



Pastor's Letter

# THE OPEN DOOR

February 2022

Happy February everyone,

For about 20 years now, I've kept a notebook with notes from books that I've read. Sometime last year, I decided to record notes from books that I enjoyed but no longer wished to keep. That practice nearly filled the notebook. Then I got to thinking, how will I recall all these nuggets of information? So I thought that I would re-read the notebook each start of the new year. I completed that activity recently and was struck by two quotes from different books. The first was from Sherry Turkle in "Reclaiming Conversation" and she wrote, "We know that for children the best predictor of success later in life is the number of meals shared with their families." The second quote came from the book "You're not Listening" by Kate Murphy. There she cited the Family Dinner Project and wrote this, "Families that eat together and sharing stories led to lower rates of substance abuse, teen pregnancy and depression while improving kids' vocabularies, grade point average, resilience and self-esteem."

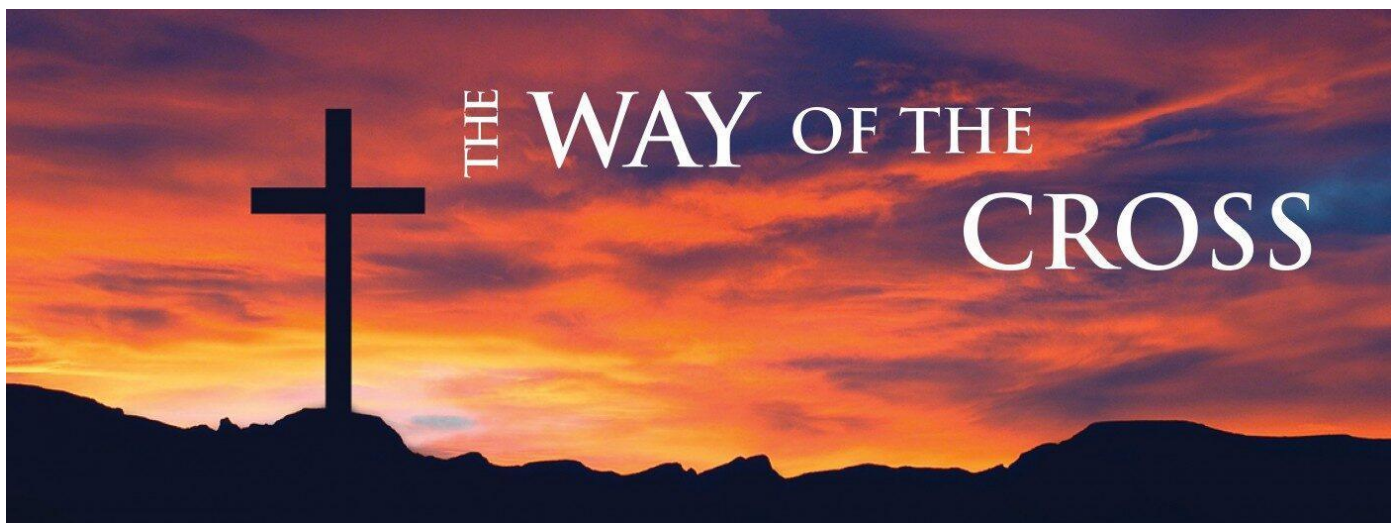
Both of these quotes have a noticeable similarity in that both encourage family dinners. Can we have an impact on our community, feed people and spread the love of Jesus at the same time? If you are willing to engage in conversation about these quotes- let's chat.

According to NationalToday.com February is "Plant the seeds of greatness month" and February 1 is Spunky Old Broads Day. February 3<sup>rd</sup> is National Carrot Cake Day, February 20<sup>th</sup> is National Muffin Day and National Cherry Pie Day. February 28 is National Public Sleeping Day and National Chocolate Souffle Day. These were pulled rather randomly- but have quite the theme of food! Recently, I listened to a podcast about made up national holidays and was rather fascinated. My take-away lesson however was that we can all find things to celebrate in our world- and perhaps we should make up a few of our own holidays. Have a wonderful, adventurous February!

Pastor Tim

"A hearty thank you to all who helped make our Christmas gifts possible. We feel so blessed to serve you here and your kind contributions and actions at Christmas helped warm our hearts. The girls are enjoying the journals, the flowers were beautiful and the gift of money was exceedingly generous. Thank you again for all that you do to help make EUC a wonderful place to serve in ministry.

Tim, Kim, Vera and Alena"



### Lent Worship Series:

For Lent this year, we will participate in "The Way of the Cross." If you would like to participate in assisting with Lent please join in on 13 February. The worship team is original for each worship series and helps with liturgy, hymns/songs, staging, outreach and mission ideas. Bring your ideas to the table! Sign up to participate on your Connect Card in early February. Ash Wednesday is March 2nd this year with the first Sunday of Lent beginning March 6th.

# Happy Birthday

Sandy	Pettigrew	February 02
Trista	Hughes	February 03
Sue	Karash	February 03
Kim	Dillon	February 04
Kathy	Galloway	February 06
Holly	Kibler	February 07
Roger	Mansfield	February 08
Dan	Slack	February 08
Sarah	Kibler	February 09
Mitchell	Giuffre	February 10
Alex	Lange	February 11
Leonard	Reiter	February 11
Nora	Kinter	February 12
Dakota	Finney	February 13
Duane W.	Kaley	February 13
Eva	Rowley	February 13
Mike	Canale	February 17
Josh	Gray	February 17
Ryan	Phile	February 19
Cindy	Jarrett	February 21
Gabrielle	Giuffre	February 23
Ethan	Bishop	February 24
Dianne	Raubacher	February 24
Linda	Shaw	February 25
Dick	Gintert	February 28



**Vernice & Raymond Deuring**  
**February 20**



**Congregational Meeting: January 30<sup>th</sup> after worship**

**Future Council Dates:**

February 10<sup>th</sup>  
March 10<sup>th</sup>  
April 14<sup>th</sup>  
Ma 12<sup>th</sup>  
June 9<sup>th</sup>  
July 14<sup>th</sup>  
August 11<sup>th</sup>  
September 8<sup>th</sup>  
October 13<sup>th</sup>  
November 10<sup>th</sup>  
December 8<sup>th</sup>

If you would like anything added to the newsletter, please let Cyndi know by the last Friday of the month.  
[Rcoblisk@aol.com](mailto:Rcoblisk@aol.com)

# Thank You

Thank you from the Morehead Clan for all the prayers on the passing of grandpa.

Part of a letter from the Children's Advocacy Center of Portage County

To the members of the Edinburg United Church of Christ

Thank you so much for the donation of hygiene items, journals, puzzles and many more items.

This has been an extremely difficult financial year for the CAC. More than ever, the CAC is very grateful for the support as we continue to serve abused children so that they may have healthier and happier futures.

Thank you to Fran, the Youth Group, and all the people who contributed items to the Senior gift bags. The bags were brimming over with goodies! Everything tasted great! Thanks again.

Bob Jarrett

Thank You all for the bag of goodies. It was very thoughtful of you to remember me. It is all very good. Thank You Fran for delivering it to me. May God Bless you all.

Frances Beckett

Thank you for my "Goodie Bag" at Christmas {so many goodies} and Jeneen for delivering it. Also a big thank you to all our "budding" actors during the Advent services.

And a thank you to all who helped decorate and undecorate the church. It was very festive, And for all the bakers and goodie makers that kept our snack bar supplied a big thank you.

Jean LeMaster

" I would like to thank the Sr. High Youth Group, the Cub Scouts, Beth, Jeneen and all of the "anonymous" others who either donated, helped to pack or helped to deliver the "goodie bags" for our senior church members. I couldn't do it without you! As usual, the variety and amount seems to grow each year, thanks to all our caring people! I love you all!

We would like to thank everyone for their birthday cards and well wishes to Bill for this 80th birthday. Special thanks also to Pastor Tim for the birthday announcement made in church on his birthday. It was definitely a surprise and very much enjoyed. Thank you again,  
Bill and Eva Rowley

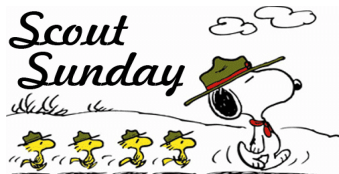


Cookie Queens and Kings are needed to bring cookies on Sundays. To sign up get ahold of Lisa Morehead.

(330-247-8171) email  
lisa.morehead@yahoo.com

### COOKIE QUEENS FOR FEBRUARY

- Feb. 6 Scouts
- Feb. 13 Maureen Locher
- Feb. 20 Cindy Stuart
- Feb. 27 Barb Rohn



**Scout Sunday will be held February 6<sup>th</sup>. Scouts will be having refreshments after worship as a thank you for all the Church does.**



### Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

We will be having a pancake breakfast and reading program. Come to enjoy some pancakes and then get some books. If anyone is interested in helping let Sabrina Finney or Cyndi Oblisk know. The fun starts at 9 a.m.

We need some folks to step up to help out.

Servers, cooks, clean up/set up, someone to gather and set out the books, someone to record names/email addresses for a future distro list, a reader (or two), supplies and people attending!



Southeast lions club is collecting soft . Any soft stretchable plastic such as grocery bags , newspaper bags, bread bags, water softener bags, shrink wrap ect. There is a drop off box is at the entrance to the Church. Thanks for supporting the southeast lions



Edinburg Scout Troops 355 & 7355 and Cub Scout Pack 3558 will be taking donations for Scouting for food.

During the month of February there will be a box for canned goods at the Church at the entrance across for the box for plastic bags.

Donations will be given to area food banks.