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The ECHOES of Edwards

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Pastor's Column:

"WOW!"

I'm happy to be back home in Liberty after having spent three days at the Annual Meeting of the Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church. Much has happened in our local conference recently, and I am excited to announce to you that many great things are happening in our Denomination both locally and around the world.

In recent issues of "Echoes" I have shared with you "Epistles," or updates from our Bishop, Michael Coyner. Bishop Coyner will be retiring in September, and many will miss his prayerful spirit and patient leadership. Accordingly, I'd like to share a recent "Epistle" Bishop Mike wrote in regards to chairing his last meeting of our Conference.

"Wow" is the only way I can describe my feelings after celebrating and presiding for my last Annual Conference. This one was special for so many reasons. Our theme of "Be. Hope." certainly resonated with everyone, including those powerful "Hope Talks" and the story by Adolf Hansen about living in hope after the tragic death of his daughter 20 years ago – right on the corner outside of the Convention Center where we were meeting. The AC staging was spectacular with the 100 foot screen and lighted curtains. The music was varied in style and excellent in presentation. The memorial and ordination services were especially meaningful (including my privilege of baptizing five children of our clergy). The Prayer Breakfast was meaningful, with an outstanding message from Indianapolis mayor (and United Methodist layman) Joe Hogsett. And of course the Friday night celebration of my retirement was powerful, moving, overwhelming, and full of nice surprises and gifts (even basketball tickets from Purdue Pete). Wow!

It was a "Wow" when we announced the success to date of our "Building Discipleship Centers" Campaign which is nearing the $8 million mark. I can't wait for the Groundbreaking on August 7th at Epworth Forest, and Marsha and I are honored by the generous gesture of naming the Discipleship Center after us.

So many people to thank, so much joy to celebrate (including hearing that our Conference giving this year is up 6%), so wonderful to charter two new churches and to hear about 17 other launches, and so humbling to be loved and sent forth into retirement (yes, I know that I still have work to do between now and September 1st). Marsha and I feel loved by the United Methodist people of Indiana, and we love you, too.

As I said in my Ordination Sermon, the only appropriate response to our discovery of the depth of God's love is to say, "Wow!" Knowing the love of God and the gift of God's grace which overcomes our human frailties and brokenness can only lead to our saying with gratitude, "Wow!"
That is my feeling as I write this E-pistle in the aftermath of Annual Conference: "Wow!"
I realize that I have presided over 8 Conferences during my years in the Dakotas, another 12 Conferences in my first 6 years here when we were separate North and South Indiana Conferences, an additional 6 Conferences since we became the new Indiana Conference, and one other time when I presided over the Red Bird Missionary Conference for my friend Bishop Lindsey Davis when he was recovering from surgery. If I have counted right and not forgotten any others, that makes a total of 27 Conferences. I think I can safely say that this last one was the best – for many of the reasons listed above.
All I can say, and all that needs to be said is "Wow! Thanks be to God!"
Brothers and sisters in Christ, I ask that all of you will hold Bishop Coyner, his family, our local church, and our entire denomination in prayer during this time of transition.

And Remember,

Pastor Scott Bell
Jesus is Coming Back!

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

Jackie Sorrell, Karen Bowers, Brian & Erica Rhonemus, Doug, Alica, Maureen & Mason Miller

Flowers: If you would like to furnish flowers for a Sunday Worship Service, please stop by the parlor and sign-up for a Sunday that fits your schedule.
The sign-up sheet is on the table by the door. Please use the first line for your name and if you wish to honor a family member or friend please use the second line for:

"In Honor of"
or
"In Memory of"

Remember to take your flowers home after the service.
Any flowers left in the sanctuary will be donated or disposed of.

Volunteer schedule: In this issue of the Echoes you will find the 3rd Quarter Volunteer schedule. During the Summer months we understand people go on vacation, are very busy and ask to be removed from the list for some of the time. Please note I schedule people to the best of my ability and sometimes you will have to serve more than others. If you are scheduled for a Sunday you cannot serve it is **your responsibility** to trade with someone and let Wanda (wparker@emumc.com) know of the change.
Please always read the back of the reminder card as there is information on it that pertains to the Sunday you are serving.

Lost and Found: There is a box in the parlor on the table by the door. Please check for any missing items or forgotten items you may have left in the church and take them home. Amy items left at the end of the summer will be donated or disposed of.

United Methodist Women News:

Mission u Hands-on Project

This year the UMW will be collecting baby gowns and sleepers for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). If you would like to help with this project, you may purchase a baby gown or sleeper, or ask to see "a pattern" and sew a gown or sleeper. The pattern is available through Mary Brier.

We will be taking the gowns and sleepers with us when we attend Mission u during the month of July. **All donated items need to be at the church <u>by Sunday, July 17th</u>. Donations may be left in the parlor.**

If you have any questions please talk with Mary Brier or call her at 765-732-3369.

Save Cancelled Postage Stamps

We give them to the Marion Mission Storehouse in Marion, Indiana. They sell the used postage stamps to foreign stamp collectors. Marion Mission Storehouse uses the proceeds from the stamps to help with expenses.

IMPORTANT DIRECTIONS:

Cut the stamp from the envelope – Leave ¼ inch of the envelope around the outer edge of the stamp. WHY?? Because the stamp collector has to hold the stamp with tweezers as he dips the stamp in a solution to remove the glue from the stamp. We have to throw away a lot of stamps as they are trimmed right up against the stamp!

Please take a look at the following stamps. The one on the left is cut incorrectly and the one on the right is cut correctly. We appreciate the time it takes for you to stay in mission.

INCORRECT

CORRECT

Save Box Tops for Education for Red Bird Mission

Date: The Box tops for Education have a DATE on them. That date means that the Box Top EXPIRES on that date. They must be turned in more than 6 months before that expiration date so they can be sorted and sent on to Red Bird Mission. Then, Red Bird Mission has to get them sent on before they expire. Recently 62 **expired** Box Tops were turned in and they had to be thrown away. That would have been $6.20 for Red Bird Mission. A good practice would be to save a few and bring a few so they don't expire.

Trimming: The Box Tops must be carefully trimmed leaving the red dotted margin showing around the outer edge. The Box Tops CANNOT BE TORN. Below are examples of "expired" dates on the Box Tops and Current dates on the Box Tops. Don't forget to leave the dotted red line on the Box Top when trimming. Let's all try to do better on getting the Box Tops in sooner so we stay in mission helping others.

Expired

Current

Upper Rooms: The July/August Upper Rooms are now available in the back of the sanctuary. Please help yourselves to this devotional magazine and you may choose between small and large print. There is a basket next to the rack if you wish to leave a donation to help offset the cost.

OUR FRIENDS IN THE HOSPITAL OR ILL DURING JUNE:

Get-Well Wishes to:

Brenda Stelle, Eugene McCormick , Malcolm Miles, Dale Stevens, Donna Stevens, Quentin Richardson, Bev Carmack, Marilyn Heeter, Ruth Bertch, Juanita Jordan, Christi Harris, Audrey Brown.

>Edwards Memorial rejoices in the birth of Weston Gene Sharp. Weston was born on Thurs, June 16, 2016. Proud parents are Elesha and Joe Sharp. Maternal grandparents are Lonnie & Sonie Snow. Paternal grandparents are Carl & Patty Sharp.

Spiritual Moment

You must be holy in the way God asks you to be holy. God does not ask you to be a trappist monk or a hermit. He wills that you sanctify your everyday life.

-St Vincent Pallotti

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. *(Notify us of Corrections or omissions)*

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

1: Bill Hoskins
3: Bev Carmack
4: Audrey Brown
6: Julie Horn
11: Raigan Singer, Barry Bryant, Randal Russell, Sandi Davis
13: Sharon Lafuse
14: Tim Rude
15: Eugene McCormick, Denise Pierce, Reed Singer
16: Dondee Clevenger, Donna Mathews
17: Megan Meier, Emma Cox, Dennis Tobin
19: Ted Bostick
20: Magdolen Myers
22: Malcolm Miles, Terry Abernathy, Lisa Eadler, Ron Singer
24: Charlotte Baldwin, Wade Thompson
25: Cindy Elzemeyer
26: Adam Cox, Alex Rose
27: Sue Rude
28: Carolyn Winters
29: George Carmack
30: Tanda Bryson
31: Spencer Lanman

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 *Newsletter goes out*	2
3 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	4 5pm-6:30pm **Gleaners Meals** 	5	6	7	8	9
10 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	11 5pm-6:30pm **Gleaners Meals** 7pm Trustees Meeting in RFC	12	13	14	15 *Aug. Newsletter articles due*	16 **Union County Fair Begins**
17 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	18 5pm-6:30pm **Gleaners Meals** **No Worship Committee or Ad Council**	19 **UMW School of Christian Missions**	20 *at DePauw University*	21	22	23 **School of Christian Mission Sample Day**
		Union County Fair				
24/31 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	25 5pm-6:30pm **Gleaners Meals**	26	27	28	29 *Newsletter goes out*	30

Gleaners Summer Food Program

Take-home boxes
provide staple grocery items to
families with children.

Edwards Mem. UMC
Mondays 5pm-6:30pm

The Gleaners Summer Family Boxes
will be offered again
from Monday, May 30th - Aug. 2nd .

The boxes can be picked up between the times of 5pm to 6:30 PM
at the Rogers Fellowship Center
Market Street doors.

3rd Quarter Volunteer Job List 2016

Sunday		ALCOLYTE	GREETERS	USHERS	JR CHURCH	NURSERY
July	3	Jake Schwendenm	George & Helen Fields	Richard & Nancy Blank	Lisa Cox	Berniece Tipton
				John & Connie Powers		
	10	Katie McCashland	Alberta Dunning	Lewis Brier, Brian Wilkin	Jennifer McCashland	Rhonda Wilkin
				Daniel Bolser, Jeff Fields		
	17	Lexi Schwendenm:	Darrell & Betty Richardson	Bill & Jayne Bennett	Karla Barnhizer	Lori Ellinger
				Lee & Cindy Elzemeyer		
	24	Grant Cox	Lonnie & Soni Snow	Ed Swafford, John Powers,	Laurie West	Allison Bolser
			Fellowship Hr: Choir	Rod West, Daniel Bolser		
	31	Carson Linville	Jim & Cathy Hensley	Bob & Kathy Burkhead	Lisa Cox	Tom & Sarah
				Gene & Kathy Sanford		Schwendenman
Aug	7	Sarah Cox	Bill & Jayne Bennett	Jeff Fields, Rod West	Jennifer McCashland	Jackie Sorrell
				Brian Wilkin, Daniel Bolser		Patsy Newton
	14	Kellen Linville	Greg & Julie Horn	Richard & Nancy Blank	Karla Barnhizer	Erica & Brian Rhonemu
				John & Connie Powers		
	21	Jack Whipple	Edrena Burkhead, Donna Bou	Lee & Cindy Elzemeyer	Laurie West	Amy Russell
				Bill & Jayne Bennett		
	28	Carly McCashland	Rusty & Erin Hensley	Jim & Cathy Hensley	No Jr Church	Jim & Cathy Hensley
			Fellowship Hour: SS Teachers	Bob & Kathy Burkhead	*Communion*	
Sept.	4	Paul Moffett	Rod & Laurie West	Ed Swafford, John Powers,	Lisa Cox	Jerry & Teresa Ashbroo
				Rod West, Daniel Bolser		
	11	Lexi Schwendenm:	Merl & Pat Gentry	Ron & Wanda Parker	Jennifer McCashland	Berniece Tipton
		Jake Schwendenman		Gene & Kathy Sanford		
	18	Katie McCashland	Karen Bowers	Lewis Brier, Jeff Fields	Laurie West	Rhonda Wilkin
		Grant Cox		Richard Blank, Ed Swafford		
	25	Julia West	Ted & Cameron Sanford	Bill & Jayne Bennett	No Jr Church	Erin Hensley
		Sarah Cox	Fellowship Hr: Ad Council	Lee & Cindy Elzemeyer	*Communion*	

Matthew, Chapter 3

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