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**and on our Website**



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# The Connection



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*Official News-Publication of Edgewater United Methodist Church*

We have now been dealing with the coronavirus for over a year. The impact on our lives cannot be ignored or denied. Our world has been assaulted violently by a tiny enemy with a mighty reach. Our only defense for months was isolation, distancing, covering our face, washing and sanitizing our hands raw and prayer. For millions, none of these efforts prevented illness and death. We have been living in between. We are in between our lives before this illness and the world we hope to arrive at after this time of lockdowns, economic crisis, illness and fear. As if that wasn't enough to deal with, our nation has experienced unrest, division, racial and political tension. As if that wasn't enough, our denomination is still also divided on social issues. As if that wasn't more than enough to deal with, life has personally had it's struggles for many of us. Many have experienced illness, death, job loss, and other difficulties.

Living in a time when so many situations are up in the air, it has been a struggle to stay grounded in our faith. We often do not do well living in uncertainty for extended periods of time. I recently attended a virtual seminar and listened to Rev. Susan Beaumont, the author of "How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going: Leading in a Liminal Season". Her book was written and published just before our world pandemic. She offers insights and hope for a time like this and did so without knowing how timely this book would be.

I want to share just a little from her work with you because it helps to acknowledge where we are. We are betwixt and between. "We are in a time of liminality. Liminality is a quality of ambiguity and disorientation that occurs in transitory situations and spaces, when a person or group of people is betwixt and between something that has ended, and a new situation not yet begun. During liminal seasons, we occupy space on both sides of a boundary or threshold. We have one foot rooted in something that is not yet over, while the other foot is planted in a thing not yet defined, something not yet ready to begin. We function with structures, identities and relationships formed by our old experiences, although we know that those structures and processes will not serve us adequately in our present reality or in the future."

During times like this, anxiety rises, we deny our current reality and try to just power through it, relationships change, and we may reject sources that have helped us in the past. We desperately seek a lifeline to the past and may grab hold of a vine that isn't rooted to solid ground.

Yet in times like this, we are assured God is with us. And there are opportunities that come into our lives when we least expect them. New relationships develop even in communities that are altered. The soul of our previous groups may emerge with spontaneous fellowship and connections we missed in "normal" times. Innovation and reinventing our lives and purpose can happen. It is a time when we can focus on what is important and rediscover our mission. Now is a time when we can collectively cultivate new wisdom on what it means to follow Christ and be in community. I pray that we look for our opportunities in the year ahead to be people of God. I pray we hold each other close and keep connected in all the ways we are seeking to. We can't just hold on or tell each other to hang on, we have to ask God to hold us in his arms and carry us through. We are called to extend God's love and care to others. We are also called to ask others to help us when we need comfort and strength. We are not in this alone. This life is sometimes full of problems and traumatic events but life is also full of joy and hope. Find your joy and hope with God and through God's people who always have comfort and care for you. "Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you." (NLT Matthew 7:7) *Pastor Donna*

## DRIVE-THRU MEAL FUNDRAISER

### BEEF STROGANOFF

vegetable medley, roll & brownie

Friday, Feb. 12th

4:30PM-6:30PM

Tickets \$10.00 each

**Tickets available at the office & at the door.**

## Women's Bible Study

Pastor Donna will be having a 6 week Bible Study on Monday afternoons at 2PM on Feb. 8th and 15th & Mar. 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd. "Forgiving What You Can't Forget" by Lysa Terkeurst books can be purchased from the office for \$14 or you might be able to find used ones on the internet at a discounted price or at your local library.



We hope you will join us in *The Journey of 10x10* Information available during worship and in the church office.



**Peanut Butter** is **needed** for **3RD SUNDAY** donation **February 21, 2021**

**THANK YOU!**

*This helps more than you can imagine!*



We still have **UMW COOKBOOKS** for sale. @ \$15 each. **stop in the office.**

## EDGEWATER UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE  
BLANKETS+

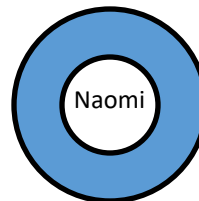
### BLANKET SUNDAY

February 14, 2020

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.

We will be sponsoring the baby bottles fundraiser for the Grace House Pregnancy Center. If you wish to obtain a bottle, please see an usher or contact Arlene Tilison (386) 428-4351. Bottles will be collected on March 14th.



**A new year**

**A new day**

**A new time**

Naomi Circle will be meeting monthly on the **3rd THURSDAY** of the month at **3:00 PM.**

You are cordially invited to join us. Please wear masks and practice social distancing.

We hope to see you on **February 18th.**

Call Linda Ruddy for more info:  
(386) 478-3031



Reservations can be made for the 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Services by calling the office the week before each service. No reservations needed for the 9:00 a.m. Praise Service outside. Rain will not cancel the outdoor service. We will move inside for 9 a.m. service. For all activities at the church, we will continue to practice all CDC guidelines including wearing masks and social distancing.

**CALENDAR OF CHURCH MEETINGS & EVENTS****Boys & Girls Club to Mon.-Fri. 2PM-7PM****T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Meet each Tues. 8:30AM**

Feb 1	7:00 PM	Comm. Hot Meals Meeting (Choir Room)
Feb 2	10:00 AM	Prayer Meeting (Sanctuary)
Feb 2	6:00 PM	Trustees Meeting (Choir Room)
Feb 4	7:30 AM	UMM Breakfast (Golden Biscuit, NSB)
Feb 4	6:00 PM	Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Feb 4	7:30 PM	Praise Band Practice (Sanctuary)
Feb 6	8:30 AM	PANTRY Opened (8:30-11:30AM)
Feb 6	9:00 AM	United Methodist Men (Choir Room)
Feb 7	9:00 AM	Contemporary Outside Worship
Feb 7	11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service
Feb 8	2:00 PM	Women's Bible Study (Choir Room)
Feb 9	6:30 PM	Finance Meeting (Choir Room)
Feb 11	7:30 AM	UMM Breakfast (Golden Biscuit, NSB)
Feb 11	9:00 AM	UMW Breakfast (Golden Biscuit, NSB)
Feb 11	6:00 PM	Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Feb 11	7:30 PM	Praise Band Practice (Sanctuary)
Feb 13	8:30 AM	PANTRY Opened (8:30-11:30AM)
Feb 13	10:00 AM	UMW Mission Study 10AM-1PM (Coronado Civic Center 223 Flagler Ave. NSB)
Feb 13	1:00 PM	Craft Ladies 1-3PM (Choir Room) <i>CWS BLANKET SUNDAY</i>
Feb 14	9:00 AM	Contemporary Outdoor Worship
Feb 14	11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service
Feb 14	6:00 PM	Movie Night <i>Fireproof</i> (Hardin Hall)
Feb 15	2:00 PM	Women's Bible Study (Choir Room)
Feb 16	1:00 PM	Ruth Circle (Choir Room)
Feb 17	11:00 AM	Ashes in Sanctuary (11AM-1PM)
Feb 17	6:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Worship Service
Feb 18	7:30 AM	UMM Breakfast (Golden Biscuit, NSB)
Feb 18	6:00 PM	Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Feb 18	7:30 PM	Praise Band Practice (Sanctuary)
Feb 19	10:00 AM	B&G Club 10AM-6PM in Hardin Hall
Feb 20	8:30 AM	PANTRY Opened (8:30-11:30AM) <i>REVIVAL WITH REV. MATT HENSON</i>
Feb 21	9:00 AM	Contemporary Outdoor Worship
Feb 21	11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service
Feb 21	6:30 PM	Revival w/ Rev. Matt Henson
Feb 22	6:30 PM	Revival w/ Rev. Matt Henson
Feb 23	6:30 PM	Revival w/ Rev. Matt Henson
Feb 24	6:30 PM	Revival w/ Rev. Matt Henson
Feb 25	7:30 AM	UMM Breakfast (Golden Biscuit, NSB)

**REVIVAL****with Rev. Matt Henson,  
Evangelist****February 21, 2021**

Rev. Matt Henson will be speaking during both worship services at 9:00AM and 11:00AM and at a special service at 6:30PM also, at 6:30PM ~ Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday ~ Feb. 22nd, 23rd, & 24th.

[livingtheadventure.net](http://livingtheadventure.net)

**Movie Nights**

in Hardin Hall at 6PM ~ Schedule:

**Feb. 14th— *Fireproof***

(A Valentine's Day special event)

**Feb. 28th—*War Room***

**Mar. 14th—*Miracles from Heaven***

**Apr. 11th—*90 Minutes in Heaven***

**Apr. 25th—*Courageous***

**Please wear a mask and practice social distancing.**



February Calendar Continued...

Feb 25	6:00 PM	Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Feb 25	7:30 PM	Praise Band Practice (Sanctuary)
Feb 27	8:30 AM	PANTRY Opened (8:30-11:30AM)
Feb 28	9:00 AM	Contemporary Outdoor Worship
Feb 28	11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service
Feb 28	5:00 PM	Sunday Night Meal (1st UMC NSB)
Feb 28	6:00 PM	Movie Night <i>War Room</i> (Hardin Hall)

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

01—JoAnn Gant  
 01—Helen Karl +  
 04—Jack Hayman+  
 06—Lynette Coffey  
 07—Dorene Bava  
 09—Ellen Hisey  
 12—Joel Gilchrist  
 12—Randy Gilchrist  
 14—Tom Nelson +  
 14—Carol Schwanke  
 14—Estelle Smith +  
 16—Karin Smuts  
 17—James Tiffany  
 17—Kiley Woods  
 24—Patsy Fry  
 24—Arden Sulzbach  
 27—Jim Oliver  
 += 80 or above



## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

14—Ed & Vivian Nunn

The Sanctuary will be opened on Feb. 17th to receive ashes 11AM-1PM

**Ash Wednesday**

Worship Service 6:00PM Please call the office to make your reservation.

## PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:

<b>CANCER:</b>	JoEllen Curtis	John Miles	Lori Rodgers
	Lana Brown	Randy Miller	Scott Stein
	Tom Carrigan	Lorie Morris	Jim Townsend
	Ellen Chapman	Brytan Musgrave	Nancy Trickey
	Rick Chapman	Rhinda Naumann	Carolyn Walburan
	Leigh Clark	Tommie	Laurie Whipple
	Conny Cohn	O'Donoghue	Angel Wootten
	Kristine Culver	Maureen Powers	
		Pete Rector	

## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Christopher Anderson	Nathan Chittick	Reese J. Kelley	Max Richards
Amy Blowers	Travis Clayton	Ross J. Kelley	Samuel Roberts
Stephen Brindle	Christian Eckberg	Elijah Leary	Tyler Schooled
Lizzy Brown	Jillian Fuimano	David Lewis	Eric Shepherd
Matt Carpenter	Kayleigh Greenough	Joshua Mendez	Zac Tepfer
	Thomas Hansen	Mackenzie Milner	Josef Wojtiw

## GENERAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Jeanette Aguayo	Hazel Dampier	Melissa Macnab	Bernie Ternet
Marie Alexander	Lindy DeLoe	Betty & Bill Mayes	Elke Thomas
Timothy Ball	Cathy Elledge	Ruth Michie	Nancy Trickey
Amy Blowers	Becky Gerald	Rita Mooers	Jim Townsend
Judy Carl	Walt Gwozdz	Alee & Lillian Plouffe	Shirley Vickers
Brandon Carter	Joy Hughes	Lori Rodgers	Carolyn W.
Ginger Clark	Bill Jacob	Nettie Secrest	Spencer Weekley
Lynette Coffey	Helen Karl	Connie Shewchuk	
Conny Cohn	Matthew Lind	Gary Tarleton	

**Please keep in prayer and make a point to call, visit or send a card to our shut ins: If you need an address or phone number please call the office: (386)-428-6552**

Pat Chaney	Ruth Humphrey	Ed & Vivian Nunn	Dave & Nancy Sanders
Meta Devlin	Frances James	Nestor Olijnyk	Nettie Secrest
Jeannie Foster	Edna Lupo	Martha Petersen	Estelle Smith
Bonnie Franke	Kitty Martin	Norrine Peterson	Phyllis Sperry
Joyce Gillisse	Wilma Montgomery	Bill Price	
Joe Hale	Tom Nelson		

## **THANK YOU**

Bev Brown & Jim Oliver  
 for coming into the office and performing our annual church audit with Bob Snyder.

***TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH CHRIST'S LOVE***