



PASTORAL RAMBLINGS ON THE SEASON OF CHURCH LIFE THAT ANTICIPATES EASTER

I'm writing today on what is often recognized as Ash Wednesday. Maybe you have some familiarity with that observance, as you grew up attending special services on this day; perhaps not. Either way, from time to time I receive questions about, not only Ash Wednesday in particular, but also the Lenten season in general. Here are a few (very random!) thoughts I would offer, in no particular order.

1. We do not have an Ash Wednesday service. Even the very best of intentions and understandings behind Ash Wednesday services remind us that we are dust, and calls us to faith and repentance. To the attentive worshipper, that's exactly what happens *every single* Lord's Day.
2. I once wrote an article for the February 2016 church newsletter entitled “*Do we practice Lent? Yes and No.*” At that time, I tried to give a qualified answer to the question depending on what a person means by “practice.” While acknowledging that the Christian church has throughout its history patterned its worship according to the church calendar, I affirmed Westminster's position that the only prescribed holy day for the New Covenant Church is the Lord's Day. I can't for the life of me remember a time when someone clamored to get their hands on a back issue of the newsletter, especially in order to read one of my articles – but if you would like to do that, dear soul, I am happy to get you a copy!
3. If you're curious about Lenten meat fasts on Fridays (have you heard this?) - In 1517 the Reformation came to Germany through Luther's hammer and 95 Theses. In 1522, the Reformation came to Switzerland through Christopher Froschauer and Ulrich Zwingli's sausage supper, infamously named [*The Affair of the Sausages*](#). If you don't know that story – it's a must hear!
4. We do have a **Good Friday** service on Friday, March 10th at 7pm. We plan to follow a historic liturgy of a Tenebrae (*shadows*) service, with a special time of communion. I hope to see you there!
5. If, as it's commonly stated, “*giving something up for Lent*” is the pinnacle of your spiritual devotion; I'm concerned that you have not heard the Gospel clearly enough, and I want to apologize for not being a more faithful pastor to you. Sincere Christian discipleship calls us away from both legalism and superstition, toward a sincere embrace of Jesus Christ as He is offered to us in the Gospel.
6. Why do we seem to observe Advent, but only minimally, if at all, observe Lent? That is a good question, and if you would like to discuss it, along with others, I'd be thrilled to sit down and think about these things together.

Walking with you, after the Good Shepherd,

ELDERS

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

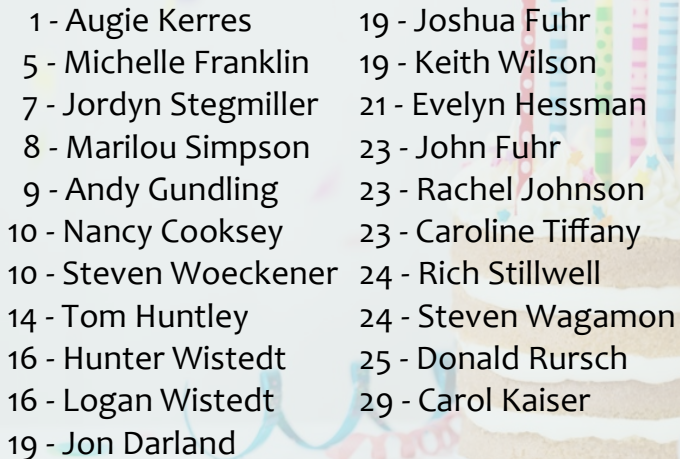
DEACONS

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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



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

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES



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

UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY PLEASE


I HAVE MOVED!



Marilou Simpson
Friendship Manor
1209 21st Ave. Bldg. A, 201
Rock Island, IL 61201



GREETERS FOR MARCH



Sunday, March 1st - Ken & Sandy Benningfield
Sunday, March 8th - Girl Scouts Troop 2436
Sunday, March 15th - Bob & Alice Crawford
Sunday, March 22nd - Marvin & Peggy Weiss
Sunday, March 29th - Patrick & Peggy Shovar

January 28, 2020 at 7pm

The Session meeting was held January 28th at 7:00pm. The meeting was held in the conference room of the church with Zach Hopkins, Steve Morrison (via phone), Jim Mueller, Kevin Oak, Patrick Shovar, and Keith Wilson in attendance.

Pastor Zach acted as moderator of the meeting. Zach opened the meeting with prayer. The Elders studied and discussed the first two chapters of The Shepherd Leader by Timothy Witmer. 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: 3 Home, 3 Office, 6 Discipleship, 2 Lunch Meetings
- **Committee/Ministry Meetings:** Youth Group, EEPCC Mission Committee, Buffalo Prairie Session, RLP CC, RLP MC, 28th RLP Meeting

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Session discussed the January 19th, 2020 Annual Meeting. 40 members were present in spite of inclement weather conditions.
- The Session discussed the 28th Stated RLP Meeting that our church hosted January 23rd - 25th, 2020. Much appreciation for all of the work of the volunteers was expressed. The Session felt that special recognition of Lisa Bowman and Cindy Oak is appropriate.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Ruling Elders agreed on committee assignments for 2020. They are as follows:
 - Clerk – Keith
 - Deacons – Patrick
 - Trustees – Jim
 - Christian Ed – Mic
 - Mission – Kevin
 - Worship – None Needed
 - Personnel – Steve and Keith
- Patrick and Zach will be conducting Acolyte training after worship some Sunday in the near future. Seven youth have signed up to serve as acolytes.
- The Session discussed the upcoming Church Leadership Retreat to be held the morning of February 15th, 2020. The topics of physical health and security will be included in the meeting. An officer from the Rock Island Sheriff's department will present on the subject of security. It is hoped that a representative of Red Cross will be present to train on the use of the defibrillator. It was suggested to review the Session's commitment to shepherding.
- Zach assigned chapters 3 and 4 of The Shepherd Leader to be studied prior to the next Session meeting.
- Next Communion will be served February 2nd, 2020. Keith will bring cut-up bread, Kevin to bring the loaf, and the juice is on hand.

The next Stated Session meeting will be: February 25th, 2020 at 7pm.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:20pm. Motion Carried.

Zach closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Wilson,
Clerk of Session

Date: 01/08/2020

Present: Mel Block, Phil Fuhr, Scott Nelson, Nathan Oak, Larry Pithan, Jeff Schmidt, Chris Stark, Jeff Thomas, Treasurer Cindy Oak

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

Minutes from the November 13th, 2019 and December 13, 2019 meetings were reviewed and approved.

Reviewed the Treasurer's report for December. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented – motion carried.

Old Business:

- Light fixtures in the kitchen have been rewired and new LED lamps installed. Material and labor donated by a trustee.
- Trustee replaced ballasts in two light fixtures in the old basement.
- Discussed re-staining the worn wood portions of the pews. Project will be organized later this winter.

New Business:

- Discussed need for Trustee help during the upcoming Presbytery meeting.
- Country Companies has indicated they will provide the name of someone who will complete the annual boiler inspection at no charge. There will be a cost to obtain the state permit.
- Reviewed and approved Mel's proposed annual report and future project report to be presented at the annual meeting.
- Reviewed a request from Keith Wilson to install a church history plaque in the entrance vestibule. Cost to be paid from Janet Jack memorial funds. Motion made and seconded to approve – motion carried.
- Checked furnace filters, cleaned lens in rear light fixtures, and replace damaged ceiling tiles after the meeting.

Mel closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan

February 2, 2020

In attendance were: Cindy and Scott Cullen, Beth Flickinger, Cora Schafman, Peggy Shovar, Session Representative Patrick Shovar, Jan and Norm Dunlap, and Beth and Don Easterla.

Beth opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from the November Meeting: Approved as written.

November - January Activities: 21 visits and 7 meals were delivered. 8 cards (5 birthday, 1 anniversary, and 2 thinking of you) were sent.

Old Business:

- Amy Oak (absent) but was thanked for her years of service as a Deacon.
- Final care packages were assembled and delivered to 7 college students.

New Business:

- We welcomed Beth and Don Easterla as new Deacons.
- The 2020 officers were chosen, with Beth Flickinger being selected as Chairperson and Cindy Cullen as secretary. Cora Schafman agreed to stay on and continue to send cards.
- Volunteers were taken for committees as follows:
 - Cards: Cora Schafman (continuing)
 - Blood drive: Scott & Cindy Cullen (continuing)
 - Shut-ins: Linda Anderson - Beth & Cindy
Nancy Druckmiller - Peggy & Beth
Donald and Clarice Docherty – Dunlaps
Janice Armstrong – Cora will send cards only
Jim & Maxine Pettit – Cora will send cards only
Maxine Fuhr – Beth
Clarissa Jahn – Shovars & Cora
- “Eye On List” Cora has agreed to send cards to the following; Jim & Luella Doonan, Evelyn Hessman, Marilou Simpson, Lowell & Phyllis Titterington, and Nancy Rursch
- Volunteers were assigned to schedule greeters. Beth distributed a new tracking sheet.
- The spring blood drive is set for March 7th, 7 to 10:30am. Scott and Cindy will coordinate the drive.
- Beth reminded us of the officer training coming up on Saturday, February 15th, 8am to Noon.
- New member reception will be held on April 5th (Palm Sunday).

The next Deacon meeting will be held March 22nd.

Beth closed meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Cullen

January 21, 2020

Attendees – Barb Freyermuth, Nancy Engstrom, Jim Reimers, Pastor Zach Hopkins

Zach discussed the upcoming Presbytery meeting at our church, and that Steve Woodworth and Saul Huber will be in attendance. Zach will check with them, but the Mission Committee is willing to take them to lunch on Sunday at Johnny's Steak House after church on Sunday.

Old Business:

- We reviewed the expenditure of the funds provided to Rockridge needy family and appreciated Mike Ruff's documentation for us

New Business:

- Mission money available through December – \$11,998.24
- Discussed where donation from the Presbytery meeting this week should go.
 - Approved matching the donation from the Presbytery and splitting between:
 - ⇒ Steve Woodworth
 - ⇒ Lancaster – Church planting
- The Christmas Eve donation was approximately \$825. We have already approved matching that amount to each of the individuals below:
 - ⇒ Saul and Jesse Huber - \$825
 - ⇒ Steve Woodworth - \$825
 - ⇒ Scott & Colleen Burdsall - \$825
- Discussed 2020 financial commitments, but with only 3 individuals from committee there, we decided to wait until the next meeting to approve
- We did discuss some preliminary amounts (see below); please review and be ready to provide input

2020 Mission Commitments	Preliminary commitment thoughts	Notes
World Outreach (Burdsall)	\$ 7,500	Add part of decrease from McCallum's
World Outreach ITEN (McCallum)	\$ 4,000	Possibly decrease by \$1000 and add to Burdsall and/or Woodworth's
World Outreach ITEN (Woodworth)	\$ 8,500	Add part of decrease from McCallum's
World Outreach (Huber)	\$ 2,000	Increase to \$2000
Youth Hope	\$ 6,000	Same
Youth Hope - MAD Program	\$ 2,000	Same
Pregnancy Resources	\$ 2,000	Same
Church Planting (Lancaster's)	\$ 5,000	Church planting will be a focus for the EPC; Zach recommended at least \$5k
Others?		
Totals:	\$ 37,000	

Our next meeting will be held on February 18th @ 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Wagamon



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



Thank you so much for your continued prayers and covering for YouthHope! We are so blessed by what God is doing here! Your prayers are heard, and youth are finding hope in Christ!

Praise Reports!

- We praise God for the tidal wave of Middle School students flooding our programs on Fridays! We are consistently experiencing over 100 6-8th graders at our Moline and Rock Island Youth Centers! God is preparing this next generation, and they are searching for Him!
- We joyfully report that three of our teens stepped forward recently to accept the calling on their lives to pursue ministry! It is overwhelmingly awesome to see how God is using YouthHope to shape youth culture!
- We had a record-breaking Trivia Night! We thank God for His provision, good weather, and for everyone who participated! Many people were introduced to YouthHope, and we know many new volunteers and supporters will come from this event!
- So many good things are going on at YouthHope - too many to list! We are seeing lives transformed, hope found, and kids thrilled to worship! Our Heavenly Father is so good and faithful! We trust His plans for YouthHope and invite His will to be done here!



Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for our students who recently lost their mom to unnatural causes. Lord, wrap your arms around them, protect them, comfort them, and provide for their needs, and be with their grandmother who lost her daughter so tragically. You are so much bigger than their situation. We thank you for carrying this family and placing them at YouthHope during this time.
- Please pray for good health for YouthHope Staff, Volunteers, and families we serve! We have been bombarded with illness this winter. We command health and healing in Jesus' name for everyone who steps foot on YouthHope property!
- Please pray for Mark Drake, who is currently visiting long-time friends of YouthHope in Florida. Lord, please give him cherished moments with these friends, protect him as he travels, and use this time to speak to him, direct him and refresh him and bless those he is visiting.
- Please pray for the Moline Youth Center renovations! We ask for favor with the finances we need to complete the project, the divine appointments for the builders and contractors, and the future programs to be held in this new space to have a special anointing of breakthrough with students!
- We need your prayers for our summer camp staff! We will be hiring 5 male and 5 female counselors. Lord, please give us wisdom, vision and understanding during this hiring process. Please place the right people in our path, and we call forth divine appointments for these positions. Help us to prepare well for them, and train them well for this summer. Thank you Lord for what You will do this summer through Camp Summit!
- Lord, please go before us in preparation of our Annual Fundraising Banquet. We ask for good weather for day before and the day of banquet. (4/15-16). May guests come to know, accept and love Jesus by our actions and the words of our testimony. We thank the Lord for His amazing provision.

We are so thankful for God's love for us, and how He is using us to reach others. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers! We thank God for you and pray He blesses 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Walk Beside Me...

Many think of Pregnancy Resources as a ministry focused primarily on reducing abortion and helping clients make an informed decision about their pregnancy. While this is most definitely true, many of our clients could not make the decision to carry and parent without the ongoing support of our classes and material assistance.

This week there was a client who specifically said, **"I just need someone to help me with all this stuff, to walk beside me. I knew I could come here and be safe and not judged."** This is a commonly expressed sentiment by our clients. This particular client's pregnancy test was negative, but she was encouraged to come back for support by attending classes and Bible study. Many of our clients come to us at a very vulnerable time and need to be listened to and guided in a positive direction. Our classes are a great place for them to process and learn.

Continue to pray for us as we actively connect with our clients, giving them the basic knowledge they need to be healthy during pregnancy, care for a new baby, and parent well.

To read the rest of the First Quarter 2020 Pregnancy Resources **Heartlines**, please click [HERE](#).

PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Father, please be with Luana Stoltenberg, a board member of Pregnancy Resources and a pro-life advocate, as she speaks to the Full Iowa House on Tuesday, February 25 as they hear testimony regarding pending legislature. Please give her the right words to speak and open the hearts of those who are listening. Allow those who are making the legal decisions to be softened to Life as they hear Luana's story.
- God, please be with our Post Abortion Healing group as they continue to meet. Thank you for their desire to find hope after their abortions. Help their time with each other to be edifying and enriching as they work through their past.
- Jesus, thank you for the staff and volunteers of Pregnancy Resources. Thank you for their dedication to Life and their commitment to joining with the ministry of Pregnancy Resources to bring hope and help to the Quad Cities Area.
- Father, be with Luana Stoltenberg as she goes to Washington on March 4th to give her testimony on legislatures that are in the process of being decided on. Give her wisdom to know what to say and help her to speak Truth and Life on the platform that you are giving her. Soften the hearts of those who are listening and deciding on this legislature. Give them wisdom and allow them to see the Truth.
- God, be with the Pregnancy Resources supporter who lost his granddaughter through miscarriage. Give him, his children (the parents suffering the loss), and the entire family peace and comfort as they grieve this loss.
- Jesus, be with the Pregnancy Resources client who miscarried and left without information. Be with her and give her peace and comfort as she grieves.

~ 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. It's not too late to sign up! (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. 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:
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.

Delays, Detours and the Coronavirus

To read the full February 2020 report click [HERE](#).

Delays: After a planned trip to Sierra Leone in early January fell through, I found myself with the opportunity to spend some time stateside to catch up with partners, churches and supporters who I see far less often than I would like. While my trip to Africa was canceled due to a number of reasons, the great news was that our national leaders were able to step up and lead the training in our absence. After 4 years of partnership, this was an incredibly exciting development as we seek to help our national partners become increasingly self-sufficient. We will be with them again after the summer.

Coronavirus: Due to the outbreak of the coronavirus, we had to cancel our upcoming trip to Vietnam. The city of Hanoi has already quarantined over 10,000 people, and our travels required us to pass through airports in China and South Korea which remain hotspots for the outbreak.

Detours: *When one door closes, another opens!* This cancelation of our Vietnam trip has now allowed me to travel instead to **Sudan** and **Ethiopia**. In Sudan I'll be working with my ITEN colleague Mike Kuhn to provide faculty training to a local college. And we will both join Bruce Anderson in Ethiopia to meet with pastors and local leaders engaged in church planting among Muslims.



Prayer Requests

- Turnaround time for these trips to Africa are very tight. Please pray that all the details of new visas, plane tickets, and itineraries are made smooth by our Father
- Please also pray that airlines and hotels are gracious in potential refunds (or vouchers) for our canceled trips
- Sudan remains very high on the persecuted church list. Please pray for our protection, and that Mike and I might bring much needed encouragement to our suffering brothers and sisters.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment as we engage with our partners in Ethiopia regarding the next steps of our ministry plan with these faithful ministry leaders.

[CLICK HERE to become a partner](#), and support our calling to serve those with least access to the gospel. **Thank You!**



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.





THE BURDSALL'S *Serge* Grace at the Fray

For safety reasons it has been decided not to include a link to their full update. If you would like to receive their regular updates via email, please contact the church office and Lisa will connect you with the Burdsall's to be added to their email list.

Hello all! We have some big things happening this week that we would like prayer for:

Monday, Feb 24th: A media outreach campaign is beginning that is currently being supported by the Jesus Film with the specific desire to reach Sylheti speakers. This will be a bit of a soft launch of what our team is working on (in coalition with other mission organizations in the UK and around the world) as a way to find seekers in this modern world where almost everyone uses social media. This whole process is being mentored along by a man with vast knowledge and experience in helping mission organizations reach out this way on social media.

The long term goals for our team are to have a website and facebook ads where we can use social media to find those that are genuinely seeking Jesus, and reach them in a broader way than we can through booktables and one to one meetings in our area. Once they are found, then we would engage them and move them toward face to face meetings and mentoring, so that we can share Jesus love with them. This launch on Monday is targeted more in getting the Jesus Film video in front of people, and then responding to those that show interest.

The whole thing is very exciting, both in how it is claiming God's sovereignty over all the world, even social media, and in how many people and groups are working together excitedly to reach Sylheti speakers. Pray specifically:

- That the ads would reach those that want to know more about Jesus and that these people would not be afraid to reach out with questions.
- That the seeds of truth would begin to grow in hearts of those that see these ads, even if they are not ready to respond yet.
- For our wider coalition team that is working on this all around the world and in multiple languages- that we would have unity and support for each other, and coordination in work.
- For our local team as we are mostly all new to this type of outreach- that we don't get overwhelmed and that God can work through our weakness.

Thanks so much for your prayer support in these areas, and for your support and prayers always!

In His grace,

Colleen, for Scott and the kids



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

Inside the Shelter: Insight from Winnie's Place Staff and Volunteers

We're going to be doing a series of interviews with staff and volunteers from Winnie's Place. This month, we interviewed Corretta Nunn.



Corretta Nunn

Why do you work at Winnie's Place?

"I'm helping somebody. I'm always looking for somebody to help. I've been through what these ladies are going through. I haven't been homeless, but I know what it's like to be broken. I know what it's like not to have my family around.... Sometimes, I feel like they just need that extra push and they need some nurturing and they need some guidance in order for them to be successful and moving out of here."

Is there a program that clients go through?

"We have a program where they have to have a plan when they come in here to look for housing...to look for a job if they don't have a job... They need to be nurtured, but sometimes, they need direction."

"Client plans are based on the needs of the individual clients and vary based on those needs. Winnie's Place helps clients learn skills, like housekeeping, parenting, job skills, and job search skills. There is a group Bible Study once a week... Once a month, clients come together for a community meal at the shelter. Clients and their children are expected to help with the meal. Clients are expected to go to church on Sunday."

"Clients are also expected to make a schedule weekly that shows what they are doing on a daily basis. Clients work with staff to create their schedules.... We help them and show them. We direct them on how to make things a little simpler. After discussing the schedule, we expect for them to follow through."

"Positive changes are happening for clients. One client is close to getting her GED. Three of the children living in the shelter are going to be baptized soon."

Tell me about donations.

"The shelter is consistently blessed by donations from the community. Everyday we get something! Currently, there is a need for: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Soap, Laundry Soap, Garbage Bags, Dishwashing Liquid, Tall Kitchen Garbage Bags, Ziploc Bags, Bleach, Pinesol, and bagged salt for melting snow and ice."



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

Denise Grimes, Shelter Coordinator Corretta Nunn, Shelter Coordinator



See page 20 for more info and
all the details on getting
registered for the trip!

Deposits need to be turned
into the church office as soon
as possible to reserve your
spot.

Edgington Presbyterian Church

Treasurer's Report January 2020

	Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	Balance
General	\$ 80,122.55	\$ 15,456.37	\$ 17,434.23	\$ 78,144.69
Jahn	\$ 10,004.06	\$174.62		\$ 10,178.68
Edgington	\$ 5,591.02			\$ 5,591.02
Boughton	\$ 22,776.80	\$ 888.30		\$ 23,665.10
Lauby	\$ 17,855.03	\$ 286.56		\$ 18,141.59

Ending Gen. checking balar	95,619.21
Uncleared Transactions	\$ 1,704.82
General checking Balance	\$ 93,914.39

Reconciled Bank Accounts	
Gen. checking	\$ 93,914.39

January 2020 GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

Zach Hopkins salary	4,308.32		
EPC (health)	26.33		
EPC (pension)	875.81		
Zach H.S.A.	1,500.00		
Mileage	146.63		
Zach (reimbursement cont. ED)	278.00		
Lisa Bowman	1,445.19		
Robin Preston	669.50		
Lori Dixon	346.85		
ILDept Revenue (payroll tax)	302.96		
US Treasury (payroll tax)	1,467.61		
AT&T	174.01	General	\$ 78,144.69
MidAmerican Energy church	580.00	Edgington	\$ 5,591.02
MidAmerican Energy manse	163.00	Jahn	\$ 10,178.68
Millenium Waste	30.36	TOTAL	\$ 93,914.39
Ministry Designs (website)	50.00		
ABS (copier)	124.55		
Amazon (office supplies)	49.85		
Harlan Clarke (checks)	44.50		
CCLI (music copyright)	222.00		
Kone (maintenance contract)	1,468.44		
Edg Water (church)	365.00		
Mediacom	178.51		
Amazon (Cont. Ed)	75.40		
Westminster Books (Cont. Ed)	158.26		
K Slayden (salted parkinglot)	75.00		
US Postmaster	127.25		
Air B & B (Cont Ed)	628.06		
Great Commission (Sunday School)	235.13		
EEPC (Presbt. Change for registration)	300.00		
Costco (Presbytery expense)	452.89		
B. Prairie Church (presbytery expense)	80.00		
TPC (Presbytery expense)	53.28		
Wal Mart (Presbytery expense)	51.96		
HyVee (Presbytery expense)	56.84		
Amazon (Bunn coffee carafe)	15.93		
Rocket Stop (Presbytery Expense)	2.82		
Dollar General (Presbytery expense)	3.99		
S Woodworth (pulpit supply)	150.00		
S Huber (hotel -misssion)	150.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$17,434.23

INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL

Mission Monies \$16,138.17
Assistance Fund \$5,153.46

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

Edgington Presbyterian Church General Fund Profit & Loss January 2020

Jan 20

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Miscellaneous Contribution	300.00
Basement Rent	25.00
Flower Contributions	
Poinsettias	110.00
Total Flower Contributions	110.00
Interest Income - General Fnd	16.67
Loose Offering	384.00
Other Income	1,565.00
Pledges	13,055.70
Total Income	15,456.37

Expense

Operating Maintenance - General	1,589.73
presbytery expense	701.78
Continuing Education	1,139.72
Mileage	146.63
Miscellaneous	300.00
Mission	
U.S. Mission - Presbyterian	150.00
Total Mission	150.00
Music	222.00
Office Supplies	
Copier	124.55
Office Supplies - Other	144.35
Total Office Supplies	268.90
Payroll Expenses	
Custodian Payroll	669.50
Choir Director	252.47
Organist Services	94.38
Pastor Salary	4,308.32
Payroll Taxes	1,770.57
Secretary Services	1,445.19
Total Payroll Expenses	8,540.43
Pension & Health Care	2,402.14
Postage	127.25
Pulpit Supply	150.00
Sunday School	235.13
Utilities	
Gas & Electric - Church	580.00
Gas & Electric - Manse	163.00
Internet Service	178.51
Telephone	174.01
Water	365.00
Total Utilities	1,460.52

Total Expense

17,434.23

Net Ordinary Income

-1,977.86

Net Income

-1,977.86



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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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, March 1st - [Matthew 5:21-26](#)

Sunday, March 8th - [Matthew 5:27-30](#)

Sunday, March 15th - [Matthew 5:31-32](#)

Sunday, March 22nd - [Matthew 5:33-37](#)

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, March 5th, 1pm

Pastor Zach will be presenting a Bible study on Psalm 21 from the book "Sing a New Song"

HOSTESS: Nancy Cooksey



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!

QUILTING DAY

Thursday, March 19th, 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!



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.



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

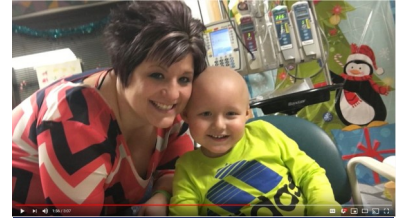
Saturday, March 7

7:00 am to 10:30 am

In Fellowship Hall

To sign up, call

Scott and Cindy Cullen at 309-236-7549



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.

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



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REGIONAL BLOOD CENTER
*How life flows through our community.**



2020 VBS PLANNING MEETING

Sunday, March 15th at 12:30pm

We had our first planning meeting for this summer's VBS program, and we are off and running! We have had a good response thus far, but there is always room for more willing spirits and helping hands.

The theme this year is:

Rocky Railways, Where Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through!

We are always interested in new ideas for speakers or activities for the afternoon, so if you have any thoughts in this area, have heard of a good program, or know of a good speaker, please notify Kathy Stegmiller at 309-791-1162 or any member of the VBS committee.

Thank you for your continued support of the community outreach!

ACOLYTE TRAINING PLEASE NOTE - DATE CHANGE:

Sunday, March 15th, 11:30am

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



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!

Please call the church office at 30-795-1713 or put your name on the sign-up sheet located on the table in the sanctuary foyer by no later than March 8th.



YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP

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



APRIL NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE WED., MARCH 18TH

Please have all submissions for the April Newsletter to the church office by Wednesday, March 18th. Items received after that date may not make it into the newsletter.

Thank you for your cooperation!
~ Lisa Bowman, Office Manager

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily for the sanctuary this year, please take one of the giving envelopes from the pew card holder located on the back of the pews, and write your name(s) on it. Mark the “Other” box on the front and designate “Easter Lily(ies)” on the line next to it. If the lily(ies) is to be listed in memory of a someone, please list the loved one’s full name(s) on the back of the envelope. Lilies are \$10 each. Place the proper monetary amount in the envelope, and put the envelope in the offering plate.



Please join us Easter morning prior to the service for breakfast served by the youth.

We will start serving at 7:30am.

The menu includes:

Biscuits & Gravy, Waffles & Gluten-Free Waffles, Build-Your-Own Skillet, & Fresh Fruit.

All donations made will help offset the cost of their summer mission trip.





2020 Youth Mission Trip July 4th — 11th



WHO: 7th grade - 12th grade (including graduated seniors)

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

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



WHERE & WHEN?

- 7/4 Traveling. Lodging site for this night yet to be determined
- 7/5-11 Worksite projects in Port Huron, MI
Lodging at Central Middle School, 200 32nd St., Port Huron, MI

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

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

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

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

- **What's next?**

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



MARCH 2020



Sunday School 9am
Worship Service 10am

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Food Pantry Sunday	2 Meal Site	3	4	5 Meal Site PW Mtg., 1pm Choir 7pm	6 Meal Site	7 Blood Drive 7 - 10:30am
8 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i> B/P Checks Basement Reserved Youth Group, 6pm	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 Hopkin's Baby Shower 2pm
Lisa on vacation, Office Closed						
15 Membership Matters and Acolyte Training, 11:30am VBS Mtg., 12:30pm	16 Meal Site	17 Mission Comm. Mtg., 6:30pm	18 Newsletter Items Due	19 <i>Spring Begins</i> Quilting 9am Meal Site Choir 7pm	20 Meal Site	21
22 B/P Checks Membership Matters & Deacons Mtg. 11:30 Youth Group, 6pm	23 Meal Site	24	25	26 Meal Site Choir 7pm	27 Meal Site	28
29 Membership Matters 11:30am	30 Meal Site	31 Session Mtg. 7pm	1 Meal Site PW Mtg. 1pm NO Choir	2 Meal Site PW Mtg. 1pm NO Choir	3 Meal Site	4