

## 2011/2012 PROGRAM YEAR AT A GLANCE!

**UPCOMING EVENTS!**

### **4th Annual Family Pride Picnic: Bounce House, Cake Walk & more!**

Join us here at Edgewood for great food and great fun. The Pride Picnic features face painting, balloon animals, snow cones, a cake walk, a bounce house, crafts, and carnival games. It also includes hotdogs and veggie dogs, along with a potluck for side dishes and desserts. We will include advocacy opportunities to work for justice for LGBT families, as we celebrate together all types of families!



**Sunday, September 18, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

### **Pine Ridge Worship Service**

Join us in a worship service led by our Pine Ridge Mission Team, as we celebrate our continued partnership with the Lakota people of Pine Ridge Reservation. We will hear about our work on the reservation, completing home repairs, while also learning Lakota history, culture, and spirituality. Our Mission Team will reflect on their experiences and share with the church the ways that we can continue our relationship with the Lakota people, as we praise God for this wonderful experience of service and growth.

**Sunday, September 25, 10:00 a.m.**

## ADULT EDUCATION/SPIRITUALITY

### **Adult Sunday School Class**

The current Adult Sunday School class continues with its focused look at issues of contemporary theology, interfaith dialogue and scholars' interpretations of text and current events through a Christian lens. This group led class chooses a new book every 8-10 weeks and invites lively discussion and debate. Participants can come any time. Join the group for insightful critique of theology and Christian culture and a whole lot more.

**Sundays 8:45-9:45 a.m.**

### **Women, Food & God**

**Jessi De La Cruz**

This 6-week group will explore many themes in this New York Times bestselling self-help book by Geneen Roth. Each session will feature discussion about a theme such as spirituality or mindful eating, an elective exercise and/or sharing from last session, and light refreshments. All are welcome, ages 18 and up. This group is free, and attendance is not required for all sessions to participate. Registration is encouraged, but not required.

**Mondays, September 19, 26, and October 3, 10, 17 & 24**



### **Monthly Lunch Series**

**Elizabeth Anderson**

Each month a new topic for discussion. Hear Edgewood and community presenters take on subjects such as the History of the UCC, Violence and the Sacred, and Who is God. There is always lots of time for questions and discussion. Bring a brown bag lunch and a desire to learn.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, Sept-May, 12:00 p.m. lunch; 12:30-1:30 speaker**

### **Truman A. Morrison Memorial Lecture Series**

The weekend will include speakers, plays, and panel discussions encompassing not only the life of Luther but also many aspects of the Protestant Reformation.

Overall weekend theme: *"Rediscovering Luther"*

Saturday luncheon: *"Debriefing the Reformation"*

Saturday Evening *"Unveiling Luther: in Word and Music"*

Sunday Morning: *"Luther the Reluctant Reformer"*

**Saturday, October 29, 7:00 p.m. & Sunday, October 30th during worship**

**Advent Study: The Messiah****Rev. Jody Betten**

The Messiah composed by George Handel in 1741 will be the subject of this class. Using Hallelujah, the Kerygma Study by Carol Bechtal, we will explore the Scriptural texts that are the basis for the lyrics of the Messiah. We will listen to a recording of the Messiah produced by the Chicago Symphony and examine the collaboration of text and music. As we study we will be inspired to deeper worship during this season of focus on the one who comes as Immanuel, God With Us. A public Messiah sing-a-long will be offered as well (See Music Events).

**Wednesdays, November 30, and December 7, 14 & 21 7-8 p.m.**

**Lenten Journeys: Practicing our Spirituality****Rev. Kari Nicewander**

In a continuation of the adult education classes offered at Edgewood Camp, we will explore and engage spiritual practices together, learning how these practices can enhance our lives and nourish our souls.

**Wednesdays, February 29, and March 7, 14, 21, & 28 7-9 p.m.**

**Circles of Faith**

What do you believe about God, forgiveness, Jesus, the Bible, or miracles? What doubts and questions do you have? Wouldn't you like to know what questions other people have, too? Circles of Faith meet twice a month to wrestle with issues of life and faith. It's a place to explore, grow, and deepen friendships in the church. It's good exercise for your spiritual side.

**October-February, Times and starting date TBA**

**Nicaragua Study: Exploring the partnership between CEPAD, Aqua Clara, & Edgewood**

Come find out more about Edgewood's exciting work in Nicaragua! Since 2005, Edgewood has been working with the people of Nicaragua, to promote justice, fight poverty, and grow together. This summer, we will go on our 4<sup>th</sup> trip to Nicaragua, and we will learn more about the people of Nicaragua, the exciting developments in our clean water program, and the possibilities to enhance and continue this relationship!

**Sundays, April 15, 22, and 29<sup>th</sup> 11:30am**

<b>WORSHIP</b>
<p><i>Edgewood will have several special Sundays ~</i>            Pine Ridge Worship Service, <b>September 25, 10:00 a.m.</b>            Christmas Eve Services, <b>December 24, 5:00 &amp; 9:00 p.m.</b>            Ash Wednesday, <b>February 22, 7:00 p.m.</b>            Maundy Thursday, <b>April 5, 7:00 p.m.</b>            Easter Services, <b>April 8, 8:00 a.m. &amp; 10:00 a.m.</b></p>

**Intergenerational Services**

Four times a year, Edgewood youth stay in worship to actively participate with the adults in a creative multi-generational worship service.

**World Wide Communion, October 2**

**Palm/Passion, April 1**

**Thanksgiving, November 20**

**Pentecost, May 27**

### **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**

This year, the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held at Edgewood! This is a wonderful opportunity for us to host our brothers and sisters from other faith communities, as we celebrate Thanksgiving together. Please be sure to join us for this wonderful worship opportunity, as we experience the joy of a joint choir, and the gift of hearing scripture, liturgy, and meditations from different religious traditions.

**Monday, November 21, 7:00 p.m.**

### **Service of the Longest Night**

This is a time when we honor those who are hurting, realize we are not alone, and acknowledge that God came into the world to shine light into our shadowed places. The service will be a time of music, reflection, candle-lighting and hope.

**Sunday, December 18, 4:00 p.m.**

## **MUSIC**

*Edgewood will have several special music Sundays*

Christmas Program ~ Dec 12

Bluegrass/Folk Music ~ March 6

Special Music ~ May 8

Jazz Sunday ~ Jan. 15

Choir Recognition ~ May 22

### **Adult Choir**

**Monty Bieber**

We would love to have new members, so please come and see what it is all about! Our first Sunday singing will be September 12. Remember that Super Thursday begins September 8 for food and fellowship before bells and choir.

**Thursdays starting September 8, 7:30 p.m.**



### **Adult Bell Choir**

**JoAnn Hubbard & Marcia Beer**

Come to Super Thursday dinner if you wish and then go directly to Room E-1 for bells. All are welcome, no experience required!

**Thursdays starting September 8, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

### **Children's Choir**

**Jon Ritz, Brandon Grafius, & Stephen Gasteyer**

Our children's choir (for those in preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) will be led by three outstanding Edgewood dads of young children, and talented musicians!

**Sundays starting September 11, 11:10 – 11:30am.**

### **Youth Music**

**JoAnn Hubbard & Marcia Beer**

We would love to have you join us for music this year—no experience necessary! Grades 6-12.

**Sundays starting September 11, Youth Ensemble 11:10-11:30, Youth Bells, 11:30-noon.**

### **Messiah Sing Along**

Join MSU Choirs and Soloists for this year's Messiah Sing Along here at Edgewood, conducted by David Rayl and accompanied by Judy Kabodian.

**Sunday, Dec. 4, 7:00 p.m.**

## OUTREACH/MISSION

<p><b>Christian Services</b></p> <p><b>September:</b> Personal Needs &amp; Coat Drive</p> <p><b>October:</b> Hats &amp; Mittens</p> <p><b>January:</b> Personal Needs</p> <p><b>April:</b> Pots &amp; Pans</p> <p><b>May:</b> Personal Needs</p> <p><b>July/August:</b> Back Packs &amp; Clothe a Child for School</p>	<p><b>We are a “Five for Five” church. This means that Edgewood donates to five UCC Special Offerings:</b></p> <p><b>October:</b> Neighbors in Need, 2nd</p> <p><b>December:</b> The Christmas Fund, 24th</p> <p><b>March:</b> One Great Hour of Sharing, 18th</p> <p><b>May:</b> Strengthen the Church, 5/27</p> <p><b>Year-round:</b> Our Church’s Wider Mission (The O/M Team contributes a portion of its annual budget to this.)</p>
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### Monthly Awareness Activities

**Kari Nicewander**

Each month there will be opportunities for service, awareness, or advocacy activities. These opportunities will include:

- September:** Sunday, 25, AIDS Walk
- October:** Sunday, 9, CROP Walk
- November:** Bread for the World; Tuesday, 22, Thanksgiving Baskets
- December:** Heifer Project; Mitten Tree
- January:** Monday, 16, Racial Justice Event
- February:** Canned Food Drive
- March:** Wednesday, 2, Fast for Hunger
- April:** Sunday, 1, Soup & Bread Lunch, Sunday, 22, Environmental Fair
- May:** Sunday, 13, Blanket Sunday
- June:** MI Pride March & Rally



### Farmers’ Market

**The Hunger Task Force**

If your garden is overflowing with good things, bring the excess in to share with others on Sundays after worship. Donations go to hunger-related needs in the local area and abroad.

**June—September**

### Transgender Connections Group

We are hosting a group for transgender people to get together on a regular basis to connect with one another and strengthen ties within the Greater Lansing area. The first meeting will be an organizational meeting, in the hopes initiating regular meetings.

**Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m.**

### Justice and Peace Task Force: Fall meeting

The Justice and Peace Task Force has sponsored the Eyes Wide Open exhibit about the cost of war, speakers on Militarization and the budget, a community study on Immigration Issues, the Michigan Forum on Jobs and Human needs, and Mission Moments on a variety of social justice issues. We invite you to join us in this important work. Please come and let us know how you would like to participate in working for justice!

**Sunday, September 25, 11:30 a.m.**

**Clean Water in Nicaragua: Continuing our Partnership**

Monthly meetings for those interested in traveling to Nicaragua, but also for those interested in supporting our work from home. We will be continuing our commitment to provide clean water for the people of Nicaragua, helping to prevent disease, illness, and premature death because of contaminated water. Come help us be a part of this exciting work of saving lives and building relationships!

**Tuesday, September 27, 7:00 p.m.**

**Open and Affirming Task Force: Fall meeting**

Over the past year, the ONA Task Force has hosted a blood drive calling for an end to the discrimination against donations by gay men; it has hosted a transgender panel and continued work on transgender issues; it has supported our participation in the Michigan Pride March and Festival; it has done outreach to the LGBT community at MSU; and it has worked on our Family Pride Picnic. This task force meets only 4 times a year, and is focused on events and activities. Please come join us.

**Thursday, October 13, 5:30 p.m.**

**Loaves & Fishes**

**Sylvia Stevens**

This is our ministry of providing an evening meal for a local shelter. Edgewood is responsible for the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

**1st & 3rd Wednesdays year round**

**Transgender Day of Remembrance Vigil**

Join us on the National Transgender Day of Remembrance for a vigil set aside to memorialize those who were killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice. Through the vigil, we express love and respect, while raising awareness of hate crimes against transgender people. In this service, we will not only mourn the victims of these crimes, we will seek to empower our community to work against anti-transgender hatred and prejudice.

**November, Date TBA**

**LGBT-A Potluck**

Come and join us for some delicious food and warm company in the midst of a cold month! Our LGBT-A Potluck is a wonderful chance to have fun together in a beautiful home, so we hope you can make it!

**(February/March 2012)**

**Mission Trip Opportunities: Nicaragua**

**Kari Nicewander**

We will travel to Nicaragua this summer on our 4<sup>th</sup> trip of service and solidarity. While there, we will continue to work on building and installing water filtration systems, as a part of our partnership with Aqua Clara and the Council of Protestant Churches of Nicaragua (CEPAD). It will be an opportunity to learn about the country: its history, culture, and people, while also working in partnership with the Nicaraguan people. Our first meeting is Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**Trip Dates: June 18-26, 2011**

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE



### **Super Thursday**

A great time for good food and conversation, Super Thursday is a weekly meal at the church featuring Edgewood cooks and time to connect with others. A great way to eat well on a week-night with no dishes to wash! Adults \$4; Grades 7-12 & College Students, \$2; Grades K-6, \$1; Preschool & Cooks, Free

**Thursdays, Sept. 8—May 17, 5:45 p.m.**

**(The year end All Church Potluck Picnic will be held Wednesday, May 23, 2012.)**

**Sally Burroughs & Patty Good**

### **Coral Gables Women's Group**

A group of women from Edgewood meet for breakfast at Coral Gables. The group is different each time and has no organized structure—just an opportunity to get together for congeniality and friendship . . . and breakfast!

**4th Wednesday of each month, 9:00 a.m.**

### **Edgewood Book Group**

If you like to read and enjoy lively discussions of an interesting variety of books—novels, biographies, memoirs, essays—come join us. Newcomers always welcome!

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays (except July), 6:00 p.m.**

**September 19—Book Selection Meeting**

**Carol Ezell**



### **Thanksgiving Day Potluck Brunch**

Come spend a little time and share some good food with your Edgewood “family” on Thanksgiving Day!

**Thursday, November 24, 10:00 a.m. - noon**

**JoAnn Hubbard**

### **Dinners for Eight**

Small dinners in the homes of members and friends are a great way to meet new people and get better acquainted with old friends.

**Dates TBA**

### **COMING SOON: Potluck and Games Nights**

**Dates and details TBA**

### **Edgewood Arts Fair/Variety Show**

There's something for everyone at this afternoon event featuring visual and performing arts by Edgewood members and friends of all ages!

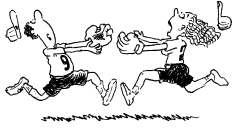
**Sunday, January 29 (afternoon)—SAVE THE DATE!**

### **“Part of My Life” Talks**

Join us for informal one-hour “talks.” An opportunity for any church member or friend to talk for an hour to congregational attendees about a matter of great interest or concern to them.

**September—June, TBA**

**Elizabeth Anderson**



### **Edgewood Eagles Softball Team**

Edgewood Eagles Co-ed Softball Team plays on Thursday nights at Nancy Moore Park in Okemos.

**May-July**

### **Grief Support Group**

**Julie Kilmer**

This group is for grieving individuals to learn about topics such as: healthy coping with grief, patterns of grief, dealing with difficult moments, grieving during the holidays and more. This is an opportunity to walk with others who share similar feelings and experiences. Members and friends are welcome.

**2nd Tuesday of each month, 1:30-2:30**

### **Parent's Night Out**

Offers parents an evening out while their children get to play with friends, and are cared for by our trained childcare staff.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday throughout the year, 5 – 9 p.m.**

### **Edgewood Camp**

This camp is for everyone! Join Edgewood members and friends at Stony Lake Camp near Lake Michigan for a few days of “camping” fun in early August—programs for all ages, games, swimming, crafts, relaxation . . . you name it!

**Early August**



## MEMBER MINISTRY/HEALTH MINISTRY

### **Mentor/Left-Hand Training**

We continue to work on enhancing the welcome at Edgewood. This year, we will train mentors and friends for our visitors, along with “left-hand” people, who stand near the pastors and help greet visitors. We would like to get this running in a more consistent manner, so please do come to the training and help us do an even better job of being a welcoming church!

**Sunday, October 9, 11:30 a.m.**

### **Diabetes Prevention/Healthy Habits Program**

We are partnering with the YMCA to offer classes on healthy habits, with a focus on diabetes prevention. Classes will cover risk assessment, how to talk to your doctor, physical activity, healthy eating, weight loss, quitting smoking, and managing high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

**Fall 2011 (Dates and details to be announced)**

### **Training: Emergency Response Procedure/CPR/First Aid**

This session will provide training for Edgewood’s Emergency Response Team in CPR, 1<sup>st</sup> aid, and emergency response protocol. Instruction will be provided by the American Heart Association.

**Fall 2011 or Spring 2012 (Date and details to be announced)**

### **Book Discussion Group: Health and Spirituality**

This discussion group will continue to explore the connection between our bodies, health, illness, and spirituality. The focus will be on a book selected to encourage conversation about ways to nourish the soul, what gives us a sense of inner peace, comfort, strength, and connection to God, and the interconnectedness between spiritual, physical, and emotional health. Book selection will be announced prior to the first session.

**Spring 2012 (Dates and details to be announced)**

### **Advance Planning**

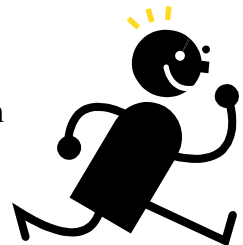
This session will address the importance of advance planning for all age groups, including definition of terms, Michigan law, durable power of attorney (for healthcare and finances), guardianship, wills, trusts, and estate planning.

**Spring 2012 (Date and details to be announced)**

### **FIT Edgewood**

Information and activities focusing on physical fitness and related health promotion strategies for all age groups will be provided.

**Spring 2012 (Date and details to be announced)**



### **New Members Classes**

If you are a visitor to Edgewood and you would like to find out more about becoming a member, please plan on attending these classes. Even if you just want to find out a little bit more about the church, you are welcome to attend.

**Sundays, November 13, 20 & 27**

**Sundays, March 11, 18 & 25**

### **Mentor/Member Meal**

This will be our fourth annual Mentor/Member meal, celebrating all of those who join in the 2011-2012 program year, along with their mentors. We plan on having a very large group again this year!!!

**Sunday, June 3, 6:00 p.m.**

## **STEWARDSHIP**

### **2012 Stewardship Drive Launch**

Watch for important information about Edgewood's many ministries and how we are changing lives and making a difference. You will also have an opportunity to share your stories and thoughts about being a member of Edgewood. How has this congregation and its ministries impacted your **life** and ignited your passion?

**Sunday, September 18**

### **Celebrating Edgewood Festival**

Plans are underway to share a meal and recognize each team's growth and programs, as well as celebrate all the various life-changing ministries of Edgewood.

**Saturday, October 8, 6:00-9:00 p.m.**

### **Guest Steward**

Michigan Conference Minister, Rev. Thom Webster –Worship and Stewardship Message with Workshop after worship.

**Sunday, October 16**

### **Consecration Sunday**

You will be invited to bring your pledges – representing your personal commitment to the work of the church, work that is dependant on your dollars, time, energies and talents. Together, we will consecrate the pledges and rededicate ourselves to the work to which God is calling us in the coming year.

**Sunday, October 23**

## BUILDING & GROUNDS

### Fall All Church Work Days

Come on Saturday or wear your work clothes to church on Sunday and help put the gardens to bed for the winter, rake leaves, trim trees and clean up. A light lunch will be provided.

**Saturday, October 22, 9:00-1:00**

**(Sunday, October 30, 12:30-4:30 back up in case of rain/snow)**



### Kitchen Clean Up Day

A time to clean out the cabinets, organize, our kitchen tools, utensils and appliances. A WARM event on a cold winter day.

**Saturday, March 3**

### Spring All Church Work Days

Wear work clothes to church and pitch in for the annual spring clean up. Weeding, mulching, gardening and clean up will proceed after a quick post-worship lunch.

**Saturday, April 14, 9-1 (Saturday, April 21, 12:30-4:30 back up in case of rain/snow)**

## UCC EVENTS

**Michigan Conference Annual Meeting, October 7-9, Saginaw, MI**

**UCC Covenant Association Fall Meeting, TBA**

**UCC Covenant Association Spring Meeting, TBA**

**UCC Michigan Conference Annual Meeting, Friday-Saturday, June TBA**

## Events in Chronological Order

*See Program Year at a Glance for more information on each event!*

### September

*(Personal Needs & Coat Drive)*

- 4 Transgender Connections Group
- 8 Adult Choir Starts
- 8 Adult Bell Choir Starts
- 11 Children's Choir Starts
- 11 Youth Ensemble & Bells Starts
- 18 Stewardship Drive Launch
- 18 4th Annual Family Pride Picnic
- 19 Women, Food & God Starts
- 25 Pine Ridge Worship Service
- 25 Justice & Peace Task Force: Fall Meeting
- 25 AIDS Walk
- 27 Clean Water in Nicaragua: Continuing our Partnership

### October

*(Hats & Mittens)*

- Circles of Faith
- 2 Intergenerational Service: World Wide Communion
- 2 Neighbors in Need Offering
- 8 Celebrating Edgewood Festival
- 9 CROP Walk
- 9 Mentor/Left-Hand Training
- 13 Open & Affirming Task Force: Fall Meeting
- 16 Guest Steward, Michigan conference Minister, Rev. Thom Webster
- 22 Fall All Church Work Day
- 23 Consecration Sunday
- 29 & 30 Truman A. Morrison Memorial Lecture Series

### November

*(Bread for the World)*

- 13, 20 & 27 New Members Classes
- 20 Intergenerational Service: Thanksgiving
- 21 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
- 22 Thanksgiving Baskets
- 24 Thanksgiving Day Potluck Brunch
- 30 - Dec. 21 Advent Study: The Messiah
- Transgender Day of Remembrance Vigil (TBA)

### December

*(Heifer Project & Mitten Tree)*

- 4 Messiah Sing Along
- 12 Music: Christmas Program
- 18 Service of the Longest Night
- 24 The Christmas Fun Offering

### January

*(Personal Needs)*

- 16 Music: Jazz Sunday
- 16 Racial Justice Event
- 29 Edgewood Arts Fair/Variety Show

### February

*(Canned Food Drive)*

- 29-March 28 Lenten Journeys: Practicing our Spirituality
- LGBT Potluck (TBA)

### March

- 2 Fast for Hunger
- 3 Kitchen Clean Up Day
- 6 Music: Bluegrass/Folk
- 11, 18 & 25 New Members Class
- 18 One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

### April

*(Pots & Pans)*

- 1 Intergenerational Service Palm/Passion
- 1 Soup and Bread Lunch
- 14 Spring All Church Word Day
- 15, 22 & 29 Nicaragua Study
- 22 Environmental Fair

### May

*(Personal Needs)*

- 8 Music: Special
- 13 Blanket Sunday
- 22 Music: Choir Recognition
- 27 Intergenerational Service Pentecost
- 27 Strengthen the Church Offering
- Edgewood Eagles Softball Team (*May -July*)

### June

- MI Pride March & Rally
- Farmers' Market (*June-September*)
- 3 Mentor/Member Meal
- 18-26 Mission Trip to Nicaragua

### July

*(Back Packs & Clothe a Child for School)*

### August

Edgewood Camp

### Year Round Events

- Adult Sunday School
- Monthly Luncheon
- Super Thursday
- Edgewood Book Group
- Coral Gables Women's Group
- Loaves & Fishes
- Grief Group

### Events with Dates to be Announced

- Dinners for Eight
- Potluck and Games Nights
- "Part of My Life" Talks
- Diabetes Prevention/Healthy Habits Program
- Training: Emergency Response Procedure/CPR/First Aid
- Book Discussion Group: Health & Spirituality
- Advance Planning
- FIT Edgewood

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*\*Childcare is available for infants/toddlers during church and for infants through middle school children during coffee hour after church. Childcare is also available upon request for all **Edgewood** meetings, special events and activities. Please call Debbie at 517-339-1030 to schedule your childcare needs. Please give a 4-5 day notice when requesting childcare.*