



# THE OPEN DOOR

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Edinburg United Church  
200 Years Strong  
&  
Still Growing

From Lisa , Church Moderator

This month is a special month for our church and community. We celebrate our 200<sup>th</sup> year, can you believe our church has been in existence for 200 years. I love history and many generations have worshiped in our church. Some of our parishioner ancestors built this church and I wonder what they would say to the church they helped build being 200 years old. I look forward to hearing all the stories and making new memories for the next 100 years. With people shying away from church, we the people of this community have managed to keep our church thriving for 200 years, now that is an accomplishment. Our motto suits our church “Strong and Still Growing” as we continue to strive for goodness.

I am honored to be the moderator at this time as we strive to continue to stay strong and still grow.

## [Psalm 150:1-6](#) NIV

Praise the LORD.<sup>1</sup> Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

<sup>2</sup> Praise him for his acts of power praise him for his surpassing greatness.

<sup>3</sup> Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,

<sup>4</sup> praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe,

<sup>5</sup> praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

<sup>6</sup> Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD.

### Transition Team

*Team Members: Barb, Diane, Rob, Roger, & Trista*

The TransTeam met with Pastor Susan in April and will meet again in May. They will be calling you to set up times to visit in your homes as well as schedule some small group gatherings at church. These conversations are to hear your stories and gather your thoughts, and experiences throughout your time at EUCUCC.

### 3 Questions to Ponder:

**1) WHO ARE WE TODAY? (what is the best of our past that we bring forward for ministry today)**

**2) WHO IS OUR NEIGHBOR? (across the street, or miles away)**

**3) WHAT IS GOD CALLING US TO BE AND DO? (Dream & Discover ~ Come, Holy Spirit)**

### Interim Time Together

As a part of our interim and transition time together, I will be offering "Congregation Conversations" after worship beginning in June. These "CC" will be a time to discuss and discover and answer questions you might have. We'll also talk about "Vision & Mission" and why both are so important to your future ministries. There's a lot to discover as God's Holy Spirit continues to equip us with gifts and resources to call and lead all of us into new ministries.

*What are your gifts?*

*Grace&Peace ~ Giving&Receiving.*

*Rev. Susan, Interim Pastor*

### The Season of Easter and a 200 Year of Celebration

We are in the season of Easter which starts on Easter Sunday and ends on Pentecost Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. The season is 50 days long. A lot happens during this season. Spring is finally here. The new life of creation reminds us of the new life we have with Jesus, the risen Christ.

May 21<sup>st</sup>, the day of your 200<sup>th</sup> year Celebration, is also Ascension Day. Jesus is moving upward, ascending in glory, as we, Christ's disciples, are moving outward into the world. There is an energy in Jesus' words to the disciples telling them they will be clothed in power. This is a time of blessing and joy. It's a time of service on this earth reuniting with Jesus later. There's work to be done. Power and energy, trust and blessing and joy are rooted in this time of the ascension and your time of celebration of 200 years of ministry. The Saints of Edinburg United Church are reunited with Christ. They dance in eternal joy as you move into the joy of God's future design for EUCUCC.

May 28<sup>th</sup> is the day of Pentecost ~ the Day the Holy Spirit is breathed upon us and into us. Brought together by God, united in our diversity through the power of the Holy Spirit we are united as the body of Christ. The Spirit invites you to share your gifts and celebrate the gifts of others as we proclaim God's saving grace and love.

Now that's a lot to Celebrate!

*Rev. Susan, Interim Pastor*

**The biggest communication problem is we do not listen to understand.**

**We listen to reply...**



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1823-2023



The amazing people who have spent HOURS going through the history!!

Tom, Rob, Jeneen, Barb, Martha & Kim

**May 21<sup>st</sup>!!!** We are so close to the date and I'm excited!!

Service is at 10:00 a.m. and the festivities begin at 2:00 p.m. We need volunteers to help set stuff up and help throughout the day. There will be a sign up sheet on the whiteboard on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**200 Year Celebration is less than a month away. We have lots of opportunities for you to help make this a huge success**



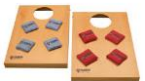
The Picnic Meal-help with the food -Call Jean Lemaster 330 325-2339, Genny Pavlick 330 780-6784, Diane Raubacher or Eva Rowley.

Call Jeneen 330 325-9755 if...You have 5-gallon container(s) for the lemonade and ice water..



if...you can save 1-gallon jugs for making the lemonade...

if... you have a cornhole game..



if.. you are interested in being a host or hostess in the Church... for our guests looking at our 2nd floor improvements/additions, Our History in Scrapbooks.



**We need desserts for May 21<sup>st</sup>!!**

Making Desserts - Call Julia Hayes -330 631-9138. cookies, brownies, cupcakes, cakes and pies.



**WHO WANTS TO WIN A BENCH?????!!!**

**Edinburg United Church 200<sup>th</sup> Celebration**

**We are raffling off a bench, tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20**

**Tickets are available to buy or get some to sell**

To be drawn at the end of the festivities on May 21st  
Need not be present to win



**Need to contact Pastor Susan: 440-371-4864**

**Office hours for Pastor Susan beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>: Tuesday 2:00-6:00 and Wednesday 1:00-5:30**



Thank you for your prayers, cards, visits, phone calls and food. The surgery was 2 weeks ago. Recovery is challenging. I will be at home for at least 4 more weeks. I am thankful and blessed to have loving and caring friends. Again thank you so very much.

Love in Christ!  
Jeneen

Thank you to all that came out for the Church clean-up and putting mulch down.

## Date change for May



**Senior Funday**

**Tuesday, May 2nd, from 11:30 to 2:00, Come out and enjoy the fun!!!**

**Bring a dessert or something to share. All are welcome**



*Communion May 7<sup>th</sup>*

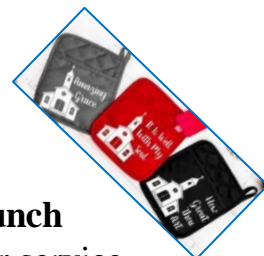
Come on out for the movie **"Young at Heart"**

May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Bring snacks and drink!!!



**YOU'RE INVITED**



**Kitchen Shower Brunch**  
Sunday, May 7, right after service

Bring a dish towel or pot holder (or both) for the church kitchen and enjoy some great food and fellowship.



**Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>!!! Wear Red!**



20 oz "skinny" tumbler with clear lid and metal straw

**Tumbler is \$15**  
**Mug is \$12**

Order forms are at the church or call the church and leave a message if you'd like to order







15 oz ceramic mug

Easter Egg hunt was a success!!! Over 3,000 eggs, hours of stuffing those eggs (for those that helped with "closing the eggs")!!! Thanks to everyone that helped out.



# MAY 2023

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	 <b>1</b> Genny Pavlick	 <b>2</b> Eric Dillon	<b>3</b>	 <b>4</b> Norm Burton	 <b>5</b> Roseann Brown  Debbie & Dennis Dillon	 <b>6</b> Beth Hauser  Jodi & Mike Canale
 <b>7</b> Aiden Bishop Mackenzie Hughes	<b>8</b>	 <b>9</b> Mike Hauser Nathan Kinter	 <b>10</b> Becky Bartholomew Dwight Finney Jr.	 <b>11</b> Brenda Hards	 <b>12</b> Julie Pennington	 <b>13</b> Adam Canale
Mother's Day <b>14</b>  Tyler Bishop	<b>15</b>  Tom Bradfield Mason Lisi Ian Shaw	<b>16</b>  Tessa Galloway	<b>17</b>  Kathy Basta	<b>18</b> <b>200 Years!!</b> <b>!</b>	<b>19</b>  Zachary Ranta	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>200 Years Celebration!!</b>	<b>22</b>  Tim O'Connor	<b>23</b>  Denis Pennington	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  Sommer & Ross Shaw	<b>26</b>  Linda Mansfield  Rose & Dan Slack	<b>27</b>  Michael Bradley Elizabeth Pruchenski
<b>28</b>	Memorial Day <b>29</b>  Steven Hauser	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  Sue & Michael Wells			

Cookie queens for May are:



May 7 Julia Hayes  
 May 14 Meghan Schiraldi  
 May 21 Lisa Morehead  
 May 28 Cindy Jarrett

**Future Council Dates**  
 (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month)  
 May 11  
 June 8  
 July 13  
 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

March 9, 2023

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

The Meeting was called to order by Lisa at 6:30 PM and opened with prayer by Pastor Susan.

Minutes read and approved as read.

SIGNAGE: Tina Finney is now taking care of church sign at the direction of Lisa.

200<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION: Lisa reported that this is progressing smoothly with no current updates.

LITERACY BREAKFAST: The Dr. Seuss Event for this was quite successful with approximately 80 children and their families attending. Suggested changes for next year were discussed.

OUTDOOR CLEANUP: This will be scheduled for sometime the end of April.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS: Council members will be giving updates each month for their assigned areas beginning at April Council Meeting.

GREETERS: A Greeters List will be initiated by Sabrina. An electric key system will be utilized to avoid having to pass around a church key.

SERVICES: In addition to Easter Sunday Service with Communion, there will be a Tennebrae Service on Maundy Thursday, April 6. There will be a Wholeness/Healing Service at 6:30 PM on March 15. Hymn stories and Singing at 6:30 PM on March 29. Easter Egg Hunt is April 1.

FINANCES: Lenny reviewed and discussed monthly report.

PASTOR SUSAN SHARES: The Transition Team has been assembled and includes Rob Thomas, Roger Mansfield, Trista Hughes, Diane Ringer, and Barb Rohn. There will be a Holy Humor Service on Sunday, April 16 with congregants being urged to wear PJs and fluffy slippers. The May 21 Sunday Service will have youth singing and playing instruments and the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Main Celebration activities continued into the afternoon.

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

## 1Q 2023 Finance Update

	2023 1Q Actual	
Administrative Resources	2308	
Building and Grounds	9,263	
Education and Youth Ministry	121	
Ministry include our churches wider mission. 200th anv	8150	
Permanent Improvement	0	
Worship	404	
Wages	16622	
Approved budget or Total spend	\$ 36,868	

Tithes/Offerings	22897
Building Fund	0
Rental Income	3192
Improvement Giving (Building Fund )	1100
Fund Raisors	117
Memorials	100
flowers and 200 year celebration	652
Ukraine offering	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>28058</b>

- Spending is about at normal rate for the quarter
- Tithes/offering down about 20% from 2022 year end level
- Deficit of about \$9K year to date.