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The **ECHOES** of Edwards

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Pastor's Column:

From the Desk of Pastor Bell:

Many have been asking how they might become the “hands and feet of Christ” to those who are suffering from the devastating impact of recent hurricanes. To that end, UMCOR and Bishop Trimble have issued the following news release. I encourage you to read what UMCOR is doing, and search your hearts for ways you might help. I especially encourage you to pray for the people hit the hardest, and for discernment as to what God is calling you to do in response.

In Him,

Pastor Scott Bell

Hurricane Harvey trailed through Texas and Louisiana three weeks ago, leaving thousands of people in vulnerable conditions, lacking vital resources and essentials, displaced from their communities, and devastated from the horror of risking death and watching their homes perish.

Hurricane Irma has followed suite, causing massive destruction and peril throughout the Caribbean Islands including Puerto Rico, Cuba, Bahamas, Haiti, Virgin Islands, Barbuda, Dominican Republic, and made landfall in Florida over the weekend, leaving behind a record of battered homes and infrastructure, as well as extreme flooding conditions. Georgia and the Carolinas are reported to be in its path.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has begun to mobilize plans for disaster relief operations for those impacted by Irma as they continue to provide help in regions that have been affected by Hurricane Harvey. Like Harvey, recovery for Irma is expected to be long-term as damage, both physical and emotional, is extensive.

As United Methodists, we are inspired to pray for those who are lost, wounded, and in need of shelter and food. We are also committed to raising up in prayer the first responders who continually put themselves in harm's way in order to ensure the rescue and welfare of those in need.

Last week, Bishop Trimble released a [Call to Prayer](#) to the Indiana Conference, urging United Methodists from across the connection to not waiver from their commitment to praying for those who've been left devastated from the impact of these powerful storms.

In this prayer, the Bishop stated,

"We pray for protection, we pray for relief, and we pray for God's love and hope to abound in the days ahead. As record-setting rains and unprecedented flooding impact more communities, we pray for the first responders and countless volunteers who put themselves in harm's way to be a help for others."

In addition to praying, we are called to be the hands and feet of Christ in times of need. We are encouraging Indiana United Methodists to join the mission in helping to move the recovery process forward. Given the extremity and vastness of these weather disasters, it's going to require an 'all hands on deck' attitude to help Texas, Louisiana, Florida, The Caribbean islands, as well as many other regions restore what has been demolished. We invite you to help as you feel called to do.

Monetary Donations

Give a secure gift to UMCOR Disaster Relief online:

GIVE

To give by mail:

Advance GCFA
P.O. Box 9068
New York, NY 10087-9068

Thanks

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

**Jayne & Bill Bennett,
Kevin & Karen Bunch**



Volunteer Job Lists: The 4th quarter Volunteer Job list is available in the parlor and on Wanda's desk. If you want a printed copy please stop by and pick one up. You can also access it on the website www.emumc.com

Attention High School Students:

If you would like to earn some community service hours toward your graduation requirements, please take a look at the some of the jobs you can volunteer for here at Edwards Memorial UMC:

Acolyte, Nursery, Usher, Greeter, Halloween Safe Stop
please talk to Wanda Parker.
Fund Raising events coming up: talk to Bob Burkhead.

**Charge Conference
will be held on**

**Wednesday,
November 15th
6:30 p.m.**

**at Richmond First UMC,
318 National Road W, Richmond, IN**

Budget Report

2017 Budget	\$199,893.00
Received YTD	142,795.36
Received in September	29,840.00
Budget	19,642.00
Fund Raising	80.00
Youth	10,000.00
Good Samaritan Fund	118.00



OUR FRIENDS IN THE HOSPITAL OR ILL DURING: September

Get-Well Wishes to: Mitchell Family, Charmaine Dare, Courtney Fairchild, Jeff Paxton, Linda Teegarden, Renota Stanaford, Lorenzo Shepler, Mary Snyder, Daniel Bolser, Rick Walters, Ruth Logue, Jordan Lathery, Joe Moehring, Esther Bunch, Randy Gentry, Wanda Pierce, Malcolm Miles, Quentin Richardson, Taylor Bunch, Ruth Bertch, Juanita Jordan, Christi Harris, Audrey Brown, Julia Porter, Lloyd Bowers.



Volunteering for Committees:

As we get ready for Charge Conference scheduled for Nov. 15, 2017, please prayerfully consider volunteering for a committee when the Nominating Committee begins to make calls to fill the leadership positions for the 2018 year. Calls will begin after the Nominating

Committee meets.

Volunteering is a very important part of your spiritual life. We thank all those in advance who volunteer year after year. We thank all of our leaders for their commitment, and the conscientious way they carry out their various ministries.

Thanks to all who volunteer and for serving your church!!

Spiritual Moment

***Do what you can and pray
for what you cannot yet do.***

-St. Augustine



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 is the October Birthday's:

- 1: Gehrig Shepler
- 2: Kayla Brock, Daniel Bolser,
Brittany Hudson, Keith Burkhead, Arin Bowers
- 8: Matthew Barnhizer
- 9: Brian Rhonemus
- 10: Theresa Redinger, Marsha Eldridge
- 11: Jerry Ryan
- 13: Eddie Clevenger
- 14: Mark Kassens
- 15: Tom Schwendenman
- 17: Kathy Kassens
- 19: Richard Blank, Merl Gentry
- 20: Ron Parker, Karla Barnhizer
- 21: Brady Payne, Gina Irwin
- 22: Helen Fields
- 24: Peggy Hartman
- 25: Dale Stevens, Christopher Barnhizer
Hunter Biggerstaff, Jerod Bowers
- 26: Annie Hofer
- 27: Alisha Burkhead
- 30: Carol Dance, Hank Fallat, Conner Hunter

HALLOWEEN SAFE STOP

Tuesday, Oct. 31st

6pm-8pm in RFC

**(according to the Town of Liberty
Trick or Treat time)**

We are in need of candy for the Halloween Safe Stop treat bags. Tubs are now in place for you to drop off your donations.



Please make sure the candy is **individually wrapped**. Please have candy donations in by Oct. 22nd and leave in tub behind Wanda's desk or in the tub in the parlor marked Safe Stop.

We will also need donations of cookies to give out the day of the Safe Stop. Please let Wanda know if you can donate cookies. High School students can earn community service hours by working at the Safe Stop. Please see Wanda to sign-up.

Thank you to all who donate and help make this a fun event!!



**United Methodist Women
of Indiana
9th Annual Meeting**

**Asbury United Methodist Church
1751 27th St at Forest Drive
Columbus, IN 47201**

Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017

The Speaker is Liz Pitcher, she is working with women who have found themselves tricked into human trafficking and need a way out. Please plan to join us. We need to know who is planning to attend by our meeting on Sunday, Sept. 24th. The cost of registration and Sat. Lunch is \$15.00. The meeting is over at 3pm and we should be back to Liberty by 4:45pm.

**Need a Break from the Busyness of Life?
Join our Spiritual Retreat on
Sat., Oct. 14th
9:30-2:30 at Edwards Memorial UMC**

Take some time for yourself to grow closer to God by spending 5 hours away from the hassle and bustle of work, school, parenting, and volunteering. Learn about God's covenants. Increase your understanding of how God works with us, in us and through us.

Material presented by district officers of UMW will highlight the book "Living as a Covenant Community" by Evy McDonald. Pitch in style lunch provided by members of UMW.

ALL Welcome!

To reserve your seat or for more information speak to Helen Fields, Mary Brier or Lori Ellinger.

EMNS News:

Dove Tree: In the Rogers Fellowship



Center on the southwall is a Dove Tree with items on it that the preschool is in need of.

Here is how it works: take a Dove off the tree and purchase the item needed and then leave

the item on Courtney's desk (in the Rogers Fellowship Center) or you may leave the items on Wanda's desk. Please mark the items EMNS. EMNS is very appreciative of all the help and support that the congregation of Edwards Memorial gives to us.

Courtney Tipton, EMNS Director

Candle Fund Raiser:



EMNS will be doing their Warm Glow Candle Fund Raiser again this year. We are selling candles from Oct. 31-Nov 12. All money must accompany the order. Watch

future bulletins for information as to when you can begin to order your candles. The expected delivery date of the candles will be the beginning of December or sooner. These candles make a wonderful Christmas present!!



October 2017

Edwards Memorial UMC



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service <i>World Communion Sunday</i>		5 pm-8 pm ABLBH	7 pm Choir Practice	7 pm-9 pm Recovery Group in RFC		<i>UMW Annual Conference in Columbus, IN</i>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	7 pm Trustees in RFC	5 pm-8 pm ABLBH	7 pm Choir Practice	7 pm-9 pm Recovery Group in RFC		9:30am-2:30pm UMW Retreat in RFC
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	6pm Worship Committee in RFC 7pm Nominating Committee in RFC	5 pm-8 pm ABLBH	6pm PPR Committee Meeting in RFC 7 pm Choir Practice	6:30 PM Finance in Parlor 7 pm-9 pm Recovery Group in RFC	<i>Newsletter articles are due</i>	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service <i>4th Sunday Fellowship Hr: PPR Committee</i>		5 pm-8 pm ABLBH	7 pm Choir Practice	7 pm-9 pm Recovery Group in RFC		
29	30	31	1-Nov	2-Nov	3-Nov	4-Nov
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service		5 pm-8 pm ABLBH in parlor 6-8pm Halloween Safe Stop in RFC	7 pm Choir Practice	<i>Newsletter goes out</i> 7 pm-9 pm Recovery Group in RFC		

<u>Volunteer Job List 2017 - 4th Quarter</u>						
<u>Sunday</u>		<u>ALCOLYTE</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>JR CHURCH</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>
Oct	1	Carly McCashland	Donna Bourne	Bob & Kathy Burkhead	Laurie West	Rhonda Wilkin
		Katie McCashland	Edrena Burkhead	John & Connie Powers		
	8	Carson Linville	Bill & Jayne Bennett	Andy & Shannon Brown	Lisa Cox	Amy Russell
		Kellen Linville		Lee & Cindy Elzemeyer		
	15	Jake Schwendenman	Greg & Julie Horn	Lewis Brier, Brian Wilkin	Jennifer McCashland	Tom & Sarah
		Jack Whipple		Rod West, Daniel Bolser		Schwendenman
	22	Grant Cox	Rusty & Erin Hensley & family	Jim & Cathy Hensley	Karla Barnhizer	Lori Ellinger
		Julia West	<i>4th Sunday Fellowship Hr: PPR</i>	Bill & Jayne Bennett		
	29	Sarah Cox	Betty & Darrell Richardson	Brian & Michelle Anderson	<i>No Jr Church</i>	Berniece Tipton
		Paul Moffett		John & Connie Powers	<i>Communion</i>	
Nov.	5	Katie McCashland	Rod & Laurie West	Richard & Nancy Blank	Laurie West	Jim & Cathy Hensley
		Cassidee McCashland		Andy & Shannon Brown		
	12	Cory Schwendenman	Karen Bowers	Lee & Cindy Elzemeyer	Lisa Cox	Rhonda Wilkin
		Julia West		Gene & Kathy Sanford		
	19	Carly McCashland	Ron & Wanda Parker	Rod West, John Powers	Jennifer McCashland	Berniece Tipton
		Tori Russell		Ed Swafford, Daniel Bolser		
	26	Carson Linville	Lee & Cindy Elzemeyer	Brian & Michelle Anderson	<i>No Jr Church</i>	Amy Russell
		Kellen Linville	<i>4th Sunday Fellowship Hr</i>	Bill & Jayne Bennett	<i>Communion</i>	
			<i>Friendship Sunday School Class</i>			
Dec	3	Paul Moffett	Ted Sanford	John & Connie Powers	Karla Barnhizer	Lori Ellinger
		Katie McCashland		Andy & Shannon Brown		
	10	Sarah Cox	Andy & Shannon Brown	Bob & Kathy Burkhead	Laurie West	Jerry & Teresa Ashbrook
		Grant Cox		Richard & Nancy Blank		
	17	Carly McCashland	Rusty & Erin Hensley & family	Daniel Bolser, John Powers	Lisa Cox	Sarah & Tom
		Samantha West		Rod West, Brian Wilkin		Schwendenman
	24	Tori Russell	Amy Russell & Family	Jim & Cathy Hensley	<i>No Jr Church</i>	Rhonda Wilkin
		Gabe Cox	<i>No Fellowship Time</i>	Lee & Cindy Elzemeyer	<i>Communion</i>	
	31	Jake Schwendenman	Jeff & Beth Fields	Rod West, John Powers	Jennifer McCashland	Amy Russell
		Cory Schwendenman		Ed Swafford, Daniel Bolser		