



# THE CONNECTION

## *Orlean United Methodist Church*



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**O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever! 1 Chronicles 1:17**

Message From The Pastor:

Edgar A. Guest was a twentieth century poet, often referred to as "*The People's Poet.*" In 2008, Ken Jackson used one of Guest's poems in a sermon, and I was so impressed with the poem that I asked Ken for a copy and filed it away; and of course quickly forgot about it.

I was going through some old files the other day and ran across what follows here. It seems so ironic that I ran across this when I did; but also it is so appropriate to share this poem with you as we consider and reflect upon Ken's life. The title of the poem is "*I'd Rather See a Sermon*" and I can assure you that this indeed describes the humble and faith-filled life that Ken lived.

### *Sermons We See* *Edgar Guest*

*I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day;  
I'd rather one should walk with me than merely tell the way.  
The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear,  
Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear;  
And the best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds,  
For to see good put in action is what everybody needs.*

*I soon can learn to do it if you'll let me see it done;  
I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run.  
And the lecture you deliver may be very wise and true,  
But I'd rather get my lessons by observing what you do;  
For I might misunderstand you and the high advice you give,  
But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.*

*When I see a deed of kindness, I am eager to be kind.  
When a weaker brother stumbles and a strong man stays behind  
Just to see if he can help him, then the wish grows strong in me*

To become as big and thoughtful as I know that friend to be.  
And all travelers can witness that the best of guides today  
Is not the one who tells them, but the one who shows the way.

One good man teaches many, men believe what they behold;  
One deed of kindness noticed is worth forty that are told.  
Who stands with men of honor learns to hold his honor dear,  
For right living speaks a language which to everyone is clear.  
Though an able speaker charms me with his eloquence, I say,  
I'd rather see a sermon than to hear one, any day.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Jim

#### Birthdays and Special Occasions

April 3	Steve G.	June 11	Susan & Harry Russell (anniv.)
April 7	Brenda & Paul Hackett (anniv.)	June 12	Colt B.
April 25	Juanita R.	June 16	Sue G.
April 27	Sharon & Randy Hall (anniv.)	June 17	Sandy & Bill Gilliam (anniv.)
April 29	Mason S.	June 22	Shaw Moffett & Sandy Swenson (anniv.)
May 2	Eileen L.	June 24	Tyler B.
May 3	Molly S.	June 25	Paige S.
May 7	Elizabeth & Steven Miller (anniv.)	June 25	Sharon & Tom Stanberry (anniv.)
May 13	Beth D.	June 27	Jim Leamon - began ministry at OUMC
May 14	Brenda H.	June 27	Gineen L.
May 17	Charles H.		
May 10	Robert M.		
June 11	Beth Darrough & Rusty Rawson (anniv.)		

#### Calendar of Events

April 5 – fifth Sunday in Lent; 10:00 a.m.  
April 13 – Palm/Passion Sunday; 10:00 a.m.  
--Orlean United Methodist Women meet for lunch at Orlean Market after worship; all women welcome  
April 18 – Good Friday Service; 7:00 p.m.  
April 20 – Easter Sunrise Service at Orlean Cemetery; 6:30 a.m. followed by light breakfast at Orlean United Methodist Church; in case of rain, service will be at Orlean U.M.C.  
--Easter egg hunt for children at 9:30 a.m. Orlean U.M.C.  
--Easter Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.  
June 29—5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck after worship

#### Tip of the Halo to:

~~**everyone** who donated Campbell's Labels for Education, Tyson's Project A+, and Box Tops  
~~**Mike** for replacing the emergency lights in the church  
~~**everyone** who contributed to the PDF and to the Food Pantry  
~~**everyone** who helped make the March 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck a success  
~~**everyone** who contributed time, money, and food to the Valentine Day lunch at the Fauquier Homeless Shelter  
~~**Trustees** for clearing the snow at the church

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