



The Open Door

Pastor's Corner

Disciples at Edinburg United Church are loving and growing. That is our newest statement. If you are an English whiz, you will recognize the progressive tense (-ing endings). If you are also interested in breaking down the sentence, you will note that it is a declarative statement: Disciples ARE _____ and _____. In our case it is loving and growing. Here at EUC it's not about studying, serving, baking,

or other things but specifically loving and growing. Now, those are general and indeed the above mentioned activities are implied within loving and growing. Your Church Council has agreed that our loving aspect is to be conducted by serving our neighbor/helping others. We are still discussing and praying over how to best "grow" at EUC. Does this matter to you? I certainly hope you think that it does, or we've just practiced spinning our wheels for several months. In the book "Simple Church,"

Thom Rainer and Eric Geiger write this, "The process of the church should become a point of agreement where people understand the overall picture and how ministry is accomplished." Our statement is discipleship building. Our gesture is to love our neighbors/others by serving and helping, and that needs to be emphasized in how our ministry is accomplished. Granted it is a big picture, but as we narrow it down further and smaller we begin to distinguish ourselves from every other church in

our area. Will this be accomplished? It has yet to be seen. However, October 1 is "Do Something Sunday" where we will break away from our Sunday morning worship mold and be in service to our community. Volunteer leaders are still needed. What has God called you to do lately? Stand up, speak up, organize, and recruit others. There will be no worship here in a formal setting that Sunday. But without your leadership there may just be a lot of people skipping church. Why not give folks the opportunity to *experience* God first hand!

Pastor Tim

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Who Am I?

I was born in Cleveland. I have five sisters and brothers. I went to Brecksville High School and Cuyahoga Valley Career Center where I studied Power Equipment Technology.

I have lived in this area for seven years. I recently got married. In fact, I am still on my honeymoon having only been married less than a month!

I have had a lot of jobs, mostly in the excavating industry. My longest job was with Inde-

pendence Excavating. I was there for eight years.

I attended this church four months before becoming a member. I have only been a member since June. I joined because I liked Pastor Tim's enthusiasm and the welcoming congregation. I'm very thankful for our warm, welcoming congregation. They made me feel right at home the moment I walked in the doors.

My hobby is farming. When I'm not farming or working, I'm sleeping. Who am I?

Enjoy your sojourn
On earth and be glad
That God gives you a
choice
Between good things and
bad,
And only be sure
That you heed God's
voice
Whenever life asks you
To make a choice.

—Helen Steiner Rice

Workers in August

Ushers @ 8:30 Service

August 6

Lee & Jim Schmitz

August 13

Cheryl & Tim O'Connor

August 20

Sue Wells/Harold Mansfield

August 27

Pam & Matt Pribanick

Ushers @ 10:30 Service

August 6

Pat Campbell/Ann Kester

August 13

Fran Pruchenski/Dan Mix

August 20

Holly DeLaney/Beth Lange

August 27

Sherry Blasens/Harold
Mansfield



Homebound Friends

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

Arthur Kirkpatrick
3854 Biltz Rd.
Kent, OH 44240

By completing what God
Gives us to do,
We find real contentment
And happiness too.

—Helen Steiner Rice

Open Door Deadline

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

There's no need at all
For impressive prayer,
For the minute we seek God,
He is already there!

—Helen Steiner Rice

Liturgists

August 6

Eva Rowley

August 13

Eva Rowley

August 20

Cindy Jarrett

August 27

Ann Kester

August Lectionary

August 6

Pastor Tim on vacation

August 13

Mark 1:9-13

August 20

Romans 5:1-11

August 27

1 Peter 2:15-21

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

Before you wonder "Am I doing things right," ask "Am I doing the right things?"

—found in Chinese fortune cookie

August Birthdays and Anniversaries



- Aug. 1** Lisa Gealy
Aug. 6 Eric Lange
Aug. 7 Robin Bearss
 Scott Reynolds
Aug. 9 Chet Wiley
Aug. 11 Robert Hatcher
 Suzanne Giuffre
Aug. 12 Kyle Kibler
Aug. 13 Drew Hatcher
Aug. 14 Shannon Hughes
Aug. 15 Sherry Blasens
 Kim Paroz
Aug. 16 Mary Ann Leggett
Aug. 17 Sherry Sommers
Aug. 18 Trent Brown
Aug. 19 Michael Finney
 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Dillon
Aug. 20 John Kester
 Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Lange
 Mr. & Mrs. Levi Gealy
Aug. 23 Corey Galloway
 Megan Gray
Aug. 24 Matthew Pribanick
Aug. 27 Margaret Phile
 Brianna Lang
Aug. 28 Rick Stuart
Aug. 30 Kody Hayes
Aug. 31 Mr. & Mrs. Tim O'Connor

Just a note to thank everyone who has been faithful in their ongoing prayers for my daughter Kathy and her children. I am happy to say that she was married July 9 to a very special man who loves her and all five children.

I cannot express how much it means to me that people still care and ask about Kathy and her children. What a great church family we have at EUC.

Eva Rowley

Dear Church,

Thanks for paying for me to go to Camp Carl. It was so much fun.

Love,

Jenna Canale

School Supply List

We will be collecting school supplies again this year. Here is a list of what is needed:

- 24 pack Crayola crayons
- #2 pencils
- Boxes of tissues
- Yellow highlighters
- Glue sticks
- Paper towel rolls
- 8 oz. Elmer's glue
- Wide rule composition notebooks
- Blank notecards
- Supply boxes

August

The month of August was originally named *Sextilis* in Latin because it was the sixth month in the original ten-month Roman calendar. In 8 BC it was renamed in honor of Augustus. Did you know that August is the month with the highest birth rate in the United States? Did you know that August has three birthstones—the peridot, the sardonyx, and the spinel? It has two flowers—the gladiola and the poppy which signify beauty, strength of character, love, marriage, and family. It's zodiac signs are Leo (until August 22) and Virgo (from August 23-31).

Some of the weird observances celebrated in the United States in August are:

- Digestive Tract Paralysis Month
- National Dippin' Dots Month
- International Beer Day
- National Mustard Day
- International Lefthanders Day
- National Honey Bee Day
- Go Topless Day
- World Breastfeeding Week
- Esther Day
- National Watermelon Day
- National Underwear Day
- World Elephant Day
- World Mosquito Day
- International Strange Music Day
- National Waffle Day
- National Chop Suey Day
- National Trail Mix Day
- National Vanilla Custard Day
- National Eat a Peach Day
- National Banana Split Day
- National Banana Lovers Day
- National Cherry Turnover Day
- More Herbs, Less Salt Day
- National Lemon Juice Day
- National Potato Day



Prayer List

1. Kyle Bailey
2. Mike Bailey, Sr.
3. Tim Barrett
4. Kristen Braunreitter
5. Tish Brett
6. Martha Budd
7. Esther Burton
8. Jeff Ciuk
9. Carolyn Collidge
10. Fred Craft
11. Doug Cronk
12. Joe Delley, Jr.
13. Robin Deters
14. Dyllyn & Family
15. Nathan Gilliland
16. Dick Hargett
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. Rick Lewis
29. Erin Loschetter
30. Pru Love
31. Jenny McCambridge
32. Penny Moretz
33. Bill Nickles
34. Jennie Prentice
35. Gilbert Rowley
36. Fred & Debbie Sanders
37. Don Schlather
38. Bill Sholler
39. Tom Steurer & Family
40. Adam Sweeney
41. Ryan Vrudney
42. Jane Wayman

Man's ears are not made to shut,
but his mouth is.

If the church were perfect, you
could not belong.



Kati & Kevin Dysert welcomed **Rylee Mae** on June 30, grandma Cheryl O'Connor's birthday! She weighed 5 lb. 2 oz. and was 18 3/4 in. long. She arrived at 2:17 p.m. Big sister Lily is excited to have a little sister. Grandparents are Tim & Cheryl O'Connor and Wendy and Dave Dysert. Great grandparents are Jim & Lee Schmitz and Charles & Betty Dysert.



Looks relaxing, doesn't it? Well, you can enjoy a day at the lake on **August 20**. The Romocean family has invited us to their lake house for a picnic, swimming, and boating. They will provide sandwiches, drinks, and table service. All you have to bring is a dish or dessert to pass. The party will start after church that day at 115 Forest Ave., Lake Milton. Maps will be provided at church. Plan to attend as this is a fun day of fellowship.

No man ever got lost on a straight road.

The most valuable antiques are old friends.

Some people go to church to see who didn't.

Church Finances

From June 25-July 9 3 weeks

Amount Given to General Fund:
\$7,658.75

Our loan balance as of June 13,
2017, was
\$198,142.72.

**Thank you for your support of
EUC.**

Dry Pantry Items Needed

Please note that these are the
items we need in the Dry Pantry.

Shampoo
Bars of Soap
Toothpaste
Q-tips
Cotton balls
Women's Deodorant
Men's Deodorant
Toilet Paper
Facial Tissues
Laundry Detergent in Pods

It's not that we don't appreciate
other items, but we don't give
other items out. Thank you.

Who Am I?

Zack Ranta

The best tranquilizer is a clear
conscience.

When dressing, don't forget to put
on a smile.

When in doubt, don't.

The difference between gossip
and news depends upon whether
you heard it or told it.

