



Edinburg United Church
200 Years Strong
&
Still Growing

THE OPEN DOOR

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From Lisa , Church Moderator

It is September and WOW... how time flies. School has started for our kiddos and a new start to our church. I say this since, at the end of the month we will be having our congregational meeting, voting on a new council. Our transitional team is doing their thing and we are listening. Our church is changing for the better which is a good thing, and we can move forward and build better relationships with our community and be a better church. We use-to help many in our community and I hope with these changes we can start helping more.

After being moderator for 2 years going on 3, I have always felt that the by-laws read more like a job description. We will work on them to better conform with the job we are intended to do and be good stewards of giving again. WE ARE THE CHURCH, and we need to get back to helping our church and our community. No one likes change, however, I feel this will be a good move for our church moving forward. Fishes and Loaves is a start, and I would also like to start collecting dry goods for a local pantry at least twice a year, a women's, and men's group...we need to give back. We are so blessed as a church that we have survived, I would like your feedback on these ideas and any other ideas you might have. Let's give back and be strong and continue to grow.

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Reflections...

I want to thank everyone who has spoken to someone on the Transition Team. Your openness and willingness to share the positive and negative, your likes and dislikes is some of the information they are seeking. All information is needed to know and understand who EUC is and who EUC is not. So, there aren't any negatives and positives, only information and knowledge and the ultimate question, "Now what do we do with this information and knowledge?"

The answer is: "Continue to listen to the Spirit of God."

It sounds so simple and yet listening to God is challenging. Our worries, anxieties, questions, uncertainties, and fears will get the better of us and cloud our ability to listen to and see the movement of the Spirit right in front of us. Members of EUC your openness and willingness to participate *is* the movement of the Spirit of God! Our stubborn egos will keep us silent and sitting in the corner, disconnected from one another. YET, God calls us to trust in him, to trust in Christ's leading through the Spirit. Spoiler alert, our egos do not want to let us trust in God ~ Trust in God anyway! Our egos, God bless them, aren't going anywhere ~ So, trust in God anyway! Remember, this information is for your Search & Call Committee to use to complete your church profile AND for them to be able to respond with clarity and knowledge when a minister candidate is interviewing them.

Lastly, trust the process with patience and flexibility. You are right on schedule in selecting a Search & Call Committee which will be ready to go in October after your congregational meeting. Have you ever heard the saying: "Trust in the slow work of God?" God in Spirit *is* working in and through you now. Thank you, for placing your trust in me to walk this path with you as I listen to and observe your needs. Anytime you need to talk with me ~ Call me! I will come to your home or meet you at church.

It is God in Christ who loves us, holds us up, cheers us and calms us as we walk this path together... Let us rejoice in the journey! *Pastor Susan*

Psalm 94:18-19 ¹⁸ *When I thought, "My foot is slipping," your steadfast love, O Lord, held me up.* ¹⁹ *When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul.* NRSV

Psalm 94:18-19 ¹⁸ *Whenever I feel my foot slipping, your faithful love steadies me, Lord.* ¹⁹ *When my anxieties multiply, your comforting calms me down.* CEB

Philippians 4:4 ⁴ *Rejoice^[b] in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.^[c]*



Congregational Meeting: September 24th and brunch (after service)

We will be holding a transitional team conversation on **September 17th** after service!!



We will be having a movie night on Sat. Oct. 7th and Sat. Nov. 4th starting at 6 p.m. Popcorn will be provided. Bring your own drinks and chair (or use one of the churches). Movie will be decided at a later date.



Senior Funday

Wednesday, September 6th, from 11:30 to 2:00, *Come out and enjoy the fun!!!*

Bring a dessert or something to share. All are welcome



Sunday School will be starting back up!!! October 1st after service until 11:00. Preschool thru 5th grade.



We will be having youth group the 2nd Sunday of each month starting on Sunday, September 10th at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Grades 6th thru 12th



We will be needing to fill 2 positions on council. If you are interested see Lisa.



Thank you to the women and their hard work on the fair booth for Edinburg United Church. If you are at the fair, go see it. Take a selfie with the booth and post it on our facebook page!!

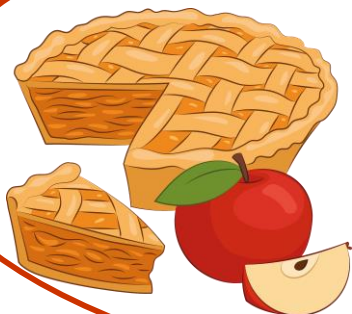
Transition Team News!

On Sunday, September 17th the Transition Team will be sharing *your* responses to the 3 Questions: “Who are we today?” “Who is our neighbor?” “Who is God calling us to be?” *Please plan to stay after church on September 17th!* You will gain from the fruits of their labors *and* yours.

On a personal/pastoral note, I want to thank the members of the Transition Team, Trista Hughes, Roger Mansfield, Diane Ringer, Barb Rohn, & Rob Thomas, for their passion and intention, and their openness and willingness to ask the easy and hard questions, and for listening intently to your responses. The more you have shared the more excited and impassioned they have become and now they ask: “What’s next? Where do we go from here?” That is Holy Spirit work, and the Spirit will guide the “what’s next.”



Dakota Mansfield was Portage County champion for his quilt and qualified for the state fair!!!!



It's APPLE PIE time, again!!! Orders are due no later than September 17th. Our first day of pie making is Wednesday, September 20th. We will be doing the dough on Wednesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. and the pies that evening starting at 6:00 p.m.

All are welcome to come help!! **Many hands make light work!!**



Thank you to those that helped with the "Loaves and Fishes" program (Cooking & serving) on August 11th and 12th. We served over 170 meals and enjoyed some fellowship time.



Come enjoy the day and support the Troop!



**Edinburg Boy Scout Troop 355
Car, Truck, & Bike Show Fundraiser**
All Proceeds go to help Troop 355 purchase a new Scout Trailer




**Saturday, September 9th
Rain or Shine!**

Check in & Open Registration: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Judging begins: 12:00 pm
Awards presented: 2:00 pm
Best in Show - Prize Awarded
AWARDS TO REGISTERED CAR OWNERS

**Edinburg United Church
4081 Rock Spring Rd.
Ravenna, Oh 44266 (Edinburg, Oh)
Next to Pettigrew Feed & Hardware**



SEPTEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					 1 Shirley Wilcox	 2 Rhett Podojil  Ray & Dennis Lin
3	Labor Day 4	 5 Eleanor Hatcher	 6 Kurt Massar	 7 Melissa Dills	 8 Marissa Lang Tim Pettigrew	9
10 Youth Group starts (after service)	 11 David Pruchenski	12	 13 Lisi Brayden Karen Mann	14	 15 Karen & Rick Mann	 16 Dakota Mansfield
17  Kim & Michael Bradley	18	 19 Miley Bishop Lyndsey Pennington	 20 Dennis Dillon  Sandy & Tim Pettigrew	 21 Courtney Waldsmith Hannah Pennington  Holly & Kevin Kibler	22  Kimberely & Andrew Hatcher Danielle & Scott Reynolds	 23 Lisa Lange
 24 Kylie Craft	 25 Kelley Lange	26  Nancy & Chet Wiley	 27 Stephanie Todd	 28 Ann Kester	29	 30 Chris Luketic Linnea Romocean

Cookie queens for September are:



- Sept 3 Julia Hayes
- Sept 10 Cindy Stuart
- Sept 17 Eva Rowley
- Sept 24 Ramona Holloway

Future Council Dates

(2nd Thursday of the Month)
 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

Do you need to fill out a building use form?? Go to our website at

<https://www.edinburgunitedchurch.org>

Click on resources and then forms. Click on the link and it will take you to the form.

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

June 8, 2023

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

SPEAKER: Cathy Rufener from First U M Church of Ravenna

The Meeting was called to order by Lisa at 6:45 PM and opened with prayer.

Cathy shared about a program called Loaves and Fishes that takes place every Saturday AM at her church. Lunches are passed out to anyone who comes to pick them up. Cathy is asking for our help in this community service by making and serving lunches twice yearly. Training can be provided by observing June 24 as their church volunteers serve the lunches.

Minutes of April Meeting were read and approved as read.

KIDWATCH: Shelly is aware of rent increase as of September 1, 2022. She has had play area landscaped with 8 X 8 utility building costing \$3600 and cement base for about \$600. Matt plans to discuss this with Shelly. Jeneen motioned that it be approved for Kidwatch to erect the building structure requested inside the playground area on church property. Sabrina seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

VACATION: Cyndi will be on vacation July 16 to August 14. Pam Oblisk will be covering for her in the church office. Lenny motioned that Pam be paid minimum wage of \$10.10 an hour. Matt seconded the motion. Motion Passed. *on Fridays for 2 hours.*

INTERNET SERVICE: A router was purchased for the church. Spectrum was contacted for Parsonage internet service. Sabrina motioned that Spectrum install service at cost of \$100 and cost of \$ 79.99 per month for service also including a router if necessary. Cyndi seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

MAINTENANCE: Discussion ensued regarding need to have a regular Handy Man to service any issues that arise with church and property. Gutter cleaning and guard installation was discussed. Matt will price this. Cyndi motioned that \$350 be allocated for cleaning gutters and installing guards. Lenny seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Next Meeting is proposed to be held September 24, 2023. Jeneen motioned that Congregational Meeting be held Sunday, September 24, 2023 after church. Cyndi seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

FINANCES: Lenny shared financial status. It was suggested that financial information could be shared with congregants by placing on White Board.

BOY SCOUT FUNDRAISER: Matt requested to have a Car Show at the church potentially on September 9, 2023. He said it would include cars, trucks, and bikes; there would be food and DJ also. Jeneen motioned that Boy Scouts be allowed to hold a Car Show Fundraiser at the church parking lot on September 9, 2023. Cyndi seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM by Lisa and closed with the Lord's Prayer.