



## The Flash

Summit United  
Methodist Church

September 15, 2023

This week: *Fruits of  
the Spirit:*  
*Self-Control*

**Summit United Methodist Church is a Lighthouse Congregation of the Western Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church.**

### Reshaped

Change is good! But who likes change? We would be hard-pressed to find people who do like change. Most of us don't. Yet, change is inevitable. "The only thing that is constant is change" –Heraclitus, circa 500 BCE. We naturally tend to feel apprehensive, fearful, and frustrated regarding change. So, we get stuck in our routines, keeping things the way we have always done them.

Our next worship series, beginning September 24<sup>th</sup>, is entitled Reshaped. We'll address that we are made for change, which requires transformation and letting go.

God's creative activity is an ongoing active force for good. We must first believe that we are created for change and allow God to shape or reshape us. Second, transformation takes place. It is a willingness within our spirits to lean into the life path calling us. Change starts with inner change. Step three is to let go of old expectations, follow the change-maker Jesus, and serve his purpose of more love in the world. Finally, we need to have the courage to take the first step. It takes courage to change, to break away from our narrow paths.



Please join us for our four-part series, *Reshaped*, beginning Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **Outreach Meeting Notes** (ways to get involved in our church)

**Field Trip to the Mission Barn:** Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. We will be delivering the 28 hygiene kits that we assembled and help out at the Mission Barn from 10 AM-2 PM. We can only have from 2-12 helpers so let me know if you would like to go.

**Radical Hospitality** Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM. Radical Hospitality Video to be shown. 45 minute video and then discussion afterward. Popcorn and cookies to be served

**Blessing of the Animals** Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM

Sign up for **Sunday morning muffins** to encourage our church family to linger in fellowship we have started baking again... there is a signup sheet if you could help out in the cafe... does not need to be homemade or even muffins... whatever you like!!

## Sunday Small Groups Forming

Our Sunday small groups are meeting each week following our morning worship service. If you are not currently part of a group please visit any group and join one!

The **Asbury Class** will resume the study *Think Like Jesus* by Randy Frazee. They meet downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

The **Wesley Class** meets in Room 1 on the hallway upstairs.

The **Emmaus Class** meets in Room 2 at the end of the hallway upstairs.

The **Kids Club Class** meets downstairs in Room F, off of Fellowship Hall. Our theme this year is *Superheroes for God*.

The **Youth Class** will meet in the Youth Room at the end of the hallway downstairs.

### **CROP Walk 2023**

The Erie County CROP Hunger Walk is September 24<sup>th</sup> at Beach 1 Presque Isle. Join us for our 48<sup>th</sup> year of walking to ensure that we continue to grow in outreach and service to the hungry in our community and in the world. Last year more than \$19,000 was given to 23 of Erie's local food programs including the Summit Community Food Bank. If you want to be a walker and collect pledges from friends and family, please see Jerri Carlin for a sponsor form or take one from the display in the Welcome Center. If you wish to make a donation to the CROP Walk, please see any "Walker" standing in the Welcome Center near the CROP Walk display. Cash or checks are appreciated. Checks should be made payable to Summit United Methodist Church and write CROP Walk 2023 in the Memo section. Thank you for your willingness to support our Summit Community Food Bank as well as people in more than 35 countries and 1,600 local food banks and soup kitchens throughout the U.S. Questions? See or call Jerri Carlin at 814-460-7360.



**SAVE THE DATE for Laity Breakfast October 15<sup>th</sup> following the morning's worship service.**

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sharpen your pencils. Sharpen your minds.

# Erie-Meadville District 2023 Fall Lay Ministry School

"Lay Servant Ministries is one of the most significant lay leadership development programs available within the United Methodist connection. Through this equipping and empowering system, lay servants have the opportunity to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ who then go and make other disciples."

From the 2023 Lay Servant Ministries Catalog



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2 PM to 4 PM  
Edinboro UMC

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## 2023 Fall Course Selection:

### Introduction to Lay Ministry (The BASIC Course)

Instructed by Rev. Kendra Balliet

This foundational course encourages participants to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship.

### Leading Bible Study

Instructed by Pastor Terry Brown

This course opens a new world for many lay servants who have not had professional training in biblical interpretation.

### Saving Grace: A Guide to Financial Well-Being

Instructed by Revs. Wade and Ali Berkey

This course offers a new financial wellness curriculum with practical information from a Wesleyan, biblical perspective to help improve personal and communal finances.

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