



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

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Pastor's Column:

## **Be Encouraged**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am blessed to say that our Bishop is a man of hope, faith, and ENCOURAGEMENT! He always ends his letters to the members of his flock (us!) with the words, "Be Encouraged."

Accordingly, in case you haven't read it, I'm forwarding his Easter Message to each of you. I pray that you will read it, consider the scripture it contains, and then begin to "live out" the message that it holds. We are indeed, "Easter People!"

### **Go and Tell...He Lives!**

Without Easter, there is no message of resurrection hope. Without a mission, there is no church. I am so glad we can tell the story over and over that the tomb is empty and our Savior lives!

In Matthew's Gospel, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary become the first witnesses to the empty tomb. But the angel said to the woman, "Don't be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He isn't here, because he's been raised from the dead, just as he said. Come, see the place where they laid him. Now hurry, go and tell his disciples, 'He's been raised from the dead. He's going on ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there.' I've given the message to you."

– Matthew 28:5-7 (CEB)

The message the angel has for those at the empty tomb is to go and tell the disciples. They leave the tomb with fear but also with joy. This Jesus whom we worship is our resurrection hope and the center of our joy.

The one they thought was forever gone meets them and greets them. How is this possible? God is the ultimate promise keeper and tells us over and over not to be afraid.

In this time in the life of The United Methodist Church, the Easter message is desperately needed. Death does not have the final say.

So what is needed in these turbulent uncertain times? People willing to live and go and tell that our Savior lives. As the Wesley Study Bible Commentary on Matthew 28 says, "The mission of the church today, as it was for the early church, is to reconcile us to God. But first, we must be reconciled to our sisters and brothers. Reconciliation for the flourishing of all life is what being a disciple of Jesus is all about."

What do I (we) have in common with those we disagree with? What do we have in common with those we don't know? We are all precious in the sight of God and recipients of God's grace through Jesus Christ.

Last Sunday, Palm Sunday, I baptized our granddaughter who is nine months old. Before the laying on of hands with the waters of baptism, the congregation was asked to nurture one another in the Christian Faith and include baby Corrine in their care. Their response was first to say, "With God's help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ." A commitment to pray for and surround the newly baptized with love and forgiveness was essentially a recommitment to be the Church alive for others, always with room for more.

Let us proclaim the good news this Easter season and live according to the example of Christ. We sing what we believe, "Because He lives I can face tomorrow, because He lives all fear is gone, because I know who holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives."

Be encouraged with the joy of the resurrection,

Bishop Julius C. Trimble



Edwards Memorial would like to thank all those folk who furnished flowers for the Sunday Worship Services during the month of April.

**Lewis & Mary Brier**  
And all those who furnished  
Easter Lilies

**Volunteer Jobs List:** Please remember if you are on a volunteer jobs list (*Ushers, Greeters, Acolyte, Jr Church, Nursery, etc.*) and you are unable to serve on your assigned Sunday, **it is up to you** to change with someone on the list and to **notify Wanda** of the change. Please keep this in mind since the summer months are coming up with vacations and other commitments.

It would be greatly appreciated if everyone on the volunteer job list would keep check on when they are to serve. The list is on the church website, ([www.emumc.com](http://www.emumc.com)), posted on the office bulletin board and on the bulletin board near the ramp door.

Reminders go out to all those each week who have a volunteer job for the worship services. Please remember this is just a reminder, **it is your responsibility** to make sure when you serve. I thank you for helping to keep our Worship services running smoothly. We are very grateful and blessed for all our volunteers!



### Baptism and Membership

On Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019, the congregation witnessed the baptism of Chloe Meier. Chloe then joined her 13 classmates of the 2019 Confirmation Class in the receiving of membership. The class all joined by Profession of Faith. Here are the names of our new members: Kyleigh Payne, Katie McCashland, Julia West, Sara Cox, Carly McCashland, Jake Schwendenman, Lexi Schwendenman, Vanessa West, Emma Cox, Victoria Russell, Layne Brown, Jackson Phenis and Matthew Elzemeyer. With family and the congregation surrounding them with the laying on of hands, we rejoiced in Chloe's baptism and membership and welcomed her and the other young people of the confirmation class into our Christian family of faith.

**Upper Rooms:** The May/June 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.

### Budget Report

2019 Budget	\$209,219.00
Received for Budget	59,028.40
Received in April	\$17,967.48
Budget	15,988.00
Fund Raising	80.00
Lilies	60.00
Good Samaritan Fund	104.48
Memorial Fund	1,735.00

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### OUR FRIENDS IN THE HOSPITAL OR ILL DURING April

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



Don & Jeannine Hiatt, Kim Scott  
Durham, Tina Howard, Sue Fields, Barry  
Bryant, Melissa Dennington, Bobbi  
Schuck, Dorothy Finch, Joe Irwin, Stephanie  
Chamberlain, Courtney Fairchild, Linda  
Teeguarden, Esther Bunch, Taylor Bunch, Ruth  
Bertch, Lloyd Bowers, Duane & Sharon Lafuze.

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### *Spiritual Moment:*

#### *PEACE*

*And the peace of God,  
which surpasses all  
understanding, will guard  
your hearts and your  
minds in Christ Jesus.*

*-Philippians 4:7*

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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.  
*(Notify the office of Corrections or omissions)*

#### Here are the **May** Birthday's:

- 1: Nick Watterson
- 3: Dick Moore
- 4: Sara Cox
- 7: Taylor Tobin, Joseph Ripberger
- 10: Mason Miller
- 11: Nancy Blank
- 12: Bill Jahosky, Maximus Oler
- 14: Tim Hirons
- 15: Karen Bunch
- 16: Macey Oler, Emily Rhonemus,  
Evan Rhonemus
- 17: Brooke Murray, Jason Dunning
- 18: Nikki Cox
- 20: Allison Bolser, Harry McDaniel
- 23: Richard Bilbreym Lydia Oster,  
Lauren Kassens
- 24: Hank Brock
- 26: Lenora Baldwin
- 27: James Barnhizer
- 29: Eli Stubbs
- 30: Alex Murray, Andrew Fallat
- 31: Jonathan McCashland, Sandy Ryan



### **Food Pantry Donations**

**Sunday,  
May 19, 2019**

Our donations this quarter are:

### **Canned Fruits And Vegetables**

Tubs are in place by the front door and in  
the office on the brown desk. Let's fill up  
those tubs!!

Monetary contributions may be given to  
Ted Sanford. Make checks out to the 4 C's.  
All contributions are greatly appreciated.




### **Parents of Graduating High School Seniors:**

It would be very helpful to the office  
if you would email Wanda at  
[wparker@emumc.com](mailto:wparker@emumc.com) and let us  
know you have a high school student  
graduating this year. We would  
appreciate knowing within the next 2  
weeks. Also, if you have a college  
student graduating please let us know.  
Thank you!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			7 pm Choir Practice			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service		6 pm-8 pm ABLBH	7 pm Choir Practice			
1-3pm Power's 50th Anniversary in RFC						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>Mother's Day</b> 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	7 pm Trustees in RFC	6 pm-8 pm ABLBH	7 pm Choir Practice		Newsletter articles due	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service Special Music Band: Made New	6pm Worship Committee in RFC	6 pm-8 pm ABLBH	10am EMNS Graduation Program			
Food Pantry Donations Canned Fruits & Veggies	7 pm Ad Council in RFC					
UMW in RFC 11:30am						
26	27	28	30	30	31	1-Jun
9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 4th Sunday Fellowship Hour	Memorial Day Office Closed 	6 pm-8 pm ABLBH		June Newsletter goes out		