

Edinburg United Church
200 Years Strong
&
Still Growing

THE OPEN DOOR

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From Lisa , Church Moderator

Our 200 year Celebration was a success. I want to take the time to thank Jeneen Kubala and all her helpers that made our 200 Celebration a success. I want to thank the Scouts of Troops 355, 7355, 558 and Terry and Bill who helped supply food and music. We had Pastor Sharon and Mike from UCC that came to celebrate with us. We can't forget about our 141 Resolution from Gail Pavliga, how about that we are in the books to the State. If I forgot anyone I apologize, we had so much help from everywhere it was hard to keep up. We will be keeping the scrapbooks out for a few weeks so that those of us who were helping have the time to view them.

To our next success the Ice Cream social in June, VBS in July the fair booth in August and Pies can't forget our pies. We also have a Christmas Party for our congregation in December in the works to cap off the year. It has been my pleasure to serve as your moderator during this transitional time in our history. Here is to more successful events. Thank you all.

Philemon's Love and Faith 1: 4-7

I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

Reflections *Grace&Peace Rev. Susan*

Sunday, May 28th, is Pentecost Sunday. On this Sunday, we celebrate and remember the Holy Spirit that Jesus promised would live among us and within us: the Advocate who will lead us, teach us, and remind us of all Jesus has spoken.

Now, our journey begins, as if for the first time. That's one of the marvels of the Christian Liturgical Year ~ we're always living our faith again in a new way! Ordinary time begins!

Ordinary time, or the Sundays after Pentecost, is 26 weeks long, ending on Reign of Christ Sunday, November 26, 2023! Mark your calendars! It's also a Communion Sunday! Oh, and Advent begins the next Sunday, December 3rd! My, how time flies.

Back to Ordinary time... It is the time of the year when we are to be "greening" the church by growing in Spirit and faith, and fellowship and community! Our summer at EUC will be festive as our 200th year celebration continues. The Transition Time will continue to gather your thoughts on the past and future. How is EUC relevant in a culture that shifts every 18 months? Understanding these shifts is vital as we listen to God speak to us in a familiar and yet, new way. God is always creating, making things new and God invites us to be co-creators with God. No bystanders and onlookers here... you each have a calling!

The Transition Team will continue their work visiting you all in your homes as well as having small group conversation circles at church.

Remember the "3 BIG QUESTIONS?"

1) WHO ARE WE TODAY? (what is the best of our past that we bring forward for ministry today)

2) WHO IS OUR NEIGHBOR? (across the street, or miles away)

3) WHAT IS GOD CALLING US TO BE AND DO? (Dream & Discover ~ Come, Holy Spirit)

Continue reflecting on those questions. Think about the things that you are most *Grateful* for in your life in the church. What were the activities you did in the best of times at EUC? How did you spend time in fellowship with one another? What is simply the Best of EUC? So much of the best of EUC was shared on Sunday, May 21st!

Paul loves to talk about the Spirit, especially the gifts of Spirit in 1 Corinthians 12 and again in Galatians 5, the Fruits of the Spirit. So, we are in good company. In living out the gifts of the Spirit that God has given you, you glorify God by being all that God has created you, us, to be!

We'll also be looking at your "Spiritual Gifts" as individuals and as a church. This is a topic I discovered in your past, so we'll revive and remember your gifts in this new season at EUC!

I will offer our first "Congregational Conversation" after worship on June 11th. This will be an opportunity for sharing information, ideas, and questions about our Interim/Transition time together. We'll plan for 20-30 minutes.

The work we do together during this Interim/Transition time is focused on fully discovering who you are and who you are not as a church. The benefit of this time and work will enhance and focus your search & call process.



VACATION TIME!

**I will be taking 2 weeks
vacation (June 12~26). I**

**will not be going to the beach ~ Wheeling, WV
for 3 days... Here's the Good News!**

June 18th ~ The Rev. Glen Shedlock will be here leading worship. Many of you will remember him as an interim in 2003-2004.

June 25th ~ The Rev. Carol Clements will be here. Carol lives in Cuyahoga Falls. She served in Bluffton for 10 years and Bolivar for 11 years before retiring.

Thank you so much to everyone that helped make our 200th celebration a success.



Enjoyed all the stories told!



A note from Cyndi: Thank you for the flowers, they were unexpected but much appreciated. They are gorgeous.

Thank you for all the special music by some very talented people.



Tessa Dills



Dakota Mansfield



Elizabeth Dills



The Choir



Pastor Sharon



Thank you to all the people that helped with the food and serving.

Great time was had by All!



Russ Shambach and Martha Bradfield
(our oldest and longest member)!



Fun with games



And the WINNER of the bench
went to Melissa Dills!!



Two handsome, young gentlemen!



Ohio House of Representatives



A Resolution

H. R. No. 141

REPRESENTATIVE PAVLIGA

Honoring Edinburg United Church
on its Bicentennial.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 135th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to extend special recognition to Edinburg United Church on the hallowed occasion of its Two Hundredth Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 1823, Edinburg United Church has offered its members the pathway to a more meaningful life by illuminating and demonstrating the precepts on which the church was founded. The spirit of love and Christian fellowship that exists among the parishioners not only prevails within the church edifice itself but also extends beyond those sacred walls to touch the lives of everyone encountered by these devout disciples; and

WHEREAS, Under the capable leadership of its pastors, both past and present, Edinburg United Church has experienced continual growth and has provided a source of moral guidance and spiritual motivation for each of its members. Over the years, the church has enhanced the quality of life within the surrounding area, and through its generous efforts, it has earned the gratitude and respect of the many citizens it has so capably served; and

WHEREAS, An occasion such as this is an important milestone which represents dedication, commitment, and enduring faith. For two centuries, the members of Edinburg United Church have kept their convictions alive in the Ravenna community, and on this special anniversary, the congregation has accepted the challenge of carrying its beliefs into the future; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 135th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, congratulate Edinburg United Church on its Two Hundredth Anniversary and pay tribute to all those joining in the celebration of this joyous event; and be it further

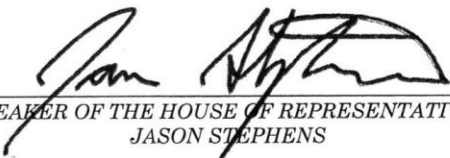
RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution to Edinburg United Church.

ADOPTED

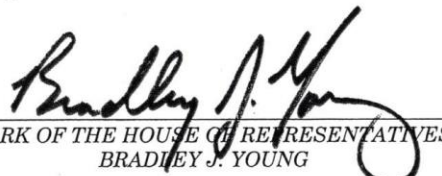
May 16, 2023

ATTEST:




SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
JASON STEPHENS


STATE REPRESENTATIVE GAIL K. PAVLIGA


CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
BRADLEY J. YOUNG

Need to contact Pastor Susan: 440-371-4864

Office hours for Pastor Susan beginning May 1st: Tuesday 2:00-6:00 and Wednesday 1:00-5:30



Thank you to everyone for your thoughts, prayers & cards and do the dear ladies who helped serve after the funeral. Thank you to Pastor Susan for your help & support.
Genny Pavlick



**Carl Wadsworth Memorial Day Breakfast-
8 a.m. – 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome.**

Memorial Day Parade, line up at 10, parade starts at 11:00. Helpers are needed to hand out seeds and to ride on the float!!! All ages!!



Senior Funday

Wednesday, June 7th, from 11:30 to 2:00, Come out and enjoy the fun!!!

Bring a dessert or something to share. All are welcome



**June 11th: Ice Cream Social and movie on the lawn!!!
Ice Cream 7-8 p.m. and Movie at 8:30. Movie title to be announced.**



We are in need of volunteers for Vacation Bible School. If you're able to help with donations, snacks, or decorations please contact Melissa. We are also in need of volunteers to help the week of VBS, which is July 10-14th. There's a place for everyone! Registration, crafts, games, crew leaders, and more! Contact Melissa to help out: dillsmelissa70@gmail.com or 330.687.7529 Thank YOU!

JUNE 2023

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2  Karen & Jay Brown	3
4	5	6	7  Linda & Ian Shaw	8	9  Paul Kubala Rebecca Evans JoAnne Zeigler Lee & Jim Schmitz	10  Barbara Rohn Sara & Scott Kinter
11 Ice Cream Social/movie	12	13  Megan & Josh Denise & Terry Tatgenhorst	14 Flag Day	15  Marie Allman Maxwel Finney	16	17  Frankie Locher
18 Father's Day  Sue Bell	19	20	21  Tyler Brown	22  Barb Hillegas  Jen & Mike Thames	23  Sandra Ulbricht	24  Beth Lage
25  Ryland Gray Maureen Locher	26	27  Michelle & Steve Dorsey	28	29  Lisa & Brian Kinter	30  Rylee Dysert Cheryl O'Connor	

Cookie queens for May are:



June 4 Julia
June 11 Agnes
June 18 Cyndi
June 25 Ramona

Future Council Dates
(2nd Thursday of the Month)
June 8
July 13
August 10
Sept. 14
Oct. 12
Nov. 9
Dec. 14

Council members: Lisa Morehead, Lenny Reiter, Barb Rohn, Audie Morehead, Cyndi Oblisk, Diane Ringer, Jeneen Kubula, Matt Finney, Roger Mansfield & Sabrina Finney

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 June 22nd**..

NEW EMAIL: EUCNEWS1823@gmail.com