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The **ECHOES** of Edwards

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Pastor's Column:

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Here is what I know. More answers coming March 9th at 10am at the church in a meeting lead by our District Superintendent, Dr. Fulbright. I encourage all those interested in the future of the Denomination to attend.

Pastor Scott Bell



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 27, 2019

Indiana Conference of The United Methodist Church releases statement regarding the Special-Called General Conference

Yesterday, the 2019 Special-Called General Session voted 449-374 to move forward with the [Traditional Plan](#). We are thankful to be a part of a diverse, global Church. We acknowledge that with that comes differing opinions because we have geographical, generational and cultural differences. Clearly, human sexuality is a topic on which people of faith have differing and heartfelt views.

We recognize that there has been much pain brought forth by the actions and decisions of the General Conference. We acknowledge and grieve that heartbreak. We reaffirm that all people are of sacred worth, as outlined in our [Book of Discipline](#). We welcome people of all nations, ethnic groups, ages, and sexual orientations.

We will continue to lead — in our rural churches, on the streets of the inner city, in our global and local mission work, and in our daily actions. We will continue to be a movement of God's people reaching the 61.3% of the population in Indiana that are not involved in a religious community. God will continue to work through the people called United Methodist making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, all to the glory of God.

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Edwards Memorial would like to thank all those folk who furnished flowers for the Sunday Worship Services during the month of February.

**Karen Bunch, Lewis Brier,
Ron Parker, Alicia & Mason Miller**

Easter Lilies: As we prepare for Easter Sunday we will be having Easter Lilies again this year at the Easter Service.



If you would like to order an Easter Lily the sign-up sheet will be in the parlor on the table by the door thru April 14th. Please put your name on the first line and those you wish to "honor" or "memory" of on the second line. Make checks payable to EMUMC in the amount of \$10.00 and mark the memo Easter

Lily, and drop in the offering plate. Don't forget to take your Lily home after the Easter Sunday worship service. You can also call Wanda or e-mail her if you need to sign-up and cannot get to the list.

Easter Egg Hunt: Donations of candy are needed for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt!! We will begin collecting candy Sunday, March 10th thru Sunday April 7th. **Candy must be individually wrapped. No toys please.**



Tubs will be in place in the parlor and in the office behind Wanda's desk. All elementary aged youth (and younger) can "hop" on over for the hunt on Palm Sunday, April 14th time to be announced. Parents: Children will need to bring their own Easter Baskets to hunt with and parents must accompany children during the hunt.

Upper Rooms: March/April Upper Rooms are now available in the back of the sanctuary. Help yourselves to this devotional magazine. There is a basket next to the rack if you wish to leave a donation to help offset the cost.

Lent begins

March 6, 2019



**Service
7pm
at**

**Edwards Memorial
United Methodist
Church**



**March 10 - 1st Sunday in Lent
17- 2nd Sunday in Lent
24 - 3rd Sunday in Lent
31 - 4th Sunday in Lent**

Budget Report:

2019 Budget	\$202,969.00
Received Budget YTD	26,427.00
Received in Feb	\$14,723.00
Budget	14,415.00
Envelope offering	3.00
Fund Raising Committee	80.00
Good Samaritan Fund	195.00
District Missions	30.00

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

Get-Well Wishes to: Kim Scott Durham, Tina Howard, Sue Fields, Barry Bryant, Randal Russell, Melissa Dennington, Bobbi Schuck, Dorothy Finch, Joe Irwin, Lee Alcorn, Stephanie Chamberlain, Courtney Fairchild, Linda Teeguarden, Esther Bunch, Malcolm Miles, Quentin Richardson, Taylor Bunch, Ruth Bertch, Audrey Brown, Julia Porter, Lloyd Bowers

-Edwards Memorial UMC would like to express it's sincere sympathies to the family of Juanita Jordan who passed away in February.

Spiritual Moment

If faith is lacking it is because there is too much selfishness, too much concern for personal gain. For faith to be true, it has to be generous and loving. Love and faith go together, they complete each other.

-Mother Teresa



**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 MARCH Birthday's

- 2: Sue Fields
- 3: Kelsee Brock, Donna Stevens
- 4: Taylor Richardson
- 5: Ruth Bryant
- 6: Meagan Ellinger, Brian Wilkin
- 7: Breeann Johnson
- 8: Amy Russell
- 9: Lisa Cox
- 10: Adam Ripberger
- 11: Kayla Chamness
- 13: Ted Sanford
- 15: Darrell Richardson
- 16: Frank Parks, Vivian Kaser
- 18: Jayne Bennett
- 19: Tammy Bowers
- 20: Matthew Elzemeyer
- 21: Michelle Myers
- 23: Paige Ripberger
- 24: Dona Miller
- 26: Gene Sanford, Tim Woodruff
- 27: Lorenzo Shepler
- 29: Emily Ellinger
- 31: Matthew Cox, Dianne Rhonemus



**2019 Winter
Mission Work
Camp**

North Carolina

was hit with many locations getting more than 30 inches of water in a very short time.

**The Work Camp is
March 24-30, 2019**

At the Tarboro North Carolina United Methodist Long Term Recovery Center. The Recovery Center has beds, showers, and kitchen facilities. There is ample room for RV parking. The work sites will be close by.

Tarboro is about one hour east of Raleigh, NC, about 20 miles north of Greenville, NC. It is about 650 miles from Hagerstown, IN.

Our anticipated cost is \$100 per person for the week plus a contribution from our churches. We will take up an offering closer to the trip time to help support this mission.

EMNS Closed Registration:

Beginning March 6th Edwards

Memorial Nursery School will be accepting open applications for the 2018-2019 school year. You can

access all information for the preschool at the church website

www.emumc.com



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	EMNS Book Fair	EMNS Book Fair 6pm-8pm ABLBH in Parlor 6:30 Cantata Practice 7pm Choir Practice	1pm-6pm EMNS Book Fair/ Open House in RFC Ash Wednesday 7pm Service Sanctuary			10am-Noon District Conversation Continues Noon - 5pm Leah Gabbard/Pinney Reception/Shower in RFC
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<i>1st Sunday in Lent</i>						
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	7pm Trustees Meeting in RFC	6pm-8pm ABLBH in RFC	6:30pm Cantata Practice 7pm Choir Practice			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i>						
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 11:30am UMW Prayer & Self Denial	6pm Worship Committee in RFC 7pm Ad Council in RFC	6pm-8pm ABLBH in RFC	6:30pm Cantata Practice 7pm Choir Practice		<i>April Newsletter</i> <i>Articles due</i>	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i>						
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service <i>4th Sunday Fellowship</i> <i>Hour: Worship Committee</i>	←	6pm-8pm ABLBH in RFC	6:30pm Cantata Practice 7pm Choir Practice	<i>April newsletter goes out</i>		
	Spring Break North Carolina Mission Trip →					
31	1-Apr	2-Apr	3-Apr	4-Apr	5-Apr	6-Apr
<i>4th Sunday in Lent</i>						
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service		6pm-8pm ABLBH in RFC	6:30pm Cantata Practice 7pm Choir Practice			