# The Edge

Edgefield Methodist Church Newsletter
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November 2025

Greetings from the Pastor. Oh, how this year has rolled along. We are already going into November with Thanksgiving and Christmas not far away. One thing that November brings is Veterans Day. A time when we honor and remember all who have served in the armed forces to protect and give us the freedom we enjoy today. The Piney Flats Ruritan will again have the Veterans Luncheon at Edgefield on Nov 1. This is the 24<sup>th</sup> year they have hosted this event. We commend the Ruritan for their work and say thank you to our Veterans. November is also a time to gather and give thanks. The fourth Thursday of the month we will gather as family and friends to share a meal together. Hopefully this will be a time to give thanks for our many blessings we have received. A celebration of our bounty because we are blessed beyond compare. But before we celebrate let's look at what we can do to show we are thankful. How about working the food pantry? November is a special month as we try to make sure our people have a thanksgiving meal. Come out on Saturday, Nov. 15 and be a part of something special. You will be blessed. We have others who work in kitchens on Thanksgiving to feed the homeless and others in need. Just remember we are blessed and our cup runneth over. Don't let the abundance go to waste. Give thanks be helping others.

MAY GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU

**PASTOR ESTEL** 



Thank you, God, for all the blessings.

For the lessons - for they taught me to seek you.

For the challenges - for they taught me to trust you.

For leading me - especially when I didn't want to take another step.

For holding my hand - especially when I said I could do it by myself.

Thank you, God for all the lessons.

For the blessings of friendship - for they taught me to laugh.

For the blessings of family - for they taught me to love.

For the blessings of your grace poured out abundantly.

For the blessings of your mercy.

Thank you, God, for the lessons and the blessings.

Rev. Suzanne Whittaker

**Elder/Disaster Relief Coordinator, Global Methodist Church** 

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There will be a Celebration of Life for Joan Burnett at Buffalo Ruritan Club (informal) on Sunday, November 9, 2025 from 3:00-5:00pm.

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Congratulations to Brandon Minton and Ashley Sidebottom on their engagement.

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I am working on the 2026 directory.

From the Lord's Acre Sale – Crafts are continuing to sell, now sold \$1447!!! Previous total was \$1125. Anyone looking for crafts for Fall/Winter Decor, or for nice Christmas gifts, Birthday gifts, etc., please contact Jill Fandl, 423-360-2567. Crafts can be seen and are on display at St Paul Church.

# **STATISTICS:** September Averages

Worship – 109 Sunday School – 35

Average Budget Offering - \$8,692.00

(Needed - \$4,825.00 weekly)

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# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

Nov. 5 - 7:00 am - Men's Prayer Breakfast at Bojangles

Nov. 5 - 6:30 pm - Young Adult Meeting in CLC

Nov. 7-9 - Women's Retreat

Nov. 9 – 2:00-4:00 pm – Card Ministry @ Dawn Tuck's Home (Forms in vestibule)

Nov. 9 – 4:00 pm - Church Council Meeting in CLC

Nov. 14 - 10:15am - Food Pantry Unload

Nov. 15 –8:30 am – Food Pantry Distribution

Nov. 19 - 6:30 pm - Young Adult Meeting in CLC

Nov. 21 - 10:15 am - Food Pantry Unload

Nov. 23 – 5:30 pm – Thanksgiving Service at St. Paul Church

Nov. 23 - After Worship – "Table for One?" at Primo's in Piney Flats

**Dec. 6 – NOON –** Older Adult Christmas Partyin CLC

Dec. 7 – 7:30 am – Methodist Men's Breakfast in CLC

**Dec. 7** – Bells will Perform

**Dec. 14** – Choir Cantata

**Dec. 14 – 2:00-4:00 pm** – Card Ministry @ Dawn Tuck's Home (906 Denvers Lane) (forms & box in vestibule)

**Dec. 14 – 6:00 pm** – Children's Christmas Program (CLC)

**Dec. 17** – Choir Christmas Party

Every Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday - 12:00-3:00 pm - Quilting for the Homeless

\* Every Sunday: 5:30 pm - Bible Study@ St. Paul with Pastor Suzanne

\* Every Tuesday: 6:30 pm - Hand Bell Practice

\* Every Wednesday:

9:00 am - Mayberry Bible Study (CLC)

10:30 am - Dulcimer Jam Session

6:00 pm - I Peter Bible Study in CLC & On-Line

6:30 pm - Youth Adults (bi-weekly)

7:00 PM - Choir Practice





Gracyn Fox	1
Landon Parker	6
Donna Voorhees	9
Macy Carter	11
Janet Elliott	11
Sue Smith	11
Barbara Jara	12
Carol Fox	13
Maggie O'Neill	14
Helen Kendrick	14
Aaron Tuck	15
Brittany Oliver	15
Paulette Broyles	19
Willow McClellan	19
Leah Dommel	20
Camille O'Neill	23
Jill Bowers	23
Leslie Merrick	24
Adam Whitehead	24
Johnny Williams	24
Alyson Whittaker	25
Shirley Smith	27



Steve & Brittany Oliver 9 Steve and Nancy Little 10

#### LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Mary Beth Sidebottom Sherry Hawkins Greg Lewis
Larry Hudson Judy Graybeal Judy Shipley
Shane Malone Angela Medlin Carson Dye
Ava Cox Bill Greene Richard Doyle
Tony Bowers Terry Byrd Penny Hampton

Beth Hearn Buster Cox Elisa Lewis
Anne Whittemore Carol Williams Andy Wilhoit
Roger Davis James Simpson Dean Torbett
Bill Sawyers David Gurny John Fandl
Ophelia Olson Dickie Matney Dale Jones

Jackie DishnerLinda PierceBryan Blankenship FamilySam O'DellRhonda HaverlackDr. David Gerkin FamilyStan & Earlene StrouthMike & Michelle HaireMike Lamour Family

Sherry Hensley Jolene Tester People of Nigeria, Alaska, & Jamaica

Pat O'Neill Gary Hunt Michael S.& Kierra D.

Beth Baker Tommy Smith
Jean Oliver Aaron Horsley
Stacy Fox Harry Holloway
Marina Williams Chris Trivett
Bill Smith Jamie Hyder

# Homebound

Betty Berry Betty Birdwell Eleanor Ensley Carol Fox Betty Hale Junior Smith

# **Nursing Homes**

Margaret Barnes....Colonial Hill Retirement Center, 3207 Bristol Hwy., Room 313,

Johnson City, TN 37601 barnesmargaret39@gmail.com

Pete Carrier...... American House, 406 E. Mountain View Road, Room 139, Johnson City, TN 37601

Eleanor Ensley.... NHC Healthcare, 3209 Bristol Hwy., Room 419A, Johnson City, TN 37601

Trula Hodge.....Dominion Assisted Living, Room 223, 2412 Knob Creek Road, Johnson City, TN 37604

Phyllis King.......Dominion Senior Living of Bristol, 425 Shelby Lane, Bristol, TN 37620

Rena Lewis.......Princeton Assisted Living, 401 Princeton Road, Room 309, Johnson City, TN 37601

Pauline Oliver...NHC Healthcare, 3209 Bristol Hwy., Room ,Johnson City, TN 37601

Jean Sartain...NHC Healthcare, 3209, Bristol Hwy., Room 142, Johnson City, TN 37601