



In this newsletter article I am offering to each of you my public confession of a grave and very serious offense. Against my better judgment, even still, betraying my own former insistent regulations, I have listened to Christmas music before Thanksgiving. I know. I know....

Some of you think that is no big deal. But if you're something of a musical season purist like me, you like to reserve the music of the season, for each particular season. Why is that? Because everyone knows it would be weird to listen to Bobby Pickett's *Monster Mash* on Easter. Just don't.

Well – now that I have that out of the way – let me offer some reflections on a wonderful hymn we know and love, to help us prepare our hearts for this wonderful time of year. It's one that I think of along with another favorite (*Come, O Long Expected Jesus*) is able to capture the sensation of yearning and the longing that the season of Advent is all about - *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*. The words were written in Germany during the year 1710, more than 200 years after the music, which was originally composed in 15th century France. We owe gratitude to John Mason Neale (1864) who is responsible for the version most widely known and sung in modern times.

The lyrics are arranged around five petitions which are intended to communicate something very important, both about the season of Advent and the Christian life. In the present age of redemptive history, the Christian life oscillates between two realities: the overflowing joy of our redemption and membership in the Kingdom of God which is **already** a reality ([Eph 1:7](#)) and the tearful yearning for the full consummation of the Kingdom of God which is **not-yet** ([Rom 8:18](#); [Eph 4:30](#)). The already and the not-yet. Christ has come and we rejoice! But in another sense, He is yet to come, and for that we express our longing. It's that mingled sense of the Christian life that Paul speaks of when he says that we are “sorrowful, yet always rejoicing” ([2 Cor 6:10](#)).

This grand drama of Kingdom inauguration and consummation is revealed in *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* through the various titles ascribed to Jesus. Each one captures something of the “already, not yet” sense of our redemption.

- As **Emmanuel** ([Isaiah 8:8](#)), “God with us” — He will pay the ransom that only a God-man can pay.
- As the **Rod of Jesse** ([Isaiah 11:1](#)) springing from a dead stump, He will free His people, by death and resurrection, from Satan's tyranny, and make them free forever.
- As the **Day-Spring** ([Luke 1:78](#)), the dawn of God's kingdom, He will be the light of the world and banish the hopelessness of darkness.
- As the **Key of David** ([Isaiah 22:22](#)), He rescues us from hell, locks the door behind us, unlocks the door of heaven, and brings us home.
- And as the **Desire of Nations** ([Haggai 2:7](#)), He will draw the ransomed from every people and make them a kingdom of peace.

When we sing these words, and especially these titles of who Jesus, is we are declaring what He has already achieved and also, the great work that He is yet to do. With every refrain, our weak and mournful hearts are pulled up into faith and joy – Rejoice! Emmanuel has come. Emmanuel will come. Rejoice!

It absolutely thrills my soul to celebrate this with you all! So, I want to encourage you to join us as we worship the Lord together. Whether on the Lord's Day, where we will be tracing the story of God's redemption through the book of Ruth, or during our special Lessons & Carols Service [12/8 – 5pm]; or on Christmas Eve [12/24 – 10pm], come and worship our Triune God!

Wishing you and all you love a wonderful season of Advent,

Your Pastor, and Friend,

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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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



ALL submissions for the January Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER** than Monday, December 16th. Items received after that date may not

make it into the newsletter.

Thank you for your cooperation!

~ Lisa Bowman, Office Manager



To Edgington EPC Congregation:
The clients and staff of Winnie's Place
want to thank you for the bag of purses
that was delivered to our shelter.

Thank you again!

GREETERS FOR DECEMBER

Sunday, December 1st - Jon and Nita Darland
Sunday, December 8th, 10am - Michael and Sharon Orr
Sunday, December 8th, 5pm - Jason and Beth Flickinger
Sunday, December 15th - Dana Johnson
Sunday, December 22nd - Keith and Debbie Wilson
Tuesday, December 24th, 10pm - Jim and Carrie Reimers
Sunday, December 29th - Mitch and Sue Miller





SESSION

October 29, 2019 at 7pm

The October Session meeting was held October 29th at 7:30pm. The meeting was held in the conference room of the church with Zach Hopkins, Tara Johnson, Jim Mueller, Kevin Oak, and Keith Wilson in attendance.

Pastor Zach will act as moderator of the meeting. Zach opened the meeting with prayer. The Elders prayed for individuals on the membership roll.

There was a motion to approve the docket and the minutes of the last meeting. Motion was seconded and approved.

Zach reported on his activities for the month which included:

- Visits/Calls: Visits: 1 Home, 2 Office; 1 Lunch; 3 Discipleship Meetings
- Committee/Ministry Meetings: Youth Group, Rivers and Lakes Ministerial Committee, Rivers and Lakes Coordinating Council, EPC Theology Committee, Buffalo Prairie Session; PW Bible Study, Parent's Roundtable, 3 Bible Study, FCA Meeting, Food Pantry

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Session discussed the Harvest Party that was held on October 13th. Approximately 80 people attended and it was an enjoyable event. Many youths brought friends to share in the festivities.
- Zach reviewed the second Parent's Roundtable Discussion held on 10/20. It was well attended and the discussion was good. A third session will be held on 11/17.
- Zach asked for feedback on his recent Worldview Series preaching. The Session felt that these topics are very helpful.
- Zach reviewed the Fall Bible Study – *Christianity Explored*. Recent studies have occurred on October 9, 15th, and 22nd and have been well attended with very good discussions. This series will continue Wednesday evenings through 11/20 at 7:00pm.
- Zach reminded the Session that we will be hosting the 28th Meeting of Rivers and Lakes Presbytery 1/24/20 – 1/25/20. Communion will be served the evening of 1/24/20.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Budget Planning: Zach and Keith reviewed a draft of the 2020 budget. The Session discussed the need for a 2020 budget planning meeting with the Trustees. Zach will see if Sunday, November 24th immediately after worship will work.
- A motion was made seconded and approved to accept a membership transfer request for Ellen Derrer to transfer to First Presbyterian Church in Milan, Illinois.
- Zach reported that no one has expressed an interest in a Fall Membership Class.
- Zach reviewed the 2020 Nomination process for officers and committee members.
- Zach reviewed the Advent schedule – he will be preaching from the Book of Ruth.
- Advent services will be 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22, and 12/24
- Lessons and Carols will be on 12/8 – readers are needed for this.
- Christmas Eve service will be held at 10pm
- Tara reviewed the plans for Operation Christmas Child
- Volunteers are needed for collection and packing
- Will be delivering boxes in Davenport on November 24th

Next Stated Session meeting will be: November 26th, 2019 at 7pm

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm. Motion Carried.

Zach closed the meeting with prayer.

Keith Wilson, Clerk of Session

Date: 10-9-19

Present: Ken Benningfield, Mel Block, Scott Nelson, Larry Pithan, Jeff Schmidt, Chris Stark, Jeff Thomas, Treasurer Cindy Oak.

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

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

Reviewed the Treasurer's report for September. Motion made and seconded to approve the report and bills as presented, motion carried.

Old Business:

- Septic Tank
 - Have contracted with Wyatt Fuhr to install a new septic system at a cost of \$13,162.48.
 - There will be additional cost for fill dirt, electrical work, and a lift pump for the kitchen drain.
 - This system will consolidate all the current waste lines and support all the plumbing fixtures in the church.
- Foley Construction has caulked around the exterior of the large stained glass windows and repaired a couple spots on the sanctuary roof.
- Rain gutter on the north side of the sanctuary has been repaired.
- The lawn mower for the church needs a new belt and pulley. Nathan is taking care of repairs.

New Business:

- One bid has been received for the kitchen drain lift pump. Two additional contractors were identified and will be contacted for bids.
- Reminder of Dunlap Cemetery cleanup day on October 26th.
- Checked filters in all air conditioning units and furnaces.

Mel closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan



November 10, 2019

In attendance were: Scott Cullen, Beth Flickinger, Jan Dunlap, Norman Dunlap, Peggy Shovar, Patrick Shovar.

Beth opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from the October Meeting: Approved as written.

October-November Activities: 3 shut-in visits, 10 cards (6 birthday, 2 anniversary, & 2 card visits) sent.

Old Business:

- Coat Drive: 185 coats collected. 87 coats distributed
- Leftover coats will be taken to Winnie's Wishes, Youth Hope, and Christian Care. Beth will deliver leftover coats to Winnies, Scott to Youth Hope and Patrick to Christian Care.

New Business:

- 2020 blood drives: March 07 & September 12
- Updates on: "Eyes on You" list and "Newsletter Mailing" list
- College Final's Care packages: meet, assemble, & send out by Thanksgiving weekend

Prayer for Shut-ins: Group prayer with "Popcorn Prayer Style"

Greeter Reminders: December - Beth, January - Cora, February - Peggy & Patrick

Next Meeting; January 26, 2020

Beth adjourned the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Cullen

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 2019 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.

October 20, 2019

The Mission Committee held their meeting on October 20th, at 11:20am in the 1st Floor Conference Room of the church. Those attending were Deb Wagamon, Mary Ann Vroman, Nancy Engstrom, and Todd Stegmiller.

Deb opened the meeting with prayer.

Old Business:

- September Minutes: Approved and sent to Lisa
- Buddy Bags: Tabled until November meeting

New Business:

- Quarterly Commitments: All 4th Qtr. Commitments approved

World Outreach (Burdall)	\$ 1,750.00
World Outreach ITEN (McCallum)	\$ 1,250.00
World Outreach ITEN (Woodworth)	\$ 2,000.00
Youth Hope	\$ 1,500.00
Youth Hope - MAD Program	\$ 500.00
Pregnancy Resources	\$ 500.00
World Outreach (Huber's)	\$ 300.00

Quarterly total	\$ 7,800.00
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- Dorian Hurricane Relief: The committee approved an additional \$500 gift to Dorian Hurricane Relief to match donations from the congregation

We all closed in prayer for the success of all missions

Our next meeting will be held on November 19, 2019 at 6:30pm.



Dear Congregation of Edgington EPC,

Wanted to write personally and thank you for your support and your prayers - just want to be sure you feel appreciated!

We are starting to feel a bit more settled here, and are praying for wisdom and courage as we reach out to the area. Feels like God has big plans for the area, and we just want to be used best within that. We are starting Sylheti language lessons so that we can better reach out to those around us.

The younger two are in public school and settling in well - adjusting to much bigger class sizes!

Thanks again!

Feel free to reach out with questions or anything!

In His grace,

Scott, Colleen, and Kids

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!



YOUTH-HOPE

Prayer Requests:

- **House Fire:** One of our families recently survived a house fire and have to find a place to live. We pray the Lord provides above and beyond their needs and gives ample opportunities to show His glory, power and love!
- **Special Needs Foster Child:** Dave and Leah Hodge recently accepted a special needs foster child into their home. Please pray for wisdom, patience, strength, health, and a miracle to be done in this young girl's life! We also lift up her siblings who are not all together, that the Lord keeps their bonds strong and provides hope for this whole family.
- **Stacy Fox's Adopted Dad Passed Away:** Please pray for Stacy Fox and her family who has suffered another close family member loss. Her adopted mother and father have both passed this fall. We pray for comfort, love and peace to rest on Stacy and her family. Please Lord, protect them as they travel for the memorial service.
- **Camp Counselor's Mental State and Safety:** Please join us in lifting up a former camp counselor who is struggling with her mental state. She is an anointed, compassionate and loving daughter of the Most High King! Please Father, hold her close to you, and break ALL her chains of depression and anxiety. Lord place people in her life who will speak the words to her heart that she needs to hear from you.
- **God's will to be done at YouthHope:** Please, also pray for the health and safety of all our staff, kids, and teens in homes with little heat, safety, and warmth, for our homeless food pantry clients, and all the upcoming holiday events, and year-end giving. Lord, use us according to Your will!

Praise Reports:

- We praise the Lord that Mark Drake is back from sabbatical!! He had heavenly wisdom and insight downloaded during this time and has a fresh vigor to reach youth for Christ!
- We thank God for the generosity of our year-end matching donor! May the favor of the Lord rest on this donor! We know God can do amazing things, and we trust His provision for YouthHope!
- Lowe's is currently putting in new flooring, countertops, and trim at the Rock Island Youth Center! We praise God for hearing our prayers for this facility and crossing our paths in His timing!
- We are experiencing huge numbers of middle school students! We thank God for the opportunity to help train up the next generation of world changers! Please pray for patience, wisdom and discernment for our youth staff.

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



QC Dining Tour Books NOW AVAILABLE!

These make great gifts!

\$35 per book

Purchase yours at the Moline Youth Center!



GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

Purchase a gift card and YouthHope gets 10%
Call YouthHope to place a Christmas order today!

You can designate YouthHope Christian Friendliness as your United Way donor option.

Does your employer offer a matching program?

Double your impact with a corporate match for your year-end donation or volunteer hours served!



Benefiting YouthHope!

January 4, 2020

Register by 12/9 to guarantee race shirt!



**Pregnancy
Resources**

To read the entire Pregnancy Resources Heartlines Fall 2019 click [HERE](#)

Praises & Prayer Requests:

- Father, please be with the woman who visited Pregnancy Resources this week & is 17 weeks along. Give her peace & confidence to choose Life for her child.
- Jesus, help the woman who visited Pregnancy Resources considering abortion & left her ultrasound undecided. Help her to find support & choose Life for her baby.
- God, help there to be a quick, uncomplicated fix to the electrical issues on the Mobile Medical Unit so that it can swiftly return to service.
- Father, be with Brandi as she goes to North Scott High School & Smart Intermediate over the next couple of weeks.
- Jesus, thank you so much for the new faces that have been showing up to the Parenting Classes at Pregnancy Resources!
- God, thank you for the fathers who are supporting Life in the ultrasound room!
- Father, thank you for the Muslim mom who came to Pregnancy Resources for an ultrasound and left with Your Truth in the form of a Bible & a few books. Turn her heart towards You as she reads Your Word. Help this woman to see You and Your Grace.
- Jesus, thank you for the woman who came to Pregnancy Resources for an ultrasound, saw her baby “waving” on the screen, and chose Life for her child!

Thank you so much for praying with Pregnancy Resources. We are so appreciative of your support of this ministry through prayer!

BELLA'S BOUTIQUE

We provide **FREE** maternity and baby clothes and items to women and their families who need them. Families are given the opportunity to shop after taking a parenting class. Each class they take gives them diaper support and if they take four classes, they can receive a NEW car seat for FREE. All the items we give out are donated by people just like you. If you'd like to donate new or gently used items, we would greatly appreciate your help.

Maternity & baby items we love getting:

- Baby clothes Sizes: preemie - 3T (New or Gently used)
- Modern Pregnancy Clothes, all sizes (New or Gently used)
- Diapers (Sizes: Newborn - size 5)
- Baby Wipes
- Cozy Baby Blankets (purchased or homemade)
- Receiving Blankets
- NEW Baby Bottles and Nipples
- Pacifiers
- Baby Swings and Strollers
- Pack 'n Plays

Current Greatest Needs:

- * Winter Clothes (Including Coats) for Size 12, 18, & 24 month boys & girls
- * Baby Bottles



Prayer Warrior Network

Intercessory prayer is an integral component of our ministry.

Prayer warriors see the battle and consistently take action by coming before God and lifting the needs, struggles, and victories of Pregnancy Resources staff, volunteers, and patients.

Contact

Marissa@qcpregnancy.org to receive weekly, ministry-specific prayer requests & praise reports.

VOLUNTEER



Do you feel that God is calling you to make a difference in the life of a new Mom or Dad? Be part of our team and offer hope and healing in the name of Christ.

NEW VOLUNTEER TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR 2020:

February 18, 19, 20

MAY 12, 13, 14

SEPTEMBER 29, 30, & OCTOBER 1

Want to register? Need more info? Please email or call Marissa at Marissa@qcpregnancy.org | 563-386-3737
Click on the Pregnancy Resources logo at the top left to be taken to their site and learn more.

DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2020:

January Baby Bottles 2020 - Celebrate Sanctity of Human Life

Banquet - Thursday, March 26th, 2020

Walk for Life - Saturday, September 12th, 2020



WINNIE'S PLACE

Women In Need - Nurtured Into Excellence



Once again, we have been blessed by community donations this past month.

Please, accept our sincere thank you for recent donations. We received checks, a shop vacuum, clothes, shoes, and purses from individuals.

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

The following churches provided clothes, bed head boards, food, and monetary donations: First Presbyterian of Moline, First Presbyterian of Coal Valley, First Presbyterian of East Moline, **Edgington Presbyterian**, First Lutheran Moline, Trinity Lutheran Moline, St. John Vianney - Bettendorf, and a very special thank you to the members of Bettendorf Presbyterian Giving Tree group for the van full of items we needed. Thank you, St. Mary Monastery for clothes and TEC for food donations.

Please, continue to keep Winnie's Place in your prayers and we will pray for you.

We are in need of volunteers for all shifts and we can be reached at 309-757-0757.

HUBER-VENTURES - Planes, trains, automobiles...AND a double decker bus!

"The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps" (Proverbs 16:9)"

We made it home from our whirlwind of a world tour, and we still have our sanity and all of our children! What an extraordinary experience it was to see God guide us every step of the way. We couldn't have orchestrated it any better than He did. In three weeks, we fellowshiped with nine different WO families in India, Southeast Asia, and London. To be honest, my biggest concern for this trip was that we would be so focused on getting our family from here to there and back again that we wouldn't enter into relationship with our field workers and we would miss out on experiencing their true ministries. And of course, God proved me wrong.

To read the entire HUBER-VENTURES Report & how God orchestrated the trip, click [HERE](#)

Please pray/praise with us!

Thanks so much for your prayers and support! Here are some general ways we'd love your prayers this month:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Praise for traveling mercies: smooth connections, safety, travel between airports and hotels, jetlag, etc.
4. Pray for us as we travel to San Diego next week for a summit with our Mobilization team, that it would be a restful and encouraging time for all of us!
5. Peace, patience, and adaptability for us as we travel with little ones and try to be stable and consistent for them when everything around us is changing!
6. Pray for our hearts to be continually stirred up and softened toward the unreached people groups the EPC is reaching around the world! Especially as we get to meet some of them face to face on this trip.
7. For opportunities to share the love of Jesus.

Please let us know how we can be praying for you.

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



Family Update:

We didn't just spend the entire month galavanting around the world. We also hosted our fifth annual chili cook-off (where Saul took first place in the crazy category with a Chorizo, Sweet Potato recipe) AND learned that baby Huber #4 is a GIRL!

THE NUMBERS:

Number of World Outreach Workers/Families we were able to meet with: **9**

6: Number of times we got to ride a double-decker bus in London

Number of time zone changes we've had in the last month (including two daylight savings changes): **7**

23,759: Number of miles traveled in October (+/- some taxi rides and underground transport in London).

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.](#)

CHICAGO 7/20 CHURCH PLANTING

We are offering up to God our labors of networking. I've already met with quite a number of church leaders as well as leaders in the para-church and non-profit worlds. I've been blessed to join a ministry cohort of pioneering church planters who are seeking to launch new ministry initiatives in the city. We're meeting neighbors, reaching out to those whose names have been given to us, cultivating relationships at my WeWork office space and our neighborhood fitness club. We're always seeking to stir up new connections wherever we go in the city. Hopefully, we'll soon be taking ballroom dancing lessons and I'll be joining a CrossFit gym (please don't laugh). It's been a thrill to see Cathy making connections in Chicago's art and design communities. I anticipate that heading in some cool directions. Cathy and I are feverishly working to exegete the city and learn the lay of the land. We remain acutely aware that we're in the earliest stages of a rather steep learning curve. We're striving to play the role of hungry students asking anyone and everyone to serve as our professors downloading in us their knowledge of Chicago: what they love about it, what they perceive to be its problems, what they long for the city to become, and what they think a church needs to be like in order to impact this place. We have a long way to go before we're able to gather a group, form a launch team, and move toward an inaugural worship service. We're building this thing very organically. It's a brick by brick one step at a time approach.



Through it all, we're seeking to do the hardest work of all – that is, we're striving to prayerfully wait on our risen Christ to show up and build this little local church expression of the body of Christ.

If you would like to read the full Lancaster's Chicago 7/20 Vision Update - November 2019 report, click [HERE](#)

Prayer Requests:

- For our fundraising - We need to finish with a strong year-end!!
- For Cathy and I to be spiritually, physically and emotionally quipped by Christ to continue sharing in this church planting mission with him.
- For the Lord to continue blessing our networking and relationship building efforts.
- For the Lord to help me build rich relationships in my WeWork shared office space.
- For the Lord to further clarify the precise target neighborhood - we're getting close.
- For deepening connections to church, para-church, non-profit, for-profit and city leaders
- For us to share the good news of Christ and to see startling conversions
- For missional minded Christians to feel called to saddle up with us
- For the Lord to bring us people who are bringers and gathers who can help us build our web of relationships.
- For Christ to raise up leaders who want to help build a worshipping community that shares in Christ's mission to make all things new in Chicago.
- For Cathy to gain clarity on how to launch her art career here in Chicago (www.cathylancasterstudio.com)
- For the Lord to give us the grace to handle any rejection and setbacks along the way... for us to be willing to share in Christ's pattern of suffering & dying so that others can experience life!
- For our children who remain scattered in the South.
- For some good holiday downtime with family during Thanksgiving and Christmas



ANGEL TREE FOR WINNIE'S PLACE FAMILIES

Would you like to be a blessing for a family in crisis? Please check out the Winnie's Place Angel Tree in the sanctuary foyer again this year!

Nancy Engstrom will be presenting a Minute for Mission about it on Sunday, December 1st, but if you miss(ed) that she will be happy to answer any of your questions. You can contact her at 309-235-8917.



FOOD PANTRY SHOPPING, PACKING, & DISTRIBUTION

Our shelves are now pretty bare, and we could use nonperishable products, especially fruit juice and tomato juice.
We have a good supply of paper products.

Our next distribution will be on Saturday, December 14th from 8:30-11:00am.

If you know of families who need assistance, please let us know by calling the church office at 795-1713 or Shirley Flemming at 798-2620. We could use your help with packing on December 13th, so please join us at 9am that day. We would especially appreciate teenagers who can help with the heavy lifting.

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



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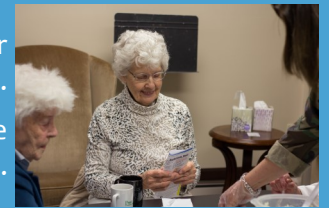


For many years now Edgington EPC has been a host site for Senior Meals. The doors are open here for meals on Monday, Thursday, and Friday.

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.



ATTENTION COMMITTEE LEADERS OF EDGINGTON EPC

The end of the year is nearly here!

If you lead/head/chair any committee or group you need to have a report turned into the church office by **NO LATER** than January 13th to be included in the Annual Report.

Please start working on it & turn it into Jon Darland to be audited as soon as possible .

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

The Annual Congregational Meeting date is January 19th, 2020.

Edgington Presbyterian Church

Treasurer's Report October 2019

	Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	Balance
General	\$ 65,330.12	\$ 15,779.00	\$ 20,205.14	\$ 60,903.98
Jahn	\$ 9,364.61	\$172.38		\$ 9,536.99
Edgington	\$ 5,611.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 39.98	\$ 5,591.02
Boughton	\$ 18,525.91	\$ 1,876.57		\$ 20,402.48
Lauby	\$ 16,809.34	\$ 282.69		\$ 17,092.03

Ending Gen. checking balar	87,634.66
Uncleared Transactions	\$ 11,602.67
General checking Balance	\$ 76,031.99

Reconciled Bank Accounts	
Gen. checking	\$ 76,031.99

October 2019 GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

Zach Hopkins salary	4,077.34		
EPC (health)	26.33		
EPC (pension)	947.30		
Mileage (Sep & Oct)	263.24		
Lisa Bowman	899.55		
Robin Preston	433.56		
Lori Dixon	276.07		
Eddy Bull	43.73		
U.S. Treasury (payroll tax)	1,413.87		
IL Dep of Rev (payroll tax)	203.97		
AT&T	178.29	General	\$ 60,903.98
MidAmerican Energy church	659.00	Edgington	\$ 5,591.02
MidAmerican Energy manse	182.00	Jahn	\$ 9,536.99
Kenny's Pest	60.00		
Millenium Waste	30.36	TOTAL	\$ 76,031.99
Ministry Designs (website)	30.00		
ABS (copier)	115.77		
The Good Book Co (cont ed)	98.01		
Best Buy (office supply)	69.99		
Microsoft Office (office supply)	106.24		
Postmaster	16.80		
Ebay (cont. Ed)	102.55		
Mediacom (2 months)	371.17		
Chris Stark	300.00		
J Lancaster (mission)	1,500.00		
Pregnancy Resources (mission)	500.00		
Burdsall (mission)	1,750.00		
McCallum (mission)	1,250.00		
Woodworth (mission)	2,000.00		
Hubers (mission)	300.00		
Youth Hope (mission)	1,500.00		
Youth Hope MAD Program (mission)	500.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$20,205.14

INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL

Mission Fund \$7,561.22
Assistance Fund \$5,153.46

TREASURER'S REPORT *Cont. from p. 12*

Edgington Presbyterian Church General Fund Profit & Loss

October 2019

Oct 19

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Per Capita Contributions	180.00
Interest Income - General Fnd	14.77
Loose Offering	198.50
Pledges	15,385.73

Total Income 15,779.00

Expense

Operating Maintenance - General	434.09
Continuing Education	200.56
Mileage	263.24

Mission

U.S. Mission - Presbyterian	1,800.00
International Mission - Presbyt	5,000.00
Local Mission	2,500.00

Total Mission 9,300.00

Office Supplies

Copier	115.77
Office Supplies - Other	206.23

Total Office Supplies 322.00

Payroll Expenses

Custodian Payroll	433.56
Choir Director	252.47
Organist Services	23.60
Pastor Salary	4,077.34
Payroll Taxes	1,617.84
Secretary Services	899.55

Total Payroll Expenses 7,304.36

Pension & Health Care 973.63

Postage 16.80

Utilities

Gas & Electric - Church	659.00
Gas & Electric - Manse	182.00
Internet Service	371.17
Telephone	178.29

Total Utilities 1,390.46

Total Expense 20,205.14

Net Ordinary Income -4,426.14

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Do you know of anyone that is missing out on receiving the Edgington EPC Newsletter each month? If so, please contact the church office at 309-795-1713 or edgingtonepc@gmail.com and let me know. I will be happy to make arrangements for it to be received by whatever means works best.

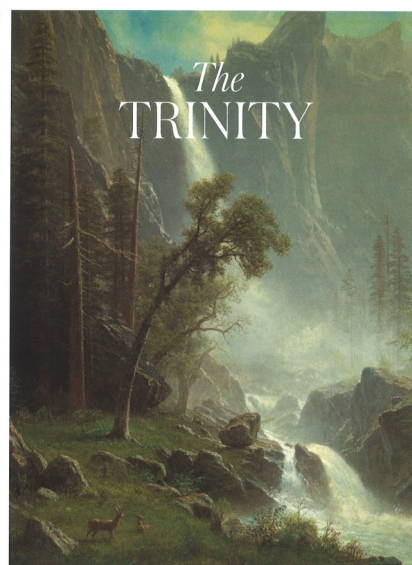
The newsletter is distributed via email and postal service. It is also posted to Facebook page each month and our website: edgingtonepc.org.

Thank you so much! ~ Lisa Bowman

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THE TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL

TABLETALK

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LOCATED IN THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH

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 Jude & Revelation.

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!



RUTH

AN
ADVENT
SERIES



A SERVICE OF NINE

Lessons & Carols

DECEMBER EIGHTH
FIVE O'CLOCK

Coffee and refreshments will follow in
the church basement.

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



Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 24th, 10pm



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Thursday, December 5th, 1:00pm

Pastor Zach will be leading our program:
"Christmas Trivia Game Show"



Hostess: Everyone, as we each need to bring 3 Dozen cookies for the cookie plates we will be assembling.

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!



THANK YOU ALL!!!

Just want to thank everyone for their help with Operation Christmas Child.

Whether you helped by donating, packing, or being part of all the receiving team "Thank you!"

We packed 257 boxes this year, which is an amazing opportunity to share the Gospel. This is sometimes an overwhelming task, but with everyone's help I think we do a great job!

Please continue to pray for our boxes and that the recipients we will receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Blessings,
Tara

Thank you

NO QUILTING DAY THIS MONTH

Third Thursday of each month, 9am - Noon
 Please come and join us as we create, piece, and sew quilts to present to next year's graduating seniors, as well as Winnie's Place.

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

Please consider joining us! Hope to see you there!

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group normally meets on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month from 6 - 7:30pm.

Join us in December for:

Sunday, December 8th - Lessons & Carols Service, 5pm

Sunday, December 22nd - Normal Meeting

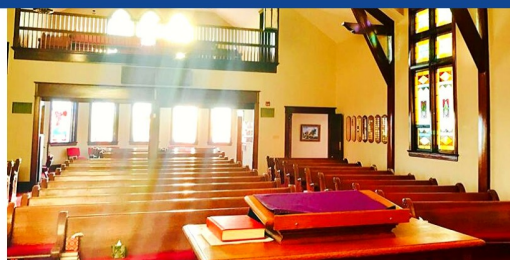




PRESBYTERY @ EEP C

JAN 24-25, 2020 | VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

HOSPITALITY - FACILITIES - TECH - LOGISTICS



Encounter World Outreach
Side-by-Side with
Rivers & Lakes Presbytery
 Edgington EPC, Taylor Ridge, IL
 Friday January 24th & Saturday January 25th, 2020
A place to explore your mission call!



*Encounter World Outreach: for those who would go or would support those going to **WHERE THE CHURCH ISN'T**.*

- For church **members** interested in missions.
- For church **mission committees** to learn more on how to get involved with EPC World Outreach.

ENCOUNTER WORLD OUTREACH

GOING TO HARD PLACES - TO TELL THE STORY OF JESUS - AMONG A PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO CHURCH



2 separate, yet connected EPC events, happening here at Edgington EPC in 2020!

January 24 - 25th we are hosting the Rivers & Lakes 28th Stated Meeting. At the same time Encounter World Outreach will be hosting a joint conference upstairs.

We will need many volunteers! Please contact the church office at 309-795-1713 or edgingtonepc@gmail.com for more information and to sign up to help.

Here's a little more info about the Encounter WO:

The EPC has many mission field openings with Engage2025.
 The EPC has many people with an emerging call to go!

This Encounter World Outreach is for all who are interested in missions and want to learn more about becoming a missionary and are asking:

- What's it like to be a missionary?
- How do I know if God is calling me?
- What are common obstacles to pursuing missions?
- What are the options for going out with EPC World Outreach or being on a Presbytery Home Team?
- What are the options for going out with another sending agency?

This is also for church mission leaders who want to know how to get involved with World Outreach, with Engage2025, with a Presbytery home team or with those who are going.

DECEMBER

2019



Sunday School 9am
Worship Service 10am

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 1st Advent Sunday Food Pantry Sunday	2 Meal Site	3	4	5 Meal Site PW Mtg., 1pm Choir, 7pm	6 Meal Site	7
Lisa out-of-office —————→						
8 B/P Checks 2nd Advent Sunday Lessons & Carols Service, 5pm	9 Meal Site	10	11 Trustees Mtg. 7pm	12 Meal Site Choir, 7pm	13 NO Meal Site Food Pantry Shop & Pack 8:30-11am	14 Food Pantry Distribution 8:30-11am
15 3rd Advent Sunday	16 Foot Clinic Meal Site Newsletter Items Due	17 Mission Comm. Mtg., 6:30pm	18	19 Meal Site	20 Meal Site	21 First Day of Winter
22 4th Advent Sunday B/P Checks Youth Group 6pm	23 Meal Site	24 Advent Christmas Eve Service, 10pm	25 Christmas 	26 Meal Site	27 Meal Site	28
29	30 Meal Site	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year 	2 Meal Site PW Mtg. 10am Takedown Noon Potluck	3 Meal Site	4