

Edgington EPC

"To Glorify God & Enjoy Him Forever"



December Newsletter 2018

Volume 12, Issue 12

The season of Advent gives us focused opportunity to dwell on the person of Jesus Christ. After all – Jesus Christ *is a person*. He is a man. That is the central truth of what we celebrate at Christmas – that the Son of God willingly condescended from heaven's throne to assume human flesh and become a human being. The infinite was contained within the finite, and the one who called the stars into existence by the word of His power, lay beneath them as a babe under the dark Bethlehem sky. Wonder of wonders – this is our Savior!

But a growing trend among evangelicals is, according to a recent poll done by Ligonier Ministries in conjunction with Lifeway Publishers, an unfamiliarity with our Savior. We simply don't believe, perhaps because we have never been properly taught, the most basic and ancient truths about Jesus. For example, even though 97% of evangelicals responded that they believe there is one true God in three persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, still an astounding 78% of evangelicals report believing that Jesus is the first and greatest being created by God. How is it that a person can profess faith in a Triune God, and at the same time assert that Jesus is a created being; and therefore not, in the words of the Nicene Creed (325 AD) be "true God of true God." It doesn't make sense.

Friends, we need to know our Savior. We need to know the truth about Him. We need to ask that famous question that hymn writer B.R. Hanby wrote about in 1866, "Who is He in yonder stall, at whose feet the shepherds fall?" Who is this Jesus? Hanbry's hymn includes the refrain, "'Tis the Lord! O wondrous story! 'Tis the Lord! the King of glory! At His feet we humbly fall, Crown Him! Crown Him, Lord of all!" Advent is a special time to do just that: crown Him once again, King and Lord of our hearts.

On the one hand, Christmas is simple. Jesus is God's Son come to earth to be our Savior. But, on the other hand Christmas is a glorious mystery that calls us to fall upon our knees in wonder and awe. We're going to do that as we study the human nature of Jesus in our sermon series "The Christ: His Human Nature, Body, Mind, Will, and Affections." There will be plenty of material here to help us all grow in our understanding of the person and work of the Lord Jesus.

As we look forward to growing in this truth, and celebrating the joys of Christmas, I want to encourage you to join us as we worship the Lord together. Whether on the Lord's Day, or during our special Lessons & Carols service (Dec. 9th – 5pm), or the beloved candlelit Christmas Eve service (10pm). What a joy it will be to worship our glorious Savior together.

Wishing you, and all you love, a very Merry Christmas,

Your Pastor & Friend,

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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Dorothy Oak	16 - Dylan Peterson
1 - Drew Hall	20 - Elsie Koresko
5 - Kathleen Fuhr	20 - Sharon Orr
6 - Denise Rursch	22 - Tara Johnson
8 - Kinley Fuhr	24 - Chris Stark
8 - Matt Tomlin	25 - Hannah Oak
12 - Bertha Swanson	25 - Elisabeth Tomlin
14 - Maxine Fuhr	26 - Karyl Parrish
15 - Jason Flickinger	27 - Gordon Pape
15 - Gianna Johnson	30 - Caelen Fuhr

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

7 - James & Luella Doonan
21 - Donald & JoAnn Rursch
22 - Keith & Debra Wilson
29 - Zach & Mackenzie Hopkins
29 - Andrew & Katie Pearson

UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY PLEASE



WE HAVE MOVED!

Andrew & Katie Pearson
12928 266th Street West
Illinois City, IL 61259

JANUARY NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE WED., DECEMBER 12TH

Please have all submissions for the January Newsletter to the church office by Wednesday, December 12th. Items received after that date may not make it into the newsletter.

Thank you for your cooperation!
~ Lisa

GREETERS FOR DECEMBER

Sunday, December 2nd - Don & Beth Easterla
Sunday, December 9th, 10am - Sue Miller
Sunday, December 9th, 5pm - Jeff & Kathleen Fuhr
Sunday, December 16th - Jim & Carrie Reimers
Sunday, December 23rd - Jeff & Paige Schmidt
Monday, December 24th, 10pm - Steve & Debra Wagamon
Sunday, December 30th - Marlin & Darcy Krueger

SESSION

The October Session meeting was held October 30th, 2018 at 7pm. The meeting was held in the Conference room with Mic Penry, Kevin Oak, Tara Johnson, Keith Wilson, Patrick Shovar, Zach Hopkins, and Steve Morrison in attendance.

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 October which included: Hospital visits, Home Visits, Office visits, Counseling, Youth Group, Rivers and Lakes Presbytery Ministry Council, Rivers and Lakes Presbytery Coordinating Council, Trustees meeting, Deacons meeting, Food Pantry, Budget meeting, Harvest party, and Missions meeting

Old Business:

- Discussed online giving and online sermon availability. Discussed the Harvest party and the Reformation worship service.

New Business:

- Reviewed the 2019 Draft Budget proposal. More work needs to be done.
- Discussed the Nominating Committee Report
- Lessons and Carols Service will be December 9th
- The 2018 Advent Sermon series will be on "The Christ" – His human nature, body, mind, will and affections
- The next Membership class will be in the Spring of 2019

Communion will be served on November 4th, 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 member know of any request.

Next Session meeting will be Tuesday, November 27th, 2018 at 7:00pm. Meeting was adjourned with prayer by Zach.

Steve Morrison, Clerk of Session

ATTENTION COMMITTEE LEADERS OF EDGINGTON EPC

The end of the year is rapidly approaching!

If you lead/head/chair any committee or group you need to have a report in the Annual Report.

Please start working on it as soon as possible. All reports need to be turned into the office (preferably via email, but hardcopy is fine too) by **NO LATER than Wednesday, January 16th.**

If you have any questions, or should need to see a copy of last year's report please contact Lisa in the office at 309-795-1713.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **January 27th, 2019**

TRUSTEES

Date: 10/10/2018

Present: Mel Block, Chris Stark, Ken Benningfield, Jeff Thomas, Phil Fuhr, Nathan Oak, Jeff Schmidt, Pastor Zach Hopkins, Treasurer Cindy Oak, Session Representative Kevin Oak

Pastor Zach opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:02pm.

Reviewed the minutes from the last meeting of September 11th, 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:

- Two of the parking lot lights are flickering. Ken will try to arrange to bring a service truck home to reach them, as putting ladders up on the lights is not safe, and this work does not justify asking Bob to bring his JLG out to replace the bulbs in them again.
- Problems continue with the fire alarm dialer. A tech is scheduled for Friday (10/13) at 9am to come out to work on it again.
- Discussion continued on the "Director/Officer (D&O) liability insurance issue. The Session voted to add this insurance coverage to the church's policy to cover legal expenses brought about due to any legal action taken against any of the church's directors or officers while acting in an official capacity for the church. This coverage also includes committee members and volunteers. A motion was made, seconded and approved to add this additional insurance coverage.
- Bids to remove the two pin oaks were reviewed. Five bids were received by 3 trustees with the low bid of \$1,450 received from tree contractor Mike Coers. A motion was made and accepted to award the work to Mike Coers with a tentative completion date of Saturday, November 10th. The stump grinding will not occur on this date, but will occur at a later date, likely in the spring. A work day will be scheduled on November 10th for anyone who can assist in the project cleanup.

New Business:

- The group needs to check on the boiler and check and replace the HVAC filters again at the end of the meeting.
- The group briefly reviewed the proposed drywall project in the basement. Lisa has the month of January blocked off the calendar, so no events will be scheduled during that time frame to allow the paneling to be removed and new drywall installed.
- Zach mentioned that Mel & Scott's three year terms on the Trustee Board are up at the end of the year and will need replaced or their terms renewed if they elect to stay on the board.
- The Session has a budget meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 16th, and will develop and approve the budget, with the Trustee Board reviewing it prior to presenting it to the congregation for review at the annual meeting.
- A suggestion was made to consider changing out the two thermostats in the front of the church to programmable units to allow for better summer cooling control.
- Zach reviewed the new online giving option that is available on the church's website now through the "Tithe.ly app whiteboard". The fees are less for the direct withdrawal bank option at 1.31% versus the credit card option which charges 3%.

Mel closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Thomas

MISSION COMMITTEE

October 23, 2018

The Mission Committee met on October 23, 2018 at 6:30pm in the conference room. Those attending were Barb Freyermuth, Mary Ann Vroman, Nancy Engstrom, Paige Schmidt, Jim Cooksey, Todd Stegmiller and Pastor Zach Hopkins.

Barb opened the meeting with prayer.

Chat with Zach:

- Discussed our involvement with Christian Care; what our purposes could / should be and then to ensure alignment with our church's mission
- Discussed the Burdsall and Huber visit; learned more about purpose of the Huber's ministry and their alignment with World Outreach
- Discussed our mission committee supporting an adult mission trip for interested church members

Old Business:

- Minutes from September Meeting were approved with the following correction: change CEM to CEF and the amount donated from \$52.23 to \$100
- Christian Care - continued further discussion regarding this mission and what our involvement could/should be. It was decided to have the Vogelsang's (Board members) and Steve Gottcent (Outreach director) to attend our next meeting to discuss our open questions, and ways that they would like to see us assist. From this conversation we could then determine a defined scope of what we would plan for the coming year.

New Business:

- The following payments were approved by the committee:
 - Hurricane Florence - \$905 (congregation) + \$905 Mission Committee match
 - Burdsall's and Huber's - \$907 (already paid)
- Winnie's Place: Nancy is in contact with new contact at organization. They want our involvement as before; however, she is still learning the ropes - with Nancy's help. Nancy will provide an additional update at the next meeting regarding what we will do.
- Jim made us aware of a prolife ministry announced on American Family Radio which provided ultrasounds to at-risk women. Approximately \$30 contributed to providing one ultrasound. No decision was made at this time; however, it was tabled to discuss for next meeting noting that it would provide more contributions in the US as compared to local and international.
- Minutes for Mission:
 - It was decided not to do any in October.

Barb closed in prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Our next meeting will be held on November 20, 2018 @ 6:30pm.

HURRICANE RELIEF UPDATE

Thank you so much for your generosity!

The congregation donated \$905. The Mission Committee matched that amount, and gave an additional \$1,500 for a total of \$3,310 from Edgington EPC.

You are making a difference in the lives of many in need!



THANK YOU FROM CHRISTIAN CARE!

On behalf of Christian Care, I would like to thank everyone at Edgington Evangelical Presbyterian Church for your recent donation of 55 gallon trash bags, hats, coats, gloves and scarves which we received on 11/12/2018. A member of your church delivered the donations but did not leave his/ her name. Because of your contribution, we will be able to better serve the least, the last, and the lost in the Quad Cities.



Support like this is a blessing to people like Odie, who came to our shelter after losing his job. Thanks to support from churches like yours, Odie spent his time at Christian Care earning his GED along with a retail certification program through Goodwill. He also took the steps necessary to pursue his own apartment and is currently living on his own. It is through valuable gifts and support like yours that Christian Care continues to see stories of life transformation.

There are many more people who you help as well. Over the years, our community meal site averages serving over 47,000 meals annually and we provide over 13,000 nights of lodging. Thank you for all you do to help us pursue our mission.

ITEM: UPDATE FROM STEVE WOODWORTH

Prayer Requests:

- A relaxing break during December to be with family and
- Physical and spiritual rest before the spring travel season
- Visas and travel arrangements for upcoming ministry in Southeast Asia.
- Strength, God's constant presence, and patience for Carrie and our boys while I am gone

Click [HERE](#) for the complete November newsletter



WINNIE'S PLACE

Women In Need - Nurtured Into Excellence

Bus passes, especially for Illinois, and store gift cards continue to top the needs Wish List for homeless women and their families sheltered at Winnie's Place.

Current Needs:

Food: Canned Black Olives, Mushrooms, 1% & 2% Milk, Unsweetened Applesauce, Fresh or Frozen Onions, Olive Oil, Butter or Margarine, Cheese, and Chicken Broth

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

Care to contribute the gift of time? - Share your life-skills experience, from cooking to parenting, with homeless women at Winnie's Place. We especially have need to fill overnight shifts at the 24/7 shelter, but whatever time you can give in your busy day is welcome and most appreciated!

Bring your love of customer service in a retail setting to Winnie's Wishes Resale Shop. Sort and price donated clothing and household items, meet and greet patrons, and help keep our store clean and inviting. Store hours are Monday - Friday 10am to 4pm, Saturdays 10am - 1pm.

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



Edgington Presbyterian Church
Treasurer's Report October 2018

	Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	Balance
General	55,237.09	15,637.28	15,045.74	55,828.63
Jahn	9,106.72	\$280.11	\$0.00	9,386.83
Edgington	5,661.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	5,661.49
Boughton	20,227.73	\$1,423.62	\$0.00	21,651.35
Lauby	13,122.72	\$454.12	\$0.00	13,576.84
Capital Campaign (organ)	31,904.40	\$1,025.00	\$0.00	32,929.40
Mueller Fund			\$600.00	

Ending Gen. checking balar	75,497.33
Uncleared Transactions	\$ 4,620.38
General checking Balance	\$ 70,876.95

Reconciled Bank Accounts	
Gen. checking	\$70,876.95

October 2018 General Fund Expenses

Zach Hopkins salary	4,077.34		
EPC (health)	26.33		
Zach's mileage	112.38		
EPC (pension)	906.30		
Lisa Bowman	692.70		
Chris Heimann	383.41		
Lori Dixon	299.66		
Eddy Bull (mowing/gas)	182.18		
Organ Fund Payment	1,000.00		
MidAmerican Energy church	620.00	General	55,828.63
MidAmerican Energy manse	161.00	Jahn	9,386.83
ABS	93.93	Edgington	5661.49
Mediacom	150.41		
AT&T	23.55	TOTAL	70,876.95
Millenium	28.92		
RR Food Pantry(dep to wrong acct)	824.36		
Postage	29.73		
Kennys Pest	60.00		
Ligonier (Table Talk)	360.00		
IL Dept of Rev(payroll tax)	174.81		
US Treasury(payroll tax)	1,246.00		
Ministry Designs (website)	30.00		
Great Commission (Sunday school)	132.85		
Amazon (Cont Ed)	502.48		
Westminster Books (cont. Ed)	88.79		
Westminster Books (resource materials)	23.99		
Geek Squad (office materials)	69.99		
Amazon (office supplies)	19.99		
Johnson Controls (fire panel & contract)	2,285.00		
B Flickinger (harvest party)	62.17		
B Neece (harvest party)	26.37		
B Flickinger (coat drive)	108.48		
P Shovar (coat drive)	107.77		
Dubuque Relg Supply (HYMN sign)	7.85		
S Huber (mission)	127.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$15,045.74	

Included in General Fund Total

Mission Fund \$9026.69
Assistance Fund \$ 4853.46

TREASURER'S REPORT *Cont. from p. 7*

Edgington Presbyterian Church General Fund Profit & Loss

October 2018

Oct 18

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Mission Contribution	245.00
Per Capita Contributions	440.00
Interest Income - General Fnd	13.29
Loose Offering	298.75
Other Income	70.00
Pledges	14,570.24

Total Income 15,637.28

Expense

Operating Maintenance - General	2,390.92
Resource materials	383.99
Continuing Education	591.27
Worship Supplies	7.85
Mileage	112.38
Miscellaneous	2,040.61
Mission	
U.S. Mission - Presbyterian	127.00

Total Mission 127.00

Office Supplies

Copier	93.93
Office Supplies - Other	119.98

Total Office Supplies 213.91

Payroll Expenses

Custodian Payroll	383.41
Choir Director	252.47
Organist Services	47.19
Pastor Salary	4,077.34
Payroll Taxes	1,420.81
Secretary Services	692.70
Payroll Expenses - Other	165.18

Total Payroll Expenses 7,039.10

Pension & Health Care 932.63

Postage 29.73

Sunday School 221.39

Utilities

Gas & Electric - Church	781.00
Internet Service	150.41
Telephone	23.55

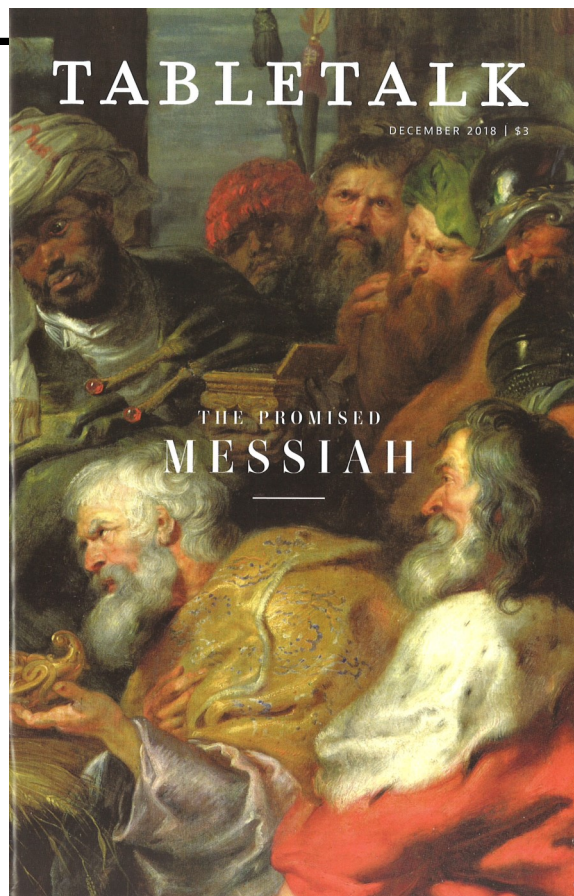
Total Utilities 954.96

Total Expense 15,045.74

Net Ordinary Income 591.54

Net Income 591.54

GET YOUR DECEMBER COPY OF
THE TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL



LOCATED IN THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH

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.

It is available in print, via email, on Facebook, and our website.

Thank you so much! ~ Lisa Bowman

NEW OFFICES & CONFERENCE ROOM

Thank you to all who worked on the conference room and new offices. All the donated labor and supplies kept expenses for the church to a minimum.

Donations are as follows:

- Demolition
- Installation of new dry wall
- Electrical work
- Electrical wire, outlets, and switches
- Can lights
- Air Conditioner/Heating Units
- Woodwork (all new trim, wall bookshelf, staining doors...)
- bookcases
- Ceiling Tile in Conference Room
- Gallons of paint
- Large Monitor in Zach's Office
- White Board
- Coat Rack
- Large Wall Clock
- Hours and hours of labor

Thank
You!

Over \$7,000 worth of
donated material alone!

Thank you, also, to the Memorial Committee for Pastor's new desk, desk chair, and upholstered chairs. Thank you to the P.W. for the matching lateral file and small bookcase.

Please come in sometime and take a look!

**"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

Illinois City Elementary Blood Drive

**Friday, November 30
3:30 to 6:45 pm**

**To sign up, call
Rikki Hetzler at 309-781-7770**

***Your blood donation will help earn a monetary grant for Illinois City
Elementary School through the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood
Center's Life\$avings program.***

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



MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
REGIONAL BLOOD CENTER
*How life flows through our community.**

All those who donate
through the EEPC Spring
blood drive will be
eligible if they donate at
Illinois City.

BIBLE READING PLAN

If you read the cover letter you or noticed the graphic in last month's newsletter and on your bulletin the past couple of weeks, you are aware that Pastor Zach will be preaching a sermon series on the human nature of Jesus during this Advent Season. It is titled,
"The Christ: His Human Nature | Body | Mind | Will | Affections."

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, December 2nd - Nature - [John 1:14](#)

Sunday, December 9th - Body - [Colossians 2:9](#)

Sunday, December 16th - Mind - [Luke 2:40, 52](#)

Sunday, December 23rd - Will - [John 8:38](#), [Matthew 26:29](#)

Monday, December 24th - Affections - [Luke 2:26](#)

Sunday, December 30th - Mic Penry Preaching, "I Am the Door" - [John 10:1-10](#)



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



Blue Letter Bible

Download the app!



*Praying you have a blessed time in God's Word this Advent Season!
May He open your eyes to new and delightful truths as you read and study.*

New Testament

2018 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Survey

LORD'S DAY MORNINGS 9AM

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. This makes it very easy to jump in if you have never been before, or may not be able to attend every class. We are currently in the book of 1 Corinthians.

All adults are welcome and encouraged to join us for growth in their walk with Christ!
Looking forward to seeing you there!

As you can see, we have Sunday School classes for ALL ages!
Please join us and dive deeper into God's word together, as we seek to know Him and grow in godliness!



CHILDREN'S FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Every Sunday morning at 9am

We are using Great Commission Publications various curriculum based on each grade level.



- 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.

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

The Christ

Advent 2018

His Human: Nature | Body | Mind | Will | Affections

ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES

12/2, 9, 16, 23	The Lord's Day	10 am
12/9	Lessons & Carols	5 pm
12/24	Christmas Eve	10 pm

Christmas Eve Service

Monday, December 24th,
10pm



A SERVICE OF NINE *Lessons & Carols*

DECEMBER NINTH
FIVE O'CLOCK

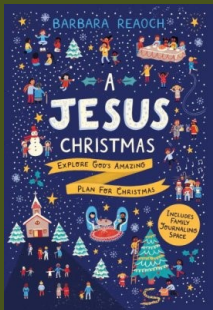
Coffee and refreshments will follow in the church basement.

We look forward to seeing you there for this special service.

BOOKS MAKE WONDERFUL GIFTS FOR YOUR TEENS & YOUNG CHILDREN

We have a variety of books available in the office that could make wonderful gifts for your teens, young children, grand-children, nieces, and/or nephews.

Here are just a few of them:

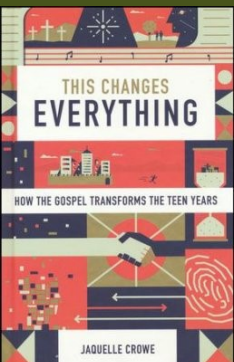
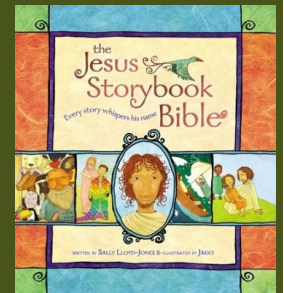


A Jesus Christmas: Explore God's Amazing Plan for Christmas

Get your family excited with this advent devotional offering a fresh way to prepare for Christmas. Right from the beginning, the serpent lied to Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden and he has been lying ever since. But right from the beginning, God told us his amazing plan to send Jesus. Each day's devotional looks at one of the serpent's lies from Genesis 3, and then shows how the glorious truth of Christmas beats it every time! God prepared the world for Jesus and he will prepare your heart to celebrate this Christmas in a new and lasting way.

The Jesus Storybook Bible: Every Story Whispers His Name

Every story whispers his name. A Bible like no other, this Bible invites children to join in the greatest of all adventures, to discover for themselves that Jesus is at the center of God's great story of salvation--and at the center of their own story too! At the center of all is a baby, the child upon whom everything will depend. From Noah, to Moses, to the great King David---every story points to him. He is the missing piece to the puzzle---the piece that makes all the other pieces fit together. From the Old Testament through the New Testament, as the story unfolds, children will pick up the clues and piece together the puzzle.



This Changes Everything: How the Gospel Transforms the Teen Years

The teen years have been hijacked — by fashion, music, movies, and games; by the pressures of school, peers, and society; and by superficial expectations set by the world. But there is something more glorious than all these influences that has the power to change the life of a teenager: the gospel.

Written by a teenager for teenagers, this book is a deeply theological yet practical and accessible book on how the gospel radically transforms every aspect of the teen years, including pursuing relationships, managing time, combating personal sin, and cultivating healthy habits. In a culture awash with low expectations for young people, this book exhorts teenagers to embrace a gospel-centered perspective on their lives and pursue wholehearted devotion to Christ now.

Please stop in the office and check out what else is on the shelf!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Thursday, December 6th - 1pm



This month we will be arranging cookie plates and playing Christmas Bible Jeopardy with Pastor Zach hosting.

SPECIAL NOTE: Remember to bring 3 dozen cookies for cookie plates.

Hostess: All of us, as we share one another's cookies!

We look forward to seeing you there!



Please mark your calendars for January 3rd, 2019 at 10am to undecorate the church, share a soup and sandwich potluck lunch together, followed by our business meeting that will include the installation of Officers.

ABANDONED PANS & COOKIE SHEETS LOOKING FOR OWNERS

Is anyone missing items from their kitchen?

There are numerous cake pans, baking sheets, etc. in the kitchen needing to be claimed by their owners. They are located in the pantry and will be used as needed if not picked up.

NO QUILTING THIS MONTH

Usually the 3rd Thursday of each month
from 9am - Noon

We will be taking off the month of December,
but plan to resume again in January!

Please 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!

I can't express how
much your prayers,
concerns, cards and
visits meant to me
during this period
of health

challenges! I can't imagine taking this
journey without the Love bestowed on
me by this congregation! You are all very
dear to me and I appreciate each and
every one of you!!

Have a blessed day and THANK YOU!

~ Shirley Flemming



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE & NEXT DISTRIBUTION INFO

Saturday, December 8th, 8:30 - 11am

A big thank you to all who helped to make our fall distribution a success. Perhaps you donated food or money; perhaps you helped us to pack food; perhaps you helped us to distribute the food; or perhaps you prayed for us. In any case THANK YOU. It takes many people to make this outreach a success.

We served 42 families – 96 Adults, 33 children, and 15 teens (144 people). Some said they were okay now, but would need at Christmas. Many of those who received food also received coats from our deacons. All were very thankful!

We are thankful for the high school food drive, as that has replenished our shelves. They delivered food on Tuesday, November 20th. What a blessing they are!!

If you are wanting to donate and wondering what might be needed, both fruit and tomato juice are always good!

Our next distribution will be on Saturday, December 8th, so we will be packing on Friday, December 7th. Please mark your calendars!

Thanks to all!

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





YOUTH GROUP

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

Sun., Dec. 2nd - Gargons & Register for 12/16

Sun., Dec. 9th - Lessons & Carols Service 5pm

Sun., Dec. 16th - Elevate Trampoline Park

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!!!

YOUTH TO MINNESOTA TO VOLUNTEER AT OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Friday, December 7th - 8th, 2018

Once again our youth will have the opportunity to serve in the OCC packing center in Minnesota to finish their Operation Christmas Child project. We will be serving Friday December 7th from 1 - 5pm.

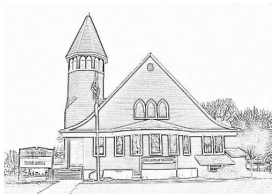


I have 15 spots reserved, and we will need adults to attend, so if you are interested, please contact Tara Johnson. The youth must be at least 13 years of age, and we are required to have 1 adult for every 4 students.

There will be more details to come, so contact Tara, and then watch for emails.

Permission slips will be available once details are set.

Tara Johnson 309-235-4054 or email at: johnsontk32@yahoo.com



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Steve Morrison, Clerk of Session

Served as Elder: 1987-1990; 1997-2000; 2012-Present

Position on Session: Clerk of Session and Personnel Committee

Joshua 1:9 - Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

Check Out: *The Cost of Discipleship* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Join Us: We are a welcoming family of God that proclaims the Word of God (The Bible) to lead, guide and direct our lives.

SESSION MEMBER INFORMATION

More info constantly being added and updated! This month our Session members photos, terms of service, and other interesting information was posted. Please go to "Our Church Staff & Leadership" that is located in the drop down box under "About Us" in the menu tabs.

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



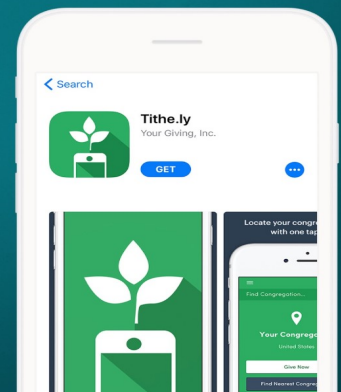
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Sunday School 9am
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
25 B/P Checks	26 Meal Site	27	28	29 Meal Site Choir 7pm	30	1
2 1st Advent Sunday Meal Site	3 Meal Site	4 Session Mtg. 7pm	5	6 Meal Site PW Mtg. 1pm Choir 7pm	7 Youth to MN Food Pantry Shop & Pack 8:30 - 11am	8 Food Pantry Distribution 8:30 - 11am
9 2nd Advent B/P Checks Lessons & Carols 5pm	10 Meal Site	11 Trustees Mtg. 7pm	12 Newsletter Items Due (Earlier than normal)	13 Meal Site Choir 7pm	14	15
16 3rd Advent Sunday	17 Meal Site Foot Clinic	18 Mission Comm. Mtg. 6:30pm	19	20 Meal Site	21	22
23 4th Advent Sunday B/P Checks	24 NO Meal Site Christmas Eve Service 10pm Office Closed	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i> 	26	27 Meal Site	28	29
30 Office Closed through Jan. 2, 2019	31 NO Meal Site	1 <i>New Year</i> 	2 Office Open	3 Meal Site PW Mtg. 1pm Choir 7pm	4	5

Pastor Zach out of office

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