

DARK SKIES. DEEP MERCY.

As I write this we're currently in the midst of a week-long period of overcast skies. We haven't seen the sun in quite some time. Maybe it doesn't for you, but for many, this begins to have a certain effect that has spiritual parallels. What do you do when you feel yourself being pulled into a season of being emotionally or spiritually overcast? What is that experience like? And how can we be equipped to navigate our way through it?

When we're thinking about the nature of the Christian life, I have an instant reaction to draw connections to John Bunyan's classic work, *The Pilgrim's Progress*. Through the journey of Christian, the main character, we see a metaphor for the way God's grace works in and carries us through our lives. In this wonderful story, there is a particular point early on when Christian encounters a period of, shall we say, emotional and spiritual overcast skies. This is Bunyan's picture:

Now I saw in my dream that... they drew near to a very miry slough that was in the midst of the plain; and they being heedless, did both fall suddenly into the bog. The name of the slough was "Despond." Here, therefore, they wallowed for a time, being grievously bedaubed with the dirt; and Christian, because of the burden that was on his back, began to sink in the mire.

This place, called the Slough of Despond is so named because, as Bunyan continues,

"This miry Slough is such a place as cannot be mended; it is the descent whither the scum and filth that attends conviction for sin doth continually run, and therefore is it called the Slough of Despond: for still as the sinner is awakened about his lost condition, there ariseth in his soul many fears, and doubts, and discouraging apprehensions, which all of them get together, and settle in this place; and this is the reason of the badness of this ground."


In *Pilgrim's Progress*, Christian has to take the hand of another in order to be lifted up out of the Slough of Despond. Consider that essential point, he cannot by his own strength remove himself, his help comes from outside of himself. Such is the way of the Gospel.

I don't know what causes you to feel that you are sinking in the mire of the Slough of Despond – but I know that we all experience it. It happens when we feel, for whatever reason, that it has been far too long since we have enjoyed the sunshine of God's peace and presence. What is the answer? We cannot remove ourselves from this place of distress. We need the help of another.

Whether that other person is physically the hand of a friend, family member, of fellow-church member, ultimately the grace of the extended hand to the poor and needy believer is the hand of our Lord Jesus. He promises to live and abide with us, and to lift us from the Slough of Despond. As the Psalmist says, "In my distress I called to the LORD, and He answered me" ([Psalm 120:1](#)).

Dear treasured people of God, as we so often sing, "turn your eyes upon Jesus." His grace will lift you from the place of your despair, and His peace will be as a light to you, that you may continue to walk in faith and obedience. Repent, and once more, lay your trust upon Him.

Walking with You,



ELDERS

Keith Wilson - Clerk
Steve Morrison
Jim Mueller
Kevin Oak
Mic Penry
Patrick Shovar

DEACONS

Beth Flickinger
Cindy Cullen
Scott Cullen
Janet Dunlap
Norman Dunlap
Beth Easterla
Don Easterla
Cora Schafman
Peggy Shovar

TRUSTEES

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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

4 - Chris Elliot	18 - Cindy Thompson
5 - Linda Anderson	20 - Robert Crawford
5 - Judge Fuhr	20 - Karrie Fuhr
5 - Debra Wagamon	20 - Klay Goodnight
10 - Dave Benge	20 - MaryAnn Vroman
10 - Josey Stegmiller	24 - Trenton Pearson
11 - Patrick Shovar	25 - Shawn Terrill
15 - Lone Hesch	27 - Nathan Flickinger
16 - Stacey Anderson	27 - Hillary Terrill



Marcia Day wanted to share with all of you that her aunt, Marvyl (Rommel) Holder passed away on Wednesday, January 29th. She thought that some of you may remember her, as she grew up in the house next to the church. She moved to Colorado with her husband and raised their four children there. If anyone is wanting to send a condolence card it can go to Marcia's cousin:

c/o Janet Morrison
PO Box 156
Allenspark, CO 80510



The clients and staff of Winnie's Place would like to thank the members of the church that donated the fresh produce.

Our kids really enjoyed the clementines and apples.

Thank you!



On the table in the sanctuary foyer in front of the elevator mechanical closet are a variety of items that

have been left behind - several pairs of reading glasses, sunglasses, a cute pink sippie cup...

Please check the table to see if any of the lost items may be yours!

GREETERS FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 2nd - Dewey & Shirley Flemming
Sunday, February 9th - Marvin & Denise Rursch
Sunday, February 16th - Jason & Beth Flickinger
Sunday, February 23rd - Don & Beth Easterla

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

The Session meeting was held January 7th 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 will act as moderator of the meeting. Zach opened the meeting with prayer. The Elders read and discussed Ephesians 4: 1-17. The Elders prayed for the committees and volunteers of the church.

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: 2 Home, 3 Office; 8 Discipleship/Counseling; Fuhr Visitation and Funeral
- Committee/Ministry Meetings: Presbyterian Women, Personnel, Youth Group, Buffalo Prairie Session, Mission Committee, Choir, Lessons & Carols

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Session reviewed the Lessons & Carols and Christmas Eve services. Attendance was 104 and 120, respectively.
- The Session reviewed and discussed the 2020 budget.
- The Session reviewed the work of the 2020 Nominating Committee.
- The Session discussed upcoming events.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Zach mentioned the church needing to submit its 2019 records to the Presbytery. Zach and Keith will schedule a time to complete.
- The Session discussed the upcoming Annual Meeting scheduled for January 19, 2020. Zach presented a draft agenda for review. Zach asked the Ruling Elders to submit a short writeup to include in the annual report. These writeup's are due January 14, 2020.
- The Session discussed the upcoming 28th Stated Meeting of Rivers and Lakes Presbytery to be held in our church January 24, 2020 - January 25, 2020.
 - Zach shared a draft of the schedule for the meetings and worship.
 - The meeting will begin early afternoon on Friday and conclude at noon on Saturday.
 - A motion was made, seconded, and approved to appoint Kevin and Patrick to serve as delegates at the meeting.
 - A number of volunteers will be needed to help during the meeting and dinner.
 - A worship service will be held 7:00pm the evening of January 24th. The Elders will be serving Communion, and our congregation is encouraged to attend. Zach will provide juice, Kevin will provide the loaf, and Keith will provide the cut-up bread for Communion.
- Zach and Patrick discussed conducting training for new acolytes.
- The church Leadership Retreat is scheduled for February 15, 2020 from 8:00am to Noon. The Elders were asked to let Zach know if there are any specific topics that they would like included on the agenda.
- The Session reviewed a request by Margo Bowman to use the church basement on January 12th for her daughter's birthday party. Motion was made to grant the request, motion was seconded and approved.
- Keith reviewed a concept for a plaque describing the early years of our church as a memorial to Janet Jack. He has contacted the Memorial Committee and will be contacting the Trustees concerning this.

The next Stated Session meeting will be: January 28th, 2020 at 7pm.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:04pm. Motion Carried.

Zach closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Wilson, Clerk of Session

Edgington Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Annual Meeting

January 2019 – December 2019

January 19th, 2020, 12:30pm

Location: Church Sanctuary

Attendees: 40 members were in attendance, which exceeds the requirements of 20 for a quorum.

Zach Hopkins served as moderator.

Zach opened the meeting with prayer and reading from Psalms 48: 12-14. Zach read the poem “My Church” by William Henry Boddy D.D.

- **Purpose:** The annual congregational meeting is held to review the reports for the year 2019 and to elect officers for 2020.
- **Approval of Docket:** Motion made and seconded to approve the docket. Motion carried.
- **Approval of minutes:** The January 27th, 2019 minutes were reviewed. Motion made, seconded and approved. Motion carried.
- **OLD BUSINESS:** None
- **Committee Reports:** Appreciation was expressed to all committee members, teachers, and volunteers. Reviewed collectively with comments as noted, motion made to approve all reports, seconded and approved.

Session: Zach reviewed the Session activities for the year. In keeping with a short-term goal that the Session has had the church’s audio ministry has seen use as there were 1016 downloads of sermons during 2019. The Session continues to focus on the spiritual needs of the congregation and delegating the various business needs of the church to the appropriate committees.

Tara Johnson thanked the congregation for the opportunity to serve on the Session as she concludes her term after serving for six years. She offered her assistance to anyone that needs a helping hand and is eager to continue to serve the church.

Deacons: Beth Flickinger reviewed the activities of the Deacons during 2019 and thanked the members of the committee. She noted that the committee viewed the Session as steering the boat and their committee as looking after the needs of all of us in the boat. She asked the congregation to notify the committee of any needs that they should be aware of.

Trustees: Mel Block reviewed the activities of the Trustees in 2019, as noted on page nine of the Annual Report, and thanked the trustees and other volunteers for their efforts. Mel also called attention to the list of proposed future projects for 2020, as outlined on page 10 of the Annual Report. He noted that many of these projects are significant and the nature of certain projects will require hiring contractors.

A member asked what material would be used to re-side the east side of the church. Mel answered that it would be cement siding to match the siding that is on the new main entrance.

Another member inquired about the cause of the failure of the basement carpet. Mel answered that moisture coming up through the floor was a contributing factor, and that the Trustees are continuing to look for an appropriate remedy.

Manse Task Force: No report at this time.

Mission Committee: Barb Freyermuth thanked the committee members and summarized their work. The committee continues to put Christ in the center of their discussions, as they decide on how to best to further His word. The committee is dedicated to supporting EPC's World Outreach. The committee has also developed a priority for bringing people to Christ through outreach in our local community. They are beginning to work with the local school system to identify the needs of children and how they can be addressed.

Treasurer's Report: A question was asked concerning the position of Music Director. Zach stated that Lori Dixon has resigned the position effective the end of May. We are very fortunate to have two organists that serve our church. We will be searching to fill the position of Music Director.

Investment Committee: A comment was made that it is good to see that the loan from the Organ Fund to the General Fund has been repaid.

Youth Group: No comments

Vacation Bible School: Kathy Stegmiller was thankful for the community involvement that makes this program possible. She expressed a concern regarding the need to enlist younger adults to join in. Zach commented that while VBS is a community program, he stressed that our church's policies apply to this ministry. Zach also noted that the church maintains lists of attendees of VBS that are either unchurched or not at present actively involved and invite them to events such as the ice cream social and the fall harvest party.

Food Pantry: Zach expressed appreciation for the tireless work of the volunteers.

Presbyterian Women: Dorothy Rursch thanked the church and members of the organization for their support. She said the group would love to have more members to join in. She mentioned the groups involvement in organizing funeral dinners, the rummage sale, and projects such as recovering the choir chairs.

Memorial Fund: No comments

Auditor Report: No comments

▪ **New Business**

New Ministry Opportunities: Zach stated that a Men's Ministry is still a gaping need within our church, and he wants to do at least one thing really well in this area in 2020. Zach also reminded us that Sunday morning worship is the most important aspect of our spiritual life, and asked the congregation to encourage others to attend.

Review of the 2020 Budget: The Session previously approved the budget. The congregation votes to affirm and support it. It was noted that mission giving remains at 25% of amounts contributed to the church and is budgeted to increase by \$5,000 in 2020. A motion was made and seconded to affirm and support the 2020 budget. The motion was approved.

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

Motion made to adjourn the meeting, seconded and approved.

Zach closed the meeting with prayer followed by the congregation singing the doxology at 1:35pm.

Date: 12/11/2019

Present: Mel Block, Jeff Thomas, Jeff Schmidt, Scott Nelson, and Treasurer Cindy Oak

Mel opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:01pm.

Reviewed the minutes from the November 13th, 2019 meeting along with the Treasurer's report presented by Cindy. Since a quorum was not present at this meeting, no votes to approve the minutes and Treasurer's Report were taken.

Old Business:

- Larry rewired 7 light fixtures on the second floor of the Sunday School wing, converting them over to new LED lamps, with the materials and labor both donated. Also, two new coat racks were constructed and installed by Larry in the basement, with materials and labor also donated.
- Ken donated a considerable amount of time over the past month to wire up the new septic system pump and control system.
- A silt fence was installed by Mel & Jeff Thomas around the new septic system spoil piles on the northwest corner of the church to help control some of the silt & mud that is running out into the parking lot and getting tracked into the church, causing additional carpet cleaning work. Mel has spent a considerable amount of time shoveling up mud that was previously washed out into the parking lot to try to keep it from getting tracked back into the church.
- The issue concerning the basement carpet glue dissolving and migrating up into the carpet was discussed again. While it is likely the carpet may need to be replaced in the spring, an interim measure to steam cleaning the glue spots might help the appearance for the short term.

New Business:

- Two Christmas trees were offered from two different families as a replacement to the aging Christmas tree in the church sanctuary. After a short discussion, a determination was made that the Trustee Committee was not the appropriate group to make a decision on this issue, and it should be referred to the PW group who typically takes care of holiday decorating.
- A short discussion was held on whether additional rugs at the entrances are needed to help control some of the mud problems. If the mud tracking issue continues, then this may be necessary.
- Mel mentioned he is compiling a list of completed 2019 projects for presentation to the congregation at the annual meeting in January 2020.

Mel closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Thomas

December 17, 2019

The Mission Committee met on December 17, 2019 at 6:30pm in the Conference Room of the church. Those attending were Barb Freyermuth, Deb Wagamon, Jim Cooksey, Lisa Nelson, Mary Ann Vroman, Nancy Engstrom, and Todd Stegmiller.

Barb opened in prayer.

Old Business:

- **Approve Minutes:** November minutes were approved by the committee.
- **Buddy Bags:** Mike Ruff, Principal of the Andalusia school, was in attendance. To bring Mike up-to-speed on the program, Barb reviewed the thoughts behind this mission. The idea came from the church in Abington's program, "Feed My Lambs" concept of feeding children over the weekend when they do not have access to good nutrition. The school would identify the children who could benefit from this program and notify EEPC how many bags they would need. EEPC would provide the bags to the school, and they would dispense them. Mike estimated 20 children in the district; but will certainly follow-up with area schools to get a final count. He has worked with a similar program in a previous position, and feels our area could certainly benefit from such a mission. We spoke about providing nutrition for all members of the student's family rather than just the student. Also, discussed designing a form to be filled out by the family indicating any allergies that might modify the foods being distributed.
 - **Next steps:** Mike will provide a number of students/family members by January 2020. We can then determine if this is a viable mission for EEPC, and present this at the annual meeting.
- **Review of Newsletters:** This was completed by committee.
- **Christmas Eve Donation:** This will go to World Outreach (Woodworth's, Huber's, and Burdsall's) Committee will match at least 1:1, and the final decision will be made in January 2020.
- **Winnie's Place:** All Angel packages are due back this Sunday. Nancy will need assistance delivering the parcels. The Furnace Project is on-going. The HVAC system needs to be replaced. There was a water leak which caused damage, and a new deck needs to be installed. All total, they need 90K in additional funds over and above operational expenses. The Rockridge Honor Society has collected funds, and will be donating to Winnie's Place.
- **Tom and Phyllis Bassett:** Visit to church on Nov. 24, 2019. They are moving toward retirement in the Q.C. area and could use additional funds toward that transition.

New Business:

- **Christmas Box Postage:** The committee agreed/approved a donation to the Youth group of \$1,200.00 toward the postage for the OCC Shoebox box program.
- **Andalusia Family:** Mike Ruff brought a local family to the attention of the Committee. This family is in need of physical and spiritual assistance and support at this time. The Committee discussed the issue and approved a \$1,000.00 donation to the Andalusia school program to be used for this family's needs.
- **Minute for Mission:** Barb will speak to the topic "Spreading Goodwill Locally".

Jim closed in prayer

Our next meeting will be held on January 21, 2020 @ 6:30pm.



CHECK OUT THE NEXT SEVERAL PAGES FOR
THE MINISTRIES WE SUPPORT AND FOR WAYS
THAT YOU CAN GET PLUGGED IN PERSONALLY!





NEW YEAR, NEW LOOK - Still YouthHope!

As we begin a new decade, we are launching a new look for YouthHope!

We bring youth HOPE!

Our goal is still to surround kids and teens with the love of Christ through all we do.

He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. - Col. 1:17

UPCOMING EVENTS

TRIVIA NIGHT - 2/1/2020, MYC, Doors open at 6pm. Trivia begins at 7pm

BANQUET - 4/16/2020, 6pm. The Rust Belt, 533 12th Ave. East Moline, IL

Are you willing to be a table host? Please call to reserve your tickets or host a table! 309-762-4577

Excited to serve with you in 2020!

I am amazed by what God did through YouthHope in 2019!

Our **Shepherd** brought in record numbers of youth to YouthHope!

- Over 500 kids and teens each week!
- 80+ Junior Highers on Fridays!
- 419 students at Camp Summit!

Our **Provider** met our budget, helped grow our endowment by \$40,000, gave safe haven, and provided thousands of meals for kids and teens at programs.

Our **Healer** restored physical, mental, and spiritual health for many of our youth and food pantry patrons.

Our **Counselor** guided our staff, directed our board, and counseled our youth.

Our amazing **Savior** opened hearts, delivered kids and teens, showed their true value, and accepted them as they gave their lives to Him!

2019 was an amazing year, because our God is awesome! The YouthHope team and I are so thankful to be partnering with you to do His work! We are excited for 2020 at YouthHope!

~ Mark Drake, Executive Director

To read the rest of the January 2020 YouthHope News Report click [HERE](#)

We have MUCH to praise Him for!

- Kevin is back from sabbatical!! He had an awesome time of vision for the future! We are so thankful for his safe return from his solo wilderness adventure in New Mexico!!
- We praise God for helping us to meet and exceed the Year-End Matching Challenge!
- The 4th Annual Resolution Run 5K went very well, and we are so thankful for God's hand of protection, grace, and jubilee that was experienced!

Prayer Requests:

- Mark will be traveling soon to meet with potential major donors in Florida. Please pray for his safety during the trip, and for the Lord to be preparing the way now for donations we need!
- Lord, we claim healing in the name of Jesus for Dave and Leah's foster child's broken foot!
- Father God, we need Your wisdom, clarity, and understanding as we prepare our new website. Please help us have the time we need to do this project with excellence!
- Father, we seek Your will and provision for this summer's camp staff. Please be with Kevin and Tanner and give them Your wisdom as they recruit at colleges in the next couple months.
- Please pray for a former camp counselor who is struggling. This person needs a shift, from bitterness to worship. Lord please send Your peace, grace, mercy, and healing! Please create divine appointments to speak life and Your love!
- Please pray for the YouthHope staff! We need supernatural strength, encouragement, health, and energy! Lord, help us to remember YOU are our source for all we need, and You always provide! Thank You for your Holy Counsel, and please help us to think the right thoughts, say the right words, and make the right decisions in every situation we face.

We praise the Lord for His never-ending goodness! We trust Him for all things in 2020, and celebrate all our Creator has for us. We are so thankful for you and 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

Quarterly Ministry Recap – Oct, Nov, and Dec 2019 Statistics

It's your **prayer commitment**, your **sacrifice of time**, and your **financial investment** that makes this type of consistent ministry possible!



- 927 unique visits for individualized care
- 189 Pregnancy Tests were performed
- 121 Ultrasounds were performed
- 1,610 Students in 17 schools were influenced by the No Regrets Sexual Integrity Program
- In 2019, five groups of women went through our post-abortion recovery bible study.

On January 2nd, 2020, the first day we were open after the holiday, Pregnancy Resources staff and volunteers provided 15 pregnancy tests, four ultrasounds, and had 17 parents attend parenting classes. At that rate, we did almost a pregnancy test with options counseling every hour we were open! Life was seen at every ultrasound appointment and parents learned, shared their story and grew together. What a difference a day can make.

In the first full seven days of services in 2020, we saw 22 abortion-vulnerable patients; of that, ten patients were abortion-determined*. (*abortions scheduled in the following week)

Please continue to pray with us. ~ Liz Ryan, Outreach Director

PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS:

- *Father, please be with a young woman who is conflicted and unsure of what to do about her early pregnancy. Give her peace and support.*
- *Jesus, please be with our Post Abortion Healing group that is currently meeting. Guide the facilitators to speak Truth and Life to the women in attendance. Give the women peace and show them Your love throughout these meetings and beyond.*
- *God, thank you for the men and women who volunteer their time with Pregnancy Resources. Keep them safe and healthy during this season & protect them from spiritual warfare that attacks those who work for Your good.*
- *Father, be with the banquet preparations. Lay on the hearts of table hosts who to invite to join them for the evening. Bring peace to those who are working hard to make sure that everything comes together for a wonderful night that is honoring to You.*
- *Jesus, be with Brandi, the Pregnancy Resources Abstinence Educator, who is at Mid-City High School and UTHS next week. Keep her healthy and energized as she reaches students with truth. Give her patience as she encounters many students over the course of the week.*
- *God, thank you for your continued provision for the ministry of Pregnancy Resources.*

Thank you so much for your continued prayers for the ministry of Pregnancy Resources. ~ Marissa J. Foss, Admin. Assistant



For three decades, women and men have found help, hope, and healing through the life affirming and gospel centered ministry provided by Pregnancy Resources. For 30 years, hearts have been softened and children's lives have been saved as moms and dads have heard life, seen life, and chosen life for their babies. This will be a special night to honor our heritage and look to our future. (Click the image to be taken to the registration page)

Thursday, March 26th, 2020

Doors open at 6pm with Dinner and Program beginning at 6:30pm

Please reserve your seat now. RSVP by March 2, 2020. An opportunity to make a one-time or monthly financial gift will be extended. Questions? Call Liz at (309)797-3636 or email Liz@qcpregnancy.org.

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.

HUBER-VENTURES - Our Great Cloud of Witnesses

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

We just arrived back on Sunday from a solid month on the road! Our travels included Christmas celebrations with both sides of the family, wonderful fellowship with our World Outreach family and even a day trip to Disney World, BUT it also brought lots of rain, bad sleep from our children and the deaths of Jesse's grandfather, Saul's great uncle Charlie, and Saul's 60-year-old aunt Joyce.



What do you do with all of that? Fun times with family and meetings with awesome missions coworkers are easy to enjoy (especially with our packed season of life), but I tend to just power through the harder things and allow busyness to distract from the kind of reflection that would ultimately bring God glory. So, I'm forcing myself to slow down and to celebrate three incredible people that Jesus joyfully welcomed to eternity this month.

The verse that keeps coming to mind is from Hebrews, after the author recounted the faith of many in chapter 11, the next chapter opens with, *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."*

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

Please pray/praise with us!

1. Praise God for YOU! We are so grateful for our partners in ministry and God's provision through you, not just financially but through your prayers, help with our kids, encouraging notes and reminders. Thank you.
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! We continue to be amazed at our kids' attitudes and flexibility-what a blessing!
4. Prayers for health and strength for Jesse and the baby as they enter the final months of pregnancy.
5. Please pray for our families (on both sides) as we continue to grieve our losses.
6. Pray for our hearts to be continually stirred up and softened toward the unreached people groups the EPC is reaching around the world!
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

THE NUMBERS:

Number of students signed up for Summer Jam in Hamtramck, MI this July : **58**

2: Number of applicants we've been coaching towards interviews in April (where they could become appointees!)

Number of miles we traveled this past month (give or take a few): **3095!**

46: Number of state license plates we saw during our travels

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.](#)



FOOD PANTRY MARCH 2020 DISTRIBUTION

We will be doing the Spring food pantry distribution on Saturday, March 14th from 8:30 - 11:00am.

We will pack and shop on Friday, March 13th.

Shoppers will leave at 8:30am, and we will start packing at 9:00am.

We invite anyone interested in helping us pack food to join us. We are usually finished by 11:00am.

We are still well stocked with green beans and corn, but have lots of room on the shelves for a variety of foods.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

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



WINNIE'S PLACE

Women In Need - Nurtured Into Excellence

To the wonderful community we call the Quad Cities - Thank you. Thank you. Thank you! From the clients and shelter coordinators of Winnie's Place, we say, "Thank you."

We received bus passes, toiletries, checks, frying pans, blankets and quilts, handmade pillowcases, knitted gloves and scarves and dolls, gift cards to grocery stores, a Christmas tree and decorations, hundreds of socks, Christmas books, candy and stockings, fresh produce, rolling grocery carts, and Lincoln logs for the month of December.

Churches that donated are: All Saints Episcopal of Rock Island, Trinity Lutheran of Pleasant Valley, First Christian of Davenport, Trinity Lutheran of Moline, South Park Presbyterian of Rock Island, Blue Grass Presbyterian, Christ United Methodist of East Moline, Bethel Wesley of Moline, Edgington Presbyterian, and St. John Vianney of Bettendorf.

Groups that donated are: Hamilton Elementary School, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Friends Forever Group, ALCOA Retirees Club, Kiwanis Rock Island, and P.E.O. Chapter B. L.

Groups who fulfilled our families' specific Christmas Wish lists are Dr. Nancy Short, DHL Global Forwarding, Edgington Presbyterian Church, and Phoenix Corporation Women in Construction.

And we never want to forget those individuals who remember us monthly with their check donations.

May each and every individual and organization have a very Blessed and Prosperous and Safe New Year!

Denise Grimes, Shelter Coordinator Corretta Nunn, Shelter Coordinator



1605 Harrison St., Davenport, IA
Click the logo to be linked to Winnie's Wishes FB page.



Project NOW
Community Action Agency

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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.



MARCH NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE WED., FEBRUARY 19TH

Please have all submissions for the March Newsletter to the church office by Wednesday, February 19th. Items received after that date may not make it into the newsletter.

Thank you for your cooperation!

~ Lisa

Edgington Presbyterian Church

Treasurer's Report December 2019

	Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	Balance
General	\$ 60,372.70	\$ 29,945.87	\$ 10,196.02	\$ 80,122.55
Jahn	\$ 9,797.49	\$206.57		\$ 10,004.06
Edgington	\$ 5,591.02			\$ 5,591.02
Boughton	\$ 21,726.38	\$ 1,050.42		\$ 22,776.80
Lauby	\$ 17,516.81	\$ 338.22		\$ 17,855.03

Ending Gen. checking balar	99,420.62
Uncleared Transactions	\$ 3,702.99
General checking Balance	\$ 95,717.63

Reconciled Bank Accounts	
Gen. checking	\$ 95,717.63

December 2019 GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

Zach Hopkins salary	4,077.34		
EPC (health)	26.33		
EPC (pension)	947.30		
Mileage	107.37		
Lisa Bowman	917.25		
Robin Preston	359.82		
Lori Dixon	276.07		
AT&T	174.01	General	\$ 80,122.55
MidAmerican Energy church	580.00	Edgington	\$ 5,591.02
MidAmerican Energy manse	31.42	Jahn	\$ 10,004.06
Millenium Waste	30.36	TOTAL	\$ 95,717.63
Ministry Designs (website)	30.00		
ABS (copier)	90.77		
Mediacom	178.51		
Amazon (Cont. Ed)	43.57		
US Postmaster	23.85		
Staples (paper)	67.06		
J. Thomas (silt fence)	27.00		
TJ Maxx (office supplies)	7.99		
And. Grade School (mission)	1,000.00		
Youth Group (shoebox shipping)	1,200.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$10,196.02

INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL

Mission Monies \$11,998.24
Assistance Fund \$5,153.46

Edgington Presbyterian Church

General Fund Profit & Loss

December 2019

Dec 19

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Per Capita Contributions	320.00
Flower Contributions	40.00
Interest Income - General Fnd	15.34
Loose Offering	561.56
Other Income	1,312.27
Pledges	27,696.70

Total Income 29,945.87

Expense

Operating Maintenance - General	57.36
Continuing Education	43.57
Mileage	107.37
Mission	
Local Mission	2,200.00

Total Mission 2,200.00

Office Supplies

Copier	90.77
Office Supplies - Other	105.05

Total Office Supplies 195.82

Payroll Expenses

Custodian Payroll	359.82
Choir Director	252.47
Organist Services	23.60
Pastor Salary	4,077.34
Secretary Services	917.25

Total Payroll Expenses 5,630.48

Pension & Health Care 973.63

Postage 23.85

Utilities

Gas & Electric - Church	580.00
Gas & Electric - Manse	31.42
Internet Service	178.51
Telephone	174.01

Total Utilities 963.94

Total Expense 10,196.02

Net Ordinary Income 19,749.85

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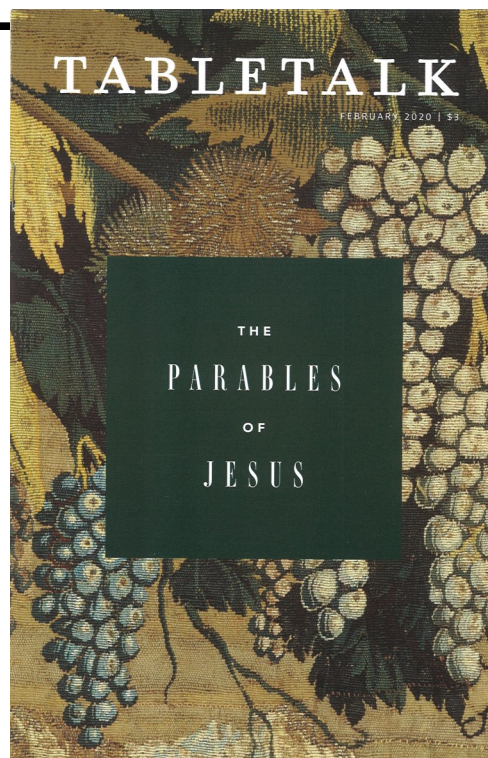


Do you know of anyone that is missing out on receiving the Edgington EPC Newsletter each month? If so, please contact the church office at 309-795-1713 or edgingtonepc@gmail.com and let me know. I will be happy to make arrangements for it to be received by whatever means works best.

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**



LOCATED IN THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

SERIES ON MATTHEW 5-7

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. On Sunday mornings 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.

Sunday, February 2nd - [Matthew 5:1-10](#)

Sunday, February 9th - [Matthew 5:1-12](#)

Sunday, February 16th - [Matthew 5:13-16](#)

Sunday, February 23rd - [Matthew 5:17-20](#)

SCRIPTURE LINKS - Download the apps!



ESV.org is an online Bible reading tool created to help you read and engage with God's Word. While many features of the site are available without signing in, we invite you to [create a free account](#), which makes it easy to save personal notes, highlight favorite verses, and start interactive reading plans.

(Click on the images to go to their websites)



Blue Letter Bible provides powerful tools for an in-depth study of God's Word through our free online reference library, with study tools that are grounded in the historical, conservative Christian faith. We view the Bible as central to our study resources. We intentionally designed the website to include study tools that are linked directly to Bible passages. Dig deep into the Word using commentaries, encyclopedias, maps/images and much more. One of our most used tools is the Lexicon search, which gives users immediate access to the original Hebrew and Greek words.

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 2020 Deacon team includes Scott & Cindy Cullen, Norman & Janet Dunlap, Don & Beth Easterla, Beth Flickinger, Cora Shafman, & Peggy Shovar.

2020 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

ASK ANYTHING!

Sundays @ 9am

In 2020, the Adult Sunday School class will be going through the list of questions submitted to Pastor Zach in the fall. However, additional questions and discussion will be welcome!

We all have questions, and the best way to grow in our faith is to ask them! So please, join us and ask anything!

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!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Thursday, February 6th, 1pm

Pastor Zach will be presenting a Bible study on Psalm 10 from the book "Sing a New Song"

HOSTESS: Shirley Flemming

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!



PW SOUP LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER

Sunday, Feb. 16th,
11:30am

Immediately
following the worship

service the PW will have wonderful, warm soups for us to enjoy together in the church basement. A donation to the PW is all that's asked for a bowl of warm deliciousness!

Please join us and support the PW!



BABY SHOWER!

All women of the church are invited to a baby shower in honor of Mackenzie Hopkins on Saturday, March 14th at 2pm in the church basement.

She is registered at Target and www.babylist.com.

Please RSVP to Sue Penry at 309-644-0010 by March 1st.

QUILTING DAY

Thursday, February 20th, 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!

CHURCH LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

SAT. FEB. 15TH, 8AM - NOON

This workshop is for all church leaders and committee members:
Session, Deacons, Trustees, Mission Committee, Sunday School Teachers

All the details are not yet confirmed, but some of the training that is
planned includes:

R.I. County Sheriff's Dept. Officer here to continue our discussion of
safety and preparedness
AED training

Mark your calendars now if you are in leadership in 2020.

2020 VBS PLANNING MEETING

Sunday, February 16th at 12:30pm



The VBS Committee is meeting for the first time this month.
The PW is hosting a fundraising soup luncheon at 11:30am, right
after the worship service, so we will all be able to come to the
meeting with full bellies and active minds!

This community outreach takes **MANY** hands, **MUCH** work, and
LOTS of planning! We could use your help!
Please look for ways to be involved and contact Kathy Stegmiller
at 309-791-1162 for more info.

Thank you!

ACOLYTE TRAINING

Sunday, February 23rd, 11:30am

If your child is interested in becoming an acolyte,
please stay after the service on this day.

Three years cancer free... because of blood donors like you!

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



Edgington Presbyterian Church Blood Drive

Saturday, March 7

7:00 am to 10:30 am

In Fellowship Hall

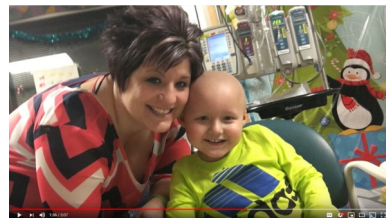
To sign up, call

Scott and Cindy Cullen at 309-236-7549

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



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*How life flows through our community.**



To hear more about
Kale's story click on the
picture above.

To register online for the
blood drive click on the
image to the left.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP @ EEPCC?

ADULT NEW MEMBER CLASS

SUNDAYS AFTER WORSHIP

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

MARCH 15TH, 22ND, & 29TH

11:30AM - 12:30PM

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

FEBRUARY 2020



Sunday School 9am
Worship Service 10am

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26 B/P Checks Youth Group 6pm	27 Meal Site	28 Session Mtg. 7pm	29	30 Meal Site NO Choir	31 Meal Site	1
2 Food Pantry Sunday	3 Meal Site	4	5	6 Meal Site PW Mtg. 1pm Choir 7pm	7 Meal Site	8
9 B/P Checks Youth Group 6pm	10 Meal Site	11	12 Trustees Mtg. 7pm	13 Meal Site Choir 7pm	14 Meal Site	15 Church Leadership Training Mtg. 8am-Noon
16 PW Soup Luncheon VBS Planning Mtg. 12:30pm	17 <i>President's Day</i> Foot Clinic NO Meal Site	18 Mission Comm. Mtg. 6:30pm	19 Newsletter Items Due	20 Quilting 9am Meal Site Choir 7pm	21 Meal Site	22
23 B/P Checks Youth Group 6pm	24 Meal Site	25 Session Mtg. 7pm	26	27 Meal Site NO Choir	28 Meal Site	29