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Edinburg United Church The Open Door June 2020

Pastor's Corner

Has anyone priced a bottle of hand sanitizer lately? That which you could purchase for a few dollars in January has spiked to much more and "out of stock." Since March the church is a different place and our concept of worship has also been changed. Thank you for your patience and support during these last two months. Both (patience and support) are needed for the foreseeable future. Council has voted to reopen the church for **10:30 worship on July 5th**. This gives us several things: time to see how reopening society will increase infection rates and a hybrid option for you to worship. 8:30 will continue to meet in the parking lot and even the 10:30 service will still be transmitted (that has not been tested to see if it works yet). Pews will be designated (every other) and hymnals will be removed. It will look a lot different and it might feel a lot different for a while too. You are asked to enter the new doors (addition) and exit the front doors (unless you use the elevator). You are required to wear a mask inside. We have purchased a thermometer and if you have a temperature over 100 degrees you will be asked to go to your car for worship. This sounds harsh and inhospitable but quite the opposite is true. We want all to worship safely and without fear of infection. If you wish not to follow these procedures (you will find more info in this Open Door) then choose a different option of worship (8:30 or remain in car if that continues to work with our transmitter). More discussion will ensue regarding completely reopening, Sunday School, the September Congregational Meeting and our Apple Pie Fundraiser. There is a lot to consider and many variables outside of our local control. I appreciate your willingness to engage in conversation, to have patience and your flexibility. I pray you are well and look forward to our future ministry opportunities together.

Blessings,
Pastor Tim

June Lectionary

June 7: Psalm

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

Our world, President, Veterans, and all those in the military. Also, Prayers for our country to come through this devastating COVID-19 and for the Frontline workers treating those that have the virus. Pray that it may cease spreading, for people to use good sense and protect themselves, and for a cure to be found quickly.

Additional prayers are requested for:

Helen Swisher (COVID), Tina & Mary Jane's mom (COVID and possible stroke), John (COVID), Patti and her family (COVID)

Please continue to pray for all offices/workspaces/re-opening business and those still closed. We have a long time until "normal" returns.

Beth Lange has requested prayers for her stepdaughter, Sandy. Zaden (hit by motorcycle) he's only 10 years old, Kyle Harding (knee surgery healing), Specialist Shreve (a Soldier within my Brigade) his wife was killed in a car accident, Wilson Family (grief), Barb Widlits (end of life), Terry (Cancer treatment), Royce (return home safely), Angie (brain tumor-trail treatment not going well), Julie Byczek (cancer), Susie Reid, Marvin Reid (cancer; hospitalized) Joann Dzopko, Jennifer (healing from surgery), Kolin (healing from surgery)

Thank you for your prayers.

Appreciation and Gratitude

Thank you to all who accepted the Stimulus Check Challenge and gave 10% of their Federal Stimulus check to the Building Fund (or designated to the General Fund). 19 adults accepted the challenge and 3 kids. The mortgage is going down quickly! Thank you to all who continue to give to pay down this debt.

Other Announcements

2020 Vacation Bible School is cancelled. With much thought we feel this is the safest plan for our kids and families. Thank you to all the VBS volunteers who make it so special and we will see you in 2021 for a great week 😊

-Sara Kinter

Shasha and Qin have both graduated and she has accepted a research position in Germany! Though we wish her all the best, she will be missed. When we reopen in July, music for worship will come from recorded hymns and we will use the screen for words (hymnals are removed).

In January we voted to allocate 5% of our General Fund giving to our Mission Fund. \$1459 has been transferred so far (Jan-March). You will not be asked to give separately to One Great Hour of Sharing, Neighbors in Need, Strengthen the Church or Veterans of the Cross (special offerings for the UCC). As a congregation, we have supported these special offerings for many years. Council approved mission spending to these offerings that totaled \$1000. Mission spending also covered one pay period for our Kidwatch workers (approximately \$1500) during this shut down. Kidwatch has covered 2 of their own pay periods during this as well (with \$0 income). Your continued generosity to the General Fund helps make all of our ministry happen. This generosity extends to a much wider community as well. Thank you for your financial support.



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Suggested Protocol for In Person Gatherings in Church Buildings during COVID-19



May 2020

SUNDAY WORSHIP:

- **Enter** the building through new addition doors only. Additional entrances will be locked. **Exit** through the front doors (unless you use the elevator)
- Temperature checks will be conducted at new addition door with infrared thermometer. Those with temperatures over 100 will be asked to return home or return to car for worship
- Every other pew in the sanctuary will be blocked off to keep physical distance from anyone outside of ones household
- Observe one-way traffic into the Sanctuary. Enter pew through side aisle, leave via center aisle one pew at a time (again, exit through the Front Doors of the church)
- The offering bowls will be positioned at the entrance to the Sanctuary and will not be passed during worship
- Ushers will not hand out bulletins
- If communion is served, elements will be displayed and individually self served
- To respect all and for the safety of all face masks must be worn
- Anyone unwilling to comply to help keep everyone safe will be asked not to enter the building

DURING THE WEEK:

- No groups will be permitted use of the building for meetings until school resumes
- No Sunday School will be held until school resumes
- Hand sanitizer will be available
- Facebook Live will continue for the foreseeable future

June, 2020		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
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Sunday				Anniversary									
7	Ian & Linda Shaw Anniversary	8	Jim & Lee Schmitz Anniversary	9	Sara & Scott Kinter Anniversary	10	Lori Knapp Birthday	11	Josh & Megan Gray Anniversary	12	Denise & Terry Tatgenhorst Anniversary	13	
	8:30AM Contemporary worship in PL		Rebecca Nezbeth (Evans) Birthday		Barbara Rohm Birthday								
	10:30AM Traditional worship in PL		Jo Anne Zeigler Birthday										
14	PL	15	Harold Bradfield Birthday	16		17		18		19		20	Summer Solstice
	10:30AM Traditional worship in PL		Maxwel Finney Birthday										
21	Father's Day	22		23		24		25		26		27	
	Tyler Brown Birthday		Barb Hillegas Birthday		Sandra Ulbricht Birthday		Beth Lange Birthday		Terri Davis Birthday				Michelle & Steve Dorsey Anniversary
	8:30AM Contemporary worship in PL								Ryland Gray Birthday				Crystal & Mark Pirri Anniversary
	10:30AM Traditional worship in PL												
28	8:30AM Contemporary worship in PL	29	Brian & Lisa Kinter	30	Rylee Dysert Birthday								Note:
	10:30AM Traditional worship in PL				Cheryl O Connor Birthday								PL = Parking Lot
													Summer Solstice is sometimes referred to as "Midsummer" Litha". It's the longest day of the year. The amount of daylight only goes down from here.... for the next six months. Summer Solstice is the meteorological start of summer. Did you know? The sun does not set at the North Pole today. There is 24 hours of sunlight. Does it make up for that cold day in December when the sun does not rise above the horizon? No, but on this day it sure does feel good wherever you are!
													Check out the Solstice Stairs 14532 Lake Ave, Lakewood, OH 44107