



# The Open Door



The Dreamer's Breakfast. At the January congregational meeting, we discussed a fellowship breakfast. The first such one will be held on March 19 at 9:30. The goal is two-fold: fellowship and dreaming. Having two services ultimately leads to two congregations so we must work at getting to know one

another at an alternative time. These breakfasts are an attempt to bridge the gap between our worship times and congregations. So when you come to breakfast, don't just sit with who you know; find someone new and strike up a conversation.

The second goal is to dream together. We just finished a sermon series on "Chasing the Lion" which was all about dreaming and moving forward with God's plan for you. Well, God has a plan for EUC as well, and it's in the collective dream of the entire church. What can we do

together with God's help? Everything and anything!! The world needs us to be God's light, peace, love, justice, hands, feet, and representative. How can we best do that in our world? Let's begin to dream together. A white board will be in the Fellowship Room which is designed to capture some dreams. Feel free to write down your idea. Maybe others will love it, and we will start rolling. Maybe it isn't for right now, but it may spark an idea for someone down the road. Maybe your dream is just what God

placed in your imagination to help give courage to someone else with a similar dream. I was reminded recently that God doesn't make mistakes. Your dreams aren't a mistake, but hidden quiet dreams are hard to realize. Let's be bold, courageous, and trusting in God's work in our individual lives and collective lives. See you on March 19 at 9:30 in the Fellowship Room for green pancakes, cereal, and fellowship.

Pastor Tim

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## Who Am I?

I was born in Fort Wayne, IN. I have one sister. I graduated from Purdue University with a chemical engineering degree. I have worked for Goodyear since I left college.

I have lived in the Akron area for 22 years. I have been married for three years. I don't have any kids, just a dog and a cat, who are both rescue animals.

I was finance chair at

my last church for about four years. I am a new member at this church.

I like to attend sprint car races, eat, cook, travel, work on cars, golf, and play with my dog.

I was part of a really dynamic small group at my last church and miss them and the focus on God. Small groups are a great thing, and I hope this church can get one or more going.

God teaches us through challenges.

My favorite four books of the Bible are Psalms,

Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Revelations.

Who am I?

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## Workers in March

### Ushers @ 8:30 Service

Mar. 5

Sue Wells/Alice  
McConnell

Mar. 12

Cheryl & Tim O'Connor

Mar. 19

Pam & Matt Pribanick

Mar. 26

Dan Mix/Harold  
Mansfield

### Ushers @ 10:30 Service

Mar. 5

Dan Mix/Sherry Blasens

Mar. 12

Beth Lange/Jean LeMaster

Mar. 19

Holly DeLaney/Genny  
Pavlick

Mar. 26

Pat Campbell/Jean  
LeMaster



## Homebound Friends

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

**Jim McConnell**  
7550 Tallmadge Rd.  
Rootstown, OH 44272

## Please Note

I will be on vacation from April 7 to the 15. Therefore, I will be doing an April/May Open Door. If you have anything you want put in the Open Door for **April** or **May**, please note the deadline will be **March 15**.

Cindy Jarrett

## Open Door Deadline

The deadline for newsletter submissions is **always** the **15th** of the month.

## 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

### Liturgists

Mar. 5

Eva Rowley

Mar. 12

Cindy Jarrett

Mar. 19

Ann Kester

Mar. 26

Ann Kester

### Mar. Lectionary

Mar. 5

Mark 10:13-16

Mar. 12

Mark 11:1-11

Mar. 19

Mark 10:35-44

Mar. 26

Mark 14:32-40

## Wisdom from Larry the Cable Guy

He who laughs last thinks the slowest.

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

On the other hand, you have different fingers.

Change is inevitable, except from vending machines.

If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments.

Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now.

A day without sunshine is like night.

When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

## Please Note

There **WILL NOT** be SEMA services on Sunday nights throughout Lent.

# March Birthdays and Anniversaries



- Mar. 1** Steven Hill  
Mary Hatcher  
Doc Leggett
- Mar. 7** Bill Shayler
- Mar. 8** Bill Kibler
- Mar. 11** Derek Hatcher  
Kim Hatcher
- Mar. 12** Marla Walsh
- Mar. 13** Samantha Zeigler
- Mar. 14** Dick Hatcher
- Mar. 15** Dennis Skok  
Scott Besaw
- Mar. 17** Kirk Lange
- Mar. 18** Pat Nangle  
C.J. Lang
- Mar. 19** Pastor Tim Paroz
- Mar. 20** Alena Paroz
- Mar. 21** Betty Campbell  
Travis Nunley
- Mar. 22** Jeff Phile
- Mar. 25** Pat Campbell
- Mar. 26** Diane Bishop
- Mar. 30** Judson Wadsworth
- Mar. 31** Emily Booher  
Pam Pribanick


 Wishing you a rainbow  
 For sunlight after showers-  
 Miles and miles of Irish smiles  
 For golden happy hours-  
 Shamrocks at your doorway  
 For luck and laughter too,  
 And a host of friends that never ends  
 Each day your whole life through!



Dear Members of EUC:

The Ohio Conference Board of Directors, committees, and staff extend a heartfelt "Thank You" for your support of the Disaster Response Fund. This fund is used to help people in areas that have been devastated by natural disasters by providing clean-up and personal care kits and other types of support during the recovery and rebuilding process. Your generous gift of \$500 will be used to assist with the on-going cost of providing assistance to people recovering from a disaster. Thank you for your continued support.

John M. Gantt  
Interim Conference Minister

*Thank you to everyone who helped with the funeral dinner for Rhoda Godfrey. Whether you called me to help prepare, serve and clean up, or to prepare food for the meal, I appreciate all you wonderful people!*

Fran Pruchenski

*(We appreciate you, too, Fran! Thanks for being in charge of the dinners. We know it is a lot of work.)*

Dear UCC Family,

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, and concerns shown Darwin and my brother, Harold Papiska, and also for me over the last few years.

This is a very caring church. You show your love! We love you all. Thanks again.

The Leggett Family

*Many sincere thanks for the sweet gift at Christmas from our church for such a meaningful, grateful, and blessed day. May the happiness be with all of us and the rest. Playing piano with you is one of the best, best things in my life. I love you all!*

Sha Sha Zhu

Thanks for the birthday card. One of these Sundays I will be in to see the remodeled church.

Sandy Gorham



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**.

## Prayer List

1. Kyle Bailey
2. Mike Bailey, Sr.
3. Tim Barrett
4. Grace Beers
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. Nathan Gilliland
16. Rhoda Godfrey
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. Jeff Phile
36. Jennie Prentice
37. Cheri Repasky
38. Gilbert Rowley
39. Fred & Debbie Sanders
40. Don Schlather
41. Bill Sholler
42. Tom Steurer & Family
43. Adam Sweeney
44. Ryan Vrudney
45. Jane Wayman

## One Great Hour of Sharing

On **March 26** we will be collecting for **One Great Hour of Sharing**. This is a vital offering that helps people not only in the United States but worldwide. This offering provides medical care, sanitation, water, and agricultural help to impoverished countries; helps those in war-torn countries rebuild their lives; educates poor countries about HIV/AIDS; and helps during the increased number and intensity of natural disasters here and abroad.

"...Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Matthew 25:34-36

When God's love abides in us, we are moved to respond with our own material goods to the needs of other members of God's family. Thank you for your support. Every gift matters.

Who Am I?

Lenny Reiter



## Secret Sisters

Don't forget that this year we are sending our Secret Sisters cards and words of encouragement. SO, get that card in the mail and put some love and prayers inside!

## Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is **March 1**. There will be a service at 7:00 p.m. with communion.



the family and friends of:

Goldie Slack  
Cindy Love  
Rhoda Godfrey

## Church Finances

From Jan. 29-Feb. 19 4 weeks

Amount Given to General Fund:  
\$9,662.22.

This includes \$48.60 from recycled paper.

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

Thank you for your support of EUC.

## Women's Fellowship

Please come to our St. Patrick's Day celebration. All women are welcome. A light supper will be provided. Please bring a dessert to share. The event will take place Thursday, **March 16**, at 6:30 p.m. RSVP to Sandra Nickels at 330-654-5071 so we know how many to expect.

## Dry Pantry

This is a list of the items being provided to needy families through the Dry Pantry. All donations to this cause are very much appreciated!

Shampoo  
Bars of Soap  
Toothpaste  
Q-tips  
Cotton Balls  
Women's Deodorant  
Men's Deodorant  
Toilet Paper  
Facial Tissues  
Laundry Detergent (in pods)

Quarterly (Jan., April, July, Oct.) we give:

All Purpose Cleaner  
Dish Soap  
Toothbrushes

## Something to Ponder for Lent

"No act of virtue can be great if it is not followed by advantage for others. So, no matter how much time you spend fasting, no matter how much you sleep on a hard floor and eat ashes and sigh continually, if you do no good to others, you do nothing great."

—John Chrysostom

## Top Ten

The Top Ten Banquet will be **April 5**. We need four people to help with preparing the meal and seven people to help serve and clean up. If you can help, please let Cindy know. Also, if you have a mini cupcake pan and would be willing to make some cupcakes, please let Cheryl O'Connor know.

## Irish Jokes

What's Irish and stays out all night?

Paddy O'furniture!

How can you tell if an Irishman is having a good time?

He's Dublin over with laughter!

Why do people wear shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day?

Regular rocks are too heavy.

Never iron a four-leaf clover because you don't want to press your luck.

O'Connor was sitting in Ward's Irish bar, Piccadilly, London, with a large Rottweiler at his feet. "Does your dog bite?" asks Murphy. "No," replies O'Connor. So Murphy pats the dog who almost rips his arm off completely. "Hey!" screams Murphy, "You said your dog didn't bite, O'Connor." "That's not my dog, Murphy," says O'Connor.

Michael O'Leary was waiting at the bus stop with his friend, Paddy Maguire, when a lorry went by loaded up with rolls of turf. O'Leary said, "I'm gonna do that when I win de lottery, Maguire." "What's that, Michael?" responds his mate. "Send me lawn away to be cut," concludes O'Leary.

## A Sign Of Spring

In *The Story of the Easter Robin* (Zonderkids), Dandi Daley Mackall retells an old Pennsylvania Dutch tale of the robin's compassion as he witnessed Jesus' death.

On Good Friday, a plain brown robin flying over Jerusalem was curious about the "nest" atop Jesus' head. When the bird realized it was a crown of thorns, he tried to dislodge it. As the robin pulled out a long thorn from Jesus' forehead, a drop of blood landed on the bird's breast, staining it red. Now the robin's red breast is a symbol of Jesus' loving sacrifice, and the robin's early spring song is a reminder of Jesus' joyful resurrection.

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## Stop, Look, and Listen

Lent, the season of the church year that's associated with repentance, begins on Ash Wednesday (March 1 this year). While some people deny themselves by giving up something for Lent, others prepare for Easter through special Bible studies or devotions. Christians observe Lent for these reasons:

- It causes us to STOP. Lent says, "Stop and rest awhile," as well as "Stop doing wrong."
- It tells us to LOOK. Look inward for an honest self-examination. Look upward to see the cross of Christ offering healing and love. Look forward to the hope of the Resurrection.
- It tells us to LISTEN. Listen to the words of Christ. Listen to the voice of God. Listen to the winds of the Spirit of God.

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