

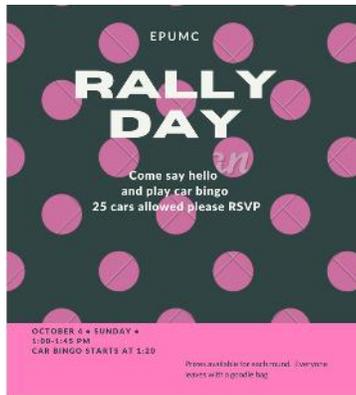


October 2020

The Tumbleweed



BIG ENOUGH TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE SMALL ENOUGH TO CARE



Bingo! Rally Day Oct. 4

We will rally in two ways Sunday, Oct. 4. Beginning at 1 p.m., drive through rally for all ages to receive information about fall programs and a treat! At 1:20 p.m., we'll play Car Bingo. This is an all ages rally game. Space is limited to 25 vehicles. See details on page 8.

Talking about race

Pastor Becky Jo is offering two book groups beginning Oct. 7 and 8. Both groups will discuss *A Good Time for the Truth, Race in Minnesota*. See details on page 5.

Cantata!

Would it be Christmas at Eden Prairie UMW without a cantata? No! Megan Peterson has a plan; find it on page 4

Wednesday Night Live

We're live via Zoom on Wednesday nights with youth from Grades 3-12. See pages 7 and 8 for details.



As a Reconciling Congregation, we accept and respond to Jesus' challenge to love all of our neighbors.

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Eden Prairie UMC was one of five drop-off spots during Weekend to Unite Sept. 19-20 in Eden Prairie, an event to supply the PROP Food Shelf with needed items. About 115 cars and trucks rolled into the Eden Prairie UMC parking lot. It took three trips by the PROP vans to haul away the 3,500 pounds collected, part of the 25,000 pounds of food and hygiene items given that weekend. Thank you for your participation and sharing the invitation with others.

From the Pastor

There's No Asterisks

I have been thinking a lot about asterisks this past week. You know ... * ... the star that finds its way to the end of a statement or a statistic that invites us to dig a little deeper or read a little further to get the whole story. Asterisks indicate that the simple thing that has been stated is more complicated than the words denote.

Think baseball. Asterisks found their way into baseball in the early 1960s. Until that time, Babe Ruth's astounding 60 home runs hit in one season stood as the record. Most everyone thought it was an unbreakable record. But then along came Roger Maris who squeaked past Ruth's record with 61 home runs. That's when the asterisks came out. Maris' season was something like eight games longer than the season Ruth had played, giving him more opportunity to break the record. The pro-asterisks folks felt the two could not be fairly compared. How many more home runs could Ruth have hit if his season was eight games longer? There was no way to tell. So the statistics keepers put an asterisk next to Maris' record, indicating the story was more complicated than the stats let on. That record has been broken several times, and now holds another asterisk in order to tell the story of steroid use.

Our Declaration of Independence has had its own asterisks attached to it. "*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal*, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights...*" Almost from the beginning, the writers didn't mean what the words actually said.

They didn't mean men of color. These folks were considered property, not people. It would take a civil war to begin to see people of color as equal, a civil rights movement to highlight the continued inequity, and a recent summer of rioting and protests to remind us we have a lot of work to do to remove the asterisk for people of color.

They didn't mean women, of course. Women, in the common understanding of the day, were not considered to have been created by God with the same value as men. It was just 100 years ago that women were granted the right to vote. And it is just in my lifetime that women battled for the same freedoms as men. We are still working toward valuing women the same.

They didn't mean people native to this land, either. They were labeled, within the same document, as "savages" and in that language stripped of their having been created equal by God.

Asterisks may have a place in sports statistics, but they have no place when we are talking about the value and worth of a human life. The account out of the sacred text in Genesis that tells of our creation makes that clear:

*So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.
God saw everything that God had made,
and indeed, it was very good.
(Genesis 1:21, 31)*

There's no asterisk in the story of God creating humanity. God didn't say that the creation of humanity was "very good" and then say *"Well, not everyone." God looked on the created beings, all of them, of every color and shape and size and orientation and gender identity and intelligence and ability and said that it was very good! No asterisks!

Friends, how can you reshape your own thinking to notice where you, intentionally or unintentionally, place an asterisk next to an individual or group of people? How can you bring this thinking to awareness so as to rid yourself of it? How can you see every child of God as God sees them? How can you more carefully and intentionally value every person as a beloved child of God?

It seems to me that in our current national climate, it might help us to live believing that God was right. God saw God's creation of humanity and said that it was "very good!" That kind of mindset has the potential to change our homes, our neighborhoods, our nation and our culture. Every person you meet is beloved and precious and worthy and holy.

No asterisks! Let's live it that way!

Blessings,



Pastor Becky Jo Messenbrink

BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH WORSHIP



BIG ENOUGH TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE, SMALL ENOUGH TO CARE.

Join us on Zoom each Sunday for ...

8:15 AM – Bible Study *on the scripture for worship*

9:30 AM – Fellowship Time *in small group format followed by community prayers*

Recorded Worship and Children's Message ALWAYS available on our website
www.prairiechurch.org **Zoom ID # 445 569 4215**

Outdoor Worship Services at 10:30 a.m. October 4 and 11

(Weather permitting - Register here to attend: <http://tiny.cc/outdoorworship>)

Learning to love like Jesus so that we can



We continue our series on being love for the world, building on what we have already explored:

Begin with Love, **E**xpand the Circle, **L**avish Love

October 4

Openhearted Love

Luke 8:1-3; John 4:3-30

Bibles given to preschoolers and 3rd Graders (recorded earlier)

Communion blessed during recorded worship – have a

piece of bread and a cup of juice (whatever you have on hand) available for communion

Special Music by Chancel Choir



October 18

Emulate Christ

John 13:14-17, 34-35; Luke 9:23-25

Semi-Live Worship with Communion at 10 a.m. (on Zoom) – have a piece of bread and a cup of juice (whatever you have on hand) available for communion
 Special Music by Praise Band

Baptism Caroline Allan McGrath (recorded earlier)



October 11

Value the Vulnerable

John 15:1-7; Luke 7:36-39

RAINBOW SUNDAY – Celebrating Inclusiveness

Special Music: Twin City Gay Men's Chorus



October 25

Confirmation Sunday

2020 Class of Confirmands confirming the faith of their Baptism

Philippians 1 (select verses)

Special Music by Bell Choir

Worship led by our 2020 Class of Confirmands

"I Believe" Statements by Confirmands

Music Director's Notes

By Megan Peterson, Director of Music
2020 Christmas Cantata

While many things look very different, it is important to continue bringing the joy of music into the season of Advent. Yes, that does mean we are still doing a cantata! EPUMC's Chancel Choir will start working on a larger piece of music to share during worship in Advent and would like to invite you to join us. We will start incorporating cantata music into Zoom rehearsals on Oct. 14. To continue to sing safely, the songs will be recorded at home and compiled into a virtual choir. You can join us at your own time, pace and skill level with our new virtual format.

I hope you will consider leading the congregation during the season of Advent in this way! Let me know if you want to join the choir for the cantata, and I will add you to our email information list and provide you with music.

October Music Calendar

If you have questions or are interested in joining a group, please send me an email (meganp@prairiechurch.org).

Chancel Choir: Zoom Rehearsals Wednesdays (Men 7-7:35; Women 7:25-8), virtual choir first Sunday of every month. Cantata music rehearsals will begin October 14.



Hand Bell Ensemble: Outside Rehearsals Thursdays 6-7 p.m. Anthems for the fourth Sunday of each month recorded at rehearsal. *(A virtual option available for those not able to rehearse outside)*

Praise Team: Rehearsals as needed; virtual choir third Sunday of every month.

Get to Know Your Musicians:

Name: Kathy Bowman



What is your musical background?

I have always loved to sing, but have never been a soloist except for one line in children's choir when I was 9 years old! I was in the church children's choir for several years. I also had a few years of piano lessons which gave me a nice musical foundation and the ability to read music that has served me well since. I can also practice choir pieces at home on the piano which helps and play a few pieces for my own entertainment but nothing very skilled. In high school I was a member of the school choir which was very well known in the community due to a great director. We sang at a number of events as well as school programs which was very fun and meaningful to me. I didn't sing in any groups then for several years until joining our church choir.

What other hobbies do you have?

I love to read and do outdoor activities in nature especially at our cabin in Hayward, WI. Another hobby is swimming which I have enjoyed all my life from growing up with a pool in Southern CA. A big interest is also family and trying to keep up with my grandchildren although challenging at this time.

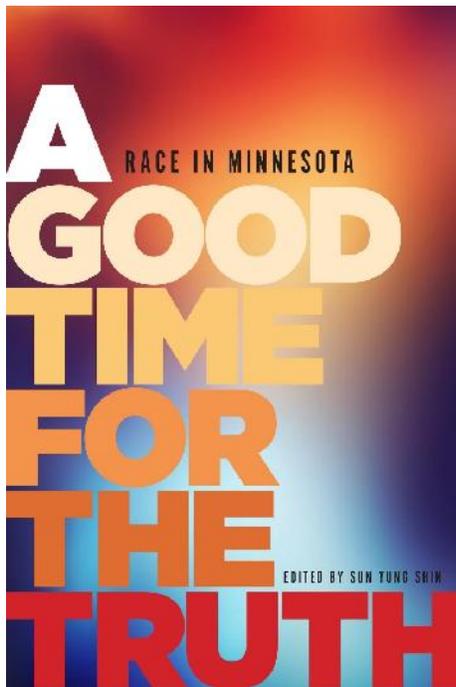
What music group(s) have you participated with at EPUMC?

I joined the Chancel Choir about 20 years ago. That's been my only musical group.

What is your favorite hymn/anthem?

I have a few favorites. I love the "Spirit Song" where it says "Jesus, come and fill your lambs," then others with spirit in title: "Spirit of God" and "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" from The Faith We Sing. I also like some of the traditional old ones: "This is My Father's World," "In the Garden" and "I Would Be True." I could probably even think of more favorites!

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Book Discussion on Race

with Pastor Becky Jo

Join me in reading and learning as we discuss

A Good Time for the Truth

In this provocative book, sixteen of Minnesota's best writers provide a range of perspectives on what it is like to live as a person of color in Minnesota. They give readers a splendid gift: the gift of touching another human being's inner reality, behind masks and veils and politeness. They bring us generously into experiences that we must understand if we are to come together in real relationships.

**Wednesdays at 7 p.m. OR Thursdays at 10 a.m.
on Zoom**

Starting October 7 / October 8

SIGN UP by emailing beckyjom@prairiechurch.org

Find your own book at <https://www.mnhs.org/mnhspress> and other typical online book retailers in both print and e-book versions

Prepare to discuss two chapters at each session

Get to Know Your Musicians:

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What does sacred music mean to you?

Sacred music speaks to the heart of God's love and connection to us and our searching for God. It moves us in meaningful and sometimes mysterious ways. Music uniquely touches our souls.

Name: Brian Dimberg

What is your musical background?

My musical background and training is largely from grade school and high school. I took a year or so of piano in my youth, I played the trombone in band from 5-12 grade, and sang in school and church choirs throughout high school.



What other hobbies do you have?

I enjoy riding my motorcycle and jet-ski in the summer, spending time with family at

local brewpubs, and Minnesota pro sports when they are successful. I also follow NASCAR and enjoy tinkering in the garage with the many vehicles from my immediate family.

What music group(s) have you participated with at EPUMC? I have participated with the Chancel Choir and Praise Team.

What is your favorite hymn/anthem?

I have so many favorite hymns that it's difficult to pick one. I'll always have a soft spot for Christmas Carols and have enjoyed performing praise tunes.

What does sacred music mean to you?

Sacred music is a way to share my limited talents in a way that I strive for excellence.

EPUMC MOVING TOWARD LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

What is that? Livestream Worship means that worship happening in the sanctuary can be viewed on one's home computer, phone or tablet in real time. It will enable everyone to gather for worship, whether they are home, in the hospital or nursing home, at the cabin or in the sanctuary. We are excited about the capacity of livestream to connect our community members who, for their health and safety, will have to wait some time before they are able to return to in-person worship. After a worship event, we will also be able to archive worship and make it available on demand, for those who need to worship at a different time.

This project will take some time and equipment to accomplish. We have been working on this project all summer and making progress. We know that we need to make the following strategic purchases, which we estimate to cost \$15,000:

- 2 cameras to cover the pulpit / altar area and the musician's area
- 2 monitors to assist in switching between cameras and producing the livestream worship
- A new computer and added software to produce the livestream worship
- Expanded audio / visual booth in the sanctuary to accommodate the new equipment and make space for the additional people needed to produce the livestream worship

WE INVITE YOUR GIFTS TO HELP FUND LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

Make a gift, perhaps in honor or in memory of a loved one, through one of the following means:

-] Send a check to the church office, marking it "Livestream Worship"
-] Make a donation through our website, choosing "Livestream Worship"
-] Make a donation on the Give+ App, choosing "Livestream Worship"

Thank you for participating in expanding of our online (2nd campus) ministry!

Listening

with Love

In the weeks between now and the General Election, we expect that deep divisions in our nation, state and communities will become even more visible. As Christians, we know God loves each of us. We are called to love our enemies, to enter into relationships that focus on listening from the heart of love, not the seat of judgment.

Gwen Pickering invites you to a 3-week group, "Listening from the Heart with Love rather than Judgment" that will explore some ways to listen carefully to people we'd prefer to dismiss. The group will provide a safe environment for us to

learn how to have respectful conversations with others, offer spiritual practices that create awareness of our feelings and bodies and our responses to uncomfortable situations, while helping us see beyond ourselves.

A Thursday group will meet beginning Oct. 1 and a Saturday group will begin Oct. 3. The groups will meet outdoors at Eden Prairie UMC. For more information, contact Gwen at gwenpickering@gmail.com or 952-239-0542.

Youth Ministry

By Terri Myers

"At the heart of life lie the relationships we have with other people." Unknown

Our youth program includes two groups: Pre-Confirmation (7th-8th Grades) and Higher Ground (9th-12th Grades)

Both groups will meet each week from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. via Zoom until we can be together again live. Meetings will include speakers on the first Wednesday of each month who will enrich our faith in Jesus through an exploration of the world around us. The second and fourth Wednesdays will be bible study and discussion, while the third Wednesday will be devoted to team building through service and play.

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 7; Wednesday Night Youth Group Kick-off! We will be live, social distancing, together at the Outdoor Worship area (masks and 6' distance is required). This will be a chance to be together and meet our group hosts. We will have the opportunity to learn about each other and share an activity and a gift.

6 – 6:30 p.m. – 7th-8th grades
6:45 – 7:15 p.m. – 9th-12 grades
(We welcome the 2020 confirmation class!)

After Oct. 7, we will meet each week at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Terri Myers will send you the link.

EPUMC Family

Mary Prodoehl died Sept. 10, 2020. Her funeral service was Sept. 14 at Huber Funeral Home, Eden Prairie Chapel.

Leo Knapp, son of Jeromy and Jen Knapp, was baptized at home Sept. 19 by Pastor Becky Jo Messenbrink. Video of the baptism was shared with in worship Sept. 27. Leo was born March 19, 2020.

Clip and Save — Fall 2020 Youth Schedule
6:30 p.m. each Wednesday for all groups via Zoom

Rooted - 3rd & 4th grades

Holy Club - 5th & 6th grades

Pre-Confirmation - 7th & 8th grades

Higher Ground - 9th-12th grades (all high school age students)

October 7 Kick-off Schedule

Rooted and Holy Club will meet via Zoom at 6:30 p.m.

Pre-confirmation will meet live at 6 p.m. at

Outdoor Worship (fire pit) area

Higher Ground will meet live at 6:45 p.m. at

Outdoor Worship (fire pit) area

Scheduled Speakers:

November 4 - Kevin Schill, Twin Cities Rapid response coordinator will help us navigate "how to respond not what"

December 2 - Janet Palmer, executive director of PROP "how food and housing insecurity is closer than you think"

January 6 - Kristin Dostal, Outreach Specialist for the Emily Program "Disordered eating is not about food and how the Emily Program can help"

Trunk or Treat

Oct. 31

We are planning a safe event using health department suggestions. Details will be shared through the Monday Morning emails and parent groups later this month. Contact Jody Veatch if you have questions.

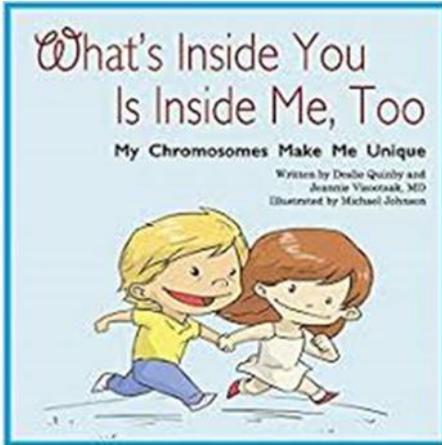


Children's Ministries

By Rachel Casper, Director

Rally Sunday October 4 1-1:45 p.m.

On October 4 at 1 p.m. we welcome you to come by and say hi. RSVP to stay and play car bingo from 1:20 – 1:45 p.m. We will give out treats and play car bingo for prizes. There are only 25 slots for car bingo, so please make your reservation on the prairiechurch.org website now. Prizes will be given for every round. and everyone leaves with goodies. We hope to see you there.



Storytime with Ms. Kay

On October 4 at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Kay will read “**What’s Inside You Is Inside Me, Too: My Chromosomes Make Me Unique**” written by Deslie Quinby and Jeannie Visootak MD, illustrated by Michael Johnson. This is a Zoom event.

October is Down Syndrome awareness month and every child, every person, every living thing is unique, in big part, due to chromosomes. Children with Down syndrome have an extra chromosome. This book informs people about Down syndrome in a fun, illustrative way. In the process, it also explains chromosomes and their role in making every living thing special. Please email Rachel Casper at rachelc@prairiechurch.org if you need more information about accessing story time.

Sunday School

We continue Sunday school on Facebook every week, with a video that includes a Bible story with Ms. Kay, preschool activity with Jody Veatch and lessons for two groups of elementary students led by Rachel Casper. If you are not on the Facebook Sunday school page, please contact her at rachelc@prairiechurch.org; she can also provide emailed materials.

On the second Sunday of every of every month at 11:30 a.m. we will have a live Sunday school event for the lower elementary school kids. On the fourth Sunday of every month, we will have a live Sunday school event at 11:30 a.m. for the upper elementary school kids via Zoom. Rachel will email a supply list to the parents during the week. Children can meet the teacher on Zoom on Sunday at the designated time for the Sunday school experience. It will be a wonderful way to experience and learn the stories of faith together again.

Rooted

Rooted (Grades 3-4) will resume meeting Wednesday nights at 6:30 starting Oct. 7. We will have such a fun and exciting year. We will meet on Zoom. Rachel will send out Zoom invites to all of the parents of third and fourth graders. There will be plenty of team building activities as well as faith formation while we have fun together.

Holy Club

This year 5th and 6th grades will be in Holy Club on Wednesday nights and will meet via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. From guest speakers they will learn about service opportunities in our community and how we can share God’s love with others through hands’ on activities.



Supply Drive Oct. 24 in Eden Prairie UMC parking lot

The MN Conference Mission Promotion Action Team collected more than 11,000 pounds of UMCOR (and other supplies) in June and is hosting a statewide collection again in October. The need is still great with storm relief in Iowa, hurricanes on the Gulf Coast and wildfires out west. A truck will be at Eden Prairie UMC Saturday, Oct. 24, from 11 a.m. to noon to receive supplies. They should be boxed up with the Eden Prairie UMC name and address on the outside. Everything will be delivered to Midwest Mission Distribution Center, unless the box is specifically marked for "UMCOR: Sager Brown Depot," in Baldwin, LA.

LIST OF REQUESTED ITEMS:

Assembled UMCOR Hygiene Kits <https://www.umcmision.org/umcor/serve/relief-supply-network/hygiene-kit>

Liquid laundry detergent (32-64 oz. bottle)

Liquid concentrate household cleaner (16-40 oz. bottle; no spray cleaners)

Dish soap (16-34 oz. bottle)

Toothpaste (2.5 oz. or larger)

Folding walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, canes, orthopedic supplies

Non-electric tools

October 2020 Calendar

Thursday, October 1

5 pm. Let's Connect (Jarvis)
6 pm. Handbell Choir

Sunday, Oct. 4

Regular Sunday schedule
10:30am Outdoor Worship
1—1:45pm Rally Day (parking lot)
2pm Let's Connect (Lotzow)
4:30pm Confirmation
5pm Food for Thought

Monday, Oct. 5

6:30pm Let's Connect (Holland, on Zoom)
7:30 pm Let's Connect Facilitators on Zoom

Wednesday, Oct. 7

10am Staff Meeting
6pm PreConfirmation (fire pit)
6:30pm Rooted and Holy Club on Zoom
6:45pm Higher Ground (fire pit)
7pm Book Group with Pastor Becky Jo
7pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, Oct. 8

10am Book Group with Pastor Becky Jo
6pm Bell Choir
6:30pm Administration Team
7pm Grow Team on Zoom

Sunday, Oct. 11

Regular Sunday School
10:30am Outdoor Worship
2pm Let's Connect (Lotzow)
5pm Food for Thought

Monday, Oct. 12

6:30pm Connect Team on Zoom

Tuesday, Oct. 13

6:30pm Engage Team on Zoom
7pm worship Team on Zoom

Wednesday, Oct. 14

10am Staff meeting
6:30pm Wednesday Night Youth on Zoom
7pm book Group with Pastor Becky Jo
7pm Cantata Choir

Thursday, Oct. 15

10am Book group with Pastor Becky Jo
6pm Bell Choir

Sunday, Oct. 18

Regular Sunday Schedule
2pm Let's connect (Lotzow)
5pm Food for Thought

Wednesday, Oct. 21

10am Staff meeting
6:30pm Wednesday Night Youth, on Zoom
7pm Book group with Pastor Becky Jo
7pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, Oct. 22

10am Book group with Pastor Becky Jo
6pm Bell Choir

Saturday, Oct. 24

11am—Noon UMCOR Collection

Sunday, Oct. 25

Regular Sunday Schedule
2pm Let's Connect (Lotzow)
5pm Food for Thought

Wednesday, Oct. 28

10am Staff meeting
6:30pm Wednesday Night Youth on Zoom
7pm Book group with Pastor Becky Jo
7pm Cantata Choir

Thursday, Oct. 29

10am Book group with Pastor Becky Jo
6pm Bell Choir
6:30pm Core Team

Saturday, Oct. 31

Halloween, Trunk or Treat

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL ACTION

Partnering with Simpson Housing Services

Eden Prairie UMC has signed up to provide meals at the Simpson Shelter in 2020. Our next scheduled serving dates are



October and December. We hope to fully fund the cost of catered meals, as that is currently the Simpson Shelter policy for food service. It costs about \$400 to do this. To help us continue to support Simpson Shelter as they feed the folks who are staying with them, please make your donation at <http://www.prairichurch.org/online-giving> or the Give+ App (choosing “Simpson Shelter”), or mail a donation to the church indicating the gift is for Simpson Shelter. Thanks for your ongoing attention to be a church that is “big enough to make a difference!”

THANK YOU—THANK YOU—THANK YOU—THANK YOU—THANK YOU—THANK YOU

Dear Friends:

These are challenging days for all of us. Every day we hear from clients who have had hours cut or jobs totally eliminated. As the pandemic continues, more and more of these folks have who have never come to us before are so very grateful that their neighbors provide us the resources to help them feed their families, search for new employment and stay in their homes.

I know your church has done so much for PROP over the years, and 2020 is certainly no exception. The recent donation of \$2,620 continues the wonderful partnership we have come to value and count on.

I am sure you know that the bountiful harvest of your Crops for PROP garden is a major source for one of our clients’ most requested items – fresh produce. I can’t wait to see how high the total is for the year! Based on history, that won’t be for a month or more since it keeps on coming and coming.

Your congregation provides so much more than money and produce, though. You give support, faith and hope for the future. We appreciate the things we can do and buy with the money and the food we can touch, but these immeasurables go to the heart of why we continue to do what we do and why we are so grateful for your partnership.

With warmest thanks,

Janet Palmer, Executive Director

Thanks for Your Support!

A few short weeks ago, we realized the food shelves at PROP - People Reaching Out to People were becoming emptier and emptier. With a number of spring and summer food drives cancelled due to the pandemic, this shortage was becoming a critical situation.

However the good news about my job is it did not take many phone calls or conversations with community leaders in the City of Eden Prairie to create a safe, socially distanced plan and put it into action immediately. 25,000 pounds of food later, our building is filled to the brim with much needed food, personal care items and paper products. Such an amazing response from our entire community.

On behalf of our neighbors in need, I can’t thank you enough Eden Prairie Noon Rotary; Immanuel Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie; St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie AM Rotary Club; Eden Prairie Community Foundation; Pax Christi Catholic Community. Eden Prairie; Prairie Lutheran Church; Eden Prairie United Methodist Church; Boy Scout Troop 370 and everyone who participated!

You rock! Take that, COVID-19!

Mary Brown, Development Director, PROP

Adult Small Groups

All in-person, indoor gatherings at Eden Prairie UMC are cancelled until further notice. The Core Team continues to evaluate when it is safe to open, with guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Annual Conference. Groups may meet outdoors at Eden Prairie UMC, following the church's guidelines. Please coordinate your gathering through the church office.

Most of the groups listed below are NOT meeting at this time.

Men's Discussion Group meets Wednesdays from 8—9 a.m. in the Gathering Room.

Women's Evening In Home Book Group meets about every other month in a home to discuss the book we are currently reading.

Cheers (Men's Fellowship Group) meets Saturdays at 8 a.m. at Lund's/Byerly's, Eden Prairie.



Cheers Too! (Women's Fellowship Group) Meets Saturdays at 8 a.m. at Kowalski's Market, 16500 W. 78th Street.

GEMS (God's Exceptional Methodist Seniors) Breakfast Group meets for breakfast the third Wednesday each month at 9 a.m. During the pandemic, they are finding new ways to connect by sharing stories. Contact Deb Soderholm, debsoderholm@gmail.com.

3Fs Food, Fun & Fellowship is an informal gathering that meets in people's homes several times a year.

Prayer Network – Praying for the church family's concerns and joys on a daily basis. Please contact the office at office@prairiechurch.org or 952-937-8781 to be included in the Network or if you have a prayer request.



Women's FaithShare meets Thursdays from 10—11:30 a.m. fall through mid-May. All women are welcome. Together we read books and watch videos as springboards for discussion.

MOMS Group — This group meets regularly for fellowship and support.

United Methodist Women meets on selected dates during the month. Please contact Ginger Eddy at 952-974-2092 or vfellinger@gmail.com for more information.

Inter-Knits Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the second Monday of the month at the church at 7 p.m. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Sherry Harms at 952-658-6868. We meet in Room 6.

Block Party Quilt Group meets the first Thursday of the month. Use your time at home to make cozy crafts that will warm your family or others in this troubled time.



Yoga meets Thursdays at 8:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Terri Myers leads this group, and it is free. Please check the weekly schedule for dates.

Feed My Starving Children
Packing sites are now open to groups of five people. If you have questions, please talk to Dave Zuelke.





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9 a.m.—1 p.m. Monday and Thursday
9 a.m.—5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.



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