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Edinburg United Church The Open Door

Pastor's Corner

Happy 2020!

January begins our "Light of the World" worship series and we will have our Congregational Meeting on January 19th (combined service at 9:30 that Sunday). I love the new year and though I'm not big on resolutions; I do think it is appropriate to evaluate our time, talents, treasure and where we wish to go in the year. Have you given thought to how you wish your 2020 to go? I tend to also think about the growth/future of our church. This January we have an opportunity to join a Growth Group. Three groups will begin which hopefully you've signed up for already. Cindy Jarrett will lead a book study that looks at the early church (it's a fictional book; but it still makes us think). Kathy Basta will coordinate a group that will use looms to make hats to distribute. Both groups have supplies and hence a sign up (so we can purchase enough for first class). As you read this it may be too late; but you can always ask! Finally, I will lead a group that looks at various hymns each week, we will read a history of the hymn, maybe look at Scriptural inspiration for the hymn, talk about what it means and then sing it together. All can freely attend this class as it changes from week to week and there are no supplies to purchase. There will be new Growth Groups that begin in June.

John Quincy Adams was the 6th US President (1825-1829) and was elected President two years after this church was founded. He wrote, "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." What might your actions look like in 2020? Are you leading others with your actions, words, and financial giving to help spread the message of Christ? January is a great time to evaluate your actions and your leadership.

Have a wonderful January everyone and many blessings as you move forward in 2020! Pastor Tim

January 2020

January Lectionary

January 5th: Jeremiah 31: 7-14 & Psalm 84: 1-8

January 12th: **Light of the World Worship Series begins**

Genesis 1: 1-5 & Genesis 1: 14-19

January 19th: 1 John 1: 5-9 (Combined Service at 9:30)

January 26th: Matthew 5: 14-16

Liturgists

Jan 5th: Eva Rowley

Jan 12th: Barb Rohn

Jan 19th: Cindy Jarrett

Jan 26th: Available

Ushers

Jan 5th:

8:30 a.m. Pat Campbell & Beth Lange

10:30 a.m. Fran Pruchenski & Sherry Blasens

Jan 12th:

8:30 a.m. Matt & Pam Pribanick

10:30 a.m. Jean LeMasters & Genny Pavlick

Jan 19th: **Combined Service**

9:30 a.m. Richard & Sherry Blasens

Jan 26th:

8:30 a.m. Lee & Jim Schmitz

10:30 a.m. Pat Campbell & Sherry Blasens

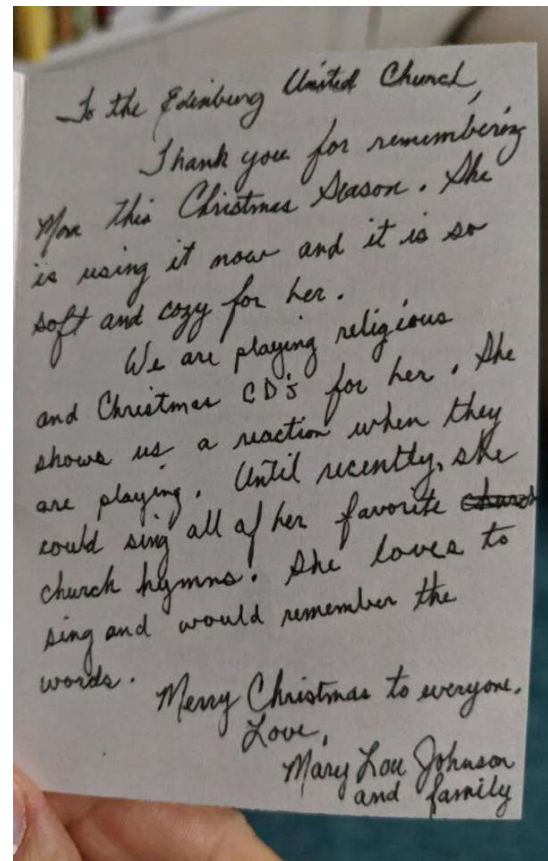
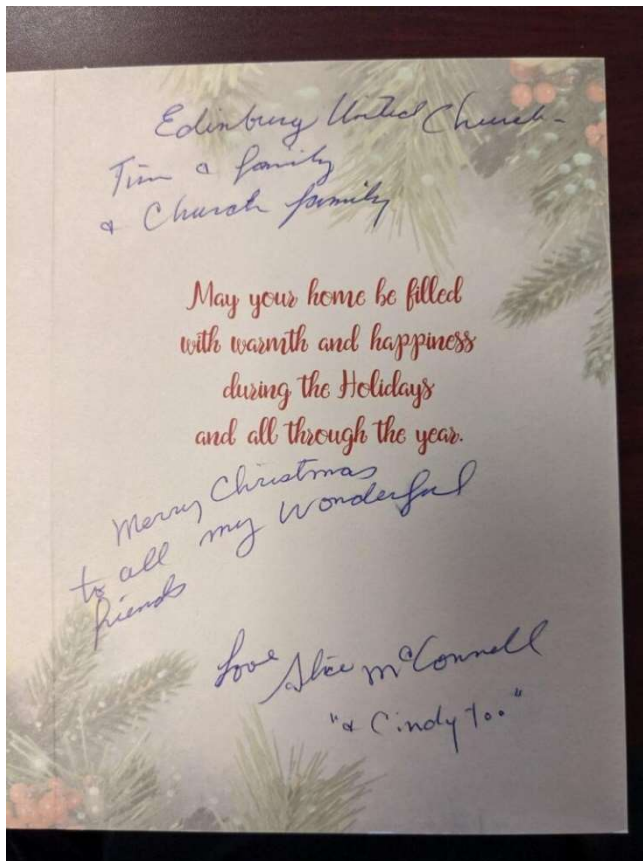
Cookie Makers

Needs a volunteer to coordinate this in 2020.

**Give Thanks to God for our blessings and
Please remember those that are need of your prayers.**

Our President, Veterans, and all those in the military. Also, Larry, Dave Dray, Cheryl (this is NOT O'Connor- though you can pray for her back too), Marilyn, Eugene, John, Luke, Mary, Gene, Lacy, Amy, Sandy, Sam, Russ, Marilyn and Art Barbour, George, Rosemary Bradfield Family, Mary Lou Johnson Family, Suzie and Marvin, Harold, Mary, Mary Carol Shea, and J.C. (recently diagnosed with cancer), Janet Kay Cottle and Family, Judy French, Jamie, BJ Klodt, Noel, Lyndsay and Quintin, Ann Ritchil, Lee Schmitz, Kelly Hefner and the Shaltens Family. Thank you for your prayers.

Appreciation and Gratitude



Dear church family,

Thank you for the generous Christmas gift given to our family. We certainly feel cared for and loved. We have appreciated the last seven years of ministry here and look forward to our future together. Thank you as well for the kind words expressed both in the cards and during the gift presentation.

Thank you again and happy 2020!

Pastor Tim, Kim Vera and Alena

During Advent we shared our gifts and boy did we share! Thank you to each person and family that contributed to the Growing Daisies mission collection. We were able to donate quite a load! Thank you as well to those who gave to help our local Scouts.

Thank you to put Advent Worship series planning team for all your efforts and ideas.

Thank you to Sarah Kibler and Elizabeth Dills for playing the piano during Advent-sharing your gifts with us.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Light tour with donations of food and supplies. A huge thank you to Sarah and Melissa for organizing and making the church open house so festive, welcome and a fun night.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the **Senior Christmas baskets** a success—those who donated money or goodies, the youth group who made ornaments and helped assemble baskets and those who helped deliver them! There were 16 gift bags, 3 gift cards, and 8 blanket throws (for shut-ins and nursing home residents) prepared, mailed or and delivered!

Announcements

Congratulations to Bree and Colin on the birth of Vera Leigh Grace! Born December 3rd weighing 7 pounds 12 ounces and 21 inches long. Proud grandparents Terry and Denise Tatgenhorst. Welcome baby Vera! Can't wait to meet you.



Year End Tax Information

Giving statements for 2019 will be emailed to your address on file in Breeze sometime in mid-January. You can access your giving statement anytime by going to your profile page and clicking on "giving". You can print your own statement from this profile page as well. If you need assistance retrieving your Breeze account, please text or email Pastor Tim. He can reset your password if need be. If you wish a printed statement for 2019 please stop by the office and let Joann Wadsworth know. Thank you for your generous giving and support of Edinburg United Church in 2019.

Book Study

"A Voice in the Wind" by Francine Rivers is the first book in a trilogy. The setting is in Rome around 117 a.d. As you read the story, you see the excesses of a Rome about to fall—the battles of the gladiators, the hovels of slaves, the pagan temples and idols, the lustful sins of the people, and the early Christians in hiding who are trying to survive during this tumultuous time when they are being fed to the lions in the Coliseum. The Christians are meeting in hiding; the Apostle Paul is still alive.

The main character is Hadassah—a young Christian girl whose quiet demeanor and devotion to God eventually brings many people to Christianity—including the family she is serving as a slave. Join Cindy Jarrett on Thursday nights at 6:30 to study this great story. Please call Cindy at 330-297-5825 by January 29 if you want to join this book study. We need to know how many books to order. The class will begin on January 9.

