



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

The **ECHOES** of Edwards

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Pastor's Column:

“...seventy miles! Each way!”

I ran across a picture of an old friend this morning. Shirley Begay. I met Shirley one Sunday morning on a mission trip to the Four Corners Native American Reservation. She walked through the door of the church at 10:05AM. Problem was, the service had started at 8:30AM. Seeing as how I was in the middle of preaching, my sanctimonious side was a little singed by her tardiness.

Later, the Native American Pastor serving the church introduced me to Shirley, sharing with me that she was seventy years old, and that every Sunday Shirley hitchhiked seventy miles to church!

I was stunned. “*Thirty-five miles to church...and then thirty five home?!!!*” I stammered. “*That is amazing!*”

Shirley simply smiled and, and in the quiet way of the Navaho replied, “*No... seventy miles each way. Nothing in comparison to the journey my Savior made for me.*”

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The memory of that moment will remain with me forever. Like a sudden slap to the face, I am reminded of all the excuses I have made in efforts to justify not attending worship...on Sundays and at other times. “*I don’t feel well. I have worked so hard all week...I’m tired and need a day of rest. I was out so late last night. The kids have a ball game. We’ve been gone every day this week. I don’t want to put that tie on! I’ll make up for it next week. The choir is off this week...so am I!!!*”

Our recent trip to Red Bird Mission in the Appalachian Hills, too reminded me of the sacrificial nature of true devotion. Though poor, often hungry, living in shacks and of faltering

health, these quiet mountain people practice a simple, foundational, *FAITHFUL* worship of a “*here and now Jesus*” of whom they seek constant contact. And, at least on Sundays, contact HIM they do, often in tiny, one room churches clinging to cliffsides or in hidden, secluded hollers.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, there are many reasons to miss worship...Sundays and otherwise. Jobs, illness, age, disability, and countless other issues preclude the possibility of our presence. Obstacles can be real, painful, and frustrating.

Still, I encourage all of us to take a look at our own, personal reasons for not being active, worship participants. Many are justified, and some are merely justifications. As Shirley and the gentle folks of the Appalachia reminded me, our sacrifices are nothing when compared to that of our Savior.

See you in church...



and remember....

He's Coming Back!
Pastor Scott Bell



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

**Frank & Kay Parks
Ron & Wanda Parker
George & Helen Fields**



Thank you to all who ordered Easter Lilies to help decorate our sanctuary for the Easter Service.

HE LIVES!

Meetings: This is just a reminder to all who serve on committees that the notices for meetings go out electronically by e-mail. If it is not possible for you to

attend a meeting please e-mail back with your regret. Please make sure you check your emails for these notices.

The Trustees meet on the second Monday of the Month at 7pm in Rogers Fellowship Center. The Worship Committee meets the third Monday (on the odd months) at 6 pm with Ad Council following at 7pm in the Rogers Fellowship Center. All other committees meet according to need.

Office Door: Please make sure you are communicating any needs for the office door to be unlocked for an event or for a meeting. The door is programmed at the beginning of the month. If something is added to the calendar after the first of the month it has to be added to the program. Please contact Ron Parker at 765-580-0251 as he is keeper of the door. Please do not prop the door open with anything. The door needs to be closed for the program to work properly. If it is propped open the program will not open it. Thank you.

OUR FRIENDS IN THE HOSPITAL OR ILL DURING

The month of March:

Get-Well Wishes to:



Randal Russell, Lacey Snow,
Jackie Sorrell,
Stephanie Chamberlain,
Courtney Fairchild,
Linda Teegarden, Rick Walters,
Joe Moehring, Esther Bunch,
Wanda Pierce, Malcolm Miles,
Quentin Richardson, Taylor Bunch,
Ruth Bertch, Juanita Jordan, Audrey Brown,
Julia Porter, Lloyd Bowers, Roberta Ellison,
Robert Ponder

Spiritual Moment

***He is not here for he has risen
just as he said.***

-Matthew 28:6



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 the office of Corrections or omissions)

Here are the **April** Birthday's:

- 2: Pastor Scott Bell, Lori Ellinger,
Krista Nichols, Miriam Oster
- 3 Liam Oler
- 4: Sherri Stubbs, Nora West
- 5: Alberta Dunning
- 6: Brian Wilkin, Megan Ellinger
- 9: David Bertch, Reighly Waltz
- 10: Sonie Snow
- 12: Emily Baldwin
- 13: Lexi Schwendenman
- 14: Georgia Smith, Darin Richardson
- 15: Claudia Senour
- 19: Betty Gulley, John Clevenger, Joni Hirons
- 23: John Powers
- 25: Emily Clevenger
- 26: Larry Miller, Mike Waltz
- 27: Erica Rhonemus, Amy Corrington
- 30: Sherry Davis

UC Youth

April Newsletter



Missions

In March, we had a blanket making party! A small group of girls spent a couple hours out of their day making blankets for A Better Life Brianna's Hope! We had a wonderful trip to Red Bird Mission that changed our perspective on life. The people of Beverly, Kentucky will forever be in our hearts. While we were there, we had the opportunity to replace two floors, put in a kitchen sink, build two ramps, make bunk beds, put in a door, do some plumbing and painting. Since there was no cell service, the kids were pushed out of their comfort zone so they had to find other ways to interact with others. We grew closer as a group and had a lot of fun playing games in the Cardinal house after a hard day of work.

Events

We plan on having a movie night at our house on April 15! We will provide pizza and watch a movie. We will vote at Youth Group on April 8th to decide which movie we will be watching.



Important Dates

APRIL 8TH → YOUTH GROUP @ JUNCTION

APRIL 15 → MOVIE NIGHT @ THE MURRAY'S HOUSE

APRIL 22 → YOUTH GROUP @ JUNCTION

APRIL 29 → YOUTH GROUP @ JUNCTION

Campaigners is on Wednesday Nights!

Youth Group

Youth group will be at the Junction for the month of April! Youth group is from 5:30-8:00 on Sunday nights! All high school students are welcome. We are continuing to learn about hidden heroes from New and Old Testament. We are excited to see that members of our group continue to step up to lead devotionals!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
EASTER SUNDAY 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service		5pm-8pm ABLBH in RFC	7pm Choir Practice			1pm-3pm Baby Shower RFC
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	7pm Trustees Meeting	5pm-8pm ABLBH in RFC	7pm Choir Practice			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service		5pm-8pm ABLBH in RFC	7pm Choir Practice		<i>Newsletter articles due</i>	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service <i>4th Sunday Fellowship Hour hosted by Worship Committee</i> 1pm-3pm Reception in RFC		5pm-8pm ABLBH in RFC	7pm Choir Practice	6:30pm Historical Society Dinner in RFC		
29	30	1-May	2-May	3-May	4-May	5-May
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service		5pm-8pm ABLBH in RFC	7pm Choir Practice	<i>May Newsletter goes out</i>		Noon-? Bennett's RFC

2nd Quarter Volunteer Jobs List 2018

Sunday		ALCOLYTE	GREETERS	USHERS	JR CHURCH	NURSERY
Apr	1	Paul Moffett Katie McCashland	Greg & Julie Horn	Lee & Cindy Elzemeyer Andy & Shannon Brown	No Jr Church	Rhonda Wilkin
	8	Kellen Linville Jorden Logue	Karen Bowers	Jim & Cathy Hensley Richard & Nancy Blank	Karla Barnhizer	Tom & Sarah Schwendenman
	15	Cassidee McCashland Corey Schwendenman	Rod & Laurie West	Bill & Jayne Bennett Bob & Kathy Burkhead	Lisa Cox	Lori Ellinger
	22	Grant Cox Samantha West	Betty & Darrell Richardson <i>Fellowship Hr:</i> <i>Worship Committee</i>	Daniel Bolser, Lewis Brier Ed Swafford, Brian Wilkin	Laurie West	Erin Hensley
	29	Jake Schwendenman Carly McCashland	Jeff & Beth Fields	Ron & Wanda Parker John & Connie Powers	No Jr Church <i>Communion</i>	Berniece Tipton
May	6	Jorden Logue Paul Moffett	Jim & Cathy Hensley	Lee & Cindy Elzemeyer Bob & Kathy Burkhead	Jennifer McCashland	Jerry & Teresa Ashbrook
	13	Katie McCashland Corey Schwendenman	Merle & Pat Gentry	Daniel Bolser, Lewis Brier Richard Blank, Brian Wilkin	Karla Barnhizer	Rhonda Wilkin
	20	Kellen Linville Samantha West	Edrena Burkhead Donna Bourne	Bill & Jayne Bennett Gene & Kathy Sanford	Lisa Cox	Erin Hensley
	27	Grant Cox Cassidee McCashland	Richard & Nancy Blank <i>Fellowship Hr: open</i>	Andy & Shannon Brown Jim & Cathy Hensley	No Jr Church <i>Communion</i>	Lori Ellinger
June	3	Carly McCashland	Greg & Julie Horn	Ron & Wanda Parker Lee & Cindy Elzemeyer	Laurie West	Tom & Sarah Schwendenman
	10	Paul Moffett	Ted Sanford	Gene & Kathy Sanford Richard & Nancy Blank	Jennifer McCashland	Berniece Tipton
	17	Jorden Logue	Lonnie & Sonie Snow	John & Connie Powers Andy & Shannon Brown	Karla Barnhizer	Jerry & Teresa Ashbrook
	24	Grant Cox	Rusty & Erin Hensley <i>Fellowship Hr: Trustees</i>	Bob & Kathy Burkhead Bill & Jayne Bennett	No Jr Church <i>Communion</i>	Rhonda Wilkin