

Edgewood United Methodist Church

The Vision

March 2026

"Where there is no vision the people perish" Proverbs 29:18

Vision 2026

Edgewood UMC started the vision casting process about two and a half years ago when we invited the co-author of The Big Picture, Dr. Jevon Caldwell-Gross, to talk to us about vision casting. We provided books to the congregation and made efforts to jump start the process. From there we listened to our congregation and our neighborhood to see how to best serve moving forward.



Through surveys to both the neighborhood and the

congregation we discovered that our neighbors were food insecure, many live in multigenerational homes with children and teens, and prefer a later service time. We also heard from our congregation that some prefer an earlier and some prefer a later worship time given our history of having both.

We moved from listening and becoming informed to trying out new things, knowing that we can't do the same things and expect different results. We created something unique to Edgewood in the form of a new worship service called Brunch @ The Table to be held monthly on the 2nd Sunday. At the intersection of worship and mission we discovered a vision that brings new life to the congregation. We also adjusted our service times to best serve the needs of our congregation and our neighbors. We've had 3 church wide meetings in the last 11 months to update and inform along the way.

Today, thanks to the flexibility of our congregation and its willingness to try new things, we are blessed with first time guests on a regular basis, return guests, and new people attending church. Edgewood, you have such a strong foundation of faith over the generations, and we are seeing the fruit of seeds planted and the ones you continue to plant. It's a blessing and something we can celebrate!

You have probably heard me say along the way: "Casting a vision for the future and trying new things can be messy". We are learning as we go and sailing the boat as we are building it! There are days where we see ourselves living out our vision in very effective ways, and there are days where we have our challenges. Now that we've lived into this vision for 6 months, it's time to circle back and listen to the congregation and to our neighbors. You will see a survey available on Sunday, March 8 that you can fill out in person or online. Hindsight is 20/20, so it's a good time to listen and learn! Please help us by taking time to fill out the survey. Both options can be filled out anonymously. Thank you in advance for helping our leadership discern and lead!

Blessings,
Pastor Kevin Davis



Judy Prosch
Debbie Lynn
Nathan Hamner

03/04
03/09
03/14

Phyllis Harman
Harold Lane

03/20
03/30

HAPPY
Anniversary!

Jeremy & Lisa Biggerstaff (25 years)

03/01

March Sing and Shout to the Lord

Surely March will bring us signs of Spring! We have suffered the roller coaster ride of February's weather, with 2 or 3 seasons on display in one week! The changeable weather reminds us of our own fickleness. James describes it like a ship that goes each way the wind blows - such is human duplicity. When we are double minded, we are not great Christian witnesses. Thank God for being always faithful, forgiving us and loving us individually despite our flaws. Thank God for Jesus, His Son who died as the perfect Lamb-of-God sacrifice for our sins.

Pastor Kevin's sermon series in March during the 40 days of Lent is about overcoming human duplicity. March 1st, Communion Sunday, the sermon follows Jesus' clearing the temple, which foreshadows Jesus' words that if the temple is destroyed, it will be raised in 3 days. The choir will sing "Lamb of God." On March 8th, Pastor Kevin will preach about God Who is always at work, even when we don't realize it. The choir will sing "Here I Am to Worship." March 15th, Pastor Kevin's sermon is called, "I am the bread of life." Human bread spoils, but the Bread Of Life from Jesus is eternal, feeding our souls. The choir will sing "Above All." On March 22nd, the sermon is about escaping duplicity's grasp or hold on us and the choir plans to sing "Calvary's Cross Medley." March closes with Palm Sunday on March 29th! The choir will sing "Hosanna, Hosanna!" and Pastor Kevin's sermon is about Jesus' choosing the donkey.

The end of March - Palm Sunday - starts Passion Week, with Holy Thursday April 2nd service with the Sacrament of Holy Communion at Edgewood at 6:30 PM. Good Friday, April 3rd, will be at 6:30 PM at Rosedale Hills. Glorious Easter Sunday on April 5th will be one service at 10:30 AM.

Join us each Sunday as we journey through Lent together! It is a journey of reflection about God's Love, Jesus' sacrifice for our sins, our repentance and restoration as children of God and our welcoming the Spirit of God to dwell within us and help us to reflect the love of God in our daily lives. During the holy season of Lent, let us each Sing and Shout Praises to the Lord!

Susan Wood, Chancel Choir Director & Lay Leader





Join us for our monthly Brunch at the Table on Sunday, February 8th at 10:30am. Guest Preacher: Rev Monet Orr

Schedule is as follows:

830am Worship

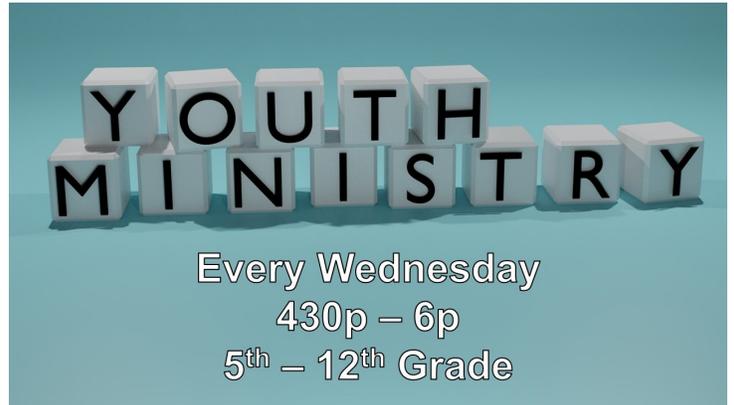
930am Sunday School

1030am Brunch at the Table

Our Youth Group for 5th–12th graders meets Wednesdays from 4:30–6:00 p.m. and everyone’s invited!

We’ll have a fun group activity, free dinner, and a short, encouraging lesson — all in a relaxed, welcoming space where kids can connect, grow, and have a great time together.

Whether you come every week or it’s your first time, we’d love to see you there! Bring a friend and join the fun — there’s always room at the table!



Clothing Pantry - Open 4pm to 6pm

We need volunteers to help organize our clothing pantry. We will be organizing on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 2p-4p

Clothing Pantry will be open on Wednesday, March 18th from 4p-6p.

This is completely free and everyone is welcome — bring your family, friends, and neighbors!



Prayer Meetings

Wednesdays @
630pm
starting February 19
in the Sanctuary



We began the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday @ University Heights on February 18. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of a season of fasting, repentance and prayer that lasts 40 days leading to Easter. We reflect on the journey that Jesus took to the cross and the sacrifices that were made for the forgiveness of our sins. So, the Church is open for prayer and reflection on Wednesday nights @ 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Come, light a candle, pray, read & reflect! All are Welcome!

Prayer Request on Website

You are now able to put prayer requests on the website on a prayer wall! To do this you will want to go to Edgewoodindy.org. Once you are on the site you will look at the top menu, the 2nd to last option says Prayer Wall, you will click this option and it will take you to our Virtual Prayer Wall. Here you will see previously posted prayer requests as well as an option that says "Share your prayer request". To share your request you will want to click that button then fill out the form; you are able to share online, online anonymously, or do not share online. To pick one of these options you will want to click the box that says share online, then you will be able to select which option you would like. You can also select a box that says "email me when someone prays" if you would like that notification. While you look at the prayer wall you can click a button that says "I prayed for this" and then it will keep track of how many times a prayer request has been prayed for.



This is a really cool thing our website does because anyone can submit a prayer request that visits our site! We can pray for our church family and our community in a really cool way! If you have any questions please call Grace in the office.

Also please note that the request will not automatically be posted on the wall, there will be a slight delay due to needing to approve the request, this will be done during office hours and if you submit a request outside of office hours, it will be completed the next business day.

If you have an urgent prayer request please contact Lynne Brown on the prayer chain, or if you need to speak with Pastor Kevin please call the church and pick option 1 if it is a non-emergency, if it is an emergency please pick option 3. Please make sure you leave a voicemail and include your name, phone number, and a brief message and calls will be returned accordingly.

Baptisms & Easter Sunday

Historically, baptism and Easter are intimately connected, as Easter has been the primary time for Christian baptism since at least the second century. It serves as a profound symbol of the believer's union with the death and resurrection of Jesus, marking a transition from a "dying" to an old life into a new, resurrected life.

We are excited to make that powerful connection this year by having baptisms in our Easter Service! The symbolism of being raised to new life in the waters of baptism on the same day that we celebrate our Risen Savior is a powerful reminder to us all of our new life through Jesus Christ! This service is really a full circle moment as we will also have time at the altar reflecting during communion.



Easter Sunday will be one worship service at 10:30 so that we can be together to celebrate Easter Sunday and the Baptisms. I encourage you to invite family, friends and neighbors. Word of mouth is really the most powerful way to include new people. Here are our services for Holy Week:

March 28: Palm Sunday - Mission Sunday with Worship & Prayer @ 8:30 am, Easter Egg Hunt @ 4 pm.

April 2: Maundy Thursday - 630pm at Edgewood

April 3: Good Friday - 630pm at Rosedale Hills

April 5: Easter Sunday - service at 1030am

Stained Glass Window in the Sanctuary

I shared about the meaning of the images found in our stained glass window in the Sanctuary and thought you may want to read about it!

Jesus: Stands before us with arms outstretched. It's a WELCOME to all people and an invitation, offering a blessing, salvation and resurrection NEW LIFE!

The Golden Halo: Marking holiness and divinity. And at the same time his bare feet are a sign of his humanity, THE WORD BECAME FLESH!

White doves (top left and right): Represent the HS, peace and purity

The American Flag: Symbolizes prayers for and blessing over our country, that we are blessed because we have the freedom to share our faith. There is a FREEDOM of Religion, We just happen to be gathering as Christians.

Speaking of, The Christian Flag: Representing Christ's Sacrifice which we remember during the Lenten Season

Grapes: Symbolize Communion Wine & Spiritual Abundance

Wheat: Represents the Bread of Communion, symbol of nourishment, and the Body of Christ

Roses (bottom left): Symbolize love, sacrifice and sometimes even martyrdom? Reminds us that many have sacrificed to share their faith.

White Flowers (bottom right): Are most likely lilies and symbolize purity and resurrection - Specifically the resurrection of Christ!

Water and Rocks: The water represents baptism, life and spiritual cleansing and Rocks represent strength, foundation, or Christ the ROCK!



Care Packages for the Homebound

There are three seasons throughout the year where we provide care packages for our homebound people: Easter, Fall, and Christmas. Currently we have 13 people from our congregation that are not able to attend church and are homebound. They are such a blessing and we miss seeing them at Church. So, while they are not able to attend, we want to do everything we can to be present for them! Here are a few ideas of ways that you can bless our homebound: if you would like to provide some items that are thoughtful here are a few ideas: Chapstick, lotion, soap, cross word puzzles, snack items, gripper socks, cozy blankets, handwritten notes or cards. As a church we pray for our homebound and we want to provide these care packages as a way to be present. We are collecting these items and more at the table in the parlor and delivering starting on March 22 after services!



Faith Promise Sunday April 12th: Indy Network

Introducing our Guest for Faith Promise Sunday: Chad Temple

For over three decades Chad and Cheryl have dedicated their lives to following God in ministry to people in urban settings. Whether it was Brooklyn, the Bronx, or Harlem in NYC or in many areas across Indianapolis, they have dedicated themselves to effectively presenting the gospel. For 30 years they led The Caring Place Ministry out of Calvary Temple/Caring Place. They were blessed with a tremendous team that gave of themselves to make sure children and families would be able to experience the love of Jesus Christ.

In 2022 they stepped into a whole new ministry, the iNDY Network, wanting to expand the effectiveness of the Gospel presentation by including organizations that were already impactful in their own right. United together, these ministries can accomplish even more for people.

Chad and Cheryl have four children, four children-in-law and ten grandchildren. They reside in Indianapolis.

Here's more information about Indy Network!

A Unique Network

The iNDY Network is a cohort of partners that functions as a community. These partners may be service providers, skilled support, or donors, and each one will bring their expertise into our target neighborhoods in order to create a force that is uniquely equipped to propel the residents toward an outcome characterized by Hope and Life.

A Unique Opportunity

The sense of purpose and fulfillment gained by sparking hope and life in the lives of our neighbors is both rewarding and energizing. It is an experience that changes you and everyone around you. We recognize that we cannot legislate life or police peace into our neighborhoods, but we can share the hope and life that bring about peace. When that occurs, everyone benefits: individuals, families, neighborhoods, and our entire city.

Our Members

- Are invested in seeing underserved communities thrive
- Believe that every citizen deserves the opportunity to live well and succeed
- Are excited to share their expertise and resources to help improve someone's quality of life
- Are prepared to set aside personal agendas and contribute to a common goal
- Are passionate about people



Introducing our new Treasurer

Meet Heather Rhoda!

Heather has been a bookkeeper for 4 years. She had served as church treasurer for her church, St Paul the Apostle Evangelical Orthodox Church and later was hired on as the bookkeeper for Greenwood UMC. She joined Edgewood UMC in January 2026. Originally from Las Vegas, she moved to Indiana in 2008. She is married with two beautiful daughters. She is currently a volunteer ASL interpreter at Mount Pleasant Christian Church and taught German as a foreign language many years ago.



If you see her around the building please introduce yourself and help make her feel welcome!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30am - Worship 8:45am - Food Collection 9:30am - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship	2 7pm - AA Meeting	3 5:30pm - Gentle Yoga	4 11am - Social Bingo 4:30pm - Youth Group 6:30pm - Prayer Meeting	5 6pm - Full Gospel Prayer	6 11am - Social Euchre 3pm - Trio Practice 4pm - Choir Practice	7 10am - FGA Social Hall 6pm - FGA Social Hall
8 Daylight Saving Time starts 8:30am - Worship 9:30am - Sunday School 10:30am - Brunch at the Table	9 7pm - AA Meeting	10 5:30pm - Gentle Yoga 6pm - Ford V8 Club Meeting	11 11am - Social Bingo 4:30pm - Youth Group 6:30pm - Prayer Meeting	12 6pm - Full Gospel Prayer	13 11am - Social Euchre 3pm - Trio Practice 4pm - Choir Practice	14 10am - FGA Social Hall 6pm - FGA Social Hall
15 8:30am - Worship 9:30am - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship	16 12:30pm - Mexican Train 7pm - AA Meeting	17 St. Patrick's Day 5:30pm - Gentle Yoga 6pm - Church Council	18 11am - Social Bingo 4pm - Clothing Pantry 4:30pm - Youth Group 6:30pm - Prayer Meeting	19 6pm - Full Gospel Prayer	20 11am - Social Euchre 3pm - Trio Practice 4pm - Choir Practice	21 10am - FGA Social Hall 6pm - FGA Social Hall
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29 8:30am - Worship 9:30am - Sunday School 4pm - Easter Egg Hunt	30 7pm - AA Meeting	31 5:30pm - Gentle Yoga	1 	2 	3 	4

Key:

FGA - Full Gospel Assembly

March Worship

March 1: Overcoming Duplicity: Jesus Clears the Temple -
John 2:1-23

March 8: Overcoming Duplicity: "I Am The Break of
Life" (Bread that spoils) - John 6:22-40

March 15: Overcoming Duplicity: God is Always @ Work -
John 5:1-18

March 22: Overcoming Duplicity: Escaping Their Grasp (of
duplicity) - John 10:22-39

March 29: Overcoming Duplicity: Palm Sunday: Jesus
chooses the Donkey - John 12:12-30

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 29th at 4pm

Egg Hunt
Food and Drinks
Inflatables
Crafts

Thought for the Month

BIBLE STUDY DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL

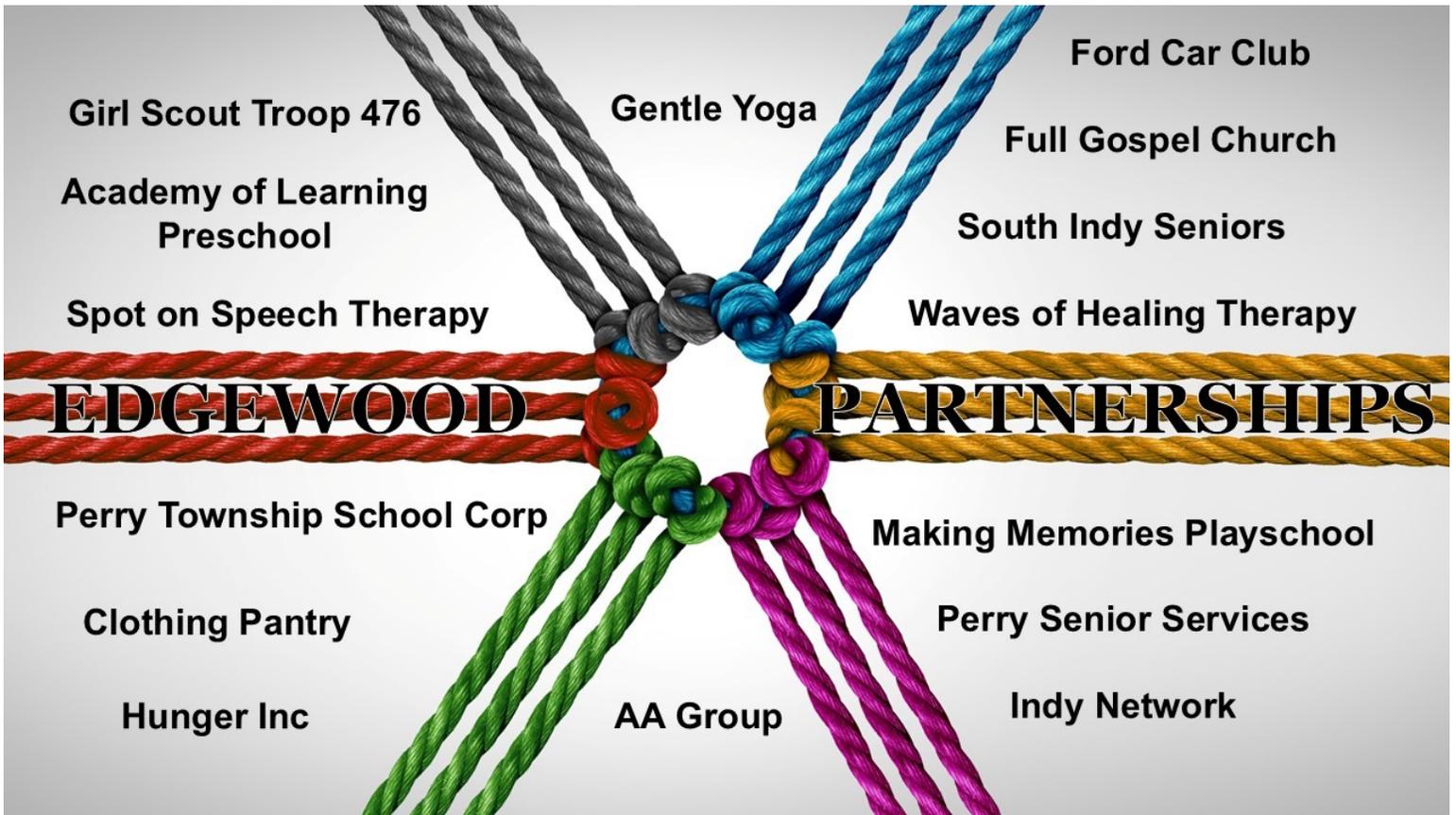
Since I am staying with my daughter, Rindy, after her ankle surgery, my "Thought" is a welcome to all who would like to join the Harmony Class on Sunday morning at 9:30 for a Bible Study.

The study will be on the BOOK OF ROMANS, written by the Apostle Paul, former Saul, who persecuted and killed Christians prior to his conversion on the road to Damascus. The first three chapters deal with the Jew's, Gentile's, and all humankind's sins and God's redemptive plan for all mankind. The goal is to better understand our relationship to our Savior, and be reassured or restored in that relationship. Bring your Bible and a pen or pencil for notes. I will supply paper. Hope to see you there!

- Sue Moffatt



Serving Opportunities and Partnerships



Serving Opportunities at Edgewood

Ushers & Greeters	Liturgists
Video & Sound	Office Help
Children's Ministry	Church Council
Leadership Opportunities	Prayer Ministry Team
Event volunteers	Communion Prep
Food Pantry & Clothing Pantry	

Please contact the office if you have any questions or are interested in serving with us!



Looking Ahead at Edgewood

- March 29: Palm Sunday, Misson Sunday, & Easter Egg Hunt
- April 2nd: Maundy Thursday @ 630pm at Edgewood
- April 3rd: Good Friday @ 630pm at Rosedale Hills
- April 5: Easter
- May 25: Office Closed

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NEXT DEADLINE

If you have newsletter articles &
 events to publish in the April Vision,
 please submit them **March 15th.**

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OFFICE HOURS – 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

Email us at edgewoodumc.indy@gmail.com with any matters of business.

BULLETIN PUBLISHING

Any bulletin announcements need to be in by **the prior Sunday to announcement date.**

CHURCH CALENDAR AND SOCIAL HALL/SHELTER HOUSE RENTALS

Reserve your dates on the church calendar by using the form in the file organizer on the wall in the office labeled Facility Request Forms. Once filled out please place form in the slot on the wall labeled office admin mailbox. You will be contacted if there are any concerns, questions or conflicts with dates you're requesting. Please list beginning and ending hours for the event. You may also request by phone or email to edgewoodumc.indy@gmail.com. There are also forms on our website that you can fill out and send in to the email listed above.

