

# Edgington EPC

*"To Glorify God & Enjoy Him Forever"*



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## WATCHMEN TEAM

In the last several weeks we've been having quite a few conversations among church leadership on the topic of church safety. Along the way you have received some updates and announcements from the pulpit, but now I'd like to take the opportunity to address several points of information. Let me provide some timeline history, some biblical foundations, and lay out some thoughts about how our Watchmen Ministry might best serve us here at EEPC.

The topic of church safety and security has, unfortunately, been in the national conversation for the last several years. Our denominational offices took the initiative to provide an online seminar on this topic, which was presented by an attorney, who is also a ruling elder in an EPC church in Ohio. Several of our Session members attended this webinar, which generated a lot of discussion, but also some tensions. There are so many things a church could do (to the extent of going overboard), and with respect to our church size we concluded that, while we didn't have to implement all of the suggested procedures, we surely could do something. Of course, nobody likes the fact that we are forced into having the conversation in the first place, but we would rather take some initiative than fail in our responsibilities.

The topic of church safety and security then moved from a national level conversation to specific conversations among church leadership. Both Session reps and I have met with our Trustees and Deacons to discuss this topic and receive feedback. It was clear that there was a willingness and interest to move forward in some way. The next step was to have Lieutenant Matthew DeSmyer of the Rock Island County Sheriff Department visit our church for a "walk-through" to familiarize himself with our property and make some recommendations on safety related matters. He also had one of his fellow deputies and member of the RICO Sheriff's Emergency Service Team, Sergeant Matthew Prine, attend our 2019 Leadership Training workshop and present on the topic. This generated further discussion and even a move toward the conclusion that we needed to take a responsible step in this area. So, there's a bit of the background as to why we are having the conversation in the first place.

Biblically speaking, there is certainly precedent for the idea of safe-keeping the household of the LORD. Throughout the Bible the term watchmen is used in a number of different circumstances. Typically, these individuals were posted sentinels on the city walls that kept a watchful eye over the people of God ([2 Sam 18:25](#); [2 Kgs 9:18](#); [Ps 127:1](#); [Isa 62:6](#)). While one could certainly argue that the circumstances of watching the walls of Jerusalem isn't exactly a direct link to the idea of a church safety team, there are certainly grounds, both biblically and reasonably, to consider this matter something of sufficient concern to take action upon.

What will this look like here at EEPC? Short answer: I don't really know yet. It's similar to the tension we felt as a Session after the webinar presentation. We know something needs to be done, but not exactly sure what that will look like. So, we are still in conversation about the topic. One thing we are clear on at this point is that we would like to know if there are men among our church family who have this matter as something upon their heart that they would like to be a part of. Is that you, man of God? Do you have the safety of your family, and specifically our church family, upon your mind in such a way that you would like to volunteer both your thoughts on this subject, and your hands and feet to see something implemented? If so, please give special attention to p.6 of this newsletter. Whether you are someone who would like to patriciate in this ministry, or just have questions about it, please know that our Elders are always open to you, and my door is always open for you to come and discuss this ongoing development in our church. Even though we live in the midst of this present evil age ([Gal 1:4](#)) that would require us to have a conversation such as this, I am deeply thankful that we are citizens of a heavenly city with an eternal and impenetrable foundation, and whose builder and maker is God ([Heb 11:10](#); [Rev 21:2](#)). I pray that we all seek to be good stewards on our pilgrim journey from this world to that city.

*Zach*

## ELDERS

**Keith Wilson - Clerk**  
Tara Johnson  
Jim Mueller  
Kevin Oak  
Patrick Shovar

## DEACONS

**Beth Flickinger - Chair**  
**Cindy Cullen - Secretary**  
Scott Cullen  
Janet Dunlap  
Norman Dunlap  
Amy Oak  
Cora Schafman  
Peggy Shovar

## TRUSTEES

**Mel Block - Chair**  
**Larry Pithan - Secretary**  
Ken Benningfield  
Phil Fuhr  
Scott Nelson  
Nathan Oak  
Jeff Schmidt  
Chris Stark  
Jeff Thomas

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS



1 - Augie Kerres	19 - Joshua Fuhr
5 - Michelle Franklin	19 - Keith Wilson
7 - Jordyn Stegmiller	20 - Orville Rursch
8 - Marilou Simpson	21 - Evelyn Hessman
10 - Nancy Cooksey	23 - John Fuhr
10 - Steven Woeckener	23 - Rachel Johnson
14 - Tom Huntley	24 - Rich Stillwell
16 - Hunter Wistedt	24 - Steven Wagamon
16 - Logan Wistedt	25 - Donald Rursch
19 - Jon Darland	29 - Carol Kaiser

### *Happy Anniversary*

2 - Lowell & Phyllis Titterington  
10 - Todd & Lauren Stegmiller

*"Love endures all things. Love never fails!" - 1 Corinthians 13:7, 8.*

### UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY PLEASE



#### I HAVE MOVED!

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#### PLEASE ADD:

##### **Brandee Neece**

Birthdate: 04/19/1975

Anniversary: 06/18/2018

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Andalusia, IL 61232


Phone number: (309) 714-9675

Email: btiff2001@gmail.com

Daughter: **Caroline Reagan Tiffany**

Birthdate: 03/23/2008

### GREETERS FOR MARCH



Sunday, March 3rd- Jim and Sharon Schaubroeck  
Sunday, March 10th - Mary Ann Vroman  
Sunday, March 17th - Nathan and Amy Oak  
Sunday, March 24th - Kim and Barb Freyermuth  
Sunday, March 31st - Karyl Parrish and Janet Schmidt

## SESSION

The January Session meeting was held January 23rd, at 7pm. The meeting was held in the Conference room with Kevin Oak, Patrick Shovar, Keith Wilson, Tara Johnson, and Zach Hopkins in attendance.

Pastor Zach acted as moderator of the meeting and acting clerk in Steve's absence. Zach opened the meeting with prayer and reading Judges 7. The 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 December 2018 and January 2019, which included: Hospital visits, Counseling visit, Personal visits, Committee/Ministry meetings, PW, Youth Group, Trustee, Deacons, Special Called RLP Meeting, RLP Commission; Shoebox Mission Trip, Fuhr Funeral, Weinert Wedding

### Old Business:

- Reviewed the December Special Services: Lessons & Carols, Christmas Eve
- Reviewed the Session Summary from the 2018 Annual Report
- Discussed 2019 Leadership Transitions
  - The Church Leadership Workshop will be February 2nd, 2019
- The 25th Rivers & Lakes Presbytery Meeting will be January 25-26, 2019 in Aurora, IL. Zach, Mic, and Kevin will be attending.

### New Business:

- Zach will be working on a Ruler Elder Candidacy Training Program to be initially presented at the February Session Meeting
- The 2019 Membership review information was distributed, and the list was divided among the Elders. The review will be discussed at the February Session Meeting.
- A motion was made to sign the Parish Nurse contract with Unity Point. It was acknowledged that having Kathy Stegmiller serve in this role is a valuable service to our congregation and we are thankful for all that she does in looking after our membership. Motion was seconded and approved.

Communion was served on December 13th, 2018. The next Communion will be Sunday, February 3rd, 2019. 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, February 19th, 2019 at 7:00pm. Meeting was adjourned with prayer by Zach.

Zach Hopkins, Moderator of Session; Clerk-Pro-Tem

## NEED A HAND OR ENCOURAGEMENT? ASK A DEACON!



The Deacons' charge is to care for the church body. You may already know that we provide delicious treats to celebrate new members, collect coats for those in need, and organize blood drives. But did you now that we are ready to serve in other ways, too?

Here are some of the ways a Deacon can help out:

- Visit shut-ins (including those who are temporarily unable to make it to worship) to provide cheer and recordings of the sermon
- Deliver meals to those who are injured, ill, or have experienced a loss
- Visit widows(ers) to comfort and provide company
- Send cards to recognize milestone birthdays and anniversaries, and express condolences
- Organize transportation to doctor's appointments (please give advance notice)

If you or someone you know could benefit in one of these areas, please let a Deacon know right away. We try to anticipate needs, but we are only human, and need help with knowing needs! The 2018 Deacon team included Scott & Cindy Cullen, Norman & Janet Dunlap, Beth Flickinger, Amy Oak, Cora Shafman, & Peggy Shovar. This list will be updated after the Annual Meeting.



*Below, and continued on the following page, are the unapproved minutes of the 2019 EEPC Annual Congregational Meeting. Those of you who were there can review, and those of you that could not attend can catch up on what was discussed.*

## **Edgington Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

### **Annual Meeting**

**January 27th, 2019, 12:30 PM**

Location: Church Sanctuary

Attendees: 54 members were in attendance, which exceeds the requirements of 20 for a quorum.

Zach Hopkins served as moderator.

Zach opened the meeting with prayer and reading from Acts: 6: 1-4

- **Purpose:** The annual congregational meeting is held to review the reports for the year 2018, and to elect officers for 2019.
- **Approval of Docket:** Motion made and seconded to approve the docket. Motion carried.
- **Approval of minutes:** The January 21st, 2018 minutes were reviewed. Motion made, seconded and approved. Motion carried.
- **OLD BUSINESS:** None
- **Committee Reports:** Appreciation was expressed to all committee members, teachers and volunteers. Reviewed collectively with comments as noted, motion made to approve all reports, seconded and approved.

**Session:** Zach reviewed the Session activities for the year. Along with addressing the business needs of the church, the Session spends each meeting in prayerful study of the Westminster Confession of Faith and in praying for each church member. The Session has adopted a parish model where each Ruling Elder has specific families within the church to connect with and pray for. The Session's short term goals of enhancing the church's website and providing audio files of the weekly sermons have been met. The Session will consist of five Ruling Elders in 2019, and will work to develop a training curriculum for those interested in serving in the future.

Mic Penry commented on his experience serving as a Ruling Elder for the past six years. He noted that he experienced growth as a Christian, and emphasized the importance of the church family and the Session's prayers for it.

**Deacons:** Amy Oak reviewed the activities of the Deacons during 2018 and thanked the members of the committee.

**Trustees:** Mel Block reviewed the activities of the Trustees in 2018 and thanked the trustees and other volunteers for of their efforts.

**Manse Task Force:** Mel Block gave an overview of the work of the committee and the options that they are considering. They have assessed the condition of the manse, and are now inviting feedback from the congregation.

**Mission Committee:** Barb Freyermuth thanked the committee members and summarized their work. The committee continues to put Christ in the center of their discussions as they decide on how to best to further his word.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cindy Oak answered questions concerning the various reports.

**Investment Committee:** No comments

**Youth Group:** Zach noted that between six and fifteen youth's enthusiastically attend each event.

**Vacation Bible School:** Kathy Stegmiller thanked all of the many volunteers that make this program possible. She reported that the newly implemented online registration went very well. She expressed a concern regarding the need to enlist younger adults to join in.

**Food Pantry:** Shirley Flemming expressed appreciation for everyone's giving and efforts for the food pantry program. She stated that there is more need in our community than people realize, and those that are assisted are very thankful.

**Presbyterian Women:** Sharon Orr thanked the church and members of the organization for their support.

**Memorial Fund:** No comments

**Auditor Report:** No comments

- **NEW BUSINESS:**

**New Ministry Opportunities:** Zach called attention to the Ministry Director line item on the budget. He said that one area that the Session had identified as a long range goal is the establishment of a men's ministry. It is felt that this is a missing piece of the puzzle here at Edgington. An allowance has been made to get this ministry started.

**Review of the 2019 Budget:** The Session previously approved the budget. The congregation votes to affirm and support it. It was noted that a new line item was added for a housing allowance to be used when Zach moves out of the manse. It was also noted that mission giving remains at 25% of amounts contributed to the church. A motion was made and seconded to affirm and support the 2019 budget. The motion was approved.

**Presentation of Slate of Nominees:** Motion made to accept the slate of nominations as presented. Motion seconded and approved. Motion carried.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting, seconded and approved.

Zach closed the meeting with prayer followed by the congregation singing the doxology at 1:33pm.

## TRUSTEES

The Trustees did not meet this month due to the weather.

Their next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12th, 2019.

## BASEMENT REMODEL PROJECT UNDERWAY



The Trustees have begun the basement remodel project. Please **DO NOT** enter that area unless you are working on the project. They will have the area sealed off as best as possible to try to contain the mess.

*Thank you for your patience & cooperation until the work is complete!*



This winter we have been one of the snowiest on record!  
THANK YOU to everyone that has worked so hard to keep our parking lot and sidewalks as clear as possible under the circumstances!  
You are not always thanked, but you are **TRULY APPRECIATED!**



## WATCHMEN TEAM FORMING

We are looking for men that would be interested and willing to serve as eyes and ears at the entrances of our church building on Sunday mornings prior to service, and on the main entrance, during the service as well.

This is not a “greeter” position, but more of a watchful sentry, looking for odd or concerning behavior from anyone that might be coming through the doors of the church. We are not truly concerned of some imminent danger, but in light of events that have happened at other churches in the United States over the past few years, we are trying to take a proactive approach to protecting our beloved family here at Edgington EPC.

If you would like more information, please contact one of the Deacons or Trustees, who are listed on page 2 of the newsletter each month.

If you are interested, and would like to submit your name for team service, please contact Lisa in the church office at [edgingtonepc@gmail.com](mailto:edgingtonepc@gmail.com) or 309-795-1713.

## MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee met on January 15, 2018 at 6:30pm in the basement of the church. Those attending were Jim Cooksey, Lisa Nelson, Mary Ann Vroman, Barb Freyermuth, Nancy Engstrom, Paige Schmidt, and Mic Penry.

Barb opened the meeting with prayer.

### Old Business:

- Mailings / information received during the month were reviewed by the committee.
- A sincere thank-you was provided to Nancy regarding her work with Winnie's Place. Nancy provided additional information noting that there were 6 units with 4 bedrooms in each unit. They are at full capacity, which is typical. There is no federal or state funding. Current needs are furnace repair or replacement and new beds. They were also interested in a work day for yard work in the spring. It was also noted that the site has regular Bible studies.

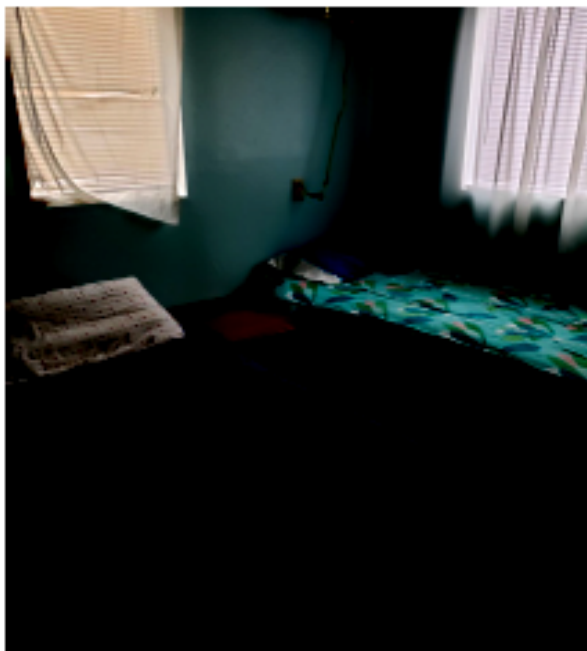
### New Business:

- Funds remaining from December 2018 were \$12,879.79.
- Commitments for 2019 were approved at the following amounts:
  - ITEN \$13,000 .00
    - (to be allocated between McCallum and Woodworth based upon Mic's conversation with Steve Woodworth)
  - World Outreach Burdsall's \$ 7,000.00
  - Youth Hope Program \$ 6,000.00
  - Youth Hope (MAD Program) \$ 2,000.00
  - Pregnancy Resources \$ 2,000.00
- The following mission donations were approved by the committee:
  - First quarter payments to these groups. We would true up the amounts to ITEN between McCallum's and Woodworth once the appropriate allocation was determined.
    - Burdsall's \$ 1,750.00
    - Youth Hope Program 1,500.00
    - Youth Hope MAD Skills 500.00
    - Pregnancy Resources 500.00
    - Steve Woodworth 1,625.00
    - Ed & Nancy McCallum 1,625.00
  - Up to \$500 to donate to Youth Hope designated for the furnace replacement at Camp Summit.
  - \$2,400 to Winnie's Place earmarked for bed replacements.
  - \$500 match for the Christmas Eve donation to Youth Hope and Burdsall's.
- The committee decided to table both Andrew Brunson and Chicago Church planting ministries until we have more information on the status of these ministries. Since Zach was not at the meeting, we will discuss with him in February. We will also consider Huber's at this time as well.
- Nancy will discuss with Winnie Place leadership on either coming to one of our meetings or presenting the Minute to Mission some Sunday.
- Barb will connect with Todd for him to connect with Winnie's Place on furnace needs.
- It was decided that there would be no minute for mission this upcoming Sunday since there would be a presentation at the Annual Meeting on the 27th.

The members of the committee closed in prayer for the success of all our missions and the meeting was adjourned.

Our next meeting will be held on February 19, 2019 @ 6:30pm.

## Member Church Outreach Buys Beds for Winnie's Place



Nancy Engstrom moved the members of the Mission Committee at Edgington Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Taylor Ridge to do more for the homeless women and children at Winnie's Place.

Nancy wanted to take her church community's involvement with Churches United's emergency shelter for survivors of domestic abuse beyond traditional Christmastime giving, according to committee chair Barb Freyermuth.

"We've always been very connected to Winnie's Place through the Angel Tree," Barb said. "The shelter's work is especially close to our hearts."

### Winnie's Place Wish List

Bus passes, especially from Illinois, store gift cards from Fareway, HyVee, Walmart, Dollar General and Aldi, and Trac phones are needed by homeless women and their families sheltered at Winnie's Place.

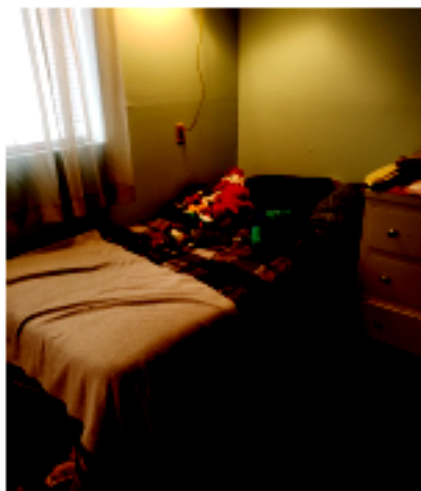
A pair of front facing and rear facing car seats, booster seats for kids, and two baby monitors are also very much in need at the shelter.

And to Nancy's. So when Churches United Associate Director Betsy Vanausdeln mentioned the need for new beds in every bedroom at the shelter, Nancy asked her fellow committee members to take on the task and raise \$2,400 for twin bed frames, box springs and mattresses.

"We look for outreach projects with a Christian-based organization because the message of Christ is a large part of and reason for what we do in helping others," Barb said.

The gift made in January purchased 15 beds from Bruce's New and Used Furniture Store in Davenport. The beds were delivered to the shelter February 5th.

Thank you, Nancy, Barb and every caring member of Edgington Evangelical Presbyterian Church who made this blessing possible.



Household item needs include twin bed sheet sets and mattress protectors, especially plastic protectors with zippers; pots and pans and bakeware; flatware and table ware; toilet paper, paper towels, and cutting boards.

All donations for Winnie's Place are accepted at Winnie's Wishes Resale Shop in Davenport and Churches United's office in Bettendorf.

## WINNIE'S PLACE *Women In Need - Nurtured Into Excellence*

*The article to the left is straight off the front page of the parent organization's update for Winnie's Place.*

### Always Needed:

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

**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.



Click the logo to be linked to Winnie's Wishes FB page.

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





Matt and I are sponsoring a table at the Spring Banquet, and would like to extend an invitation to any of you at Edgington EPC that would like to join us. We have room for six guests, but the EPC Mission Committee will be sponsoring extra tables if we have a larger response. Registration deadline is March 15th, so please RSVP or sign-up soon. Call or text me at 309-738-1267 if you are interested. Also, there will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the sanctuary foyer. We are really looking forward to sharing some time and ministry with all who join us! Thank you! ~ Lisa Bowman

## SAVE THESE DATES IN 2019

**Spring Banquet** - Thursday, March 28th, 6:30pm at the Waterfront Convention Center, Bettendorf, IA - Call Liz Ryan at 309-797-3636 for host information

**Spring Evening Volunteer Training** - Monday, April 1st through Thursday, April 4th, 5:30-9pm (supper provided) at the Moline Center

**Interested in volunteering?** Please email or call Marissa at [Marissa@qcpregnancy.org](mailto:Marissa@qcpregnancy.org) | 563-386-3737

*Click on the Pregnancy Resources logo to be taken to their site and learn more.*

## HUBER-VENTURES

I headed up north to be part of a quarterly Presbytery meeting where pastors, church leaders, and even a few missionaries come together to worship, network and hammer out church business items. The meetings ended that Saturday, but I stuck around to be part of First Presbyterian Church of Aurora's Sunday morning service. After the guest preacher spoke on suffering and persecution, and fellow World Outreach missionary Scott Burdsall spoke about his family's call to Bangladeshi Muslims, pastor Jeff Moore got up to close the service. However, instead of wrapping things up, Jeff asked the guest preacher, Scott, and myself come on stage to be prayed over. And then, moved by the Holy Spirit, pastor Jeff asked me to pray over their church family... specifically over their youth, children and even babies, that God might open their hearts to missions and the possibility of eventually taking the Gospel to the unreached around the world. He went on to talk about how in the process of nurturing our children, we as parents can get too focused on raising our kids to hit all the cultural marks: good citizens, church-goers, athletes, artists, college graduates, etc. Those are good things, BUT what if God has called our children to the missions field?!



...As mobilizers, part of our job is finding those that God is stirring up and helping them get to the people He is stirring them up for. We are mainly focused on people who could go soon, but I was reminded that an equally important part of our work is praying for those who may not be ready to go for years--the youth, children, and babies in our congregations.

That will be our prayer as we send out this email, that God might help us to raise up those young ones around us in a way that their hearts would ache to see the Lost all over the world come to know Him!

### Please pray/praise with us!

1. Praise God that He gave Jesse the strength and help she needed to take care of the kids while Saul was on the road.
2. Pray for us to make good connections with EPC students at the Jubilee Conference in Pittsburgh Feb 22-24. This is our first taste of what our job will entail and we are excited to support our supervisor, Shawn.
3. Pray that we would trust God's timing as we work to reach 100% of our monthly support and begin work as mobilizers.
4. For our hearts to be continually stirred up and softened toward the unreached people groups the EPC is reaching around the world!

*Thanks so much for your prayers and support!*

Much love,

Saul, Jesse, Zuri, Samwell, and Salem

## THE NUMBERS:

Monthly Support pledged: **82%**

**02/21/19:** Date we hope to be fully funded

Launching Fund raised: **100%!!!**

**13:** Days Saul spent traveling this month

As you can see in "The Numbers," our original goal was to be fully funded by February 21st, which is just a couple days away. Unless an avalanche of funds comes in, we will not make it. This was a self-imposed goal to motivate ourselves, not one set by World Outreach.

Getting to 82% in 6 months while packing in the holidays and having a newborn is still really encouraging to us and we've seen God's hand every step of the way. All glory to Him!

That said, we'd still like to reach 100% as soon as possible. SO, if God has called you to join our monthly support team and you have yet to sign up please do so today. [Click here to go to our donate page.](#)



Like most of God's big initiatives, He starts with a whisper or a nudge of one person. This time, He chose Chris Britton and impassioned him with a creative way to help broken lives become whole. As that passion grew, God showed Chris the next steps needed to make spoken word, poetry, and M.A.D. Skills a reality at YouthHope. It has grown from one night a week in our Rock Island Youth Center, to being offered at BOTH Youth Centers, workshops, public performances, church training, and classes currently at THREE public schools!

This year, we will renovate an area in our Moline Youth Center to enable growth of the M.A.D. Skills and Creative Arts Programs, as well as a new space for other outreaches!

The Creative Arts Initiative includes renovations in both Youth Centers, new staff positions, and expanded programs.

Today, we have over \$153,000 given of the \$225,000 needed! You can still be a part of this powerful ministry!

For 30 years, I have watched God whisper, nudge, and direct YouthHope. I always feel privileged to be a part of His next step! Thank you for encouraging and investing in our youth!

In Appreciation,

Mark Drake, Executive Director

For the complete YouthHope February Report, click [HERE](#)

**Please join us in praising God for all He is doing through YouthHope and continue to lift in prayer the needs of this ministry and the youth they are trying to reach.**

**Praise the Lord!**

- We are having really large numbers of teens coming to open center at the Moline Youth Center!
- Our Youth Centers Director, Dave Hodge is engaged!
- God has provided a bus driver for our children's programs! We are so grateful!!
- We are seeing God move and make really evident progress with many kids!!

**Please pray with us for:**

- Please pray the Lord will provide much needed volunteers to sign up and commit to serving with our kids and teens.
- Please pray for the protection of the youth we serve: in our vehicles, at our programs, as well as every area of their lives outside of YouthHope.
- Please pray for our Annual Fundraiser! Pray for wisdom and discernment for the many aspects of the event, for table hosts and guests, and for an outpouring of provision and support.
- Please pray for the Camp Counselors and Assistant Camp Director needed this summer. We know God has a great team prepared!

For more information and a direct link to YouthHope's website donation page click [HERE](#) - 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: [hcarr@cfyouthhope.org](mailto:hcarr@cfyouthhope.org)

## WOODWORTH UPDATE

### Southeast Asia

It has been just a little over 2 weeks since I returned from Southeast Asia. Almost enough time to feel a bit more "normal" and able to reflect on the trip with a little clarity. In the email (click [HERE](#) to read email) that follows you'll have a chance to get a glimpse into the countries of Myanmar and Vietnam, hear about all the amazing ways God is moving in those regions, and what role ITEN might be able to play in building up leaders, empowering national partners, and spreading the gospel among the unreached in the coming months and years.

**Prayer Requests:**

- A fruitful time of teaching in Albania
- A focused season of work this spring as I give attention to things that require more time at my desk than on a plane
- Wisdom and discernment about our new site in Vietnam
- Strength, God's constant presence, and patience for Carrie and our boys while I travel to speak & teach



**Edgington Presbyterian Church**  
**Treasurer's Report January 2019**

	Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	Balance
<b>General</b>	75,811.82	10,813.42	26,740.98	59,884.26
<b>Jahn</b>	9,675.71	\$161.04	\$0.00	9,836.75
<b>Edgington</b>	5,661.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	5,661.49
<b>Boughton</b>	23,121.33	\$819.38	\$0.00	23,940.71
<b>Lauby</b>	14,047.48	\$263.66	\$0.00	14,311.14
<b>Capital Campaign (organ)</b>	35,929.40	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	36,929.40

<b>Ending Gen. checking balar</b>	90,310.64
<b>Uncleared Transactions</b>	\$ 14,928.14
<b>General checking Balance</b>	\$ 75,382.50

<b>Reconciled Bank Accounts</b>	
Gen. checking	\$75,382.50

**January 2019 General Fund Expenses**

Zach Hopkins salary	4,077.34		
EPC (health)	26.33		
Zach's mileage	189.12		
EPC (pension)	906.30		
Lisa Bowman	1,070.62		
Chris Heimann	389.01		
Lori Dixon	299.66		
Mediacom	167.46		
AT&T	158.11		
Organ Fund Payment	1,000.00		
MidAmerican Energy church	556.00	General	\$ 59,884.26
MidAmerican Energy manse	157.00	Jahn	\$ 9,836.75
ABS	133.82	Edgington	\$ 5,661.49
Millenium	28.92	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 75,382.50</b>
Edg water Dist	365.00		
Postage	182.39		
Ministry Designs (website)	50.00		
Great Commission	98.42		
Amazon (computer supplies)	396.21		
Amazon (paper towels/kleenex)	98.77		
Il Det of Revenue (payroll tax)	96.07		
US Treasury (payroll tax)	1,331.36		
Symbis (cont ed)	200.00		
Canva (graphics subscription)	119.40		
CCLI (copyright)	216.00		
Hyett Hotel (presbytery)	209.55		
Alamo car rental	84.41		
Shell (rental car gas)	31.74		
Culvers (presbytery meal)	13.09		
Dell (Lisa's computer)	899.99		
Dohrn (dumpster)	465.00		
Marshalls (ministerial committee snack)	12.00		
M Block (supplies)	190.52		
Kone (maintenance contract)	1,359.72		
Jon Laird (piano tuneing)	199.50		
Dubuque Religious Supply (hymn numbers)	62.15		
Youth Hope & MADD(mission)	2,500.00		
Winnies Place(mission)	2,400.00		
Pregnancy Resources(mission)	500.00		
Burdsall(mission)	2,250.00		
McCallum(mission)	1,500.00		
Woodworth(mission)	1,750.00		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$26,740.98</b>	

**Included in General Fund Total**

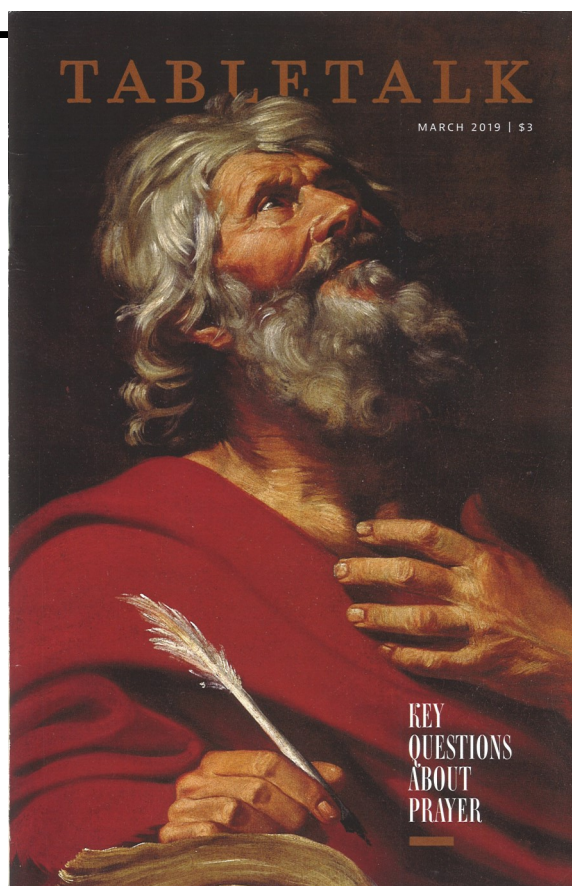
Mission Fund \$5,011.29  
Assistance Fund \$ 4853.46

# TREASURER'S REPORT *Cont. from p. 11*

## Edgington Presbyterian Church General Fund Profit & Loss January 2019

	Jan 19
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
Income	
Per Capita Contributions	258.90
Basement Rent	25.00
Flower Contributions	
Poinsettias	8.00
Total Flower Contributions	8.00
Interest Income - General Fnd	15.52
Loose Offering	380.00
Pledges	10,126.00
Total Income	10,813.42
Expense	
Operating Maintenance - General	2,142.93
presbytery expense	350.79
Continuing Education	200.00
Worship Supplies	62.15
Mileage	189.12
Miscellaneous	2,296.20
Mission	
International Mission - Presbyt	5,500.00
Local Mission	5,400.00
Total Mission	10,900.00
Music	415.50
Office Supplies	
Copier	133.82
Office Supplies - Other	169.40
Total Office Supplies	303.22
Payroll Expenses	
Custodian Payroll	389.01
Choir Director	252.47
Organist Services	47.19
Pastor Salary	4,077.34
Payroll Taxes	1,427.43
Secretary Services	1,070.62
Total Payroll Expenses	7,264.06
Pension & Health Care	932.63
Postage	182.39
Sunday School	98.42
Utilities	
Gas & Electric - Church	556.00
Gas & Electric - Manse	157.00
Internet Service	167.46
Telephone	158.11
Water	365.00
Total Utilities	1,403.57
Total Expense	26,740.98
Net Ordinary Income	-15,927.56
Net Income	-15,927.56

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### 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

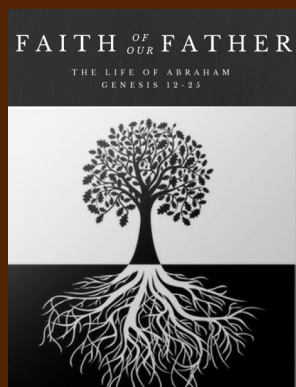


## BIBLE READING FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS

Pastor Zach is preaching a series leading us in a an extensive look at the life of Abraham called  
"The Faith of our Father".

Please be sure to join us each Sunday morning to investigate and explore the life of the patriarch of the Old Testament and the father of our faith.

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, March 3rd - Genesis 16

Sunday, March 10th - Genesis 17

Sunday, March 17th - Genesis 18:1-15

Sunday, March 24th - Genesis 18:16-33

Sunday, March 31st - Genesis 19

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?



"Teach me Your way, O LORD,  
that I may walk in Your truth." Psalm 86:11

## 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



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# New Testament

## 2019 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 finishing the book of Philippians and moving into Colossians.

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!



**GREAT COMMISSION  
PUBLICATIONS**

### CHILDREN'S 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!*





# MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

MARCH 24TH, 31ST, APRIL 7TH

11:30AM - 12:30PM

Here is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about what Edgington EPC is all about! The class is offered to anyone seeking more information about Edgington EPC, what it means to be a church member, our denomination, what we stand for, and much more. If you have been attending for awhile, but not yet committed to membership you're encouraged to check this out! If you are looking to join you definitely want to mark your calendar!

*A sign-up sheet is now located on the table in the sanctuary foyer. Please sign-up by no later than March 17th if you would like to attend.*

*Thank you!*



## 2019 VBS PLANNING MEETING

The VBS Committee is meeting for the first time this year this Sunday, February 24th at 12:15 at Edgington EPC. They will be setting the March meeting date at that time.

This community outreach takes **MANY** hands, **MUCH** work, and **LOTS** of planning! We could use your help! Please look for ways to be involved and contact Kathy Stegmiller at 795-1774 for more info.

*Thank you!*



## YOUTH GROUP

6:00-7:30pm

Sunday, March 10th

Sunday, March 24th



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Thursday, March 7th - 1pm

This month Pastor Zach will be leading a Bible Study based on Psalm 121 from the book "Sing a New Song"

Nancy Cooksey is our hostess this month.

*All women of the church are welcome! We look forward to seeing you there!*



### FEBRUARY QUILTING

March 21st, 9am - Noon

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!*

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead on Saturday, March 9th before you go to bed.

### APRIL NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE WED., MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>

Please have all submissions for the April Newsletter to the church office by Wednesday, March 20th. Items received after that date may not make it into the newsletter.

Thank you for your cooperation!

~ Lisa

### Two years cancer free... because of blood donors like you!

Kale was five years old when he was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Burkitt's Lymphoma. He needed numerous blood and platelet transfusions as part of his treatment. Kale is now a third grader who just celebrated two years cancer-free.



### Edgington Presbyterian Church Blood Drive

Saturday, March 9

7:00 to 10:30 am

Please contact Scott Cullen at  
309-236-7543 to schedule your time.



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## EASTER LILIES

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily for the sanctuary during Easter, please contact Tara Johnson and place your name on the sign-up sheet that will be located on the table in the sanctuary foyer starting March 31st.

The exact cost for each lily is not yet known, but should be approximately \$8.



Please join us Easter morning prior to the service for breakfast served by the youth. We will start serving at 7:45am. All donations made will help offset the cost of their summer mission trip.

# EASTER BREAKFAST



## FOOD PANTRY SHOPPING, PACKING, & DISTRIBUTION

The Spring Distribution of the Rockridge Community Food Pantry will be held on Saturday, April 13th. We will pack the food boxes on Friday, April 12th, at 9am. Shoppers will leave at 8:30am.

If you know someone who needs food, please contact Shirley Flemming, 309-798-2620, or email: [sflemming@juno.com](mailto:sflemming@juno.com). Or, you can contact the church office - 309 795-1713.

If you are able to help on Friday, please let Shirley Flemming or Sharon Schaubroeck 309 795-2474 know.

Thank you in advance for your help. Hope to see you on the 12th!

*Thank you for your support!*

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



## 2019 Youth Mission Trip July 13th — 20th

**Relentless**

**WHO:** 7th grade – 12th grade (including graduated seniors)

**WHAT:** You and your group will provide home repairs at no cost for elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged people who need your help. Project crews typically serve the same resident for the entire trip, creating an environment where meaningful relationships develop. Projects typically include painting houses, repairing porches, and general home repairs.

**WHY:** Because you want to have a meaningful summer experience of service and Christian growth while making new friends from all over the country.



### WHERE & WHEN?

7/13 First Presbyterian Church – 15 N. Chillicothe St., South Charleston, OH

7/13-20 Worksite projects in Erie, PA

Staying at Iriquios Jr/Sr High School, 4301 Main St., Erie, PS 16511

- **I think I want to go! What do I need to do?**

- Get this trip on your calendar! Make sure you don't have any schedule conflicts. Spots are limited so we need to be sure that those students who sign up can go for sure.

- **How much is this going to cost?**

- A deposit of \$50 will secure your spot. Turn this into the office ASAP.
- A second payment of \$200 is due by no later than May 1st.
- The total of \$250 covers **\*\*everything\*\***
- Except whatever random snacks or weird things you might want to buy – that's on you!
- Please don't let finances be a factor, there are support opportunities available to help you cover your costs. Just ask!

- **What's next?**

- Register online starting March 1st (watch the Church Facebook Page)
- When we have our spots filled, there will be more info including: lodging details, tool lists, estimated schedule, and more!



# MARCH

## 2019



Sunday School 9am  
Worship Service 10am

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
24 B/P Checks	25 Meal Site	26	27	28 Meal Site Choir 7pm	1	2
3 Food Pantry Sunday	4 Meal Site	5	6	7 Meal Site PW Mtg. 1pm Choir 7pm	8	9 Blood Drive 7-10:430m
10 <i>Daylight Savings</i> B/P Checks	11 Meal Site	12 Trustees Mtg. 7pm	13	14 Meal Site Choir 7pm	15	16
17	18 Meal Site	19 Mission Comm. Mtg. 6:30pm	20 Newsletter Items Due	21 Meal Site Quilting 9am Choir 7pm	22	23
24 B/P Checks Membership Matters 11:30am	25 Meal Site	26 Session Mtg. 7pm	27	28 Meal Site Choir 7pm	29	30
31 Deacon's Mtg. 11:30am Membership Matters 11:30am	1 Meal Site	2	3	4 Meal Site PW Mtg. 1pm Choir 7pm	5	6

Pastor Zach in Orlando for EPC business