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From Pastor's Desk

It is almost here.

Easter Sunday, April 16th 2017 is almost here. Easter Sunday is the day when Christians around the world gather in worship to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. On that Sunday Christians celebrate the conquering of his and our deaths as well as our sins, which restored the connection between God and humanity that sin had broken.

On April 9th we will gather to remember Palm Sunday when we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the City of David, and the traditional capital city of Israel. For us at the Edgerton United Methodist Church, Palm Sunday

holds a special meaning.

This Palm Sunday marks the third anniversary of our dedication of the new building and sanctuary. To celebrate I have asked our District Superintendent, Rev. Barry Burns, to bring the message that Sunday. There will be special music, including our children singing some songs. We have planned several baptisms and some adults are joining our congregation. There are plans for a light reception afterwards. (Cookies, Punch and Coffee.)

I invite you to set both Sundays aside this year and join us for worship. Join us as we celebrate our Lord's triumph over sin and death as well his and our resurrection.

Pastor Rick



OPEN HEARTS

OPEN DOORS

OPEN MINDS

Administrative Board Meeting

The administrative board met on March 9, with 6 members present.

Denise Farnham opened the meeting with prayer. Treasurer's Report was given and placed on file for audit.

There will be a Mother/Daughter Brunch in May. The date has not yet been set and will be announced at a later date.

Neal Imm gave a trustee's report on the progress of flooring repair in parsonage (see Trustee minutes for details)

Pastor authorized to purchase shelving for the Scout room. He will pick this up this week.

Sound system was discussed.

Reception to follow Palm Sunday Service on 4/9. This reception will be in honor of new members and newly baptized. Cookies, Cake and punch will be served.

Meeting was adjourned.

March Trustees Meeting

March 9, 2017

1. New flooring will be installed in the parsonage kitchen on April 19th, Trustees will remove the old flooring on Monday April 17th.
2. Trustees contacted Circle City Audio to perform maintenance on the sound system.

Spotlight on VBS



Once again we want to cast a spotlight on help needed for VBS. For April we are spotlighting a couple positions where help is needed to make VBS successful this year. The first area is in Tinker Tots Preschool, where we are very much in need of a **Pre-school Craft & Play Leader**. This leader will, with the support of the crew leaders:

- 1) guide the preschool students in free-choice learning centers (this is somewhat like open play center in a preschool—the kids get to try out the fun experiments and activities of their

choosing during this time)

- 2) Choose from the experiments and craft options included in the teaching guide to choose the activities that they feel is best.
- 3) Have fun testing the crafts ahead of time, to familiarize yourself with the process ahead of time.
- 4) Lead kids at Craft & Play each day!
- 5) Use the daily Bible Point often as you lead sessions of Imagination Station

every day and help kids connect the fun experiments to Bible truths.

Another volunteer spot that needs filled is that of **Closing Circle Leader**. This position can be filled by someone who is leading another area of Tinkertots Preschool, or by someone different. This leader:

- 1) Assists the Exploration Stations Leader and other preschool team members with guiding preschoolers in free-choice learning centers.
- 2) Lead all preschoolers in a short, age-appropriate Closing Circle time each day, where you will recap what they learned that day and close in prayer.
- 3) Use the daily Bible Point often, and hear the kids shout an enthusiastic, "Wow, God!"

We also need help working in an area that involves both older kids and preschool, but is less 'hands on' with the kids themselves. We are in need of someone to be the **Snack Factory Leader**. This leader:

- 1) Uses the Snack Factory Leader Manual to prepare the snack 'kits' for the students each day (this is a bit different than years' past, as the students actually assemble their own snacks. You simply prepare bags of supplies and count out the correct number of

snacks on each tray. The crew leader will pick up the snack tray for their group)

- 2) Tidy up the kitchen area each evening to make sure it is ready to go the next night.

We also are still in need of a lot more **crew leaders**. The crew leaders are put in charge of a group of no more than 5 children. Crews travel through the stations together (and there will be more than 1 crew in each station). The crew leader participates with their group, fostering communication with them and helping do the team activities in each session. As there are multiple crews together at each station, a crew leader never has to feel that they are 'alone'. We can all be there to help and support each other as needed.

If you are interested in taking on any of these jobs, or want to find some other way that you can help, see Sandy, Jodi or Stephanie.

In recent weeks we had announced an upcoming VBS training workshop that we were planning to attend, and trying to get a count of how many people would like to attend. I have since learned that the church that was hosting that workshop has canceled it. There are not any other close workshops to attend.

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

4/2 McKenna Brenner

4/11 Stephanie Krill

4/15 Linda Krill

4/17 Madilyn Fritch

4/25 Leslie VanAusdale

4/29 Connie Babb

4/13 John & Leslie VanAusdale

4/22 Randy & Jill Brenner

4/29 Chris & Donna Koerner



PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Marcella Koerner

Chuck Bernath

Marcus Hartley

Kurt Whitman

Christy Whitman

Adelind Rose Zolman

Ellen Herman

Leo Font

Edgerton Liturgists

4/2– Denise Farnham

4/9– Karlyn McPike

4/16– Karlyn McPike

4/23– Iva Peverly

4/30– Shawn Clifton