

At our most recent Session meeting I began our time together by asking each of the Elders what their favorite hymn was. It was fun going around and hearing each one speak about their favorite hymn and the reason why it resonated with them so much. I did that, not to insist that we had to choose just one hymn a piece, but rather to reflect on the beauty of Christian hymnody and the encouragement we draw from it throughout our lives. We have reasons why certain hymns resonate with us. Whether we can remember the Lord impressing certain truths upon our hearts as we sang, or perhaps a hymn was a favorite of a loved one who we miss; hymns move our hearts – and that’s a wonderful thing.

But the reason why I was focusing on hymnody during this particular meeting was because I was sharing a devotion from [Psalm 90](#), which is the basis for Isaac Watt’s famous hymn *O God Our Help in Ages Past*. This is a hymn that we sing semi-regularly, but certainly on the first Lord’s Day of every year, as I have made that selection a habit along with preaching [Psalm 90](#) on the same occasion. Both [Psalm 90](#) and this hymn point us to the incredible temporal nature of time that is fleeting and passing and the eternal nature of the Triune God we worship.

Watts is known as the “Father of English Hymnody” which is a title well-deserved as the author of over 600 hymns including *Jesus Shall Reign* and *Joy to the World*. But this hymn, *O God Our Help in Ages Past*, has been a recent encouragement to me because it reflects upon the nature of God’s help in past ages, and we cannot deny the fact that every age past, was at one time, a present time of trouble and trial. But, through God’s faithfulness, He delivers His people through those times and brings them to a place of singing about His grace in seasons of struggle.

I don’t need to remind you that we find ourselves in a time of present trial. No matter what you identify as the cause or source of the trial, we can universally acknowledge that these are troubling days. But here is the good news, just as in every previous age where we may have been found wringing our hands with anxiety and fear, we now remember those as ages past where God showed Himself faithful. And friends, this age will be no different. This present age of trial, will soon be an age past, where we will see how the Lord has led and delivered us for the good of His Kingdom.

So be encouraged. This present age of trial will one day be an age past, and I hope we will learn to sing of our God who realizes His purposes through history and the solidarity of the Church of the Lord Jesus, which has throughout all ages, put its hope in the eternal God.

I look forward to worshipping our God together with you.

Your Pastor and Friend,



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

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

GREETERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday, Sept. 6th - Jim & Sharon Schaubroeck
Sunday, Sept. 13th - Nancy Engstrom
Sunday, Sept. 20th - Steven & Debra Wagamon
Sunday, Sept. 27th - Ken & Sandy Benningfield

*thank
you*

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, and emails I received during my surgery and radiation treatments. All medical reports are good, thanks to the many prayers.

I feel so blessed to be a part of this caring church family.

Love,

Mary Ann Vroman

Session is requesting that you pray for them to have wisdom and discernment moving forward in a search for someone to lead our music ministry. Honoring the Lord through music is such an important part of our worship and we want to continue to grow, share, and delight in making music together to the Lord.

Please pray for us!



SESSION

July 28, 2020 at 7pm

Location: Church Basement

Attendees Present: Zach Hopkins, Mic Penry, Jim Mueller, Kevin Oak, Steve Morrison, and Patrick Shovar.
Absent: Keith Wilson.

A quorum is present.

Pastor Zach will act as moderator of the meeting. Zach opened the meeting with prayer and a devotion from Lamentations 5. The Elders prayed for individuals on the membership roll, followed by a study of chapter 9 in the book *"The Shepherd Leader"*. Extensive discussion followed.

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

Zach reported on his activities for the month, which included:

- **Visits/Calls:** Lashbrook Funeral, Various Committee Meetings, and meetings for personal discipleship

OLD BUSINESS:

- Discussion about present practices for resuming worship. What we've implemented seems to be working and sufficiently received by the congregation.
- Committee Reports:
 - Clerk: Plans for communion in the month of August are being discussed.
 - Deacons: The fall coat drive was discussed
 - Trustees: Progress towards the sale of the manse continues. The east side of the church will be painted next month.
 - Christian Ed: A Sunday School teacher meeting is planned for early August.
 - Mission: A minute for mission will be presented in the month of August.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The baptism of Jett Edward Fuhr, son of Josh and Lindsay Fuhr has been approved for August 23rd.
- The baptism of Paul Thatcher, son of Zach and Mackenzie Hopkins has been approved for September 27th, with Rev. Justin Sembler conducting the sacrament and preaching that Sunday. Rev. Sembler is an EPC pastor from Memphis, TN, the Presbytery of Central South. Rev. Sembler might be remembered by some in the congregation as the chair of Zach's ordination commission back in May 2014.
- A family movie night has been planned by the Sunday School teachers for August 14th at 7:30pm.
- Communion will be served in a manner consistent with our gathering guidelines on the first Sunday in August.
- A week of vacation was approved for Zach (August 10-17) with RE Penry filling the pulpit on the 16th.

Next Stated Session meeting will be: August 25th, 2020 at 7pm.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:45pm. Motion Carried.

Zach closed the meeting with prayer.

Resuming Corporate Worship

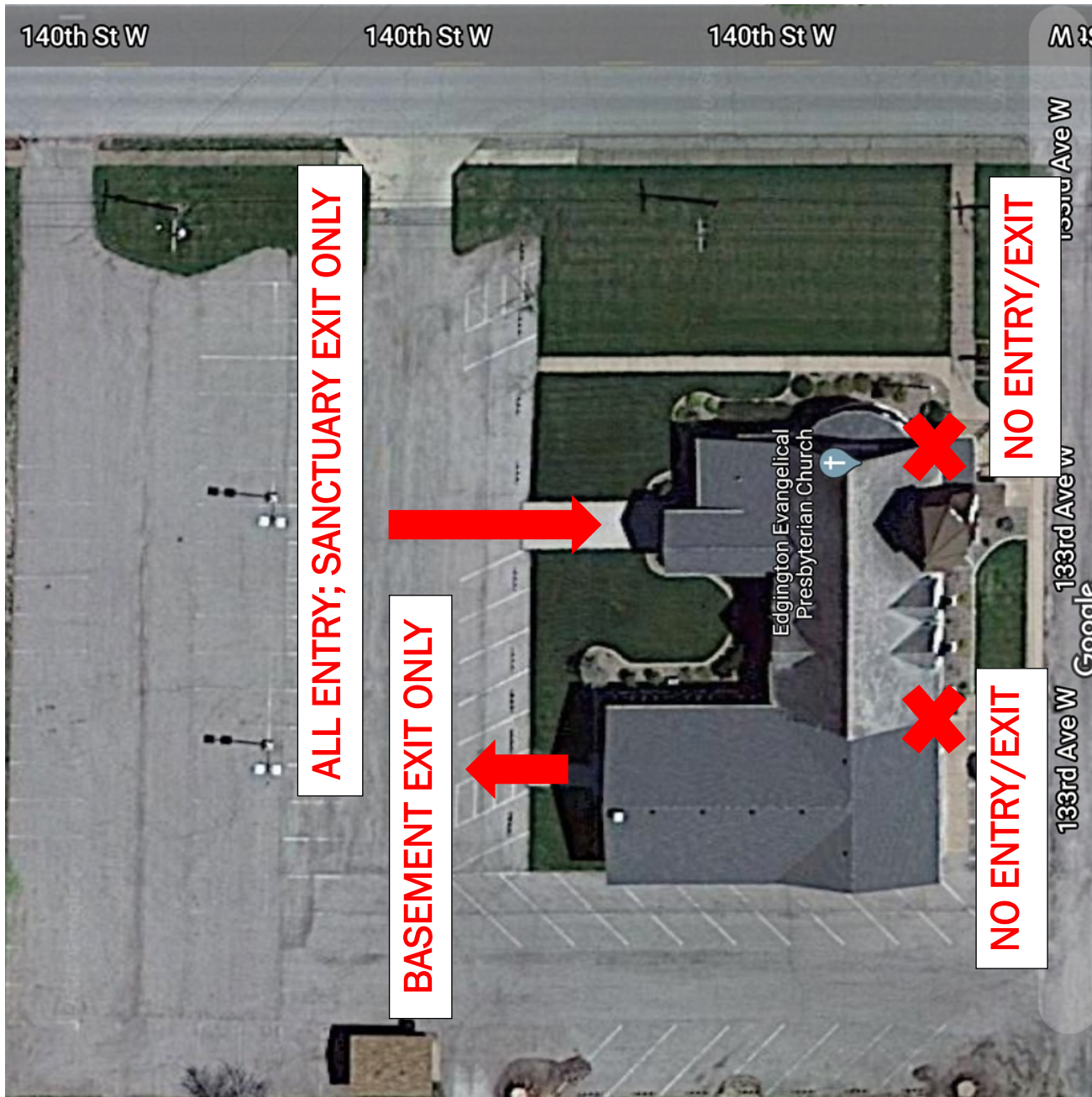


General Items

- Individuals in at-risk health groups (including the elderly, presently ill/symptomatic, and those on medications that suppress the immune system) are encouraged to continue worshipping at home by livestream.
- All in-person Sunday School classes will remain suspended at this time.
- For those choosing to worship on site, the use of masks will be encouraged for entry and exit. Once you are seated in a pew, and appropriately distanced, the continued use of a mask will be up to the conscience of the individual worshipper. They will not be required during the service. If you would like a mask, one will be available to you while supplies last.
- We encourage you to maintain appropriate physical distance while on the church grounds. While we recognize a deep longing for fellowship, we encourage you to avoid shaking hands or other forms of physical contact for the present time.
- If you would like to convene in small groups please do so in the parking lot only.

On-Site Practices

- Out of consideration for others, and to accommodate capacity limits, please arrive 15 minutes before service in order to allow for seating arrangements and lessen disruption to the beginning of the service.
- Please refer to the attached map to see the appropriate entry/exit points to accommodate one-way direction of movement inside the facility.
- Livestream equipment will remain setup in the sanctuary to accommodate those who choose to worship at home. We hope this will only be minimally distracting to those worshipping on site and we appreciate everyone's understanding.
- Seating will be available in various limited capacities (see map below):
 - Sanctuary seating will be available and appropriately spaced to allow for social distancing between family units. Those pews containing stacked Bibles and hymnals will be off-limits. Limit: 50 worshippers.
 - Additional limited seating will be available in the balcony.
 - Once the attendance limit has been met in the sanctuary (50), worshippers will be directed to the basement where the service will be live-streamed (audio & video).
- Offering plates will be placed just outside the sanctuary doors to collect tithes and offerings. Online giving is also available and encouraged. You may also mail your contributions directly to the church [Edgington EPC - 13228 140th Street West – Taylor Ridge, IL 61284].
- Pews will be dismissed to allow for easy exit.



In compliance with CDC guidelines, “one-way” routes will be established for entry and exit from the facility.

To promote the safe flow of entry and exit, please plan to visit in the parking lot before or after the service, rather than in the facility.

We appreciate your cooperation with these directions.



07/08/2020

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

Mel opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:05pm

Minutes from the June 10, 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved.

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

Old Business:

- Siding work on east wall of sanctuary is nearly complete.

New Business:

- On June 25, the Trustees accepted an offer of \$162,500 for the sale of the manse. Church to also pay \$2,000 towards closing costs.
- Septic system at the manse has been inspected by the county. Waiting for the final report to see if additional repairs or replacement are required.
- Trustees reviewed the property inspection report received for the manse. The following items will be repaired prior to sale:
 - Air conditioner condensing unit fan has been repaired.
 - Working on replacement of water heater
 - Will repair or replace the radon fan
 - All other items on the inspection report will be at the buyer's expense
- Investigated the possible source of water infiltration around the sanctuary stained glass windows. Appears the wood frames are allowing water to penetrate. Trustees will investigate covering the exterior of the window frames with plexiglass. This will also provide additional damage protection for the stained glass.
- Trustees met with architect and roofing contractor to discuss the sanctuary roof. Best solution appears to include removal of existing roof tiles and install new asphalt shingles or metal roofing. Contractor will prepare budget cost estimate for trustees to review.
- Additional dirt is still needed for the church front yard. Anticipate seeding or sod will take place later this fall.
- New siding on the east side of the church is nearly ready for painting. Trustees will schedule a time for this work in the next few weeks.

Mel closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan

August 16, 2020

In attendance for the virtual meeting were Cindy and Scott Cullen, Beth Flickinger, Peggy Shovar, Session Representative Patrick Shovar, Jan and Norm Dunlap, and Beth and Don Easterla.

Beth F. opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from the February Meeting: Approved as written.

June-August Activities: Numbers of visits since June is 83. Visits include calls, emails, and text messages. There were 42 cards sent (Thinking about you 15, Birthdays 20, Get well 2, Sympathy 2, and Anniversary 3).

New Business:

- A laminate sign will be created for greeters to place by bulletins on Sundays to indicate when sanctuary is full which will direct people to the basement.
- Blood Drive
 - Fall blood drive will be held Sept. 12th. There will be a mobile unit in the parking lot which will only have the capacity of few donors at one time.
- Fall Coat Drive
 - Coat drive will be held in conjunction with the food pantry distribution upon approval from the session.

The next virtual Deacon meeting will be held October 18th at 11:30am.

Beth F. closed meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Cullen

NEED A HAND OR ENCOURAGEMENT? ASK A DEACON!



The Deacons' charge is to care for the church body. You may already know that we provide delicious treats to celebrate new members, collect coats for those in need, and organize blood drives. But did you now that we are ready to serve in other ways, too?

Here are some of the ways a Deacon can help out:

- Visit shut-ins (including those who are temporarily unable to make it to worship) to provide cheer and recordings of the sermon (**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.

Aug 2, 2020

In attendance were teachers Beth Flickinger, Tara Johnson, Brandee Neece, Katie Pearson, Kathy Stegmiller and Hillary Terrill, as well as Zach Hopkins and Session Representative Mic Penry.

For the summer, families have had a choice of using the GCP video and lesson guide or joining a Zoom class from 9:00-9:30am. Curriculum materials were delivered to all families in the late spring. Attendance in the Zoom class has been a little down vs. a normal year, but otherwise is going well.

It was voted to offer in-person classes beginning Sept. 13th, and to be prepared to offer online classes if the pandemic worsened or for families who wished to remain at home. Curriculum will be purchased from GCP. Every effort will be made to provide a safe environment, including: setting up rooms to allow 6' of space between students, wearing masks when closer than 6', and avoid sharing crayons, toys, etc. Hand sanitizer will be made available. The bell will be rung by one family each week. Teachers will reach out to their students' families to gauge interest in live vs. virtual classes.

The 2020-21 Sunday school classes will be taught as follows:

- Ages 3-6 girls – Hillary Terrill and Kortney Gierlus
- Ages 3-6 boys – Beth Flickinger
- 1st & 2nd - Katie Pearson
- 3rd-5th - Kathy Stegmiller
- Jr High - Tara Johnson and Deanna Parchert
- Sr High - Brandee Neece

In lieu of a fishing derby, it was decided to have an outdoor movie night, showing a short cartoon, followed by Soul Surfer. The date was set for Fri, Aug 14. Families will bring their own seating and snacks.

Zach closed the meeting in prayer.

PER MEMBER ASKING

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

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

Thank you for your faithful participation.

July 21, 2020

The Mission Committee met on July 21, 2020 at 6:30pm in the church basement. Those attending were: Barb Freyermuth, Jim Cooksey, Todd Stegmiller, Jim Reimers, Nancy Engstrom, Lisa Nelson, and Session Representative, Kevin Oak.

Barb opened the meeting in prayer

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Minutes from June Meeting:** approved
- **Christian Care:** Letter read with items of need. These items will be listed in the newsletter and emails sent. Contributions may be left in the church entry.
- **Pregnancy Resources:** During Covid 19 they had over 1,904 visits from parents; over 17,904 diapers have been given to families in need and continue to be needed. Grab and Go clothing are handed out daily. Parenting classes have resumed. Outcome of Virtual Banquet fundraiser was not addressed in email. They continue to ask for prayers and support.
- **Winnie's Place:** Thank you cards were received expressing appreciation to everyone in the church for the much needed items of food and sanitizing products. They also thanked the congregation for the \$500.00 donation given towards the replacement of the deck / stairway. As of last contact with Winnie's, the construction had not yet started.
- **Youth Hope:** As the funding fell short at their virtual fundraiser, additional funding was discussed. Support for summer campers was again mentioned. It was decided to meet the quarterly commitment to them this month and consider help for camper expenses at the August meeting.
- **Minute for Mission:** Todd spoke with Zach concerning setting up an interview with Jeff Lancaster who is planting churches in inner city Chicago. It's been delayed to this point.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Quarterly Commitments:** Nancy moved and Lisa seconded to pay the quarterly commitments to our missions listed below:

Mission	Quarterly Payment
World Outreach (Burdall)	1,875.00
World Outreach ITEN (McCallum)	1,000.00
World Outreach ITEN (Woodworth)	2,125.00
World Outreach (Huber)	500.00
EPC Church Planting (Lancaster)	1,250.00
Youth Hope	1,500.00
Youth Hope - MAD Program	500.00
Pregnancy Resources	500.00
TOTAL	9,250.00

- **Minute for Mission:** Todd will give the Minute for Mission on August 9th concerning the work of the mission committee and thanking the church family for their support.

Jim, Kevin and Barb closed the meeting in prayer

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 18th, 2020 at 6:30pm.



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



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EXCITING NEWS!

Chris Britton has followed God's leading and taken a teaching job at Thurgood Marshall Learning Center, the alternative school in Rock Island! We are thrilled for Chris and his family!

It is so hard to imagine Chris not being on staff at YouthHope anymore, after watching him grow up, go to college, and then join us on staff full time.

But just like parenting, we at YouthHope encourage students to pursue God's plan for their lives. We will miss having Chris, but know he will always be a part of the YouthHope family.

Chris started at YouthHope as a teen in our youth club before we had youth centers. Once the Rock Island Youth Center was open, he was one of the first teen staff, scholarship recipients, camp directors, and our first YH Creative Director!

Chris has touched thousands of lives, and we know God will continue to use him to impact students!

Thank you Chris for your years of service, love and commitment!

~ Mark and Sarah Drake & the YouthHope Family

If you would like to read the entire August 2020 Report click [HERE](#)



Praise Requests:

- Summer programs have come to an end, and we are preparing for school year programs! Lord, Your will be done through YouthHope this year!
- 242 students received school supplies to kick off the school year! We praise God for all the generous donors who made this possible!
- God continues to provide for YouthHope! We stand financially secure as we close this fiscal year on 8/31. We thank God for His hand on our ministry!

Prayer Reports:

- We lift up our staff and volunteers who are being repeatedly exposed to COVID-19. We place a hedge of protection around each staff, volunteer, and their families. No plans of the enemy will prosper against us. We are covered and anointed in Jesus' name.
- Please pray specifically for our Camp Caretaker, Don and his wife, Missy, who is battling cancer. We break the chains of this illness and declare she is healed in Jesus' mighty name!
- Please pray for our Youth Director, Jasmine Myers, whose father is fighting COVID. We command the manifestation of complete health and healing in her dad in Jesus' name. Lord, please give Jasmine peace, strength, and rest in you.
- Father God, please be with the families of our long-time supporters and friends who recently died in a tragic accident. Wrap your loving arms around the kids, our staff, and all their families and bring comfort during these difficult days.
- Our food pantry has been very busy this last week! Families are in greater need after the power outages, unemployment increase, and school schedule shifts. Lord, please continue to use us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those in need.
- Lord, we ask for your wisdom as we prepare for our Annual Meeting next week. Father, please give our Board of Directors wisdom for the budget, program projections, staff changes, and to have YOUR vision for this next year. We ask for clarity of thought in preparation and understanding for all decisions to be made.

Thank you so much for your continued prayers! They are so important and we know God hears us! You are a blessing and we are grateful for your partnership in ministry!

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

THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

THIRTY AND FABULOUS! June 18th, 2020 marked *Pregnancy Resources'* 30th Anniversary of life-affirming, Biblically-based, evangelical care in the Quad Cities. It was the summer of 1989 when God called two women who had been personally impacted by the pain of abortion to open a crisis pregnancy center in the Quad Cities. Not long after, a little blue house in Rock Island was purchased. Folding chairs were arranged in a circle and passionate dreaming, planning, and praying began. We have grown a lot in our **FIRST THIRTY YEARS**, yet Pregnancy Resources has remained faithful to the unwavering vision and passionate prayer:

Unplanned pregnancies and abortions will decrease as we offer biblically based, holistic, life-affirming services and ongoing care.

This we know for sure: when we pray a **God-sized prayer** - we should expect a **God-sized answer**. In our *FIRST THIRTY YEARS* God has answered in amazing ways:

- One small center has grown into 2 thriving spacious locations
- Mobile Medical Care is now available for those who cannot come to us
- More than 27,546 moms and dads have received personalized care
- More than 82,055 unique center visits have been facilitated
- Over 6,186 life-affirming ultrasounds have been provided
- 91% of women receiving an ultrasound have chosen life for their child
- 61,061 students have participated in an abstinence based sexual integrity program

I believe that God has equally amazing things in store for our **NEXT THIRTY YEARS**.

~ Trisha Wilson, Executive Director

PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for God to work mightily through our upcoming Walk for Life! Pray that He would bring participants who are passionate about Life to walk with us and raise funds for this ministry. Pray that He would place a hedge of protection around our staff, volunteers, board, and walkers and that He might encourage the hearts of each person involved in this special day.
- Pray for the Pregnancy Resources Team (staff and volunteers) as they continue to navigate ministry in this time. Pray that God would continue to give Trisha and the Board the wisdom to lead this ministry well.
- Pray for the upcoming PRC 101 Volunteer Training. Pray that God would send men and women with a heart for helping moms, dads, and babies. Pray that God would fill the need for volunteers to join our nurses on the Mobile Medical Unit.
- Pray for the Skoglund family as they process the unexpected loss of their son.
- Pray for several clients who have come to us late in their pregnancies and are abortion-minded. Pray that God would soften their hearts toward Life.
- Praise God for the moms who have chosen life for their babies after seeing Life on the ultrasound.
- Praise God that we were able to re-open Bella's Boutique to clients this past week in a way that is safe and meets the needs of growing families!
- Praise God for the young woman who came to our Centers near the end of her pregnancy planning for an abortion but has chosen to make an adoption plan for her little one! Pray that she would find the right family and that she would be at peace with her decision.

Thank you for praying with Pregnancy Resources! ~ Marissa J. Foss, Admin. Assistant



Please join us! To register online for Walk for Life 2020 click on the image. Looking forward to seeing you there!!!

Pregnancy Resources
Walk for Life 2020

We have been apart for too long. It is time for us to come together for Life!

Saturday, September 12, 2020
Check-in Begins at 8:30 am
Walk Anytime from 9:00 am to 11:00 am



ONE LOCATION!
Empire Park
751 N. 20th St., Hampton, IL
(East Moline/ Hampton Border
on Illinois Route 84)

VOLUNTEER



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

NEW VOLUNTEER TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR 2020:

– **SEPTEMBER 29, 30, & OCTOBER 1**

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

Maternity & baby items we love getting:

Baby clothes Sizes: preemie – 3T (New or Gently used)

Modern Pregnancy Clothes, all sizes (New or Gently used)

NEW Baby Bottles and Nipples pacifiers

Diapers (Sizes: Newborn – size 5)

Baby Wipes

Cozy Baby Blankets (purchased or homemade)

Receiving Blankets

Baby Swings, Strollers, & Pack 'n Plays

PLEASE NOTE: Because of safety issues, we cannot accept: used car seats, used cribs, used bottles, used bottle nipples, or used breast pumps. *Questions about clothing room donations? Just call us at (563)386-3737 or (309)797-3636.*



WINNIE'S PLACE

Women In Need - Nurtured Into Excellence

Sadly, due to economic conditions, Winnie's Wishes Resale Shop has closed. We are grateful to those who have contributed to the ministry throughout the years. We are still in need of donations now more than ever!

Needs:

- Gift cards for grocery stores and Walmart/Target
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Clorox Wipes
- Masks for adults & Children
- Monthly Bus Cards
- Cleaning Supplies



By providing safe shelter, support, and resources, Christian Care empowers the homeless to make positive changes in every aspect of their lives.

Christian Care is also in need of a variety of items:

- Jeans
- Shorts
- T-shirts, especially sizes large and XL
- Shoes and flip flops
- Socks
- Underwear, especially sizes large and XL
- Personal Hygiene items such shampoo & men's deodorant



YOU Can Make a Difference!

**Make a
Donation
HERE**

The Mission Committee has a large storage bin under the table in the sanctuary foyer that has the offering plates on it.

If you are able to donate any of the items needed by the ministries listed above, please leave them in the storage bin, and one of our committee members will deliver them.

Thank you in advance for all your generous donations!

HUBER-VENTURES - If You Could Change One Thing

Last week we got to enjoy a beach vacation in North Carolina with Jesse's family! After being apart for so long, it was a joy to spend time together... eating, playing games, swimming, digging in the sand, and enjoying good conversations.

A regular evening activity at Dimmock family get-togethers is a "game" called the "Ungame," which is really just a stack of cards with conversation starters on them. The cards get handed out and you go around the circle answering the question on your card. Sometimes the questions are simple or fun and sometimes they are deep.

Well, the very first question I received was, "If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?" That's an easy one right?! HA! Fortunately, I was one of the last to go so I had a decent amount of time to think. First I thought about the most typical answer ever, "world peace," then I thought maybe COVID-19, then politics, and finally ended up with probably the most cheesy answer for me as a missions mobilizer, but the most true as a Christ-follower: I would change the fact that nearly 3 billion people in the world don't have access to the Gospel... so that they would be able to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.

And right there, in the middle of vacation, I was reminded of why God brought us to World Outreach and called us to mobilize global workers to the unreached people groups of the world. So that those that don't yet know our Lord and Savior might know Him, and be free!

I don't know that we say this enough, but I want to remind you that you are just as much a part of bringing Christ to the nations as we are, and as our field workers are, because you have been faithful in praying for us and supporting us! Thank you so much for partnering with us. What a joy it is to join together in carrying out the Great Commission!

Pray/Praise With Us

Here are some ways we'd love your prayers this month:

- The EPC College Cohort #1 (pictured above, missing three members) continues to thrive! Our last meeting we began a Kingdom Study, which uses scripture to help our students better understand the Kingdom of God and how missions is about expanding Christ's reign. *Please join us in praying for these students this month as they return to school/classes and navigate what life looks like this semester. The across-the-board prayer request was that they could be good witnesses in the midst of a polarized climate (with politics, racial tension, and the response to COVID) and a lot of fear.*
- When it comes to our work with young adults though, much of Saul's time this summer has been spent on Zoom calls connecting with EPC young adult ministry leaders at various campuses. Our hope is to build relationships with these leaders so they'll be compelled to reach out when they come across students that might have a calling to missions. We would LOVE to start a second EPC College Cohort if enough new missions-minded students come up through these connections. We're developing some marketing materials regarding opportunities for EPC young adults to be involved in missions. Our plan is to get those materials to young adult leaders as this Fall semester begins. *Please pray that God would bring new young people through these leaders and materials to be part of the next cohort.*

To read the entire Huber-Venters update and pray over all their prayer requests, click [HERE](#)

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

Thank you so much for your support! We couldn't do this work without you.

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



CHICAGO 7/20 CHURCH PLANTING

Church planting is always difficult, but to do so in an unknown city of unfamiliar faces during an unprecedented crisis has made this effort intimidating.

But, God has used this moment to remind us that HE, not WE, is ultimately planting this church. All the study, strategy, and skill in the world could not prepare us for this challenge.

That is why we have begun calling our experience 'PCP' - Pandemic Church Planting.

Pandemic Church Planting has no modern playbook, but it is a strategy God has employed for centuries. For example, the Apostle Paul once wrote to the church in Ephesus: "pray at all times in the Spirit . . . keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak." (ESV)

Paul knew about God's PCP! Paul was energetic, committed, productive, zealous, brilliant, and stuck! He was an ambassador in chains! Paul knew the limitations of a 'pandemic' - viscerally. Yet, the Apostle pressed on because "chains," in God's PCP, were an asset, not a liability. Paul believed Christ had already won the battle against "all principalities and powers." Even with the limitations for "chains," God was advancing His kingdom aggressively, proclaiming the gospel broadly, and inspiring praise vibrantly.

In chains, Paul sang: Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (ESV)

So, Pandemic Church Planting is both good news and bad news. The bad news is that we will not be a gathered community of worshippers as soon as we'd hoped - we need a much longer runway to get this big bird church plant off the tarmac and into the sky. Please hang with us, keep cheering for us, and keep praying for us! But the good news is that God is granting us the opportunity to widen friendships, deepen partnerships, and embolden witness.

*There is **MUCH** more to this update from top to bottom! To read the whole August report click [HERE](#).*

Prayer Requests:

- For the Spirit of our Risen Christ to empower us to joyfully persevere in Pandemic Church Planting. For Christ to fill us full of Faith, Hope, and Love as we do so. For God to strengthen our private lives of communion with Christ.
- For God to help us pace ourselves.
- For the Lord to deepen our love for one another as we continue the work of church planting and the work of Cathy's art gallery.
- For our missionary Christ to keep opening up doors of opportunity to grow our relationship network. For Jesus to help us share His love and the good news of the gospel (in word and action) with our new friends.
- For the Lord to give city leaders wisdom to guide Chicagoans through the CoVid-19 crisis
- For God to use the church, non-profit, for-profit, and government leaders to teach and model civility and racial healing.
- For the Holy Spirit to use this harrowing season to awaken in Chicagoans a greater hunger for God, a greater sense of need for Christ, and a greater vision of the beauty of Christ.
- For God to raise up missional Christians who feel called to help serve in this church planting endeavor. We need bringers, gatherers, leaders, and worker-bees.
- For the Spirit to give me wisdom and creativity as I dream of how to move forward with this mission during the pandemic. And, to help me begin anticipating how I might move forward once our city is more fully opened.
- For Cathy's art career - Pray that the Lord would give her joy as she uses her gifts to reflect God's beauty in the world through art, that the Lord would help us get the word out about her gallery, that the Lord would bless the work of her hands, and that her gallery would continue to be a warm accent to our neighborhood.
- For our children (Lucy, Jeffrey Jr., and Bedon) who are all now living in Nashville. It's been tough not seeing them for quite some time due to CoVid restrictions.

Sending much love your way from Chicago,

Jeffrey



A New Rhythm

The photo above is from my recent bike ride here in Northeast Georgia. I live in a beautiful part of the US and I try to ride 3-4 times per week on quiet, back roads just after sunrise. It is a simple habit that has helped me to create space for prayer, reflection, and some much needed perspective. It has been a gift due to the slower pace of life afforded to me without the constant rush of a busy travel schedule. Prior to the outbreak, I was putting together plans for 5 international trips between August and January. Now, I am spending most days on Zoom and Whatsapp. It has not been the easiest shift for me, but I am continuing to discern the ways in which God intends to use this unique season to bless his Church around the globe. I'll share at least three with you below.



And now ... some highlights that demonstrate God's commitment to his Kingdom.



I had originally planned on joining Ed McCallum in Vietnam this October to begin our training sessions with ministry leaders. Like our plans in March, COVID is postponing our hopes of meeting in-person again so we are busy developing a hybrid course that allows us to teach online from a distance. A recent Zoom meeting (pictured above) allowed us to gather with our interpreters and some of the students to gain a better perspective of their ministry context, their expectations For the course, and our plans for the sessions.

For the last 3 years, I have spent every August in West Africa working with our national partners to develop training centers for pastors in Sierra Leone and Liberia. While it has been difficult to temporarily settle for online meetings, I have been grateful for the fruit of our conversations and the significant planning that promises to bring abundant fruit to these two sites in the coming year. Stay tuned! To read the rest of the August Report click [HERE](#).



Prayer Requests

- Our national partners, most of which are feeling the effects of the pandemic in greater ways than we do here in the US.
- Join us in prayer for healing for the world so that our work, and the work of our national partners can continue unhindered.
- Planning for our upcoming course in Vietnam (October)
- Prayers for our two sons (Andrew and Zachary) as they head back to school
- Prayers for our oldest (Luke) who plans to enlist in the Navy in October.
- God's continued provision for our needs, as well as the needs of our partners.

Financial Update

So many of you have asked about our support levels during this time. We can't tell you how much it means that we are on the hearts and minds of our faithful supporters and we feel incredibly blessed by your partnership. To date, our support levels have experienced the expected shortfall that we imagined unemployment and shrinking church budgets would bring. With a reduction in travel expenses, my account deficit is not nearly as great as it would have been, but we are hopeful more partners may join us. Rest assured, God has been (and will be) abundantly faithful, and we are sensitive to the fact that the longer this crisis goes, the more it may effect the economy. We are not the only ones who have had to re-work our budgets, so if you need to adjust your monthly giving, please do let us know.





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.



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.

FALL COAT DRIVE

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



Coats can be dropped off at the Edgington Evangelical Presbyterian Church. All sizes are needed, but especially children's sizes.

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

BLOOD DRIVE

Edgington Presbyterian Church

Saturday, September 12

7:00 am – 10:30 am

MVRBC Donor Bus at Edgington Presbyterian Church

All donors are required to have an appointment time.
To schedule your donation, please contact Scott Cullen at 563-236-7549.

All donors are encouraged to do our EarlyQ (questions) on the day of the blood drive. Text 999-777 and type in the word: EarlyQ. Or go online to: www.bloodcenter.org/EarlyQ. Facemasks are required!

\$10 Gift Card!

**All donors will receive
a voucher for a gift card!**



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DEBORAH • Plasma Donor

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Edgington Presbyterian Church

Treasurer's Report July 2020

	Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	Balance
General	\$ 79,065.25	\$ 12,907.78	\$ 21,926.63	\$ 70,046.40
Jahn	\$ 11,088.08	\$ 160.95	\$ -	\$ 11,249.03
Edgington	\$ 5,591.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,591.02
Boughton	\$ 29,288.34	\$ 818.19	\$ -	\$ 30,106.53
Lauby	\$ 19,623.48	\$ 261.58	\$ -	\$ 19,885.06

Ending Gen. checking balar	96,968.98
Uncleared Transactions	\$ 10,082.53
General checking Balance	\$ 86,886.45

Reconciled Bank Accounts	
Gen. checking	\$ 86,886.45

July 2020 GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

Zach Hopkins salary	4,308.32		
Housing Allowance	1,800.00		
EPC (health)	25.23		
EPC (pension)	875.81		
Mileage	-		
Lisa Bowman	581.02		
Robin Preston	194.65		
Eddy Bull (mowing manse & gas)	82.92		
AT&T	173.19	General	\$ 70,046.40
MidAmerican Energy church	574.00	Edgington	\$ 5,591.02
MidAmerican Energy manse	129.00	Jahn	\$ 11,249.03
Millenium Waste	30.36	TOTAL	\$ 86,886.45
Ministry Designs (website)	30.00		
ABS (copier)	134.94		
Mediacom	177.93		
Apple.com (computer for streaming)	1,038.07		
Haverford (tripod for camera)	90.00		
Trend Micro (security for Lisa's computer)	124.26		
Event Evangelic (GA)	75.00		
Fire Marshal	76.69		
Amazon (cable for streaming)	40.36		
Religious Supply (plastic communion cups)	57.73		
R.I. County (septic insp.manse)	175.00		
Chris Stark (cemetery mowing)	500.00		
K. Benningfield (water heater manse)	409.15		
Tri County Pest	60.00		
Stuard & Assoc. (elevator inspection)	255.00		
Crawford Co (office air conditioner)	378.00		
US Postmaster (stamps)	55.00		
Elliott septic (manse)	225.00		
Burdsall (mission)	1,875.00		
McCallum (mission)	1,000.00		
Woodworth (mission)	2,125.00		
Huber (mission)	500.00		
Lancaster (mission)	1,250.00		
Youth Hope (mission)	1,500.00		
Youth Hope MAD Skills (mission)	500.00		
Pregnancy resources (mission)	500.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$21,926.63

INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL

Mission monies included in general fund	\$5,719.90
Assistance Fund	\$5,153.46

Edgington Presbyterian Church

General Fund Profit & Loss

July 2020



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

	Jul 20
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Miscellaneous Contribution	67.00
Per Capita Contributions	600.00
Interest Income - General Fnd	8.48
Loose Offering	105.00
Other Income	1,000.00
Pledges	11,127.30
Total Income	12,907.78
Expense	
Pastors housing allowance	1,800.00
Operating Maintenance - General	1,792.12
presbytery expense	75.00
Worship Supplies	1,226.16
Miscellaneous	400.00
Mission	
U.S. Mission - Presbyterian	1,250.00
Local Mission	2,500.00
Mission - Other	5,500.00
Total Mission	9,250.00
Office Supplies	
Copier	134.94
Office Supplies - Other	154.26
Total Office Supplies	289.20
Payroll Expenses	
Custodian Payroll	194.65
Pastor Salary	4,308.32
Secretary Services	581.02
Total Payroll Expenses	5,083.99
Pension & Health Care	901.04
Postage	55.00
Utilities	
Gas & Electric - Church	574.00
Gas & Electric - Manse	129.00
Internet Service	177.93
Telephone	173.19
Total Utilities	1,054.12
Total Expense	21,926.63
Net Ordinary Income	-9,018.85
Net Income	-9,018.85

GET YOUR SEPTEMBER COPY OF
THE TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL



LOCATED ON A TABLE IN THE SANCTUARY FOYER

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

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. Join us on the mountain with Jesus to sit at His feet and be taught what it means to live as citizens of His glorious Kingdom.



Sunday, September 6th - [Matthew 6:16-18](#)

Sunday, September 13th - [Matthew 6:19-24](#)

Sunday, September 20th - [Matthew 6:25-34](#)

Sunday, September 27th - Rev. Justin Sembler preaching

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 continue to be Facebook Live every Sunday morning at 10am for our Lord's Day Worship Service .

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.



Find us on Facebook



Adult Sunday School is Back!

"CHRIST IS ALL: The Book of Hebrews"

Starting 9/13 ~ 9am-9:40am ~ Meeting in the Sanctuary ~ Livestream Available

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES SET TO RESUME SEPTEMBER 13TH AT 9AM!!!

We so looking forward to getting back together for classes and going deep into God's Word with our church family !

The Children's Sunday School lessons are still included in the Song Sheets 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

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, September 3rd, 1pm

Yes, that's right! PW is resuming!!!

All women of the church are welcome!

Pastor Zach will lead us in a Bible Study out of our book, "Sing a New Song" and our business meeting will follow.

We will meet in the basement of the church and observe the current social distancing guidelines.

We will not have refreshments as we usually do to help comply with the recommendations.

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

TBA

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!



ALL submissions for the October Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER** than Wednesday, September 16th. Items received after that date may not make it into the newsletter.

Thank you for your cooperation!

~ Lisa Bowman, Office Manager

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

We are planning to go forward with a distribution in the fall, but the details are still being worked out.

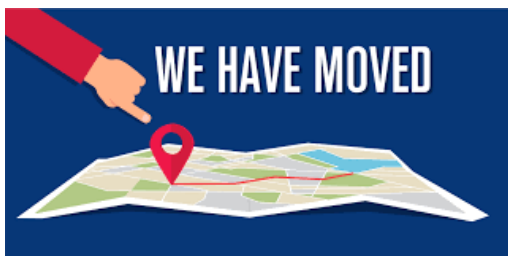
If you know someone who needs food, please contact Shirley Flemming, 309-798-2620, or email: sflemming@juno.com. Or, you can contact the church office - 309 795-1713.

Thank you all so very much! We have received MANY monetary donations during this time of crisis! Your generosity is always overwhelming and heartwarming!

At this time we would greatly appreciate all non-perishable food pantry donations. Our shelves are pretty empty right now, and we are looking forward to the possibility of an increased need in the fall and winter. We do have plenty of green beans and corn.

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





Edgington EPC's last directory was published in July of 2016. We have had a number new members, as well as address and phone number changes since then! I always try to run these changes in the newsletter for a couple months in a row and ask that everyone update their directory, but I know they get missed sometimes, so I am going to list all the additions and changes that I am aware of in the newsletter for the next couple of months in an effort to try to get everyone caught up. If I miss anyone or have anything incorrect, PLEASE let me know right away, and I will correct it for next month.

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YOUTH GROUP

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



This is such a wonderful ministry with such great impact and allows everyone to get the chance to do a little hands on mission work! We haven't worked out the details yet, but we thank you in advance for your help and donations.

Ideas for items to include in the box:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ITEMS DUE: TBA

SEPTEMBER 2020

Sunday School 9am
Worship Service 10am

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1	2	3 PW Mtg. 1pm	4	5
6 Food Pantry Sunday	7 <i>Labor Day</i>	8	9	10	11	12 Blood Drive 7-10:30am
13 Sunday School Classes Resume!	14	15 Mission Comm. Mtg. 6:30pm	16 Newsletter Items Due	17 Quilting 9am?	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Session Mtg. 7pm	30	1	2	3

Pastor Zach unavailable. Please contact an elder if you have a pastoral emergency.