



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

# The **ECHOES** of Edwards

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Pastor's Column:

## **NOVEMBER! (...november?)**

### **The calendar on my desk just yelled at me!**

All I did was turn the page, and then...without reason or warning... **"NOVEMBER!"** I was nearly blown from my seat! How could this be? I mean, it seems like just a couple of weeks ago when school started and the fall bluegill bite began...and then when I least expected it the **"race to Christmas"** is off and running. And so, in an effort to catch up I thought I'd share with you some of the special "landmarks" along the race-route.

On Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, we will go to the polls to cast our ballots for our chosen candidates. Let us be in prayer for each other and this great Nation as together we move to empower human beings to perform "superhuman" tasks.

On Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, from 4-6PM we will be sponsoring our Annual Community Wide Free Thanksgiving Dinner at the Middle School in Liberty. With the help of your donations, our Fund-Raising Committee and volunteers from several area churches, will once again be working hard to provide turkey, stuffing and all the trimmings in efforts of thanking God for our community, our church, and all of God's manifest blessings. I highly encourage you to attend, bring your family, invite your neighbors, and join with the "family of God" as we share in the miracle of "Koinonia," the feeling that comes when God's People share a meal and the love of their Creator.

On Sunday, December 2nd we will be having a very special Worship Service. During the "sermon" portion of the service, we will consider the "reasons" behind the "traditions" of the season, explore the true meaning of "The Hanging of the Greens," and participate in some rituals that many of us hold dear during the season of Advent. Then at the close of the service, all are invited to enter the parlor, share in "finger food refreshment," and help decorate our church! Finally, waiting there in all its "glorious green," will be a live, ceiling height Christmas tree, ready to be decorated with, among other things, ornaments that families have made at home and brought to share.

Somewhere in the middle I will be finalizing plans, curriculum, and schedule for a Confirmation Class to begin early in the New Year. I look forward to taking this journey with our youth, as they...indeed all of us consider ***“what it is we believe and why we believe it!”*** Accordingly, I ask that all those who read these words to be in prayer for what is about to happen for the future of our Church, both local and universal. So, Brothers and Sisters in Christ....it is **NOVEMBER!** Let's join together in spiritual growth, service to others, and readying ourselves for the birth of our New Born King!!!

And remember...He's Coming Back!



Pastor Scott Bell  
Edwards Memorial UMC



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

**Karen Bunch,  
Erica, Brian, Emily & Evan Rhonemus,  
George & Helen Fields**

### **A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!!:**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated candy and cookies or treats for the Safe Stop. The newsletter goes out this year before the Safe Stop due to weather. The town of Liberty changed its Trick or Treat to Sat., Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6-8pm so the Safe Stop has been moved to then. We have 325 treat bags filled and ready to go with a lot of hot chocolate and fruit drinks.

A special thanks to my family for helping to make this event fun. Thanks to anyone who helped to set up, welcoming everyone into our church, giving out the treat bags and keeping the cookies full. Thanks to all those who took the time to make cookies or treats. The kids always enjoy the homemade treats. Thanks to all who will help clean up which is a very big job after this event. All the help will be 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.



**United  
Methodist  
Women**

**World Thank Offering**

**Sunday Nov. 4, 2018**

**11:30-2pm**

in Rogers Fellowship Center

-Lunch

-World Thank Offering Service

-Plan for Cookie Walk

### **Guys and Dolls:**

The next outing for the Guys and Dolls will be on Thursday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the church at 11am to car pool rides. This is for anyone single, widow or widower over the age of 55. Come and join us and get to know each other better. Contact Jean McCormick if you have any questions.

## Budget Report

2018 Budget	\$202,969.00
Received Budget YTD	152,441.75

Received in October	15,152.00
Budget	12,472.00
Fund Raising	60.00
UMCOR Disaster Relief	425.00
Additions Program	2,000.00
Good Samaritan Fund	195.00



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

**Get-Well Wishes to:** Pastor Scott Bell, Mary Brier, Dorothy Finch, Ronnie Ross, Joe Irwin, Lee Alcorn, Linda Sayne, Stephanie Chamberlain, Courtney Fairchild, Linda Teeguarden, Esther Bunch, Malcolm Miles, Quentin Richardson, Taylor Bunch, Ruth Bertch, Juanita Jordan, Audrey Brown, Julia Porter, Lloyd Bowers, Robert Ponder, Susan Jackson.

-Edwards Memorial would like to express it's sincere sympathies to the family of Mary Rigsby who passed away in October. Most people knew her as Miss Mary from the Library. She was the sister of Ed Swafford and Max Swafford. She will be missed by many.

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## ***Spiritual Moment***

***He who prays fervently knows not  
whether he prays or not,  
for he is not thinking  
of the prayer which he makes,  
but of God, to whom he makes it.***

*-St Francis de Sales*

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**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:*

- 2: Emily Fields
- 3: Greg Myers, Dale Walker
- 4: Karyn Clevenger
- 9: Denton Shepler, Jean McCormick
- 10: Kathy Burkhead, Kyle Chamness
- 11: Heather Brock
- 15: Brian Winters
- 18: Brian Anderson, Ben Clevenger
- 19: Mary Shepard,
- 23: Vanessa West
- 24: Jennifer Cashdollar
- 25: Katelyn Rhoda
- 27: Diane Rose
- 28: Jack Heeter, Alyssa West, Robin Singer

**Snowbirds:** To our snow birds that go to Florida for a few months every year, please make sure Wanda knows when you are leaving and when you are returning. You can email it to her ([wparker@emumc.com](mailto:wparker@emumc.com)) or leave it on her desk.

You are invited to a

**Free**



# **Community Thanksgiving Dinner**

**Saturday**

**Nov. 10, 2018**

**4pm - 7pm**

**LOCATION: Union County  
Middle School Cafeteria**





**A SWEET TRADITION!!!!!!**



**THE UMW 28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL**

# **“COOKIE WALK”**

**Saturday**

**December 8, 2018 – 9 am to 11:30am**

**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. 8<sup>th</sup> 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 large 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. 7<sup>th</sup> or by 8am Sat., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 8, 2018 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 8<sup>th</sup> at the  
UMW ANNUAL COOKIE WALK!!!!**

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

# Edwards Memorial United Methodist Church

# NOVEMBER 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>9 am</b> Sunday School <b>10 am</b> Worship Service  <b>11:30am-2pm</b> UMW World Thank Offering in RFC		6 pm-8 pm ABLBH	7 pm Choir Practice		<i>Veterans Day</i>	<b>4pm-7pm</b> <b>FREE</b> Community Thanksgiving Dinner at UC Middle School
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>Veteran's Day</b> <b>9 am</b> Sunday School <b>10 am</b> Worship Service	No Trustee Meeting	6 pm-8 pm ABLBH	7 pm Choir Practice	6pm Masonic Dinner RFC	<i>Deadline for Dec.                      Newsletter Articles</i>	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<b>9 am</b> Sunday School <b>10 am</b> Worship Service	No Worship Committe or Ad Council Meetings	6 pm-8 pm ABLBH	No Choir Practice	Office Closed 		
25	26	27	28	29	30	Dec. 1
<b>9 am</b> Sunday School <b>10 am</b> Worship Service 4th Sunday Fellowship Hour <i>hosted by: Friendship Sunday                      School Class</i>		6 pm-8 pm ABLBH	7 pm Choir Practice	<i>Dec. Newsletter                      goes out</i>		