

Edgerton United Methodist Church

# The Lighthouse

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## From the Pastor's Study..

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Dear Friends,

As we enter into this Fall season, we also enter into what I like to call a “Season of Thanks.” We have much to be thankful for ... and many opportunities to express our gratitude.

Of course, there is our Thanksgiving holiday! We gather with family and friends, we share around tables full of

more food than we can possibly eat, and often eat more food than we sensibly should. But we also have wonderful gatherings with conversations and play and the sharing of blessings that seem to come to the front of our minds in these times.

We also have other opportunities to give thanks. There is our regular worship service – a weekly opportunity to gather and offer our praise and thanksgiving to God. There is the United Methodist Men’s Pork Chop and Pork Rib Sale which is a mission project in disguise – with all the pro-

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**OPEN HEARTS**

**OPEN DOORS**

**OPEN MINDS**

ceeds going to Adopt-a-Family and the Scouts – in thanksgiving for that which we have to share. Same with the Soup and Pie Supper that benefits the Foods Resource Program – again sharing our resources in thanksgiving.

We are happy to participate in all these opportunities. We know we have much for which to give thanks. But then, there is still this “... in all circumstances” thing that often challenges us. Do we really have to give thanks in ALL circumstances? All the time? For everything? It says so ... and I believe it.

Which raises the question ... why do we give thanks in the first place? Yes, of course, because good things have happened and we are happy about them. Or because even if it wasn't the best thing, we learned something or we grew in some way, and we are happy about that. But what about when we're not happy about whatever it was or is? Well ... as it says in our Scripture, give thanks because it is the will of God for us ... to be grateful ... to give thanks to God all the time ... to recognize that no matter what has happened, God is still with us. And for that, we can always give thanks!

As the song says, “Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the holy One.” Give thanks because God is with us!

in gratitude and grace,

*Pastor Susan*

## **Worship Happenings ...**

Join us in worship this month for ...

### **All Saints' Sunday – November 4**

We will take some time during worship to name the people in our church and families who have died in the past year – and remember the gift they have been in our lives.

### **Veteran's Day – November 11**

We will pause for a moment during worship to honor our veterans, and give thanks for the sacrifices they have made for our nation ... for us

## **CHURCH MEETINGS**

Due to many of our people being on vacation or engaged in other travels through the month of October, we did not have church meetings this past month. We'll gather in November to catch up, and look forward.

**UMM/Lutheran Men's**

**Soup & Pie Luncheon**

**Sunday, November 11**

**From 11 am– 1 pm**

**At Edgerton UMC**

**Free Will Offering will be taken. All  
proceeds benefit Food Resource Bank**

# Children's Church Field Trip

On Sunday, October 14, the Children's Church and adult chaperones took a trip to Ridenour Acres Corn Maze in Angola, IN. There were about 20 people in total that went.



While there, the kids not only enjoyed walking through the corn maze (and everyone suc-



cessfully made it back out!), they also enjoyed a variety of other activities included a hayride, tricycle races, a straw mountain to climb, various slides and climbing structures, a barrel train, and more. Here is a sample of pictures showing some of the fun that everyone had. After leaving Ridenour Acres, we had lunch at Pizza Hut.

We'd like to thank everyone for their support of the children's ministry, that allows activities like this to be possible.



## November Birthdays & Anniversaries

11/10 Cheryl Atchison  
11/11 Shawn Clifton  
11/15 Cody Rice  
11/16 Chris Koerner  
11/17 Roger Strup  
11/18 Chuck Wallace  
11/20 Chelsea Rice  
11/20 Adriana Wright  
11/21 Brent Richardson  
11/21 Evan Kill  
11/24 Justin Wright  
11/28 Shirlee Strup  
11/28 Marilyn Vonalt  
11/30 Wyatt Wright  
11/30 Lyle Traxler

11/28 Ted & Janice Hill



PRAYER REQUESTS  
We are here to pray for you!



Pam Monosmith  
Gloria Korsgaard  
Bob Koerner  
Theresa Helbert  
Adelind Zolman  
Adam Frager  
Richard Smith  
Kenny & Marilyn Slesman  
Elton Monosmith  
Randy Herman  
Jane Perry  
Ross, Katelyn & baby Hallett

Family & Friends of Rudy Korsgaard  
Family & Friends of Marcella Koerner

### Edgerton Liturgists

11/4 Denise Farnham  
11/11 Mike Douglass  
11/18 Iva Peverly  
11/25 Linda Engel