

Like you, there have been lots of different emotions that I have experienced in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a husband, I am thankful that Mackenzie was able to be relieved from elective cases, and given an early start to her maternity leave in order to protect her and our son. As a new father, I am thankful that the quarantine window actually corresponds to the time needed to establish Paul's immune system – all of this is about keeping him safe, after all. On the other hand, that same window of time limits us from being with the people who love us, and perhaps most difficult, keeps grandparents from holding their new grandson. It's a complex mixture of emotions for us.

The same complexity exists for me as a pastor as well. We've been working hard to do what we can to remain connected as a church family through the use of digital media. While I am thankful for the capacity of amazing technology in the midst of a once-in-a-century pandemic, I am likewise exhausted and dissatisfied with all of it. I think it is revealing that for all the ways technology makes us more connected – it makes real community very difficult. It's interesting isn't it, that in an era when we've never been more connected, that we can simultaneously feel so isolated from one another. We're feeling that impact in the church. Watching livestream church services, while giving us access, only reminds us of the real access we don't have, but long to have once again. Technology, at the end of the day is insufficient and can never replace the real thing.

As I talk with other pastors around our presbytery and even around the country, I find them asking the same kinds of questions that I admit I have wondered: Will the shift to livestream be permanent? Will our folks prefer the comfort of their living room to the sanctuary? When it's all over, will they come back? With so many churches doing livestreams it's never been easier to 'church-hop' and find better preaching and/or higher production quality that is effective at drawing our attention. These and other questions and concerns flood my mind, and on occasion have been the cause of much grief.

In response to all of this, I reminded of an essential truth about the church that has greatly encouraged me, and I hope you will give it strong consideration. It's this: the Church is not a product to be consumed, it's a people to be joined with. I think the emphasis of putting the church online, to whatever degree of effectiveness, often contributes to the commodification of the church and the idea that members are consumers rather than fellow participants. But the Church does not exclusively exist to meet our needs. We are called into the Body of Christ to serve and participate in the mutuality of love and relationship; a receiving and a giving.

My hope and prayer is that we will come through the other side of these flood waters with a deeper appreciation for this beautiful reality in the Church. As the apostle Paul wrote, "so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another" (<u>Romans 12:5</u>). We are vitally and spiritually unified to one another, because we are in union with Jesus Christ. Thankfully, this is a reality that nothing from the pandemic to the grave can undo.

As we press on during these times, we trust that our God is in control and is at work in ways we cannot now see or imagine. I imagine there will be countless opportunities to look back and re-tell the mysteries of God's providence and the working power of His grace in this season, once it has passed. Until then, I am trusting that it won't be too much longer until we will be together again. But however that will look, and whenever that will be, we are where we always are, in the grip of God's grace and the kindness of His care.

Resting there 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

# MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Amy Schelker
- 7 Beth Easterla
- 7 Peggy Weiss
- 9 Pam Johnson
- 9 Mic Penry
- 10 Cade Reimers
- 12 John Rursch
- 13 Jennifer Elliott
- 13 Colton Landi
- 14 Wyatt Fuhr
- 19 Bob Stegmiller

- 19 Teresa Weber
- 20 Lawrence Milner
- 22 Olivia Freye<mark>r</mark>muth
- 22 Phil Fuhr
- 24 Lee-Ann Druckmiller
- 24 Jonathan Gierlus
- 27 Renee Meredith
- 28 Roma Milner
- 30 Kyle Johnson
- 31 Darcy Krueger 31 - Debbie Tomlin

All events listed in the newsletter are suspended at this time due to the recommendations and restrictions put in place by our elected officials & healthcare professionals in response to COVID-19. We are praying for many things now. Our ability to be able to meet together again soon is one of them! We will keep you posted!

Please watch for updates through emails, on the website, and on our Facebook page. Pastor Zach is Facebook Live every Sunday morning at 10am worship and Wednesday evening at 7pm for prayer.



6 - Dewey & Shirley Flemming

Happy Anniversary!

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

### **GREETERS FOR MAY**

Sunday, May 3rd - Todd & Lauren Stegmiller Sunday, May 10th - Kim & Barb Freyermuth Sunday, May 17th - Jon & Nita Darland Sunday, May 24th - Patrick and Peggy Shovar Sunday, May 31st - Darren & Tonya Hall



The Session meeting was held March 31st at 7:00pm. The meeting was a virtual video conferencing meeting with Zach Hopkins, Steve Morrison, Jim Mueller, Mic Penry, Kevin Oak, Patrick Shovar, and Keith Wilson in attendance.

Pastor Zach acted as moderator of the meeting. Zach opened the meeting with prayer and read from John 10: 11-15. The Elders studied and discussed the 5th chapter of *The Shepherd Leader*, by Timothy Witmer. The Elders prayed for the committees and volunteers of the church. Zach notified the Session of the passing of Timothy Russell, a Teaching Elder in the Memphis area.

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: 4 Home, 2 Office; 6 Discipleship; 1 Lunch Meeting
- Committee/Ministry Meetings: Buffalo Prairie Session

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- The Session reviewed the baptism of Everlee Grace Oak on March 8th, 2020.
- Acolyte training occurred on March 15th, 2020, and was well attended.
- The Session discussed the scheduled new member class.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- The Session Discussed Contingency Planning in several areas
  - Member Care Discussed the need to reach out to those that are shut-in at home and at assisted living and skilled nursing facilities. It is important for us to stay connected at this time and determine the needs of the congregation.
  - Timeline update
  - Financials A discussion was held whether our church should be applying for the Payroll Protection Program. It was determined that there is no need at this time.
  - Sunday Worship The Session discussed the recent Facebook Live broadcasts of Sunday morning services. It was felt that Zach, Lori, and Nancy have done a great job. The services have been very good and well "attended".
  - Wednesday Prayer Meeting. These sessions have been well received.
  - Sunday School Classes Brandee Neece has been conducting a digital class with the Senior High class. Mic will discuss options with the other teachers.
  - Easter Sunday service will be on Facebook Live at 9:00am.
  - The Session discussed a desire to have an Easter Sunday service the first Sunday that we are able to come back and worship together. Everyone agreed that it was a good idea.
  - Committee Meetings We encourage the various committees to continue meeting if possible.
    Zach mentioned that he has a Zoom license and would be willing to get meetings set up.
  - New Member Class It was decided to postpone these until sometime in May.
  - Resource table It was agreed to have a resource table made available for members to come and pickup issues of TableTalk as well as other brochures. Lisa Bowman will coordinate.
  - Zach's housing allowance Zach let everyone know that he, Mackenzie, and son Paul have moved into their new home. Steve, Keith, and Zach will meet to finalize housing allowance details.
  - Music Director Zach reminded the Session to prayerfully consider our need for a choir director this fall.

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

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. Motion Carried.

Zach closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Wilson, Clerk of Session



#### Date: 03/11/20

Present: Mel Block, Scott Nelson, Jeff Schmidt, Chris Stark, Jeff Fuhr, Ken Benningfield, Treasurer Cindy Oak, Session Representative Jim Mueller

Mel opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:04pm after an hour of landscape trimming around the church.

No minutes were available from February, because the February meeting was canceled.

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

#### Old Business:

- Odor in basement was discussed again. Trustees had pulled basement toilets up and resealed them to the floor with new wax rings. Discussed checking stand pipe for a blockage. All sewer traps have been filled with water. Will check for possible sewer pipe damage.
- Trustees were thanked for help they gave during January Presbytery Meeting.
- Boiler will be inspected in March per state requirements.
- A request will be made of a certified AED instructor to hold class for AED usage.

#### **New Business:**

- Mounting ideas for an historical plaque, in memory of Janet Jack, were made for wall mounting in the vestibule at the main entrance of the church.
- Trustees will repair flag pole cleat mounting hardware.
- A vote was taken and passed for Jim Mueller to remove the old east/west sidewalk from the street to the church sign. The area will be re-landscaped to blend in with the rest of the front yard.
- Trustees re-visited the need to re-side the east wall of the church. That project was delayed do to the installation of the new septic system last fall. Contractors will be contacted.
- Checked filters, filled sewer traps and showed new trustee Jeff Fuhr some of trustees responsibilities.

Mel closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mel Block



The Mission Committee did not meet in March, so their next set of approved minutes will be posted in the June Newsletter.



We have placed a large plastic tub next to the resource cabinet on Lisa Bowman's front porch for donations to be deposited in for Winnie's Place.

Please see p. 7 for more details.



Despite COVID-19 ministry is still happening around the world, and prayer is definitely needed! Please engage where you are able to and lift up the prayer requests of the ministries our church supports!



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



### APART, BUT CLOSER THAN EVER!

I pray you are well and staying safe during these unprecedented times! YouthHope is responding to the coronavirus as a great **opportunity** to reach kids and teens during a scary time in their lives!

Although we have suspended in-person youth programs, closed both Youth Centers, and postponed retreats at Camp Summit, we are working harder than ever to pursue youth right where they are!

Our staff are passionately, creatively, and strategically continuing to bring youth HOPE! We have planned , prayed, and implemented new outreach methods to communicate with kids and teens to encourage, listen, maintain connection, and meet any basic needs.

You can check out our recent online video Bible studies, devotionals, and messages on <u>YouTube</u>! The response has been very exciting! Our staff are texting, Face-Timing, calling, and holding virtual small groups! Plus, we've delivered bags of food, study materials, and Bibles to over 100 kids and their families.

Please know your are in our prayers! If you need help or know someone in need, please let us know. Our Food Pantry remains open Monday and Friday mornings, 9am-Noon.

We are trusting God and will continue to minister to the people He brings us! We are excited to share the stories of people finding faith during these uncertain times! Thank you for your prayers and support! God Bless You!

~ Mark & Sarah Drake

#### To read the entire April 2020 YouthHope Report click HERE

#### **Praise Reports:**

- YouthHope staff have grown closer together, relying more on God and trusting in His plans during the recent weeks of quarantine!
- We praise the Lord for our volunteer who survived a ruptured appendix, made it through surgery, and is recovering wonderfully! Lord, You are our source of healing and great physician!! Thank you Jesus! Please continue to heal her and remove any infection, swelling or abscess in Jesus' name!
- We give praise to our Lord for TWO staff weddings during this time of quarantine! Love Prevails! Congratulations Jeremy and Andrea! Congratulations Camila and Josh!
- We are so thankful for access to technology to maintain relationships with YouthHope kids, teens, and volunteers! We are sharing the Gospel and teens are diving deeper into the Bible and growing in faith!
- Praise the Lord for the community members, volunteers, church leaders, and our Board of Directors who have stepped up and taken steps to support YouthHope during this crisis! We know God is moving, and it is exciting!

#### **Prayer Requests:**

- Lord, please be with the 600+ kids and teens we usually see who are now at home. This is such a tough time for families please let Your peace flow through us! Please protect them from the evil they can access online and guide them to focus on your light! Use us Lord to shine Your light.
- Father, we lift up our student who has not been allowed outside for 30 days! Please continue to give him Your peace, help keep his composure and mental strength! Please be with our kids, teens and volunteers who are struggling with depression. Reveal Your presence, joy and love to them!
- Please pray for our mailman and his daughter who is in critical condition with COVID-19. We command the manifestation of complete healing in her and their entire family in Jesus' name!
- We plead the blood of Jesus Christ over our Creative Director and his family! Lord, we thank You for Your healing on his wife who was suffering from COVID-19.
- Sweet Papa, we thank You for our amazing volunteers who continue to serve, some at high exposure. Please protect all YouthHope volunteers and staff from the coronavirus!
- Dear Heavenly Father, we need Your help, wisdom, understanding, ability, and supernatural vision for our Virtual "At-Home Banquet." Please help the computers to work, every part to come together, and the funding we need to be provided.

For more information and a direct link to YouthHope's website donation page click <u>HERE</u> - 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



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### HELP IS STILL AVAILABLE AT PREGNANCY RESOURCES IN **DAVENPORT & MOLINE!**

....Emergency diapers are available weekly to those in need. Pregnancy Tests and



Ultrasound care will continue to be offered. Life affirming assistance will be available. Mentoring and classes will eventually return. When it is appropriate, our Mobile Medical Unit will again be brought into service....

I know you have been impacted by these events. Our clients have been profoundly impacted too. The pressure to abort is more intense. The access to help is more limited. The need for the help Pregnancy Resources provides grows by the day. Please continue to pray specifically for us during this time. Pray that our clients will seek our life affirming help, pray that our team will stay healthy and strong, and pray that the financial needs of the ministry will continue to be met. ~ Trisha Wilson, Executive Director

For the entire Second Quarter 2020 Heartlines please click HERE

### **1ST QUARTER REVIEW:**

In the first quarter of 2020 Pregnancy Resources has been able to offer :

• 966 Unique Visits

- 269 Packages of Diapers to families in need
- 199 pregnancy tests •
- 52 New Baby Bags For little ones about to join the PRC family
- 128 life-affirming ultrasounds ٠
- 9 Gospel Presentations Because people need authentic Hope!

God opened the door for 264 spiritual conversations and the Gospel was presented 9 times! We rejoice in the work of the Holy Spirit – and we are grateful to have a small roll in sharing the hope and love of Jesus to every woman and man that walks through our doors.

#### **PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- Father, please be with the Pregnancy Resources client who is abortion minded & has a complicated history & pregnancy.
- Jesus, put Pregnancy Resources on the mind of the client who left her ultrasound undecided. Allow her to call back to the • Center so that the staff can provide her with more information and the hope that can only be found in You.
- God, be with the area pastors. Give them strength to do what You are calling them to do in this time. Give them the wisdom to know what is right for their specific congregation during this crisis. Help their flocks to encourage them.
- Father, bring the young homeless woman who has called Pregnancy Resources into one of the Centers. Help her to find 0 her way to the Centers so that she can be helped and hear Your hope!
- Jesus, be with the Pregnancy Resources staff as they continue to minister to moms, dads, and families in the Quad Cities • Area. Give them strength and keep them healthy!
- God, allow the Pregnancy Resources staff to be able to reach the woman who is considering abortion, but has not been • able to be reached.

~ Marissa J. Foss, Admin. Assistant

### **OUR GALA HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED**

Mark your calendars! Our 30th Anniversary Celebration Dinner is now being planned for Thursday June 18th, 2020. We will begin to gather at the Waterfront Convention Center at 6:00 pm with dinner being served at 6:30 pm. June 18th,1990 is the exact date that our ministry opened its doors to offer hope to the greater Quad Cities! We look forward to a delayed but special celebration with you!



**Convention Center** For more information, visit www.qcpregnnacypartners.org/events

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.

### WINNIE'S PLACE

<u>W</u>omen <u>In N</u>eed - <u>N</u>urtured <u>I</u>nto <u>E</u>xcellence



April 3, 2020

Dear Churches United Supporter, We're in the midst of challenging times. We long for our old normal and we are adjusting to a world changed forever by COVID-19. Though life seems to be in flux, the mission of Churches United of the Quad City Area remains the same – to serve this community, revitalize the Church, and to celebrate our Christian Unity. We faithfully continue this mission each day. We need your support.

Churches United has continued to serve our community, though how we serve has changed for the safety of our clients, volunteers, and employees. Please, read our **update** on page 3.

There are parts of our ministry that are on hold. Winnie's Wishes Resale Shop, a revenue source for our shelter, is closed temporarily. Each day that it is closed is a day we need to find other sources to sustain our shelter ministry.

We are also committed to revitalizing our Church and celebrating our Christian unity. It's difficult to feel united when we can't physically unite and be revitalized when each day can feel like a struggle to survive. Churches United will continue to bring churches together by using resources, like Facebook and in our Faith Connections newsletter. In November and January, Churches United hosted ecumenical worship services and we remain committed to hosting more services.

When it is safe to gather again, it is our hope that the longing we feel now to join together will be the foundation for a new ecumenical movement throughout our community that will revitalize and unite the Church.

We need your help. Each day, the needs of the community grow and Churches United is responding. We know that you have been impacted by COVID-19. We're asking that if you can give, please do so by

supporting our general operations, hunger, and shelter ministries. Blessings, Mel Grimes

Shelter Coordinators: Juanita Bea, Denis Grimes, Debbie Jackson, MariAnn McWhitley, Corretta Nunn, and Kimberly Reese

Shelter Phone #: 309-757-0757

Because Winnie's Wishes is closed we have lost some of our revenue for Winnie's Place. We are in need of donations now more than ever!

**Needs:** Lysol spray, Disinfecting Wipes, Paper Towels, Latex-free gloves (surgical type)

**Foods: ALL food pantry type items** - Canned foods, Canned Meats, Non-Perishable Food Items, Juice, etc.

The Mission Committee has placed a large plastic tub next to the resource cabinet on Lisa Bowman's front porch for donations to be placed in. You may drop off your items at any time.

> <u>10400 78th Ave. W.</u> Andalusia, IL 61232



# 2020 Youth Mission Trip Cancelled



Due to COVID-19 Group Mission Trips has cancelled all of their planned workcamps.

We will look forward to 2021 and pray that those we were going to serve will be taken care of by others that God will send.



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

# **HUBER-VENTURES - Celebrating New Life**

She's here! On March 30th at 5:50pm we welcomed Zola Faye Huber to our family. Thank you so much for praying with us. God answered all of our prayers very specifically: Saul was able to be with Jesse at the hospital, the delivery was quick, Zola is healthy, Jesse is recovering well, and we were able to get home to our other kids 24 hours later. We've enjoyed two weeks off to adjust to life as a family of six. Saul returns to work (from home) today while Jesse will take a few more weeks to focus on Zola and her siblings in this transition.

Zola means calm/tranquil or "ball of earth", Faye means faith and is the name of her great grandmother. Our prayer for her is to have a quiet, grounded faith--a calm assurance. A good reminder in our current season and as we celebrate Easter.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby

- And feel the pride and joy she gives
- But greater still the calm assurance
- This child can face uncertain days, because He lives

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow Because He lives, all fear is gone Because I know He holds the future And life is worth the living, just because <u>He lives.</u>



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

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





### NEED A HAND OR ENCOURAGEMENT? ASK A DEACON!

Call us

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 (during this time, they will make calls to visit over the phone)
- Deliver meals to those who are injured, ill, or have experienced a loss
- Visit widows(ers) to comfort and provide company (again, during this time, calls will be made)
- Send cards to recognize milestone birthdays and anniversaries, and express condolences
- Organize transportation to doctor's appointments (please give advance notice)

**Especially during this difficult time our Deacons are trying to be sure that our church family is well cared for.** Please, 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.

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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.



NOTE: All Meal Sites are cancelled until the restrictions concerning COVID-19 have been lifted and it is deemed safe to gather together again. HOWEVER, meals are still being delivered to individual's homes! Please contact Project Now if you or someone you know could benefit from this service! Their number is 309-788-6335 or you can email the director, Michelle Dyer, at mdyer@projectnow.org

Michelle also wants to encourage anyone that has not filled out their Census 2020 forms to do so, as it affects the funding our area receives, including Project Now's funding. If you have any questions or need help filling out your form Project Now will help you. Just call the number above and someone will walk you through it.

HERE is a flyer with the link to the Census 2020 website and phone numbers.



2020 VBS

A letter has been sent out and posted to our Facebook page concerning the decision made about VBS.

Please keep this ministry in prayers. We are looking forward to 2021!



ALL submissions for the June Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER** than Wednesday, May 20th. Items received after that date may not make it into the newsletter. *Thank you for your cooperation!* 

~ Lisa Bowman, Office Manager

# **Edgington Presbyterian Church**

Treasurer's Report March 2020

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EPC (pension)			875.81			
Zach (car rental for seminar/cor	t Ed)		306.30			
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Lisa Bowman			973.29			
Robin Preston			315.58			
Lori Dixon			178.54			
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EPC (resource materials) Ministry Designs (website)			30.00			
ABS (copier)			151.61			
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Jon Laird (piano tuneings)			199.50			
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### INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL

Mission Monies \$13,107.22 Assistance Fund \$5,153.46

# Edgington Presbyterian Church General Fund Profit & Loss March 2020

	Mar 20
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income Flower Contributions	330.00
Interest Income - General Fnd	30.86
Loose Offering	270.00
Other Income	20.00
Pledges	17,590.22
Total Income	18,241.08
Expense	
Operating Maintenance - General	117.21
Resource materials	12.02
Continuing Education	306.30
Mileage	110.40
Miscellaneous	10.00
Music	199.50
Office Supplies	454.04
Copier	151.61 76.62
Office Supplies - Other	228.23
Total Office Supplies	220.23
Payroll Expenses	
Custodian Payroll	315.58
Choir Director	84.16
Organist Services	94.38
Pastor Salary	4,308.32 973.29
Secretary Services	
Total Payroll Expenses	5,775.73
Pension & Health Care	901.04
Sunday School	347.18
Utilities	574.00
Gas & Electric - Church	574.00
Gas & Electric - Manse	163.00 178.12
Internet Service	173.43
Telephone	
Total Utilities	1,088.55
Total Expense	9,096.16
Net Ordinary Income	9,144.92
Net Income	9,144.92



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: <u>edgingtonepc.org</u>.

Thank you so much! ~ Lisa Bowman

### GET YOUR MAY COPY OF THE TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL



LOCATED IN THE RESOURCE CABINET ON LISA BOWMAN'S FRONT PORCH. STOP BY ANYTIME TO PICK ONE UP!

# **CURRENT SERMON SERIES**

Pastor Zach is interrupting the "Sermon on the Mount, Series on Matthew 5-7" during this time of worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, for a series on the Psalms of Ascent.

The Psalms of Ascent includes Psalms 120 - 134. Each of these psalms begins with the title, "A Song of Ascents", as the Jews traveling to Jerusalem for one of the three annual festivals traditionally sang these songs on the uphill road into the city.

The theme of each Song offers much encouragement for those seeking to worship God today.



Please join us on Facebook Live each Sunday morning at 10:00am to worship "together" and be encouraged by God's Word during this unprecedented time.

Sunday, May 3rd - <u>Psalm 125</u> Sunday, May 10th - <u>Psalm 126</u> Sunday, May 17th - <u>Psalm 127</u> Sunday, May 24th - <u>Psalm 128</u> Sunday, May 31st - <u>Psalm 129</u>

### **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.

Pastor Zach will be Facebook Live every Sunday morning at 10am for our Lord's Day Worship Service and Wednesday evenings at 7pm for a special time of prayer.



If you are not already a member of our Facebook group, please click on the image for the link. "Like" our page and

request to join. We are pretty quick to respond. Make sure you are "following" our page and turn your notifications setting on if you would like to receive a notification when Pastor Zach begins to stream. We will post a worship guide each Sunday morning at 8am that includes our Children's Sunday School lessons and a curriculum video link.

On Wednesday evenings, please be sure to post your prayer requests in the comments, and Pastor will lift them up to the Lord as we pray together.

### 2020 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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!

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Sundays @ 9am

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!

We are looking forward to being able to truly gather together again and go deep into God's Word once it is deemed safe to do so for all of our church family !

The Children's Sunday School lessons are included in the Worship guides that we are sending out each Friday afternoon and posting on Facebook Sunday mornings at 8am.



# CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Every Sunday morning at 9am



GREAT COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS We use Great Commission Publications various curriculum based on each grade level.

- Toddler- Hillary Terrill & Kortney GeirlusPre-K- Beth Flickinger1st-2nd- Katie Pearson3rd-5th- Kathy Stegmiller
- Junior High Tara Johnson & Deanna Parchert
- Senior High Brandee Neece



All of Scripture is the unfolding story of salvation and Jesus is its focus. We show how Jesus, revealed throughout the Bible, came to seek and save the lost.

We look forward to the privilege of caring for and teaching your children about Jesus each Sunday!

# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Thursday, May 7th at 1pm

### Cancelled until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted

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

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Thursday, May 21st, 9am - Noon

### Cancelled until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted

We usually meet on the third Thursday of each month from 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!

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Thank you to our church family for the text messages, phone calls, emails and memorials sent to us at the time of my mom, Freda Newswander's, passing. We appreciated the support of Pastor Zach with visit and phone calls along the way.

During this time of the pandemic, we pray for continued health and safety for all.

God Bless!

Marvin and Peggy Weiss and family



How can we ever thank you for all the wonderful cards and messages? Brought tears to our eyes!

It meant so much that you thought of us. We appreciated them more than you will ever know!

Thank you again and again!

God Bless,

Albert and Edna Bingman

Many thanks to all who sent cards and called us during this very stressful time. We appreciate them and all of our church family very much.



Jim Still

Jim wants everyone to know that he is still accepting cookies.

God bless each one of you and hope to see you soon!

Much love, Jim and Luella Doonan

## 2020 GRADUATES

We would like to recognize and celebrate all our 2020 students that are moving on to their next adventure!

### 8th Grade moving into High School:

Logan Schelker

### High School Graduates:

Kenzie Reimers

Will be attending BlackHawk College, with plans to transfer to Illinois State, majoring in communications studies.





### JAHN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Jahn Family Scholarship was established to benefit Youth and Students of Edgington EPC as they pursue academic and spiritual growth through education.

If you are preparing to further your education and meet the requirements listed below, please go to the website, hover over the About Us tab, then on the drop down box hover over What We Believe, and click on the Church Facility Use, Requests... & Forms. Scroll down to the graduation cap and click on that. A PDF of the Jahn Scholarship Fund form should come up in a new window. You could also just on this link <u>HERE</u>.

Once you have filled out the form submit it to the office by **NO LATER than AUGUST 24th.** Session will review your request at their August meeting the next evening.

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- 1. Be an active member of Edgington EPC.
- 2. Requests must be submitted to the office by the August Session meeting for approval. (The form says July, but August is correct. The form will be updated soon!)
- 3. Update the Church about your educational and spiritual growth.

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