

Edinburg United Church  
**The Open Door**

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**Good November everyone,**

An African Proverb states, “Ears that do not listen to advice, accompany the head when it is chopped off.” What a graphic saying! Our Proverbs 19:20 says sort of the same thing, “Listen to advice and accept discipline, and at the end you will be counted among the wise.” (New International Version) Have you taken good advice lately? Do you wish you could go back in time and accept someone’s advice that you neglected at the time and paid a dear consequence for? It’s likely we all have times of regret in our life regarding advice. I’m not exactly sure why we choose to learn lessons the hard way but we do. Years ago, I gave someone running advice while we were out running (it was about how to run up a hill in a better fashion than he was doing at the time). He didn’t accept the unsolicited advice well and I later apologized. The advice was valid however. Maybe he has since learned how to run up a hill with more efficiency than he did then- or maybe he doesn’t even run anymore. It taught me that folks don’t want advice really- even sometimes when they intentionally ask for it. I think this all goes back to control. We wish to control our lives, our reactions, our emotions and all facets in-between. When someone offers advice that is counter to our behavior or even our perception of how we handle a given circumstance- we get offended. This November as we celebrate Thanksgiving and at least one day of giving thanks; may we learn from others. May we be counted among the wise because we absorbed advice rather than repelled it. Certainly everyone that speaks advice to you won’t be counted as good advice- but perhaps we can glean a nugget of wisdom from that advice. During this time of COVID uncertainty, there is no shortage of advice; may we all balance the terrible with the wonderful. May we also give thanks to God for wisdom and friends that offer us advice. Happy November and Happy Thanksgiving!

- **Pastor Tim**

**LECTIONARY:**

**November 1:** All Saint’s Day; Matthew 5: 1-12

**November 8:** Matthew 25: 1-13

**November 15:** Matthew 25: 31-46

**November 22:** 2 Kings 5: 1-16

**November 29:** Advent Begins Luke 3: 15-16, Isaiah 65: 17-19

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# NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:30 Contemporary Service 10: 30 Traditional Service	<b>2</b> 6:30p Cub Scouts	<b>3</b> 6:30p Boy Scouts	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:30 Contemporary Service 10: 30 Traditional Service	<b>9</b> 6:30p Cub Scouts	<b>10</b> 6:30p Boy Scouts	<b>11</b> Veterans Day	<b>12</b> 6:30p Council Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8:30 Contemporary Service 10: 30 Traditional Service	<b>16</b> 6:30p Cub Scouts	<b>17</b> 6:30p Boy Scouts	<b>18</b> 9:20a Preschool Yoga	<b>19</b> 6:30p Scout Council Meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:30 Contemporary Service 10: 30 Traditional Service	<b>23</b> 6:30p Cub Scouts	<b>24</b> 6:30p Boy Scouts	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Thanksgiving Day	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8:30 Contemporary Service 10: 30 Traditional Service	<b>30</b> 6:30p Cub Scouts	<b>1</b> 6:30p Boy Scouts	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

## November Birthdays:

1 Jace Simmons 2 Kim Bradley 3 Jennifer Mix 4 Sandra Nickles 7 Davinda Baldasare Cindy Stuart	8 Damian Dech Debbie Phile 10 Crystal Pirri 11 Arlene Shambach 16 Jenna Phile Cathy Thomas Ryan Zimmerman	17 Fran Pruchenski 20 Lin Dennis Rick Mann 24 Kevin Kibler 26 Travis Brown 29 Tina Finney Nicole Reiter
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