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Pastor's Column:

“Do We...Or Don't We?!?”

Weather. Winter weather. As predictable as the dietary preferences of a two-year-old. January was a real humdinger here in good ol' Union County, and February is lining up to be a real deep-freeze as well. Cold temperatures and dangerous driving conditions present this Pastor with difficult decisions in regard to *“do we or don't we”* hold Sunday Worship Services, Sunday School, Confirmation Classes, Meetings, and all the rest. Accordingly, I have, ***once again***, come up with a plan to bring some clarity, not to mention consistency in the decision-making process.

For those with internet and radio access, the following method will most likely do the trick. Whenever Union County is on a WATCH or WARNING LEVEL (or level II and/or III in the old system which is STILL used by some Law Enforcement Agencies), all church related activities will be CANCELED. Travel Advisories can be found at **in.gov**.

In addition, cancelation notifications will be published on our Church Website (emumc.com), my Facebook page, and our Church Facebook Page, which is also linked from our Website. This will be most helpful when Evening Activities are being canceled...such as Committee Meetings, etc.

As always, Members and Friends are encouraged to use their own best judgement regarding attendance, always erring on the side of safety and common sense.

As for folks without internet access...via dial up, DSL, cable, Wi-Fi, 3G, 4G, or some other method I don't understand, I guess the best method will be to "*phone a friend.*" And if all else fails, you might consider contacting Punxsutawney Phil on February 2nd. Everyone knows the Groundhog is never wrong.

And remember,



Pastor Scott Bell

He's Coming Back!



Baptism:

The congregation of Edwards Memorial United Methodist Church witnessed on Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019, the baptism of Sarah Lynch. With family and the congregation surrounding her with the laying on of hands, we rejoiced in her baptism and welcomed Sarah into our Christian family of faith.



to the following who provided us with flowers for the worship services during the month of January:

Donna Bourne and Eddie Burkhead



**United
Methodist
Women**

ANNUAL PLEDGE SERVICE will be held on Sunday, February 10, at 11:30 a.m. following the church worship service. A light lunch will be served in Roger's Fellowship Center followed by the program given by Lori Ellinger. We will also be exploring ideas on programs and activities in which the unit can participate and sponsor throughout this year. Members are encouraged to attend this very important time in our organization. All ladies of the church are invited to attend also to hear what United Methodist Women are doing in our unit, the district, the country and the world. Contact Sally Redinger (458-5294) if you have any questions.

Worship Committee & Administrative Council:

The January meetings of the above committees have been rescheduled for Monday, Feb. 18, 2018. Worship Committee will meet at 6pm in RFC with Ad Council following at 7pm. Electronic reminder notices will be sent out closer to the meetings.

EMNS Closed Registration: Beginning Feb. 1st thru March 5th Edwards Memorial Nursery School will be accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year. This is a closed registration period for the church and existing preschool children only. Registration fee is \$65.00.



You can access all information for the preschool at the church website www.emumc.com Registration will open up to the public on March 6th.

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you for all of your thoughts, cards and prayers during my recent battle with cancer. It is truly a blessing to belong to such a wonderful and caring church family!

Joe Irwin

Thank You Friends in Mission:

Thank you for partnering with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Through your gifts, you are helping to provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupts life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own.

Through the compassion and solidarity of faithful friends like you, UMCOR is able to provide comfort to those impacted by disasters like earthquakes and storms, food for the hungry, and healthcare to those who otherwise would have none. These are just sampling of the good works that gifts like yours make possible. One hundred percent of your gift through The Advance, the designated giving channel of the United Methodist Church, will go directly to the people who need it most.

Thank you for giving so generously in December 2018.

Where Most Needed: Global \$700.00

US Disaster Response US \$425.00

and Recovery

These gifts will bring hope to those who need it most.



Easter Cantata

"We Remember Calvary"

Good Friday, April 19, 2019

7:30 pm

at

Edwards Memorial UMC

Cantata Rehearsals begin

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2019

at 6:30pm

and

Edwards choir rehearsal
will be from 7:15pm to 8:00pm

If you would like to sing in the Cantata
just show up for practice
or talk to Kevin or Karen Bunch.

Budget Report

2019 Budget	\$202,969.00
Received to date	12,012.00
Received in Jan.	\$12,386.00
Budget	12,012.00
Envelope Offering	65.00
Fund Raising	80.00
Poinsettias	12.00
Good Samaritan Fund	217.00

Get-Well Wishes to:



Our Friends in the hospital or ill during the month of January:

Sue Fields, Barry Bryant, Melissa Dennington, Bobbi Schuck, Dorothy Finch, Joe Irwin, Lee Alcorn, Stephanie Chamberlain, Esther Bunch, Courtney Fairchild, Linda Teegarden, Taylor Bunch, Malcolm Miles, Quentin Richardson, Audrey Brown, Ruth Bertch, Juanita Jordan, Julia Porter, Lloyd Bowers.

Spiritual Moment

The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's hunger meet.

-Frederick Buechner



**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 **February** Birthday's:

- 1: Sonie Snow, Chloe Brown
- 2: Bob Dance, Howard Huntington
- 3: Karen Bolser
- 4: Cheryl Bowers
- 6: Madeline Whipple
- 7: Katie McCashland
- 9: Mary Brier
- 11: Megan Hunter
- 13: Bryson Oler
- 15: Melissa Shepler, Erin Hensley
- 16: Wanda Parker
- 17: Addie Ellinger
- 19: Michelle Anderson
- 21: Brenda Abernathy, Harold Hofer
- 23: Patricia Lafuze, Tonya Robinson
- 25: Betty Pouder, Carly McCashland
- 26: Maureen Feltz, Doug Miller
Samantha Bolser
- 27: Susan Frasur, Payton Waltz
- 28: Stephanie Moore



February 2019



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 11:30- UMW Pledge Planning and Meeting in RFC		6pm-8pm ABLBH in RFC	6:30 pm Cantata Practice 7:15pm Choir Practice			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	7 pm Trustees Meeting in RFC	6pm-8pm ABLBH in RFC	6:30 pm Cantata Practice 7:15pm Choir Practice		<i>March Newsletter deadline</i>	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	6pm Worship Committee 7pm Ad Council Meeting in RFC	6pm-8pm ABLBH in RFC	6:30 pm Cantata Practice 7:15pm Choir Practice			
24	25	26	27	28	1-Mar	2-Mar
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service <i>4th Sunday Fellowship Hour hosted by the Youth</i>		6pm-8pm ABLBH in RFC	6:30 pm Cantata Practice 7:15pm Choir Practice	<i>March Newsletter goes out</i>	World Day of Prayer	