: <https://www.sundaystreams.com/go/EdmondsUMC>

# Beyond Sunday Morning

## **Welcome Back, Tammy and Charlotte Jane!**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the planned Bellingham move of Charlotte and Tammy Jane is not going to happen. That means we get to enjoy their ongoing presence among us. Great news! Please give Tammy and Charlotte a welcome back hug today!

## **Women's Retreat Information Table | Today | after each service | Narthex**

Are you thinking about going on the Women's Retreat in May? Stop by our table after service for more information on registration and activities.

## **The Mission Endowment Committee Invites Applications for Ministry! | TOMORROW - Deadline**

The Mission Endowment Committee is charged with the dispersement of both Kathlyn James & Dave and Kris Gillespie endowment grants. The Kathlyn James Endowment distribution funds are grants dispersed for ministries which serve families & children in poverty. The Dave and Kris Gillespie endowment distribution grants are dispersed to existing outreach ministries which focus on making disciples of Jesus Christ in the community & which provide funding for a specific outreach not covered in the regular budget of the ministry. Applications can be found on the church website at [edmondsumc.org/ourchurch/member-login](http://edmondsumc.org/ourchurch/member-login).

## **EARTH MONTH – April, 2019**

You will notice an insert in your bulletin today- it's for EARTH MONTH, which begins tomorrow. With the serious problems of climate change all around us, we are asking the congregation to review the items listed on this insert. Mark those things which you are already doing. Then select two, three, or more new ways you can address climate change from the list, or add your preferences on the back of the sheet. Then, actively work on them during Earth Month. At the end of April, put a star by each NEW ACTION you or your family actually took to reduce the impact of climate change. Bring your sheets to church on May 5th, and drop them in the box provided. We will tally and let you know the results. All of us working together CAN make a difference.

## **Lenten Prayer Service | April 7 | 7:00 p.m.**

During this season of reflection we are offering contemporary services of music and prayer on Sunday evenings. The worship will revolve around visual art and centering prayers from local artists Scott Erickson and Justin McRoberts and their book, *Prayer: 40 Days of Practice*, providing an opportunity for us all to reflect on our intention during these forty days.

## **Become an EUMC Member During the Easter Vigil | April 20**

Individuals who just took the Disciple's Path class and those able to meet one-on-one with Pastor Sandy will be received into the church as new members during the Easter Vigil service on April 20. To discuss joining, mark your I Am Here slip where indicated, or contact Jen Rasmussen at 425-778-2119 | [jenl@edmondsumc.org](mailto:jenl@edmondsumc.org).

## **Save the date - Refugee Reception Luncheon | April 28 | 11:45 a.m. | Kennedy Hall**

The Refugee Resettlement Ministry Team cordially invites you to an all-church refugee reception luncheon. You will have the opportunity to meet our 3 Ukrainian refugee families – the Kotok family of 5, the Prozapas family of 9 and the newly-arrived Sliusar family of 8. You will be seated in Kennedy Hall bedecked in a "Valentines-in-April" theme with lunch served to you at your table. The 3 families will introduce themselves with some English and some assistance from interpreters. You will enjoy Ukrainian music and be blessed by welcoming our refugee families to visit EUMC. NOTE: Space is limited! Please sign up at the table in the Narthex (on 4/7) or RSVP to [lynn.heitritter@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.heitritter@gmail.com) by 4/22.

## **Youth Sunday | May 12**

All youth are invited to participate in leading the 9:00 and 10:30a.m. services (ushering, reading prayers, playing an instrument, etc.)

# Beyond Sunday Morning Cont...

## **Vacation Bible School | July 15 - 19 | Who Is My Neighbor | Registration Now Open**

This year we will continue our focus on equity, justice, and race by exploring how to love our neighbor like Jesus does! Registration open now!

## **Resolution Pending**

A Draft resolution in response to the Decisions of the 2019 Special General Conference regarding LGBTQ issues will be considered for adoption at the Church Council Meeting on April 2nd. Copies are available on the church office counter. Please share any comments with a member of the Council.

## **Our Schools Need Volunteer Help.**

Contact a school near you. Ask what their needs are and how you might help! Once a week, every day, two or three times a year. Many hands make light work, and the children really appreciate when there is another adult in the room. I know many in our churches are already volunteering, and some of our churches have tutoring programs in their buildings, but our public schools can always use more help.

## **Sunday Transportation Team in Need**

One rewarding ministry is the Sunday transportation team and helping those that cannot drive themselves the opportunity to attend services. This team is in need of a driver for the 5th Sunday in the few months a year we have them. If interested please contact Jen at [jenl@edmondsumc.org](mailto:jenl@edmondsumc.org).

## **All Church Baby Shower**

For those creative souls who like to knit, quilt, sew or crochet, now is the time to get started on making a blanket or clothing for infants or young children. In honor of Mother's Day, we collect clothing items and infant supplies to distribute to local shelters. Put your creative talents to work for a good cause. More information next month.

## **Sunday Office Host Volunteer**

Are you interested in helping out on Sunday mornings? Then we have the job for you. We are looking for a team of volunteers to fill this very important position serving once a month. The 4th and 5th week of the month for both services is where our need currently is. If interested, please contact Jen Rasmussen at [jenl@edmondsumc.org](mailto:jenl@edmondsumc.org).

## **Want to make a difference in people's lives?**

Would you be willing to call or email newcomers/visitors to our Congregation? A friendly voice, a phone and an email account are all you need! It's easy and fun! Come and join our Welcome Team! Please call or email me, Carol Woltjer 360-621-3504 or [cwoltjer2@gmail.com](mailto:cwoltjer2@gmail.com)

## **Join the Team!**

When you come to church on Sunday morning it is so nice to be greeted by a friendly person at the Welcome Desk. The gift of hospitality can make a big difference in the lives of first time visitors as well as long time EUMC members. Consider joining the Welcome Team! It takes less than an hour every couple months & a fun way to meet new people! To help at the Welcome Desk contact Vestey Leising [jvleising@aol.com](mailto:jvleising@aol.com)

## **Church Champions**

Wanted-Willing workers to be members of the newly formed Working Warriors team who will assist the church in completing a wide variety of projects throughout the church both inside and out. Projects may last from one to several hours and may be completed in one day or several. Hours to work on projects are flexible. A sampling of projects includes: taking unwanted items to Goodwill, refurbishing worn-out looking rooms, re-organizing the Resource/Copy Room, painting a small table, maintenance of outside property, maintaining the library, transforming the attic into usable storage. For a complete list of projects, additional information or to sign-up, contact April Judge, Church Administrator at [aprilj@edmondsumc.org](mailto:aprilj@edmondsumc.org) or 425-778-2119.

**Those experiencing grief:** Coralie Shepherd on the loss of her brother, Gary

**Those with health concerns:** Max Albertson, Charlotte Jane, Mary Lou Barr, Judy Lambert, Don Holmes, Robin Seyfried, Marie Martin, Sonja Adams, Vicki Hoggins, Judy Hewitt's daughter-April, Jack Brock, Margie Jacobson, Claudia Mills, Margaret Barnes, Ben Hanchinamani, Rev. Elmer Brunk, Marsha Hutto Emerson, Hillary Wagner.

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers

**The peoples from the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle include:** The Balkans - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia

**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

March 31, 2019

First Name Last Name

Street Address

City State

Zip

Phone

Email

- 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:

- Sunday Transportation Driver
- Sunday Office Volunteer
- Welcome Committee
- Church Champion

## Sign-Ups...

I would like information about:

- Reading Scriptures
- Assist in Communion
- Refugee Resettlement Luncheon
- Youth Sunday
- New Membership, April 20

## 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

Keith Skore, Lisa Burns

### Acolytes

Elina and Iliya Salehi

### BlueVest Team

Paul Hawley

### Altar Flowers

Linda Maki

### Coffee Hour

Darryl Berg, Jackie & Sten Leksén

### Ushers

Andrew & Mary Feldhaus, Norma Thompson, Jerry Freeland, Roy Chapel, Del Campbell

### Transportation

Tom Young

### Visitor Flowers

Judy Pennington

### Welcome Desk

Haydee Walters

### Sound & Projection

Ken Pickle, Pat Cross, 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](mailto:office@edmondsumc.org)

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