

The Flash

Summit United Methodist Church

September 25, 2024

Join the Stephen Ministers for the **FALL WPAUMC DISCIPLESHIP SPEAKER SERIES**

"Looking Inward, Living Outward: The Spiritual Practice of Social Transformation"

In a world of so much hurt, how can we create communities of care and healing? While many contemporary Christians focus on a spirituality of the afterlife and individual salvation, Jesus calls us to create communities that enact justice and bring peace here on earth as it is in heaven. In this series, popular spiritual leader Daniel Wolpert will discuss his new book *Looking Inward, Living Outward*, calling us back to a life of prayer and twelve specific spiritual practices that re-orient our gaze outward in acts of social transformation.

Thursday, October 3rd, November 7th, and December 5th from 12 to 1 PM, online! In this series, popular spiritual leader Daniel Wolpert will discuss his new book *Looking Inward, Living Outward*, calling us back to a life of prayer and 12 specific spiritual practices that reorient our gaze outward in acts of social transformation. Bring your lunch and learn about spiritual practices.

Summit Church **Supper Club** will be an Amish meal served here at the Summit Church on Saturday, October 16th at 6 PM. Cost is \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids under 10. A signup sheet will be available in the welcome center or by contacting the church office. Join us for a time of fun and fellowship!

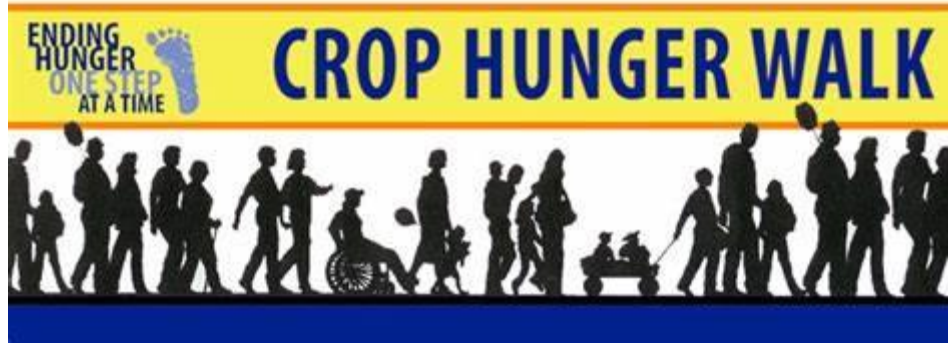
2024 FALL LAY MINISTRY SCHOOL (ERIE-MEADVILLE DISTRICT) Mark your calendars for the 2024 Fall Lay Ministry School which begins on Sunday, October 6th and ends on Sunday, November 3rd! Classes will meet each Sunday from 2 to 4 PM at Edinboro UMC (113 High Street). All registrations must be received by Monday, September 30th. For more information and to register, click <https://wpa-reg.brtapp.com/24FallLayMinSchEMD>

<https://summitumc.net/calendar/>



Epic of Eden Book Study –September 30 at 10 AM
Liberty House Meal – October 2nd
Speaker Series – October 3rd at 12 at the church

CROP Walk 2024 - Sunday, September 29th at Beach 1 Presque Isle. If you are interested in walking or in sponsoring a walker, there is a display in the Welcome Center where you can take a sponsor form. Please see or call Jerri Carlin if you have any questions at 814-460-7360. Did you know that the Erie Walk is ranked #1 in the state of Pennsylvania and #9 in the nation? Just think of how many people in need that we are serving. Let's continue to carry out our mission in this special way.



If you can't participate in the walk you can sponsor Jerri or Pastor Jeff!

Upcoming Outreach projects for October 🌻🌻🌻

Wednesday October 2nd, we will be sending down a meal for the gentlemen at the Liberty House, a EUMA sponsored shelter for homeless veterans.

Saturday October 19th, we will be participating in Robison Elementary schools Trunk or Treat. Things we need to collect to help out bagged candy, pencils, or small toys.

Ongoing projects:

Birthday Bags for the residents and staff of the Refuge a EUMA sponsored shelter that is the only shelter in Erie that houses families. Things we need to collect to help out are aluminum 9x13 cake pans, cake mix, frosting, party napkins, party plates, plastic tablecloth, party decorations, birthday candles, or cash donations to buy small gifts for the residents and staff.

Backpack program: A weekly program that sends food home with children that attend Robison Elementary. Food is provided by Second Harvest, but supplemented by our church family. Things we need to collect to help out are cereal. Packing begins for this school year, next Wednesday October 2nd at 10:30 AM and is usually held weekly on Wednesdays. If you would like to be involved or have questions, contact Jerri Carlin.

Summit Food Pantry: Our local food pantry that distributes food for our neighbors with food insecurity. Things we need to collect to help out this program: cereal, peanut butter, jelly, instant potatoes, or rice.

All donated items can be dropped off at the shelving in the hallway across from the church offices. Thank you so much for all of your help!! Any Questions?? Please call or text Jenny Cornwell at 814-528-2910



ERIE-MEADVILLE DISTRICT *Meet & Greet*

Erie-Meadville District - October 30

CLERGY Worship & Light Lunch
10:30 a.m. - [Edinboro UMC](#)

Erie-Meadville Area Ministries Visit
3:00 p.m. - [EUMA](#) (Erie United Methodist Alliance)
[All God's Children Ministries](#)
[At the Lake Ministries](#)

LAITY Dialogue & Light Snacks
6:00 p.m. - [Edinboro UMC](#)

OUT AND ABOUT WITH BISHOP SANDRA STEINER BALL Mark your calendars for these events! You are invited to help us welcome and greet our new bishop, Sandra Steiner Ball!

Erie-Meadville District: Wednesday, October 30th - Laity (clergy welcome): 6 to 8 PM at Edinboro UMC (113 High Street) – light refreshments available

Register here: <https://wpa-reg.brtaapp.com/BishopsDayEMKD!>

Registration closes on Tuesday, October 15th.

WPAUMC Conference Newsletter....

IN FOCUS FALL EDITION NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE: The latest edition of *In Focus* is now available online! We hope you will take time to enjoy this! **CLICK HERE TO READ** <https://www.wpaumc.org/infocus>

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 6TH:
World Communion Sunday is a denomination wide celebration emphasizing the value of education and training. We commemorate this day by giving generously to support young adults and make a global impact for Christ. Supporting United Methodist students offers both financial and spiritual encouragement, demonstrating the church's confidence in their potential.
On World Communion Sunday, we join ecumenically in acknowledging our unity in Christ as we gather around His table.

REMINDER: CHURCH CONFERENCE is coming!!

Thursday, October 10th at 6:30 PM
All church members may attend with leadership positions expected to be in attendance.

The Staff, Pastor, Parish Relations committee will be meeting with the District Superintendent at 6PM

Come and Experience...**"The Charred Cross"**

Saturday September 28th at 3 PM at the Edinboro United Methodist Church

The Charred Cross, as it has come to be known, originated as a symbol of resistance to segregation in the Methodist Church and racialized violence. In the fall of 1963, black and white students from Tougaloo College attempted to worship together in Methodist churches in Jackson, MS. Methodists from Chicago traveled to Jackson to accompany them. They were refused entry and arrested. In response to the church visits, the KKK burned a cross on the lawn of Tougaloo Chaplain Ed King. King recalls: "We did not like the burning of the cross, but we kept it as a symbol. It did not intimidate us". In 1964 the cross came to Pittsburgh as more than 1,000 Methodists gathered at Smithfield Street Methodist Church while the city hosted the 1964 General Conference. After an all-night vigil, the group carried the cross from Tougaloo through the streets to the Civic Arena and onto the Conference floor. They called upon delegates to "provide courageous leadership in removing racial injustice" from the denomination.

The Charred Cross, on loan from its home in Chicago, is in Edinboro for just a short time. Come and experience the power of the Charred Cross and hear about its history and relevance for our day. Prayer service at 3 PM in the sanctuary followed by discussion.



THE COLOR OF COMPROMISE VIRTUAL BOOK STUDY online. Join Peggy Ward for a virtual book study on *The Color of Compromise* by Jemar Tisby. The study will take place every Tuesday evening in October from 7 PM to 8 PM via Zoom, beginning on October 1st. The book explores the American church's history in relation to racism and challenges us to take meaningful steps toward justice. This study provides a safe space for reflection and discussion as we seek to understand this history and work towards a more just and faithful future. <https://wpa-reg.brtapp.com/TCOC2024>