

The Lighthouse

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Some 15 years ago a man by the name of Spencer Johnson wrote a small book. (Only 96 pages long) While it was not created for the church, I think it became a part of every pastor's library within the next 5 years. Many of the DS's in West Ohio put it on the required reading list for their pastors. (My copy was lost in the fire) The title was "Who Moved My Cheese"

The foundation of the book was about change, how to see it coming and how to handle it. Two "humans" and two "mice" are the featured four characters. All four live in a maze, a representation of one's environment, and look for cheese, representative of survival and success. As the cheese begins to fail the two mice move on to find more cheese but the two "humans" begin to argue and blame each other for the problem. (It should be noted that the two humans are named "Hem" and "Haw") Hem and Haw come to see that to remain with what 'was' means starvation and realize, like the mice before them, they must strike out to find more cheese. While both are afraid of the change that this represents Haw writes on the wall, "If You Do Not Change, You Can Become Extinct". Hem, fearing change, does not leave and allows his fear to pre-

vent him from seeking what he needs to survive.

Haw finds more cheese, and in hopes that his friend will follow him writes on the wall the following statements:
 Change Happens

They Keep Moving The Cheese

Anticipate Change

Get Ready For The Cheese To Move

Monitor Change

Smell The Cheese Often So You Know When It Is Getting Old

Adapt To Change Quickly

The Quicker You Let Go Of Old Cheese, The Sooner You Can Enjoy New Cheese

Change

Move With The Cheese

Enjoy Change!

Savor The Adventure And Enjoy The Taste Of New Cheese!

Be Ready To Change Quickly And Enjoy It Again

They Keep Moving The Cheese.

While it is not said, we are left with the idea that Hem dies from fear of leaving his comfort zone.

What the church District leaders wanted us as pastors to see was that the world around us is always changing, and we need to be open to the change as it comes. I believe this is a good message for all of us.

Until next month.

Pastor Rick



A Visit With God

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with a bag of potato chips and a six-pack of root beer and started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old man who was sitting in the park, just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old man looked hungry, so he offered him some chips. The man gratefully accepted them and smiled at the boy.

The smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer. Again, the man smiled at the boy and he was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As twilight approached, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave; but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old man, and gave him a hug. The man gave the boy his biggest smile ever...

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?"

He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added,

"You know what? He's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked, "dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?"

He replied "I ate potato chips in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime! Embrace all equally!

Edgerton- Emanuel News

EARLY REMINDER: This year's church conference will be held Sunday, November 10, 2013, at Bryan Wesley UMC. There will be no meeting of the PPR committees prior to the conference, as previously announced. The church conference will begin at 6:30 PM.

Edgerton UMC News

Hello Edgerton Church Family

I am wondering if any of you would like to donate towards the new Baptismal Font. The basic people I am thinking about are the ones who have lost a child, or children. They may have lived a long life, a short life, or maybe have been stillborn. Each of these beings are important in our lives and my thought was that every time someone would be baptized, we, and others would remember the children that passed before their parents.

I have talked to Pastor Rick and the Ad Council for thoughts and ideas on this.

If you would like to make a memorial donation for the Baptismal Font for a lost child, please send your contribution to the Edgerton UMC Baptismal Font Memorial Fund. If you would like to give the child's name, or list the "child, or children of ___family", that would be your choice. Your donation may be any sum you feel you can afford at this time. It will all go to pay for the Font as a group offering.

These funds will be accepted November 1– December 31, so we can have a completion date.

A special service for these children will happen at some time after the church is completed.

Thank you for your time, your love of God, and your loyalty to the church.

Ruth Mayer

Youth Page

The Edgerton Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts are selling popcorn again– and this year they are adding batteries to their list of items for sale. They are selling from now until October 30. They will also be set up in town at Fall Fest from 10-2, where you will be able to purchase popcorn & batteries and take them home with you right away. They will also be set up at Dollar General October 5, from 10-2 for a show and sell event. If you wish to support them without making a purchase, donations are always accepted and greatly appreciated.

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"I'm enrolling in seminary college so I can learn about miracles, like how to pay off my student loans."

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!!!
UMM Pork BBQ
Saturday November 9, 2013
Noon-1:00 PM
At Edgerton UMC
Suggested donation \$6 per ticket
Proceeds go towards Mission Projects, Adopt-A-Family, & Food Resource Bank.



PECATONICA RIVER POPCORN

In other scouting news, the Cub Scout Round Up will take place at Edgerton UMC on September 29, beginning at 4 PM. And the Scouts will be going on the Little River train ride on October 19.

OPEN DOORS

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

10/1 Bill Lutterbein
 10/2 Michael McPike
 10/9 Bessie Wright
 10/16 Sherri Allomong
 10/18 Matt Tobin
 10/24 Sandra Thiel
 10/25 Bruce Krill
 10/25 Phyllis Smith
 10/25 Erica
 (Lutterbein) Tootle



10/ 5 Dave & Sandra Thiel
 10/ 9 Bill & Diana Lutterbein
 10/15 Dan & Sherri Allomong
 10/16 Barry & Heather Courtney
 10/26 Cleon & Dema Krill

OPEN MINDS

OPEN HEARTS

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Rudy & Gloria Korsgaard
 Our Shut-Ins & nursing home residents
 Our country & our military
 Family & Friends of Wayne Betts

Edgerton Liturgists

10/6 Denise Farnham
10/13 Janice Hill
10/20 Karlyn McPike
10/27 Shawn Kill



*David &
 Linda Krill*

At Emanuel