

## EDINBURG UNITED CHURCH

### Pastor's Corner

Happy October everyone!

Have you ever entered a restaurant and been shown to your seat? What do you expect to happen next? At a nice eating establishment with courteous servers you will be greeted and asked what you wish to drink with your meal. Restaurants have goals of greeting their patrons within 2 minutes of being seated. This is in addition to the front person greeting you. Now what happens when this fails? If you're like me you sit patiently for a few minutes looking at the menu. It's not a big deal until you've decided what you want to eat and still have no drink in front of you and the server still hasn't come over to say hello or even, "I'll be with you in just a minute." If you are like me, you begin to question the quality of the restaurant.

In our Hebrew Scriptures hospitality was a big deal. These attempts at welcoming and assisting one another were key in survival. In the New Testament, Paul picks up on this when he instructs the church at Rome: "Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers." (Romans 12: 9-13).

How do we extend hospitality to "strangers"? We have 2 sets of unlocked doors on a Sunday for worship. If a new guest were to enter the front doors how long might that person sit before being greeted? Patrons of restaurants will leave if not greeted promptly enough. Jesus instructs his disciples, "As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town." (Matthew 10: 12-14). Is Jesus being overly harsh? Are we underwhelming with our hospitality?

May this October be filled with a great sense of God's wonder,

Pastor Tim

## SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

**Ushers @ 8:30 Service / 10:30 Service**

Oct 6: **Lee & Jim Schmitz** / *Bob & Cindy Jarrett*

Oct 13: **Cheryl & Tim O'Connor** / *Genny Pavlick & Jean LeMaster*

Oct 20: **Pam & Matt Pribanick** / *Harold Mansfield & Fran Pruchenski*

Oct 27: **Harold Mansfield & Pat Campbell** / *Richard & Sherry Blasens*

## SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS/ LECTIONARY

### October Lectionary

Oct 6: 2 Peter 1: 3-15  
 Oct 13: Exodus 20:3  
 Oct 20:  
 Oct 27: Thessalonians 2: 1-12

### Liturgists

Oct 6: Eva Rowley  
 Oct 13: Barb Rohn  
 Oct 20: Cindy Jarrett  
 Oct 27: **AVAILABLE**

## MEMBER INFORMATION/ NEWS

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

The first day of Sunday School will be Sunday, October 6 from 9:30-10:15. Please meet downstairs in the KidWatch room. We are excited for YOU to join us! For more information email Sara Kinter at slkxm21@aol.com

### FALL CLEAN

Fall Clean will be held on October 5th from 9-12pm this year. The church list will be posted on the bulletin board. If you have any questions please contact Cheryl O'Connor.

### CONTINUED PRAYERS

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ray Aeschelman</li> <li>2. Patty Bonecutter</li> <li>3. Jordan</li> <li>4. Angie Lundi</li> <li>5. Marvin Reid</li> <li>6. Susie Reid</li> <li>7. Don Schlather</li> <li>8. Bill Sholler</li> <li>9. Adam Sweeney</li> </ol> | <p>If you would like someone added or removed from our continued prayer list please contact: oconnor-kati@gmail.com</p> |
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### THANK YOU

A BIG thank-you to Cheryl and Tim O'Connor for providing lunch for the Congregational Meeting and for the many years as the Building Maintenance Crew!  
 ~Sherry & Richard Blasens

### OPEN DOOR

If anyone is interested in taking over publishing the monthly newsletter please let myself and/or Pastor Tim know! Thanks

# October 2019

\*Bolded names are birthdays and anniversaries

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<b>1</b> 6:30p Boy Scouts <b>Shirley Wilcox</b> <b>Vera Paroz</b>	<b>2</b> 8a Dough Making 11:30a Senior's Fellowship 5:20a Apple 6:30p Daisy Troop <b>Mrs. Lin Dennis</b>	<b>3</b> 7p Safer School Group	<b>4</b> 5:30p Cub Scout Sleep Over	<b>5</b> 9a Fall Clean Up <b>Eleanor Hatcher</b>
<b>6</b> 8:30a Contemporary Worship 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Traditional Worship <b>Kurt Massar</b>	<b>7</b> 6:30p Cub Scouts <b>Melissa Dills</b>	<b>8</b> 6:30p Boy Scouts <b>Tim Pettigrew</b> <b>Marissa Lang</b>	<b>9</b> 8a Dough Making 5:20a Apple 6:30p Daisy Troop	<b>10</b> 9a Elevator Maintenance 6:30p Council Meeting	<b>11</b> 4p Tatiana Waters Wedding <b>David Pruchen-</b> <b>ski</b>	<b>12</b> 9a Tatiana Waters Wedding <b>Mr &amp; Mrs Richard</b> <b>Thomas</b>
<b>13</b> 8:30a Contemporary Worship 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Traditional Worship 1:30p Portage County Shep- herds 3p EUC bicentennial working group <b>Karen Mann</b>	<b>14</b> 6:30p Cub Scouts <b>Mr &amp; Mrs Gregory</b> <b>Davis</b>	<b>15</b> 6:15p Daisy Scouts 6:30p Boy Scouts <b>Mr &amp; Mrs Rick</b> <b>Mann</b>	<b>16</b> 8a Dough Making 5:20p Apple <b>Fran Mann</b> <b>Jason Brown</b> <b>Dakota Mansfield</b>	<b>17</b> 6:30p Boy Scout Board Meeting 6:30p Daisy Troop <b>Mr &amp; Mrs Michael</b> <b>Bradley</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Miley Bishop</b>
<b>20</b> 8:30a Contemporary Worship 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Traditional Worship <b>Dennis Dillon</b> <b>Mr &amp; Mrs Tim Pettigrew</b>	<b>21</b> 6:30p Cub Scouts <b>Courtney Waldsmith</b> <b>Hannah Pennington</b> <b>Mr &amp; Mrs Kevin Kibler</b>	<b>22</b> 6:30p Boy Scouts <b>Mr &amp; Mrs An-</b> <b>drew Hatcher</b> <b>Mr &amp; Mrs Scott</b> <b>Reynolds</b>	<b>23</b> 8a Dough Making 5:20p Apple <b>Lisa Lange</b>	<b>24</b> 6:30p Daisy Troop <b>Kylie Craft</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Kelley Lange</b>	<b>26</b> 8:30a Dry Pantry <b>Beth Gregg</b> <b>Mr &amp; Mrs Chet</b> <b>Wiley</b>
<b>27</b> 8:30a Contemporary Worship 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Traditional Worship <b>Stephanie Todd</b>	<b>28</b> 6:30p Cub Scouts <b>Ann Kester</b>	<b>29</b> 6:15p Daisy Scouts 6:30p BoyScouts	<b>30</b> 8a Dough Making 5:20p Apple <b>Linnea Ro-</b> <b>mocean</b>	<b>31</b> 6:30p Daisy Troop		