

# The Connection



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**FROM THE DESK OF Pastor Donna**

Dear Church Members and Friends,

The mission statement of Edgewater United Methodist Church is "Transforming Lives Through Christ's Love". In order to live out our stated mission, we must intentionally focus on these five words. Every worship service, every outreach, every mission and ministry must have that purpose at the forefront of our planning and our time together.

This call upon our shared ministry is being well lived out through many ministries here. I want to list a portion of them for you: Worship-Two Sunday services, twice a month Saturday night praise service and other special worship experiences; Christian Formation-New nursery area, expanding children and adult Sunday School opportunities, Disciple Bible Study and short term Bible studies; Music Ministry with choir, praise team, bell and chime choir, special ensemble groups and concerts; Community Care Ministry-Food Pantry, Fellowship Dinners, Bereavement Dinner Ministry, Special Events, Boy's and Girl's Club monthly ministry; Mercy Ministries-Prayer Group, Hospital, Nursing Home, and Home-Bound Visitation and Communion; Active United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women and Women's Circles who all do another whole list of things for God and our church. Many members serve in areas of leadership to administer these ministries through active working teams maintaining and improving our buildings and grounds, managing our finances and fundraising; coordinating worship volunteers and needs, providing support for our Pastor and staff and a host of other duties.

It takes the whole body of Christ for all this and the many other things I have not listed to happen. My commitment as your pastor is to support you in all these endeavors, to work together with you as we support one another's efforts and to seek your support of my ministry when I see needs in the life of the church.

Three recent decisions have been made through appropriate committees and the Church Council that we believe will help us keep our focus on transforming lives.

Your safety and security are a priority. Due to security concerns for you, the children of the church and all who use our building, we will be diligent about keeping our doors closed and locked all week. On Sunday mornings, exterior doors will be locked shortly after worship services start. If you are running late, please go to the front door to be welcomed in.

The need for a dedicated Sunday School time that gives everyone the opportunity to attend worship has been addressed. Beginning March 1, our Sunday morning schedule will be Praise-9:00 a.m., Sunday School-10:00 a.m. and Traditional Worship-11:00 a.m. We truly hope this half hour later start time at 11:00 a.m. will work for most of you. This seems to be the least disruptive plan to help us live out the church's mission and grow God's church.

A Stewardship Campaign will be presented during Lent by the Finance Committee. During this season of change within the United Methodist Church, it is essential for us to meet our obligations for the local church and the annual conference. Stewardship involves the use of our time, talents, gifts, service and witness. Lent is a perfect time to reflect, search our heart for God and to bring New Life to the church through giving for God's glory.

In Service with you for Christ,

Pastor Donna



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## **Church Staff**

**Rev. Donna Blythe**  
Pastor

**Melissa Macnab**  
Music Director

**Dot Myers**  
Administrative Assistant

**Andy Macnab**  
Audio-Visual Technician

**Bob Snyder**  
Treasurer

**Patty Moody**  
Pianist

**Bonnie Patterson**  
Organist

**Sheila Rossner**  
Nursery Attendant

**Fred Dean**  
Custodian

### 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




### PEANUT BUTTER

is **needed** for  
**THIRD SUNDAY** donation  
February 16, 2020

**THANK YOU!**

*This helps more than you can imagine!*









**Sunday, February 16, 2020**  
EUMC UMW will be collecting donations for **BLANKETS & TOOLS.**

Contributions to CWS Tools mean Church World Service will be ready to help people around the world gain the resources and develop the skills necessary to sustain themselves and their families and to build viable communities.

United Methodist Women will also be collecting donations in baby bottles for Grace House.

Please see Arlene Tilison for a baby bottle & more information.

### Worship Schedule



Beginning March 1st:

9:00 AM Praise Service

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

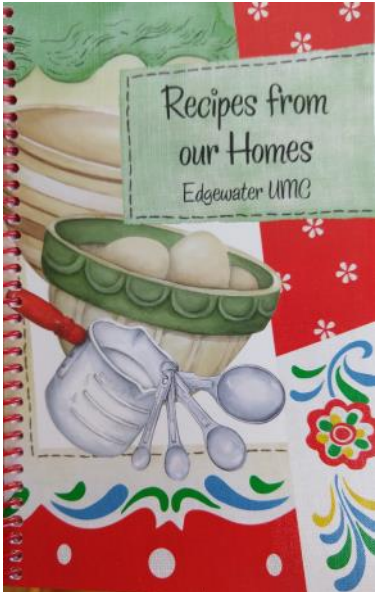
**ALSO COMING IN MARCH:**  
Blessed by God to be a Blessing (Stewardship Program)  
Save the date: March 21st Talent Show (more info to come)

1st & 3rd  
Saturday  
each month

# PRAISE & WORSHIP

## MUSIC

Beginning Feb. 15th



**United Methodist Women Cookbook** with 250 recipes is available now for \$15. Please call the office (386) 428-6552 or see Susie Lawson to buy your copy today.

March 1, 2020  
Edgewater United Methodist Church  
Worship times are changing...

Praise Worship 9 AM  
Sunday School 10AM  
Traditional Worship Service 11AM

**CALENDAR OF CHURCH MEETINGS & EVENTS**

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

**Girl Scouts Meet Each Monday 6:30 PM**

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

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

- Feb 1 9:00 AM UMM Meeting (Choir Room)
- Feb 2 9:00 AM Praise Worship Service (Communion)
- Feb 2 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service (Communion)
- Feb 3 1PM-8PM LIFE TOUCH PHOTOGRAPHY**
- Feb 4 9:30 AM Prayer Ministry (Sanctuary)
- Feb 4 1PM-8PM LIFE TOUCH PHOTOGRAPHY**
- Feb 4 6:00 PM Trustees Meeting (Choir Room)**
- Feb 5 10AM-5PM LIFE TOUCH PHOTOGRAPHY**
- Feb 5 10:00 AM Congregational Care Ministry (CCM)
- Feb 6 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar, NSB)
- Feb 6 8:30 AM UMW Breakfast (Goodrich's, Oak Hill)
- Feb 6 5:30 PM Handbell Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Feb 6 6:30 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Feb 8 9:00 AM Wellspring Counseling (9AM-12PM HH)**
- Feb 8 1:00 PM Crafters (1-3PM SS Rm. #3)**
- Feb 9 9:00 AM Praise Worship Service (**Cookie Sunday &**
- Feb 9 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service **80+ BD)**
- Feb 11 9:15 AM Prayer Ministry (Sanctuary)
- Feb 11 6:30 PM Easter Egg Hunt Meeting (Office)**
- Feb 12 10:00 AM Congregational Care Ministry (CCM)
- Feb 12 2:00 PM Hedy & Group with B&G Club**
- Feb 13 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar, NSB)
- Feb 13 8:30 AM UMW Breakfast (Goodrich's, Oak Hill)
- Feb 13 9:30 AM Card Ladies (Patti Sulzbach's Home)**
- Feb 13 5:30 PM Handbell Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Feb 13 6:30 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Feb 15 6:00 PM Saturday Praise Service**
- Feb 16 9:00 AM Praise Worship Service **CWS**
- Feb 16 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service **Blank Sunday**
- Feb 18 9:30 AM Prayer Ministry (Sanctuary)
- Feb 18 1:00 PM Ruth Circle**
- Feb 18 4:30 PM Finance Meeting (Choir Room)**
- Feb 18 7:00 PM Naomi Circle (Sunday School Rm. #3)**
- Feb 19 10:00 AM Congregational Care Ministry (CCM)
- Feb 20 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar, NSB)
- Feb 20 8:30 AM UMW Breakfast (Goodrich's, Oak Hill )
- Feb 20 5:30 PM Handbell Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Feb 20 6:30 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Feb 22 10:00 AM Child Protection Class (Choir Room)**
- Feb 23 9:00 AM Praise Worship Service
- Feb 23 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service
- Feb 25 9:30 AM Prayer Ministry (Sanctuary)
- Feb 26 10:00 AM Congregational Care Ministry (CCM)
- Feb 26 11:00 AM ASH Wednesday**  
(Ashes in Sanctuary 11AM-1PM)
- Feb 26 6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship Service**

**February happenings:**



On Sunday, February 2nd during both services, Brandy Chrisafulli from Life Recaptured will be sharing with our congregation about ministry to survivors of human trafficking. Brandy is the founder of this Brevard County mission that has plans to extend their work into Volusia County and other areas of Florida. Life Recaptured is a Non-Profit Ministry based in Brevard County, Florida assisting human trafficking survivors. At Life Recaptured their mission is to provide a true biblical perspective for women, a perspective based on restoring dignity and revealing God's heart of compassion for those oppressed and broken through bondage.

On Saturday, February 8th and Saturday, February 29th from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Edgewater UMC will be hosting two presentations by **Russell W. Holloway**, Founding Director of Open Doors Counseling Network. The topic on February 8th will be Understanding Anger, "How to understand our own anger and deal with difficult family members, customers, and co-workers!" The February 29th presentation will be Better Relationships, "Get insider tips on how to enjoy and improve your important relationships." These presentations are free and open to the community. All are invited to attend. Please invite friends, neighbors, family, and anyone God places on your heart to extend an invitation to.



**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. You will receive a bonus FREE Shutterfly gift **with purchase**.

To book your session

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE MONDAY MORNING, FEB. 3rd!

**Our directory will not be complete**



- Feb 27 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar, NSB)
- Feb 27 8:30 AM UMW Breakfast (Goodrich's, Oak Hill)
- Feb 27 5:30 PM Handbell Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Feb 27 6:30 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Feb 29 9:00 AM Wellspring Counseling (9AM-Noon)**
- Feb 29 PANTRY CLOSED**

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 01—Helen Karl
- 04—Jack Hayman+
- 06—Lynette Coffey
- 07—Dorene Bava
- 09—Ellen Hisey
- 12—Joel Gilchrist
- 12—Randy Gilchrist
- 14—Estelle Smith+
- 17—Kiley Woods
- 24—Patsy Fry
- 24—Arden Sulzbach
- 27—Jim Oliver



+ = 80 or above

**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 14—Ed & Vivian Nun

**PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:**

<b>CANCER:</b>	Linda Cunningham	Phil Johnson	Brytan Musgrave
Jack Bocus	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

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

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

**GENERAL PRAYER REQUESTS**

Dorene Bava	Larry Hall	Dr. Amanda Philips
Erin Castillo	Laura Hughes	Darrell Plank
Ousia DeVault-Klein	Jonathan Marsh	Kevin Robinson
Luke Fisher	Sarah Myers	Shirley Vickers

The Sanctuary will be opened on Feb. 26th to receive ashes 11AM-1PM

**Ash Wednesday**

Worship Service 6:00PM  
It's Time to Come Home

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

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

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

**OFFERING ENVELOPES & GIVING STATEMENTS**

are available at the back of the church. Please see the ushers. If you don't have offering envelopes and would like them, please call the office. (386) 428-6552

**FEBRUARY WORSHIP SERVICES: Scripture & Sermon Title**

<b>Feb. 2nd</b>	<b>Feb. 9th</b>	<b>Feb. 16th</b>	<b>Feb. 23rd</b>
Micah 6:1-8	1 Corinthians 2:1-12	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 17: 1-9
<i>Justice, Kindness &amp; Humility</i>	<i>Faith Lived Out</i>	<i>God Gives the Growth</i>	<i>Shining Like the Son</i>