

The Edge

Edgefield United Methodist Church Newsletter

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Greetings and welcome to June. I pray all of you are doing well as hopefully things are beginning to look brighter. As I reflect over the last two months, I have to ask myself the question what have I learned? I believe that in any situation or experience we learn. First, I have learned to appreciate my home. Things that I took for granted became very special. With the new norm and few places to go home became very important. I now had time to enjoy the birds singing, the squirrels playing, working in the yard, sharing a meal together, and watching a movie. In other words, no hurry. I learned to appreciate my church and church family. I miss being in church together as I know you do. Our norm was interrupted but we didn't stop being the church. Phone calls and social media took on a new meaning and importance as we now had time to let these things be a pleasure not an inconvenience. Live streaming the service brought new people into our listening audience. I learned to appreciate Health care workers in a new light as I saw them be so selfless during this pandemic. I took stock of the essential workers who kept things going while risking their health. Whether the grocery store or the restaurant I learned to appreciate each and be patient and say thank you. Sometime soon we will go back to a more of a normal routine. I don't know about you but I want to keep some of those good lessons I have learned. Like slowing down to appreciate what is right around me. To not take things for granted and appreciate others more, and still keep the patience I have learned through all this. The value of social media, and the true importance of family and church family.

MAY GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU

PASTOR ESTEL

I Hope You Say Yes

Welcome to the new normal. I seriously doubt we will see things as we once did for quite some time, if ever. It's such a confusing time. Is it safe to go out? Should we meet in church? Can friends get together? Will my job still be there when things reopen? So many things are uncertain.

Many of you have been hit by this pandemic financially or have a loved one that has. Many face having to find new jobs because their place of business didn't survive.

We have been fortunate in our area to have suffered few loss of lives due to the COVID virus. However, there have been losses that have impacted families. I lost an aunt this past week in West Virginia and cannot be there to comfort my loved ones. It makes getting closure nearly impossible. I cannot imagine how these families that lost loved ones in the hospital even began to cope.

In the last two months I have faced a diagnoses of cancer in someone I love. Although they allowed me in the waiting room during his surgery, I was unable to be with him through his hospital stay. I felt so helpless. I have not been able to go into doctor appointments with him to offer support. It has been a painful experience.

What has God been trying to teach us throughout this experience? I think he has been giving us more opportunities to look to him for strength and hope. I think he has been prodding us to put more trust in him and the grace he has offered. A local church had something on their sign I found inspiring. It said: "We are not in our building; we have been deployed." We have been given more chances to show our love and faith in God than any time in my life. We have been given multiple times to how kindness and compassion.

Colossians 3:12 says, "So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; The Spirit is willing. The Spirit wants to do the things of God, but the flesh fights with it. The flesh says, "I have to go" or "I don't have time."

Well, we had nowhere to go. We have had the time. Did we use it as God would have wanted? If the answer is no, then you have just been out of our building. If the answer is yes, you have been deployed.

Cathy Sidebottom

Hello Church Family: We are speeding headfirst into June (where did the time go?!) I am asking anyone who has previously contributed to the crafts in the past or would like to this year...please let me, Janet or Dawn know.

We will accept any craft that you wish to make. I only ask that you not make a large number of them. I would love to see a picture of what you make and I will share some pictures of mine. If anyone needs craft materials give us a shout. We can drop off some things from my stash! I know how talented many of you are!

Stay well ! Deb Travers –Lord’s Acre Sale Craft Chairman

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MEMORIALS:

For: Ruth Tinker (Given to Elevator Fund)

By: Peggy Grubb

For: Lori Elliott

By: Dell & Andrea Gates

For: Sam Elliott

By: Mary Hughes Class of 1965

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS: June

June 1 – 1:00-3:00 pm – “Sew Happy” Quilters in CLC

June 2 – 1:00-3:00 pm – “Sew Happy” Quilters in CLC

June 3 – 9:00 am – Mayberry Bible Study in CLC

June 7 – 7:30 am – United Methodist Men in CLC

June 9 – 6:00 pm – United Methodist Women

June 20 – 8:30-10:00 am – Food Pantry Distribution

June 28 – after worship – “Table for One?” at Giovanni’s in Piney Flats

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Amy Moyers	8
Sunshine Krevinghaus	8
Sandra Lewis	11
William Whitehead	13
Deserae McClellan	14
Dave Tester	14
Tom Hodge	15
Tanner Carter	15
Warren Torbett	18
Karen Williams	20
Masun Tate	23
Chris Hodge	24
Sundai Shaw	27
Micki Hess	28
Brad Chapman	29
Michael Parker	29
Brendan Roberts	30

ANNIVERSARIES

Dave & Pat Tester	1
Jeff & Jamie Hyder	3
John & Sonja McKamey	4
Chad & Melia Fleeman	5
John & Jan Weaver	29

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STATISTICS: April Averages

Worship – NA

Sunday School – NA

Average **Budget** Offering - \$3,690.00 (3weeks)

(Needed – \$3,515.00)

LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Karl Winkle	Essential Workers	Tim Hardin
Bill & Eleanor Ensley	Healthcare Workers	Scott Bradley
Mary Beth Sidebottom	First Responders	Brianna Belisle
Wayne & Joan Ayers	Unemployed	Cindy Belisle
Manuel & Trula Hodge	Annette Gross	Sam Reed
Carolyn Fletcher	Judy Hunley	Jane Owensby
David Ward	Larry King	Monty Nelson
Betty Berry	Josh Carr	
Thomas Thinnes	Mabel Chapleau	
Nancy Moore	Larry Sells	
Norman Tester	Haskell Cross	
Don Lewis	George Casasola	
Louise Hewitt		
Eugene Chapman		

Bradley Chapman # 442749
TCIX 6E-121
1499 R.W. Moore Memorial Hwy.
Only, Tennessee 37140-4050

Laura Whitaker
Hotel 99 Room 509
244 West 99th Street
New York, NY 10025

Shut-Ins

Jim Berry Betty Birdwell Jean Sartain Bill G. Smith (423) 741-6235
Bill G. – 213 University Parkway, Pine Oaks #206, Johnson City, TN 37604

Military

Nestor Grubb, CBT Company I-1, P.O. Box 1530, West Point, NY 10997-1530
Austin Ramsey – NA

Nursing Home Residents

Lois Edwards.....Heritage Hall, Rte. 607, Box 909, Clintwood, VA 24228

Hazel Pierce Sycamore Springs, Room 110, 1504 West Elk Ave.
Elizabethton, TN 37643

George & Alice Trivett... NHC Healthcare, (Room 423) 3209 Bristol Hwy.,
Johnson City, TN 37601

Janie Walsh.....Dominion Senior Living, Room 228, 2412 Knob Creek Road, Johnson City,
TN 37604

