



OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS – *The People of the United Methodist Church*

# THE ECHOES OF EDWARDS

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Pastor's Column:

## “Gone Fishin’”

*But Jesus Himself would often slip away to the wilderness ...and pray. ~Luke 5:16*

Sometimes I *like* to go fishin’. Other times, I *need* to go fishin’.

Right about now... is one of those *needin’* times.

Now, its true I like to fish. Fact is, I like to fish a lot. I like to learn new techniques, try new tackle, experience new puddles, ponds, and people. I enjoy every part of fishing...from planning the trip to exaggerating the catch. I no longer eat much of what I land, preferring to release my prize to swim again. Besides, Kroger’s does a great job of filling my freezer with fish, whether I’m catchin’...or more likely....just fishin’. (You fisher people out there will immediately know what I mean.)

I do *like* to go fishin’. But presently...I’m *needin’* to go.

*Needin’* to be with my son. He’s busy. I’m busy. Life rushes by and “*The Cat’s In The Cradle*” hits an old man in the face like a crankbait to a Smallmouth. *Needin’* to be with my grandson, who when I last looked was a boy and when I blinked became a man rushin’ up stream like a trout in a tributary leading him to another place, time, and journey.

But most of all, *needin’* to ‘*slip away to the wilderness...*’ to reconnect with the **MAKER** of all that ‘*lives and moves and has it’s being.*’ *Needin’* to live. *Needin’* to move. *Needin’* to have my being. *Needin’* to pray.

Think of it this way:

Bills arrive. Bills need to be paid. Checks are written...bills are paid. Unless....

...unless there is no more money in the checking account. As a result, no more bills may be paid until...until there is a deposit. And the painful part is...if a deposit isn't made before another check is written...BOING!!!!!!

There are times in our lives...all of our lives, when our "emotional bank account" becomes dangerously close to being overdrawn. The kids are sick, the job is lost, the college won't take us or the boyfriend doesn't want us or the car won't haul us or...life will simply not let us. And it's time...time to slip away to the wilderness...and pray.

Jesus did. Jesus did just that. And when He finished, he stood up and preached a Sermon and a movement was born that changed the face of the planet...this planet...OUR PLANET.

**FOREVER.**

When Jesus's emotional bank account was circling the drain...he went to the source of Life, and received a deposit from Heaven's Own Bank.

I need such a deposit. And I imagine, some of you might be in need one as well. So, I make this humble suggestion:

...slip away  
...to the wilderness  
...and pray.

Respectfully...Gone Fishin'



Pastor Scott Bell

I'll be back. More importantly...so will HE.



to all who provided us with flowers for the worship services during the month of June:

**Ron & Wanda Parker  
George & Helen Fields  
Della Ware**

**Volunteer schedule:** In this issue of the Echoes you will find the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Volunteer schedule. During the Summer months we understand people go on vacation, are very busy and ask to be removed from the list for some of the time. Please note I schedule people to the best of my ability and sometimes you

will have to serve more than others.

If you are scheduled for a Sunday you cannot serve it is **your responsibility** to trade with someone on the list



and respond back from the reminder e-mail with the information and the change.

During the month of July we will furnish an Open Nursery which **will not** have a volunteer. If you need to take your child to a quiet place the nursery will be open but you must stay with your child. There is a speaker in the room so you will be able to hear from the sanctuary.

We are very grateful for all of our volunteers who help to keep our worship services running smoothly every Sunday!!

**Baptism:** The congregation of Edwards Memorial United Methodist Church witnessed on Sunday, June 30, 2019 the baptism of Marlee Kay Murray. Marlee is the daughter of Alex & Brooke Murray. With family and the congregation surrounding her with the laying on of hands, we rejoiced in her baptism and welcomed Marlee into our Christian family of faith.



Budget Report

2019 Budget \$209,219.00  
Received Budget YTD 98,847.66

Received in June 26,385.01  
Budget 25,285.01  
Fund Raising 100.00  
UMCOR 1,000.00



**OUR FRIENDS IN THE HOSPITAL OR ILL DURING JUNE:**

*Get-Well Wishes to:* Jeraldyn Walters, Amy Moegerle, Don Clevenger, Kim Scott Durham, Barry Bryant, Dorothy Finch, Esther Bunch, Taylor Bunch, Ruth Bertch, Lloyd Bowers, Duane & Sharon Lafuze.

**Fund Raising Dinner:**

**Sunday,  
July, 21, 2019**

Following church in RFC

**Menu:**

**Grilled Chicken  
and sides  
Drink & Dessert**

**Adults - \$6.00  
Children - \$3.00**

*All proceeds go to the Fund Raising Account.*

**Spiritual Moment**

**Opportunity is missed by most people  
because it is dressed in overalls  
and looks like work.**

**-Thomas A. Edison**



**God Bless you on your Birthday  
God be with you everyday!**

Birthdays remind us of God's gift of life.

Your birthday reminds us of your special place in our Christian family. *(Notify us of Corrections or omissions)*

Here are the **July** Birthday's:

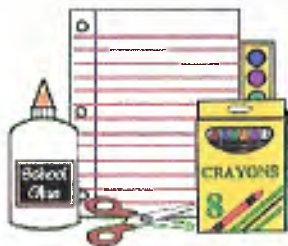
- 1: Bill Hoskins
- 6: Julie Horn
- 11: Raigan Singer, Barry Bryant, Randal Russell
- 15: Reed Singer
- 16: Dondee Clevenger, Donna Mathews
- 17: Megan Meier, Emma Cox, Dennis Tobin
- 19: Ted Bostick
- 20: Magdolen Myers
- 22: Terry Abernathy, Lisa Eadler, Ron Singer
- 24: Charlotte Baldwin, Wade Thompson
- 25: Cindy Elzemeyer
- 26: Adam Cox
- 28: Carolyn Winters
- 29: George Carmack
- 30: Tanda Bryson
- 31: Spencer Lanman

# Back to School Bash

Below is the list of items we will be collecting to distribute at the Back to School Bash. Please leave items in the parlor on the table by the door by Friday, July 26th:



- Backpacks**
- Notebooks –**  
**(spiral or composition)**
- Loose Leaf Paper**
- 3 Ring Binders**
- Pencils**
- Crayons**
- Erasers**
- Dry Erase Markers**
- Scissors**
- Glue sticks**
- School boxes**
- Folders**



*Let's celebrate the start to a new school year!*

## Back to School Bash

Sponsored by Local Churches


Saturday, July 27, 2019  
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
On the Union County  
Courthouse Lawn

Please join us to gear up for the  
2019-2020 school year! There will be free  
school supplies, shoes and haircuts for  
students in school!

**Edwards Memorial  
United Methodist Church**

**JULY 2019**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
		6 pm-8 pm ABLBH		Office Closed  Happy 4th of July!			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
9 am Adult Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	7pm Trustees Meeting in RFC	6 pm-8 pm ABLBH	6:30pm UMW Play Practice in Sanctuary				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
9 am Adult Sunday School 10 am Worship Service "Something Good"	6pm Worship Committee Meeting 7pm Ad Council Meeting in RFC	6 pm-8 pm ABLBH	<b>UMW Mission "U" at Indianapolis University</b>			Aug. Newsletter articles due	Union County 4-H Fair Begins
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
9 am Adult Sunday School 10 am Worship Service "Solid Brass" Fund Raising Dinner following church in RFC		6 pm-8 pm ABLBH				9am-11am Back to School Bash on the Courthouse Lawn	
<b>Union County 4-H Fair</b>							
28	29	30	31	1-Aug	2-Aug	3-Aug	
9 am Adult Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 4th Sunday Fellowship Hour hosted by: Choir		6 pm-8 pm ABLBH	6:30pm UMW Play Practice in Sanctuary	Newsletter goes out			

3rd Quarter Volunteer Job List 2018

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>ALCOLYTE</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>JR CHURCH</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>
<b>July 7</b>	Katie McCashland	George & Helen Fields	Lewis Brier, Brian Wilkin Daniel Bolser, Jeff Fields	Lisa Cox	Open Nursery
14	Samantha West	Sue Fields	Andy & Shannon Brown Lee & Cindy Elzemeyer	Karla Barnhizer	Open Nursery
21	Campbell Meier	Darrell & Betty Richardson	Ed Swafford, Rod West, Gene Sanford, Richard Blank	Amy Payne Jennifer	Open Nursery
28	Grant Cox	Jeff & Beth Fields <i>Fellowship Hr: Choir</i>	Jim & Cathy Hensley John & Connie Powers	McCashland	Open Nursery
<b>Aug 4</b>	Corey Schwendenman	Edrena Burkhead Donna Bourne	Bill & Jayne Bennett Richard & Nancy Blank	No Jr Church <i>Communion</i>	Erica Rhonemus
11	Cassidee McCashland	Rod West	Andy & Shannon Brown Gene & Kathy Sanford	Laurie West	Sarah Schwendenman
18	Jake Schwendenman	Rusty & Erin Hensley	Ron & Wanda Parker Lee & Cindy Elzemeyer	Cindy Elzemeyer	Amy Russell
25	Jorden Logue	Lonnie & Sonie Snow <i>Fellowship Hour: SS Teachers</i>	Bill & Jayne Bennett John & Connie Powers	No Jr Church <i>Communion</i>	Open Nursery <i>Communion</i>
<b>Sept. 1</b>	Katie McCashland	Ron & Wanda Parker	Rod West, Brian Wilkin Richard & Nancy Blank	Megan Meier	Dawnn Ripberger
8	Grant Cox Samantha West	Greg & Julie Horn	Ed Swafford, John Powers, Rod West, Daniel Bolser	Lisa Cox	Erica Rhonemus
15	Campbell Meier Corey Schwendenman	Richard & Nancy Blank	Lee & Cindy Elzemeyer Andy & Shannon Brown	Karla Barnhizer	Sarah Schwendenman
22	Cassidee McCashland Jorden Logue	Ted Sanford	Lewis Brier, Jeff Fields Brian Wilkin, Ed Swafford	Amy Payne	Amy Russell
29	Katie McCashland Jake Schwendenman	Jim & Cathy Hensley <i>Fellowship Hour: Ad Council</i>	Gene & Kathy Sanford Bob & Kathy Burkhead	No Jr Church <i>Communion</i>	Open Nursery <i>Communion</i>