



# The Erie Evangel

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## WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA!



### The System IS the Solution?

Some years ago the above title was used as a big advertising push by the telephone company. There is great truth in that statement. You must have purpose and passion to be sure but without an effective system great movements can be stymied. I like systems that work automatically without calling attention to themselves best.

For instance:

As we approached the time for decorating the church and fellowship hall for Christmas, It Happened. It being the system needed to make it happen. Things just started operating—trees appeared—decorations came out of nowhere—people appeared—lights came on—etc, etc,—no hassle—no fuss—it just happened.

Systems don't happen—people make them happen and when they happen I want to say, "Thank you." THANK to all who made the church come alive for Christmas and THANK! to all of you who enabled the work of the Erie UMC to run smoothly the year round. THANK! To the little elves and Santa's helpers who love your church enough to keep things happening 24 /7/365. I am fortunate to be the Pastor of such a system (such people)!

In Christ's Love,



**Thought for the Month**  
**Your children only get one childhood!**  
**MAKE IT MEMORABLE!**

**MISSION NEWS FOR JANUARY**

These lines came in the newsletter from the Hygiene UMC- from a poem entitled "Prayer for the New Year"-

Give us the kindness to hear with compassion.  
To offer support,  
loving comfort, and care.  
Give us the courage to do what is needed,  
the wisdom to choose  
what is right and most fair.  
Give us the vision to see what is possible.  
Give us the faith  
that will help pave the way  
for a present that's hopeful,  
a future that's peaceful-  
give us the heart to bring joy to each day.

Thanks to the Sunday School children and families, we collected over 40 items for our mitten and glove tree. These items will taken to a shelter for homeless persons.

**January Schedule of Events**

**Administrative Board**—no meeting in January

**Methodist Women's Group**—Wed. January 16th @ 1.00 PM



**\*\*The February Newsletter will contain \*\***

- 1. Summary of Actions taken at the all church conference**
- 2. Lenten schedule (Ash Wed—Easter)**

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**Sunday, January 6th, 208**

**ALL CHURCH CONFERENCE**

**All members have VOICE and VOTE —all who attend have VOICE**

**10:30—Church service— Dr. Eric Smith preaching**

**11:45—Pot Luck Dinner**

**12:30—Business meeting, Dr. Eric Smith presiding**

**We will elect officers for 2008**

**Adopt a budget for 2008**

**Envision the future and Purpose of EUMC**

**—Please plan to attend—**



If you would like to make a year end gift to the Erie UMC, it will ensure being able to meet all 2007 obligations and enter 2008 with a "safety net."



## January Sermons

January 6th **Dr. Eric Smtih (our DS) will be preaching  
Potluck and All Church Conference to follow**

January 13th **"When bad things happen to good people!"  
Job 1, Matt 27 27 : 45—50, Romans 8: 35—30  
Excerpts from the Psalms**

January 20th **"The Tent that topples"  
Isaiah 54: 2, Matt 7: 24-29**

January 27th **"How to be Christian.....without being religious!"  
I Peter 2: 1—10**



**\*\* Lent begins on Ash Wed February 6th \*\***



### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 12—Dean Pelser  
January 13—Theresa Pelser  
January 18th—Viola Garvin  
January 23—Cliff Garvin  
January 23—Margorie Smith

### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Ed & Margorie Smith



## Prayer Concerns

For Fernando Olivarez and his family as they go through a difficult time.

Please pray for guidance and wisdom at this time.

Shirley Fischer—during the time of loss of friends and family.

Marjorie Smith and her husband Ed Smith—health issues.

Jim Smith—health issues

All our soldiers around the world and their families.

### Just a Note!!

**Jim and Joanie recently received a letter form past members and wanted to share it with you :**

**The Ives family who moved back to Alabama. They are glad to be home in Alabama, and are doing good, but they are thankful for their “sojourn” in Colorado. They have sweet memories of Erie UMC and of the folks that they met. They went on to say that everyone’s warmth and kindness will always be appreciated. Mary Lou especially remembers the “specialness” of the Christmas Eve and New Years Eve services. They wish everyone at Erie UMC a Merry Christmas from all of them.**

**Hopefully someday they can visit again!**

**Their email address is: [ivanho@frontiernet.net](mailto:ivanho@frontiernet.net)**

**Their home address is : The Ives Family**

**773 Excel-Frisco Hwy.**

**Frisco City, Alabama 36446**

### Mail Call

We have a young church member in the Army Reserves. It is important that she know that we love, care and think about her. A “letter from home folk” always makes a person feel special. Please drop Stacey a line or two. It was great to see Stacey at Christmas time when she was home visiting family.

Stacey Glennen

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Ft Jackson, SC 29207



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Hymn Request

If there are hymns which we have not sung recently that you would like to have included in a service of worship Please list them here—tear off—put in the offering plate—or mail to the church office.

Address: Erie UMC  
Box 8  
Erie, CO 80516

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Email Addresses Needed for Newsletter

Starting with the December issue, we sent your newsletter to you via email. We have some email addresses but to be sure that we are correct, we are asking that each person who receives the newsletter, to tear off this notice, fill in the blanks and return it to the church office as soon as possible. Alternately you can email your address to erieumc@q.com. Please let us know if you do not have email and would like to receive a copy by mail.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Erie UMC Cool Kids

I would appreciate hearing from the kids at our church about kind of things they would like to see in their section of the newsletter. It can be poems or stories that someone has written and would like to share or even their jokes. Crafts?? Your input is important and your voice as the young people of our church is a much needed thing. Please leave me a note in my mailbox at the church or see me after church. I hear that the Christmas pageant was a success and enjoyed by everyone at UMC. I will have pictures in the newsletter next month..

Q: Why do Eskimos wash their clothes in tide?

A: Because it's too cold out tide!

Q: What do you get if Batman and Robin get smashed by a steam roller?

A: Flatman and ribbon.

