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Pastor's Column:

Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people!

1st Corinthians 12:4-6

The County Fair has come and gone, State Fair Band Day is August 2nd, and the last family vacations of the summer are all but over. Amazingly, the first day of school is just around the corner, and for those born in Indiana, it's not hard to see that the trees are tired, and a change is on the horizon!

August is a time when we think about "Back To Church" as well as "Back To School." This month we will be about the process of rebuilding Church Committees, asking folks to search their hearts for ways in which they might serve God's Kingdom as it is made manifest in the life of the local church.

Accordingly, I encourage you to consider becoming a part of church leadership. Many of our committee chairpersons have been serving in leadership roles for several years. Although each are capable, faithful, and willing servants, some are anxious to turn over the "reigns" of leadership to new servants, allowing them (YOU!) the opportunity to bring your special, God given talents into play.

Maybe you are good with children. Perhaps finance, providing meals for ABLBH, or some other mission outreach better defines your strengths. Regardless, Edwards Memorial United Methodist Church needs you!

We have become more than just a church with a mission...now, joyfully we are a "missional" church, set about making disciples for Jesus Christ. More than serving the least, the last and the lost, we have set about coming to know them, to invite them into our

family...and hopefully having the blessing of being invited into theirs. I have never, ever been so humbled in serving such a selfless, caring, and sacrificial Community of Faith!

As I begin my preliminary steps toward retirement, I can't urge you enough to become involved in Edwards. Times of change are difficult. Faithful, prayerful, meaningful planning will insure a continued bright future for this precious gathering of the Body of Christ.

So...carefully, seriously, and most importantly...prayerfully consider what God may be calling you to do in the life of your church. I'll soon be giving each of you the opportunity to honor God by serving Him and His Children as active committee members of Edwards!

Until then, remember....



...He's Coming Back!
Pastor Scott Bell



Sunday School starts back up
Sunday, Aug. 11th.

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



Baptism: The congregation of Edwards Memorial United Methodist Church witnessed on Sunday, July 21, 2019 the baptism of Amelia Grace Kassens daughter of Lauren Kassens, and Emma Kathleen Kassens daughter of Mark & Kathy Kassens. With family and the congregation surrounding them with the laying on of hands, we rejoiced in their baptism and welcomed Amelia and Emma into our Christian family of faith.

**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!**



God is good! Words cannot explain the feelings I have for the Back to School Bash event this year. We doubled in size and had amazing support from the community. Union County may be small but it has a lot of people with big hearts! We provided school supplies to over 184 kids and they went home with, or will be getting, a new pair of tennis shoes for the upcoming school year. We also had four amazing ladies cutting hair and they gave haircuts to over 50 kids! It warms my heart to know that these children will be ready for this school year. I want to thank you all for your help in this well needed mission. We could not do any of it without you.

Brooke Murray

Budget Report	
2019 Budget	\$209,219.00
Received YTD	118,186.66

Received in July	19,529.05
Budget	19,339.00
Fund Raising	80.00
Good Samaritan Fund	110.05



OUR FRIENDS IN THE HOSPITAL OR ILL DURING JULY

Get-Well Wishes to: Lacey Snow, Ryan Snow, Ron Parker, Jeraldne Walters, Amy Moegerle, Don Clevenger, Kim Scott Durham, Barry Bryant, Dorothy Finch, Linda Teeguarden, Esther Bunch, Taylor Bunch, Ruth Bertch, Lloyd Bowers, Duane & Sharon Lafuze, Dorothy Finch.

Spiritual Moment

Prayer is the return of the prodigal son as we return our minds to the light from whence we came. It does not matter how long we have been gone. It does not matter the category of darkness that attracted us. It does not matter what we did while we were gone. All that matters is that we come home now, and with each of our prayers, the Father rejoices.

-Marianne Williamson



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
- 2: Julia West, Donna Bostick
- 6: Sally Redinger, Jackie Sorrell
- 7: John Bertch
- 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
- 23: Rod Shepler
- 25: Kamryn Brock
- 29: Sue Hoskins
- 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 2019

Edwards Memorial United Methodist Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service		6 pm-8 pm ABLBH	Union County Schools begin 6:30pm UMW Play Practice in Sanctuary			UMW 150th Birthday Celebration at Hagerstown
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service <i>Fund Raising Dinner following worship service in RFC</i>	7pm Trustees Meeting in RFC	6 pm-8 pm ABLBH			<i>Sept. Newsletter articles are due</i>	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service <i>Food Pantry donations due</i>		6 pm-8 pm ABLBH				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service Communion <i>4th Sunday Fellowship Hr hosted by SS Teachers</i>		6 pm-8 pm ABLBH	7pm Choir Practice	<i>Sept. Newsletter goes out</i>		