

The Open Door

EDINBURG UNITED CHURCH

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Pastor's Corner

February brings Valentine's Day with its focus on love. So it seems fitting to celebrate love during the entire month of February. Did you know that over 141 million cards are exchanged on Valentine's Day? Or that 9 million cards are given to dogs? The day also brings in an estimated \$18.2 billion a year in economic stimulus. Folks spend approximately \$1.7 billion on candy alone! Studies have shown that men spend an average of \$150 while the women spend \$74. The first heart-shaped box of chocolates was introduced in 1868 and those conversation hearts that you only see this time of year- they were invented in 1866. Apparently Valentine's Day is also a huge procrastination holiday as sales for cards and gifts spike only 6 days before. This year Valentine's Day is also Ash Wednesday, which is the beginning of Lent. This service of ash imposition and Communion is meant to remind us of our mortality. Since we are focused on Love for February how might we go about turning Lent into a time love? We already celebrate that profound love of God with Easter and Lent is preparation for that. It usually entails a period of sacrifice and contemplation. How could we shift that dark focus (it always feel dark and dreary to me) to one of our sacrificial love for neighbor? I hope/plan to have some love challenges for you in February and March. One could be providing lunch to our school district buildings (on 2 or 3 different days). I'm thinking pizza, salad and some cookies- but it takes coordination and I certainly need help delivering and setting up on those 2 or 3 days. Who might step up to this challenge of loving our school district employees? Maybe someone is willing to coordinate a meal for our shut-ins and offer delivery? Perhaps we exchange Valentine's like we all used to do as kids? I'm not exactly sure what we should and will do for February and March- but loving others is what God has called us to do. It shouldn't be a stretch or even difficult to come up with ways to show God's love to our world. It takes coordination and teamwork and that seems easy to me. Let's jump into February together and be God's love to our world. Amen!

Ushers @ 8:30 Service/10:30 Service

Feb. 4: Scouts / *Scouts*

Feb. 11: Tim & Cheryl O'Connor / *Fran Pruchenski & Harold Mansfield*

Feb. 18: Jim & Lee Schmitz / *Pat Campbell & Holly DeLaney*

Feb. 25: Pam & Matt Pribanick / *Richard & Sherry Blasens*

Liturgists

Feb. 4: Eva Rowley

Feb. 11: Barb Rohn

Feb. 18: Cindy Jarrett

Feb. 25: **OPEN**

Feb. Lectionary: Love

Feb. 4: John 4: 8

Feb. 11: Hebrews 12: 28-29

Feb. 18: Ephesians 3: 14-19

Feb. 25: Corinthians 5: 14-15

Special points of interest:

- Easter Flower orders due by March 4th. Order form is on the second page.
- Liturgist volunteer needed for February 25th

Continued Prayers

1. Sue Boles
2. Kristen Braunreitter
3. Tish Brett
4. Burton/Kester Families
5. Mason Cahoon
6. Jeff Ciuk
7. Dough Cronk
8. Joe Delley, Jr.
9. Robin Deters
10. Nathan Gilliland
11. Karen Harris
12. Chuck Harton
13. Lucy Hughes
14. Courtney Janko
15. Jordan Jarrett
16. Arnie Klibert
17. Rick Lewis
18. Penny Moretz
19. Bill Nickles
20. Don Schlather
21. Bill Sholler
22. Adam Sweeney
23. Ryan Vrudney

If you would like someone added or removed from our continued prayer list please contact:
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door@edinburgunitedchurch.org

Thank You!

Dear Edinburg United Church,
Thank you so much for the bag of goodies. What a pleasant surprise I found outside my door. I really enjoyed it. It's kind of you to think of me.

Sincerely,
Frank Wass

I beg thanks to EUC family for the goodie bag and cards and another big thanks to the carols they were great. A special thanks to Jennean and Lee for their thoughtfulness.

Harold

Thank you to the church for our anniversary cards, birthday cards and the Christmas wishes and card. We really appreciate it and look forward to seeing everyone soon. Happy 2018.

Martha & Harold Bradfield

Thank you for the lovely devotional desk calendar. Your thoughtfulness was appreciated. It is always my pleasure to serve our church in any way I am able.

Eva Rowley

Dear EUC Family,

Thank you for all of those who either brought items for the senior baskets, helped put them together or helped them to the seniors. A special thanks to the youth group who helped sort items and helped with the delivery as well. There were 33 people who received them this year!

Thanks,
Fran Pruchenski

Thank you for your constant support of the backdoor Pantry. I wish you all a happy and healthy 2018.

Laurie Shaw

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

Homebound Friends

Roy & Helen Kuhn

7824 Tallmadge Rd.
Rootstown, OH 44272

Arthur Kirkpatrick

3854 Biltz Rd.
Kent, Ohio 44240

Earl Phile

4518 Rock Spring Rd.
Ravenna, OH 44266

Easter Flowers

Orders due by March 4th. Please give completed form to Cheryl O'Connor or leave it in the office with Pastor Tim.

Name: _____

Please circle color and type of flowers. Make checks payable to:

Edinburg United Church

Lilies: \$7.75 each Quantity: _____

Hyacinths: \$7.75 each (Circle Color) Blue Pink White Quantity: _____

Daffodils: \$7.75 each Quantity: _____


6.5" pot Azalea's: \$12 each Quantity: _____

7.5" pot Hydrangeas: \$12 each Quantity: _____

In Memory / Honor of: _____

February 2018

*Bolded names are birthdays and anniversaries

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>4 8:30a Contemporary Service 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Traditional Service 1p Lisa Lange Fellowship Hall Kim Dillon</p>	<p>5 6:30p Cub Scout Meeting</p>	<p>6 6:30p Boy Scout Troop #355 6:30p Pastoral Relations Kathy Galloway</p>	<p>7 6p Choir Team Meeting Holly Kibler</p>	<p>1 7p Revelation Bible Study</p>	<p>2 Sandy Pettigrew Michelle Svoboda</p>	<p>3 Sue Karash Trista Hughes</p>
<p>11 8:30a Contemporary Service 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Traditional Service Leonard Reiter Alex Lange</p>	<p>12 Nora Kinter</p>	<p>13 6:30p Boy Scout Troop #355 Duane W. Kaley Eva Rowley</p>	<p>14 7p Ash Wednesday Service </p>	<p>15 7p Revelation Bible Study</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Mike Canale Josh Gray</p>
<p>18 8:30a Contemporary Service 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Traditional Service 4p Seambusters Jonathon Rankin</p>	<p>19 Ryan Phile</p>	<p>20 6:30p Boy Scout Troop #355 6:30p Council Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Deuring</p>	<p>21 Cindy Jarrett</p>	<p>22 7p Revelation Bible Study</p>	<p>23 Barb Bailey Gabrielle Giuffre</p>	<p>24 Heather Mix Fellowship Hall Dianne Raubacher Lisa White Ethan Bishop</p>
<p>25 8:30 Contemporary Worship 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Traditional Worship Linda Shaw</p>	<p>26 6:30p Cub Scout Meeting</p>	<p>27 6:30p Boy Scout Troop #355</p>	<p>28 Dick Gintert</p>			