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TWO ENCOURAGEMENTS

At the time I'm writing this, I've also been in the middle of preparing for our last sermon in the book of James. Hopefully Jesus' half-brother has become a kind of friend, or wise counselor, in your life. I've heard some people say how much they have enjoyed James. Others have been deeply challenged by the content - even made quite uncomfortable at times. Whatever your reaction, I think we can all agree, it has been a very instructive and practically helpful time. If you think back, we've been enjoying this short little book since the second week of January, over the course of what will be twenty-five sermons. Now that we're at the end, I'm processing a few thoughts that I'd like to share some reflections on.

This series was called "Faith That Works" to pick up on the practical emphasis that James is always oriented toward. But, in the midst of all those imperatives (commands in James) it can be easy to feel a certain weight, and respond, "I just don't think I can do that." Is that you? Or, maybe you feel the desire to do what James is counseling you toward. It is often easy in the Christian life to be discouraged about your progress of obedience. After all, I don't know many, if any, sincere Christian believers who would say: I am exactly where I want to be in my Christian life. So, how do we take the book of James, which is full of action items we are being called to apply to our faith, and not be bogged down in the mire of a history of failed obedience that will hinder our progress moving forward?

To help us, I'm looking toward the Apostle Paul, who always does a great job calling for obedience, while at the very same time, keeping grace at the center of the command. Obedience in the Christian life is never just "do this or else!" It is the command that goes something like this: "do this because of what Jesus has already done for you." That is what obedience and grace look like in the Christian life. So when James is commanding our obedience, it is never without the full understanding of what Jesus has done for us.

To seal that into our minds, let's remember two things that we need to encouraged with. First, Paul reminds us in Philippians 2:13 that "it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure." That means that the same God who gives the command, also gives the grace to fulfill the command when we are looking to Him. Or, as Augustine also eloquently prayed in the 4th century: "Lord, command what Thou will; grant what Thou command." Even more plainly, it means that God loves to supply the help we need to fulfill His commands. We could even say, it brings Him delight to help His children grow in their obedience.

Another great encouragement comes from <u>Galatians 3:3</u>, where Paul asks the rhetorical question, "Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?" It's a rhetorical question because the obvious answer is, "no way!" Our spiritual lives did not begin by the effort of our own works – it was all of grace! In the same way, Paul would say, the life of a Christian operates as it began – by grace. It is the Spirit's work that produces our changed desires, supplies the strength, and brings the fruit of obedience. It's not our strenuous efforts; it's leaning upon the Spirit who guides us toward greater Christlikeness.

Yes, James is full of commands; sixty-one of them across only 108 verses. But, those commands are not there to burden us. They are there to compel us further in our Christian lives. Through them we remember that God is not finished with His work in our lives. So dear friends, when you read the commands, don't be crushed! Instead, be called forward and upward in your pursuit of Jesus Christ.

Striving to grow in Christ with you,

ELDERS

Steve Morrison (3rd) Tara Johnson (3rd) Kevin Oak Mic Penry (3rd) **Patrick Shovar Keith Wilson**

DEACONS

Cindy Cullen Scott Cullen Janet Dunlap Norman Dunlap **Beth Flickinger** Amy Oak (3rd) Cora Schafman Peggy Shovar

TRUSTEES

Mel Block (3rd) Ken Benningfield Phil Fuhr Scott Nelson Nathan Oak (3rd) Larry Pithan (3rd) **Jeff Schmidt** Chris Stark **Jeff Thomas**



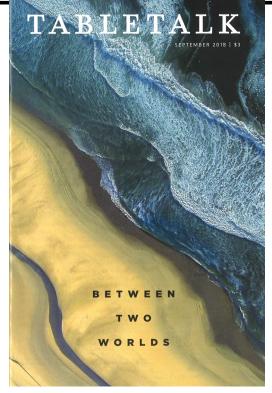
SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Taylor Cullen
- 1 Hayden Emery-Ruggles 19 Martha Kirkland
- 3 Harlan Druckmiller
- 3 Greg Gierlus
- 3 Marvin Rursch
- 4 Sandy Benningfield
- 5 Lindsay Fuhr
- 5 Nathan Oak
- 6 Betty Miller
- 6 Anna Pearson
- 7 Kathy Stegmiller
- 9 Denis Doonan
- 13 Rea-Eleene Fenchel
- 15 Teresa Morrison

- 16 Deb Thomas
- 20 Mary Ann Benge
- 20 James Cooksey
- 20 Kevin Oak
- 22 Sue Miller
- 23 Debra Landi
- 24 Conte Bingman
- 24 Camden Docherty
- 25 Judy Bingman
- 25 Amy Oak
- 26 Alyssa Landi
- 27 Justin Landi
- 29 Ben Goodnight

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES 1 - Lawrence & Roma Milner 4 - Kim & Barb Freyermuth 15 - Jeff & Paige Schmidt 18 - Terry & Mary Johnson 20 - Dave & Mary Ann Benge 21 - Marvin & Peggy Weiss

GET YOUR SEPTEMBER COPY OF THE TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL



LOCATED IN THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH



Hi! I wanted to thank the church and members for allowing our graduation party to be held in the basement! I'm so incredibly grateful to be a part of

such and amazing church!

Much love, Reilly Fuller

SESSION

The Session met Tuesday, July 31st, 2018 at 7pm in the Conference room with Mic Penry, Kevin Oak, Patrick Shovar, Zach Hopkins, and Steve Morrison in attendance. As part of Elder Continuing Education: WCF 16: "Good Works" was studied.

Zach opened the meeting with prayer and Elders prayed for individuals on the membership roll. There was a motion to approve the docket and minutes of the last meeting. Motion was seconded and approved.

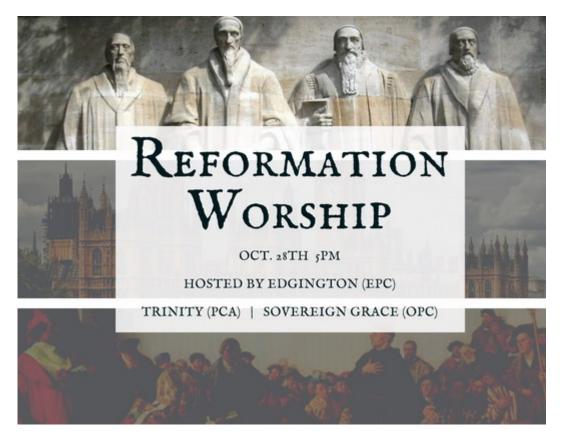
Zach reported on his activities for June which included: Home Visits, Hospital visits, Office visits, VBS and Youth Mission Trip.

- Approved Jahn Scholarship request of Jim Johnson.
- Approved facility use request of Mitch Anderson for August 12th.
- Discussed Zach's study leave plans for August and preaching and teaching plans following the conclusion of the James series.
- Approved preaching on August 5th of Jim Johnson, on August 12th of Mic Penry, and August 19th of Mark Drake.
- Website and online giving is being developed and should be ready soon.
- Communion will be held on August 5th, 2018. The Session members will assist in serving Communion to all that cannot attend Communion services. The congregation is encouraged to let Zach or Session members know of any request.

Next Session meeting will be Tuesday, August 28th, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer by Zach.

Steve Morrison, Clerk of Session



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY / EDUCATION

Beth Flickinger opened the meeting in prayer.

Summer teachers gave their reviews on how classes were going. Areas to improve were suggested. Overall, attendance has been relatively good, and the air conditioner in the room has been a blessing. Summer session ends Sept. 2nd.

Fall classes will start Sept. 9th. Curriculum will be purchased from GCP as needed. Classes will be taught as follows:

- Toddlers God's People Hillary Terrill and Kortney Gierlus
- PreK God Created All Things Beth Flickinger
- 1st & 2nd Living Together Katie Pearson
- 3rd-5th Trusting God Kathy Stegmiller
- Jr. High God's Grace in You Tara Johnson and Deanna Parchert
- Sr. High A study of John 1-10 Brandee Neece

The Fishing Derby will be held Sunday, Aug. 26th at 3pm at the Terrill residence. Teachers will reach out to their students to invite them to attend. Past attendance has been about 50. Items to bring were discussed, as well as inviting unchurched VBS families.

The Harvest Party & Hayrack Ride will be held Sunday, Oct. 7th at the church grounds. Our goal is to invite more families who don't attend regularly or who don't have a church home, as well as to have a good representation of our regular families. The teachers were in favor of hiring Meatheads food truck again if funds allow it. The Stegmillers will bring 2 hayracks. Brandee and Katie offered to help with games. Game ideas were discussed.

NEW BOOK AVAILABLE FREE FOR PARENTS TO SMALL CHILDREN



What Every Child Should Know About Prayer

What Every Child Should Know About Prayer by Nancy Guthrie and illustrated by Jenny Brake is a biblical theology of prayer for children. Nancy explains in child-friendly language what prayer is, how and why we should pray, and the things we can pray about. There is a Bible verse for each topic, and a prayer for children to make their own. This book will introduce children to the gift of prayer and will encourage them to enjoy speaking to their father God.



Numerous items are turning up here and there about the church, as well as MANY items left over from VBS.

Please check the table in the sanctuary foyer in front of the elevator maintenance doors and the table in the children's Sunday School room to see if any of these items belong to you.

Thank you!

DEACONS

August 26, 2018

In attendance were: Scott and Cindy Cullen, Norm and Janet Dunlap, Beth Flickinger, Amy Oak, Cora Schafman, Peggy Shovar, and Session Representative Patrick Shovar.

Amy opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from the June Meeting: Approved as written.

July and August Activities: 11 visits and 19 cards sent.

Old Business:

• A membership list was circulated to help keep track of greeters and to broaden greeter recruitment.

New Business:

- Scott and Cindy reported that signups for the Sept 15 blood drive are going well. Each Deacon signed up for a shift to help and a snack to bring.
- The fall coat drive will be held along with the fall food pantry distribution on October 20. A few coats have already been donated, and Peggy acquired several large boxes. Beth will contact the schools with flyers and we plan to place boxes at each school building right after Labor Day. This year, we will host a soup and sandwich luncheon after church on September 30 with all proceeds to support purchasing sizes of coats that are needed, but not donated.

The next Deacon meeting is set for October 14th at 11:30am.

Amy adjourned meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Flickinger

FALL COAT DRIVE



We again are collecting gently used coats, hats, mittens, and scarves to help those in need in our community.



Coats can be dropped off at the Edgington Evangelical Presbyterian Church. All sizes are needed, but especially children's sizes. Coats will be given October 28th from 8:30-11:00am in conjunction with the food pantry distribution.

If you have questions, or would like to recommend someone to receive a coat, please contact the church office at 309-795-1713.

TRUSTEES

7/10/2018

Present: Ken Benningfield, Mel Block, Scott Nelson, Nathan Oak, Larry Pithan, Jeff Schmidt, Chris Stark, Jeff Thomas, Treasurer Cindy Oak, Session Representative Kevin Oak, Pastor Zach Hopkins.

Prior to the meeting, Keith Wilson presented information from a seminar he recently attended concerning Legal and Tax Issues for Churches. The trustees agreed to address the issues - particularly as it relates to insurance coverage.

Zach opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:15pm.

Reviewed the minutes from the last meeting of June 12th, 2018. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented, motion carried.

Cindy presented the Treasurer's report. Motion made and seconded to approve the report as presented, motion carried.

Old Business:

- Update on Pastor's office renovation. Work is complete. Waiting on delivery of small book shelves.
- Removal of the two pin oak trees has been delayed until November. Trustees will begin working on new bids for this work at the August meeting.
- Mid American Glazing has been notified to proceed with the hardware change on the old front door.
 Larry will check on their schedule.
- Protection of new heat pump. Jeff Thomas has obtained material for this project. Agreed to use wood posts to be supplied by Scott.
- Discussed the Dunlap Cemetery. Chris reported someone has filled a large mud hole in the road with rock. The road still needs to be graded, but will need to wait until the corn crop has been harvested.
- The lawn mower has reportedly been operating ok. Will continue to monitor to see if additional repairs are needed.
- Cindy has started some of the work in the front office. Mel agreed to patch the opening where the wall air conditioner was removed. Scott will do the exterior shingle repairs.
- Mel reminded the trustees that the Rivers & Lakes Presbytery meeting will again be at our church in January 2020. Trustees will look for work that needs to be completed prior to the meeting.

New Business:

- Mel asked for volunteers to meet with our insurance agent to review our coverage. Mel, Chris, Larry and Ken agreed to help.
- Cindy has found several old door keys. Trustees will see which ones are still needed.
- Cindy discussed the Mueller Fund. She would like to find an easier way to distribute funds from this account. Trustees agreed to have her check on options.
- Trustees discussed options for air conditioning some of the Sunday School rooms. Because of the limited time these rooms are used, it would be good to find an economical solution. Agreed to look at a portable room air conditioner as an option to try this summer.
- Cindy reported the carpet in the basement is dirty especially along the long table outside the kitchen and in the lounge. Agreed to try cleaning with a carpet shampoo machine.
- Trustees looked at the work involved to remodel the new basement. Will include removal of current
 wall paneling and ceiling system. Install new drywall and suspended ceiling. Work is schedule for
 early 2019.

Zach closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan

MISSION COMMMITTEE

July 17, 2018

The Mission Committee met on July 17, 2018 at 6:30PM in the basement of the church. Those attending were Barb Freyermuth, Deb Wagamon, Jim Cooksey, Lisa Nelson, Mic Penry, Mary Ann Vroman, and Nancy Engstrom.

Barb opened the meeting with prayer.

Old Business:

- Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed; Youth Hope Camp donation was corrected to read \$1000 donation and minutes were approved
- A discussion was held concerning the upcoming trial for Andrew Brunson; prayers were offered for a quick release from prison
- The Mission newsletters were discussed, all members are receiving them via email
- Barb visited Pregnancy Resources and offered us a plentiful list of areas where we could support this mission. We discussed a one-time donation along with support for fund raisers in the 4th Qtr. Their "Walk for Life" event is scheduled for Sept 8th. Barb will address this in the Minute for Mission and a sign-up sheet will be offered to the congregation
- Christian Care Todd presented the idea of sponsoring a meal, with homemade ice cream, in September. Todd will update us on this idea at our next meeting in August.

New Business:

- Approved donations and/or support for this month:
 - Pregnancy Resources:

	Tree of Life	\$ 750.00
	(2) Ultrasounds	\$1,000.00
	 Operating Expenses 	\$ 250.00
0	Steve Woodworth	\$1,750.00
0	Youth Hope	\$1,500.00
0	Youth Hope - MAD Program	\$ 500.00
0	Ed & Nancy McCallum	\$1,500.00
0	Burdsall Family	\$1,500.00
0	Tom & Phyllis Bassett	\$1,000.00

- We discussed another visit to the Youth Hope MAD program in October 2018. We thought to include other members outside the Mission team; possibly youth group members or bringing the MAD group to join the Youth group meeting one Sunday. This will be discussed further with Zach.
- Plans to approve the fund raiser for Christian care is on hold until our next meeting
- Barb will present Pregnancy Resources as the "Minute for Mission" this Sunday, July 15th and Liz will be in the sanctuary to answer questions

The Committee closed the meeting in prayer for the success of all missions discussed. A special prayer was offered for Andrew Brunson.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm

Our next meeting will be held on August 21, 2018 @ 6:30pm.



Pastor Andrew has been released from prison and into house arrest! The latest as of this printing is that he will still need to attend his October hearing, but PRAISE GOD for his release from prison!

Please continue to pray for Pastor Andrew and justice to be done.



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I'm pagan...

A lot is on the line..... Earlier in the day, our staff and volunteers met for prayer, thanking God for His provision and asking His will be done.... "O God, may each person sense Your love and grace today and may we have the opportunity to share Jesus with compassion."

I head to the waiting room to call her name. She stands and I reach out my hand to shake hers and welcome her. I sense a nervousness and muse if she is anxious too. Her demeanor seems hard and doesn't offer eye contact. Silently I ask, "Lord, would You help me convey Your love and kindness?"

....She has said she thinks she will abort and that this is not the right time to have a baby...There is a loud silence as I begin the scan and diligently search the screen. There it is. A baby. And most importantly a tiny little heart flickering on the screen.After the scan as I sit across from her, the look on her face has changed. I'm not sure what it is until she explains she has changed her mind. She wants to carry the baby and place for adoption with a family member who is struggling with infertility.

...Before she leaves...she says something I've never had anyone tell me before: "I'm pagan." I wonder what that means to her and she explains. Thankfully, she graciously agrees to listen as I share who Jesus Christ is and the love and forgiveness He offers. She lets me close in a prayer for her and her baby.

A lot is on the line.... Two hearts matter to us; the tiny one beating inside its mother and the spiritual heart of the mother that we pray will come to life in Jesus.

~ Beth Bill, RN

For the full Pregnancy Resources August/September Newsletter, which lists the needs for Bella's Closet, please click <u>HERE</u>

Interested in volunteering? Fall Volunteer Training is October 22nd-26th, 9am - 12:30pm. Please email or call Jasmine at jasmine@qcpregnancy.org | 563-386-3737.



WALK FOR LIFE

For all the information please click on the link above for a full .PDF of the brochure/pledge form or visit <u>qcpregnancypartners.org</u> and click on the Walk4Life Banner. That will also take you to the online registration. Click <u>HERE</u> for an online registration guide to make the process as easy as possible for you.

There are brochures/pledge forms on the table by the Newsletters & TableTalk Devotionals for you to pick up. I will also be putting a link on our Facebook page.

I (Lisa) will be walking at the Moline location, with my husband and hopefully one grand-daughter. I would love to have you join me!

Looking forward to seeing you there!

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Summer 2018 stands out in YouthHope history as both a summer of firsts and breaking records. God certainly showed us all that His will is being done through the supporters, volunteers, and the staff of YouthHope. From camper numbers to volunteer hours, this summer was one for the record books! We also experienced several firsts including a partnership with YouthWorks and an invitation into the Rock Island Schools for summer programs led by YouthHope.

At both Camp and the Centers, we watched kids/teens go from strangers, to what feels like family. One boy, who started the week at camp missing his family and in tears, shared a little more vulnerability each night about his family life and fear for his mother, because of his father. Each day, he grew stronger and more confident as we encouraged him and prayed for him. To reassure him, we made regular calls home to make sure his mom was okay. By Thursday, he was making comments about how strong he was now and how he would pray in his bed each night. God moved powerfully through this boy as he relinquished his fears. It was such a joy to see him be able to let go and find freedom!

This summer, we were able to share what it is to have a relationship with Jesus with more children/teens than ever before. This shows me that God is leading and guiding our endeavors and that, as a team, we can accomplish great things. Thank you for all the support you provided this summer!

~ Stacy Fox, Moline Children's Outreach Director

For the complete YouthHope August 2018 Report click HERE

Praise the Lord!

- 431 kids and teens attended Camp Summit this summer!
- Many campers made a decision to make Jesus their Lord and Savior! Hallelujah!
- The Lord provided the staff we needed and to assist both the Moline and Rock Island Children's Directors!
- Hannah Carr, Development Director, had a healthy and beautiful baby girl and has returned from maternity leave!
- Chris Britton, M.A.D. Skills Director, is representing YouthHope and teaching Hip Hop(e) in public schools Monday through Friday!

Please pray with us for:

- Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, August 27th to be given wisdom and understanding.
- Please pray YouthHope staff to be given patience, energy, and health for this new school year. Help all of us to be exactly what the Lord wants us to be.
- Lord we lift up ALL the students at the Moline and Rock Island Youth Centers who will be attending programs this school year to be open to the Word of God.
- YouthHope vehicles to have a hedge of protection for all the driving staff does picking up and dropping off students.
- The Lord will provide much needed team members for our special event committees.
- The college freshmen we sent off to be surrounded by believers, experience God's glory, and hear His voice clearly.
- We lift up a young woman who will be released from prison in October. Lord please make the plan for her life clear, please provide a place for her to live, and people to come alongside her to bring her out of despair and through her healing.

For more information and a direct link to YouthHope's website donation page click <u>HERE</u> - use the donation drop down box to designate which part of the ministry you want your donation to be allocated to. Questions? Want to help?

Contact Hannah at (309) 762-4577 or email: obrewer@cfyouthhope.org

WINNIE'S PLACE

<u>W</u>omen <u>I</u>n <u>N</u>eed - <u>N</u>urtured <u>I</u>nto <u>E</u>xcellence

Current Needs: Gallon Size jugs of Vinegar, dishwasher Detergent, Kitchen Sponges.

Food: Cheese, Stuffing Mixes, Stewed & Diced Tomatoes, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Canned Potatoes, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Baking Soda, Salt & pepper, Corn Starch, Butter & Margarine, Frozen French Fries & Pizzas

Gift Cards: HyVee, Walmart, Dollar General, & Aldi

Desperate Needs: Iowa and Illinois Bus Passes

Call us at 563-332-5002 if you can help! 1605 Harrison Street, Davenport, IA



Edgington Presbyterian Church Treasurer's Report July 2018

	Bala	ance	Receipts	Disbursement	Balance
General		82,754.71	15,635.08	23,147.04	75,242.75
Jahn		9,714.72	\$1,243.77	•	
Edgington		5,661.49	\$0.00		
Boughton		18,547.83	\$924.29		•
Lauby		12,584.99	\$295.20		•
Capital Campaign (organ)		28,714.40	\$1,000.00		
Mueller Fund		38,711.93	\$2,360.00		
Ending Gen. checking balar	r	100,191.61		Reconciled Bank	Accounts
Uncleared Transactions	\$	6,060.34		Gen. checking	\$91,862.73
General checking Balance	\$	94,131.27			
July 2018 General Fund Exp	oens	es			
Zach Hopkins salary			4,077.34		
EPC (pension)			906.30		
EPC (health)			26.33		
Zach's mileage			170.13		
Lisa Bowman			869.07		
Chris Heimann			401.10		
Organ Fund Payment			1,000.00		
MidAmerican Energy church			•	General	75,242.75
MidAmerican Energy manse				Jahn	10,958.49
ABS				Edgington	5661.49
Mediacom			157.14		
AT&T				TOTAL	91,862.73
Millenium			27.29		
IL Dept of Rev (payroll tax)			90.84		
U.S. Treasury (payroll tax)			1,436.81		
Youth Hope (mission)			2,000.00		
TEAM (mission)			1,000.00		
Pregnancy Resourses (mission	on)		2,000.00		
S Burdsell (mission)	,		1,500.00		
S Woodworth			1,750.00		
E McCallum			1,500.00		
Ministry Designs (website)			30.00		
Staples (office supplies)			22.02		
Amazon (resource materials)			14.86		
Westminster Books (cont Ed)			573.49		
Best Buy (computer mouse)			19.99		
Traditional Flooring (office ca	rpet)		1,393.92		
Kennys Pest (manse)	. ,		60.00		
Tri County Pest (church)			60.00		
D Mprrison (pulpit supply)			375.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES					
MUELLER FUND					
Expenses					
Supplies			814.00		
Van rental			1,405.41		
Truck rental			1,441.04		
Gas			674.02		
TOTAL EXPENSES				\$4,220.08	
Deposits					
Kids deposits			\$500.00		
M. Pape memorials			\$1,860.00		
Total deposits				\$ 2,360.00	
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JAHN FUND **Deposits**

interest \$181.77

M. Pape memorials \$1062.00

Included in General Fund Total

Mission \$7209.58

Assistance Fund \$ 4853.46

TREASURER'S REPORT Cont. from p. 10

Edgington Presbyterian Church General Fund Profit & Loss July 2018

	Jul 18
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income Per Capita Contributions Basement Rent Interest Income - General Fnd Loose Offering Other Income Pledges	740.00 75.00 18.07 1,227.01 125.00 13,450.00
Total Income	15,635.08
Expense Operating Maintenance - General Resource materials Continuing Education Mileage Miscellaneous Mission International Mission International Mission - Presbyt Local Mission	147.29 14.86 573.49 170.13 2,423.92 1,000.00 4,750.00 4,000.00
Total Mission	9,750.00
Office Supplies Copier Office Supplies - Other	90.71 42.01
Total Office Supplies	132.72
Payroll Expenses Custodian Payroll Pastor Salary Payroll Taxes Secretary Services	401.10 4,077.34 1,527.65 869.07
Total Payroll Expenses	6,875.16
Pension & Health Care Pulpit Supply Utilities	932.63 375.00
Gas & Electric - Church Gas & Electric - Manse Internet Service Telephone	692.00 180.00 157.14 722.70
Total Utilities	1,751.84
Total Expense	23,147.04
Net Ordinary Income	-7,511.96
Net Income	-7,511.96

Edgington Presbyterian Church Mueller Fund Profit & Loss July 2018

	Jul 18
Ordinary Income/Expense Income	
Mueller Fund Income	2,360.00
Total Income	2,360.00
Expense Mueller Fund Disbursements	4,784.47
Total Expense	4,784.47
Net Ordinary Income	-2,424.47
Net Income	-2,424.47

Edgington Presbyterian Church Jahn Fund Profit & Loss July 2018

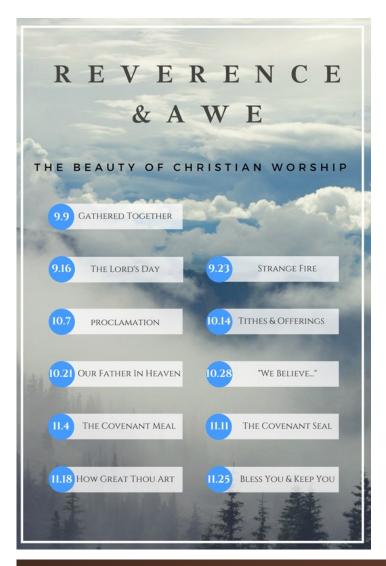
	Jul 18
Ordinary Income/Expense Income	
Jahn - Donations Interest Income - Jahn	1,062.00 181.77
Total Income	1,243.77
Net Ordinary Income	1,243.77
Net Income	1,243.77

PER MEMBER ASKING

What is it? Per Member Asking (PMA) is the support each congregation is requested to contribute to our local Presbytery and General Assembly. The PMA funds the operations of the Rivers and Lakes Presbytery and General Assembly, including the Office of the Stated Clerk, National Outreach, Student and College Ministries, Women's Ministries, World Outreach, as well as day to day office expenses. Denominational leaders continue to assure us that all financial support will be used to glorify God and advance His Kingdom.

The total PMA for each confirmed member is \$40 (\$17 for the Presbytery, \$23 to the General Assembly). Each year, Edgington EPC pays our total allocation in September based on the number of active members (193). We ask that members please contribute their portion in order to eliminate the expense from our budget. PMA can be contributed at any time throughout the year.

Thank you for your faithful participation.



BIBLE READING PLAN

To encourage your personal study of God's word, and prepare for each Lord's Day message, please consider reading in advance to familiarize yourself with the sermon texts.

Sunday, September 2nd - James 5:19-20 Sunday, September 9th - Hebrews 10:28 Sunday, September 16th - Exodus 20:9-11 Sunday, September 23rd - 2 Samuel 6:5-11 Sunday, September 30th - Guest Preacher: Rev. Scott Burdsall, ITEN Missionary



In order to understand and apply God's word, ask yourself the following questions as you read. Notice the acronym "MIRROR":

MAGNIFY - What does this text reveal about God that leads me to praise Him?

INSPIRE - How does this text lead me to pray?

REVEAL - What sin or disobedience does this text show me that I need to turn from?

RECOGNIZE - How does this text point to or anticipate Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

OBEDIENCE - How does this text command my obedience to God's revealed will?

RESPOND - How must I respond in faith to this passage?

SCRIPTURE LINKS

Blueletterbible.org has many wonderful tools on their website. For instance: under the "Tools" tab to the left of each scripture verse. Click on that tab and you are taken to the Strong's Concordance link for each word in the verse. Click on that link, and you see the transliteration, pronunciation, part of speech, root word, dictionary aids, outline of Biblical usage, and much more. I pray you are finding these links to be a helpful aid and resource in your study of God's Word.

~ Blessings, Lisa Bowman





Please join us each Sunday morning at 9am as we journey book by book through the New Testament. There will not be a schedule each month, as we are going to take our time, picking up each week where we left off the week before. We are currently in the book of Romans.

All adults are welcome and encouraged to join us for growth in their walk with Christ!



CHILDREN'S FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Every Sunday morning at 9am

We will be returning to our regular classrooms and using

Great Commission Publications various curriculum based on each grade level.

A complete list of each class's material is contained in the minutes from the last Children's Ministry/ Education meeting on p. 4 of this newsletter

Toddler - Hillary Terrill & Kortney Geirlus

Pre-K - Beth Flickinger 1st-2nd - Katie Pearson 3rd-5th - Kathy Stegmiller

Junior High - Tara Johnson & Deanna Parchert

Senior High - Brandee Neece



All of Scripture is the unfolding story of salvation and Jesus is its focus. We show how Jesus, revealed throughout the Bible, came to seek and save the lost.

so what?

We look forward to the privilege of caring for and teaching your children about Jesus each Sunday!



Edgington Evangelical Presbyterian Church

"To Glorify God & Enjoy Him Forever"



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ONLINE/WEBSITE UPDATE

We now have a media page!

The page is still in development, but you can access it to see what is there now. We will keep you updated as we add and build the page to get it current with the sermon series.

In the coming months we'll be working hard to publish our sermon audio online. There will be several ways for you to access this. You can listen directly through our <u>website</u>. Our media will also be available through SoundCloud by searching for "Edgington EPC" – you can download the



app or listen online. Or, if you're into podcasts, you will be able to subscribe through iTunes as well – just look for the logo of the stained-glass Bible. We hope these points of access with be helpful for you and your family, and anyone else you'd like to share our teaching ministry with.

We continue to add and build!

Online giving should roll out next month. We ran into a couple of issues that needed to be worked through, so we had to postpone the September introduction. Pastor Zach intends to have detailed instructions in every format possible, to make this as easy for you as possible.

Also, still working on ministry pages of all sorts. Hopefully, much more added by October!

Please check the website regularly to see how it grows and check classes, ministry updates, sermons, etc. Click here to take a look: edgingtonepc.org



YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group meets Sunday nights from 6-7:30pm unless otherwise noted.

September 9th - Wild Draw 4 Square September 23rd - Ultimate Frisbee: 3pm NOTE TIME BELOW

ARE YOU IN HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR OR BAND?

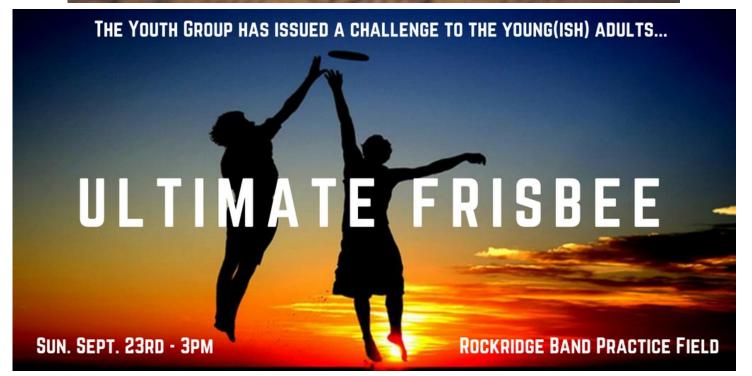
If you are a HIGH SCHOOL choir or band student and read music, here's a new opportunity to serve in the church by joining the choir!

The choir invites you to join us beginning September 16th, 2018 on Sunday mornings at 9:30am to rehearse and join us for the morning anthem.

- Music provided one month in advance
- 9:30am Sunday warmup/rehearsal
- Sing for 10:00am Sunday morning worship
- No weeknight obligation

Contact Lori Dixon at 309-236-5087, loridixon61@yahoo.com or on Facebook.

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US!!!



"We are grateful for all you do to help keep families whole."

Emily received 15 units of blood.... thanks to blood donors, Owen and Evelyn have a mom and Troy has a wife!



Troy, Emily, Evelyn and Owen Kress

Edgington Presbyterian Church Blood Drive

Saturday, September 15

7:00 to 10:45 am

To sign up, call
Scott & Cindy Cullen at 309-236-7549

Eat before donating. Donors must bring Photo ID

www.bloodcenter.org | (800) 747-5401



Emily Kress and her family are pleased to have people know how grateful they are to blood donors.

There is a moving video that tells her story at: www.bloodcenter.org/kress

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

Saturday, October 20th, 8:30-11am

We will be shopping and packing on Friday, October 19th for the Fall Food Pantry Distribution. Shoppers will leave at 8:30am, and we start packing at 9am.



The distribution on Saturday will be from 8:30-11am.

Any questions, please e-mail me at sflemming@juno.com or call me at 309-798-2620. If you know of someone who needs food, please let me know.

Thanks to all!

Sue Penry Shirley & Dewey Flemming, Sharon & Jim Schaubroeck, Sue Penry

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Thursday, September 6th at 1:00pm

After taking the last couple of months off, PW will resume our regular monthly meetings in September.

Our association is welcome to all women of the church! We meet every month on the first



Thursday. We enjoy devotions & fellowship together, as well as, a business meeting where we discuss all variety of things concerning how we can best serve our church and community - both here and abroad.

Won't you consider checking it out? We would love to have you join us!

This month Pastor Zach will be leading a Bible Study based on Psalm 138 from the book "Sing a New Song" - "God Fulfills His Purposes for His People" Dorothy Rursch is our hostess this month, and will also be leading devotions.



We look forward to seeing you there!

QUILTING DAY Thursday, September 20th, 9am - Noon

Please come and join us as we create, piece, and sew quilts to present to next year's graduating seniors, as well as Winnie's Place.

Even if you don't know how to sew, but can operate a pair of scissors and/or an iron, we would love to have you! If we can increase our production, we will be able to bless even more people in the community.

Please consider joining us! Hope to see you there!

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE WED., SEPTEMBER 19TH

Please have all submissions for the October Newsletter to the church office by Wednesday, September 19th.

Items received after that date may not make it into the newsletter.

Thank you for your cooperation!

~ Lisa

DEACON'S SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCHEON

Sunday, September 30th, 11:30am

Please stay after the service and join us in the church basement for this Fall Coat Drive fundraising event!

Yummy soup and sandwiches will be available, all just for donations to help purchase warm winter coats, hats, and gloves for those in need in our community.

We look forward to seeing you there!





YOU ARE INVITED!!! 24TH RIVERS & LAKES PRESBYTERIAN MEETING



Friday, September 28th at 7:00pm

Please join our greater Presbytery for an evening of fellowship, worship, and communion.

First United Presbyterian Church 801 16th St. Moline, IL, 61265





FISHING DERBY/SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF PARTY UPDATE

The Sunday School teachers hosted the annual Fishing Derby on Sunday, August 26th at Shawn and Hillary Terrill's pond.



The event was well attended, with 22 youth participating in the derby and multiple parents and grandparents helping keep the fishing poles baited and tangle-free. Prizes were awarded for first fish, longest fish, shortest fish, most fish, the one that got away, catch of the day, most improved, and youngest fisher.

In addition to fishing and fellowship, a potluck meal was shared and a good time was had by all!

IS ANYONE MISSING THE NEWSLETTER???

If you, or someone you know, is not receiving the newsletter via email or hardcopy, please contact the church office, and I will be sure to arrange a way for you to receive it that best meets your needs.

Thank you so much! ~ *Lisa Bowman*

YOUTH GROUP

A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' Name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child.

We will be a receiving center again this year for Operation Christmas Child. This means the week of November 13th - November 20th our church will be open for 2 hours per day to collect shoe boxes from our local and extended community. If anyone is interested in volunteering with this project please



contact Tara Johnson as we will need many volunteers the weeks before and the week of November 13th. This is also a great time to stock up for our annual collection, because all the summer clothes and school supplies will be on clearance!

We have not set our packing party night, but as soon as we have the date set we will let everyone know! Hopefully, we will be able to take the youth to Minneapolis this year for several hours of the final packing before the boxes are shipped overseas.

This is such a wonderful ministry with such great impact and allows everyone to get the chance to do a little hands on mission work! Thank you in advance for your help and donations.

Ideas for items to include in the box:

Toys: Dolls, toy cars, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

School Supplies: pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

Non-Liquid Hygiene Items: Toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.

Accessories: T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

Crafts: Make your own items. Go to website for ideas: https://www.pinterest.com/occshoeboxes/ **Ideas for Older Children:** Hammer, nails, small tools, and sewing kits.

A Personal Note: You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.

Do Not Include: Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

For more info and a direct link to Samaritan's Purse OCC website, please click <u>HERE</u> **ITEMS DUE: TBA**

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The 2018 Ice Cream Social was another great success because of all our church family doing so much to make it all come together.

I cannot thank everyone enough for your help. When I sit back and look at all the hands it takes to make this a success it amazes me what a great church family we have, because everyone contributed someway somehow.

So again THANK YOU! It was a wonderful evening of fellowship - people visited for hours! We took in over \$3,000.00 and are expenses were around \$1,260, with still more ice cream to sell.

We still have 50 - 1/2 gallons available for \$8.00 each or 2 for \$15, and 50 quarts available for \$5.00 each.

Please contact Tara Johnson at 309-235-4054 if you need ice cream, and I will gladly make arrangements with you to pick it up!

SEPTEMBER

Sunday School 9am Worship Service 10am

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