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January 2018

2018- A Year for Change

2018 will be a year of change for the Edgerton congregation. I am sure that change will be for the good.

Since I came to Edgerton in 2008 a great many things have changed. Many who were here when I first came have gone home to be with the Lord. Many have moved out of the area. Some, who in the past had been active, have returned to once again be a part of this family. Also some who are here on Sunday morning were not even born when I came.

There have been changes in worship style, in AV & Media

outreach and involvement in the local community. One of the greatest changes has been the boom in our children's ministry. When I first came there were Sundays that I was the youngest in the worship service.

What some may say is the greatest change is in the appointment itself. After many years the needs of the two congregations that was the Edgerton/Emanuel appointment had become so different that the conference and the district was forced to split the charge. This was not done lightly. The E/E



OPEN HEARTS

OPEN DOORS

OPEN MINDS

appointment may have been the longest two point charge in Ohio.

In 2017 the Edgerton congregation began a new partnership with the Hicksville Grace UMC. This partnership offers opportunities that should make the expanding of ministry more feasible. As this partnership grows I am sure there will be greater ways to show God's love to other.

2018 will bring another change. After 22 years of fulltime ministry and serving as the longest pastor for this church in history, I will, God willing, retire. I had thought that I might stay for three or four years, but after consultation with my doctors and my wife, I spoke to the DS about retiring. By the time you read this letter, the process to find my successor will have begun.

The plan is to finish Bev's and my ministry in northwest Ohio on September first 2018, completing 23 years of ministry as a United Methodist Pastor. But that does not mean that ministry will stop or slow down. We, as a congregation, will continue to serve the community and praise God. We will continue to comfort the afflicted or as I have said in the past, W.O.N.

Worship, Outreach, Nurture.

In Christ Name

Pastor Rick

Adopt-A-Family Report

The Adopt-A-Family project in 2017 was able to assist 2 families, plus 3 children from the Angel Tree. In total, 16 people were provided Christmas gifts this year, allowing us to spread the love of Jesus and reminding all of us of the reason for this season— that it is far better to give than to receive.

For those who gave so generously, whatever the size of your gift, thank you! You may not understand just how much of an impact your generosity may have made. Let's all work together to make 2018 a good year for all, and may we all continue to show God's love throughout the year!

Information Update Request

We have had several new people begin attending services here over the last couple of years and we are finding that our contact and family information is becoming outdated. If you are not currently receiving a newsletter with your name and address on it (or if your address has changed), please let Stephanie know.

Also, if the birthdays and anniversaries of you and your family are not making it into the newsletter, please make sure that Stephanie has that information, as well.



CHRISTmas Workshop 2017

The CHRISTmas workshop went well, with 13 children attending. The children were served lunch and assisted by our volunteers, who helped them make Christmas gifts for mom and dad, siblings and grandparents. They also got to participate in chocolate dipping, making candy that they were able to take home to share with their families. Thanks to all our volunteers who helped make this a success!



January Birthdays & Anniversaries

1/2 Jill Brenner
1/8 Sandy Wood
1/9 Adam Frager
1/21 Janice Hill
1/21 Kyle Wolford
1/22 Emma Kelley
1/23 Marcella Koerner
1/24 Carolyn Martin
1/25 Chuck Merriman



PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Pam Monosmith
Gloria & Rudy Korsgaard
Donna Wrinkle
Bob & Marcella Koerner
Denise Bowsher
Theresa Helbert
Tami Schwab

Edgerton Liturgists

Jan. 7 - Mike Douglass
Jan. 14 - Shawn Clifton
Jan. 21 - Linda Engel
Jan. 28 - Iva Peverly