



Not Responding in Kind¹

Roland Barnes

The natural response of the fallen man is to respond in kind, to be nice to those who treat him well and to be mean to those who treat him badly. When Paul states in [1 Corinthians 4:12](#), "When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure," his teaching echoes that of our Lord in the Sermon on the Mount. In [Matthew 5:38-47](#), Jesus teaches us that in matters of minor personal offense it is our duty to turn the other cheek: "If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also" (v. 39).

In verse 44, Jesus states that we are to pray for those who persecute us, and in verses 45-47 He gives the rationale for doing so: "So that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?" (Mt 5:44-47).

When someone treats us badly and we respond by showing them kindness, we demonstrate that we belong to our heavenly Father and that He is at work in us by His Spirit. When we show kindness to someone who has treated us badly, we are imitating the daily kindnesses that our heavenly Father shows to those who do not know Him and who rebel against Him.

Responding in kind is the ordinary way of the world. It is what is expected. There is nothing exceptional about it. But not responding in kind is something unusual, unexpected, and extraordinary. It is not natural; in fact, it requires something beyond the natural inclination of the human heart. It requires a heart transformed by the inner working of the Holy Spirit. It requires self-denial. It requires the movement of God's Spirit upon the soul.

Not responding in kind requires us as believers to think about the bigger issues at stake. It requires us to think about how we may bear witness to the grace of God shown to us in the gospel. It requires the believer to look at the one who offended us as a being created in the image of God, a precious soul in need of the grace of God. If someone offends us, it should be our desire to be reconciled to him, especially if that person is a brother or sister in Christ. If we respond in kind, hurt for hurt, meanness for meanness, harsh word for harsh word, reconciliation is undermined and Christ is dishonored. If we are filled with the Spirit ([Eph. 5:18](#)) and the fruit of the Spirit is present ([Gal. 5:22-23](#)), self-control and self-denial will prevail, and we can resist the temptation to respond in kind. When we refrain from responding in kind, the door is open for something more.

What Jesus requires of His disciples is something more than mere restraint. It is not just that one refrains from responding in kind; it is more than that. Jesus wants His disciples to respond by blessing in the face of cursing. One can sow seeds of kindness, patience, love, and reconciliation. By not responding in kind, believers demonstrate that they are different from the world and its ways. By not responding in kind, believers show that they are the true sons of God who have been and are being transformed by the grace of God in the inner man.

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The Apostle Paul also promotes this godly and Christ-honoring way of responding to hurt or offense. In [Romans 12:14-21](#), he writes, “Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them,” and, “Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all” (vv. 14, 17). Here again we hear echoes of the teaching of our Lord. Jesus teaches us in [Luke 6:28](#): “Bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.” Again, this is contrary to the inclinations of the fallen nature of mankind. However, God has granted His Spirit to us as believers that we might have the power to do what He requires of us ([Rom. 8:4](#)).

The believer who is under the controlling influence of the Holy Spirit will look at the big picture instead of the narrow focus of how he has been offended. He will look up to the greatness of his heavenly Father, who, although He has been offended infinitely more by sinful men, allows the warming rays of the sun to shine on them and the refreshing rains to fall on them in kindness. His heart will be overwhelmed by the realization that God has not responded to him in kind, that for all of his sin, disrespect, and rebellion, God has responded to him in kindness. In [Titus 3:3-5](#), we read: “For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us.” (Tit 3:3-5).

When a Christian faces harsh, unkind, or unfair treatment from others, the manner of his response can bring great glory to God. When the temptation to respond in kind is resisted, the door is opened for an opportunity to see God at work. When prayer is offered for persecutors and blessing is given in response to cursing, God’s Spirit is at work, and the grace of God that enables a believer to deny himself and not to respond in kind is put on display.

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.

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS

4 - Amy Schelker	19 - Teresa Weber
7 - Beth Easterla	20 - Lawrence Milner
7 - Peggy Weiss	22 - Olivia Freyermuth
9 - Pam Johnson	22 - Phil Fuhr
9 - Mic Penry	24 - Lee-Ann Druckmiller
10 - Cade Reimers	27 - Renee Meredith
12 - John Rursch	28 - Roma Milner
13 - Jennifer Elliott	30 - Kyle Johnson
13 - Colton Landi	31 - Darcy Krueger
14 - Wyatt Fuhr	31 - Debbie Tomlin
19 - Bob Stegmiller	



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

Happy Anniversary!

6 - Dewey & Shirley Flemming
12 - Michael & Joyce O'Hare
13 - Gene & Renee Meredith
18 - Matthew & Elisabeth Tomlin
19 - Augie & Mary Rose Kerres
25 - Michael & Sharon Orr
27 - Jason & Beth Flickinger
30 - Korey & Tara Miller
30 - Bob & Kathy Stegmiller



GREETERS FOR MAY

Sunday, May 5th - Ginny Brockett

Sunday, May 12th - Ken & Sandy Benningfield

Sunday, May 19th - Mel & Pat Block

Sunday, May 26th - Molly Cook & Betty Murdock



SESSION

March 26, 2019 at 7pm

The March Session meeting was held March 26th at 7:00pm. The meeting was held in the conference room of the church with Zach Hopkins, Jim Mueller, Kevin Oak, Patrick Shovar, and Keith Wilson in attendance. Tara Johnson had an excused absence.

Pastor Zach acted as moderator of the meeting. Zach opened the meeting with prayer and reading Acts 5:29. The Session studied the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 20. 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 January 2019 which included: 4 Home Visits, 2 Counseling, 6 personal; Committee/Ministry Meetings: Youth Group, Rivers and Lakes Ministerial Committee, Rivers and Lakes Coordinating Council, EPC General Assembly Ministerial Committee, PW Bible Study

OLD BUSINESS:

- Zach reviewed the Spring Membership Matters class.
- The Session continued the review of the membership list.
- Zach discussed his draft of a curriculum for Elder candidacy training.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Session discussed Good Friday Worship. Service will be held on April 19th at 7:00pm.
- The Session discussed the schedule for Easter Sunday – Breakfast 8:00am; Worship at 9:00pm.
- Zach advised the Session of a R&L P Ministerial Committee meeting at our church on April 4th.
- The Session reviewed the invitation to the 26th R&L P meeting in Sartell, MN on April 26th and 27th. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve Mic Penry to serve as a delegate at this meeting.
- The Session reviewed a request by Project Now to add Fridays as a meal site day in addition to Monday and Thursday. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to allow Project Now to use the church facilities for a meal site on Fridays.
- The Session discussed the Facility Use Policy and the need to update it in light of the recent basement remodel.
- Zach discussed his plans for vacation May 13th – 20th. He has asked Mic Penry to preach May 19th. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve these plans.
- Zach reviewed plans for pulpit supply this summer:
- 6/23 (Sunday after General Assembly) – Mic Penry
- 6/30 (Potential vacation week) – Rev. Derek Morrison
- 7/14 (Mission Trip) – Mic Penry
- 7/21 (Day after returning from Mission Trip) – Rev. Jeffrey Lancaster
- The Session entered into Executive Session to discuss a private community concern. The Session then adjourned the executive session.
- Communion will be held on Sunday, April 3rd. The Session members will assist in serving Communion to those that cannot attend Communion services. The congregation is encouraged to let Zach or a Session member know of any request.

Next Session meeting will be: April 30th, 2019 at 7pm. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Zach.

Keith Wilson,
Clerk of Session

TRUSTEES

Date: 3/6/2019

Present: Mel Block, Phil Fuhr, Nathan Oak, Larry Pithan, Chris Stark, Jeff Thomas, Treasurer Cindy Oak, Session Representative Jim Mueller.

Mel opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:00pm

Reviewed the minutes from the January 2019 meeting. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented, motion carried.

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

Old Business:

- Discussed information received concerning church security
- Discussed future of manse – plan is to sell later this year.
- Basement renovation – drywall done – waiting for sanding.

New Business:

- Burned out light bulb at new entrance. Will check on bulb type and replace.
- Trustees will paint new drywall after sanding is complete. Then the new ceiling grid will be installed by the contractor.
- Trustees approved the installation of speakers in the basement to connect to sanctuary sound system.
- After painting and ceiling grid is complete, Trustees will install trim and new light fixtures.
- Carpet will be cleaned when all construction is complete.
- New programmable thermostats have been installed for the East basement and the sanctuary air conditioning.
- Furnace filters were checked after the meeting.

Mel closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan

MISSION COMMITTEE

March 19, 2019

The Mission Committee met on March 19, 2019 at 6:30PM in the conference room of the church. Those attending were Barb Freyermuth, Deb Wagamon, Nancy Engstrom, and Todd Stegmiller.

Barb opened the meeting with prayer.

Old Business:

- Mailings / information received during the month were reviewed by the committee.
- Barb informed the committee that Tom Bassett, missionary in France, will be retiring.
- We tabled the discussion on Andrew Brunson until Zach can offer the committee an update.
- Winnie's Place, Update on Furnace project: Todd contacted Winnie's place to discuss the project. They have not returned the call. Todd will reach out again to see if they can meet and discuss before our April committee meeting.
- Pregnancy Resources Banquet: The Mission Committee has purchased one additional table @ \$250 (approved). The banquet is currently sold out.
- Christian Care: The discussion on the quarterly meals will be moved to Old Business for our April meeting.
- World Outreach Burdsall's: They are at 83% funding.

New Business:

- Update: Monies available through Feb. are \$8,210.85
- Youth Hope Fundraiser: Scheduled for 4/4/19 @ 6:00pm; location is the Rust Belt in East Moline, IL. A sign-up sheet for the congregation will be available in the foyer on Sunday.
- Mission Considerations: The following mission considerations were placed on hold until our April meeting: Saul & Jesse Huber, Pre-Born, WDLN, Christian Care, EPC Church Planting, Andrew Brunson.
- Request for Assistance: The Committee received a request from Bob and Marsha Winter concerning the need for a used tractor at Action Felix, a foundation centered on creating and managing resources for children in Romania. Action Felix supports Caminul Felix Family Villages who provide homes for abandoned children. The committee approved \$1,000 toward this mission and requested Bob and Marsha come to offer us more information on the needs of the organization so the committee can prayerfully consider additional support.
- VBS: Discussed placing VBS on our mission list so we can better support their mission of bringing the word of God to our local community
- New Ideas: The Committee members spent some time brainstorming opportunities to bring more people to Christ in our local area. God gave us fruit for future discussion.
- Minute for Mission for March: Barb will announce the Youth Hope fundraiser for April 4th and indicate a sign-up sheet will be located in the foyer for those who wish to attend.

Deb closed in prayer.

Our next meeting will be held on April 16, 2019 at 6:30pm.

THE NEED FOR CAMP



Camp is one of the most powerful instruments to positively impact kids and teens! We have a long, long list of young men and women who have made life-changing commitments at Camp Summit! It is a special place to hear God's voice, feel His presence, and be loved.

The need for camp has never been greater. Statistics show teens are currently more obese, spend less time outdoors, exercise less, and spend more HOURS each day on screen media than ever before. Childhood anxiety is up 20%, linked to constant cell phone use and social media exposure. Our youth deal with difficult home lives, emotional baggage, past traumas, and real issues of hunger, and little to no experience with church or God.

Camp Summit offers an escape and is a safe place to feel release. Each camp day, our kids have three nutritious meals, loving role models, messages of encouragement, and a lot of fun!

God has been impacting hundreds of youth through Camp Summit for 18 years! We are excited for what God has planned for this summer!

Camp Summit is a place of Hope, Encouragement, Healing, and Fun!

~ Mark Drake, Executive Director

To read the entire YouthHope April 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.

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



**Pregnancy
Resources**

FROM THE HEART

~ Susan Skoglund, Executive Director

We live in a dark culture where late-term abortions and even infanticide is becoming accepted, while hardened hearts even cheer this barbaric trend. Pregnancy Resources continues to reach abortion-minded and vulnerable women, and last year (2018) 86.2% of those at risk for abortion chose life for their child. **GLORY TO GOD!**

2019 FUNDRAISING GALA UPDATE

What an amazing, God size turn out, we had for the Pregnancy Resources 2020 Vision for Life Gala! Susan and I wanted to thank YOU, our hosts and guests, for hearing from the Lord and stretching to reach more Moms and Dads. God provided through you and Pregnancy Resources received over \$125,000.00 with gifts coming in even today! You are a blessing to moms like Sierra, who saw her child for the first time; to a dad like Mike, who loves meeting with his Dad Coach, and to woman like Pat, finding forgiveness in Christ for a past abortion. You make all the difference to them!

Thank you again and we continue to pray blessings over you and your families!

In Christ's love,

Liz Ryan , Outreach and Susan Skoglund, Executive Director

For help, call (309) 797-3636 or email Liz@qcpregnancy.org.

Interested in volunteering? Please email or call Marissa at Marissa@qcpregnancy.org | 563-386-3737

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

WOODWORTH UPDATE

Let me tell a quick story: Two days ago, on Easter Sunday, I was at a nearby lake after our Church service for a baptism. It was a beautiful day. The sun was out, the cold rain that had poured throughout the week before was finally gone, and after celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus, I was now watching a new brother and sister reenact the resurrection and enter into the Kingdom. Even more beautiful was the fact that the couple being baptized were a Turkish man (a former Muslim) and his wife from Thailand, who had heard and received the gospel through the testimony of a member of our church who is from Albania. What a picture of God's global church!



Of all the countries that ITEN partners with, I have spent the most time in the country of Albania where these conversions from Islam to Christianity are happening more and more. And yet, Albania remains a country whose population is still over 70% Muslim. As evidence of their country's religious identity, the photo above is of the large mosque being built in the center of Tirana, Albania's capital. I have watched its construction for years now, and the next time I touch down in this beautiful country, Muslims from all over the Mediterranean and Europe will join with Muslim Albanians in daily prayer within its doors. The mosque serves as a constant reminder that Albania has endured decades of intrusion from outsiders with little space to dictate their own future. But Christianity is on the move, and the Christian leaders we are privileged to partner with in the country are ample evidence that Christ's Kingdom is spreading throughout this beautiful land.

Prayer Requests:

- 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

Click [HERE](#) to read the entire update and see the pictures

HUBER-VENTURES

Eight months after our official support raising launch, we are fully funded and have started this missionary mobilizing position!

In all the trips we've taken, presentations given, coffee and meals shared, old friendships renewed, and new relationships started we truly have held you in our hearts. You've been partners in this support raising adventure and are now partners in the Gospel as we seek to reach the least reached... going with us wherever we go... and with our missionaries as they go to some of the hardest places around the world.

...We are so humbled that you are giving to us of your financial resources and your prayers and, when our paths cross, of your time because that is just so encouraging to us! All this to say, THANK YOU! We're excited to have you on this journey.

Please pray/praise with us!

Thanks so much for your prayers and support!

1. Praise God for YOU! We are so grateful for our partners in ministry and God's provision through you.
2. Pray for us to be diligent in the work we are given and to remain faithful to the needs of our family. Finding a good work/life balance is hard!
3. Praise God for His perfect timing throughout support-raising. Pray that we would continue to trust Him as we step forward into this position.
4. Pray 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



We were commissioned by our home church on March 31st. All of our parents were able to be there and pray over us as we were "sent out." We're so grateful that we don't go alone, but that we have many partners with us on this journey.

THE NUMBERS:

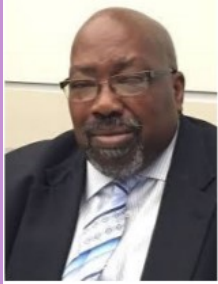
First official day on the job: **04/01/19**

8: Number of months it took to reach 100%
Number of people and churches who have
partnered with us: **117**

0: Number of tears from our children when all
three of them were baptized
(much lower than expected!)

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.](#)

WINNIE'S PLACE
Women In Need - Nurtured Into Excellence



Letter From the Executive Director

Greetings!

Our hunger ministry continues to serve individuals and families who do not have access to food or a warm meal. Winnie's Place continues to serve women and children who are fleeing domestic violence. Our resale shop, managed totally by volunteers, has positively impacted the Hilltop neighborhood in Davenport. During 2018, Churches United purchased a new software system that allows us to manage all data, put together reports, track donors, as well as communicate information to our member churches.

Moving forward, Churches United's focus is on being a "Christ Centered" ministry. In closing, I want to convey to you, our staff, volunteers and member churches the words of the apostle Paul: "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." (Galatians 6:9)

Winnie's Place clients and staff wish to thank the generous individual donors and Member Churches that have and will continue to support our ministry!

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.

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

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



Project NOW
Community Action Agency

**PROUDLY SERVING
SENIORS SINCE 1968**



For many years now Edgington EPC has been a host site for Senior Meals on Mondays and Thursdays. **We are happy to announce that we have now added Friday!**

Meals are available for a suggested donation of \$3 to anyone 60+ years or with a disability. If you are new to the program, you need to call 309-788-6335 the day before to request your meal.

Those who attend regularly come early to play cards and enjoy each other's company for a little longer than just meal time.

If you would like more information or want to check out the menu for the month click the Project Now logo above for the link to their website or call 309-788-6335.



Edgington Presbyterian Church

Treasurer's Report March 2019

	Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	Balance
General	62,090.20	23,217.25	11,290.41	74,017.04
Jahn	10,018.90	\$169.43	\$0.00	10,188.33
Edgington	5,661.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	5,661.49
Boughton	24,867.14	\$859.98	\$9,874.66	15,852.46
Lauby	14,608.62	\$277.12	\$0.00	14,885.74
Capital Campaign (organ)	37,929.40	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	38,929.40

Ending Gen. checking balar 92,882.76
Uncleared Transactions \$ 3,015.90
General checking Balance \$ 89,866.86

Reconciled Bank Accounts
 Gen. checking \$89,866.86

March 2019 General Fund Expenses

Zach Hopkins salary	4,077.34		
EPC (health)	26.33		
Zach's mileage	106.82		
EPC (pension)	988.30		
Lisa Bowman	946.75		
Chris Heimann	338.90		
Lori Dixon	299.66		
Mediacom	167.69		
AT&T	161.50		
Organ Fund Payment	1,000.00		
MidAmerican Energy church	590.00	General	\$ 74,017.04
MidAmerican Energy manse	157.00	Jahn	\$ 10,188.33
Millenium	28.92	TOTAL	\$ 84,205.37
Ministry Designs (website)	30.00		
Amazon (cont. Ed)	94.10		
Amazon (smoke detec manse)	31.37		
Harlan Clark (checks)	44.50		
Symbis (resourse materials)	35.00		
Kenny's (manse)	60.00		
Sec of State (annual filing)	10.00		
ABS (copier)	146.23		
Hamlet Perryton (mission)	1,000.00		
Pregnancy Resources (mission)	250.00		
Youth Hope (mission)	700.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$11,290.41

Included in General Fund Total

Mission Fund \$12157.10
 Assistance Fund \$ 4853.46

BOUGHTON FUND

Boughton Fund March 2019 EXPENSES

Mel Block (dining room remodel)	\$ 681.66
Jeff Thomas (building permit)	\$ 163.00
QC Acoustical Ceilings (drywall and ceiling)	\$ 8,680.00

TREASURER'S REPORT *Cont. from p. 10*

Edgington Presbyterian Church General Fund Profit & Loss

March 2019

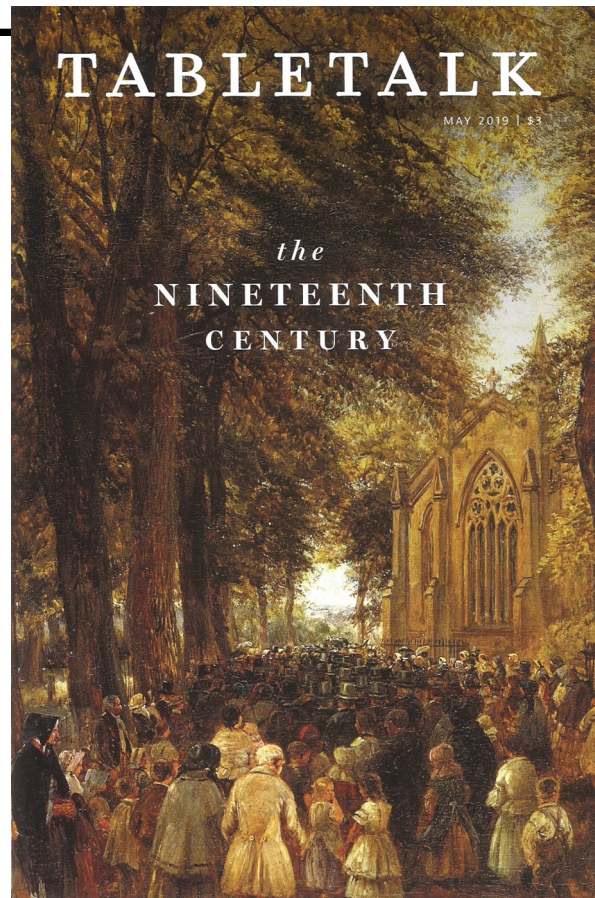
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Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Per Capita Contributions	40.00
Interest Income - General Fnd	13.55
Loose Offering	210.00
Other Income	41.00
Pledges	22,912.70
Total Income	23,217.25
Expense	
Operating Maintenance - General	120.29
Resource materials	35.00
Continuing Education	94.10
Mileage	106.82
Miscellaneous	1,010.00
Mission	
International Mission	1,000.00
Local Mission	950.00
Total Mission	1,950.00
Office Supplies	
Copier	146.23
Office Supplies - Other	74.50
Total Office Supplies	220.73
Payroll Expenses	
Custodian Payroll	338.90
Choir Director	252.47
Organist Services	47.19
Pastor Salary	4,077.34
Secretary Services	946.75
Total Payroll Expenses	5,662.65
Pension & Health Care	1,014.63
Utilities	
Gas & Electric - Church	590.00
Gas & Electric - Manse	157.00
Internet Service	167.69
Telephone	161.50
Total Utilities	1,076.19
Total Expense	11,290.41
Net Ordinary Income	11,926.84
Net Income	11,926.84

Edgington Presbyterian Church Boughton Fund Profit & Loss

March 2019

	Mar 19
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Interest Income - Boughton	859.98
Total Income	859.98
Expense	
Boughton - Disbursements	
Church Maintenance	9,874.66
Total Boughton - Disbursements	9,874.66
Total Expense	9,874.66
Net Ordinary Income	-9,014.68
Net Income	-9,014.68

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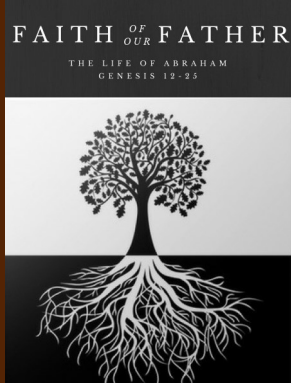


LOCATED IN THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH

BIBLE READING FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS

Pastor Zach has been preaching a series leading us in a an extensive look at the life of Abraham called **"The Faith of our Father"**. He will take a brief break from that, but return to it again at the end of the month. Please join us to hear messages on the Lord's Supper, Baptism, and the next message in Mic Penry's "I AM" series, "I AM the The Good Shepherd".

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, May 5th - Matthew 26:26-29

Sunday, May 12th - Acts 2:36-41

Sunday, May 19th - Mic Penry Preaching

Sunday, May 26th - Genesis 19:30-38



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



Blue Letter Bible

Download the app!



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 2 Thessalonians.

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!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Thursday, May 2nd - 1pm



Please join us as Pastor Zach leads a Bible Study on Psalm 27 from the book "Sing a New Song" JoAnn Rursch is our hostess this month.



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

MAY QUILTING

May 16th, 9am - Noon

Please join us as we create, piece, and sew quilts to present to this 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!

NEWSLETTER

Please have all submissions for the June Newsletter to the church office by Wednesday, May 15th.

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

Thank you for your cooperation!

~ Lisa

PW CHURCH RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

When: Saturday, May 11th, 7am - 2pm
Sunday, May 12th, after church

Donations: Gently used items such as household goods, clothing, toys, jewelry, tools, electronics; baked goods, etc.

Pricing: If possible, please price your items with masking tape, except for books, clothing, jewelry, and baked goods.

Delivery Dates: Between Sunday afternoon, May 5th - Thursday, May 9th. Baked goods on Friday, May 10th. Please place items on designated tables or in designated areas.

Lunch: Pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs, and deserts will be served.

Questions or comments: Nancy Cooksey 309-798-5512

Sale Proceeds will be used for church remodeling projects.



AND





WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST FAMILY MEMBERS!

(From right) Michelle Krueger, Brandee Neece, Mary Wagamon, and Cheryl Lowe
We are so thankful to God for our newest members and look forward to seeing how God will weave them into the fabric of our ministries here at Edgington EPC!



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 or 309-795-1713.



2019 VBS UPDATE

Sunday, May 19th at 12:30pm

We are busy planning for our VBS this summer July 22nd - July 26th. Our theme is **ROAR! LIFE IS WILD, GOD IS GOOD**. We are preparing ourselves for a WILD week in the wildlife and trusting God to get us through! We hope you will join us!

Online registration went even faster this year! We had a full slate of campers in 1 hour and 27 minutes! We currently have 63 H.S./College age youth signed up as counselors and 12 on a waiting list. If you didn't get signed up already please visit the website <https://vbspro.events/p/events/f84578> and sign up on the High School Volunteer waiting list.

Adults interested in helping can still sign up on the website <https://vbspro.events/p/events/f84578> or notify Kathy Stegmiller.

Plans are well underway for an exciting week at camp! The craft committee will be meeting after school gets out. Once they have decided on craft projects we may have a list of needed items for people to donate if they are willing, so stay tuned for further updates.

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 791-1162 for more info.

Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION UPDATE

Thanks to many helpful hands we had another successful food distribution. We served 42 families which included 98 adults, 28 teens, and 28 children. All patrons felt very blessed to receive such a nice variety of food, produce, and meat. They also had a choice of baby products and some hygiene products that had been donated.



On Friday we had 17 who helped to shop and pack. Saturday we had 19 helpers – and we were delighted to have 3 young people from Zion helping to put the baskets on carts. Everything fell into place on Saturday and we were able to close down before 11!!

Thank you to all who helped, or donated food or money to help fill the baskets. You are a blessing to us and the community!

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



Walk MS: Quad Cities 2019

Saturday, May 4th, 2019
Veteran's Memorial Park
Starting from:
1645 23rd St.
Bettendorf, IA 52722



Linda Anderson would like you to join her at Walk MS!

Her team is Linda's Angels and the logo to the left is linked to the website registration page. Online registration will close at noon Thursday before Walk MS: Quad Cities. If you haven't registered before then, visit the registration area on event day.

Registration opens at 8:30 a.m.; Walk begins at 10 a.m.

Raise \$100 and get a Walk MS T-shirt

Walk MS brings together passionate people who connect in communities nationwide and raise funds to change the world for everyone affected by multiple sclerosis. walkms.org

2019 GRADUATES

We would like to recognize and celebrate all our 2019 students that are moving on to their next adventure!

8th Grade moving into High School:

Kai Docherty

Ella Goodnight

Laina Nelson

Hannah Rusk

High School Graduates:


Rachel Johnson

Will be attending St. Ambrose majoring in Early Child/Elementary Education, and performing/competing on their dance team.

Destiny Peterson

Will be attending Black Hawk College to pursue a career in Physical Education.


Let's Celebrate



Join us for a Graduation Party honoring
Rachel L. Johnson
Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 3:00 to 7:00
Edginton Evangelical Presbyterian Church
13228 140th St. West
Taylor Ridge, IL 61284

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The family of Rachel Johnson would love for you to join them in their celebration of her High School Graduation. Please see the invitation of all the details!



Congratulations

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
JEREMIAH 29:11



JULY 13-21 ERIE, PA
youth mission trip 2019
REGISTER STARTING MARCH 1ST!



YOUTH

**NO YOUTH GROUP
THIS MONTH**

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!



MAY

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Sunday School 9am
Worship Service 10am

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5 Food Pantry Sunday Basement Reserved	6 Meal Site	7	8 Trustees Mtg. 7pm	9 Meal Site	10 NO Meal Site Bake Sale Deliveries Today	11 Rummage & Bake Sale 7am - 2pm
12 Mother's Day B/P Checks	13 Meal Site	14	15 Newsletter Items Due	16 Meal Site Quilting 9am	17 Meal Site	18 Basement Reserved
19 VBS Mtg. 12:30pm RHS Baccalaureate Service 4pm	20 Meal Site	21 Mission Comm. Mtg. 6:30pm	22	23 Meal Site	24 Meal Site	25
26 B/P Checks RHS Graduation 2pm	27 Memorial Day NO Meal Site	28 Session Mtg. 7pm	29	30 Meal Site	31 Meal Site	1

Pastor Zach on vacation Please contact one of the elders if you have a pastoral emergency during Pastor's absence