



Our Mission

Erieside Church is a Bible-centered congregation, trying passionately to communicate the principles of God’s Word in a clear, sensitive, and relevant way. We hope to paint a picture of the world as it is, and a picture of the world as it could be by the grace of God.

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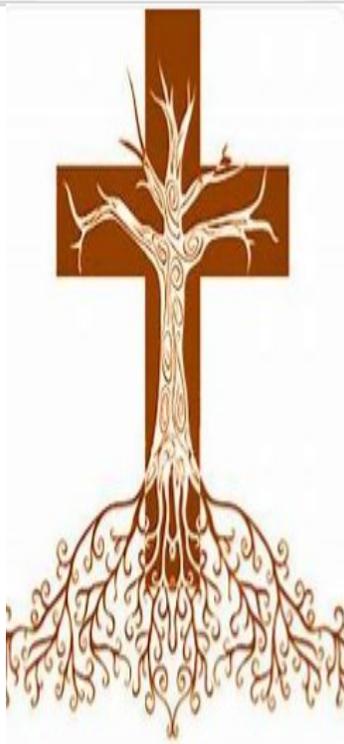
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at 12 p.m. and 6 p.m.
Friday through Sunday.)

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440-943-0151



Stopping by?

Please call ahead to ensure that a staff member is available to afford you the time you need.



A Note to Parents

Erieside Church provides a safe environment and check-in system for your child(ren) allowing you to fully focus on the Worship Service. All teachers and volunteers have passed a background check as well as have had intensive training as required by Erieside.

See more detailed information on the next page under **Family Ministry**.

This Week at Erieside

Sunday, July 10

9:30 a.m., Guided Prayer, Sealy Chapel
9:30 a.m., Singles Class, Room 11
10:30 a.m., Worship Service, CLC

Wednesday, July 13

5:00 p.m., Youth Meeting, McDonald Hall
***** See Pastor Geary's note below *****
Meeting begins promptly at 6:30 p.m.

July & August Events

Cedarbrook Camp

For Girls - July 17-23
For Boys - July 31-August 6

Baptism - August 21

If interested in or have questions on Baptism,
please contact Pastor Jason at
PastorJason@erieside.org

Picnic - August 28

Yummy details are forthcoming

A NOTE TO PARENTS FROM PASTOR GEARY

I sent an email home to parents on Wednesday, July 6,
but it's good to cover all my bases. Here is a recap:

- 1.) **Wednesday Youth Meeting** will begin at **5 p.m.**
through the rest of the summer. Some kids may
want to play games, work on special projects in
McDonald Hall or run around the CLC.

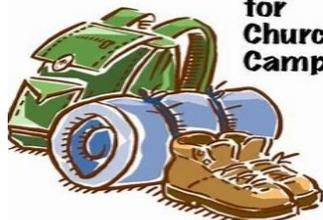
Dinner for early birds will be available.

This is for socializing & running off some energy
prior to our usual 6:30-7:30 p.m. Bible Study.

- 2.) If your child is planning to attend Cedarbrook
Camp, (July 17-23 for girls or July 31-August 6 for
boys) please register them online **ASAP** because
spots are filling up. Please use the link in my email.

If you are planning on signing your child up and
we have not yet had a conversation, please call me
at the church at **440-943-0151** or email me at
geary.lutz@erieside.org **ASAP**. I want to include
every interested kid.

Let me know if you have
questions about camp
week or *any* questions
about Erieside's Youth
Programs!



**Sign up
for
Church
Camp!**

Erieside Ministries

Family Ministry

Pastor Geary Lutz - Assistant Pastor
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Nursery/Toddler Class

Erieside Nursery & Toddler rooms are open and fully
staffed with at least one adult per room
and two other volunteers.

Children Pre-K through 5th Grade

Classrooms are determined by age/grade.

The Children's Hour provides a safe environment
for children whose parents attend the Worship Service,
affording the opportunity for their children
to be rooted in the beginnings of their
spiritual growth and development.
Bible stories, games, and crafts are used
for this beginning growth.

Parents must check all children in at the Promiseland
Registration Desk where a volunteer can direct them
to the appropriate classroom, if needed.

**While masks are no longer required, please keep your
child(ren) home if they have been sick
at any time in the last 14 days.**

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### Men's Ministry

Jerry Vrabel

eriesidekingdomman@gmail.com

6:30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Mondays, Room 21

**The first study will be held on July 11th.**

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Women's Ministry

womensministry@erieside.org

216-212-2007

7:30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Mondays,

Ladies' Online Prayer

All sisters welcome ~ Format follows A.C.T.S. Method

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### Singles Ministry

Every 2nd and 3rd Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Room 11.

**Angie Muncy - 440-856-6012**

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**Hands & Feet Ministry - John & Bev Croyle
440-487-6485**

The hands & feet of God, assisting the homeless
in downtown Cleveland and Painesville,
with food, clothing,
compassion.

DEALING WITH GRIEF & MOVING FORWARD

One only need view our prayer requests to see that there are many who are going through enormously difficult times. When experiencing loss, the unknown, or a great upheaval, we ALL want it done and over with as soon as possible. "How long will I feel this way?" "When will I start to feel better?" There is no pat answer to these common questions. Each of us has our own timetable for grief recovery. Remember, grief is not limited to a death. It can be any loss, a divorce, losing a job, a child going astray. Grief is a part of life and God is there to help us through. Sometimes He helps on His own, sometimes He helps by using others.

When Going Through Grief

Allow yourself time and space to feel what you feel. Don't tell yourself "I should tough it out" or "I should be stronger than this." In fact, thinking that way leads to a longer period for recovery. Don't compare yourself to someone else who seems to have recovered in less time. Take the time *you* need.

Talk to someone. That can be a close friend or relative, a trusted pastor, or a counselor. Some have said that even recording yourself is beneficial because you hear yourself express what you are going through. Much of grief is like peeling an onion, there is one layer after another. It is good to talk it out, get rid of that layer, and then go on to the next. You will be in a better place eventually.

Prepare for recurring grief, such as an anniversary, birthday, the holidays. Grief can hit hard at these times. Do what you want to do. Don't go to the party, even if friends say "C'mon, it'll do you good." No one can determine what will or won't do *you* good. Honor your own feelings. Keep in mind that every tear or bad day, is one less that you will have to experience.

Here follows some grief support groups that have proven helpful to many:

GriefShare - \$25 Hillcrest Community Church 5631 Ridgebury Bl., Highland Hts. Charlene Boggs 216-759-0968	8/15-11/14 1-3 p.m.
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GriefShare - \$30 Harvest Community Church 36400 Maplegrove Rd., Willoughby Callie Lutz 440-655-4263	8/24-11/16 6:30-8 p.m.
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Helping Someone Who is Grieving

Ask the person how you can help. Minimize their burden. Call and ask if they would want you to stop over or ask if they would like to go for a drive with you, bring food, cut their grass, or sit and talk. Be prepared to listen, and don't just **hear** the person, internalize what the person is saying and paraphrase it back to them. This lets them know you *really* heard them and gives them the sense they are sharing this burden, not shouldering it alone.

Don't tell them you know how they feel. Even if you went through the same experience, it would be different for you. Hearing "I know how you feel" is like fingernails on a chalk board to someone who has suffered loss.

Don't cut them off when they start to talk. You may feel they've grieved enough and need to turn things over to God. Remember, the Good Samaritan actually took **action**. He didn't go over, pat the guy's arm, and say, "Have faith, God will help you" and then continue on his merry way. God gave us enough sense to know we are to help each other!

Stick around. Many times the person has plenty of company, food, and help over the first several days and weeks, but as time passes, the number of helpers dwindles. Don't be among the dwindlers! Months later, the person will still be in some stage of grief. It will be at least a year before he or she goes through all the special days and holidays after the loss and, unfortunately, there is no set time limit as to when sadness will dissipate. Tell the person you made too much pasta and offer to bring some over or you would like to come over and play Scrabble or would like someone to go with you to the antiques show, and add "no pressure."

Ask the person for advice. If you need a paint job done at home, carpentry, a new pc or whatever that person's specialty is, ask him for input. Many times a grieving person will feel better if he feels someone can benefit from his knowledge or skills or values his wisdom.

None of these ideas are a cure-all but they are enough to let the person know someone cares and he or she has a confidant for the long term.

Here are some websites that may be beneficial:

www.mastersincounseling.org
www.mayoclinichealthsystem.org
www.betterhelp.com

or do a general search on **Grief Support**

**Erieside Church is seeking a part-time Bookkeeper
(approximately 10 hours/week)
to work alongside Treasurer in the office.**

Only those with the qualifications listed below should inquire. Please submit a resumé to the attention of Jennie Geraci or email to: jgeraci@erieside.org.

MINIMUM - 3-5 YEARS EXPERIENCE AS BOOKKEEPER

EXPERIENCE WITH CHURCH FINANCE A PLUS (BUT NOT NECESSARY)

EXPERIENCE WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- QUICK BOOKS, EXPERIENCE A MUST
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
- ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
- MICROSOFT OFFICE (EXCEL & WORD)

MUST HAVE GOOD FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT & ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS.

MUST BE ABLE TO DEAL PROFESSIONALLY WITH BANKS, VENDORS, CHURCH MEMBERS, & EMPLOYEES.

MUST BE ABLE TO MULTI-TASK, SWITCH GEARS AND STAY FOCUSED WHILE MAIN OFFICE CONDUCTS BUSINESS.

MUST MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY.

EXPERIENCE NEEDED:

Bookkeeper will work closely with Treasurer to train and learn various aspects of church finance. Bookkeeper will also work together with the Treasurer on various projects. For example: Prepare records/files annually for new fiscal year, including reports for budget planning, prepare year-end contribution statements, etc.



DUTIES INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

Prepare offering deposits weekly (regular offering & online offering), take deposits to the bank weekly, enter contributions on software, monitor the following: ACH Giving, Building Campaign (Legacy), Missions Receipts & Monthly Report to Mission Chair, monitor Petty cash, periodically print reports as needed by department chairs, check mail weekly for mail-in offering.

We are happy to announce our custodial position has been filled by one of our long-time members, Traci Foss. We appreciate our former custodian, Laurie Watson, for her many years of service, wish her much success in her new role, and thank her for leaving this one in such capable hands!

GROWTH - An email to Erieside Church

Wednesday, June 29

Hello Erieside:

My name is Gary Russell. I was a member of Erieside as a young child in the 1950s and was called to missions there in about 1954 at age 5. I remember that day well, and was baptized by Pastor Seeley in 1958, before we moved to Baltimore.

I ended up going to Wheaton College and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, pastored a United Church of Christ, switched it to Evangelical Free, and moved to China 1990-1993. Upon returning, I started a mission called China Harvest, in which I still serve as semi-retired President.

It all started at Erieside.

Just communicating my gratitude, and encouragement for you to persevere!

Rev. Gary A. Russell

We recall the Holy Spirit-filled baptism we recently had, & especially remember those very young children who were baptized. You never know when a seed is planted, what shape it will take, how far it will grow, and what other lives will be impacted.



Growing in our Christian Walk

There are many things we can do to stay on track as Christians. Many theologians agree that developing the habits below will serve people well in their Christian life:

- Daily prayer
- Daily reading and studying of the Bible
- Church attendance, a minimum of once a week
- Relationship / involvement with fellow Christians
- Finding a place to serve in the local church
- Attending a small group

Consider II Timothy, 4:6-8:

“My life is being given as an offering to God, and the time has come for me to leave this life. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now, a crown is being held for me - a crown for being right with God.”

In this passage, Paul offers his life a living sacrifice and uses past tense verbs. He fought, he finished, he kept. He shows completion prior to death. With the leading of the Holy Spirit, becoming a Christian & starting our walk is not hard, but as Rev. Russell encourages us, above, we need to persevere. Joining a small group, in addition to the other habits, will help.

Erieside has several groups and two of them still have availability:

Stephens Home Group - call Bob at 440-862-6404
Hands & Feet - call Bev at 440-487-6485



Christmas In July

Each year we set aside July to raise money for the missionaries who Erieside Church sponsors.

We have been blessed to be able to provide each missionary with a personal holiday gift prior to December.

Separate giving envelopes are now available at the Connection Desk and the offering box in the lobby and will be through July.

Thank you for your many years of generosity and I pray that we will be a blessing to our missionaries again this year.

Steve Blanchette - Missions

PHONE DIRECTORY UPDATE

The Erieside Church Office will be updating its Phone Directory so as to be available before the end of the year. Please submit any changes you have had since the most recent update which was 2021-2022.

Anything like a new address, an email address change, a new phone number, a ministry you have left or a new one you have taken on, a new baby in your house. We have two electronic storage areas in which we keep your information plus the paper directory so there is a lot of work to be done. The deadline for this will be October 31, 2022.

Take note of Sunday morning announcements for more information.

VISIT OUR LIBRARY

For those who are new or who may have not visited in a while, we have new books and we thank all those for their donations.

The Library is open during normal church hours. You may contact Denise for more information at dmvargo526@sbcglobal.net.

SINGLES MINISTRY

Join Angie Muncy & others for this class at 9:30 this Sunday morning in Room 11.

Single? Over 18? Come on in!

Thank you to all the church members who help make church possible. This includes our Safety Team, Deacons, Deaconesses, those who oversee the CLC, those who tend the Connection and Promiseland Desks, who volunteer in the Nursery/Toddler rooms, teachers, those who oversee Holy Grounds on Sunday mornings and all who assist all these people.

The church could not exist without all our dedicated helpers, including many groups & individuals who are not mentioned here. Extending a very heartfelt THANK YOU!

THANK YOU

HOSPICE OF THE WESTERN RESERVE



Hospice of the Western Reserve is seeking volunteers to serve patients at Hospice Houses, their own homes, and area assisted living facilities. We also have opportunities at Medina Inpatient Unit and Life's Treasures Thrift Shop. Other opportunities include Veterans Serving Veterans, Attorney, Notary, and Licensed Hairdresser.

Contact us at 216-255-9090 or look for the online application at hospicewr.org/volunteer.

Hospice of the Western Reserve Warehouse Sale

This would be a good time to donate household items that are still serviceable but no longer needed.

Items include furniture, housewares, domestics, collectibles, framed artwork, seasonal items, and fine & costume jewelry.

Proceeds support patients and families of Hospice of the Western Reserve.

If you want more information on making a donation, call 216-255-9090. The next Warehouse Sale will be September 17/18.



Recent Prayer Requests

Please pray for Bonnie Young, a friend of Jennie Geraci. She is struggling daily with severe anxiety, depression, and insomnia. She has seen her doctor and is hoping for improvement. - 6/19

Doug, son of David and Theresa Jacobson, is doing better. That said, he is awaiting a third surgery. Keep his parents in prayer; they cannot travel to see him and he is their child today just as he was as a youngster **Also**, David and Theresa's nephew, Mike, says he can feel our prayers. His wife, Kristin, is now on Hospice. Kristen and Mike have three college-age sons and while these are sad times, this family is thankful for the good things the Lord has done. - 6/28

Updates

Thank you for keeping the chapman-Gluck family in your prayers. Please continue to pray for Tatum Gluck and her husband, Gavin, as they recently deployed to Poland and are now in the same location! (Even in the face of the unknown, God is so good to keep these newlyweds together!) No known return date at this time. Mom is doing good, God, military families, and your prayers are holding her up! - 7/6

Joe Marchinchin is home from the hospital and he and Lynne are working on getting him better. They thank us for our prayers. 6/22

Amie Simons is spending most mornings, evenings, and days at her husband's, Clint, side. He is the 42-year-old father of four who had brain surgery last October and then, three days later, his eldest son passed away. Clint was successfully moved from rehab in Columbus to Lake County where his family can spend time with him. Amie is holding vigil until God decides to take Clint home. Remember, there are three more teenage boys in the family. Mother/wife and sons need ongoing prayer. - 7/7

Please remember in prayer the Nawrocki Family, friends of Sam and Brandy, whose home burned and are now living in a hotel. Erieside Church gave financial assistance and are waiting to hear back as to what type and size of clothing they may need. - 6/15

Judy Harcar's coworker, Kathy, is showing improvement! Recently, her liver scan was totally clear and the doctor says the cancer is shrinking. Kathy wants to thank everyone for their prayers. Judy is also praying that God will move in Kathy's heart and in her husband's, Joe's heart, and that they will draw close to Him. - 6/11

We mentioned last week that Beth Ruggiero's Mom is now in remission! She and Beth are grateful for our continued prayers. - 6/6

Pastor Jason's Aunt, Melody Willis, is now home from the hospital. Tests showed that she most likely does not have cancer but she still has several health challenges so we continue to keep her and Pastor in our prayers. - 6/20

Continued Prayer Requested

Please continue to pray for Lindsey (coworker of Brandy) and husband Ben. Expecting their first child in October, the couple learned that the baby will need heart surgery shortly after birth and possibly need additional surgeries after that. - 6/15

Max Morcelle is home and doing well but let us keep him in our prayers for his continued health. - 6/13

Bob Dew's friend, Jim Cudnik, is now home and has a daily visiting nurse. He is over his pneumonia, thankfully. Let us keep him in prayer for continued health and healing. - 6/29

“For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee,
Fear not; I will help thee.” Isaiah 41:13 - kjv

PLEASE NOTE: Beginning in **August**, please notify the office if you wish for your loved one to remain on the prayer list. We will be glad to leave your prayer request on. We often need room for new requests and those we do not hear from will need to be removed.
Thank you.

Please email churchadmin@erieside.org with your prayer requests and updates,
or, you may call the church office at **440-943-0151**.