The Open Door

EDINBURG UNITED CHURCH

Pastor's Corner

In early April, a small group of us attended a worship workshop (Kathy, Barb and myself). It was a fun event on a very gorgeous weather day. She gave some wonderful suggestions on how to make worship more sensory rich for everyone. Your help will be needed as we accomplish this together. In the coming months, I will organize worship into series (some of this I was doing already). You will be asked to participate in a series. It may be for a month or 8-9 weeks long. Advent will be a series as well as Lent. Your participation can be limited to a brainstorming party. It may also lead you to help coordinate the worship events within that time series. You can help with one series only or help with several throughout the year. I hope to get far enough ahead in planning that we are coordinating series with plenty of notice that folks can help in whatever season they are willing to help. For instance, teachers are likely unwilling to help with an August/ September time frame worship series; but those same people might be willing to help around January/ February or even June/July. This is the same Worship Team that I advertised for a month ago- with a bit of a twist.

Council has encouraged me to take time in retreat to create and broadly plan these worship series. After my Annual Training (July) I will see where I've gotten with development of these series and the need for a retreat. I don't foresee that every week will be covered within a series- though that was the goal of the workshop leader. My intent in writing this to you here is for folks to begin to pray over their involvement in worship. So when a worship series comes along that has you quite interested- you are already primed with prayer to jump at the opportunity to help others experience God with great gusto and whole body worship.

Please watch for all the events in May. The church will need help with mulch spreading soon. The church will need help with food donations and assistance cooking/cleaning for the Carl Wadsworth Memorial Breakfast. The church also needs people to walk/run/volunteer for our Freedom Run and parade on Memorial Day. There are lots of opportunities to be the hands and feet of Christ.

Blessings,

Pastor Tim

Ushers @ 8:30 Service/10:30 Service

May 5: Jim & Lee Schmitz / Jean LeMaster & Harold Mansfield

May 12: Cheryl & Tim O'Connor / Harold Mansfield & Pat Campbell

May 19: Pam & Matt Pribanick / Richard & Sherry Blasens

May 26: Harold Mansfield & Alice McConnell / Harold Mansfield & Fran Prunchenski

May Lectionary

May 5: Matthew 22: 34-40

May 12: Song of Solomon 8: 6-7 May 19: Matthew 6: 19-24

May 26: Mark 12: 28-34

Liturgists

May 5: Eva Rowley May 12: Barb Rohn May 19: Cindy Jarrett May 26: **AVAILABLE**

Special Points of interest:

 Freedom Run will be May 27th, click here for more information.

MEMBER INFORMATION/ NEWS

STONE DONATIONS

Do you have any old foundation stones that the church can use for curbing? We have some new parking "guides" in the parking lot. These help orient people for driving and parking. Concrete curbing is approximately \$10 a foot. That seems like a huge expense. Some rocks were placed recently that looks pretty nice and complements our 170 year old building! Do you have any rocks that you can donate? We are in need of plenty more. Please let Pastor Tim know if you have any.



MORTGAGE BALANCE UPDATE

As you may recall, at our January Congregational Meeting we were able to announce and celebrate that our mortgage balance was just below \$150,000. Our closing balance as of 4/17/19 is \$128,657.76. That is amazing!! Thank you all for your ongoing contributions to the Building Fund . These donations go directly to make principal payments, 100% of which is applied to reduce the balance of our loan — no interest is deducted from principal payments.

THANK YOU ALL for your stewardship in making this possible.

Eva Rowley, Finance

1ST QUARTER OFFERING

Month	Jan.	Feb.	March
Building	\$1,195	\$1,260	\$2,770
Tithes	\$7,365	\$7,580	\$11,042
Budget	\$13,533	\$13,533	\$13,533
Tithes vs. Budget	-\$6,168	-\$5,953	-\$2,491



Thank You

I wanted to thank everyone who participated in the Psalms classes for their willingness to share difficult and sometimes sensitive feelings in the creative writing of their various psalms. The ■ work done was spectacular and I pray worthwhile. I also want to thank you for the lovely card and gift. It was an honor and privilege to be with you over this Lenten Season. ~Rev. Ray

■ Thank you to Rev. Ray for leading the Psalm Bible Study during Lent. Thank you as well to the group for your offering each week. The group decided to apply that offering to our landscaping. Some new trees will be purchased to help beautify the property due to your generosity.

Thank you to Joann for leading both Chair Yoga and Holy Yoga during Lent. Please speak with Joann if you wish her to continue to offer yoga at the church in the future.

Thank you to the Scouts and members of EUC who showed up ■ to pick up trash on Rock Spring Road. A special thanks to Ray Deuring for picking up our trash bags by the side of the road and getting them into the dumpster and to Bob Jarrett for driving behind the workers with his lights flashing. We picked up a lot ■ of trash, and served our community. ~Cindy Jarrett

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Top Ten Banquet. A special thank you to Cheryl O'Connor and Lee Schmitz for cooking the excellent meal. Thanks to those who supplied pies, ■ to those who served, and to those who did dishes and cleaned up. I know everyone appreciated the evening. ~Cindy Jarrett

Continued Prayers

- Ray Aeschelman
- Chuck Harton
- Todd Hinkle
- 4. Lucy Hughes
- Bob Jarrett
- 6. Jordan
- 7. Mason Cahoon
- Marvin Reid
- 9. Susie Reid
- 10. Don Schlather
- 11. Bill Sholler
- 12. Kalvyn Stull
- 13. Adam Sweeney
- 14. Vicki Wile

If you would like someone added or removed from our continued prayer list please contact:

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Arthur Kirkpatrick

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*Bolded names are birthdays and anniversaries

May 2019

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N U S	Z O ₹	TUE	WED	THU	F R I	SAT
			1 4:45p Chair Yoga 6p Daisy Girl Scouts 6:30p Holy Yoga Genny Pavlick	2 7p Safer School Group Eric Dillon	3 Nicholas DeLaney	4 Norm Burton
5 8:30a Contemporary Service 9a Sunday School 10:30a Traditional Service Roseann Brown Mr & Mrs Dennis Dillon	6 6:30p Cub Scouts Beth Hauser Mr & Mrs Mike Canale	7 7p Boy Scouts Aiden Bishop Mackenzie Hughes Mr & Mrs Frank Ro- mocean	8 4:45p Chair Yoga 6:30p Council Meeting 7p Holy Yoga	9 7p Psalm Bible Study 7p Safer School Group Mike Hauser Nathan Kinter	10 6p McPike/Dennis Wedding Becky Bartholomew Dwight Finney Jr.	11 McPike Wedding
12 8:30a Contemporary Service 9a Sunday School 10:30a Traditional Service Julie Pennington	13 6:30p Cub Scouts Adam Canale	14 7p Boy Scouts Tyler Bishop	15 4:45p Chair Yoga 6p Daisy Girl Scouts 6:30p Chair Yoga Tom Bradfield lan Shaw Cristy Wheeler	<i>16</i> Tessa Galloway Danika Seever	17 4:30p Hughes Kathy Basta	18 Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet EUC Fellowship Hall
19 8:30a Contemporary Service 9a Sunday School 10:30a Traditional Service 4p Seambusters 4:30p Youth Fellowship Benjamin Hatcher Zachary Ranta	20 6:30p Cub Scouts	21 6:30p Boy Scouts	22 4:45p Chair Yoga 6:30p Holy Yoga Tim O'Connor	23 Esther Burton Denis Pennington	24 1:30p Preschool Graduation 5p Kuhn Wedding Rehearsal Mary Lou Johnson	25 8:30a Dry Pantry 2p Kuhn Wedding
26 8:30a Contemporary Service 9a Sunday School 10:30a Traditional Service 1:30p Portage County Sheperds Linda Mansfield	27 8a Carl Wadsworth Memorial Day Break- fast 8a Freedom Run 6:30p Cub Scouts	28 6:30p Boy Scouts	29 4:45 Chair Yoga 6p Daisy Girls 6:30p Holy Yoga Steven Hauser	30	31 Mr & Mrs Michael Wells	