

# SPOTLIGHT

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF EDWARDSVILLE UMC

SEPTEMBER 2015

## When Autumn Leaves Begin To Fall

When autumn leaves begin to fall  
I think of Him most of all  
Colors bursting with the sun  
Rays shine down on everyone.

There is a leafy autumn smell  
I walk on softness where they fell  
Floating gently to the ground  
Touching down without a sound.

Animals are scurrying to and fro  
Instinctively the creatures know  
The leaves scattered everywhere  
Beautifies a place once bare.

Rising up to the bluest sky  
A tree looks down, creaks a sigh  
Nestled in her hollowed place  
Life will wait through winter's race.

When the trees at last have shed  
Sturdy branches though not dead  
Beneath the earth roots hold tight  
Tall and stately through the night.

When autumn leaves begin to fall  
The Father orchestrates it all  
Blooms in waiting seem to say  
He is coming back someday.

Again dressed in a formal gown  
Branches filled and hanging down  
See the miracle of God once more  
Birds leap from her branch to soar.

Here I stand in wonder of this  
A soft wind blows to me a kiss  
My spirit tells my mind to hush  
Peace abounds in Christ for us.

The seasons change, come and go  
But this is what I truly know

By Kathleen Higham  
"When Autumn Leaves Begin To Fall"  
I think of Him most of all.





# Pastor's Corner

My life is but a weaving  
Between the Lord and me;  
I may not choose the colors—  
He knows what they should be.

For He can view the pattern  
Upon the upper side  
While I can see it only  
On this, the under side.

Sometimes He weaves in sorrow,  
Which seems so strange to me;  
But I will trust His judgment

And work on faithfully.

'Tis He who fills the shuttle,  
And He knows what is best;  
So I shall weave in earnest,  
And leave to Him the rest.

Not 'til the loom is silent  
And the shuttles cease to fly  
Shall God unroll the canvas  
And explain the reason why.

The dark threads are as needed

In the Weaver's skillful hand  
As the threads of gold and silver  
In the pattern He has planned.

-Author Unknown



**WEAVING GOD'S PROMISES**

*He changes the times  
and the seasons.  
Daniel 2:21*

Have you ever looked at a weaving closely? The front is beautiful and the back, well, not as much. It has threads and knots and it can often be hard to see the design. As it says in the poem, we don't often see the pattern of our lives and work until later, and often the end. We don't get to appreciate the full beauty of the work that God is rendering in our life as it being lived.

But God does have a plan, a beautiful plan at that. Just as God has a plan for our life, God has a plan for our church and ministry as well. A ministry made of different threads, the threads of Worship, Education, Mission,

Healing, and so many more. Then there is the warp, the foundational threads such as Time, Talents, Gifts and Presence.

How is God using you in the weaving of the Salvation of the world? How are you helping make the fabric of ministry at EUMC strong and beautiful?

This will be our conversation over the next couple of weeks. Bless you.

In Service,

Dave Powell



# A Month of Sundays

## September 6th / Communion

**Message:** "The mind and heart of God"

**Scripture:** 1st Corinthians 2:1-16

**Children's Church:** Patty Doyle / Amy Berry

## September 13th

**Message:** "Do you have a dream"

**Scripture:** Acts 2:17

**Children's Church:** Anita / Morgan Striegel

## September 20th / Grandparents Day

**Message:** "So the next generation would know"

**Scripture:** Psalms 78:4-7

**Children's Church:** Shannon Johnson / Abby Hart

## September 27th

**Message:** "The hats of a Christian"

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

**Children's Church:** Liz Ammons / Marcello Gelsomini



## September Acolytes

9:00am - Kole Stewart & Josie Striegel

11:00am - Justin Wagoner & Matthew Sims

## September Communion Servers

9:00am - Jack Schannep, Joanne Wilson, Margarette Muchow,  
Eric & Sheri Schmitz and Walter Shively

GRANDPARENTS  
fill the world  
with LOVE

We will be celebrating the Love of Grandparents on Sunday, September 20th. Please bring photos of your grandparents or those who have filled those places in your hearts as "Grandparents" so we may honor them in service. That morning we will be signing cards for several Grandparents at local nursing homes. Please look for our table in the Narthex.





## Mission Corner

by Bob Youell

### Love God, Love Others, Serve the World...

*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

Matthew 28:18-20

God has a wonderful Master Plan. Each of us is part of that plan. Always, we need to be faithful, be purposeful in our lives living and telling the Good News, and trust God will use these efforts. This story started 7 years ago at our Faith Promise Weekend. At that event, two different ministries, Mission Resource International and Peace and Grace Ministries, were introduced. This is a story of how that has impacted the Haiti initiative.

Our missionary friends, Jerry and Esther Bryant, serve the poor in Haiti through Peace and Grace Ministries, Inc. After a recent visit to Haiti, they shared that each church that has a school needs help in paying their teachers. Last year they supported salaries at 3 primary schools and 1 vocational school and they hope to continue that support this year. With so many needs, Jerry and Esther and their mission committee felt they needed to make an effort to get more businesses started in Haiti to bring finances into the ministry. With funds from a corporate grant, they have already started 2 chicken farms. Chicken is the primary meat eaten in Haiti so the farms have the potential to produce a good profit. Next they are planning to put buses and trucks on the streets for public transportation. These are major steps forward for these ministries to become self-sufficient. Glory to God!

The point? David Ketchum with Mission Resource International was also at that EUMC Faith Promise Weekend 7 years ago. Mission Resource Intl. was founded on the belief that "if you teach a man to fish he will hunger no more." In the last 10 years, David's M.R.I. has started over 60 businesses in Ghana and Kenya, Africa to help fund churches, support families, and assist indigenous families to become self-supporting. AHA!! Now that is the rest of the story. Jerry and Esther have adopted the M.R.I. idea of *business as a mission* to a different part of the world to support their ministry, lead people to Christ, and further God's Kingdom.

I have been blessed to go to Africa with David and to Haiti with Jerry and Esther and witnessed first-hand the love and grace of Jesus Christ these wonderful people are bringing to the world.

Please pray for the success of the businesses started by Peace and Grace Ministries and Mission Resource International.

**Also attached, please find registration for the September 18 AdventureServe Golf Outing.**

**GIVE A MAN A  
FISH  
AND FEED  
HIM FOR A DAY  
TEACH HIM TO FISH  
AND FEED HIM  
FOR A LIFETIME**

# AdventureServeOpen

Formerly known as: *Golf for the Point*



**AdventureServe**  
— MINISTRIES —

Formerly *Confrontation Point Ministries*

## Golf Scramble - Friday, September 18, 2015

11:30-Registration ~ Noon-Lunch ~ 1:00<sub>sharp</sub>-Shotgun

Team Entry: \$320	Individual: \$80	Hole Sponsor: \$125
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## Hidden Creek Golf Club

4975 Utica Sellersburg Rd, Sellersburg, IN 47172  
(812) 246-2556 [www.hiddencreekgolfclub.com](http://www.hiddencreekgolfclub.com)

The event includes door prizes, lunch, 18 hole scramble format golf, blind drive, contests, dessert during the awards ceremony.

<p><u>AdventureServe Ministries Mission Statement:</u> The ministry seeks to create a Christ-centered community and encourage growth through confrontational experiences with God, self, others and nature.</p>
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All proceeds will go directly to AdventureServe Ministries. Please visit [www.adventureserve.org](http://www.adventureserve.org)

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (please print neatly)

Captain Player 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/email : \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4: \_\_\_\_\_ (rain-out policy coupon for 18 holes of golf with cart)

For more information or to enter a team- contact Roger Harbison at [roger@charbisonexcavating.com](mailto:roger@charbisonexcavating.com)  
(502) 639-3130—PLEASE MAKE CHECKS TO ADVENTURE SERVE MINISTRIES  
Mail to Roger Harbison ~ 2014 Edwardsville-Galena Road ~ Georgetown, IN 47122



# YOUTH NEWS

After Mission Trip, I'll admit, I was completely and utterly speechless. I couldn't write what was needed for the Spotlight last month because I couldn't put it into words. I'm afraid that I am still struggling a little talking about it. God was present and faithful; he reached out his hand to each and every youth, and many took it gladly and were changed. I think the best picture that I can possibly paint for how it affected the youth on the trip is this:

It started on our way to Geneva May's house. A man was on the side of the road with his car broken down. These big-hearted youth were restless to get out of the van and help him. They were then on a high from helping the individual. Jess, the Adventure Serve Ministries staff within twenty minutes of this incident was in a frightening accident that morning and we had not been able to get the jumpstart we had wanted on the jobsite. However, we needed to be there with her and be God's comforting hand to her. After much of God's grace was spilled out on the road, we made it to Geneva's house and worked relentlessly. We were not returning to the campsite until we were done; it became a mantra. When we could no longer see our hammers and nails and the never-ending rain stopped us in our progress, it was time to return. However, not without singing our mission trip song to Geneva and seeing her smile on her new porch. On our way home, every youth was up and belting worship songs at the top of their lungs. I heard in the back a conversation from the youth that went something like this: "I have never been this close to God in my life. I truly want to live for him. Before this week, I was questioning God and everything, but now I am wanting to be truly His." I might have had a tear or two in my eyes on that trip home; my heart was full.

Any youth can tell you his story about that trip; they were changed and renewed. Ask them.

My  
Heart  
belongs to  
Jesus



Youth / Young Adult (20 something's encouraged to join! Led By Matthew and Jessica Townsend. Girls will be studying "God Girl" and for the boys "God Guy". Girls will meet on Wednesday evenings beginning September 2nd from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Boys will meet on Tuesdays from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Both studies will meet in the Epicenter.



## Leave a Legacy...Make a Lasting Difference

By the time you read this, our Ministry Fair will probably have come and gone. I hope that you allowed time to look through each booth, learning what each ministry is all about, asking yourself if that area is where you'd like to serve. After all, this is what your General Fund giving helps to support! It's always exciting to see the new programs that each area has or is planning to have in the upcoming year.

For Finance, we have now implemented a Planned Giving Policy. We are all called to be practice good stewardship--which includes faithful financial planning. Have you considered including your church in your will?

Your gift could provide so much for the future of Edwardsville United Methodist Church! As stated in the brochure handed out at the fair, "Your gift is a lasting statement of your good stewardship" and "Your gift is a declaration to God, family, and friends of what you hold dear...that you believe and care about the missions of the Church."

Planned giving gifts may include wills, trusts, life insurance, gift annuities, real estate, and securities. Your attorney or financial advisor can help you determine which method is best suited for you.

Please take time to pray about this and see if God is leading you to take a step toward leaving a legacy to Him. What better way to give back to God than to keep giving, even after our earthly life has ended!

### What Will Your Legacy Be?

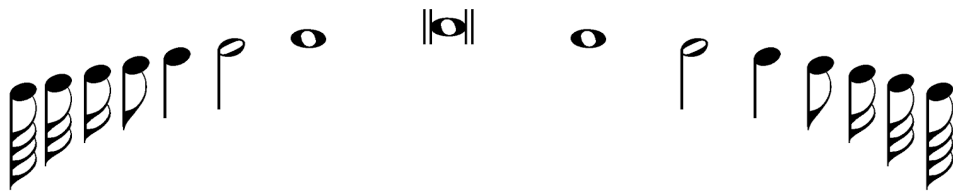
Debby Youell, Finance Chair

*"We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done."*

Psalm 78:4



# Notes



## from your Minister of Music

*Some upcoming worship music highlights for the 9:00 AM service:*

- **Sunday, August 30:** song from our friend **Elaine Sands**
- **Sunday, September 6:** **Christian Thomas** plays - come say farewell before he heads to play in the **United States Marine Corps Bands** (after basic training!)
- **Sunday, September 13:** Your Minister of Music sings Don Francisco's follow-up to **“He's Alive”** - a remarkable song of witness to a miracle: **“Gotta Tell Somebody”**
- **Sunday, September 20:** - The **Chancel Choir** returns after summer break.

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Many thanks to those who have enriched our worship with their musical offerings this summer: **Ken Griffin, Elaine Sands, Marina Hart, Rhonda Baker, Terry Horton, Phil Thomas, the Treble-makers, Josie Striegel and Emma Grace Boone.**  
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**Chancel Choir Practice Resumes Sunday, September 13th at 7:00 PM**

*Yours in Christ's Service,  
Ray Horton, Minister of Music*





The Trustees have scheduled a work day for Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Work will begin at 8:00am. All are welcome to come and participate, and share your time and talents. Some of the items we will be working on include the following:

- Wash high windows inside and out
- Clean gutters as needed
- Replace gutter guard
- Clean the base board and trim inside
- Finish the children's room next to the girls restroom if leak has been repaired
- Refinish the deck at the parsonage
- Cut down 3 dead trees and split firewood from the logs on the North Knable Road lot
- Move one of the benches to inside the playground area to make room for the gate to access the playground.
- Install the removable fence section / post (3 sides) around the A/C unit exposed in the children's playground area.

Please, bring tools to work on the above areas as you feel called to do so.





# CANDY MAKING TIME!

## Dates and times:

Tuesday, September 29th

Thursday, October 1st

Tuesday, October 6th

6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall



Your help is needed. Please plan to join for one or all of these evenings. It will be a great time and such a blessing to our Annual Harvest Homecoming booth.



This will be our church's 42nd year to have a booth at Harvest Homecoming. Our boy scout troop was in charge of the first 5 years and they were hired by the Harvest Homecoming Committee to be in charge of the Cleanup crew, our church kept the booth space. This will be our 37th year to be in charge of the booth as a congregation.

The concession trailer will be set in place on Wednesday, October 7th. Booth days are October 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th.

Candy making nights are upon us! We will be making 2800 buckeyes, 1000 bonbons, 15 rolls of potato candy and 40 trays of fudge. So, your help will be appreciated. We have had as many as 23 people making candy

We will also need 300 small pans of persimmon pudding and we've had as many as 12 people bake them, so if anyone can help with that, please contact one of the persons below.

**NEEDED:** Donations of name brand soft drinks: Coke, Pepsi, Big Red, Mountain Dew, Dr. Pepper, Root Beer, Sprite and Bottled water.

We will have a sign up sheet for adult workers available in early September, so plan to spend some time working in the booth. It is a great way to represent our church in the community.

Doug & Maria Dodge, Paul & Donna Gibson, Greg & Paula Reilly





Wanted: Kids' Club Director(s),

We need you! We are looking for leadership. Kids' club meets one evening a week for a bible lesson and fellowship for ages Kindergarten through 5th. We would like to have 2 to 4 adults to divide the children into 2 age levels. If interested, YOU get to choose the program which we'll acquire for you. You also get to choose the schedule. Contact the church office if you have interest or questions.

Working in a children's ministry is a blessing to all involved!



# Tasteful Bible Studies

Kids cooking with a purpose

Kids' Club will kick off on Sunday September 20th at 6:00pm with this fun and interactive study!

A tasteful Bible experience, learning about God! Ages three thru fifth grade (kids under second grade need to be accompanied by an adult).



Preschool has started! We have 14 students starved for knowledge and snacks. If you would like to help with this ministry food donations are welcome. Because of food allergies, we do have a very specific list:

- Fresh fruits and vegetables
- Cheerios (plain)
- Cinnamon Chex cereal
- Ritz crackers (plain)
- Oreos (plain)
- Plain apple sauce
- Jell-O cups

Please leave donations in the fellowship hall refrigerator, the box marked preschool.



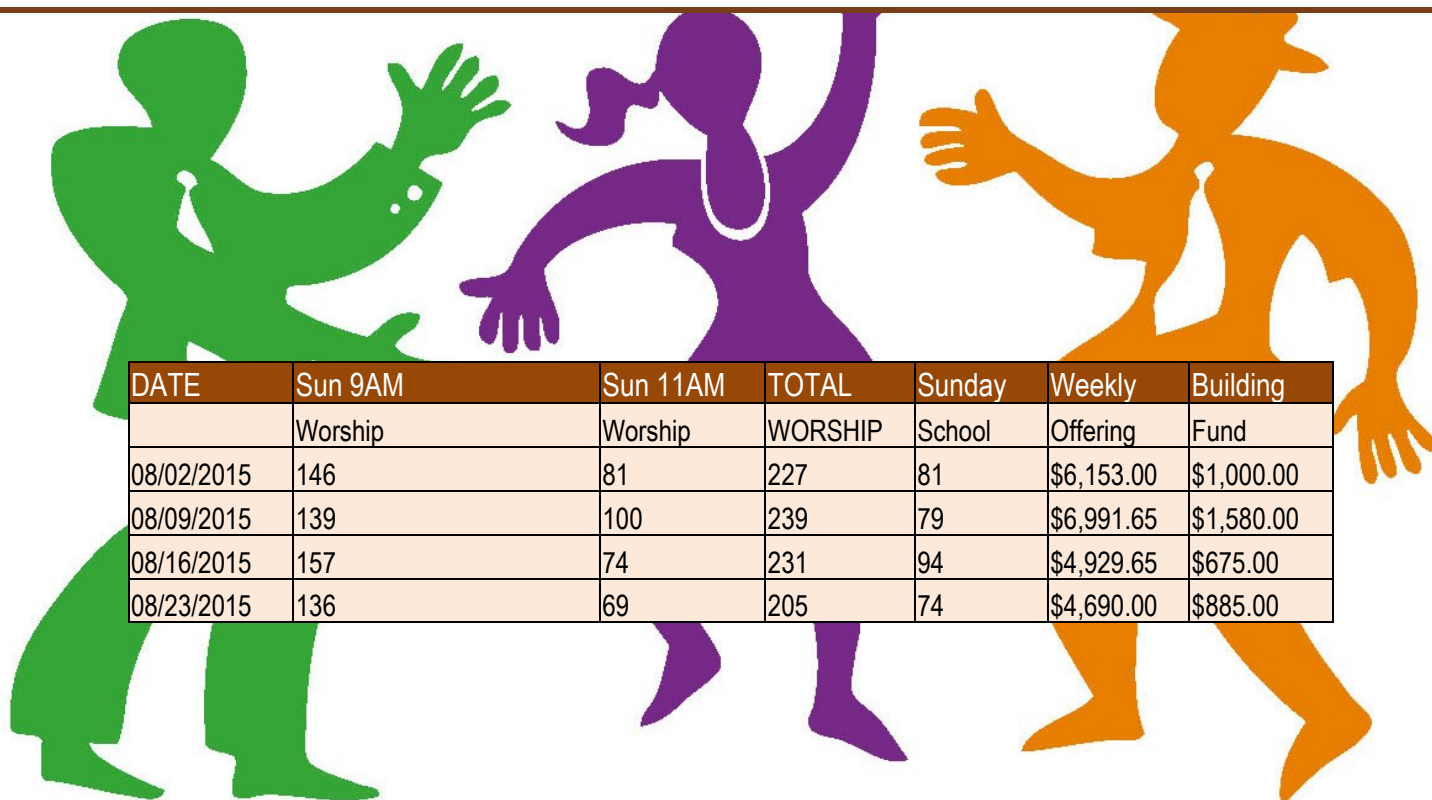
# GET INVOLVED

- **Disciple Bible Study:** Beginning on Wednesday, September 2nd. A meal will be served at the first meeting. We will gather at 5:45pm. The study will last until 8:30pm. The Youth will begin studying and age appropriate version of Disciple on Sunday
- **Youth /Young Adult Small Group:** Beginning on Wednesday, September 2nd. Youth /Young Adult (20 something's encouraged to join! Led By Matthew and Jessica Townsend. Girls will be studying "God Girl" and for the boys "God Guy". Girls will meet on Wednesday evenings beginning September 2nd from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Boys will meet on Tuesdays from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Both studies will meet in the Epicenter.
- **Servants Dinner:** Grab your tickets today for the Servants Dinner, so we can start planning. Tickets are free and available at the welcome center today. This is for you! Maple glazed chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans and desserts galore! September 13th at 12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Paint and Eat:** The UMW would like to invite all women and their friends to come out for an evening of fun and fellowship. On Thursday, September 17th at 5:30pm we will have dinner and short discussion on this wonderful mission team. Afterward, there is a paint party! \$25.00 per person, all supplies provided and take your work home.
- **Annual Quilt and Craft Show:** The greatest display of talent anywhere around! Come out on Friday, September 25th or Saturday, September 26th! There is something for everyone. Admission is \$1.00 and a light lunch will be served.
- **Candy Making:** Let the fun begin! Starting Tuesday, September 29th at 6:00pm.
- **Harvest Homecoming:** Sign up to serve or plan to come out and support this annual event. October 8th through 11th.
- **Hanging of the greens:** November 29th. More details to come.



# September 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 8:30AM Willing Workers 9:30AM-12PM Preschool 11:30AM W.W. Pitch-In 5:30PM Weight Watchers 7PM - S.P.R.C.	2 9:30AM-12PM Preschool 5:45PM Meal for bible study 6:30PM Disciple Bible Study begins.	3 9:30AM-12PM Preschool 7:9PM - P & W Band Rehearsal 7:30PM AI-Anon 7:30PM A. A. Meeting	4 9:30AM-12PM Preschool	5 2:4PM Large Kitchen Res: Small Group for Exit O Ministry
6 COMMUNION 9AM Worship 10-11AM Hospitality 10AM Sunday School 11:05AM Worship 6PM Youth: Epicenter 6:45PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7 Labor Day Office Closed	8 8:30AM Willing Workers 9:30AM-12PM Preschool 5:30PM Weight Watchers	9 9:30AM-12PM Preschool 6:30PM Adults Bible Study	10 9:30AM-12PM Preschool 7:9PM - P & W Band Rehearsal 7:30PM AI-Anon 7:30PM A. A. Meeting	11 <i>Lanesville Heritage</i>	12 <i>Lanesville Heritage</i>
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DATE	Sun 9AM	Sun 11AM	TOTAL	Sunday	Weekly	Building
	Worship	Worship	WORSHIP	School	Offering	Fund
08/02/2015	146	81	227	81	\$6,153.00	\$1,000.00
08/09/2015	139	100	239	79	\$6,991.65	\$1,580.00
08/16/2015	157	74	231	94	\$4,929.65	\$675.00
08/23/2015	136	69	205	74	\$4,690.00	\$885.00

# BRING A FRIEND



If you are looking for a church in the Floyd County or surrounding area, Edwardsville United Methodist Church may be right for you. We make no apologies that we do not have all the bells and whistles of a mega church, however it doesn't take long before the pastor will know your name. We will offer you a great opportunity to develop a lasting relationship with Jesus Christ. Life long friends fill our sanctuary on Sunday and then walk in our community each day of the week. We would love for you to join us and continue or start your faith journey.

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