



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

The **ECHOES** of Edwards

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Pastor's Column:

**“Forget about what’s happened;
don’t keep going over old history.**

Be alert, be present. I’m about to do something brand-new.”

Isaiah 43:19

As I consider the first “Pastor’s Page” of this New Year, I can’t stop the words of the great prophet Isaiah from ringing in my ears. Through Isaiah, God is saying to me, **“Scott...forget about what has happened. Stop ruminating over the past eight years you’ve served as pastor for EMUMC. You’ve made some steps forward, some steps backward, some wins for the Kingdom, and some outright flops...but NONE of that matters! Open your eyes! Listen up! Wake up to the here and now. I’m about to do something BRAND NEW!!!”**

AND, Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I believe God is saying the same thing to you...to all of us! We have made some remarkable steps forward during these eight years. We’ve reclaimed our Sanctuary by plastering and painting and carpeting and updating our pews. We’ve fixed sidewalks, the parking lot, drainage issues and leaky roofs. We’ve filled holes, emptied trash, and patched pavement. We’ve gone from heating oil to natural gas and from hymnals to video screens, (or at least some of us have ☺) we’ve even added a new commercial refrigerator and much needed freezer to our Fellowship Hall.

More than these, we’ve fed hungry children, supported mission outreach at home and abroad, began partnering with other churches in the provision of VBS and, most recently, Senior High Youth Ministry. We’ve even joined with two other churches in hiring Youth Ministers to see that our kids have both an opportunity to meet Jesus, as well as to serve Him in places where He is needed the most. We are providing solace to folks suffering from Addiction, and much

needed support and refuge to their families. All this while contributing our entire tithe to the Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church.

So...what **NEW THING** do you suppose God will do in our church this year? Better yet...what **NEW THING** do you **EXPECT** God to do in **YOU** this year? Friends, I am perfectly, completely, unquestioningly convinced that the answers to both of these questions....are the same

Accordingly...

**“Forget about what’s happened;
don’t keep going over old history.
Be alert, be present. I’m about to do something brand-new.”
Isaiah 43:19**

And remember,
He’s Coming Back!



Pastor Scott Bell



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

**Dick & Stephanie Moore,
and everyone who donated Poinsettias.**

A Word of Thanks!

Barb and I want to thank all those who offered us such kind words and gifts during the Christmas Season. Each year we become even more amazed by the acts of love and grace we receive from our Community of Faith. It is indeed an honor to serve here, and we look forward to another season of growing together!

Pastor Scott and Barb

I would like to thank everyone who left gifts or a card on my desk during December. It is nice to know you are thought of, loved and appreciated during this very hectic time of year. I am very blessed and thankful to have a wonderful church family.

Once again thanks, Wanda Parker

Upper Rooms:

The January/February Upper Rooms are still available in the back of the sanctuary on the table in the corner.

Please help yourselves to this wonderful devotional magazine; there is large and small print. There is a basket next to the rack if you wish to leave a donation to help offset the cost.

UMW Cookie Walk:

We did it! Another successful Cookie Walk. A big thank you to all who helped from the Planners and organizers, Advertisers, Box donator, Box builders, Bakers, Set up Crew, Tray Fillers, Music Providers, Buyers, Delivery Crew and Tear down team. It takes a lot of help and I truly appreciate how everyone pitched in. Special thank you to Stephanie Moore for leaving such good notes on how to chair the cookie walk. I also want to thank Sally Redinger, Helen Fields and Patricia LaFuze for helping me learn the ropes in areas I was never involved with in the past. Thanks to Wanda Parker for printing the flyers and Sally R, Della Ware and Lisa Cox for hanging up the flyers. Thank you to Tim Woodruff for donating boxes. Thank you to those who carried that heavy sign outside to promote the cookie walk. Thank you to Lewis Brier for bringing greenery to decorate the tables and delivering cookies around town along with Vanessa West. Thanks to Julie Doerner for bringing in music to add to the atmosphere. There were many others who helped and I won't be able to name you all but know I noticed and am thankful you took the time to be part of this fun and worthwhile event. We raised \$1300 to help with local mission work in the coming year.

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

Get-Well Wishes to: 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 and Robert Ponder.

Sympathies: Edwards Memorial would like to express its sincere sympathies to the family of Charmaign Dare who passed away in December. Charmaign was a family member to many in our church and was also known to many in our community.

Edwards Memorial would like to express its sincere sympathies to the family of Brian Mathews. Brian also passed away in December and was a family member of many in our church.

Spiritual Moment

***I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.
I believe in love even when not feeling it.
I believe in GOD even when He is silent.***

-Anonymous



**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 us of Corrections or omissions)

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

- 1: Clint Spaeth, Erin Schwendenman
- 2: Dennis Speath
- 3: Reida Scott, Molly Spohn
- 4: DJ Wilkin
- 5: Duane Lafuze
- 6: Kay Parks
- 7: Jerrod Bryson, Debbie Fields, Jim Williams
- 8: Doug Richardson
- 9: Jeff Petro, Jeffrey Rhonemus
- 10: Helen Peters, Gregory Clevenger
- 12: Meghan Redinger, Lorraine Shepler
- 13: James Miles, Kyleigh Payne, Jack Whipple
- 14: Will Spaeth
- 15: Kyle Spaeth
- 16: Don Clevenger
- 17: Jay Payne, Juanita Jordan, Molly Fields
- 19: Shannon Brown, Chloe Meier, Patsy Rockhill, Noah Dunning
- 20: Donna Bourne
- 21: Cera Petro
- 22: Dale Cummins, Krista Winters
- 24: Tom Jahosky
- 25: Andy Brown
- 26: Brooke Barnhizer
- 28: Natalie Lucas, Robert Dunning
- 31: Levi McCashland, Russ Dunning, Tom Carr



January

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Edwards Memorial
United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Happy New Year		5-8pm ABLBH	7 pm Choir Practice	7-9pm Recovery Group in RFC		10am-6pm Bunch Family in RFC
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	7pm Trustees Meeting in RFC	5-8pm ABLBH	7 pm Choir Practice	7-9pm Recovery Group in RFC		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	6pm Worship Committee Meeting 7pm Ad Council Meeting in RFC	5-8pm ABLBH	7 pm Choir Practice	7-9pm Recovery Group in RFC	<i>Newsletter articles are due</i>	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service <i>Fellowship Hour by: Discovery Class</i>		5-8pm ABLBH	7 pm Choir Practice	7-9pm Recovery Group in RFC		
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 12pm Youth Fund Raising Dinner in RFC for Red Bird Mission Trip		5-8pm ABLBH	7 pm Choir Practice	<i>Newsletter goes out</i> 7-9pm Recovery Group in RFC		