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# **THE ECHOES OF EDWARDS**

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## **MARCH 2020**

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Pastor's Column:

...spring.

Though the calendar page has only briefly turned March, even now I am in desperate search. More infuriating than a sock lost somewhere betwixt the dryer and the drawer, more confounding than the twenty-percent off coupon somehow exiled into the ebony recesses of my wallet, more infuriating than that beguiling bass-bait I placed in the tackle box last fall and now cannot find...is this most elusive of all quarries. In my mind's eye I can imagine it, in my heart I can feel it, in my soul I can revel in it, taste it...almost touch it. In my sleep...I dream of it...

...spring.

In the subtle blush of red in the bramble of the blackberry. In the greening of the sepals secreting the bloom of the dandelion. In the bulging of the bud scale on the branch of the boxwood. In the birthing of the fox squirrel, the banter of the bobwhite, and the stirring of the litter in the den of the vixen.

...spring.

In the warming of the days. In the cruel, crushing snow of the High School Basketball Regional week-end. In the... *"There, can you hear it? The first peeper of...*

...spring."

A favorite poet of mine better describes that for which I am in search. I invite you to pray his prayer with me this month of March, as together, we wait, for...

...spring.

## A Prayer In Spring

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers to-day;  
And give us not to think so far away  
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here  
All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,  
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;  
And make us happy in the happy bees,  
The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird  
That suddenly above the bees is heard,  
The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,  
And off a blossom in mid air stands still.

For this is love and nothing else is love,  
The which it is reserved for God above  
To sanctify to what far ends He will,  
But which it only needs that we fulfil.

Robert Frost.

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

February:

Frank & Kay Parks, Ron Parker

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday  
March 8<sup>th</sup> don't forget  
to move your clocks  
ahead one hour so you  
are not late for church!



**Easter Lilies:** As we prepare for Easter Sunday we will be having Easter Lilies again this year at the Easter Service. If you would like to order an Easter Lily the sign-up sheet will be in the parlor on the table by the door thru April 5<sup>th</sup>.. Please put your name on the first line and those you wish to "honor" or "memory" of on the second line. Make checks payable to EMUMC in the amount of \$10.00 and mark the memo Easter Lily, and drop in the offering plate. Don't forget to take your Lily home after the Easter Sunday 10am worship service. You can also call Wanda or e-mail her if you need to sign-up and cannot get to the list.



**Easter Egg Hunt Palm Sunday:** Donations of candy are needed for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt!! We will begin collecting candy Sunday, March 1st thru Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>. **Candy must be individually wrapped. We are in need of new plastic eggs. We request only the big ones as the candy doesn't fit into a lot of the small ones. No toys please.**



Tubs will be in place in the parlor and in the office behind Wanda's desk. All elementary aged youth (and younger) can "hop" on over for the hunt on Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> following the worship service. Parents: Children will need to bring their own Easter Baskets to hunt with and parents must accompany children during the hunt.

**Upper Rooms:** March/April Upper Rooms are now available in the back of the sanctuary. Help yourselves to this devotional magazine. There is a basket next to the rack if you wish to leave a donation to help offset the cost.

## Fund Raising Dinner Sunday, March 15, 2020

*Following church in RFC*

Menu:

**Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Roll, Dessert & Drink**

Adults \$6.00

Children \$3.00

*All proceeds go to the Fund Raising Account*



The First Sunday describes Jesus' temptation by Satan; and the Sixth Sunday (Passion/Palm Sunday), Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and his subsequent passion and death. Because Sundays are always little Easters, the penitential spirit of Lent should be tempered with joyful expectations of the Resurrection.

The Great Three Days-sometimes called the Triduum or Pasch-from sunset Holy Thursday through sunset Easter Day are the climax of Lent (and of the whole Christian year) and a bridge into the Easter Season. These days proclaim the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. During these days, the community journeys with Jesus from the upper room, to the cross, to the tomb, and to the garden.

Holy Thursday or Maundy Thursday is the Thursday before Easter, commemorating the Last Supper, and the New Commandment to love one another. Some churches include "washing of the feet" in their Holy Thursday service.

Good Friday is the Friday before Easter on which the crucifixion of Jesus Christ is observed. Easter Eve is the evening before Easter, occurring on Holy Saturday. The service on Easter Eve is considered the first service of Easter.

Ascension Day is the day marking the ascension of Christ into heaven as witnessed by the apostles. It is observed on the fortieth day (the sixth Thursday) of Easter, and it may be celebrated on the seventh Sunday of Easter.

Colors used during Lent and Easter are: purple is a color of both penitence and royalty used during the seasons of Lent. No color on Good Friday or through the day Holy Saturday. White or gold is used on Easter.

## Lenten Schedule

**March 1 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**8 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**15 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**22 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**29 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**April 5<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday**  
*Easter Egg Hunt following church*

**April 10<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday Service**  
*"Lord of the Dance"*  
**7pm**  
*Edwards Memorial UMC*  
*4 W Seminary St*  
*Liberty, IN 47353*

**April 12<sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunday**  
8am Sunrise Service  
9am Sunday School  
10am Worship Service

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## Easter Cantata

**Singers Needed!!**

**"I Am the Lord of the Dance"**

By: Joel Raney

Please consider being a part of our Community Good Friday Cantata at Edwards Memorial UMC.



Performance will be on Good Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. No experience required. Just a love of singing and praising in song for our Lord.

Questions please call:  
Kevin Bunch 765-277-2273

or  
Karen Bunch 765-277-2271

**Cantata Rehearsals**  
**Wednesdays**  
**at 6:30pm - 7:15pm**

## **Budget Report**

2020 Budget	\$217,775.00
Received to date	24,764.60
Received in Feb.	\$12,986.80
Budget	11,965.80
Envelope Offering	20.00
Fund Raising	350.00
Accessibilty Fund	150.00
Good Samaritan Fund	86.00
Building Rental	100.00
Trustees (Memorials)	315.00

## **Get-Well Wishes to:**

**Our Friends in the hospital or ill during the month of**

**February:** Wanda Parker, Pat Gentry, Don Clevenger, Patsy Newton, Jackie Sorrell, Ryan Snow, Amy Moegerle, Kim Scott Durham, Esther Bunch, Taylor Bunch, Ruth Bertch, Dale Stevens, Duane & Sharon Lafuze.

>Edwards Memorial would like to express its sincere sympathies to the family of Rick Davis and Nancy Blank who both passed away in February. Both were members of Edwards Memorial.

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## **Spiritual Moment**

**EVANGELISM** simply means the spreading of the gospel. It is that activity of the Christian church by which it seeks to bring those not turned to the love of God under the influence of the gospel message and to win and keep lost souls for Christ.

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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 MARCH Birthday's**

- 2: Sue Fields
- 3: Kelsee Brock, Donna Stevens
- 4: Taylor Richardson
- 5: Ruth Bryant
- 6: Meagan Ellinger, Brian Wilkin
- 8: Amy Russell
- 9: Lisa Cox
- 10: Adam Ripberger
- 11: Kayla Clevenger
- 13: Ted Sanford
- 15: Darrell Richardson
- 16: Frank Parks, Vivian Kaser
- 18: Jayne Bennett
- 19: Tammy Bowers
- 20: Matthew Elzemeyer
- 21: Michelle Myers
- 23: Paige Ripberger
- 24: Dona Miller
- 26: Gene Sanford, Tim Woodruff
- 27: Lorenzo Shepler
- 29: Emily Ellinger
- 31: Matthew Cox, Dianne Rhonemus

# MARCH 2020



Edwards Memorial  
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Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<i>1st Sunday in Lent</i> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	EMNS Book Fair	EMNS Book Fair  6pm-8pm ABLBH in Parlor  6:30 Cantata Practice 7pm Choir Practice	1pm-6pm EMNS Book Fair/ Open House  6:30pm Cantata Practice 7:15pm Choir Practice			
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 11:30am UMW Prayer & Self Denial in RFC	7pm Trustees Meeting in RFC	6pm-8pm ABLBH in RFC	6:30pm Cantata Practice 7:15pm Choir Practice			
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service Fund Raising Dinner in RFC following church	6pm Worship Committee in RFC 7pm Ad Council in RFC	6pm-8pm ABLBH in RFC	6:30pm Cantata Practice 7:15pm Choir Practice		<i>April Newsletter Articles due</i>	
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service UMCOR Sunday 4th Sunday Fellowship Hour: Worship Committee		6pm-8pm ABLBH in RFC	6:30pm Cantata Practice 7:15pm Choir Practice			
		<b>Spring Break</b>				
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1-Apr</b>	<b>2-Apr</b>	<b>3-Apr</b>	<b>4-Apr</b>
<i>5th Sunday in Lent</i> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service		6pm-8pm ABLBH in RFC	6:30pm Cantata Practice 7:15pm Choir Practice	<i>April newsletter goes out</i>		