



# THE OPEN DOOR

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From Lisa , Church Moderator

A month of this new year has come and gone. It seems to me that time is just flying by us. As we all gather to celebrate our 200 years as a church let us reflect on what has brought us to this time. For 200 years some of your ancestors banded together to worship. They all came together as one unit to praise the Lord in their glorious ways. They built a structure for you to worship in, which was added to and reinforced and remodeled. We still have family members of those folks that built and attend which have kept us going as a church.

We continue to grow as new people join us, like me, a transplant from Texas. Let us share our stories with each other for the coming year, share our experiences with others so they we may continue to be strong and continue growing.

Luke 2:40

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. The child was growing, and was becoming strong, being filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him. And the child grew and became strong and full of wisdom, and the favor of God rested upon Him.

*Reflection... Rev. Susan ~ Interim Pastor*

**Grace and Peace to you!**

As I shared at your congregational meeting it is time to begin moving forward with the search process for your next called minister. We will begin that process by choosing folks for a "Transition Team."

"The purpose of the Transition Team is to help the congregation during the interim, "in-between time of settled pastors," by assisting the Interim Transitional Pastor and working with them to help the congregation recognize and accept the transition time as a journey where new experiments happen, when changes in the "way we've always done..." take place, when new pastoral leadership calls for flexibility and adjustment."

**ARE YOU READY?!!**

The answer is "YES" because we believe and have faith that God is equipping you and the Holy Spirit is leading you. You will frequently hear me say (as you already have) take a deep breath and hear these two words ~ Process & Journey! This is a time to claim the best of who you have been and are ~ A 200<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration! And be bold, courageous, creative, and open to the work of the Holy Spirit within The Edinburg United Church Body of Christ as you live into your future.

If you have served on a Search Committee in the past, you'll remember the first task is to have conversations about who you are, what your dreams are, and where is God calling you.

Once you have gathered all this information you are finally ready to begin putting your profile together. And you are probably very tired!

The Transition Team is a small group of members (3-5 folks) to do that work. Once *they* have gathered the information it is given to the Search Committee to begin their work of developing your church profile. The two groups are different in personality and the tasks they do. At the congregational meeting I handed out a card identifying key gifts and skills for a member of this committee:

- ❖ Good listener
- ❖ Keeps confidences
- ❖ Good facilitator of conversations ~ "Tell me more!"
- ❖ Open minded
- ❖ Respected member
- ❖ Faithfulness to God's Calling

Please give the names of your 3 suggested members to myself or Lisa by February 5<sup>th</sup>. We will take your suggestions to the council and select the folks who we will invite to work directly with me on the Transition Team. Please see me with any questions you have regarding this important work in the life of your church and the Search Process.

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**Homework for Everyone: 3 Questions to ponder for the future Transition Team:**

- 1) Who are we today?
- 2) Who is our neighbor?
- 3) What is God calling us to Be & Do?

**Bonus Questions:**

- What does EUC do well?
- What do you love most about worship?
- Where/When do you experience Joy?

*Blessings on your journey....*



We will be having  
Communion on  
Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>.

Ash Wednesday



Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.

ECCLESIASTES 3:20

**Ash Wednesday  
Service on February  
22 at 7:00p.m.**



Thank you to Mary Ann and Megan Schiraldi for adding some color to the board!!

Dear EUC,  
Thank you for the wonderful bag of goodies you made for Bob. Thank you to those that contributed to the items in the bag, and thank you to those putting it together.  
They are very appreciated!

**Bob Jarrett Cindy Jarrett**

Thank you Edinburg Church for thinking of Jerry. He was surprised by his goodie bag he received.  
He loved the caramel creams the best.  
You are so thoughtful. **Beth & Jerry Lange**



Thank you for the wonderful "goodies" in my Christmas bag! I'm always amazed at the variety and creativity of item that are given each year to be included in the gift bags. Thank you to everyone who helps support this wonderful project for our "senior" church members, those that contributed items, helped to assemble the gifts bags or maybe helped to deliver them. A very special "thank you" to Cyndi Oblisk for taking over this year so the project can continue.  
In Christian love - Fran Pruchenski

Thanks for all the thoughtful church people who made up the gift bag for me. Really enjoyed all the goodies –  
Thank you Eva for the delivery and nice visit.  
May God Bless all of you.  
**Linnea Romocean**

Thank you for the lovely gift bag. It was very nice. **Katrina and Laura**  
(the two girls that clean the church).



Because of your participation many families had a wonderful Christmas! **The Salvation Army** is so grateful for the EDINBURG UNITED CHURCH partnering with us. Words cannot say how blessed we felt by the generosity and kindness given to families in need of Christmas help, especially during these economic times.

Thank you to EUC with your help at the red kettle we ended up being the top kettle in all of Portage County.



Sunday School after Sunday services until 10:30, for kids ages preschool-5<sup>th</sup> graders.

Adult Sunday School after Sunday services.



**Senior Funday**

Wednesday, Feb. 1, from 11:30 to 2:00,

(1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month) Bring a dessert or something to share. All are welcome



The 200th Year Celebration - Calling all Scrapbookers!!! We will be meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> from 10-Noon to organize pictures, news articles and other memorabilia into scrapbooks and other ways of presenting all our history!!!

We will also be having meetings Wed. Feb 1<sup>st</sup> and Wed. Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 (both nights) to work on scrapbook and ideas for the different events.

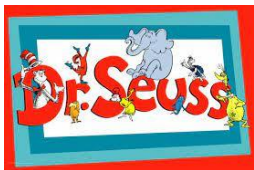
Contact Jeneen Kubala at 330 687-4067 if you have any questions or would like to help.

**How many generations of your family have attended the Church?? Let Jeneen or Cyndi know.**



We will be taking pictures Feb 5<sup>th</sup> and Feb 12<sup>th</sup> before service if you would like to have your picture in the membership directory. (If you add your picture Pastor Susan will learn your name faster.

If you have not already, please make sure your information is correct in the membership directory and let Cyndi know if anything thing has changed. You can call or email the Church by the end of January. 330-325-1532 or EdinburgChurch@gmail.com



**March 4: Dr. Seuss Birthday and Pancake Breakfast**

We will be reading Dr. Seuss books and playing games!! The Cat in the Hat will be here. Every child will receive a book and the first 48 children will receive a Dr. Seuss drawstring bag. Plus, we will have Pancakes!! Let Sabrina Finney know if you'd like to help out.



The Southeast Lions club collects plastic to be recycled and made into a bench, which they have donated to the Church to give to the township with a plaque for 200 years!!!!

The following are items that can be recycled into a bench!!

Bread bags, produce bags, newspaper sleeves, pallet wrap & stretch film, salt & ice bags, grocery bags, cereal bags, cases overwrap, bubble wrap, wood pellet bags, plastic shipping envelopes, dry cleaning bags, Ziploc & other reclosable storage bags.



**Youth Group** we will be working on the P.R.A.Y. program. Anyone K-12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited. We will be starting this March 12<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. If you are interested in signing up for this, please come to the meeting on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. for more details and so we know how many materials we need to order and how many adults we need to help with this program.

If you are interested in more details visit: <https://www.praypub.org/>

**Jesus & Me**

Grades K-1

Theme: "Jesus as a Storyteller, Teacher, Friend, Healer"

Activities: Read Bible Stories, Make your own scroll, Memorize Bible verses

**God & Me**

Grades 2-3

Theme: "Becoming Best Friends with Jesus"

Activities: Read Bible Stories, Make fun games, Memorize the Lord's Prayer

**God & Family**

Grades 4-6

Theme: "Growing in God's Love"

Activities: Meet Bible Families, Do Pizza-related crafts, Fun Family Projects

**God & Church**

Grades 7-8

Theme: "My Journey with Christ"

Activities: Meet Jesus, Head of the Church, Learn about your Congregation, Complete Service Projects

**God & Life**

Grades 9-12

Theme: "Called by Christ to Serve"

Activities: Get to know the Apostle Paul, See how faith can impact your life, Write a Statement of Commitment

We have pictures in the nursery to color for anyone that would like to add some color to the boards this year (or bring one of your own). We have clipboards for kids (or anyone) to color during service.

**Upcoming Concerts, if anyone is interested!!!**

March 12<sup>th</sup>, Matthew West ; Grace Baptist Church in Brunswick

March 16<sup>th</sup>, Mercy Me; Playhouse Square

May 5<sup>th</sup>, Casting Crowns; Toledo, OH

May 7<sup>th</sup>, Jo Dee Messina; Grace Baptist Church "Ladies Night Out"

Thurs. July 13<sup>th</sup> – Sat. July 15<sup>th</sup>, Alive Musical Festival ; Atwood Lake Park



We need people to ring the Church bell on Sundays, if you are interested see Pastor Susan or Cyndi



# FEBRUARY 2023

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			<b>1</b> Senior Funday 11:30 to 2:00	<b>2</b>  Sandy Pettigrew	<b>3</b>  Trista Hughes Sue Karash	<b>4</b>  Kim Dillon
<b>5</b> 	<b>6</b>  Kathy Galloway	<b>7</b>  Holly Kibler	<b>8</b>  Roger Mansfield Dan Slack	<b>9</b>  Sarah Kibler	<b>10</b>  Mitchell Giuffre	<b>11</b>  Alex Lange Leonard Reiter
<b>12</b>  Nora Kinter	<b>13</b>  Dakota Finney Eva Rowley	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  Mike Canale Josh Gray	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>  Ryan Phile	<b>20</b> President's Day  Vernice & Raymond Deuring	<b>21</b>  Cindy Jarrett	<b>22</b> Ash Wednesday	<b>23</b>  Gabrielle Giuffre	<b>24</b>  Ethan Bishop Rachel Brekhus Dianne Raubacher	<b>25</b>  Linda Shaw
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>				

Cookie queens for January are:

Future Council Dates

(2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month)

Feb 9  
March 9  
April 13  
May 11  
June 8  
July 13  
August 10  
Sept. 14  
Oct. 12  
Nov. 9  
Dec. 14



Feb. 5 Julia  
Feb. 12 Lisa  
Feb. 19 Eva  
Feb. 25 Brenda

Have you, your kids, grandkids or anyone else done something you would like to announce??? If you would like anything added to the newsletter, please let Cyndi know by the last Friday of the month.

**NEW EMAIL: EUCNEWS1823@gmail.com**

EDINBURG UNITED CHURCH

Unofficial Council Minutes

December 8, 2022

PRESENT: Pastor Susan, Lisa Morehead, Audie Morehead, Cyndi Oblisk, Matt Finney, Sabrina Finney, Roger Mansfield, Barb Rohn

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM and opened with Prayer.

ELECTRICAL ISSUES: Mike Oak who has provided services in the past, has retired . Matt has been contacting Dennis Pennington for the Church electrical needs.

CARPET CLEANING: Pricing for Sanctuary is \$350, Pews \$300, Entrance and Hall \$170, totaling \$820. It was consensus to use Stanley Steamer.

SALVATION ARMY TREE: Jeneen was unable to attend tonight but sent message that there are 7 tags still left on tree. After some discussion, Roger motioned that the Church donate \$700 to assure that the children on those tags receive their Christmas gifts. Sabrina seconded the Motion. Motion passed.

200<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY: The original Founding Date for Church was May 18, 1823 so we will have our main Celebration on May 21, 2023. Several suggestions were made for services and food and it was decided to revisit this at our January Meeting. Jeneen will have meeting December 13 from 10 until 12 to continue working on memorabilia.

PIE MONEY: It was suggested that this year's money be used for the 200<sup>th</sup> Celebration. Sabrina motioned that pie money be used for this. Cyndi seconded the Motion. Motion passed.

TOWEL DISPENSERS: Cyndi announced that they are here and will be installed after current supply of towels have been used.

Matt shared that the Church is in need of Snow Plowing Services; suggestions are welcome.

Matt and Sabrina shared that they have a senior in the Girl Boy Scout Troop that wants to put up a Flag Pole for the Church as her Eagle Scout Project.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM and closed with Prayer