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

The ECHOES of Edwards

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Pastor's Column:

ˌTHaNGksˈgiviNG/
noun
1. **1**.the expression of gratitude, especially to God.
"he offered prayers **in thanksgiving for** his safe arrival"
2. **2**.(in North America) an annual national holiday marked by religious observances and a traditional meal including turkey. The holiday commemorates a harvest festival celebrated by the Pilgrims in 1621, and is held in the US on the fourth Thursday in November. A similar holiday is held in Canada, usually on the second Monday in October

Halloween has past. Thanksgiving is upon us. For the first time in as long as I remember, the Season of Advent doesn't begin until the first Sunday in ***December***. And…Christmas Eve…this year…is on Sunday night.

EMUMC is indeed readying itself for the coming of "THE SEASON." Plans have been made for our Annual Free Community Wide Thanksgiving Dinner, and our "spies" have already been scoping out Christmas Tree Farms in search of the perfect, ceiling scraping, *"hey…there's a hole in the back!"* tree!

We indeed have much to be thankful for. Our Community In Unity Initiative has helped launch community wide Bible School, feeding programs, and our brand-new amazingly exciting County Wide Youth Ministry Outreach!

Therefore, as the pastor of EMUMC, I hereby declare a season of Thanksgiving, of prayer, and of loving neighbor, family, friends and foes. God continues to bless our community of faith in ways that cannot be measured, and continues to hold in store for us blessings that cannot be fathomed.

According, on Thanksgiving Day….and every day, let us set ourselves about a Season of Thanksgiving…thanking God for the Gift that out measures all gifts…the Gift of a baby…wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

Until that Sunday Evening in late December….

Pastor Scott Bell
Edwards Memorial UMC

…He's Coming Back.

Baptisms:

The congregation of Edwards Memorial United Methodist Church witnessed on Sunday, Oct. 22, 2017 the baptism of Emily Elaine Rhonemus and twin brother, Evan James Rhonemus. With family and the congregation surrounding them with the laying on of hands, we rejoiced in their baptism and welcomed Emily and Evan into our Christian family of faith.

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

Don & Jeannine Hiatt,
Doug & Alicia Miller & Family
Brian & Erica Rhonemus
George & Helen Fields
Hank Fallat

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!!:

I would like to thank everyone who donated candy and cookies or treats for the Safe Stop. We gave out 350 treat bags, a lot of hot chocolate and fruit drinks.

A special thanks to Ron, Amy, Tori, Michael, Dawnn Joey and Paige for helping to set up, welcoming everyone into our church, giving out the treat bags and keeping the cookies full. Thanks to Bob and Kathy Burkhead for helping to clean up which is a very big job after this event. All the help was greatly appreciated to make this a fun evening. This night is an example of:

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors!

Once again thank you to all!!!

Wanda Parker

Upper Rooms: The Nov./Dec. Upper Room are now available in the back of the sanctuary on the rack. There is a basket next to the rack if you wish to leave a donation to help offset the cost of the magazine. Please help yourself.

Charge Conference

Wednesday Nov. 15th
6:30 p.m.
at
Richmond First UMC
National Road West
Richmond, IN 47374

Everyone is invited to attend.

UMW
World Thank Offering

Do you know the song,"Count Your Blessings"? Please take time to reflect back on this year; think about the many blessings that God has given to you and

"Be Thankful"

The United Methodist Women and our foremothers have used the World Thank Offering since 1881 to give thanks to God for our blessings and to share our love with others. As one of the five channels of giving, the World Thank Offering supports United Methodist Women-related National Mission Institutions and projects, and International Ministries.

Bring your "Thank Offering" and join us in the parlor at 10am on Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017. Lori Ellinger will lead us in the program.

Please bring the name of the person you have written to from the Prayer Calendar and the location they are serving. We will be finished by 11:30am.

Budget Report

2017 Budget	$199,893.00
Received Budget YTD	161,645.02
Received in October	24,134.66
Budget	18,849.66
Youth	5,000.00
World Communion	35.00
Fund Raising	100.00
UMCOR Disaster Relief	150.00

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

***Get-Well Wishes to*:**

The Mitchell Family, Charmaine Dare, Courtney Fairchild, Jeff Paxton, Linda Teeguarden, Lorenzo Shepler, Mary Snyder, Daniel Bolser, Rick Walters, Ruth Logue, Jordan Lathery, Joe Moehring, Esther Bunch, Wanda Pierce, Malcolm Miles, Quentin Richardson, Taylor Bunch, Ruth Bertch, Juanita Jordan, Christi Harris, Audrey Brown, Julia Porter, Lloyd Bowers.

>Edwards Memorial would like to express its sincere sympathies to the family of Ruth Logue who passed away in October. Ruth was the sister of Jean McCormick and also related to many in our congregation.

Spiritual Moment

Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good;
his love endures forever.

-1 Chronicles 16:34

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 **November** Birthday's:*

1: William Lafuse
2: Emily Fields
3: Greg Myers, Dale Walker
4: Karyn Clevenger
6: Teagan Dunning
8: Michael Winters
9: Denton Shepler, Jean McCormick
10: Kathy Burkhead, Kyle Chamness,
11: Heather Brock
12: Denise Thibault
15: Brian Winter
18: Brian Anderson, Ben Clevenger
19: Mary Shepard
23: Vanessa West
24: Jennifer Cashdollar
25: Jacob Stubbs, Katelyn Rhoda
27: Diane Rose
28: Jack Heeter, Alyssa West, Robin Singer

You are invited to a:

FREE

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

At

Edwards Memorial United Methodist Church
4 W Seminary St
Liberty, IN 47353

SATURDAY NOV. 18, 2017 4pm-7pm

in the
Rogers Fellowship Center

A SWEET TRADITION!!!!!!

Christmas

THE UMW 27th ANNUAL

"COOKIE WALK"

Saturday

December 9, 2017 – 9 am to Noon

Christmas wouldn't be complete without the cookies our families love most. And Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without the opportunity to bake cookies and candies and share them with others through the annual Cookie Walk!!

Here at Edwards Memorial United Methodist Church we have celebrated the holiday season by baking lots and lots of cookies and candies to help fund local missions in our church and community. A Cookie Walk is a delightful way for each of us, regardless of age, to share our favorite holiday recipes, bake at our convenience, and work together to benefit others locally.

On Saturday, Dec. 9th the Rogers Fellowship Center will be transformed into a colossal, enormous cookie shop. $7.00 will buy a box filled with assorted homemade cookies of your choice ($12.00 for a double sized box). For those who cannot get out, there will be a delivery charge of 50 cents for in-town delivery by calling 765-458-7480 during the hours of the Cookie Walk.

In order to supply the Cookie Walk, we need lots of cookie bakers: men, women, and children and we need them to bake LOTS AND LOTS of Cookies and bring them to the church on Friday, Dec. 8th or by 8am Sat., Dec. 9th. It's not too early to begin baking. Grocery stores are already stocked with a large assortment of cookie ingredients, candied and dried fruits, all kinds of nuts and chocolate in a variety of forms etc.

REMEMBER:

-Cookies should be no larger than 2 ½ inches in diameter so the customer can fit a large variety of cookies in their box.
-Candy sells well at the Cookie Walk.
-Customers especially appreciate the decorated Christmas cookies.

-Over 450 dozen cookies were sold last year and we need your help!!
-A Box of Cookie Walk Cookies makes a wonderful gift for folks on your holiday gift list.
-Cookies made with "Splenda" are also appreciated.
-And finally, mark Saturday, December 9, 2017 on your calendar and help us spread the word.

THE BEST ASSORTMENT OF HOMEMADE
CHRISTMAS COOKIES AND CANDIES IN UNION COUNTY
Will be available on December 9th at the
UMW ANNUAL COOKIE WALK!!!!

The United Methodist Women would be grateful for your support!
Proceeds will be used for local missions.

Community Thanksgiving Service
Monday, Nov. 20th - 7pm
at the Liberty Presbyterian Church

Contribution Envelopes:

If you currently do not use the contribution envelopes and would like to start in 2018 please talk to Wanda Parker, Dale Cummins or Pastor Scott. We will be getting these ready for next year in a few weeks. Watch bulletins for when they will be available for pick up.

The envelopes make it easier to keep track of your contributions and for the year end Charitable Tax Report that you would receive. Remember your contributions to the church are tax deductible in accordance with the IRS rules.

Food Pantry Donations

Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017

Our donations this quarter are:

PAPER AND CLEANING:

Suggestions are: **Toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex, hand soap, laundry detergent, dish soap, toothpaste, shampoo, etc….**

Tubs are in place by the front door in the vestibule and on the landing by the Market Street entrance to Rogers Fellowship Center. Don't forget this is the last collection before the holiday season. We need to help those folk who are less fortunate then ourselves. So let's try to fill up those tubs!!

Monetary contributions are also accepted. Checks should be made out to the 4 C's and given to Ted Sanford.

Youth Group:

Youth Group Meetings for Sr. High will be at the St. Anthony Center behind the Catholic Church every Sunday in November from 5:30pm-8:00pm! In December, we will be back at the Junction in College Corner every Sunday at the same time. If you have any questions talk to Brooke or Alex.

Attention 8th Grade and Up Students:

Spring Break Mission Trip: There will be a meeting Nov. 6th with kids and parents wanting to attend the Red Bird Mission Trip. This is a informational meeting to learn more about the trip and talk about fundraising ideas.

Talk to Brooke and Alex about the Red Bird Mission Trip (765)-580-1478.

Nov-Dec 2017
Schedule of Events

Saturday, Nov. 18th
4pm-7pm
Free Thanksgiving Dinner
In Rogers Fellowship Center

Monday, Nov. 20th - 7pm
Community Thanksgiving Service at
The Liberty Presbyterian Church

Saturday, Dec. 2nd
put up Christmas Tree in parlor

Sunday, Dec. 3rd (First Sunday of Advent)
"Hanging of the Greens"

Saturday, Dec. 9th
9am-12pm
"Cookie Walk" in RFC

Sunday, Dec. 10th
(Second Sunday of Advent)

Sunday, Dec. 17th
(Third Sunday of Advent)

Wed. Dec. 20th
11am
Edwards Memorial Nursery School
Christmas Program

Sunday, Dec. 24th
(Fourth Sunday of Advent)
10am Worship Service

8pm
Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
Edwards Memorial United
Methodist Church

Sunday, Dec. 25th
Christmas Day

Edwards Memorial United Methodist Church

NOVEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	**2**	**3**	**4**
			7 pm Choir Practice	**7 pm-9 pm** Recovery Group		
5	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**	**11**
9 am Sunday School **10 am** Worship Service		**5 pm-8 pm** **ABLBH**	**7 pm** Choir Practice	**7 pm-9 pm** Recovery Group		*Veterans Day* **10am UMW** World Thank Offering in Parlor
12	**13**	**14**	**15**	**16**	**17**	**18**
9 am Sunday School **10 am** Worship Service	**7pm** Trustees in RFC	**5 pm-8 pm** **ABLBH**	**Charge Conference** 6:30pm at First UMC in Richmond, IN **7 pm** Choir Practice	**6pm-9pm** Masonic Dinner in RFC **7 pm-9 pm** Recovery Group	*Deadline for Dec. Newsletter Articles*	**4pm-7pm** **FREE** **Community Thanksgiving Dinner in RFC**
19	**20**	**21**	**22**	**23**	**24**	**25**
9 am Sunday School **10 am** Worship Service **Food Pantry Donations due (Paper Goods & Cleaning Supplies)**	**7 pm** Ad Council in RFC **7pm** Community Thanksgiving Service at Liberty Presbyterian Church	**5 pm-8 pm** **ABLBH**	**7 pm** Choir Practice	**Office Closed** 		
26	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30**	**1-Dec**	**2-Dec**
9 am Sunday School **10 am** Worship Service 4th Sunday Fellowship Hr *hosted by: Friendship Sunday School Class*		**5 pm-8 pm** **ABLBH**	**7 pm** Choir Practice	*Dec. Newsletter goes out* **7 pm-9 pm** Recovery Group		