

AN OPEN LETTER TO EDGE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Dear Church Friends:

It is quite obvious that our greatest evangelical tool is our pastor. However, virus permitting, we can only effectively use this tool when we can get people through the doors.

When I first stood in front of Edge, I looked at the state of the church and thought, “why would anyone ever walk through the doors of a dirty church?” My Lord said, “clean my house,” so I embarked on my cleaning campaign of doors and windows until I got caught up with illness and a new knee. By the time I was fit again, we had a website and the virus was starting. On the website there is a picture of Edge that looks really nice, and I thought how can I make the entrance pretty again. Thus began the mulch campaign.

When I had finished the entrance mulch, I looked around and it was obvious what was needed to be done; the breezeway was black with mold and rust. I said to My Lord, “I’m not brave enough for this.” He said, “your friends in Africa would ask, “how do you eat an elephant? One mouthful at a time.” So, I’ve started to chip and scrape and brush and prime. We have some colors picked out for when I get there. I’ve promised Him a couple of hours a week; thank you to S.S. for funding it and retirement for the time.

However, to get to the point of this letter, as I chip and scrape, I notice that there are a lot of places where the rot requires more than love and paint. Now I understand we are not all rich, but our Trustees need our support if we are to get new blood in through the front door to listen to

our Evangelist; we need to restore this Old Lady back to her former glory, and we need to do something about it NOW! I challenge you.

We all go to Lowe's and Ace at least once a month. A bag of mulch is \$2.50; if you can't lift a bag of mulch, they will sell you a \$5.00 gift card, or put an extra \$5.00 in the offering plate marked Trustees whenever you can.

Make a commitment to your God that you will do something for our Temple at least once a month (remember we are His temple, we carry Him within us). Remember one mouthful at a time; a little done often makes a big difference.

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