

EDINBURG UNITED CHURCH

Pastor's Corner

What is a "selfie"? Chances are if you have a smartphone you have taken one or two of these. A selfie is a picture of yourself- not a difficult definition. But a harder question is why do we take them? Self-glorification? To share with others? To remember a beautiful backdrop? As our world turns with ever greater speed to social media, we will pause in February to seek answers to age-old questions. Should my worth be determined by the number of followers I have? Or worse by how many "likes" are generated by the latest photo, stunt, or outlandish behavior? The four Sundays in February will be devoted to some of these topics and what our faith has to say about them. Even for those without smartphones, this topic is for you. Some may have never taken an actual "selfie" in their life- but all of us know what it feels like to have our worth determined by our job, friends, family, co-workers and other aspects. The dangers of social media weren't created with the invention of the iPhone. Who we are and how we view ourselves is as old as Adam and Eve. I look forward to journeying with you as we explore a new medium from an ancient lens.

Ushers @ 8:30 Service/10:30 Service

Feb 3: **Alice McConnell & Harold Mansfield** / *Bob & Cindy Jarrett*

Feb 10: **Scouts**

Feb 17: **Pam & Matt Pribanick** / *Fran Pruchenski & Harold Mansfield*

Feb 24: **Lee & Jim Schmitz** / *Richard & Sherry Blasens*

Liturgists

Feb 3: Eva Rowley

Feb 10: Barb Rohn

Feb 17: Cindy Jarrett

Feb 24: **AVAILABLE**

February Lectionary:

Feb 3: Colossians 3: 1-4

Feb 10: 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20; 1 John 3: 1-3

Feb 17: Romans 6: 1-12

Feb 24: Romans 15: 1-7

Special Points of interest:

- 2018 Annual Report is included at end of this

YOUR IRA AND THE CHURCH



If you are over 70 and have a Traditional IRA this announcement may apply to you. According to current tax laws those 70 and over must take a Required Minimum Distribution from their IRA account each year. That amount is subject to tax and is added to your annual income. Did you know that you can avoid paying tax on that minimum distribution? If you send the amount (or a partial amount) to Edinburg United Church you will not owe taxes on the amount. You must have your investment company send the amount directly to the church; if it goes to you then you owe tax on it. You can find more information by clicking [here](#).

Thank You

Dear EUC, thank you so much for the cards and the bag of goodies, it was very thoughtful and much appreciated. ~Harold Mansfield

I would like to thank everyone for your thoughtfulness in giving me a thank you gift at Christmas time. I will enjoy the Soup Mug for a long time to come and have already devoured the taste contents. It is my pleasure to serve this church weekly by ensuring that our bills are paid. THANK YOU for making that possible with your gifts! God Bless All of You. Eva Rowley

Thank you so much for the kind words and the Gift Cards! We are all extremely grateful for everything the church does for the KW program! Love The Kid Watchers

Dear Edinburg Church Family,
Thank you for the generous Christmas gifts. We have truly appreciated working and living here in 2018. Your continued thoughtfulness toward our family is wonderful. Blessings to each of you.
~Pastor Tim, Kim, Vera and Alena

Thank you so much for our gift card, it was very much appreciated. ~Cheryl & Tim O'Connor

Continued Prayers

1. Ray Aeschelman
2. Karen Harris
3. Chuck Harton
4. Todd Hinkle
5. Lucy Hughes
6. Jordan
7. Rick Lewis
8. Angela Lundi
9. Marvin Reid
10. Susie Reid
11. Don Schlather
12. Bill Sholler
13. Kalvyn Stull
14. Adam Sweeney
15. Vicki Wile

If you would like someone added or removed from our continued prayer list please contact:
open-door@edinburgunitedchurch.org

Members in Nursing Homes

Donna Byers
Longmeadow
565 Bryn Mawr St.
Ravenna, OH 44266

Katie Bauman
Brookdale of Ravenna
141 Chestnut Hill
Ravenna, OH 44266

Mary Lou Johnson
The Gables at Kent Ridge
5241 Sunnybrook Rd.,
Room D23
Kent, OH 44240
330-677-3261

Esther Burton
Brookdale of Ravenna
141 Chestnut Hill
Ravenna, OH 44266

Homebound Friends

Roy & Helen Kuhn
7824 Tallmadge Rd.
Rootstown, OH
44272

Earl Phile
4518 Rock Spring Rd.
Ravenna, OH 44266

Arthur Kirkpatrick
3854 Biltz Rd.
Kent, Ohio 44240

February 2019

***Bolded names are birthdays and anniversaries**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3 8:30a Contemporary Service 9a Sunday School 10:30a Traditional Service Sue Karash Trista Hughes	4 6:30p Cub Scouts Kim Dillon	5 7p Boy Scout Troop #355	6 6p Daisy Girl Scouts Kathy Galloway	7 7p Safer School Group Holly Kibler	8 Dan Slack Roger Mansfield	9 Sarah Kibler
10 8:30a Contemporary Service 9a Sunday School 10:30a Traditional Service 1:30p Portage County Shep- herds Mitchell Giuffre	11 6:30p Cub Scouts Leonard Reiter Alex Lange	12 7p Boy Scout Troop #355 Ava Pirri Nora Kinter	13 Duane Kaley Eva Rowley Dakota Finney	14	15	16 11a Cub Scouts
17 8:30a Contemporary Service 9a Sunday School 10:30a Traditional Service 4p Seabusters 4:30p Youth Fellowship Mike Canale Josh Gray	18 6:30p Cub Scouts Jonathan Rankin	19 7p Boy Scout Troop #355 Ryan Phile	20 6p Daisy Girl Scouts Mr & Mrs Raymond Deuring	21 Cindy Jarrett	22 5p Preschool Event	23 Cub Scouts 8:30a Dry Pantry Barb Bailey Gabrielle Giuffre
24 8:30a Contemporary Service 9a Sunday School 10:30a Traditional Worship Dianne Raubacher Ethan Bishop	25 6:30p Cub Scouts Linda Shaw	26 7p Boy Scout Troop #355	27	28 Dick Gintert		

EDINBURG UNITED CHURCH—ANNUAL REPORT 2018

PASTORS REVIEW

A review of 2018 would not be complete without taking a step back to examine the entire year. We budgeted for an Associate Pastor position and we began the year awaiting how we might fill that role. A person was put forward but ultimately was voted down. This was for various reasons; but we must rely on our faith that it wasn't the right time, person or move for EUC at that moment. We have no longer budgeted for an Associate Pastor. There seems to be no congregational push or excitement for adding a staff person. As we move into 2019, may we all seek God's vision for the future of EUC. There will be a larger emphasis placed this year on laity leadership for events. We can no longer rely on me to drive fellowships, meetings, events or fundraisers.

The Associate Pastor vote created some temporary hurt feelings and divide within the church. But it did not consume us. We have had an excellent year in terms of growth. Our average attendance is as high as it was in my first year here. We joined 16 new members (including 2 through confirmation). I performed 10 baptisms, 9 funerals and 6 weddings. Edinburg United Church has a total membership of 254.

2019 will bring new faces, new challenges, new opportunities for growth in many aspects. May we embrace the newness of this year and follow where God is leading.

Blessings,
Pastor Tim

MAINTENANCE

It's been quiet year for us. The building is holding up, we are starting to repaint some areas. One pump was replaced and one sump pump in the septic was also replaced.

JANUARY, 2019 REPORT—MORTGAGE BALANCE AND TRANSACTIONS FOR 2018

Three years ago we began the process of paying off a \$250,000 mortgage. As of December 31, 2018 our mortgage balance is \$151,980.58. Yes, you read that correctly-- almost 40% of our mortgage has been paid off as of 12/31/18.

Last year at the January meeting we voted to make one principal payment from our Apple Pie Profit. It was also decided that we would look into selling our Verizon stock. The stock was sold and we received two checks totaling \$14,184.07 the proceeds of which were applied as a principal payment to the mortgage.

In addition, we were able to make principal payments from both offerings and memorial gifts designated to the Building Fund in the amount of \$23, 489.44.

Balance 12/31/17	\$194,927.03
Balance 12/31/18	\$151.980.58

Thank you for **your** continued support to the Building Fund and the commitment of our members and elected officers to follow sound biblical principles, being vigilant to reduce our debt. Regardless of how God lead you to give, your gifts are appreciated and together we are erasing our debt! THANK YOU, EVERYONE!!

ATTENDANCE

*Note that the numbers listed here reflect the information provided to the office

	8:30	10:30	Total
7-Jan	52	42	94
14-Jan	50	30	80
21-Jan	61	55	116
28-Jan	62	50	112
4-Feb	75	57	132
11-Feb	68	45	113
18-Feb	80	38	118
25-Feb	73	54	127
4-Mar	75	55	130
11-Mar	49	40	89
18-Mar	50	45	95
25-Mar	55	55	110
1-Apr	97	69	166
8-Apr	85	43	128
15-Apr	63	53	116
22-Apr	90	45	135
29-Apr	72	49	121
6-May	72	60	132
13-May	85	63	148
20-May	72	52	124
27-May	66	44	110
3-Jun	47	51	98
10-Jun	38	39	77
17-Jun	47	38	85
24-Jun	74	60	134
1-Jul	50	45	95
8-Jul	70	43	113
15-Jul	48	35	83
22-Jul	58	35	93
29-Jul	64	41	105

	8:30	10:30	Total
5-Aug	55	44	99
12-Aug	74	38	112
19-Aug	58	48	106
26-Aug	46	40	86
2-Sep	47	30	77
9-Sep	70	50	120
16-Sep	66	63	129
23-Sep			99
30-Sep	55	38	93
7-Oct	41	26	67
14-Oct	49	40	89
21-Oct	66	68	134
28-Oct	63	35	98
4-Nov	72	52	124
11-Nov	61	34	95
18-Nov	94	35	129
25-Nov	68	39	107
2-Dec	73	43	116
9-Dec	51	31	82
16-Dec	85	39	124
23-Dec	81	33	114
30-Dec	62	33	95

Ash Wednesday			37
24-Dec	120	60	180

	8:30	10:30	Total
Totals:	3285	2290	5674
Average:	63	44	109

2018 BAPTISMS

Aiden Bishop, Miley Bishop, Rylee Dysert, Maxwel Finney, Ryland Gray, Audra Morehead, Graham Nezbeth, Colleen Papciack, Sophia Romain, Andrew Schiraldi

2018 DEATHS

Darwin Legget

2018 NEW MEMBERS

Raymond Deuring, Vernice Deuring, Dwight Finney, Maxwel Finney, Tina Finney, Tessa Galloway, Lisa Kinter, Audra Morehead, Lisa Morehead, Colleen Papciack, Crystal Pirri, Mark Pirri, Andrew Schiraldi, Meghan Schiraldi, Sandra Ulbricht, Amy Wasko,

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF 12/31/18

	As of 12/31/18	
		\$ X1000
account balances	Total general fund	66
	memorials & missions	18
	CD's	14
	Total	98
	Mortgage balance	152
Income		
	Tithes	112
	memorial offerings	14
	missions	1
	misc income items	4
	Preschool rent	8
	Building Fund	29
Fundraisers	Apple pie	12
	auction	10
	all other	3
	Total income	193
Expenses	Admin and Building Fees	44
	mortgage (-43K principal)	60
	missions	16
	Ministry Wages & Worship	75
	Total	195
	YTD Income - expenses	-2

BALANCE SHEET AS OF 1/13/19

ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/ Savings		
Building Fund	\$	7,165.59
General Fund	\$	65,925.43
Improvement		
Misc	\$	3,094.00
Non-budgeted expenses	\$	300.00
Rental Income	\$	425.00
Improvement- Other	\$	(2,120.64)
TOTAL Improvement		
	\$	1,698.36
KidWatch	\$	24,286.57
Memorial	\$	2,896.89
Missons	\$	14,755.44
Scholarship Fund	\$	(310.00)
Checking - Other	\$	(105.96)
TOTAL CHECKING		
	\$	116,312.32
TOTAL CHECKING/SAVINGS		
	\$	116,312.32
Other Current Assets		
CD-Scholarship/camp	\$	3,824.28
Improvement CD 2	\$	8,370.38
Organ Fund CD	\$	1,868.05
TOTAL Other Current Assets		
	\$	14,062.71
Total Current Assets		
	\$	130,375.03
TOTAL ASSETS		
	\$	130,375.03
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Equity		
Opening Balance Equity	\$	248,625.45
Perm. Restricted Net Assets	\$	(74.99)
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$	(118,737.19)
Net Income	\$	561.76
TOTAL Equity		
	\$	130,375.03
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
	\$	130,375.03