



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

The ECHOES of Edwards

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Pastor's Column:

August, for me, is a month of mixed feelings, mixed emotions, mixed memories. It's a month that brings final vacations, back yard camp-outs, county fairs, dog-day swelters, and back-to-school shopping.

As an only child, I can remember late August car rides to Colorado, my father's favorite vacation destination. In a time before GPS and *Mapquest*, my 'mother turned navigator,' would sit in the passenger seat armed with her trusty Rand McNally. Every hour or so my father would turn to her, and in a voice filled with excitement query, **"Well Mom, what's comin' down the pike?"** I must admit, I couldn't wait to hear her announce what awaited us.

To that end, in this month's "Pastor's Page" I'd like to share what is "comin' down the pike" in the life of EMUMC.

As I write this edition, our Worship Committee, Administrative Council, and Sunday School Staff are considering ways to better present Christian Education to children and youth. We will soon make a decision to either continue hosting Sunday School during the 9-10AM hour...which has been experiencing dwindling attendance for several years, or to try a bold experiment of hosting **Junior Church** during the Sunday Morning Worship Hour. Both options offer pros and cons, and together in prayer, we will proceed.

I am also excited to announce an upcoming Confirmation Class, the third such class I will have led here at Edwards. Youth 5th Grade and older are invited to attend this two-month class held during the months of October and November. Students will learn what it means to be United Methodist, a member of a local church, and most importantly begin to develop a systematic theology that will serve as a foundation faith for the rest of their lives. At the end of the class students will have the chance to confirm their faith...either through Holy Baptism or by accepting as their own the faith their parents proclaimed for them. Finally, students will assist in leading our First Sunday of Advent Worship Service as we celebrate the coming of the Advent Season.

And something I am so excited about...we are planning a **Homecoming Sunday** on September 16th. We will all join in inviting to worship folks we haven't seen at church for a while, folks who were once friends or family of EMUMC that have moved away, and most importantly....our friends, neighbors, fellow students and co-workers who need to experience the joy, love and Christ-filled Fellowship that is offered here at Edwards! AND...a great METHODIST MEAL will follow in the Fellowship Hall. So...there you have it...a look at **what's comin' down the pike!** My prayer is that you will search your heart, offer your input in places you feel led, and take a worshipful trip with us in the coming of the Autumn.

And remember,



Jesus is Coming Back
Pastor Scott Bell

Sunday School for all ages 9am-9:50am



Thanks

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

**Jean McCormick
Bill & Jayne Bennett**



I would like to thank everyone for their visits, cards,
and prayers over the last few months. It meant so
much to me during this difficult time.

Jackie Sorrell

**Just a reminder that as our children get
ready to head back to
school lets all be on the
look- out for them
crossing roads and
highways and also getting
on the school buses. Please drive safely!**



Thank You!

Thank you so very
much for donating
supplies toward the
Back to School Bash.
We were able to give
school supplies to over
one hundred students,
thanks to you! The
kids were so excited to
pick out their supplies!



Thank you again
for supporting kids
in our community
and helping them
be prepared for the
new school year!
It is amazing to
see the work God
is doing in our
small community.

Budget Report	
2018 Budget	\$202,969.00
Received YTD	106,702.25

Received in July	20,916.27
Budget	18,212.52
Fund Raising	100.00
Accessibility	250.00
Memorials	180.00
Trustees	25.00
Good Samaritan Fund	148.75
Addictions Program	2,000.00



OUR FRIENDS IN THE HOSPITAL OR ILL DURING JULY

Get-Well Wishes to: Bill Hoskins, Connor Hunter, Don Hiatt, Joe Irwin, Karen Bunch, Merl Gentry, Lee Alcorn, Cathy Osborne, Linda Sayne, Stephanie Chamberlain, Courtney Fairchild, Linda Teegarden, Esther Bunch, Malcolm Miles, Quentin Richardson, Taylor Bunch, Ruth Bertch, Juanita Jordan, Audrey Brown, Julia Porter, Lloyd Bowers, Robert Ponder, Susan Jackson, Mary Rigsby (Miss Mary)

Spiritual Moment

***Whether you like it or no, read and pray daily.
It is for your life; there is no other way;
else you will be a trifter all your days...Do justice to
your soul; give it time and means to grow.
Do not starve yourself any longer.***

- John Wesley



Happy Birthday

**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.**

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Here are the August Birthday's:

- 1: Lewis Brier, Gabe Cox, Brian Redinger
- 2: Julia West, Donna Bostick
- 6: Sally Redinger, Jackie Sorrell
- 7: John Bertch, Tyler Jahosky
- 8: Chloe Johnson, Lauren Johnson
- 10: Jennifer McCashland, Jeff Mathews
- 11: Grant Cox
- 13: Patti Irwin, Gary Ellinger, Monica Heeter
- 14: Kirk Bryson
- 15: Dawnn Ripberger
- 16: Dorothy Finch, Kevin Bunch
- 18: Tyrese Fields, Maurice Fields
- 19: Brad Logue, Jane Abernathy
- 20: Reece Watterson
- 22: Stephen Senour I
- 23: Leah Gharrrity, Rod Shepler
- 24: Jeff Risch
- 25: Kamryn Brock
- 27: Andrew Bryson, Evan Bryson
- 29: Sue Hoskins, Shaelyn Biggerstaff
- 30: Ally Fields, Matt Fields

Fund Raising Dinner

**Sunday,
August 26, 2018**

Following church in RFC

Menu:



**Hamburger &
Hotdogs**



**Chips,
Baked beans, Coleslaw
Drink, Dessert**

Adults: \$6.00

Children: \$3.00

All proceeds go to the Fund Raising Account

Food Pantry Collection:

**Sunday,
August 19, 2018**

Our donations this quarter are:

Baking Supplies:

*Suggestive items are: flour,
sugar, brown sugar, baking soda,
baking powder, vanilla, bisquick,
baking mixes, etc...*



Tubs are out in the vestibule, at the main entrance to the church, and in the office behind Wanda's desk.

Monetary donations are always accepted, make your check out to the 4 C's and give to Ted Sanford.



August 2018

Edwards Memorial United Methodist Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service		6 pm-8 pm ABLBH	Union County Schools begin			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	7pm Trustees Meeting in RFC	6 pm-8 pm ABLBH			Sept. Newsletter articles are due	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service Food Pantry donations due		6 pm-8 pm ABLBH		6pm SPPR Meeting Pastor's Study		
26	27	28	29	30	31	Sept. 1
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service Communion Fund Raising Dinner following worship service in RFC	5pm-8pm EMNS Open House	6 pm-8 pm ABLBH		Sept. Newsletter goes out		