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Edinburg United Church
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THE OPEN DOOR

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From Lisa , Church Moderator

Every morning I wake up and read my devotional to start the day. I don't know about you all, it helps me center on just me and God. I get ready and off to work; as I get my truck out of the garage I am greeted with the sunrise, not everyday since we live in Ohio, and it gives me that feeling that God is good and with me. It's my peace of heaven every morning. I stare into the sunrise and take a breath and am ready to tackle the day. However, as your day begins, remember, to look out at our wonderful world close your eyes and breath, God is indeed good. Look out and see what a wonderful world we have, that God created.

Psalm 77:14 You are the God who works wonders; You display Your strength among the peoples. You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples. You are the God of great wonders! You demonstrate your awesome power among the nations. You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples.

From Pastor Susan



*Let Us Pray...
In a New Way
"Pray as you can,
Not as you can't"
Dom John Chapman*

Here is a prayer practice that you might want to explore during the Lenten season.

The Jesus Prayer

If a centuries old short repetitive prayer, filled with deep meaning, sounds interesting, then God may be calling you to practice the Jesus Prayer.

The words to recite are: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

This sentence is repeated without ceasing. The repetition may be a challenge at first, but many Christians over time have testified to the value of this prayer in their spiritual growth. This prayer might offer something new for your Lenten prayer time.

Chocolate for Lent

~ without guilt or calories ~

COME AND WATCH THE MOVIE:

"CHOCOLAT"

On Sun. night March 5th

.The movie takes place during the season of Lent in a small (fictional) village in France. It is a lighthearted film to watch but leads us to deeper reflections about human nature and relationships; all because a woman opened a small chocolaterie in a village during Lent of all times!!



We will light our Peace candle each Sunday in worship as we pray for Peace.

"Let there be Peace on Earth and Let it begin with me."



EUC will be giving to the UCC "ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING" outreach offering.



April 16th!!

Holy Humor Sunday has its roots in history. For centuries, in Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant countries, Easter Monday and "Bright Sunday" (*The Sunday after Easter*) were observed by the faithful as "days of joy and laughter." **Curious? Good! Contact Pastor Susan to help plan this Holy Humor Service!!**

Thank you to everyone who contributed names of folks for the Transition Team!

Pastor Susan will be consulting with Lisa and the members of council as she forms that team. Look for the team to be in place by the end of March!

200th May 21st Worship Service!

Pastor Susan is eagerly awaiting your special thoughts and meaningful suggestions for the morning service! Plans for the music are coming together but not finalized! What would make this celebration special for you?! Tell Pastor Susan ~ soon!

Beloved...

All I want to say to you is, "You are the beloved," and all I hope is that you hear these words as spoken to you with all the tenderness and force that love can hold.

My only desire is to make these words reverberate in every corner of your being.

Henri Nouwen

from Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World

Blessings on your Lent Journey ~ May it bring you renewal... Pastor Susan



Move your clocks Forward 1 Hour on Saturday Night ~ March 12th!

Dear Church Friends, We have so appreciated the many cards and prayers you have sent regarding the tragic loss of our son and grandson, Daniel.
Love Holly and Kevin Kibler and Donna and Bill Kibler



Better late than never. Thanks to the church for my goodie bag at Christmas. It was greatly appreciated. Thank you so much for remembering me. Martha Bradfield



A very special thank you to Martha Bradfield, who made a donation to pay for the cleaning of the carpet and the pews.

Terrific picture to celebrate 200 years!!!



Caleb lighting the peace candle at church Feb. 19th. The peace candle will be lit at every service.



Tessa, Elizabeth, Caleb, Dakota, Ellie, Frankie, Mary Ann and JoJo



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). You can either just put it on the board or give it to Cyndi. We have clipboards for kids (or anyone) to color during service.

Sunday School after Sunday services until 10:30, for kids ages preschool-5th graders. Last Day for Sunday School is May 14th this year.

Adult Sunday School after Sunday services.



Scouts would like thank Edinburg United Church of Christ

Scouts from BSA boys troop 355, girls troop 7355 and cub scout pack 3558 participated in Scout Sunday on Feb. 5th.

The Edinburg United Church has been sponsoring scouts for over 100 years with the first charter being in 1921.

All three troops (pack) have family members that attend the church. Boys troop, Adain Campbell and Gus Brekhuis, Girls troop, Savannah Finney and Cub Pack, Caleb Oblisk.



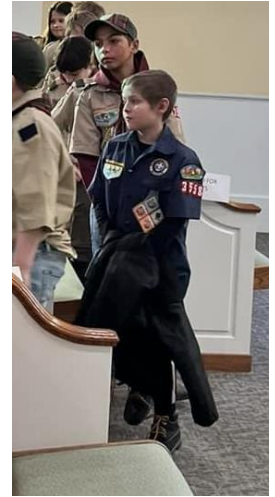
Adain ringing the bell



Gus carrying a flag



Savannah (and Owen) doing the law and lighting candles



Caleb following the color guard

HISTORY OF EDINBURG UNITED CHURCH

Parts of article in Mr. Thrifty, March 4, 1991

By Eleanor McConnell

“Edinburg Scout groups have been chartered 100 times by the Edinburg United Church since Boy Scout Troop 558 was organized in 1921. Each year since that first charter, the church has been the sponsoring organization, making a total of 70 charters.

Edinburg Cub Scout Pack 3558 was started in 1964, with the church also sponsoring that group, making 27 charters through the years. In addition to these, an Explorer Post was chartered three times, to complete the 100.

A celebration was held at the church on Feb. 17, when Scout members and leaders participated in the worship service, presenting prayers, music and the message.”

From Feb., 22, 1997 Record Courier



“Scout Sunday was observed at the Edinburg United Church recently when representatives of Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, the Brownies and the Cub Scouts participated in the service. From left are Brownie Marie Allman, Junior Girl Scout Bethany Ensinger, Eagle Scout Blake Dechant, Cub Scout Christopher Carpenter, Cadet Haley Bartholomew, who sang a solo, and Boy Scout Sam Hoskinson.”



Congregational meeting, Sunday, Feb. 26th, after services.

Senior Funday

Wednesday, March 1, from 11:30 to 2:00, Come out and enjoy the fun!!!

(1st 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, March 7th from 10-Noon to organize pictures, news articles and other memorabilia into scrapbooks and other ways of presenting all our history!!!



Can you glue pictures to paper? See Jeneen to help with putting pictures in a scrapbook. You don't have to do anything fancy but help is needed.

We will also be having meetings Wed. March 1, March 8, and March 22, at 6:30 fill eggs and other items.

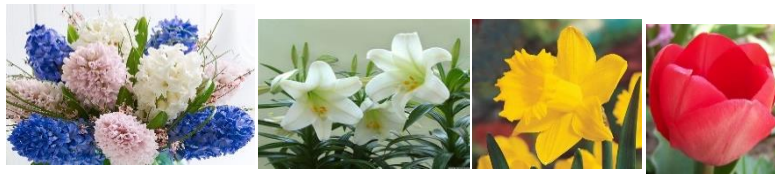
Contact Jeneen Kubala at 330 687-4067 if you have any questions or would like to help.



The amazing people who have spent HOURS going through the history!!

Tom, Rob, Jeneen, Barb, Martha & Kim

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

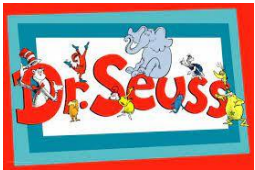


If you'd like to order Easter Flowers, there are forms on the table in the entrance (Purple paper) or you can order online at

<https://edinburg.breezechms.com/form/a42fab27>

Cost is \$9.50 . The purchase of flowers supports Wise Greenhouse.

Lilies, Tulips (red or pink), Hyacinths (blue, pink or white) and Daffodils.
Order deadline is March 12, (same day as daylight savings time)!!!



March 4: Dr. Seuss Birthday and Pancake Breakfast 10-Noon

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!! Sign up sheet on the whiteboard



April 1st, we are having an Easter Egg at the Edinburg Park at Noon, we need all the help we can get, let Cyndi know if you can help.

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May 21st!!! Save the date to celebrate 200 years!!!



We are taking monetary donations to help East Palestine with needed items.

Upcoming Concerts, if anyone is interested!!!

March 12th, Sidewalk Prophets; Wooster, Ohio

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March 16th, Mercy Me; Playhouse Square

April 20th, Sidewalk Prophets; Stow, OH

May 5th, Casting Crowns; Toledo, OH

May 7th, Jo Dee Messina; Grace Baptist Church "Ladies Night Out"

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

MARCH 2023

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1  Mary Hatcher	2	3	4  Alyanna Todd
5	6	7  Tim Knudsen	8  Bill Kibler  Jessica Ranta	9	10  Josephine Wheeler	11  Derek Hatcher  Kimberley Hatcher
Daylight Savings 12  Marla Walsh	13  Samantha Zeigler	14  Dick Hatcher	15  Scott Besaw	16	17  Lorelei Finney  Kirk Lange	18  Clem (C.J.) Lang
19	20  Zoey Wyss	21	22  Jeff Phile	23  Rose Slack	24  Julie Pruchenski	25  Pat Campbell
26  Diane Bishop	27	28	29  Danielle Zimmerman	30  Graham Nezbeth	31  Emily Booher  Pamela Pribanick	

Cookie queens for March are:



March 5 Julia Hayes
 March 12 Cindy Jarrett
 March 19 Brenda
 March 26 Maureen

Future Council Dates
 (2nd Thursday of the Month)
 March 9
 April 13
 May 11
 June 8
 July 13
 August 10
 Sept. 14
 Oct. 12
 Nov. 9
 Dec. 14

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

Congregational Meeting

January 22, 2023

The Meeting was called to order at 10:40 AM by Lisa Morehead, Moderator and opened with prayer by Pastor Susan. There were 35 Members present.

The Minutes of the September 18, 2022 Congregational Meeting were read and approved as read.

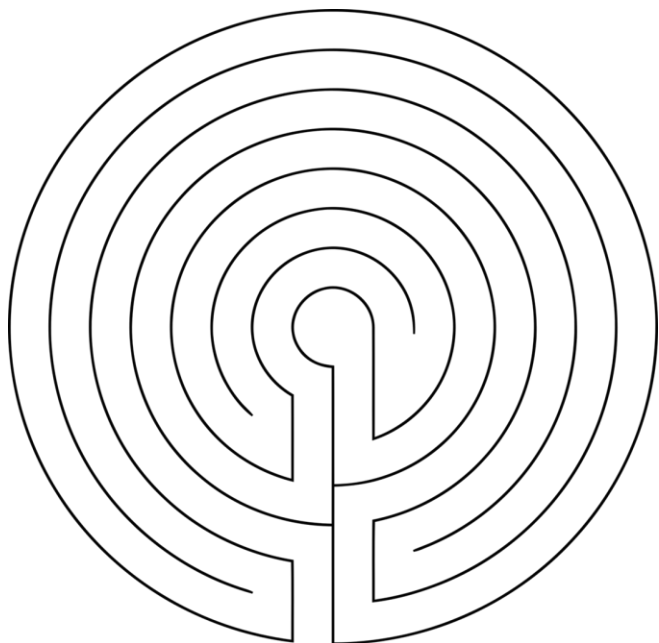
Finances were reviewed by Lenny Reiter providing a handout . He also offered to talk with individuals about questions or concerns after the meeting.

Jeneen Kubala, Chair of the 200th Celebration, shared the monthly activities that are being planned and that profits from selling pies in 2022 have been designated to provide for these events. She provided a colorful handout and discussed some of the details.

Pastor Susan shared how the process of procuring a new Minister will progress: 1) Gather information, 2) Put a profile together, 3) Assemble a Transitional Team. Feedback cards were passed out to provide a means for offering names of members that might have the gifts or skills of traits listed on the card to be on the team. Pastor requested that they be returned by February 5.

Roseann Brown raised a question about changing the start time for Sunday Services to 10:00 AM. Discussion ensued. Kathy Galloway motioned to have Council provide means such as connect cards, newsletter, one call to evaluate Congregation's preference for time to hold Sunday AM Services. Agnes Andrasak seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM with Singing.



Trace the path with your finger...
Breathe in love...Breathe out fear.
Breathe in healing...Breathe out hurting.
Breathe in peace...Breathe out chaos.
Breathe in wholeness...Breathe out fragmentation.
Breathe in connectedness...Breathe out loneliness.
Breathe in reconciliation...Breathe out division.
Breathe in the life-giving breath of God...Exhale the
breath of God to Creation. Amen.