

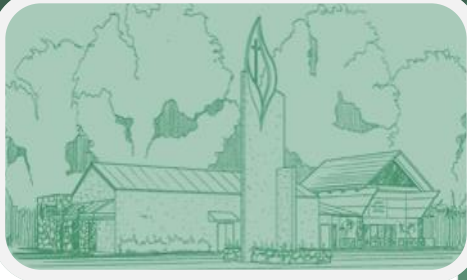
The Connection



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Life is often described as a journey. Every year as Christians we begin a journey through the salvation history of the church. Advent begins our journey each year. We may not know what our particular personal journey has in store for us in the coming new church year but we know the ebb and flow of being in a Christian community. We start anticipating the celebration of the birth of Jesus and we anticipate the return of Christ during December. It is an opportunity for us to again be in awe that God loves us so much that God sent his Son, Jesus into the world. The Son of God came as a baby into the world. He grew up and at the age of thirty began a three-year ministry that led him to a cross. Jesus died and was buried and then was raised from the dead. He taught and healed and touched the lives of many in that short time. But his journey did not end and continues through the church and those who follow him.

Each year we remember details of his journey and the stories of God's people. We remember the promise that Jesus will return. We have no idea when Christ will come back but we are reminded each year that he will. Our lives intertwine with the retelling of the journey of Christ's life. Regardless of where our journey of life takes us this year, we are assured that Jesus walks through it with us. No matter what happens to us and those we love, we are not alone. Author Brennan Manning once said, "Suffering, failure, loneliness, sorrow, discouragement, and death will be part of your journey, but the Kingdom of God will conquer all these horrors. No evil can resist grace forever." God has told us through the prophet Isaiah, "**Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God.** I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will hold on to you with My righteous right hand."

When we begin any journey we have a choice to make. Are we going to enjoy the journey or are we going to get stressed out and miserable because it takes us out of our comfort zone? Are we going to go through the motions of being on the journey or are we going to embrace fully our relationship with Jesus as we continue this familiar journey of Advent, Christmas and a new year?

I pray you might fully embrace your journey with Jesus this Advent and Christmas season. Worship God, celebrate with family and friends, welcome others, serve those in need, enjoy the gift of life you have been given. Come to Church, to Christmas Under the Palms, the Christmas Cantata and Christmas Eve Services. Live life together. You are not on this journey alone.

Pastor Donna



**Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 6:30PM
In Hardin Hall**

**“Mary’s Seasons of Life” is the theme.
If you have any questions,
contact Arlene Tilison, Chair of UMW.
(386) 428-4351
atilison@fl.rr.com**



**PRAISE & PIZZA
Saturday Evenings**

11/30 Pastor Donna-Isaiah 2:1-5-Walking in the Light
12/7 NO PRAISE & PIZZA
12/14 Rex Hoffman
12/21 Pastor Donna-Isaiah 7:10-16-Streams in the Desert
12/28 Pastor Donna-Isaiah 9:2-7-The Sign has Arrived

FLOWER CHART

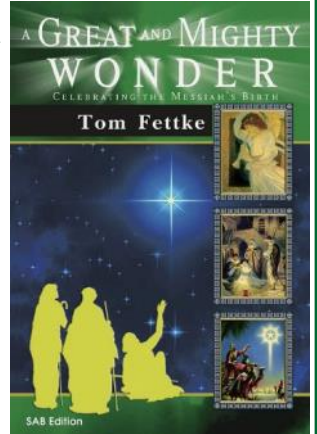
The 2020 Flower Chart is now available for people to reserve their dates when they would like to sponsor our Altar Flowers. Please be mindful that the flowers need to be paid for and taken home on the Sunday that you sign up for them. The current price is \$31 for two beautiful bouquets. Thank you!

Flower Arrangements by: B J’S FLOWERS and PLANTS

Christmas Cantata

Sunday, Dec. 15th
2:00 PM

Performance by EUMC’s
Sanctuary Choir directed by
Melissa Macnab
Open to all, bring a friend!



The United Methodist Men are asking for donations of cases of bottled water & sodas for their booth at CUTP.



Please bring into the Choir Room, Thank you!



What tastes better than a homemade cookie (or your favorite baked good or sweet)? **NOTHING!** The folks from our church and community who shop our Bake Sale agree. Each year they look forward to our scrumptious sweets at CUTP. So, we need EVERYONE who loves to bake to make their special sweet dessert or treat.

Bring your goodies to the Choir Practice Room (Old Fellowship Hall) on **Friday, Dec. 13, between 2 and 7.** Please clearly label and price what you bring, especially items with nuts. If you can package your goodies so they may be easily seen by our customers, it will be greatly appreciated.

Hate to bake, but love to eat sweets! We have just the job for you. Be an enthusiastic volunteer to sell on Saturday between 8 and 2. Choose when and how long to work. It’s fun to work together and meet new people and connect with old friends at CUTP.

Sign up sheets to bake/sell will be on the bulletin board in the hallway between Hardin Hall and the Sanctuary by the end of November. Call Helen Karl with any questions at 386-409-8382 or contact by e-mail: catsandbooks@bellsouth.net.



SAVE THE DATE

**CHRISTMAS
UNDER
THE PALMS**

Saturday,

Dec. 14, 2019~9AM-4PM

Do you have Christmas items that you no longer use or are tired of storing? Bring them to classroom #3 and place them on or under the marked tables from Nov 1st thru Nov. 30th.

They will be sold in our Christmas Shop at Christmas Under the Palms. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Showers (315)415-8883.

CALENDAR OF CHURCH MEETINGS & EVENTS

Boys & Girls Club to Mon.-Fri. 2PM-7PM

B&Gs CLOSED Dec. 19th through Jan. 5th

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Meet each Tues. 8:30AM

Food Pantry Opened each Saturday 8:30-11:30AM

- Dec 1 9:00 AM Praise Worship Service (Communion)
- Dec 1 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service (Communion)
- HANGING OF THE GREENS**
- Dec 2 6:00 PM Handbell Practice (UMW Advent)
- Dec 2 7:00 PM Handbell Practice (All Bell Ringers)
- Dec 3 9:15 AM Prayer Ministry (Sanctuary)
- Dec 3 6:00 PM Trustees Meeting (Choir Room)
- Dec 5 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar, NSB)
- Dec 5 8:30 AM UMW Breakfast (AM Café, Rte. 44, NSB)
- Dec 5 5:30 PM Handbell Practice (Choir Room)
- Dec 5 6:30 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Dec 6 12:00 PM UMW Christmas Lunch (Blackbeard's)
- Dec 7 9:00 AM UMM Meeting (Choir Room)
- Dec 7 11:30 AM Mary Jane Scowden-Memorial
- Dec 7 NO Praise & Pizza
- Dec 7 6:30 PM UMW Advent by Candlelight (HH)
- Dec 8 9:00 AM Praise Worship Service
- Dec 8 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service
(Cookie & 80+ Birthday Celebration Sunday)
- Dec 10 9:30 AM Prayer Ministry (Sanctuary)
- Dec 11 5:30 PM Handbell Practice (Choir Room)
- Dec 11 7:00 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Dec 12 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar, NSB)
- Dec 12 8:30 AM UMW Breakfast (AM Café, Rte. 44, NSB)
- Dec 14 9:00 AM Christmas Under the Palms 9AM-4PM
- Dec 14 6:00 PM Praise & Pizza
- Dec 15 9:00 AM Praise Worship Service
- Dec 15 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service
- Dec 15 2:00 PM Christmas Cantata
- Dec 17 9:30 AM Prayer Ministry (Sanctuary)
- Dec 17 12:00 PM Ruth Circle Christmas Party (Choir Room)
- Dec 17 5:30 PM Naomi " Christmas Dinner
(Blackbeard's)
- Dec 19 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar, NSB)
- Dec 19 8:30 AM UMW Breakfast (AM Café, Rte. 44, NSB)
- Dec 19 9:30 AM Card Ladies (Choir Room)
- Dec 19 5:30 PM Hand Bell Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Dec 19 6:30 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Dec 21 ??? Christmas Caroling
- Dec 21 6:00 PM Praise & Pizza
- Dec 22 9:00 AM Praise Worship Service
- Dec 22 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service
- Dec 24 9:15 AM Prayer Ministry (Sanctuary)
- Dec 24 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship Service
- Dec 24 11:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship Service →



Edgewater United Methodist Church will be 60 years old in 2020!

We have many people who have joined our congregation over the last couple of years and we would like to update our directory for our 60th anniversary.

Save the date for your photography session.

Lifetouch will be coming to take your professional photo on Feb. 3rd, 4th, and 5th. You will receive one FREE 8X10 standard print, one free printed church directory and a bonus FREE Shutterfly gift *with purchase*.

To book your session between Mondays & Fridays, visit the site below:

<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b5vt8314/>

There will also be sign up sheets in Hardin Hall after services on Sunday morning.

Our directory will not be complete without **YOU!**



CEREAL

is needed for

THIRD SUNDAY donation

December 15, 2019



THANK YOU!

This helps more than you can imagine!

Please save your plastic shopping bags and bring them in for our pantry!

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Dec 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS—OFFICE CLOSED

Dec 26 OFFICE CLOSED

Dec 26 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar, NSB)

Dec 26 8:30 AM UMW Breakfast (AM Café, Rte. 44, NSB)

Dec 28 6:00 PM Praise & Pizza

Dec 29 9:00 AM Praise Worship Service

Dec 29 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service

Dec 31 9:15 AM Prayer Ministry (Sanctuary)

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 03—Cathy Elledge
 - 05—Jim Townsend +
 - 06—Ray Genco
 - 14—Lorna Brice +
 - 16—Jack Rorabaugh +
 - 17—Mary Merrow
 - 21—Marla Hager
 - 23—Mary Lawson +
 - 24—Joy Hughes +
 - 25—Jesus Christ
 - 31—Kim Davis
 - 31—Keli Kennedy
 - 31—Joe Schuler
- + = 80 or above



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 14—Richard & Lorna Brice
- 17—Jim & Kathy Oliver
- 23— Bob Gudis & Ginger Clark
- 31— Joe & Beth Schuler



PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:

CANCER:	JoEllen Curtis	Bob Lester	Bill Myers
Tom Carrigan	Susan Hahn	Judy Littorin	Tommie O'Donoghue
Norma Cassada	Melinda Hamilton	Mauricio Martell	Maureen Powers
Ellen Chapman	Claudia Hansen	Kim McCarty	Lisa Rothermel
Rick Chapman	Tom Heximer	John Miles	Carol Rutter
Leigh Clark	Mike Hockett	Randy Miller	Jim Townsend
Kristine Culver	Scott Jackson	Lorie Morris	Carolyn Walburan
Linda Cunningham	Phil Johnson	Brytan Musgrave	

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Christopher Anderson	Travis Clayton	Reese J. Kelley	Tyler Schooled
Stephen Brindle	Christian Eckberg	Ross J. Kelley	Eric Shepherd
Matt Carpenter	Jillian Fuimano	Elijah Leary	Zac Tepfer
Nathan Chittick	Kayleigh Greenough	Jesse Evan Oliver	Josef Wojtiw
	Thomas Hansen	Samuel Roberts	

GENERAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Amelia Bellman	Linda Cunningham	Jessica Jenkins	Carrie Schaefer
Becky Benson	Lindy DeLoe	Selah Macnab	Carrie Shoemake
Greg Brice	Carol Doud	Dan McNabney	
Amber Coleman	Randy Elkins	Carol Nelson	
Lorrie Conover	Dee Elledge	Aimee Rudd	
Dwight Cunningham	Claudia Hansen	Noelle Elizabeth Rudd	

Please keep in prayer and make a point to call, visit or send a card to our shut ins:

Norma Cassada	Ed & Vivian Nunn	Dave & Nancy Sanders
Pat Chaney	Nestor Olijnyk	Marie Scudder
Shirley Clevenger	Ruth Pawlowski	Nettie Secrest
Meta Devlin	Martha Petersen	Estelle Smith
Jeannie Foster	Bill Price	Phyllis Sperry
Wilma Montgomery	Lois Ann Rector	

If you need an address or phone number please call the office: (386)-428-6552

**The office will be closed
on Wed., Dec. 25th
& Thurs., Dec. 26th.
Blessings for a Safe and
Happy Christmas!**



DECEMBER WORSHIP SERVICES: Scripture & Sermon Title

Dec. 1st	Dec. 8th	Dec. 15th	Dec. 22nd	Dec. 29th
Matthew 26: 36-44	Matthew 3: 1-12	Matthew 11: 2-11	Matthew 1: 18-25	Matthew 2:13-23
Are We There Yet?	Are We There Yet?	Are We There Yet?	Are We There Yet?	Are We There Yet?
PEACE	HOPE	JOY	TRUST	So What Now?