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Pastor's Column:

The Perfect Gift!!!

It's almost Christmas. Almost Christmas again.
With all it's hurry, hype, and heraldry, here it comes hauling down the highway of life like a Cadillac on cruise control. And if I don't wake up and get myself rolling, the world is going to take Christmas hostage again. And brothers and sisters in Christ, if your life is like mine, the ransom demanded is greater than the resources available. And as usual, the season finds me unprepared, as the world screams at me to "FIND THE PERFECT GIFT!!!"
And then…I step into an Advent Worship Service, a smiling child lights a candle, and the world slows downs and the Savior Reigns. And before me, in the straggly straw of a manger, is THE PERFECT GIFT. And all is well. In fact…
…all is calm. All is bright.

Friends, the world tries to hold Christmas for ransom each year, with its multiplicity of gadgets and this year's list of must have toys.

The world tries to make demands and hold Christmas for ransom… but it never works. The birth of the Christ child is just too powerful, even for Wall Street. The sight and the sounds and the remembrance of this child born so long ago

changes all the rules. His very presence makes the glitter of our Christmas presents pale in comparison.

The Perfect Gift for this Christmas Season, for every season, indeed… for every soul, is the Messiah, Emmanuel…God with us, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Brothers and Sisters, Christ the Savior is BORN!

Thanks be to God for this Perfect Gift.

Peace,

Pastor Scott Bell

During the month of November we had Thankful Sundays. Each Sunday we recognized these people with gratitude and thanks for the volunteer time they do at the church.

Judy Jenkins
Michahel & Dawnn Ripberger
Andy & Shannon Brown
Kevin & Karen Bunch
Bob & Kathy Burkhead

Thank you to all my dear friends for coming to my birthday celebration. Thank you for the beautiful cards and also for prayers and concerns when I had glaucoma eye surgery. All went quite well.

Jean McCormick

Deadlines: Please remember any information to be put in the bulletin needs to be into the office by Tuesdays 11am. Any information for the newsletter needs to be in by the third Friday of the month.

Important Notice

There will not be a Trustees Meeting, Worship Committee Meeting or Administrative Council Meeting in the month of December.

Thank you to all the folks who have been praying for me, sending cards and the words of encouragement for healing since my surgery in November. Please know this is going to be a long recovery and I won't be in the office much and I will be working from home. It is still necessary you contact me for information pertaining to events at the church or any information I need to know for the bulletin or the newsletter. Please use my email wparker@emunc com with any information or correspondence. Once again thank you.

Wanda Parker

Winter Storm
Church Cancellation Policy

It is never easy to make the decision to cancel church. Weather Conditions can change quickly, and just a few miles can make a big difference in the path of a storm. After talking with our District Superintendent, area pastors and lay people, in concert with the Administrative Council the following Church Cancellation Policy is immediately in effect:

All Worship Services, including Sunday Mornings at 10:00AM, will be held as scheduled UNLESS Union County and/or the City of Liberty are under a Level 3 Travel Advisory. All members and friends are encouraged to use their own judgment in regards to personal safety and advisability of travel. Although every effort will be made to ensure safe access, EMUMC CANNOT GUARANTEE that parking lots and sidewalks will always be clear of all snow and ice.

Thanks, Pastor Scott Bell

NEEDED:

LOTS
and
LOTS
OF COOKIES for

The 29th Annual

"Cookie Walk"

Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019

9 am – 11:30am or until cookies are gone!

Hopefully, many of you have already located your favorite Christmas Cookie recipes with plans to get your holiday baking completed ahead of schedule. Perhaps you have found new recipes in the recipe issues of magazines that look absolutely delicious, recipes that you simply cannot wait to try. Please remember, when you bake your cookies and candies, make a batch or two or more for the UMW Cookie Walk. There is only one week remaining before the deadline of December 14, 2019. Remember we have a goal of over 450 dozen of the best homemade Christmas cookies in our area. That's a lot of cookies!! With so many people baking cookies we can claim to have the greatest variety, the very best assortment of anywhere around.

So please spread the word. Tell your neighbors and friends about the scrumptious cookies that will be available Saturday, December 14, 2019 in the Rogers Fellowship Center between 9 am till 11:30am. Mark your calendar and come to the Cookie Walk. A box of assorted cookies and candies would be a delightful, tasty gift for people on your Christmas list, especially for shut-ins unable to bake Christmas cookies of their own.

All Cookies and Candies should be brought to the kitchen of the church 7am-7pm on Friday December 13th or before 8 am on Saturday, December 14th

All proceeds from the Cookie Walk are used to support Local Mission Projects

Great big Thanks to all of you for your support!!

From: The United Methodist Women

Cheering Up Addresses:

Let's remember our shut-ins during the holiday season. Names and addresses are listed below for anyone wanting to send a card or note to help them know we care and are thinking about them:

Vivian Kaser, 900 S A Street #608, Richmond, IN 47374

Anita Faye Howard, 9229 Weist Rd, Eaton, OH 45320

Carolyn Winters, 622 S Nine Mile Rd, Liberty, IN 47353

Betty Pouder, 2030 Chester Blvd, Apt. 300
Richmond, IN 47374

Ruth Bertch, 108 S Market St, Liberty, IN 47353

Pat Gentry, 1266 S Co Rd 100 W, Liberty, IN 47353

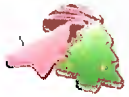
Duane & Sharon Lafuze, 3701 Hodgin Rd, Richmond, IN 47374

Cookie Drop Off:

Please note the office door will be open from:
7am to 7pm on Friday, Dec. 7th
so cookies and goodies for the Cookie Walk can be dropped off.

Please take items to the kitchen and leave on the bar or tables. Make sure you mark your containers so they may find their way back home.

Nov-Dec 2019
Schedule of Events



Saturday, Dec. 8th
9am-11:30am
"Cookie Walk" in RFC

Sunday, Dec. 9th
(Second Sunday of Advent)
9am Sunday School
10am Worship Service

Sunday, Dec. 16th
(Third Sunday of Advent)
9am Sunday School
10am Worship Service

Sunday, Dec. 23rd
(Fourth Sunday of Advent)
9am Sunday School
10am Worship Service

Monday, Dec. 24th
8pm Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
Edwards Memorial United Methodist Church

Tuesday, Dec. 25th
Merry Christmas

Budget Report

2019 Budget	$209,219.00
Received Budget YTD	151,608.76
Received in November	14,149.61
Budget	13,739.61
Fund Raising	100.00
Good Samaritan Fund	210.00

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

Get-Well Wishes to: Nancy Blank, Kathy Sanfor, George Fields, Pat Gentry, Don Clevenger, Patsy Newton, Jackie Sorrell, Ryan Snow, Kim Scott Durham, Esther Bunch, Taylor Bunch, Ruth Bertch, Duane & Sharon Lafuze, Dale Stevens

Spiritual Moment

(Prayer) gives you a clean and pure heart.
A clean heart can see God, can speak to God,
and can see the love of God in others.

-Mother Teresa

Poinsettias: If you wish to order a poinsettia for the Christmas services, please sign-up on the sheet in the parlor on the table by the door. ***Please use the second line under your name to write "In Honor of" or "In Memory of"*** the person or persons you wish to list. You may also email Wanda: wparker@emumc.com with your sign-up request.

Make checks out to EMUMC for $10.00, **mark the memo section Poinsettia**, and drop in the offering plate. If you e-mail Wanda your request, you may mail your check or use e-giving for your payment.

Happy Birthday

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.
(Please notify us of Corrections or Omissions)

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

3: Joy Woodruff
4: Alicia Miller
6: Tim Bowers, Erica Moffett
7: Stanley Nichols
8: Anita Faye Howard
9: Jennifer Oster, Connie Powers, Braden Norris
10: Campbell Meier
11: Pat Gentry
13: Kadence Brock
14: Cathy Hensley, Sarah Schwendenman
15: Brian Keith Anderson
16: Ruth Bertch, Victoria Russell
17: Cynda Bilbrey
18: Sandi Cox
21: Jacob Schwendenman, Karen Bowers
22: Linda Jahosky, Amanda Jahosky
24: Stephen Whipple
25: Jesus, Phil Cox
28: Betty Richardson, Rod West
29: Russell Hensley, Ryan Hensley
Jerry Tipton
31: Beth Fields, Mary Alice Crowder

December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**
1st Sunday of Advent **9 am** Sunday School **10 am** Worship Service		**6 pm-8 pm** ABLBH	**7 pm** Choir Practice			
8	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12**	**13**	**14**
2nd Sunday of Advent **9 am** Sunday School **10 am** Worship Service **5 pm Caroling & Soup Dinner**	**No Trustees Meeting**	**6 pm-8 pm** ABLBH	**7 pm** Choir Practice		**Set-up RFC Cookie Walk** ***Drop off Cookies 7am-7pm***	**9am-11:30am** "Cookie Walk" in RFC
15	**16**	**17**	**18**	**19**	**20**	**21**
3rd Sunday of Advent **9 am** Sunday School **10 am** Worship Service	**No Worship or Ad Council Meetings**	**6 pm-8 pm** ABLBH	**7 pm** Choir Practice		*Jan Newletter articles due*	Bennett's in RFC all day
22	**23**	**24**	**25**	**26**	**27**	**28**
4th Sunday of Advent **9 am** Sunday School **10 am** Worship Service		**8pm** **Christmas Eve Service**	***Merry Christmas***			Bunch's in RFC all day
29	**30**	**31**	**Jan. 1**	**Jan. 2**	**Jan. 3**	**Jan. 4**
1st Sunday after Chrstmas **9 am** Sunday School **10 am** Worship Service		**6 pm-8 pm** ABLBH	***Happy New Year***	*Jan. Newsletter goes out*		