



## WHERE'D EVERYBODY GO?

The Barna Group has always had an interest in the religious trends of American citizens. Unfortunately, plenty of data is looking, not at the strengthening influence of the church, but rather the waning influence of the church in the face of rising secularization. The effects of secularization in America are demonstrated by citizens reporting trends like increasing reluctance to engage in spiritual conversations, aversion to evangelism, and the erosion of religious belief and practice. After collecting the data, Barna was able to target the most post-Christian populations across the country. In 2017, the Quad Cities [ranked #50](#) on that list. In the short span of only two years, the same polling indicated a meteoric decrease that listed the [Quad Cities at #15](#). The simple conclusion is that secularism is on the rise and Christianity is on a rapid decline, even (maybe we should say *especially*) in our immediate geographic context.

While this information is certainly troubling, the division between Christian and non-Christian practices is not as surprising as the trend of behaviors among those who still identify as Christian believers. Consider the matter of basic church attendance. What would you think the rate of attendance of the average church member is in America? Fifteen years ago, 40% of church members attended 4x/month. Today the percentage of people who attend at that same rate is *only 10%*. The overall picture is a 37% decline in worship attendance across 15 years. That means, in under two decades, even if a church's membership numbers stay the same, if you were to look out into the pews on any given Sunday, it would look like the church has lost over a third of its members.

To be honest, I'm not sure if that statistic perfectly represents us here at Edgington, but does it represent us in some ways – of course it does. I admit that I have thought, *‘if everyone who worships here during the year were to come on the same Sunday, the sanctuary wouldn't be big enough to fit everyone.’* The point of that pondering is not the size of the congregation as the goal, but rather the rumination that wishes we could undo the national trends that show Christians are gathering for public worship on the Lord's Day *less often rather than more frequently*. Are we busier? Sure. But, we make time for the things that matter to us. Even though some may think regular participation is no longer realistic or reasonable, it's more likely that we've simply decided that we'll attend only to the degree that we feel we need to for our own sake.

The reason why I am reflecting on all of this is because I want to encourage you and your family to continue making the Lord's Day a part of your weekly routine. If we make church attendance optional, we are communicating that genuinely held and sincerely practiced Christian faith is also optional. But, if we claim the name of Jesus – it is not. God's Word calls us to not forsake the gathering of the saints ([Heb 10:25](#)). That's because the Church does not fundamentally exist to meet your needs as if it is founded on an essentially consumeristic mission focused on you. Quite the opposite, the Church helps to locate you within a reality that you are a part of, but that is not focused on you and your needs. This true vision of the church goes beyond a therapeutic model of personal fulfillment to an outward focused vision that fixes our eyes upon Jesus and His worth, that calls forth our willing obedience. That means faithful church participation is not about you and what you get out of it, so much as it is about honoring the Lord, strengthening His Church, and encouraging your fellow Christians. Isn't that more compelling than attending because *you have to*? I certainly think so.

I'm excited about several of the events and classes that are scheduled for this fall to help you and your family grow in Christian discipleship. Please make note of them throughout this edition of the newsletter and make every effort to faithfully participate in our shared ministry as we seek to *Glorify God & Enjoy Him Forever* together as a Church Family.

Your Pastor and Friend,

## ELDERS

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Nathan Oak  
Jeff Schmidt  
Chris Stark  
Jeff Thomas

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Taylor Cullen	16 - Deb Thomas
1 - Hayden Emery-Ruggles	20 - Mary Ann Bengé
3 - Greg Gierlus	20 - James Cooksey
3 - Marvin Rursch	20 - Kevin Oak
4 - Sandy Benningfield	22 - Sue Miller
5 - Lindsay Fuhr	23 - Debra Landi
5 - Nathan Oak	24 - Conte Bingman
6 - Betty Miller	24 - Camden Docherty
6 - Anna Pearson	25 - Judy Bingman
7 - Kathy Stegmiller	25 - Amy Oak
9 - Denis Doonan	26 - Alyssa Landi
13 - Rea-Eleene Fenchel	27 - Justin Landi
15 - Teresa Morrison	29 - Ben Goodnight

To the  
Edgington  
Congregation,

*Thank  
you!*

The staff & clients of  
Winnie's Place wish to  
thank you for the trash  
bags, toiletries, clothes,  
and food donated to the  
shelter.

Thank you!

### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

### GREETERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 1st - Jeff & Paige Schmidt  
Sunday, September 8th - Jim & Sharon Schaubroeck  
Sunday, September 15th - Bob & Kathy Stegmiller  
Sunday, September 22nd - Kyle & Tara Johnson  
Sunday, September 29th - Phil & Dana Fuhr



Pastor Zach will be out of the  
office September 30th -  
October 7th.

In the event of a pastoral  
emergency please contact  
one of the elders.

# SESSION

July 30th, 2019

The July Session meeting was held July 30th at 7:00pm. The meeting was held in the conference room of the church with Zach Hopkins, Tara Johnson, Jim Mueller, Kevin Oak, Patrick Shovar and Keith Wilson in attendance.

Pastor Zach served as moderator of the meeting. Zach opened the meeting with prayer and reading 1 Timothy 3:14-16. 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 the month which included:

- **Visits:** 3 Home, 4 Hospital, 10 Office; 4 Lunch
- **Committee/Ministry Meetings:** Youth Group, Rivers and Lakes Ministerial Committee, Buffalo Prairie Congregational Meeting; 39th General Assembly, EPC Ordination Exams, Youth Mission Trip, VBS Planning, VBS Counselor Training, Vacation Bible School

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- The Session reviewed the recent pulpit supply preaching (Mic – 6/23, Derek – 6/30, Jeffrey – 7/21).

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- The Session discussed recent correspondence received.
- The Session reviewed 2019 Per Member Asking. \$8,120 has been budgeted and the actual amount will be slightly lower. A motion was made, seconded and approved to authorize the Trustees to make the payment.
- The Session reviewed Rachel Johnson's Jahn Fund request. A motion was made, seconded and approved to approve the payment of \$500 from the Jahn Fund to Rachel.
- Zach advised the Session that the Youth Group will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Sundays in the fall.
- The Session discussed approaches for a Ministry to Parents/Families roundtable discussion.
- The Session discussed the creation of a Men's Ministry, one of our listed Vision Goals.
- The Session discussed upcoming activities: Ice Cream Social 8/11; Fishing Derby 8/25; Harvest Party 10/13
- Zach discussed his upcoming Presbytery and General Assembly responsibilities;
  - RLP Ministerial Committee – 9/4 (Stillman Valley)
  - EPC Theology Committee- 9/11-13 (Orlando FL)
- Zach asked for feedback on the upcoming preaching series.
- The Session discussed various ways of ministering to our community.
- Zach advised the Session of the upcoming Rivers and Lakes Presbytery meeting 9/27-28 in Crivitz, Wisconsin.
- Zach reminded the Session that we are hosting the 28th Meeting of the Rivers and Lakes Presbytery 1/24/2020 – 1/25/2020. Buffalo Prairie Presbyterian Church has offered their assistance.
- The Session will be serving Communion 8/4/2019.

Next Session meeting will be: August 27th, 2019 at 7pm. Zach adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Keith Wilson,  
Clerk of Session

 **SESSION**

August 27, 2019

The August Session meeting was held August 27 at 7:00pm. The meeting was held in the conference room of the church with Zach Hopkins, Tara Johnson, Jim Mueller, Kevin Oak, and Patrick Shovar in attendance.

Pastor Zach acted as moderator of the meeting. Zach opened the meeting with prayer and reading from Acts 6:4. The Elders prayed for individuals on the membership roll, followed by a study of Westminster Confession 22 “Lawful Oaths and Vows.” 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 the month which included:

- **Visits/Calls:** 10 Home; 4 Office; 1 Lunch Appt
- **Committee/Ministry Meetings:** Christian Ed, Ice Cream Social, Fishing Derby, Trustees, RLP Called Meeting, RLP Ministerial, RLP Coordinating Council, Buffalo Prairie Session, Moline Vital Church, Brookstone Bible Study, Jan 2020 Presbytery Planning

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Youth Group – meeting 2nd and 4th Sundays in the Fall
- Zach reported on the Called Presbytery Meeting – 8/13/19
- Parent’s Roundtable – Sunday Afternoons - 2-4pm - 9/15; 10/20; 11/17
- The Trustees acted on the Session recommendation to pay 2019 Per Member Asking to the Presbytery and General Assembly.
- An initial meeting to plan for the 28th Meeting of Rivers & Lakes Presbytery – 1/24-25/20 – was held.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Colton Ransdell’s membership was joyfully transferred to Covenant Presbyterian Church (Omaha, NE)
- Mic Penry was approved for pulpit supply at Buffalo Prairie EPC on 9/8
- The Session reviewed Jahn Scholarship submissions from: Nathan Flickinger, Carson Thomas, and Jim Johnson. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to send payments of \$500 to each of them.
- The Session discussed the creation of a Men’s Ministry, one of our listed Vision Goals.
- Discussed upcoming activities including: Walk for Life 9/14; Harvest Party 10/13
- The Session discussed the upcoming sermon series. There will be a series on basic elements of the Christian Worldview, followed by an exposition of the Sermon on the Mount from Matthew’s gospel account.
- Plans for the Fall bible study were discussed. Bible study will meet Wednesday evening starting 10/9 and meeting through 11/20.
- Zach and Mic were approved to represent EEPC to the 27th Stated Meeting of Rivers & Lakes Presbytery 9/26-28 (Crivitz, WI)
- The Session approved vacation for Zach, 9/30-10/7. Mic Penry will fill the pulpit on 10/6.
- Patrick will organize a date with Keith for the 2020 Budget Committee to meet.
- The Session will be serving Communion 9/1/2019. Kevin to bring cut up bread, Patrick will check on the juice and Jim will bring the loaf.

Next Stated Session meeting will be: September 24th, 2019 at 7pm

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:25pm. Motion Carried.

Zach closed the meeting with prayer.

Date: July 28th, 2019

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

Beth opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from the May Meeting: Approved

May – July Activities: 17 visits, 38 cards, 1 cookie bouquet sent (13 birthday, 7 anniversary, 1 sympathy, 9 thinking of you, and 8 get-well)

**Old Business:**

- Discussed possible members who may need to be added to the Shut-in list, and it was decided to add Clarissa Jahn to the list.

**New Business:**

- Fall blood drive will be held September 21st. Scott and Cindy will again chair the event. Deacons will provide food and work shifts the day of the blood drive.
- Fall Coat drive- it was agreed to hold another coat drive this fall, sometime in October. At this time no fundraiser is planned to raise funds to purchase coats. Deacons have been assigned to individual schools and will be in charge of monitoring boxes to collect coats for the drive. Beth will contact school principals to confirm they are okay with us doing it again this year, and she will also inquire as to whether they still have the donation boxes.

The next Deacon meeting will be held September 29, 2019.

Beth closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Cullen

## FALL COAT DRIVE

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



Coats can be dropped off at the Edgington Evangelical Presbyterian Church. All sizes are needed, but especially children's sizes. Coats will be given October 19th from 8:30-11:00am in conjunction with the Food Pantry Distribution.

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

Date: 7-10-2019

Present: Ken Benningfield, Mel Block, Phil Fuhr, Nathan Oak, Larry Pithan, Chris Stark, Jeff Schmidt, Jeff Thomas, Treasurer Cindy Oak.

Mel opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:04pm

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

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

**Old Business:**

- A second portable air conditioner has been purchased and installed in the conference room.

**New Business:**

- The septic tank serving the two restrooms at the east end of the basement has failed, and is no longer usable. The bathrooms have been taken out of service. Trustees discussed several options and will do some additional investigation.
- Mel reported the insurance company completed the photographing of the roof using a drone. Several suspect areas were identified. The trustees will talk to some roofing contractors for bids.
- There was a water main leak in the underground water service to the church. This was repaired by Wyatt Fuhr.
- Discussed the bids for replacing siding on the east face of the sanctuary. Due to the unexpected septic tank issues it was decided to delay this project until more funds are available.
- A new concrete base for the flagpole was poured prior to the meeting.
- Discussed the list of major projects currently in need of completion. Presently there are not sufficient funds to complete all the projects. Trustees will prioritize the work as needed.

Mel closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan

The flagpole had to be moved due to the septic tank issues. The new location looks like it was created just for it!

Thank God for our Trustees, who do so much, inside and outside, (that often goes unnoticed) to maintain our church and keep it looking beautiful!





# SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

August 4, 2019

Zach opened the meeting in prayer. In attendance were teachers Beth Flickinger, Kortney Gierlus, Tara Johnson, Brandee Neece, Deanna Parchert, Katie Pearson, Kathy Stegmiller and Hillary Terrill, as well as Pastor Zach Hopkins, and Session Representative Kevin Oak.

Summer teachers gave their reviews on how classes were going. Overall, attendance has been relatively good. Summer session ends Sept. 1.

Fall classes will start Sept. 8. Curriculum will be purchased from GCP. Names of all the potential students were discussed. It was requested that the Session consider sending letters to families of students who had been baptized, but were not attending a class, or who had not visited in a long while.

The 2019-2020 Sunday school classes will be taught as follows:

- Toddlers – Hillary Terrill and Kortney Gierlus
- PreK –Beth Flickinger
- 1st & 2nd - Katie Pearson
- 3rd-5th - Kathy Stegmiller
- Jr High - Tara Johnson and Deanna Parchert
- Sr High - Brandee Neece

A request was made to give Bibles to children entering the 1st and 2nd grade class so that they could follow along with the lesson scripture. The request was approved, and a date for Advancement Sunday was tentatively set for Sept. 8.

A reminder was made about the upcoming Ice Cream Social and where help could be offered.

The Fishing Derby will be held Sunday, Aug. 25th at 3pm at the Terrill pond. The church will send out invitations to unchurched VBS families. Items to bring were discussed.

The Harvest Party & Hayrack Ride will be held Sunday, Oct. 13th at the church grounds. Our goal is to include all ages of our church family, and also to invite those who don't attend regularly or who don't have a church home. Catering and inflatables already have been reserved. Game ideas were discussed.

A suggestion was made to have a float at next year's Illinois City Parade to invite the community to our Sunday school and church.

Beth closed the meeting in prayer.

# MISSION COMMITTEE

July 16, 2019

The Mission Committee met on July 16, 2019 at 6:30pm in the 1st Floor Conference Room of the church. Those attending were Barb Freyermuth, Deb Wagamon, Jim Cooksey, Lisa Nelson, Nancy Engstrom, Paige Schmidt and Todd Stegmiller.

Barb opened the meeting with prayer.

## Old Business:

- Minutes from the June 2019 meeting: approved by the committee
- Review of any Newsletters and Mission Information: The committee reviewed newsletters from Youth Hope, Caminul Felix, and Churches United
- Christian Care: There were no updates at this time. The committee is discussing sponsoring a meal in September. We will review this ministry again at the August meeting

## New Business:

- **Winnie's Place:** Donations of \$4,000 have been made toward the purchase and installation of 6 water heaters. No other donations have been received for the Air Conditioner/Furnace project. They need \$3700 in additional funding to complete installation of the hot water heaters. Our team approved a donation of \$1500. The committee will prayerfully consider asking for congregational support when the furnace project begins. This will be discussed at the Aug. or Sept. meeting.
- **Church Planting:** Rev. Jeffrey Lancaster will speak at EEPC on July 21 concerning his mission to plant new churches in the Chicago metro area. Barb will obtain an itinerary from Pastor Zach, to plan for a weekend meeting, so we may better understand the needs of this mission as the committee prayerfully considers future support.
- **The following 3rd Quarter Commitments were approved by the committee:**
  - World Outreach (Burdall) \$1,750.00
  - World Outreach ITEN (McCallum) \$1,000.00
  - World Outreach ITEN (Woodworth) \$2,250.00
  - Youth Hope \$1,500.00
  - Youth Hope – MAD Program \$ 500.00
  - Pregnancy Resources \$ 500.00
  - World Outreach (Huber's) \$ 300.00
- **Claire Yerkey:** Paige brought this young girl's mission trip needs to the committee's attention in June. Paige has reached out to Claire for more information and to see if she could come and present her needs to our committee. Paige is waiting on her response. We will discuss this further at the August meeting.
- **Minute for Mission:** Jeff will speak on Chicago's Church Planting Mission, July 21st.
- **Mission Brainstorming:** We continue to generate additional ideas where EEPC members can become more active in local ministry. As we generate these ideas, we investigate the needs in our local area, and reach out in prayer for God's leadership as to how we may become involved. When we find something we feel truly led to support, we will bring it before EEPC leadership for discussion and approval

Jim closed in prayer for the spiritual health of our nation.

Our next meeting will be held on August 20, 2019 at 6:30pm.



## A GREAT SUMMER OF IMPACT!

YouthHope is so unique! God blessed us with another amazing summer of impact and growth and is leading us into another school year!

Our Summer Camps, Summer Clubs, and Outreach Programs have come to a close, and we are now gearing up for the new school year. YouthHope's In-School Classes, Outreach Programs, After-School Programs in our Youth Centers, and even Camp Retreats will be starting up again!

We met over 100 new kids and teens this summer at our neighborhood and park programs, soccer camps, and Camp Summit. We intentionally pursue new kids and continue relationships from the summer into the school year.

Whether a kid gets introduced to YouthHope through Camp Summit, Youth Centers, Soccer Camp Community Outreach Summer Programs, or School Programs, we help them on their journey.

We passionately pursue youth and build healthy relationships to help them see Christ's love. It's focused, strategic, and passionate because we believe youth needs to hear the hope we have in Jesus.

Thank you for your support and prayers! Looking forward to an awesome school year!

~ Mark & Sarah Drake



YOUTH-HOPE

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Almost **ALL** our Youth Center Programs have a wait list of students!!

We need more volunteers to be able to allow more kids and teens into programs! Are you interested in volunteering at YouthHope?

Please call 309-762-4577 to see how you can serve!

To read the entire July 2019 YouthHope Report click [HERE](#)

We are so thankful for you and appreciate your continued prayers for YouthHope! You are so important to our ministry, and we know God hears our prayers!

### **Praise Reports:**

- We praise God for the 419 kids and teens who attended Camp Summit this summer! He moved mightily, and many kids gave their lives to Christ!!
- We thank God for the new staff at YouthHope!
- We thank God for blessing Mark and Sarah Drake on their trip to visit their daughter Onna in Lesotho, Africa, and we are thankful for their safe return!

### **Prayer Requests:**

- Please pray for wisdom for YouthHope Board of Directors and Staff as we plan for this coming year. Lord please guide us, direct us, order our steps, and give us clarity, wisdom and understanding in all matters that come before us.
- Please pray for our current staff openings. Lord please provide the right people in Your timing, and please clearly affirm the hiring decisions.
- Please pray for all the kids and teens who attended Camp Summit. Lord, please keep them close to your heart, give them intimate encounters with you, and protect them from a backslide in faith, character and lifestyle.
- Please pray for all the YouthHope staff and volunteers to be healthy, protected, thoughtful and effective during the entire school year! We have so many kids and teens on our program wait lists, so we ask the Lord for miracles like the bread and fish so He can be glorified! May we not be limited by what we see and know, but trust in the Lord's plan!

Thank you so much for your prayers! God bless you!

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)



## NO REGRETS

For the last 6½ years I have often been referred to as the Pregnancy Resources “Sex Lady”. As a presenter, and the Director of the No Regrets Program, I have had the pleasure of interacting with 4,053 students and their teachers in the public/private school setting during the 2018-2019 school year. *The No Regrets Sexual Integrity Program is offered free of charge to area High Schools and Jr. High Schools across the greater Quad Cities Area.* These unique 2 day programs address abstinence..., STD education, pregnancy options education, fetal development, sex in the media, building and maintaining healthy friendships and dating relationships, the truth about pornography, and the difference between marriage and cohabitation.

While mainstream media continues to scream a hopeless and broken message about sex and its consequences, the No Regrets Program provides relatable, Biblical truth about sex, fetal development, dating and relationships including these truths:

- Sex and love are not the same thing
- You deserve to be treated with respect
- You are worth waiting for
- Porn kills love and is not a part of healthy Biblically based sexuality
- Marriage matters and the ring makes a difference
- Sex at the right time and with the right person (after marriage with your spouse) is a good thing
- Sex at the wrong time or with the wrong person can, and usually will, complicate your life

Teachers and students alike have responded positively to this truth!

- **One Teacher recently wrote** that the No Regrets curriculum “is innovative, student-focused, and personally connects with the needs of today’s youth.”
- **A Middle School student reported** that the No Regrets Program reminded them that, “it’s ok to date and have fun, but not have sex” and “waiting to have sex will keep my health, my heart, and my mind safe.”
- **One Senior High student remarked** that “today was the first time I ever heard that my past doesn’t define me and I can make a different, new, sexual choice.”

*Your prayer support and your financial partnership make this type of impactful community ministry possible.*

Interest in the No Regrets Program continues to grow, and new schools are ready to be added to the presentation schedule. **So, the need for a passionate, engaged and relatable NEW No Regrets Presenter is greater now than ever!** Please continue to pray as we seek God’s divinely appointed new No Regrets presenter for the 2019-2020 school year.

Thank you for praying with us at Pregnancy Resources!

To read the entire Pregnancy Resources Heartlines August/September 2019 click [HERE](#)

### 2019 NEW VOLUNTEER TRAINING

October 7th - 10th, 9am - 12:30pm at the Moline Center

Want to register? Need more info? 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.

Edgington EPC has a team of walkers! Tara Johnson will have a sign-up sheet starting this Sunday. If you are unable to attend the Walk for Life you can still participate by donating / sponsoring our team. Click on the link to the right to be taken to our fundeasy page to donate or register to walk. To register look for the “GET INVOLVED” box on the right, about 1/3 of the way down the page.  
Hope to see you there!!!

Oh the places we will go!

Pregnancy Resources

**WALK**

For Life 2019

Saturday,  
September 14, 2019

Sponsored by **Whitey's** ICE CREAM

## WINNIE'S PLACE

*Women In Need - Nurtured Into Excellence*



### 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.



## HUBER-VENTURES neigh-bor: (n) a kindred human being

The week of July 8-13, we spent in Hamtramck, Michigan partnering with one of our local EPC missionaries there to help lead a youth mission trip. Summer Mission Jam is part of a new World Outreach effort to break down barriers to the Muslim community in the US, and hopefully plant seeds of love in our youth for people groups that have not yet heard the good news of the Gospel.

One afternoon was dedicated to picking up trash in Hamtramck, another to doing yard work for refugees and other Muslims that needed help outside their homes, another to park outreach and a fourth to visiting a Mosque. The service projects opened a lot of doors for the youth and leaders to have conversations with our Muslim neighbors about what we were doing and why we were there. Many times we would ask if we could pray and it was incredible to see how many Muslims allowed us to pray over them!

Obviously, the week had a huge impact on us, but it was really cool to see God open up the hearts of these High School students to a people so different from themselves! May this experience have a lasting effect as they start school in the next month and try to love their neighbors in their own communities.

To read the entire HUBER-VENTURES Report click [HERE](#)

### Please pray/praise with us!

*Thanks so much for your prayers and support!*

1. Praise God that the first ever Summer Mission Jam went smoothly! Pray that the youth (and all who were part of it) would continue to practice reaching out to and loving their Muslim neighbors.
2. Praise God for YOU! We are so grateful for our partners in ministry and God's provision through you. He proved Himself faithful again this month and we are grateful for all who share their resources with us.
3. Work/life balance will likely be a request as long as we have this job...thanks for your prayers for the daily, mundane, figuring-it-out.
4. Pray for our hearts to be continually stirred up and softened toward the unreached people groups the EPC is reaching around the world!
5. We will be traveling to Southeast Asia this Fall to visit with some of our missionaries! Please pray for us as we sort through all the logistics and prepare to travel with our little ones. It's exciting and anxiety-inducing!

*Thanks so much for your prayers and support!*

Much love,  
Saul, Jesse, Zuri, Samwell, and Salem



### THE NUMBERS:

Number of different languages spoken in the two square miles that is Hamtramck, Michigan: **30**

**87%:** Percentage of Muslims that don't know a single Christian

Number of kids that came on our family and friends camping/canoeing trip: **26**

**25:** Number of adults that took part in the camping/canoeing trip.

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.](#)



# Project NOW

Community Action Agency



PROUDLY SERVING SENIORS SINCE 1968



For many years now Edgington EPC has been a host site for Senior Meals. The doors are open here for meals on Monday, Thursday, and 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.



# BLOOD DRIVE

Edgington Presbyterian Church  
Saturday, September 21  
7:00 to 10:30 am in the Dining Hall

Please contact Scott & Cindy Cullen at 309-236-7549 to schedule your time.

### Meet Valerie: A Sickle Cell Warrior!

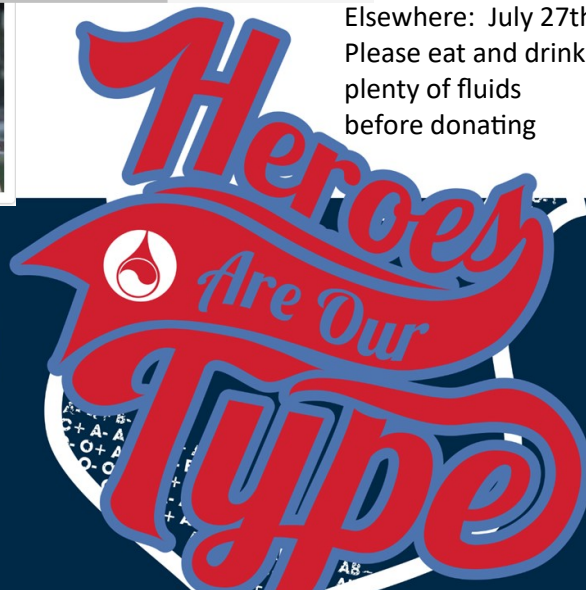
Valerie was diagnosed with sickle cell anemia at 2 years old. She explains what it is like to have sickle cell anemia and how blood transfusions save her life!

Click on the image to go to the MVRBC website and watch the video.



FREE T-SHIRT to everyone that donates!!!

Last Date to Donate Elsewhere: July 27th  
Please eat and drink plenty of fluids before donating



BLOODCENTER.ORG

# EarlyQ

Online Donor History Questionnaire

EarlyQ is a web-based program that allows you to answer the required medical history questions independently and in a private setting using your computer or mobile device.

- ✓ SIMPLE, FOUR STEP PROCESS
- ✓ SAVES YOU TIME (10-15 min)
- ✓ MOBILE-FRIENDLY

CHECK IT OUT AT:  
[www.bloodcenter.org/earlyq](http://www.bloodcenter.org/earlyq)  
or text EarlyQ to 999-777

**1**  
Schedule your donation AND confirm your eligibility date by calling (800) 747-5401 or at [www.bloodcenterimpact.org](http://www.bloodcenterimpact.org).

**2**  
Gather your personal information, including medications and travel information.  
*Tip: If you are 16 years old, remember to bring your signed parental consent form (available to print from the EarlyQ webpage).*

**3**  
Access EarlyQ from your computer or mobile phone browser at: [www.bloodcenter.org/earlyq](http://www.bloodcenter.org/earlyq)  
*Tip: If you're unsure or unable to answer a question, skip it by clicking NEXT. Our staff will review with you at your donation.*

**4**  
At the end of your questionnaire, you will be asked for your email address. The EarlyQ pass will be emailed to you for printing or displaying on your phone at your donation.  
*Tip: You must complete EarlyQ AFTER 12:00 a.m. on the day of your donation and it will EXPIRE at 11:59 p.m. on the same day.*

# Edgington Presbyterian Church

## Treasurer's Report July 2019

	Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	Balance
<b>General</b>	\$ 79,108.55	\$ 11,563.74	\$ 10,172.11	\$ 80,500.18
<b>Jahn</b>	\$ 10,731.15	\$176.55		\$ 10,907.70
<b>Edgington</b>	\$ 5,611.00			\$ 5,611.00
<b>Boughton</b>	\$ 15,340.66	\$ 897.57		\$ 16,238.23
<b>Lauby</b>	\$ 15,773.80	\$ 289.43	\$ -	\$ 16,062.23

<b>Ending Gen. checking balar</b>	102,456.88
<b>Uncleared Transactions</b>	<u>\$ 5,438.00</u>
<b>General checking Balance</b>	\$ 97,018.88

<b>Reconciled Bank Accounts</b>	
Gen. checking	\$ 97,018.88

### July 2019 GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

Zach Hopkins salary	4,077.34			
EPC (health)	26.33			
EPC (pension)	947.30			
Lisa Bowman	1,253.48			
Chris Heimann	123.87			
Eddy Bull	61.34			
AT&T	160.61	<b>General</b>		\$ 80,500.18
MidAmerican Energy church	659.00	Edgington		\$ 5,611.00
MidAmerican Energy manse	182.00	Jahn		\$ 10,907.70
Millenium Waste	28.92	<b>TOTAL</b>		\$ 97,018.88
Ministry Designs (website)	30.00			
Trend Micro (internet security)	124.26			
ABS (copier)	85.15			
Westminster Books (resource material)	123.03			
U.S. Postmaster	17.50			
Log College Press (Cont. Ed)	36.99			
U.S. Treasury (payroll tax)	1,409.22			
IL Dep Revenue (payroll tax)	225.45			
Jeff Lancaster (pulpit supply)	378.90			
Jeff Lancaster (hotel-mission)	221.42			
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>			<b>\$10,172.11</b>	

### **INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL**

Mission Fund \$16,049.91  
 Assistance Fund \$5,153.46

**Edgington Presbyterian Church  
General Fund Profit & Loss  
July 2019**

	Jul 19
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Per Capita Contributions	360.00
Basement Rent	50.00
Interest Income - General Fnd	18.04
Loose Offering	297.00
Pledges	10,838.70
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>11,563.74</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Operating Maintenance - General	28.92
Resource materials	123.03
Continuing Education	36.99
<b>Mission</b>	
U.S. Mission	221.42
<b>Total Mission</b>	<b>221.42</b>
<b>Office Supplies</b>	
Copier	85.15
Office Supplies - Other	154.26
<b>Total Office Supplies</b>	<b>239.41</b>
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>	
Custodian Payroll	123.87
Pastor Salary	4,077.34
Payroll Taxes	1,634.67
Secretary Services	1,253.48
Payroll Expenses - Other	61.34
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>7,150.70</b>
Pension & Health Care	973.63
Postage	17.50
Pulpit Supply	378.90
<b>Utilities</b>	
Gas & Electric - Church	659.00
Gas & Electric - Manse	182.00
Telephone	160.61
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>1,001.61</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>10,172.11</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>1,391.63</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>1,391.63</b>

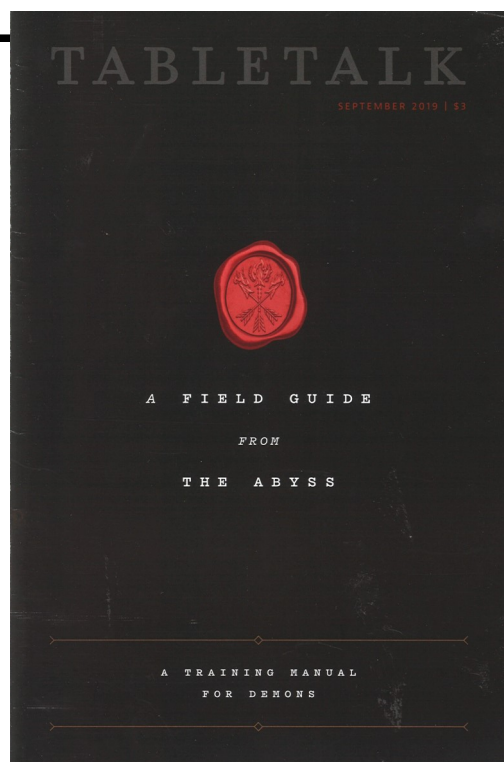
**PER MEMBER ASKING**

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

The total PMA for each confirmed member is \$40 (\$17 for the Presbytery, \$23 to the General Assembly). Each year, Edgington EPC pays our total allocation in September based on the number of active members (201). We ask that members please contribute their portion in order to eliminate the expense from our budget. PMA can be contributed at any time throughout the year.

*Thank you for your faithful participation.*

**GET YOUR SEPTEMBER COPY OF  
THE TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL**



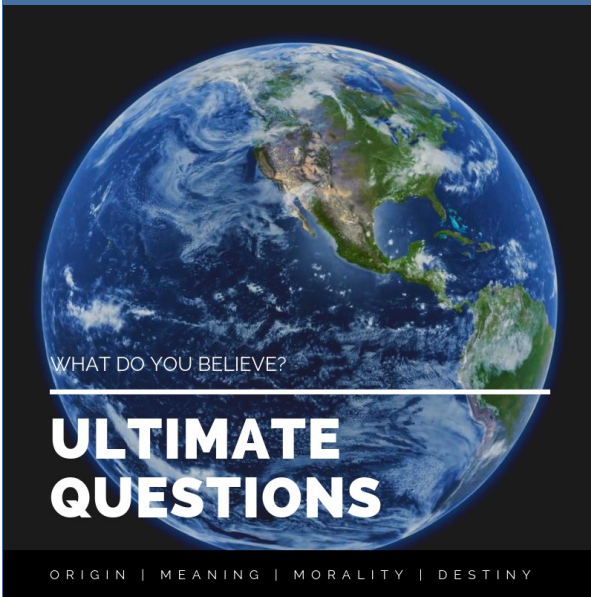
LOCATED IN THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH

## FALL SERMON SERIES

A worldview is the framework from which we view reality and make sense of life and the world. For example, a 2-year-old likely believes he is the center of his world, a secular humanist believes that the material world is all that exists, and a Buddhist believes they can be liberated from suffering by self-purification. On the other hand, the Christian believer asserts that God is at the center of their existence and purpose in the world. Whether conscious or subconscious, every person has some type of worldview. While different worldviews can be complex, every worldview is made up of at least four parts: origin, meaning, morality, and destiny.

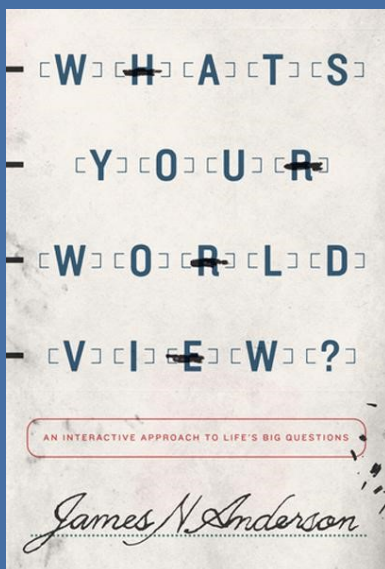
**Where do we come from? | What is our purpose?  
What is right? | Where are we headed?**

The Christian faith has compelling answers for these questions. In the month of September, we'll be looking at each of them as we seek to ground ourselves in a biblical worldview.



Often called "the greatest sermon ever preached," the Sermon on the Mount is found across three chapters in Matthew's gospel account. It includes passages like: the Beatitudes, the Lord's Prayer, and other important aspects of Jesus' teaching. Across the whole, Jesus is calling His followers to understand a new way of life.

Starting in October, we'll climb up the mountain with Jesus to sit at His feet and be taught what it means to live as citizens of His glorious Kingdom.



### **How do you view the world?**

It's a big question. And how you answer is one of the most important things about you.

*Not sure what you'd say?* Join James Anderson on an interactive journey of discovery aimed at helping you understand and evaluate the options when it comes to identifying your worldview. Cast in the mold of a classic "Choose Your Own Adventure" story, *What's Your Worldview?* will guide you toward finding intellectually satisfying answers to life's biggest questions—equipping you to think carefully about not only what you believe but why you believe it and how it impacts the rest of your life.

# 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 reading in 2 Timothy and Titus.

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 SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Every Sunday morning at 9am

We use 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!*



## CHOIR DURING WORSHIP IS IMPORTANT! REHEARSALS RESUMING

We would love to have your voice join ours in making a joyful noise to the Lord!

Choir rehearsals resume Thursday, September 12th at 7pm.

For more information, please contact Lori Dixon at:

309-236-5087

## ARE YOU IN HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR OR BAND?

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

The choir invites you to join us beginning September 15th, 2019 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!!!



*Harvest Party*

OCTOBER 13TH 4-7 PM @ EEPCC

FUN FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH FAMILY!

PICNIC GAMES 'SMORES HAYRACK RIDES

Make a  
*joyful noise*  
to the LORD  
Psalm 100:1



## REFORMATION WORSHIP

OCT. 27TH 5PM

HOSTED BY: TRINITY (PCA)  
ALEDO, IL

EDGINGTON (EPC) | SOVEREIGN GRACE (OPC)



UPCOMING  
EVENTS

Sunday Monday



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Thursday, September 5th, 1:00pm

Pastor Zach will be leading our Bible Study on Psalm 133 from "Sing a New Song"  
Hostess: Cindy Oak



All women of the church are welcome! We usually meet on the first Thursday of every month for Bible study (often led by Pastor Zach) and association business.

Throughout the year, the PW hosts various events, which includes refreshments for special services, luncheons for special meetings and funerals. We hold a rummage and bake sale as a fundraiser every year, and sometimes a soup luncheon as well. We help financially support many projects throughout the church, as well as mission work locally, nationally, and abroad.

Please join us!

*We look forward to seeing you there!*

### UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY PLEASE

#### Clarissa Jahn

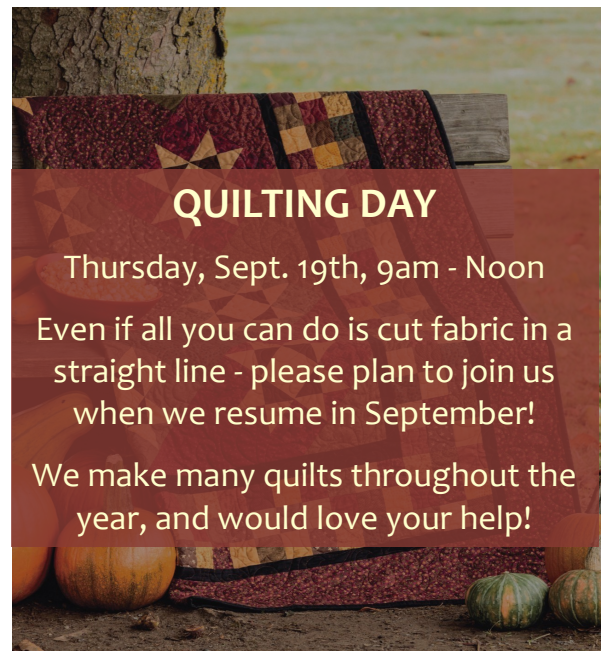
Avonlea Cottage  
2025 E. 1st Street  
Room #14  
Milan, IL 61264

#### Virgil & Maxine Fuhr

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Room #23  
Milan, IL 61264

#### Donna Dunlap

4200 SW Drury Lane, Apt. 117  
Topeka, KS 66604  
309-798-2443



### QUILTING DAY

Thursday, Sept. 19th, 9am - Noon

Even if all you can do is cut fabric in a straight line - please plan to join us when we resume in September!

We make many quilts throughout the year, and would love your help!



### FOOD PANTRY SHOPPING, PACKING, & DISTRIBUTION

The Fall Distribution of the Rockridge Community Food Pantry will be held on Sat., Oct, 19th. We will pack the food boxes on Fri., Oct. 18th, at 9am. Shoppers will leave at 8:30am.

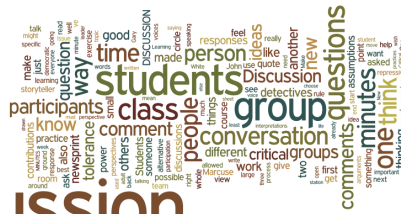
If you know someone who needs food, please contact Shirley Flemming, 309-798-2620, or email: [sflemming@juno.com](mailto:sflemming@juno.com). Or, you can contact the church office - 309 795-1713.

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

Our current food needs are: tomato juice, fruit juice, canned meat, sugar, flour, syrup, canned tomatoes, baked beans, kidney beans, chili beans, and pork and beans. We have plenty of green beans and corn.

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

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



# discussion



QUESTIONS? ISSUES?  
YOU'RE NOT ALONE. LET'S TALK.

## PARENTS DISCUSSION

Basement | 2:00-3:30pm | 09.15.19 | 10.20.19 | 11.17.19



## CALLING ALL PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS!

With all of the issues swirling around in our culture today, it can be overwhelming to keep up on what influences are shaping your children/grandchildren.

We want to help provide a forum for discussion and encouragement as you seek to raise your children in a way that honors the Lord.

Please join us on the listed Sunday afternoons and feel free to bring others with you – all are welcome! If you have questions, please reach out to Pastor Zach. He would be glad to speak with you and hear your thoughts about how this time can be most helpful.

This fall, we will be hosting a Wednesday evening Bible Study using the curriculum *Christianity Explored*. This seven-week study seeks to teach us the Gospel with the Gospel according to Mark, and solidify our understanding of who Jesus is, why He has come, and how we should respond to Him. Each class session will include a video and plenty of opportunity for discussion. This is the perfect opportunity for you to grow in your faith and seek out answers to questions you've always had, but for whatever reason, have never pursued answers for.



## CHRISTIANITY | EXPLORED

WHAT'S THE BEST NEWS  
YOU'VE EVER HEARD?

SEVEN WEEK STUDY

WEDNESDAYS 7PM OCT. 9TH - NOV. 20TH

Please join us! A registration sheet will be on a table in the church foyer.



## 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.



ALL submissions for the October Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER** than Wednesday, September 18th. Items received after that date may not make it into the newsletter.

*Thank you for your cooperation!*

### 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, Office Manager



## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The 2019 Ice Cream Social was another great success because of all our church family doing so much to make it all come together.



I cannot thank everyone enough for your help! When I sit back and look at all the hands it takes to make this a success it amazes me what a great church family we have, because everyone contributed somehow, somehow. So again, **THANK YOU!** It was a wonderful evening of fellowship - people visited for hours! We made 134 gallons of ice cream and sold it all! Thank you again for your support.

May God Bless you!  
Tara Johnson



## YOUTH GROUP

Starting this month the Youth Group will meet on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month from 6 - 7:30pm.

Sunday, September 8th  
Sunday, September 22nd

## YOUTH GROUP

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

We will be a receiving center again this year for Operation Christmas Child. This means the week of November 18th - November 25th our church will be open for 2 hours per day to collect shoe boxes from our local and extended community. If anyone is interested in volunteering with this project please contact Tara Johnson as we will need many volunteers the weeks before and the week of November 13th. This is also a great time to stock up for our annual collection, because all the summer clothes and school supplies will be on clearance!

We have not set our packing party night, but as soon as we have the date set we will let everyone know!

Hopefully, we will be able to take the youth to Minneapolis this year for several hours of the final packing before the boxes are shipped overseas.

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

### Ideas for items to include in the box:

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

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

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

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

**Crafts:** Make your own items. Go to website for ideas: <https://www.pinterest.com/occs shoeboxes/>

**Ideas for Older Children:** Hammer, nails, small tools, and sewing kits.

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

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

For more info and a direct link to Samaritan's Purse OCC website, please click [HERE](#)

**ITEMS DUE: TBA**





# SEPTEMBER

## 2019

### EEPC

Sunday School 9am  
Worship Service 10am

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Email: edgingtonepc@gmail.com  
WEBSITE: www.edgingtonepc.org

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Food Pantry Sunday	2 <i>Labor Day</i> NO Meal Site	3	4	5 Meal Site PW Mtg. 1pm	6 Meal Site	7
8 B/P Checks Youth Group 6-7:30pm	9 Meal Site	10	11 Trustees Mtg. 7pm Pastor Zach in Orlando for EPC business →	12 Meal Site Choir Rehearsals Resume 7pm 🎵	13 Meal Site	14
15 Parent's Roundtable Discussion 2pm	16 Meal Site	17 Mission Comm. Mtg. 6:30pm	18 Newsletter Items Due	19 Meal Site Quilting 9am Choir 7pm	20 Meal Site	21 Blood Drive 7-10:30am
22 B/P Checks Youth Group 6-7:30pm	23 Meal Site	24 Session Mtg. 7pm	25	26 Meal Site Choir 7pm Pastor Zach in Crivitz, WI for R&L Presbytery Meeting →	27 Meal Site	28
29 Deacon Mtg. 11:30am	30 Meal Site	1 Meal Site	2	3 Meal Site PW Mtg. 1pm Choir 7pm Pastor Zach out-of-office through 10/7 →	4 Meal Site	5