



The Open Door

Pastor's Corner

Easter will be here soon. There's much to love about Easter. We celebrate a risen Savior which has big implications for how we as followers of Christ can live our lives. We rejoice that God isn't dead but alive and well. We can thrive in our environment because God has done such wonderful things for us. The secular side of Easter makes me glad it's only one day per year. The ex-

tra candy being the biggest culprit (hard to avoid all that sweet stuff). Like other major religious holidays, we have turned Easter into a consumer driven day. We do, however, have a choice about how we celebrate this holiday and can keep the reason for the day close to our hearts. The spirit of Easter lasts until Pentecost so we do have some time to really soak in the goodness and glory that God bestows on each of us for a few weeks. Of course, God's glory doesn't fade at Pentecost, we just shift to a different theological

season and focus.

If you're like me, you have been thinking about the garden and plants for a while now. This time of year brings such refreshment to our earth and our spirits. What plants do you have in your garden that remind you of God? For instance, the bee balm reminds me of a red firework, exploding with color and shape. Daffodils just make me happy with their yellow sunshine color. While all plants, flowers, trees, and such can remind us of God, is there some-

thing specific that makes you stop and pray each time you see it? I'd love to know and hear from you if so. Have a terrific spring 2017, and may God shower many blessings on each of us this season.

Pastor Tim



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Who Am I?

I was born in Brimfield. I have three brothers and one sister. They all live on the same road as did my parents and grandparents. I have been married 53 years, and we have two sons, two daughters, and nine grandchildren.

I graduated from Kent State High School and continued my education at Kent State University where I earned a bachelor's degree in

education. My teaching career began at Suffield. I moved on to Rootstown and then to Southeast Primary where I taught first grade for about 20 years. I retired from Southeast with 30+ years in education.

We have lived on our farm in Edinburg for 53 years. We have been members of EUC for almost 50 years. During that time I served as a Deacon, was on the Social and Nominating Committees, and have helped with the summer reading program. I enjoy

gardening, yard work, feeding birds, time with family, and life on our farm.

Who am I?

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Are you going to camp this summer? Edinburg United Church will pay part or all of your camp fees, depending on how many people sign up. The deadline to submit your bills to Pastor Tim is **April 15**.

Workers in April & May

Ushers @ 8:30 Service

Apr. 2
Lee & Jim Schmitz

Apr. 9
Ann Kester/Sherry Blasens

Apr. 16
Cheryl & Tim O'Connor

Apr. 23
Pam & Matt Pribanick

Apr. 30
Sue Wells/Harold Mansfield

Ushers @ 8:30 Service

May 7
Lee & Jim Schmitz

May 14
Cheryl & Tim O'Connor

May 21
Pam & Matt Pribanick

May 28
Dan Mix/Harold Manfield

Liturgists

Apr. 2
Eva Rowley

Apr. 9
Eva Rowley

Apr. 16
Ann Kester

Apr. 23
Cindy Jarrett

Apr. 30
Cindy Jarrett

May 7
Eva Rowley

May 14
Cindy Jarrett

May 21
Ann Kester

May 28
Ann Kester

Ushers @ 10:30 Service

April 2
Ann Kester/Sherry Blasens

Apr. 9
Holly DeLaney/Fran Pruchenski

Apr. 16
Beth Lange/Genny Pavlick

Apr. 23
Ann Kester/Jean LeMaster

Apr. 30
Pat Campbell/Holly DeLaney

Ushers @ 10:30 Service

May 7
Ann Kester/Fran Pruchenski

May 14
Beth Lange/Genny Pavlick

May 21
Pat Campbell/Holly DeLaney

May 28
Fran Pruchenski/Sherry Blasens

Apr./May Lectionary

Apr. 2
Mark 11:15-19

Apr. 9 (Palm Sunday)
Kids Program

Apr. 13 (Maundy Thursday)
Mark 14:12-26

Apr. 16 (Easter)
Mark 16:1-8

Apr. 23
John 20:19-31

Apr. 30
Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

May 7
Joseph

May 14 (Mother's Day)
Ruth

May 21
Susanna

May 28
Judith



Homebound Friends

Roy & Helen Kuhn
7824 Tallmadge Rd.
Rootstown, OH 44272

Jim McConnell
7550 Tallmadge Rd.
Rootstown, OH 44272

Members in Nursing Homes

Donna Byers
Longmeadow
565 Bryn Mawr St.
Ravenna, OH 44266

Mary Lou Johnson
The Gables at Kent Ridge
5241 Sunnybrook Rd., Room D23
Kent, OH 44240
330-677-3261

Katie Bauman
Brookdale of Ravenna
141 Chestnut Hill
Ravenna, OH 44266

Open Door Deadline

The deadline for newsletter submissions is **always** the **15th** of the month. If you want to put something in the **June** newsletter, the deadline is **May 15**.

April & May Birthdays and Anniversaries



- Apr. 2** Emily Reeves
Apr. 6 Robert Bearss
Apr. 9 Nathan Giuffre
Apr. 10 Jay Brown
 Jenny Kubala
 Rick Myers
Apr. 11 Scott Simmons
 Mr. & Mrs. John
 Waldsmith
Apr. 12 Mr. & Mrs. Paul Kubala
Apr. 13 Josh Nelson
Apr. 14 Dan Mix
Apr. 16 Mike Oaks
 Holly DeLaney
Apr. 17 Linda Dillon
 Bill Dillon
Apr. 18 Chuck Withey
Apr. 19 Linda Hunter
Apr. 20 Anna Marie Evans
 Jacob Mix
Apr. 21 Terry Dillon
 Tim Dillon
 Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Massar
Apr. 22 Kyle Booher
Apr. 23 Gail Boldizser
Apr. 24 Charlotte Wadsworth
 Mr. & Mrs. Shannon
 Booher
Apr. 25 Barb Waldsmith
 Jenna Canale
Apr. 27 Kelli Simmons
Apr. 28 Doug Kibler
Apr. 30 Sharon Shayler
 Michael Hill

- May 1** Genny Pavlick
May 2 Eric Dillon
May 3 Nicholas DeLaney
May 5 Roseann Brown
 Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Dillon
May 6 Beth Hauser
 Mr. & Mrs. Mike Canale
May 7 Mackenzie Hughes
May 9 Mike Hauser
 Nathan Kinter
May 13 Adam Canale
May 15 Tom Bradfield
May 16 Tessa Galloway
 Mr. & Mrs. Jim Nunley
May 17 Kathy Basta
May 22 Tim O'Connor
May 23 Shawn Wadsworth
May 24 Mary Lou Johnson
May 26 Mr. & Mrs. Arthur
 Kirkpatrick
May 27 Elizabeth Pruchenski
May 29 Steven Hauser
 Mike Wells
May 30 Kay Bradfield



Thank you to the EUC church family for prayers and support during Mom's illness and subsequent funeral. We will be forever grateful! To the angels who quietly prepared, served, and cleaned for Mom's funeral dinner—thank you so much!!

The Rhoda Godfrey Family

I just wanted to drop you a note to say thank you. You don't know me, but I wanted to thank you and your staff for your service, commitment, and love for this community. It is making an im-

pact your work is bearing fruit. So thank you! Be encouraged :)

Erika

Thank you to Eva Rowley, Sandra Nickles, Julia Hayes, Ramona Holloway, and Lin Dennis for planning the Women's Fellowship St. Patrick's Day celebration. And thank you to everyone who brought deserts. They were wonderful!!! Everyone had a great time, and it is so wonderful to gather together as women of Christ.

We, the family of Goldie Slack, would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest gratitude to the members of Edinburg United Church. Throughout the duration of her illness, she was comforted and supported beyond measure through visits, cards, letters, and prayers both while in the nursing home struggling with rehabilitation, and while admitted to the hospital suffering from many acute illnesses. Goldie expressed her feelings of comfort and love when she received visits and read cards wishing her strength and healing. Whenever we would visit, even on the worst of days, she would express how thankful she was. She would list by name all visitors, those who sent kind words, and those who prayed for her. At Christmas you created a goody bag that brought her much joy, which was becoming more difficult to find during that time. Because of your acts of kindness, she, and we, were comforted by your love and prayers and able to face the tougher days that came after. You were an example of Christian service, providing a warm light into a time
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Prayer List

1. Harold Amsden
2. Kyle Bailey
3. Mike Bailey, Sr.
4. Tim Barrett
5. Kristen Braunreitter
6. Tish Brett
7. Martha Budd
8. Esther Burton
9. Jeff Ciuk
10. Carolyn Collidge
11. Fred Craft
12. Doug Cronk
13. Joe Delley, Jr.
14. Robin Deters
15. Dyllyn & Family
16. Nathan Gilliland
17. Karen Harris
18. Chuck Harton
19. Todd Hinkle
20. John Horning
21. Lucy Hughes
22. Jake & Family
23. Courtney Janko
24. Jeffie & Family
25. Arnie Klibert
26. Roy Kuhn
27. Kim Lane
28. Bill Lange
29. Rick Lewis
30. Erin Loschetter
31. Pru Love
32. Jenny McCambridge
33. Penny Moretz
34. Bill Nickles
35. Jennie Prentice
36. Cheri Repasky
37. Gilbert Rowley
38. Fred & Debbie Sanders
39. Don Schlather
40. Bill Sholler
41. Tom Steurer & Family
42. Adam Sweeney
43. Ryan Vrudney
44. Jane Wayman

Who Am I?
Donna Kibler



Deliver Us

We sing and say “hosanna” every Palm Sunday but hardly ever in between. So what does that word mean?

That first Palm Sunday, crowds spread their cloaks before Jesus as people had before Jehu to proclaim him king (2 Kings 9:13). They waved palm branches in greeting—a traditional sign of celebration (Leviticus 23:40). And, of course, they shouted, “Hosanna!”

This was an exclamation of “a people in distress [addressing] their king or their god,” explains Bible scholar William Barclay. Drawn from Psalm 118:25 *hosanna* is Aramaic for “save now.” By the time of Jesus’ Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, Barclay says, *hosanna* may have “become to some extent only a cry of welcome and of acclamation, like ‘Hail!;’ but essentially it is a people’s cry for deliverance and for help in the day of their trouble.”

“Hosanna!” is the plea of an oppressed people to the one they recognize as their true king: Jesus, their Savior.

—From *The Newsletter*, March, 2016.



If you will be graduating from high school, college, graduate school, tech school, etc. this year, please let Cindy Jarrett know by May 10! We would like to honor you on **Graduation Sunday, June 4.**

Pentecost

Pentecost is on **June 4** this year. Please wear red to church and bring some red flowers to plant in the church gardens.

Easter Possibilities

The message of Easter is not only that Christ is risen, not only that suffering is not the last word, not only that God gives new life, but this: Nothing is impossible with God.

—*The Rev. James Martin, S.J.*

Church Finances

From Feb. 26-Mar. 19 4 weeks

Amount Given to General Fund:
\$8,450.90.

This includes \$38.85 from recycled paper.

As of February 6, 2017, our mortgage total is: \$202,150.19.

Thank you for your support of EUC.

A Tribute to Mothers

On Mothers Day, pay your most humble tribute to Mother!

Mothers are everything for us when we are small...our lives revolve around her. For everything that we need, we call mother. To protect us from all perceivable dangers, we want her around us. To take us out, we hold her hand. To kiss away our wounds, we run to her. And for a warm hug and love, we look for her. She is the focal point of our lives, the greatest human being in the world or should we say divinity on earth. On the special occasion of Mothers Day, pay tribute to your mother—the greatest blessing of God on you.

On Mothers Day, thank your Mother.

There is simply no way we can ever really thank mother for all she has done for us. She is the one who will be awake all night when we are sick. Praying to God to make us well and be ever ready to bear the pain that we may be experiencing. She is the one to wake up early in the morning to make the nicest meal and endure all our tantrums. Mothers are the ones who would forever complain that we are not eating enough or not eating right. They would cook all sorts of things so that we might be strong and healthy. Mothers, in fact, worry more for our examinations than we must. They would take pains to complete our school projects, leaving all other works behind while we play around with friends or just while away time watching movies.

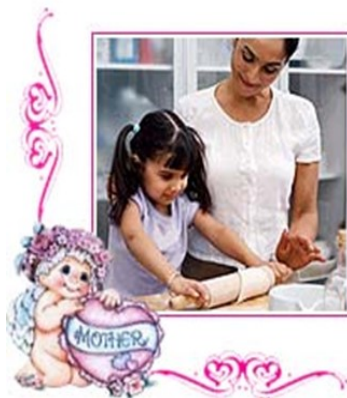
On Mothers Day, apologize to your Mother.

Mothers are the ones on whom we put all the blame for our failures. We would not hesitate once to point out her single faux pas, though she would not miss even the slightest opportunity to praise us. Isn't it tough to imagine how she must have borne our temper tantrums when we were teenagers? And how hard we must have made her life by being so rude and difficult. And yet she was so

astonishingly cool. It is easy for the kids to be so demanding of parents, especially mothers, as we take her affection and care so much for granted—most often to the extent of selfishness. Mothers Day is the right time to apologize for all the troubles that we gave to our moms, without even realizing at most times how troublesome we must have been to her.

Celebrate Mothers Day with your Dear Mother.

Mothers Day is the perfect day to celebrate the joys of having a mother. It is the time to make amends for not being able to spend quality time with her. So turn your wrongs right by making all efforts to give a perfect Mothers Day to your mother. Think about her likes and dislikes about gifts and ideas on celebration and act accordingly. Strive to make Mothers Day absolutely hassle free for your mother and take the responsibilities on yourself for a day. Pamper her a little on this special day of hers, just as she pampers you all the year round. Give her a warm hug and a big kiss as you wish her a Happy Mothers Day!



Green Is Spring

When did all the green arrive?
Somehow I missed the Spring.
The trees are thick with foliage now
And even robins sing.
The grass is like a carpet
Of lush and silky green,
Little buds are peeking out
And blossoms have been seen.
The hills go on forever
With greenness up and down;
The pine and spruce of forest
Are marching into town.
I should have been more watchful—
I almost missed everything;
So today I thank the Artist
Who painted earth this Spring.

—Joan Stephen

Thanks, Cont'd.

that seemed so dark and overwhelming for us all.

We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude for adding joy to her life. It was during the last months of her life that she needed more than just her family by birth; she also needed her family in faith. Words cannot express the magnitude of your service, as it helped us, too. You gave us support and helped comfort a void that will be felt for some time as we have felt great loss in her passing. The luncheon provided to feed our minds, souls, and hearts the day we gathered to celebrate her was a gift we will not soon forget. It was much appreciated and mirrored the grace and warmth Goldie described as she spoke of her church community.

To Pastor Tim, thank you for being present and engaged with us and with her; we are certain you allowed her to become more at peace with the situation that was surrounding her. Thank you for being there with her and us during her surgery, rehab, and many hospitalizations. You helped keep all of our spirits high even when we heard the worst news. You are a true gift to this church and God's greater community.

*With Love and Immense Gratitude,
The Slack Family*