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THE OPEN DOOR

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From Lisa , Church Moderator

I was not sure what to write this month then I remembered DUH...It is July 4th holiday month. Then I started thinking is there any correlation with the bible and our Nations Independence Day. Of course, there is. Did Moses not bring the Israelite's out of Egypt. The people wanted out of bondage and God worked through Moses for them to be free, just like our Nation not wanting to be under the thumb of the British Government. Moses brought down the Ten Commandments and we have our Declaration of Independence. As we celebrate our day of July 4th the Israelite's also celebrated back in the day in 1446 B.C. Give our thanks to God for paving the way. I suggest you read Exodus, the story of Moses just as a reminder. Freedom is not Free we sometimes have to fight for it.

Galatians 5:1 - NIV Bible - It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.... 1 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

TRANSITION TEAM ~ Update

“Let’s Get Together and Talk”

The Transition Team members (Trista Hughes, Roger Mansfield, Diane Ringer, Barb Rohn, & Rob Thomas) will be getting together with everyone from the church to gather your responses and feedback regarding “The 3 Big Questions” (see below)

You have two different options in visiting with them: 1) the TransTeam members can meet with a group of you at church or in someone’s home, or 2) you can sign-up to talk with a specific team member. The sign-up sheets are on the table with the Connect Cards.

The information each one of you provides is very important for the work the Search Committee will be doing, not only in preparing your church profile but also in interviewing candidates. Your thoughts and feedback may also reveal ministries that you want to revive or new ones you may want to do now.

This work of the church is serving the church as you continue to listen to God’s Spirit calling you to live out your mission:

“The Edinburg United Church strives to be a House of Worship where the love of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit are reflected in our love for one another. We seek to send individuals into the world in peace, not pieces.”

??? “The 3 BIG Questions” ???

Who are we today?

Who is our Neighbor?

What is God Calling Us to Be and Do?

When were we at our Best? (Bring the best of the past forward)

What does it Feel like when we’re at our Best?

What were we Doing when we were at Our Best?

“God is not found in the soul by adding anything but by subtracting.” *Meister Eckhart*

“Spiritual Gifts Assessment” ~

Discovering who You are in a new way.

I don’t know about you but growing up as a kid or even as an adult, no one ever talked to me about my spiritual gifts. I may be able to tell you what I like to do, about my hobbies, or what I think I’m good at doing, but never my “spiritual gifts.” Discerning and nurturing my gifts wasn’t something I was taught in church either. Odd, don’t you think? So, we’re going to be identifying and discerning our spiritual gifts during this time of transition and discovery.

If you were able to attend the Congregational Conversation after church on June 11th you received a “Spiritual Gifts Assessment” to take home and complete. If you weren’t there that day the assessments are on the table with the Connect Cards. It is an invaluable tool for the journey of EUC therefore we need everyone to complete an assessment! Please ~ Thank you!

Why? You ask! Great Question! The answers:

- ❖ Your spiritual journey in serving God is enlightened in new ways as you discover your unique gifts. You can affirm and nurture your gifts with more intention.
- ❖ You are able to nurture and affirm the gifts of others in your EUC family.
- ❖ Like gifted folks can get together and discuss how their gifts nurture the existing ministries of EUC and discover new ministries and ways to serve others.
- ❖ This knowledge will be invaluable to the Search & Call Committee. It shines a light on the gifts of EUC and informs their interviewing process.

So, bring your assessment to Pastor Susan **with your name on it** so she can get like “gifted” folks together.

If you really don’t like to fill out this kind of thing (I hate forms ~ lol) drop by the office and I will do it with you ~ Pastor Susan! Thanks!!

For your reading: 1 Corinthians chapters 2, 12, 14 and Matt 5:15 and Luke 11:33

Let the Light of Christ & Spirit’s Gifts Shine

200 YEARS!!!

Thank you to everyone that came to the ice cream social and got to watch "We bought a zoo"!!! Thank you to Lin & Joann for serving the ice cream, Fran for helping with the clean up of the ice cream (and anyone I forgot) and Adain, for not only making the popcorn but cleaning up and putting the tables and chairs back in place. Oh, and thank you to Caleb for passing out the popcorn to everyone during the movie!



Adain, Joanne & Lin



Adain making popcorn



Jean, Genny & Dianne



Rose, very much enjoying the ice cream!

Enjoying Ice Cream & a Movie!!



Pam & Caleb



Bill & Eva



Watching the movie



Barb & Fran



Senior Funday

Wednesday, July 5th, from 11:30 to 2:00, Come out and enjoy the fun!!!

Bring a dessert or something to share. All are welcome



We are in need of volunteers for Vacation Bible School. If you're able to help with donations, snacks, or decorations please contact Melissa. We are also in need of volunteers to help the week of VBS, which is July 10-14th. There's a place for everyone! Registration, crafts, games, crew leaders, and more! Contact Melissa to help out: dillsmelissa70@gmail.com or 330.687.7529 Thank YOU!

VBS MEETING after church services on July 9th and decorating after!!

Congregational Meeting: September 24th



We will be doing the "Loaves and Fishes" program at Ravenna First United Methodist church on August 12th.

Volunteers are needed to meet in our fellowship hall on Friday, August 11th to help prepare and package the meals that will be handed out.

We also need volunteers to meet at the Ravenna First United Methodist church on Saturday, August 12th at 10:30-1:00 to help pass out the meals.

Please get with Jeneen if you are interested in helping.

CALLED TO CARE" MINISTRY

Do you feel called to visitation ministry?
Pastor Susan is looking for a group of folks who feel called to do home/care center visitation with me each month. Usually, two or three of us would visit and do communion together.
Thank you! Pas. Susan

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Do you feel called to be more involved in Sunday morning worship?
I'm also looking for folks to coordinate... bell ringers, ushers for the offering, liturgists, anyone who feels called to participate? Thanks ~ Pas Susan



ATTENTION ALL GARDENERS!

(well...really... weeders... HELP!

I am just not able to do all the weeding around the parsonage ~ IT'S A BIG HOUSE!! Rob and Cathy have been amazing... however... the weeds are beyond even their control. I was hoping maybe a small group (4-5) of us could get together once every 4-6 weeks and blast the weeds away in a really short time. Then we just have to maintain. It's more than I can do and the plants are lovely at the house.

Thanks, you brave vegetation pullers & diggers! Pas Susan

JULY 2023

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						 Preston Hatcher Nancy Wiley  Jessica & Zachary Ranta Kathy & Scott Galloway
 Stephanie Wyss  Donna & Bill Kibler	 Jay Kester Susie Knudsen Amy Lange	Independence Day 4  Kenny Dillon	5	 Doug Dillon Melissa Mansfield	7	 Ryan Kibler
 Kendyll Kaley Jean LeMaster Lee Schmitz  Cherel & Jay Todd	10	11	 Jane Hollway	13	 Margie Hatcher Terry Montz	15
16	 Waylon Ranta	 David Wagner	 Seth Besaw Benjamin Hatcher  Danielle & Ryan Zimmerman Cindy & Bob Jarrett	20	21	 Dan Myers Kelley Ringer  Linda & Terry Dillon
23  30 Claire Santoro	 24 Sabrina & Matt Finney  31 Bradley Andrasak Kara Waldsmith	 25 Meghan & Andrew Schiraldi	 26 Sara Kinter Bruce Lange	 27 Gemma Lang Barbara Springton	28	 29 Gus Brekhus  Linda & David Wagner

Cookie queens for July are:

July 2: Julia Hayes
 July 9: Deb Horner
 July 16: Cindy Stuart
 July 23: Lisa Morehead
 July 30: Brenda Hards

Future Council Dates

(2nd Thursday of the Month)
 July 20 (changed due to VBS)
 August 10
 Sept. 14
 Oct. 12
 Nov. 9
 Dec. 14

Council members: Lisa Morehead, Lenny Reiter, Barb Rohn, Audie Morehead, Cyndi Oblisk, Diane Ringer, Jeneen Kubula, Matt Finney, Roger Mansfield & Sabrina Finney

Have you, your kids, grandkids or anyone else done something you would like to announce??? If you would like anything added to the newsletter, please let Cyndi know by the last Friday of the month.

NEW EMAIL: EUCNEWS1823@gmail.com



EDINBURG UNITED CHURCH

Unofficial Council Minutes

April 13, 2023

PRESENT: Matt and Sabrina Finney, Audie Morehead, Lisa Morehead, Cyndi Oblisk, Pastor Susan, Lenny Reiter, Diane Ringer, Barb Rohn.

The Meeting was Called to order at 6:35 PM by Lisa and opened with prayer by Pastor Susan.

The Minutes of the March Council Meeting were read and approved as read.

FLAGPOLE: Scout Neveah Barringer presented her plan for erecting a flagpole on church property as her Eagle Scout Project. Cyndi moved that Council accept Neveah's Eagle Scout Project of erecting a flagpole on the church lawn. Audie seconded the Motion. Motion passed.

200th CELEBRATION REPORT: See attachment. Roger Mansfield is donating a Bench to be raffled off at the May 21st Celebration.

KIDWATCH: Lisa reported that KidWatch is accepting of a rent increase in July this year. Sabrina moved that KidWatch's rent be increased to \$800 each month beginning in July of 2023. Audie seconded the Motion. Motion passed.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: A discussion regarding a keypad entry system to the church ensued. Matt also plans to price a new door for the church Kitchen entry. Matt reported that he is getting estimates for the shower area in the Parsonage. He has received one that is \$9894 and the second is pending. He says there also loose shingles on Parsonage roof and still reviewing estimates. A driveway replacement would be about \$7300.

FINANCES: Lenny reviewed finances. Natural Gas prices were discussed. It will continued to be observed and monitored.

PASTOR SUSAN: Transition Team will meet April 17. There will be a series of "Congregation Conversations" with Pastor Susan after Sunday service to clarify and answer questions regarding the process of obtaining a new Minister.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM by Lisa and closed with prayer by Pastor Susan.

200th Year Celebrations

April 13, 2023

EUC Council Report

Easter Egg Hunt April 1, 2023 was re-scheduled due to rain and high winds.

New date and time April 2nd at 2:00 pm location Edinburg Park on Rock Springs Road. We had the Edinburg Fire Department there. It was a huge success due to all the volunteers that made it happen i.e., filling all the eggs close to 3,000, helping at the park getting the eggs spread out on the fields. All the donations Plastic eggs, etc. A Big Thank You to everyone.

The seed packets assembly was started Weds. 4/12. These will be given away

on May 21st and at the Memorial Day Parade. **200 years Strong and Still Growing**

The Scrapbooks are coming along. We have a couple people who are willing to help get the pictures on the pages. We have the Military Veterans Book which will have EUC members, Edinburg and family members.

May 21st --- Menu Chicken, Hot Dogs & Buns, Green Beans, Potato Salad, Pasta Salad, Desserts. The picnic meal will be served under the carport. This will keep the food out of the sun and we will have access to bring the food up on the carts via the elevator. ##We will need servers. We are looking for desserts lots of desserts. ## Would it be possible to start up the big freezer around May 1st so we can bring our cakes, cupcakes, cookies, pies, etc. ahead of time For the picnic? Paper products plates, etc. have been ordered (Thank you Cyndi). ##Looking for 5-gallon containers for the drinks, water and lemonade. The DJ will be Bill McCluskey he will bring his equipment. Thank you Roger we have 2 tents do we know the size of the tents? How many tables and chairs are coming? We also have the Township's Tent too. ## Will need people to help set it up and get table and chairs from inside the church. We will have games too. ##Looking for multiple Cornholes. Games are being discussed Corey Galloway will be helping in this area. ## Raffle baskets are needed see Cyndi (Thank you Cyndi.) Toni Kellar, Drumming Circle, (Roots to Rhythm)

We have parking @ Pettigrew's, ##The Church of God across the street (did anyone ask them yet? The Townhall. ##Roger what did Complete Auto say on parking?? ##Matt do you think the older Boy Scouts could help with directing the parking so we can get maximize parking ?

We have 2 Porta Potties -rented for the day. Where should we set them up? By the recycle bins??

Inside the Church

##Displaying the memorabilia nothing finalized yet. Looking at having it on the 2nd floor so those who need the elevator can see the Sanctuary also.

Adorn the Sanctuary/Altar ##not finalized with flowers, banners, etc.

Memorial Day

Carl Wadsworth Memorial Breakfast 8:00 am – 10:00 am

##Need Help for the breakfast,

The Memorial Day Parade Float (Thank you Cyndi) Boy Scout Owen Bower has offered to help please contact him. Help is needed.

June 11th Ice Cream Social / Movie Time TBD not finalized ## Need help.

We have 2 Porta Potties rented for a day.

July VBS Check with Melissa Dills on how many helpers/teachers she needs

August The EUC Fair Booth TBD