

The background of the cover features a stylized tree silhouette on the right side, with its branches extending towards the left. The entire background is filled with a dense pattern of colorful splatters and dots in shades of yellow, orange, red, and pink, creating a vibrant, autumnal feel.

The Edgewood Exchange

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September is a season of newness: new classes and schools for our students and educators, new schedules as summer winds down, and a new program year beginning in the church. It's also a time when Edgewood sees lots of new faces in the pews and at church events. East Lansing experiences an influx of people moving into town over the summer and at the beginning of the school year, resulting in many folks looking for a new church home. Because Edgewood is a growing community it's impossible to know everyone personally. I'm sure I'm not the only one to ask someone, "Are you new here?" only to awkwardly hear they have been attending for several weeks or even months. Instead of that classic question, it is more inviting (and more open ended) to ask a new-to-you person "How long have you been attending Edgewood?" or "What are you enjoying about Edgewood?" All of us have different answers to questions like these and they can help us get to know one another as the conversation opens. This month, say hello to a new-to-you face and strike up a conversation! You never know which people you meet will be the ones to transform your life.



Peace,

Pastor Liz

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WORSHIP

10:00 am Sunday

September 2 – Word in Action

James 1:17-27 invites us to reflect on the balance of listening for God's purpose for our lives and being willing to act on it. How do we know when it is time to listen and when it is time to act? How do we achieve a balance of both?

September 9 – Kickoff Sunday

We are kicking off the new program year and celebrating with our whole church today! Right after this uplifting intergenerational worship we will take our annual all church photo and then head to the cookout and games.

September 16 – Just Peace Sunday

We will join together with churches across the world preaching on and praying for justice. Pastor Liz's sermon: "Peace Had its Chance—What Now?"

September 23 – Baptism of Remy Zerka

Baptisms are a privilege and joy in our congregation. Join us as we celebrate with Amanda Dubey and Gina Zerka, and big sister Evelyn, the baptism of their son Remy.

September 30 – Gifts for Ministry

In an experiential, out-of-the-box, worship service we will explore the gifts each of us has for ministry and service in the world. Where is God calling us? How might we use our gifts and talents to serve God in community?



SEPTMBER 9, 10:00AM

KICK OFF

SUNDAY



Join Edgewood for joy filled worship, our annual church photo, and an All Church Cookout. Hot dogs and veggie dogs, cake walk, games, and bounce house for the kids (including adult-sized kids!) Bring a dish to pass as well as reusable plates/cutlery.



ALL ARE INVITED AND WELCOME



Edgewood United Church - www.edgewooducc.org

Dream with Edgewood

Following the successful Congregational Assessment Tool (church wide survey) last year, Governance Council has commissioned a Dream Team to help Edgewood create a vision for our next decade of ministry together. The Dream Team will help us to dream big! We need your input and ideas to help this vision take shape. Our Congregational Assessment identified four priorities that are particularly strong in our church – these are things we already do but still have great potential for growth:

- ◆ Attract families with children and youth to our church.
- ◆ Develop ministries that help heal those broken by life circumstances.
- ◆ Outreach to those living on the margins of society.
- ◆ Reach new people and incorporate them into the life of the church.

You are invited and encouraged to attend a Cottage Meeting in September to discuss these priorities and envision what it would look like if we grew these ministries in the coming years. Cottage Meetings are small groups that gather together (in a home or at church) for a facilitated discussion. We will reflect on the four priorities to explore Edgewood's current strengths and dream about what Edgewood might become.

Cottage Meetings are open to all friends and members of Edgewood, whether you have been here a few weeks or a few years. You do not need to be a formal member to participate. Families may choose to participate in the same Cottage Meeting or separately – youth are strongly encouraged to sign up and participate.

A wide diversity of voices and perspectives is important to create a full vision for our future. We need to hear your dreams and hopes for our vibrant faith community to lay the foundation for a shared vision. Please sign up and attend a Cottage Meeting in September. Contact any members of the Dream Team with your questions.

Sign up to attend a Cottage Meeting in the Social Hall on Sunday mornings, or at this online link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e48a8ac2fa6ff2-cottage>

Melissa Fore (chair), Melanie Baker, Sarah Fryer, Joseph Ho, JoAnn Hubbard, Lynn Jondahl, Ben Pineda (Church Moderator), Pastor Liz

Exciting News for Edgewood's Future

Edgewood has been selected to participate in Collegeville Institute's "Communities of Calling Initiative." In addition to a grant up to \$30,000 we will join 13 other congregations across the country for the next five years to equip our members to follow our callings (at work, at home, in all aspects of life) and to better understand our calling as a congregation. This fall our leadership team of Marcia Beer, Jon Ritz, and Pastor Liz will go to the opening retreat to learn more about this initiative. Stay tuned for updates, and in the meantime, if you would like to read more about the program, you can visit their website:

<https://www.communitiesofcalling.org/>

Thank you to everyone who participated in our congregation discernment process this summer - your words and wisdom shaped our application.

Tithing Team Request

The Tithing Team is seeking your suggestions on donations to local and nonprofit organizations from the 10% of our pledged monies from the congregation. For requests, we need information on the group or cause, an amount sought and information as to how a donation would fit in with the organization's budget and priorities, as well as a contact person, the address for the organizations, and any special information to assist in us processing the request and donation if granted.

The Tithing Team will be meeting on **September 24th** to begin our initial review of the requests. We will present the tentative decisions at the Wednesday night program on October 3rd, 2018. The finalized decisions will be made at our October 15th meeting, if not sooner.

You may send requests to Marie Wolfe at mariewolfe26@yahoo.com.

The criteria and guiding principles the Tithing Team uses are as follows:

We challenge ourselves to:

- ◆ Carry out Edgewood's mission, core values and beliefs, and covenants;
- ◆ Support domestic or international organizations in which Edgewood United Church and its members are actively engaged;
- ◆ Support programs that seek to challenge and change those institutions whose policies promote social and economic injustice, militarism, discrimination and environmental degradation;
- ◆ Support our denomination's social justice, service, and pastoral missions; and,
- ◆ Support organizations which received funding in the past.

Tithing Team members: Patty Good, Frank Dennis, Chris Root, Amanda Dubey-Zerka, Jim Detjen, Michelle Bryant, and Marie Wolfe. **There is an opening for one more member. If you would like to volunteer with the Tithing Team, please let Pastor Liz or one of us know.**

Get Outside this summer and participate in Edgewood Outdoors!

The Green Team launched a new program this summer designed to get people outside to enjoy nature. The program, known as Edgewood Outdoors, has given people of all ages a chance to hike, bike, fish, kayak, canoe, swim and enjoy the outdoors. In the event of bad weather, an event may be postponed or cancelled.

Burke Lake Bird Banding Station

Saturday, September 8

The banding station counts the number of different birds of each species that come through the area and also checks out the condition of the birds migrating to the south for the winter season. They accept up to thirty people in a group. **Please email John Baumgartner as soon as possible jeb1015@comcast.net if you want to attend.** They've asked us to tell them how many will be coming. Rather than all leaving from the church, we are suggesting that people make their own way to the station, using information from the link below. It's a small place in the woods, so it will be actually be better if we don't all try to arrive at exactly the same time. **John suggests arriving by 9 a.m. at the latest, because the earlier you arrive, the more birds you will see. If you need to come later than 9, that's okay, too.** You will certainly see something. The station is open and staffed from 7 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Anyone who needs a ride from church can contact Jan Bernsten (jgbernsten@yahoo.com; 648-4368).

As you can see from the photo below, there is a good chance that you will be able to hold and release a bird when they have finished studying it.



UPCOMING EVENTS!

Book Group

The Book Group meets the FOURTH Monday of the month from NOON—1:30 p.m. in the Community Room for brown bag lunch and book discussion. 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!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Facilitator</u>
Sept. 25	Selection of 2017-18 books	TBA	All present

CORAL GABLES BREAKFAST

A group from Edgewood meets for breakfast at Coral Gables on the 4th Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. The group is different each time and has no organized structure—just an opportunity to get together for congeniality and friendship . . . and breakfast! **Join us on Thursday, September 27!**

DINNERS FOR EIGHT (more or less)



Sponsored by the Congregational Life Team, these are small dinners (or lunches) in the homes of members and friends or at church (accessible/alcohol free). Meals are simple, often potluck, and conversation is the highlight of the event. This is a wonderful opportunity to relax, eat and get to know a few Edgewood people better.

It's easy and fun!

If you are able to **HOST** or **CO-HOST** one of these meals, please fill out an information sheet (located on the bulletin board in the hallway) and place it on the green poster board so that others may sign up. If you would like to be a **GUEST**, please find a meal that you can attend and sign up. For more info: JoAnn Hubbard at hubbardjoann@yahoo.com.

There are 3 dinners on the board . . . Check them out and sign up today!

CALLING ALL SINGERS & RINGERS!

CHOIR RETURNS SOON!! Whether you have sung with the Edgewood Adult Choir in the past, or would like to join us for the first time ever, we are starting up rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 6, in the choir loft of the Sanctuary. Our first Sunday in the service will be September 9. Singers, please plan to be with us to kick off what I expect to be another meaningful, challenging and uplifting (and fun!) year with the choir!! For more information, contact Monty Bieber either by phone (517-882-5521) or email (biebermo@gmail.com).



The **Edgewood Adult Bell Choir** will begin its season on Thursday, September 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bell Room (East hallway). All welcome—no previous experience required. If you can count to four, you can play bells! The Youth Bell Choir will begin ringing on Sunday, September 16 at 11:30 a.m. Try it—you'll like it! If you have any questions, please contact JoAnn Hubbard or Kayla Cicola.

Wednesday Dinners

This weekly event is for everyone! Supper begins at 6:00 p.m. and ends at 7:00 p.m. (served until 6:30 p.m.). There will be classes afterward, and child care as needed. This is a great way to eat mid-week, with no dishes to wash. You are welcome whether or not you plan to attend the classes. **SEPTEMBER 12** is the first Wednesday Supper—see you there!

First Wednesday of the month: POTLUCK

If you are not able to prepare a dish for the potluck (work schedule, child care, etc.), please join us for the meal anyway. There is always plenty of delicious food at our Wednesday potlucks, and we would enjoy your company!

All Other Wednesdays:

Dena Newkirk has volunteered to coordinate the planning and preparation of all other meals. If you (or your group – friends, committee, team, etc.) have a special meal or dessert you would like to cook for our Wednesday dinner, please contact Dena (Denanewkirk@yahoo.com or 517-489-6823) so that she can schedule your meal. You will be reimbursed for your costs. We will also need weekly help with setup and staffing the money table.



Fall Wednesday Evening Programs

The following programs are planned for 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the Edgewood Community Room. The talks are free and open to the public.

Wednesday, September 12

Solarize Michigan Workshop

Wednesday, September 19

Storytelling about Peace and Justice at Edgewood United Church

Share a personal story about justice and peace This is a community-wide event and part of PeaceQuest 2018, a month-long celebration in the Greater Lansing area. Please limit your story to no longer than five minutes. Contact Ben Pineda, the emcee, at pinedaben@gmail.com or 517-862-8073, if you'd like to tell a story.

Wednesday, September 26

What's New in Corrections? Drugs, Sobriety, Veterans and Mental Health Courts

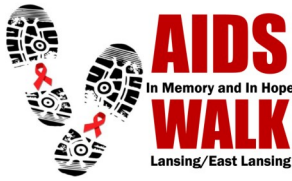
Cash Bail Event at Edgewood

The Racial Justice Task Force invites everyone to an educational event on **Sunday, September 16 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.** at Edgewood about cash bail and the impact of the bail system on mass incarceration, which disproportionately affects people of color. The event should be interesting to people starting with no knowledge of how cash bail works as well as to those interested in recent developments in Ingham County. We will start with a series of brief videos about the system of cash bail called *The Bail Trap: American Ransom*, produced by Brave New Films.

Angela Waters Austin from Black Lives Matter Lansing will join us to talk about her work with the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office to perform "racial equity analyses" and plans to improve several pre-trial and trial systems. She will also update us on the "Mamas Bail Out" effort in Lansing this spring, with which the Edgewood Racial Justice Task Force cooperated.

We hope you will join us for this event!

The Task Force is exploring ways to work toward eliminating cash bail in our county and state, and we welcome others who would like to work with us. You can contact Judy Martin, Chris Root, or Heidi Thornley for more information.



Mark Your Calendars!
Annual AIDS Walk!
Sunday, September 23, 1:00 p.m.

Dear Edgewood Members and Friends,

We are working with the Lansing Area AIDS Network to raise money for this year's AIDS Walk! We would love to have you join our team to help support this important work.

If you'd like to join us, please visit our Team Page using the link below.

Team Page: <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/team/823039/edit/>

Team Name: Edgewood United Church

Team Captain: Evan Lewis

Online registration is easy – it only takes a few minutes! The AIDS Walk is an important event for many of our members, and I hope you can join us! The walk takes place on Sunday, September 23 at 1:00 p.m. If you'd like more details about the event, please visit <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/935859/>.

Thank you – We hope to see you there!

Evan and Annette Lewis



Together, we can save a life

Mark your calendars for the Red Cross Blood Drive at Edgewood.
Friday, September 28, 1:00-6:45 p.m.

Mark your calendars - CROP Hunger Walk: Sunday, Oct. 14

Monthly Lunch



Monthly Lunch will begin **Monday, September 17**. Connie and Jim Detjen will reflect on their trip to the Holy Land and how that ancient place has influenced history -- then as well as now. Bring your lunch and join us at 12:00 for lunch and the program will start at 12:30 p.m.

Movie Night!

Join us **Friday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m.** for *The Greatest Showman*! This movie celebrates the birth of show business, and tells of a visionary who rose from nothing to create a spectacle that became a worldwide sensation. Rated PG. Bring friends and a snack to share!



In Genesis chapter 1, we read of God separating the seas from the land, naming each. Somehow, the marshes that we enjoy and are home to a whole host of lifeforms failed to get a mention. That doesn't mean they don't exist. I think we can extend the analogy to Genesis chapter 2, where man and woman are defined. What exists between failed to get a mention.

In placing my pronouns on my church name tag, I clearly state to members and guests how I wish to be addressed. But that's not all I'm doing, because by stating my pronouns, I confront assumptions and make a space for what, for who, exists between.

As the church year ramps up again like the school year, I encourage you once again to consider a new name tag with your pronouns, and holding a space open for someone else.

Cindy Winter would be glad to make you a new name tag, complete with your pronouns. Call her at 517-332-8693 or email cindy@edgewooducc.org



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**The Truman Morrison Lecture Series will be held
Sunday, October 14, 2018.**

Dr. Alice W. Hunt will preach the sermon on Sunday, join us after the service for a wonderful lunch put on by Opal Wong and her committee, and address us in the afternoon.

Alice Hunt, born and raised in Alabama, earned M.T.S., M.A. and Ph.D degrees from Vanderbilt University's Divinity School, where she taught Hebrew Bible and eventually served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. In 2008, she was named President of Chicago Theology Seminary, which she led with great distinction for several decades. In March 2018, the American Academy of Religion selected Dr. Hunt to serve as its Executive Director. The AAR is a learned society and professional association of teachers and research scholars. The American Academy of Religion has over 10,000 members who teach in some 1,000 colleges, universities, seminaries, and schools in North America and abroad. The Academy is dedicated to furthering knowledge of religion and religious institutions in all their forms and manifestations. This is accomplished through Academy-wide and regional conferences and meetings, publications, programs, and membership services. Dr. Hunt has served in leadership roles in the Chief Academic Officers Society, the Association of Theological Schools, and the Society of Biblical Literature. She has also served on various committees at the AAR.

Dr. Hunt will be the keynote speaker at the UCC statewide meeting in Charlotte, October 12 and 13. We are thrilled to host such an outstanding scholar who is dedicated to academic excellence and one who has a passion for social justice and the ability and courage to respond to the challenges that face the church today in a chaotic world.

Details will follow throughout the summer and into the fall.

Signing up for the October 14th luncheon will begin September 17th. Reservations needed. Cost, \$10.

SAVE THE DATES

**Cabin Fever University will be January 13, 20 and 27 in the afternoons (Sundays)
Start thinking about what you might like to teach!**



PeaceQuest 2018 - A Month of Peace-Related Events

PeaceQuest is a community-wide celebration in the Greater Lansing area held every September to celebrate the United Nations International Day of Peace, which was declared by the UN General Assembly with a resolution passed unanimously in 1981. **PeaceQuest** brings us ALL together for activities with friends, family, and community while focusing on ways we can promote peace, resolve conflicts, learn about other faiths and cultures, and encourage mutual understanding. This year also marks the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which will be commemorated as part of PeaceQuest 2018. All events are free.

Between September 15 and 26, Edgewood will host art by local high school students, with the theme “Displaced Children and Stolen Hopes.” Childhood has ended too soon for hundreds of millions of children, due to many reasons including wars, violence, malnutrition, and exclusion from education. The artists will be honored at a ceremony on September 30 (see below.)

For an up-to-date listing of events, check www.peacequestgreaterlansing.org.

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Event: Solarize Michigan Workshop

Time: 7 pm-8pm

Location: Edgewood United Church

Sunday, September 16, 2018

Event: Just Peace Sunday Service

Title: Peace Had its Chance – What Now?

Time: 10am

Location: Edgewood United Church

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

Event: Java Cafe` Global Conversation

Title: An Agenda for Disarmament

Speaker: Terry Link (Co-chair of the Peace Education Center)

Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m. Arrive early for refreshments and conversation

Location: East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing

Sponsor: Greater Lansing United Nations Association (GLUNA)

Wednesday, September 19

Event: Storytelling about Peace and Justice (Share a personal story about justice and peace.)

Time: 7pm-8pm

Location: Edgewood United Church

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Event: Voices from Faith and Reason: Race and Place

Speaker: Rev. Faith Fowler (Author of “This Far by Faith: Twenty Years at Cass Community” and “Tiny Homes in a Big City.”)

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Lansing Central United Methodist Church

Sponsor: Shalom Center for Justice and Peace

Friday, September 21, 2018

Event: Peace Day Rally

Title: Stand Up for Peace

Time: 11-2 p.m.

Location: Michigan Capitol Front Steps

Sunday, September 23, 2018

Event: Concert Across America – to Raise Awareness on Gun Violence

Time: TBA

Location: Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lansing, 5509 S Pennsylvania, Lansing, MI

Host: MI Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence

Hear all ages of our community perform! Learn about work to decrease gun violence.

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Event: Panel Discussion

Title: What’s New in Corrections? Drug, Sobriety, Veterans and Mental Health Courts

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Edgewood United Church

Thursday, September 27, 2018 and Friday, September 28, 2018

Event: Campus Activism for Justice from Southern Africa to Michigan

Speakers: Dr. Somadoda Fikeni and Nomzamo Ntombela from South Africa, and others.

Location: MSU Main Library

Sponsor: MSU African Studies Center

Sunday, September 30, 2018

Event: PeaceQuest Art Contest Award Ceremony

Time: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: Michigan State University, Erickson Hall Kiva, 620 Farm Lane

Community News

Interfaith Book Group with Kehillat Israel

This fall there will be an interfaith discussion group on Michael Lerner's book *Embracing Israel/Palestine*. This thoughtful and even-handed text will be used as a springboard for conversation on the complex and often divisive issues surrounding the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, and hopefully to find inspiration for working effectively and lovingly for peace in this troubled region. The goal of the group is not to convince or condemn, but to actively listen and learn from one another with mutual respect and with honor for those with opposing points of view.

Meetings will be held on Fridays at 4:00 p.m. at Kehillat Israel (2014 Forest Road, Lansing). If possible, participants are recommended to read the appropriate chapter of *Embracing Israel/Palestine* prior to each meeting.

September 7 – introduction

September 14 – Chapter One: Peoples of the Land

October 12 – Chapter Two: Zionism Comes to the Land

October 26 – Chapter Three: The Emergence of a Jewish State

RSVPs are appreciated. Please contact Katherine Booker at the KI office (517-882-0049 or kikatherineb@gmail.com).

Dr. Amy-Jill Levine is coming to East Lansing!

As part of the Epiphanies Conference, there is an opportunity to hear Dr. Amy-Jill Levine speak at All Saints on October 3rd, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Dr. Levine is known for her dynamic teachings and insight into the Jewish foundation of the New Testament. Her most recent volume is "Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi." All participants receive an "Annotated Jewish New Testament Commentary." Cost for this event is \$97, which includes a light breakfast and full lunch.

Register at: <https://www.epiphaniesconference.com/>



Randy Liliemark
200 Westbrook Ct, Maplewood of Marshall, Marshall MI 49068

Christian Education Ministry For All Ages!

(more info on pages 18-19)

Fall is here. School is back in session. Our Church School program year kicks off on September 9 with a multi-generational worship and cookout. Church school classes begin on September 16. We gather for the beginning of worship and are dismissed to our classes following the children's message.

INFANT AND PRESCHOOLERS

The infant and preschool rooms engage little ones in open play and story-time. A Bible theme is introduced each Sunday with a craft project relating to the daily message. These rooms are supervised by caring, trained staff and are open year round beginning at 9:00 a.m. and throughout the worship service. Each family is given a pager when guardians sign in their children. A light snack, fresh fruits/veggies are offered during this time.

Aftercare is scheduled from 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the “Elementary Room.” This is a time for infants – early elementary to have free play under the guidance of our childcare staff.

ELEMENTARY

The Elementary group (K – 4th/5th grade) meet weekly for interactive Bible lessons led by adult volunteers. All children are welcome to join the class at any time. Class wraps up at the end of the worship service and guardians are asked to pick up their children in the E5 classroom (down the East Wing Hallway). The first Sunday of the month, children rejoin the worship service for communion and remain in worship until the benediction.

YOUTH

Edgewood supports a lively youth program and gathers regularly Sunday mornings in the youth room (down the East Wing Hallway). We encourage all youth to be integrated into the many programs and ministries of the church. For youth, we offer yearly service learning trips, activities, youth group gatherings (once a month), thoughtful conversations, Our Whole Lives (comprehensive sexuality education program), and youth bells and choir (11:30 - 12:15 pm Sunday). We are open to all youth in grades 6-12 and especially invite youth new to our midst to join us. We'll check back in after the summer break, play some community building games, and look at our plans for September and October.

MORE INFO!

Our classes uses multi-generational, multicultural and inclusive curriculum (Whole People of God) which spans across to each class. Our teaching team love working with young people and welcome questions and conversations. They are committed to building relationships that nurture spiritual growth.

All youth and children are required to fill out registration forms on September 9th or 16th for church school activities. The registration form includes important health and contact information for each child so we are easily able to contact parents.

If you have any questions about our programs for children and youth, please contact Marcia Beer at 517-375-2977 or by email at marcia@edgewooducc.org, and Emily Barr at 517-332-8693 x208 or via email emily@edgewooducc.org.

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey
you are welcome here!*



Whew! What a summer. Hope you are feeling refreshed and ready to go back to school and get back into the swing of things. I'm looking forward to our program year and for coming back together and sharing our stories, where we've been, what we've learned, and what you'd like to do.

I'm busy making plans, scheduling teachers, getting curriculum, looking at service/learning opportunities and outings. The critical ingredient to all of the plans is YOU!

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join our youth fellowship program, participate in service learning projects, and walks. We are in need of bell ringers for the youth bell choir and musicians for Just Jammin' and Youth Ensemble.

We'll kick off things **Sunday, September 9** with an all church cook-out with fun and games and good food grilled on the patio at church. Please take time to register for church school on this day so we have all the current contact information and permission to participate in youth group activities. This form must be filled out every year and it's important that it's up-to-date. This is also a great time to sign up for youth bells and youth ensemble. Sign-up sheets will be posted.

Church school officially begins on **September 16**. We'll also start youth bells (11:30 - 12:00 noon) and Youth ensemble—no experience needed we'll teach you everything you need to know. We'd love to have at least 15 ringers and singers this year. Join JoAnn Hubbard and Marcia Beer in the bell room.

Youth Fellowship is beginning on September 23, 6-8 p.m. in the youth room. If you want to find out what's on the calendar for the coming year, don't miss this meeting! We'll have pizza and door prizes and a round or two of Gaga ball.

Get Outside - Get Moving - Youth Group walking for good!

AIDS Walk - **Sunday, September 23:** Registration 12:30 - Walk at 1:00 p.m.

CROP Walk - **October 14:** Further info coming.

Looking Ahead . . .



Our Whole Lives - January - March 2019

Edgewood is offering Our Whole Lives (OWL)—A comprehensive sexuality education program. Students may receive high school health credit through this program. All Edgewood youth and friends 10th grade and older are encouraged to commit to this program.

Pine Ridge Service and Learning Trip with Re-Member

Let Marcia know (marcia@edgewooducc.org) ASAP if you plan on going July 19-27. This week would be especially great for our younger youth (5th grade - 7th grade) as a special week of program and travel is planned by Remember. Cost is \$575 per person - fundraising events will help with scholarships. A deposit of \$50 per family is required to reserve your spot. The maximum number is 15 participants.

Young Adults Outing (18+) to Muskegon September 21.

Leave East Lansing at 9:30 a.m. return 7:00 p.m.

Go on a sailboat ride with the Beers on Lake Muskegon and Lake Michigan (weather permitting). RSVP to Marcia by **September 16** to sign up. Muskegon also has a beautiful beach and walking/biking trail!

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A Just Peace Church ~ An Open & Affirming Church

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Edgewood United Church Mission Covenant

Edgewood United Church, United Church of Christ, affirms that a loving and sustaining God is still speaking and creating. Following the life, spirit and teaching of Jesus, we welcome all as we commit to do justice and love kindness and walk humbly with God.

***No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.***