The Summertime

Thank you Lord for the golden sun
That warms the earth from sky of blue. The rays that brighten the
summer's day speak of the love that flows from you.

The summertime of heat filled days
We thank you for the cooling breeze,
and the shade that cools us down
under the shadow of leaf topped trees.

We seek the shelter of your wings
Your breath upon us like a cooling wind, to ease the spirit and comfort
the soul, and the rest you give to us
who sinned.

We thank you for the sparkling sea,
to dive beneath its cooling waves.
Lord we thank you for the blood
Of your Savior Son the One who saves.

The summer days we thank you for
The joys of spending sun filled hours
Along the coast or countryside,
Or in the garden viewing pretty flowers, For in the heart redeemed
by you, Your Savior Son brings a better clime.

Your rays of love; the sunshine of grace
And for our souls it is always summertime.

Colin Moffett

Church Events

• June 7—SPRC Meeting—
  NFH—7:00 p.m.

• June 8—June 11—Annual Conference

• June 14—Finance Meeting—6:30 p.m.—NFH

• June 18—EUMC Food
  Drive—Door 1—9:00 a.m.—
  Noon

• June 19—Father’s Day

• June 25—EUMC Chicken
  BBQ—EUMC—Noon—7:00
  p.m. (Flyer Inside!)
Dear Friends:

As you are aware, the United Methodist Church is going through some challenging days. You will hear talk from friends and read about the emergence of a new denomination—The Global Methodist Church that has started to take shape.

As I have prepared for the class I am currently teaching, this preparation has reminded me of where the United Methodist Church began. The Methodist Church was a "revival" that began with John and Charles Wesley. But even before that, the Protestant movement began as a reform and desire to not be in agreement and community with the Roman Catholic Pope and the beliefs of the Catholic Church. In the 1600’s there was a renewal movement that focused on the experience of new birth, sanctification, transformation of societies and the development of small groups. John and Charles Wesley in the 1700’s each had transforming experiences where their hearts and lives were changed. They began preaching new birth and sanctification in the Anglican Church religious community. In addition they were a part of missional and philanthropic endeavors to bring about change in England. {UMC Book of Discipline, pages 11/12} The goal was to “reform the nation, particularly the church; and to spread scriptural holiness over the land." {2016 BOD, page 12} Out of this a pattern of organization and discipline developed, thus the name “Methodist”. Thus, a revival began that spread from England to the United States.

The revival has continued to spread throughout the years, however, our fires of revival have diminished and the United Methodist Church has gotten bogged down over issues that have divided us along the lines of traditional, liberal, progressive, and centrist. We have taken our eyes off the prize of first being focused on what the Scripture, the story of Christ has to say to us. For John Wesley, Scripture was primary.

I want to focus on this revival. What does the word “revival” mean to you? When I think of that word, I think of evening weekend meetings with a guest preacher who would come in for week, to preach to all the people gathered from each of the churches in our surrounding area. There would be music. It would always be in a place that was “hot” {temperature} and uncomfortable, and there would be unusual things occur that my early memory/heart didn’t understand. But can we have revival again? Can we have a renewing of the heart and mind about what God is calling us to do and be in 2022? What is God calling us to do in both our local church as well as in the larger UMC tradition? I would ask that you keep our Edwardsville UMC church in prayer and that you keep our larger United Methodist Church in prayer. May we find our way to revival. May we find our way to keeping the “main thing the main thing—Jesus Christ and all things related to him. We are headed into an interesting time in the life of the church. May we be revived rather than lose our way on the way to Jesus Christ. For Jesus is the only way, for Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

God’s Grace and Peace
Pastor Cindy Osgood
June and July Sundays and Services

Sunday, June 5—Day of Pentecost
Communion Sunday
The Lead-up to Revival
John 14:8-17; 25-27; Romans 8:14-25;
Rev. 2:1a, 4-5a

Sunday, June 12—Trinity Sunday
A Desire for Holiness
1 Peter 1:13-21; Rev. 2:22-11-14

Sunday, June 19—Second Sunday after Pentecost
A Challenge to Faith
Romans 4:3-5; 5:1-5

Sunday, June 26—Third Sunday after Pentecost
The Need of Grace
Romans 10:13-15; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Sunday, July 3—Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Communion Sunday
Works of Mercy
James 2:14-18; Ephesians 2:8-10

Sunday, July 10—Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Making it to the End
Numbers 11:10-15; Matthew 5:10-12
EUMC Chicken BBQ
Sat. June 25, 2022
Noon—7 p.m.—EUMC

Submitting Items for the Church Calendar:
As EUMC continues to get back into full swing, we would like to remind you of a change that has taken place. When you want to schedule an event for the Church Calendar for use of a room/space, please complete a **Church Facilities Usage and Calendar Request Form**. This will help the Church Office keep track of who will be in the building and what activities are happening on a daily/weekly basis. This will avoid space/meeting complications and misunderstandings. It will also help in the scheduling of outside events {weddings, funerals, and other events} for which space/time may be requested. **Forms are available outside the office door or can be emailed to you.** If you have questions about this form or the process, feel free to speak with Pastor Cindy Osgood.

EUMC Is Resuming Collection of Bottle Caps/Lids:
EUMC is resuming the collection of bottle caps/lids in memory of Diana Keithley. There is a collection box in the Narthex/Door # 1 with further information and details of what types of bottle caps/lids can be collected. For further information, please contact Urbie Keithley at 502-381-6555. Thank you.
82 CHILDREN RESCUED!

While Operation Underground Railroad’s efforts primarily focus on eradicating sex trafficking, they also support authorities in rescuing victims of labor trafficking.

Recently, O.U.R. had the opportunity to help in a major labor trafficking case in the Caribbean. Local authorities requested assistance to investigate the trafficking of 500 to 800 children who had been taken from their families in a nearby country. They were being exploited as slave labor on two rice-producing farms.

O.U.R. deployed various resources, including drones, to record footage for evidence. Using that information, the authorities conducted a raid on the business and arrested seven labor managers (two of which were government officials). 82 children were rescued and returned safely to their parents. 30 additional children received medical treatment for infections and severe dehydration incurred from working 14-hour shifts.

We are grateful for the efforts of the O.U.R. Team and the Caribbean officials to ensure these children get the care they need so they can enjoy the childhoods they deserve.

Edwardsville UMC Faith Promise Missions is proud to support this organization and many other worthy causes around the corner and around the world.

Operation Underground Railroad writes; “Thanks to your donations, you helped fund the rescue of dozens of children.”

Because all children are precious and fragile, the bible reminds us that we should protect and defend them in every way we can. Matthew 18:10 “See that you do not hurt or despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.”
Saturday, June 25th
Serving 12:00pm - 7:00pm (or until sold out)

**Menu**
1/2 Chicken/BBQ
Baked beans * slaw* dinner roll* dessert* tea or lemonade

Carry-0uts Available
$12.00 per plate

Come One, Come All!
This is a community gathering. Please come join us and invite your family, friends, and neighbors to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Urbie Keithley, Paul Gibson or any of the other Covenant Keepers. Hope to see you there!
THE LOVE OF A FATHER

for his children
is more than provision
and protection,
leadership and guidance—

it’s a part of who we are,
what we become,
and the way we serve the Lord
with our lives.

It is a strong and binding cord
that runs through the fabric of
our character…

a rock we can stand on
for courage and support…
and a foundation that lies
securely beneath us.
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Prayer for Gratitude:
Towards Our Heavenly Father. I am so grateful for everything that You have given me. Thank you so much for the loved ones in my life, and for the many ways in which I am cared for and supported on a day to day basis. Thank you for the many ways I can serve and give to others.