



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

# The **ECHOES** of Edwards

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Pastor's Column:

During my teen-aged years, my best friend and I used to fish the Whitewater River between State Road 38 and Richmond. One day, several miles down the river, in a wide-open hole we saw the biggest bass we had ever seen. He was so large that when he swam to the shallow end of the hole to feed, his back would rise up out of the river. Just to look at him made our hearts jump out of our chests. We had to have him.

And so catching that fish became our passion, our obsession, our one and only thought, our reason for living. We even named him.

### ***Big Wally.***

Even the mention of his name would set our adrenalin to flowing. Yet try as we might, we never were able to catch that fish. In fact, we were never even able to get him to bite. We offered him every artificial bait our meager finances would allow. We baited our hooks with nightcrawlers, with hellgrammites, with soft crawls, with chicken liver, grasshoppers, crickets, leaches... if it moved hopped crawled or jumped, we drug it past Big Wally.

And then one day, we figured it out.

He could see us. In the dark, he could feel us. There was no way to get to him without him knowing that we were there. And no matter what kind of bait we offered, all that fish could see... was us.

My encounter with ***Big Wally*** reminds me that, as good disciples we must always seek to present people, not with ourselves, but with Christ. Our aim must not be to show people our faces, but Christ's face. As with John the Baptist, our goal must be to decrease, and for Christ to increase. Only then will the bait be taken. Only then can a lost soul be won for Christ.

And once God has used us, once we have been rewarded as disciples, once a person has been caught for the cause of Christ, we must know what to do with our catch. Surely we must

nurture them, and feed them, and show them the way unto Him. But perhaps the most important lesson we must learn is in what to do next. We must learn to fish as God Fishes.

For as in our creation, the element of free choice must be maintained. As God used the *Catch and Release Method*, so must we. Once caught and shown the way, a person must be left to choose their own path. Some will stay in the home pond, yet some will tragically swim back to sea. Still, it is the only way. And find comfort in this, never forget that there is always a master fisherman in search of those who swim away, and he has a special kind of bait...a bait called...grace.

Friends, July has arrived, and with July comes fishing. I hope that this Pastor's Page has made you a better fisherperson, provided you with some new bait and some new techniques to present. And I pray that each of us will answer Christ's, when he says, "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men."

Can you imagine having a personal invitation to go fishing with Jesus the Christ?

Let's go fishin'!

And Remember,



He's Coming Back!

Thanks

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



**Don & Jeannine Hiatt  
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.

**Please note the notices are being sent by e-mail for the volunteer jobs not thru the mail.**

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



Budget Report	
2018 Budget	\$202,969.00
Received Budget YTD	88,489.73
Received in June	13,742.44
Budget	13,462.44
Fund Raising	80.00
Accessibility Fund	200.00



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

*Get-Well Wishes to:* Pastor Scott Bell, Karen Bunch, Merl Gentry, Jack Heeter, Lee Alcorn, Cathy Osborne, Linda Sayne, Jackie Sorrell, Stephanie Chamberlain, Courtney Fairchild, Linda Teegarden, Joe Moehring, Esther Bunch, Wanda Pierce, Malcolm Miles, Quentin Richardson, Taylor Bunch, Ruth Bertch, Juanita Jordan, Audrey Brown, Julia Porter, Lloyd Bowers, Robert Ponder, Mark & Vicky Crary, Susan Jackson.

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## Spiritual Moment

*God Loves you. Love one another  
as he loves you. Love is sharing.  
Love is giving the best we have.*

*-Mother Teresa*

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### 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
- 4: Audrey Brown
- 6: Julie Horn
- 11: Raigan Singer, Barry Bryant, Randal Russell, Sandi Davis
- 13: Sharon Lafuse
- 15: Denise Pierce, Reed Singer
- 16: Dondee Clevenger, Donna Mathews
- 17: Megan Meier, Emma Cox, Dennis Tobin
- 19: Ted Bostick
- 20: Magdolen Myers
- 22: Malcolm Miles, Terry Abernathy, Lisa Eadler, Ron Singer
- 24: Charlotte Baldwin, Wade Thompson
- 25: Cindy Elzemeyer
- 26: Adam Cox, Alex Rose
- 28: Carolyn Winters
- 29: George Carmack
- 30: Tanda Bryson
- 31: Spencer Lanman

# **Back to School Bash**

Let's celebrate the start of a new  
2018-2019 school year!

**Saturday July 28, 2018**

**12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**On the Courthouse Lawn**

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  
Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>:

**Backpacks**  
**Notebooks - spiral or composition**  
**Loose leaf Paper**  
**Pencils**  
**Crayons/colored pencils**  
**Erasers**  
**Dry Erase Markers**  
**Scissors**  
**Glue bottle or stick**  
**School boxes**  
**Folders**

## **Edwards Memorial Nursery School Open Registration**



Edwards Memorial Nursery  
School is still accepting  
applications for the 2018-2019  
school year.

If you know of someone  
looking to get their child enrolled  
in the preschool please direct  
them to the church website:

[emumc@emumc.com](mailto:emumc@emumc.com)

where they can access all information for the preschool.

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**Upper Rooms:** The July/August Upper Rooms are now available in  
the back of the sanctuary. Please help yourselves to this devotional  
magazine and you may choose between small and large print. There is  
a basket next to the rack if you wish to leave a donation to help offset  
the cost.

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*Invite a friend or family member to church.*



*Come and see what God can do!!*



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# JULY 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service		6 pm-8 pm ABLBH	Office Closed  Happy 4th of July!			
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	7pm Trustees Meeting in RFC	6 pm-8 pm ABLBH				
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	6pm Worship Committee Meeting 7pm Ad Council Meeting in RFC	6 pm-8 pm ABLBH			<i>Aug. Newsletter articles due</i>	<b>Union County 4-H Fair Begins</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service <i>4th Sunday Fellowship Hour hosted by: Choir</i>		6 pm-8 pm ABLBH				12pm-2pm <b>Back to School Bash on the Courthouse Lawn</b>
<b>← Union County 4-H Fair →</b>						
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Aug. 1</b>	<b>Aug. 2</b>	<b>Aug. 3</b>	<b>Aug. 4</b>
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service		6 pm-8 pm ABLBH		<i>Newsletter goes out</i>		

### 3rd Quarter Volunteer Job List 2018

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>ALCOLYTE</b>	<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>JR CHURCH</b>
<b>July 1</b>	Katie McCashland	George & Helen Fields	Lewis Brier, Brian Wilkin Daniel Bolser, Jeff Fields	Karla Barnhizer
<b>8</b>	Campbell Meier	Sue Fields	Bob & Kathy Burkhead Lee & Cindy Elzemeyer	Lisa Cox
<b>15</b>	Connor Hunter	Jeff & Beth Fields	Ed Swafford, John Powers, Gene Sanford, Richard Blank	Jennifer McCashland
<b>22</b>	Grant Cox	Darrell & Betty Richardson Fellowship Hr: Choir	Jim & Cathy Hensley John & Connie Powers	Laurie West
<b>29</b>	Corey Schwendenman	Rod & Laurie West	Bill & Jayne Bennett Richard & Nancy Blank	No Jr Church <i>Communion</i>
<b>Aug 5</b>	Jorden Logue	Edrena Burkhead Donna Bourne	Andy & Shannon Brown Gene & Kathy Sanford	Karla Barnhizer
<b>12</b>	Cassidee McCashland	Karen Bowers	Bob & Kathy Burkhead Lee & Cindy Elzemeyer	Lisa Cox
<b>19</b>	Campbell Meier	Rusty & Erin Hensley	Bill & Jayne Bennett John & Connie Powers	Jennifer McCashland
<b>26</b>	Kellen Linville	Lonnie & Sonie Snow Fellowship Hour: SS Teachers	Ron & Wanda Parker Richard & Nancy Blank	No Jr Church <i>Communion</i>
<b>Sept. 2</b>	Katie McCashland	Richard & Nancy Blank	Ed Swafford, John Powers, Rod West, Daniel Bolser	Laurie West
<b>9</b>	Samantha West Connor Hunter	Greg & Julie Horn	Lee & Cindy Elzemeyer Andy & Shannon Brown	Karla Barnhizer
<b>16</b>	Cassidee McCashland Corey Schwendenman	Ted Sanford	Lewis Brier, Jeff Fields Brian Wilkin, Ed Swafford	Lisa Cox
<b>23</b>	Grant Cox Katie McCashland	Jim & Cathy Hensley Fellowship Hr: Ad Council	Ron & Wanda Parker Bill & Jayne Bennett	Jennifer McCashland
<b>30</b>	Campbell Meier Jorden Logue	Jeff & Beth Fields	Gene & Kathy Sanford Bob & Kathy Burkhead	No Jr Church <i>Communion</i>