

Edgerton United Methodist Church

# The Lighthouse

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## From the Pastor's Study...

Dear Friends,

As we move through these few weeks of February, we are heading toward Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the six weeks of Lent, that precede our Easter celebration. We will begin with our traditional Ash Wednesday service on February 26 at 7:30 pm.

As is our custom, we will spend some time reflecting upon our need to repent and "change our hearts." But this year, I want to invite us to move beyond those many and varied discussions in answer to the annual

question "What are you giving up this year?" Now, I am not saying giving up something for Lent is a bad thing ... in fact, I think it can be a helpful discipline.

But I also want to offer this ... a reflection from 20<sup>th</sup> century theologian, Frederick Buechner:

"To observe the 40 days of Lent, is to give a tenth (or so) of our year to some holy use –

*"I invite you, therefore, in the name of the church,*

*to observe a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance;*

*by prayer, fasting, and self-denial;*

*and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word."*

(The United Methodist Book of Worship)

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**OPEN HEARTS**

**OPEN DOORS**

**OPEN MINDS**

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asking ourselves what it means to be  
'Christians' –

Would we bet all we have that God is?

What do we see in ourselves we most like, and  
most deplore?

What message would we leave?

What have we done we would like to undo? to  
celebrate?

What would we die for?

What would we do if we were going to die to-  
morrow?

To answer these questions is to hear both what  
we are becoming and what we are  
failing to become. It can be a pretty depressing  
business all in all, but if sackcloth  
and ashes are at the start of it, something like  
Easter may be at the end."

Throughout the weeks of Lent, I will be  
inviting us to explore looking at some of the  
more challenging teachings of Jesus, and think-  
ing about where we have seen them being lived  
– in others' lives, and in our own. Perhaps  
these are equally good uses of these days of  
Lent – to reflect on who we are in God, rather  
than to make a second set of resolutions that  
may be as hard to keep as the first ones we  
made back at on New Year's Day.

I am finding myself thinking very careful-  
ly about Buechner's questions above – and  
we'll have some continuing conversation  
through the Lenten season. Please join us!

with you in this holy journey,

*Pastor Susan*

## Administrative Board Notes

The Administrative Board met in January  
and discussed the following business:

Denise Farnham and Darcy Carnahan are  
finalizing the funeral dinner committees.

Sunday morning coffee/snack donations  
will be distributed to VBS from January-  
June, and to Adopt a Family from July-  
December.

The Statement of Continuing Existence  
has been renewed.

A up-dated church membership list is  
pending.

Children's Ministry Conversation  
Meeting will be January 28 at 7 PM. Poli-  
cies need to be in place insuring an or-  
ganized, safe and coordinated program.

AED is in place.

Ad Board continues to consider ways to  
increase income and decrease spending.  
Input from congregation is welcome.

The Administrative Board will meet  
again on February 20, 2020

### Thanks ...

Many thanks for your generous  
Christmas gift! I truly appreciate  
being in ministry with you and am  
looking forward to what our future  
will bring!

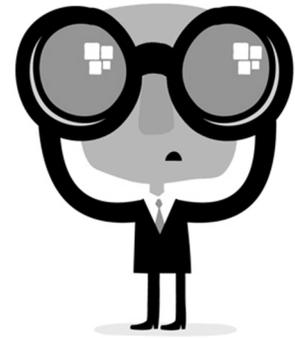
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## Looking forward in Children’s Ministry...

As we move into the year, we have begun our conversations about Children’s Ministries. Though no specific decisions were made, we have become



aware of several possibilities for ministry, and several areas for which we will be offering suggestions in the months to come. Please continue to keep all our children and youth in your prayers, as well as all the adults working with them! And if you get a chance ... get to know our children!



# United Methodist Men’s Pancake & Sausage Dinner Tuesday, February 25 5-7 PM

**Free Will Offering collected, to support local mission projects of the Edgerton & Emanuel United Methodist Men.  
Dinner includes pancakes, French toast, sausage.**

**DINNER PREPARED AND SERVED BY EDGERTON, EMANUEL, MELBERN UMM & ZION LUTHERAN MEN**

## Did you notice...

Did you notice our new “snack bar?” The cabinets and counter-top were a memorial gift, purchased from donations made in memory of Liz Gilbert. Thank you Lee! And thanks to Ted Hill for finishing the cabinets, and to Neal Imm for all the work of installation. We appreciate all your gifts!

## Pastor on vacation...

Pastor Susan will be on vacation February 5-11. Rev. Doug Widdowson will be providing emergency pastoral care in her absence – in case of emergency, contact Karlyn and she will be in touch with him.

## February Birthdays & Anniversaries

2/2 Diane Frager

2/3 Pearl Warner

2/4 Devin Gahan

2/17 Diana Lutterbein

2/20 Destiny Hill

2/21 Ruth Mayer

2/26 Rob Richardson

2/27 Adrew Wagner

2/13 Neil Imm & Sandy Wood



## PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Pam Monosmith

Joan Riehle

Gloria Korsgaard

Travis Hawkins

Theresa Helbert

Jacob Schlosser

Adelind Zolman

Pearl Warner

Elton Monosmith

Karlyn McPike

Dee Gilbert

Kenny & Marilyn Slesman

Jim Bowsher

Hyla Sharrock

Ruth Mayer

Roger & Shirlee Strup

### Worship Happenings in February...

Sunday, February 9 –

#### Boy Scouts of America Sunday

Join us as the scouts lead us in worship, and Karlyn McPike offers us the message “Back and Front”

Wednesday, February 26 –

#### Ash Wednesday

We will gather at 7:30 pm for our traditional Ash Wednesday service of reflection, beginning the season of Lent.

### Edgerton Liturgists

2/2– Denise Farnham

2/9– Linda Engel

2/16– Iva Peverly

2/23– Mike Douglass