



THE OPEN DOOR

December 2021

Pastor's Corner:

December could easily be called the generosity month. This is the month after all when we give gifts to others. We thank our teachers, postal carriers, garbage collectors, hair dressers, etc. with a gift of appreciation.

Last year, I rang the Salvation Army "bell" with one of my kids. It was a bit of a different year, so we had to take our own bell. One of the bells we took was inadvertently left in my car and I decided to hang it from my rear-view mirror. Now when I hit a pothole, I hear the tinkle of the bell and I'm reminded of generosity.

About the same time as I hung that bell, or perhaps because of it; I challenged myself to be a more generous person in 2021. This was one of my "resolutions" though I don't call them that and prefer to think of improvement ideas as mere challenges for the upcoming year. I realized early on that generosity is not a trait we can put on when we feel like it. I wouldn't be a generous person if I gave only when I felt like it or when the monthly expenses were lower than expected. I also realized that planning to be generous in the distant future isn't really a generous position either. So that left me seeking ways to be generous throughout the year- which was the point of my challenge. I believe I failed some months at noticing things, and I also think I succeeded in other months. I'm not exactly sure what to do with the sun-faded bell now that it's been a year. I don't think I've succeeded in transforming my attitude to one based in generosity- so perhaps I need to leave it hanging there for more future reminders. May we all find our discernment based in God's love and may our 2022 challenges be lived throughout the entire year.

Amen.

happy anniversary

<i>Susie & Tim Knudsen</i>	<i>December 7</i>
<i>Heather & Dan Mix</i>	<i>December 12</i>
<i>Eva & Bill Rowley</i>	<i>December 19</i>
<i>Stephanie & Chris Wyss</i>	<i>December 20</i>
<i>Lisa & Kirk Lange</i>	<i>December 22</i>
<i>Melissa & Audie Dills</i>	<i>December 23</i>
<i>Lisa & Michael Morehead</i>	<i>December 26</i>
<i>Rob & Cathy Thomas</i>	<i>December 28</i>

Frank Wass turns 90 on December 9th would you please join his family in celebration by sending him a card to shower him with birthday wishes. His address is

7656 Tallmadge Rd Rootstown Oh 44272. Thank you.

I'm sure He would enjoy getting the mail. He doesn't not get out much anymore. If you have any questions please let me know.

Thank you so much.

Jane Wass-Adair



<i>Katelin Dillon</i>	<i>December 1</i>
<i>Andrew Schiraldi</i>	<i>December 1</i>
<i>Ramona Holloway</i>	<i>December 2</i>
<i>Evan Andrasak</i>	<i>December 3</i>
<i>Sabrina Finney</i>	<i>December 3</i>
<i>Vera Grace</i>	<i>December 3</i>
<i>Vernice Deuring</i>	<i>December 4</i>
<i>Raymond Deuring</i>	<i>December 5</i>
<i>Avery Giuffre</i>	<i>December 5</i>
<i>Charlotte Thompson</i>	<i>December 5</i>
<i>Jodi Canale</i>	<i>December 7</i>
<i>Kati Dysert</i>	<i>December 8</i>
<i>Frank Wass</i>	<i>December 9</i>
<i>Martha Bradfield</i>	<i>December 10</i>
<i>Debbie Dillon</i>	<i>December 17</i>
<i>Danielle Reynolds</i>	<i>December 17</i>
<i>Lily Dysert</i>	<i>December 18</i>
<i>Jerry Lange</i>	<i>December 18</i>
<i>Nicole Hunter</i>	<i>December 24</i>
<i>Jeneen Kubala</i>	<i>December 24</i>
<i>Russ Shambach</i>	<i>December 25</i>
<i>Audie Dills</i>	<i>December 26</i>
<i>Shawn Hunter</i>	<i>December 27</i>
<i>Joann Wadsworth</i>	<i>December 29</i>
<i>Sue Wells</i>	<i>December 29</i>
<i>Pat Massar</i>	<i>December 30</i>



Ideas for Teen Wish List

Collection for Advent (for Children's Advocacy Center)

Stress Balls/Handheld Fidgets	Adult Coloring Books
Nail Files	Colored Pencils/markers
Nail Polish	Toiletries
Nail polish remover & pads	Stickers
Face Masks	Card Games/Small Games
Lotions	Decorations for bedrooms
Body Sprays (for male & female)	Craft Kits
Ear Buds	Travel Water Bottles
Hair ties	Puzzles
Face Wash	Journals
Makeup	Small Sports Items
String Lights (to hang in rooms)	Locker mirrors
Makeup brushes	Note pads w/magnet
Makeup bags	
Chapstick	
Lip gloss	

New Member Class: A new member class will be held on December 5th after worship for anyone interested in joining Edinburg United Church. The class will be approximately 1 hour.

Here's a Breeze reminder:

Go to: <https://www.breezechms.com/>

Click: Sign In

Edinburg for domain name

User your personal user name and Password

Note: If you need reminded of your user name email: edinburgchurch@gmail.com

Also your password can be reset easily.

A helpful tip: Bookmark the log in page and Breeze is set to not log you out (it will on occasion with updates).



Edinburg Troop 355 & 7355 would like to thank everyone that came out and supported our spaghetti dinner.