

## IMPROVING OUR BAPTISM

For many Christians, baptism has little day-to-day relevance in the Christian life. This is why the Westminster Larger Catechism referred to “improving” (or *applying*) our baptism as a “needed, but much neglected duty” ([WLC 167](#)). It’s not that there is something wrong with our baptism and it needs to be amended, but rather that the spiritual benefits of baptism remain largely unused in our lives. How can we better apply the grace of baptism to our lives? Consider the following applications:

1. We should **cultivate communion** with the church into which we have been planted by baptism. Just as baptism solemnly admits people into membership in the visible church, so also baptism promotes the communion of the saints in the church. This is why private baptisms should ordinarily be unthinkable. Taking baptism out of the worshipping congregation robs the church as a whole of its continued benefits. Think of the blessing that you have enjoyed as you consider that families that bring their children are a part of our larger church family. That should stir affection for the Body of Christ in your hearts.
2. We should **pursue spiritual communion with Christ**. After all, it is Christ whom we have put on in baptism ([Gal 3:27](#)). Growing in our relationship with Jesus will deepen our understanding about what it means to be “in Christ.” Our relationship with the Lord grows as we regularly make diligent use of the means of grace in our lives (Word, Sacraments, Prayer).
3. Baptism teaches us to **hold fast to the promises of the covenant**, which are held forth in baptism. By these promises, we renounce Satan, the sin of the world, and our own sins, committing ourselves wholly to God, who will faithfully keep His covenant promises.
4. We ought to be **assured of the remission of our sins**, since this benefit is held forth and sealed to us in baptism. In this way, baptism not only promotes repentance and obedience, but faith in the promises of God and in the God of the promises.
5. We should use baptism to help us **long for the Holy Supper** so that we might be nourished and confirmed in the grace of the covenant. This is an excellent way of showing how the two sacraments should work together in the Christian life. Sacraments are covenant signs that seal covenant promises.
6. Baptism directs us to **keep faithfully whatsoever Christ commands us**. As Christian believers, we want to walk in the ways of the Lord. Reminding ourselves that we have been claimed by Christ aids our commitment to walk in His ways.

These are just a few ways for us to consider cultivating our relationship with the Triune God through the sacrament of baptism. If you have been baptized, then you have been claimed by the grace of God. May that grace reign in your life!



## 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

Thank you all for the calls, inquiries, cards, letters, and visits since my fall last February 20th.



It's been a long spring and summer, but I'm getting along fine and doing well.

Thanks again,  
Clarice Docherty



Thank you to my church family for all their support and cards during my brother's passing. It truly meant the world to me, and helped through a very difficult time.

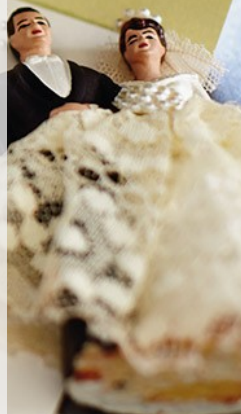
Tara Johnson

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

4 - Kai Docherty	21 - Torri Gundling
6 - Nancy Engstrom	23 - Dana Fuhr
6 - Janet Schmidt	24 - Steve Morrison
8 - Rylee Miller	25 - Carrie Reimers
8 - Peggy Shovar	26 - Mitchel Anderson
11 - Nick Johnson	26 - Nancy Rursch
12 - Debra Wilson	27 - Jim Reimers
16 - Reilley Fuller	28 - Terry Johnson
16 - Susann Penry	30 - Kenzie Reimers
17 - Neil Morrison	31 - Mel Block
20 - Phyllis Strafford	31 - Sharon Schaubroeck

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

2 - Robbyn & Jennifer Ransdell  
3 - Andy & Torri Gundling  
4 - Marion & Dorothy Oak  
6 - John & Pam Fuhr  
6 - Mic & Sue Penry  
10 - Darren & Tonya Hall  
10 - Patrick & Peggy Shovar  
12 - Conte & Judy Bingman  
13 - Don & Beth Easterla  
17 - Richard & Deb Landi  
18 - Isaac & Stacey Anderson  
18 - Mitch & Sue Miller  
23 - Jeff & Deb Thomas  
24 - Jim & Sharon Schaubroeck  
31 - Jon & Nita Darland



## GREETERS FOR OCTOBER

Sun., October 4th - Sharon Orr  
Sun., October 11th - Don & Beth & Easterla  
Sun., October 18th - Marvin & Peggy Weiss  
Sun., October 25th - Nathan & Amy Oak

Just when friends are needed  
You find them always near;  
Just when shadows darken,  
Their comforting words you hear.

*Thank You*

Thank you to our congregation for your thoughts and prayers! We needed them.

Ken & Sandy Benningfield

# SESSION

August, 25 at 7pm

Location: Church Basement

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

Absent: Steve Morrison

A quorum is present.

Pastor Zach acted as moderator of the meeting. Zach opened the meeting with prayer. The meeting began with a reading and discussion of Psalm 90. The Elders studied and discussed chapter 10 of *The Shepherd Leader* by Timothy Witmer. The Elders prayed for individual members of the congregation.

**Approval/Amendment of Docket:** Motion made and seconded to approve the docket. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** July 28th, 2020 minutes were reviewed. Motion made, seconded and approved.

**Zach's Report:** Ministry: Russ Hofer funeral and meetings with individuals

## OLD BUSINESS:

- The session reviewed the baptism of Jett Fuhr.
- The Session reviewed the Sunday School Movie Night. Attendance was good and people had a good time.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- The Session reviewed Jahn Fund scholarship requests from Nathan Flickinger, Mackenzie Reimers, and Rachel Johnson. Motion was made, seconded and approved to grant these requests.
- The Session reviewed a request by PW to hold a meeting in the church basement. The Session approved the request for them to meet, but thought it best for refreshments not to be served.
- The Session reviewed preliminary plans for the operation of the food pantry and the fall coat drive in the coming weeks. It was felt that these programs should continue with the use of caution in using social distancing and other appropriate safety measures.
- The Session approved the startup of fall Sunday School on September 13th. The teachers are anxious to get underway.
- Zach reported that an authorization form needs to be filled out to authorize Mel Block to sign documents regarding the sale of the manse. Zach will draft.
- The Session decided that due to Covid-19, the church will not host a fall harvest party.
- Patrick reviewed the plans for the Blood Drive to be held September 12.

The next Stated Session meeting will be September 29th, 2020 at 7pm. The Session will discuss implementation of the concepts learned from *The Shepherd Leader* by Timothy Witmer.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:40pm. Motion Carried.

Zach closed the meeting with prayer.



# Resuming Corporate Worship



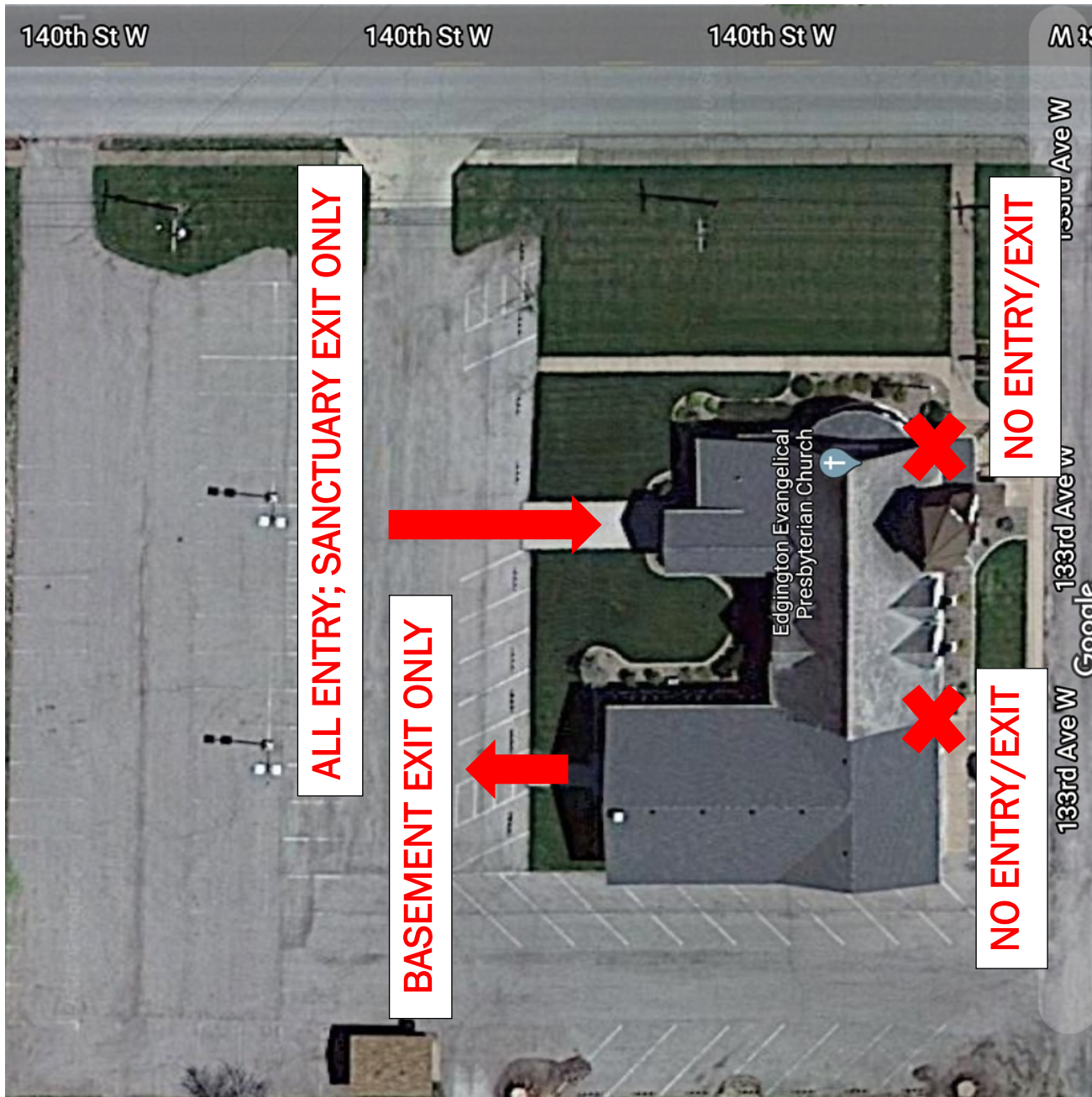
## General Items

- 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 140<sup>th</sup> 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.





Date: 08/12/2020

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

Mel opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:03pm.

Minutes from the July 8th, 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved.

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

#### **Old Business:**

- Siding work on east wall of sanctuary is complete and has been painted.
- Front yard has been tilled and graded in preparation for seeding this fall.
- Repair work has been completed at the manse in preparation for sale.

#### **New Business:**

- Trustees are investigating installation of acrylic or polycarbonate covering on the outside of the stained glass windows. This will help protect against physical damage and should also solve the water infiltration problem. Currently the plastic material has a long delivery time due to COVID 19.
- A budget proposal has been received for the new sanctuary roof. The estimated cost is approximately \$57,000. Trustees strongly believe this work should be done in 2021. Additional bids will be solicited so a contractor selection can be made yet this fall.
- Trustees will obtain pricing for seeding or sodding of the church yard. This work will be completed in the next month or two.
- Trustees reviewed the list of projects that need to be completed in the short term. These include:
  - New sanctuary roof
  - Stained glass window covering
  - Resurface parking lot
  - Replace sanctuary A/C units
  - Reseed front yard
  - Replace basement carpet
  - Patch plaster damage in sanctuary
  - Replace incoming water line

The total estimated cost of this work is approximately \$110,500. Trustees have suggested borrowing money from other church funds so the work can be completed. The borrowed funds will need to be repaid in a timely manner – perhaps through a fund drive.

Mel closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan

ALL submissions for the  
November Newsletter  
must be in by **NO LATER**



than Wednesday, October 21st. Items  
received after that date may not make it  
into the newsletter.

*Thank you for your cooperation!*

*~ Lisa Bowman, Office Manager*



August 18, 2020

The Mission Committee met on August 18, 2020 at 6:30pm in the church basement. Those attending were: Barb Freyermuth, Deb Wagamon, Todd Stegmiller, Nancy Engstrom, and Session Representative Kevin Oak.

Barb opened the meeting in prayer.

## Old Business:

- **Minutes from Previous July Meeting:** approved
- **Review of Church Mailings:** The committee reviewed all ministry newsletters, thank you notes, and flyers to ensure we are current on all requests, upcoming fund raisers, and ministry needs.
- **Local Ministry Supplies:** The newsletter has included a list of supplies needed by our local ministries. A bin remains in the church entrance for these donations.

## New Business: (Mission Monies available \$5,719.90)

- **Youth Hope:** We discussed the ministry of Youth Hope in our area. The discussion uncovered several questions we felt needed to be answered before we would be able to prayerfully discern if additional support was needed. Deb Wagamon will be meeting with YH to discuss their program and will report back to the Mission Team at our September meeting.
- **Pregnancy Resources “Walk for Life”:** Pregnancy Resources is sponsoring their “Walk for Life” fundraiser on September 12th. Their goal is \$65,000 in donations. Zach will remind the congregation of this fundraiser on Sunday and we encourage all to participate.
- **Champion assignments for Missions:** The mission team feels it would be advantageous to assign a mission team committee member to champion each of our ministries. They would stay in touch with the ministry group or Missionary and report back to the team each month. The report would include current needs and activities of the ministry. This would allow the Mission team to always have a good understanding of the active work of each mission and what their immediate needs may be so we can prayerfully consider how EEPC can partner and assist. We tentatively assigned members to each of our core partner ministries, and will reach out to those members not in attendance to confirm if they are willing to take on the role assignment. Tentative Assignments were:
  - **Youth Hope:** Deb Wagamon
  - **Pregnancy Resources:** Jim Cooksey
  - **Winnie’s Place:** Nancy Engstrom
  - **Steve Woodworth & McCullum’s:** Todd Stegmiller
  - **Scott and Colleen Burdsall:** Barb Freyermuth
  - **Saul & Jess Huber:** Kevin Oak
  - **Jeff Lancaster:** Lisa Nelson
  - **Christian Care:** Jim Reimers
- **Minute for Mission:** Deb Wagamon will present an overview of Youth Hope on September 20th.

Deb closed the meeting in prayer.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday September 15, 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!





## "FALL OUTREACH WILL LOOK DIFFERENT"

We are continuing to bring hope to kids and youth! Every fall we kickoff our school year outreach programs and activities. This year it will look a little different. Because of COVID-19 we are restricted on how many kids we can transport and have participate together. We are adapting to the times, but continuing our mission.

In fact, we believe this year could be one of the most impactful because of the limited contact we are allowed to have with kids and teens. We believe that in small groups they will be ready for deeper talks, encouragement and life-changing conversations. Our staff is eagerly pursuing kids and teens.

We are focusing on educational support to help our low-income students not fall behind. We are also having many more small groups, individual meetings, and activities in safely managed situations.

We were able to have four weeks of camp with over 260 kids/teens with no COVID cases! We know the way to operate safely, we know there is more need than ever, we are laser focused on bringing encouragement, help, and hope to discouraged kids and youth!

Thank you for your partnership to make it all possible.

YouthHope Staff

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

### Praise Requests:

- "Regular" programming is rolling full steam ahead at our youth centers even as we have smaller numbers and taking many precautions with no incidents of illness.
- Praise God for the opportunity, ability, staff and volunteers making it possible to launch a new program focusing on helping our students with their e-learning! Ten students participated in the first week of the program and we are excited in their growth and the future of this program, plans for growth and it's impact on the students who attend!
- Kelsey our Director of Teens in our Rock Island Youth Center and her husband welcomed a healthy handsome baby boy, Milo, into the world on September 5th!
- Rebecca has rejoined our staff in Rock Island moving from children's ministry into teen girl ministry. It's great to have her back building relationships with students and sharing Jesus!

### Prayer Reports:

- Please pray specifically for our Camp Facilities Manager, Don, whose wife Missy is battling cancer and is scheduled for surgery on Wednesday, October 7th.
- Prayers for our new education program that launched Monday, September 21st at our Moline Youth Center! The students needs are huge and we have plans to expand the program to more locations needing more volunteers reaching more students and giving them encouragement and support in their education. The staff and board are contemplating a potential opportunity and decision for the future of YouthHope, please pray for wisdom and the Lord's direction in this decision.
- For the education of many of our students that is suffering under the current global situation. Pray that they would not be left far behind in their education, for the energy and wisdom of our staff to come alongside them and help supply the support they need. Pray also for those students who are feeling overwhelmed by the amount of work that is being placed on them by their teachers and school districts.

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](mailto:hcarr@cfyouthhope.org)



## MENTORS AND MILLENIALS

Nearly 75% of Pregnancy Resources' current clients are Millennials - ranging in age from early 20's to late 30's. **Mentoring from an older generation is the preferred method of learning for most men and women in this age group...** Just a few weeks ago, when asked about her time with one of our female teachers, one new mom said, "the women were very helpful and kind. I felt I could talk to them and not be judged." Another young mom-to-be said, "**I learned things I didn't know and got great advice for future steps regarding my path.**" This type of mentoring is not something Pregnancy Resources invented - we see examples of mentoring throughout scripture...

- Jethro mentored Moses, and Moses went on to mentor Joshua
- Eli mentored Samuel, Samuel mentored David
- David mentored his army leaders, his government officials, and his son Solomon
- Mordecai mentored Esther
- Priscilla and Aquila mentored Apollos
- Jesus mentored the 12 apostles
- Paul mentored Timothy, Titus, and countless others....

To read the entire  
Third Quarter  
Heartlines Edition  
click [HERE](#)

**... at Pregnancy Resources our mentoring is foundationally rooted in the hope and truth of the scripture.**

In June and July, Pregnancy Resources offered two half day "Dr. Dad Seminars" where new dads and dads-to-be met with Dad Coaches and learned how to get better prepared for fatherhood. One young dad-to-be finished up bootcamp saying, "**I was scared to be a dad before I took this class,**" but his Dad Coach had been there to answer questions and provide encouragement. Dads are teaching dads how to step up and step into the God-ordained roll of fatherhood!

Long-term, holistic education and care is consistently provided at Pregnancy Resources. In the first six months of 2020, I am honored to report that **182 women and 67 men have participated in 565 individual mentoring/class sessions.** As a result, hundreds of children have moms and dads who are now more prepared and equipped to parent well.

It is **your investment in this ministry, your long-term and faithful prayers, volunteerism, and consistent financial support** that makes this type of life-saving and life-changing ministry possible. Thank you!

Trisha Wilson, Executive Director

## PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for a client who is undecided about her pregnancy due to a lack of support. Pray that she would find the support that she needs to choose Life!
- Praise God for the impact that Pregnancy Resources is making on our clients! We have heard from a few different clients tell us that they are so grateful that we are here!
- Pray for the mom who has made an adoption plan for her child and went into labor this week! (UPDATE - she followed through with the adoption plan! Praise be to God!)
- Praise God for the mom who came into the Center and said that she felt something different! Praise God that she was able to feel the love of Jesus radiating from our ministry!
- Pray for the board of directors as they continue to make plans and decisions for the ministry. Pray for abounding wisdom and peace as they plan.

Thank you for your continued prayers for Pregnancy Resources! Your faithfulness is such a blessing to us!

~ Marissa J. Foss, Admin. Assistant

Please see the next page  
for a list of Bella's  
Boutiques current needs.



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### Prayer Warrior Network

Intercessory prayer is an integral component of our ministry.

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

Contact [Marissa@qcpregnancy.org](mailto:Marissa@qcpregnancy.org) to receive weekly, ministry-specific prayer requests & praise reports.

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.*



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#### 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:

##### Men's Clothing:

- Coats
- Sweatshirts/pants
- Hoodies
- T-Shirts
- Jeans
- Shoes (size 6-10)
- Underwear/Socks
- Belts

##### Pantry Items:

- Mayonnaise
- Bleach
- Body Wash/Bar Soap
- Deodorant
- Laundry Soap
- Coffee/Creamer
- Sugar



**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!**



## OCTOBER 2020 FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

The food pantry staff is doing things differently this year.



**THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE DISTRIBUTION THIS FALL - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31st FROM 8:30-11:00AM.** If there are other needs before the spring distribution, patrons can call and set up a time to pick up food. If you know of anyone in need of food, please have them call the church office.

We are not asking for any outside help. We are doing the shopping day-by-day, as some things are limited in the stores. Jim and Dewey have been watching for bargains and doing the shopping. The food pantry staff will pack the items. We will not label the boxes but pack all of them the same.

Sue will still call the families and inform them of the date of the distribution. She will set up inside the Sunday School Door and take names, give them gift cards, and cross them off the list. The people will wait in their cars. Masks will be required, as will social distancing.

We will keep 6 carts loaded and have them ready to go. We will not buy produce, but give the patrons increased gift cards, and they can shop for that themselves.

We will need a few people from EEPCC to help on the day of distribution – loading carts and loading cars.

We appreciate all the monetary donations and food that we have received. The food donations have been down, but the money has been provided so we have been able to do the shopping. We can still use any nonperishable items that you want to donate.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATES OR KEEPS US IN PRAYER.** This has been a strange year and still is. We hope by spring we can be back to normal. A special thank you to Dewey and Jim for doing the shopping and lifting!

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

## FALL COAT DRIVE

Held in conjunction with the Food Pantry Distribution

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.



# Project NOW

Community Action Agency

PROUDLY SERVING  
SENIORS SINCE 1968



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](mailto:mdyer@projectnow.org)



## 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.

# Edgington Presbyterian Church

## Treasurer's Report August 2020

	Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	Balance
General	\$ 70,046.40	\$ 14,108.54	\$ 13,416.85	\$ 70,738.09
Jahn	\$ 11,249.03	\$ 180.13	\$ -	\$ 11,429.16
Edgington	\$ 5,591.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,591.02
Boughton	\$ 30,106.53	\$ 915.00	\$ 14,763.75	\$ 16,257.78
Lauby	\$ 19,885.06	\$ 293.28	\$ -	\$ 20,178.34

Ending Gen. checking balar	89,248.92
Uncleared Transactions	\$ 1,490.65
General checking Balance	\$ 87,758.27

Reconciled Bank Accounts	
Gen. checking	\$ 87,758.27

### August 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 +vctn pay	937.90		
Robin Preston	203.50		
Eddy Bull (mowing manse & gas)	84.22		
US Treasury (payroll tax)	633.26		
IL Dept Rev (payroll tax)	133.22		
AT&T	174.47	General	\$ 70,738.09
U S Postmaster	38.20		
MidAmerican Energy church	494.00	Edgington	\$ 5,591.02
MidAmerican Energy manse	129.00	Jahn	\$ 11,429.16
Millenium Waste	34.00	TOTAL	\$ 87,758.27
Ministry Designs (website)	30.00		
ABS (copier)	131.93		
Mediacom	178.73		
CRS (camera)	1,799.00	received donation of \$1000 for camera purchase	
Westminster Book (Resource Mat. )	136.47		
Westminster Books (Cont. Ed)	291.22		
Amazon (Cont. Ed)	83.19		
Amazon (resource material)	12.08		
Menards (church painting supplies)	147.04		
PPG (church paint)	204.26		
Thymet (termite inspection manse)	70.00		
Mel Block (landscape supplies etc)	204.15		
Edgington Hardware (manse)	28.65		
K. Benningfield (Radon fan manse)	229.00		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>			<b>\$13,416.85</b>

### **INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL**

Mission monies included in general fund	\$8,952.58
Assistance Fund	\$5,153.46



# TREASURER'S REPORT *Cont. from p. 14*

## General Fund Profit & Loss

August 2020

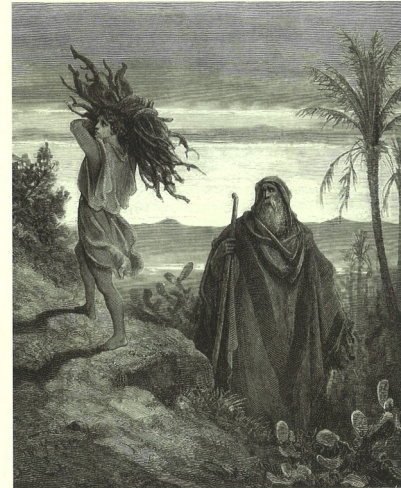
Aug 20

<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Per Capita Contributions	1,140.00
Interest Income - General Fnd	7.84
Loose Offering	217.00
Other Income	30.00
Pledges	12,713.70
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>14,108.54</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Pastors housing allowance	1,800.00
Operating Maintenance - General	854.28
Resource materials	148.55
Continuing Education	374.41
Worship Supplies	1,946.04
Office Supplies	
Copier	131.93
Office Supplies - Other	30.00
<b>Total Office Supplies</b>	<b>161.93</b>
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>	
Custodian Payroll	203.50
Pastor Salary	4,308.32
Payroll Taxes	766.48
Secretary Services	937.90
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>6,216.20</b>
Pension & Health Care	901.04
Postage	38.20
<b>Utilities</b>	
Gas & Electric - Church	494.00
Gas & Electric - Manse	129.00
Internet Service	178.73
Telephone	174.47
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>976.20</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>13,416.85</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>691.69</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>691.69</b>

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## Edgington Presbyterian Church Boughton Fund Profit & Loss

August 2020

	Aug 20
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Interest Income - Boughton	915.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>915.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Boughton - Disbursements	14,763.75
Church Maintenance	
<b>Total Boughton - Disbursements</b>	<b>14,763.75</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>14,763.75</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-13,848.75</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-13,848.75</b>

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-14,763.75

## 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, October 4th - [Matthew 7:1-6](#)

Sunday, October 11th - [Matthew 7:7-11](#)

Sunday, October 18th - [Matthew 7:12-14](#)

Sunday, October 25th - [Matthew 7:15-20](#)

### SCRIPTURE LINKS - Download the apps!



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

*(Click on the images to go to their websites)*



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

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**

### **IN-PERSON SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES HAVE RESUMED!!!**

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

The Children's Sunday School lessons are still being posted on Facebook each week if you are unable to attend for some reason.



### **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, October 1st, 1pm

All women of the church are welcome!  
Pastor Zach will lead us in a Bible Study on Psalm 146  
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

Thursday, October 15th, 9am

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!*

My sister passed  
suddenly on August  
15th in South  
Carolina.

*Thank You*

I appreciated all the calls, cards, and  
prayers that were offered for me and  
my family.

What a wonderful church family we  
have. They always step up when  
something like this happens and  
surround us with the loving presence of  
Christ. May God bless all of you!

Shirley and Dewey

We wanted to  
thank you so  
much for the  
recent donation of games, clothes,  
personal items, blankets, and  
miscellaneous items to our Center. All  
will go to good use. We appreciate your  
caring and giving, as always.

*thank  
you*

Thanks,  
Mercer County Family Crisis Center



## REFORMATION WORSHIP

DETAILS ARE STILL BEING WORKED OUT.  
PASTOR ZACH WILL UPDATE.

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TRINITY (PCA)



The role of a pastor is very complex. A truly good one, who fulfills all the many roles in the manner laid out in God's Word is hard to find. Their jobs come with great responsibility and heavy weight. Unfortunately, they are oftentimes put upon pedestals, and it can be forgotten that they are just humans, trying to live out God's great calling on their lives. They, too, can be uplifted by words of encouragement. Their burden can be lightened with a grateful note, a smile and hug of appreciation, or a warm handshake (although at this time of Covid-19, we are not recommending hugs and handshakes) with thanks and praise to God for sending such a gift to their congregations.

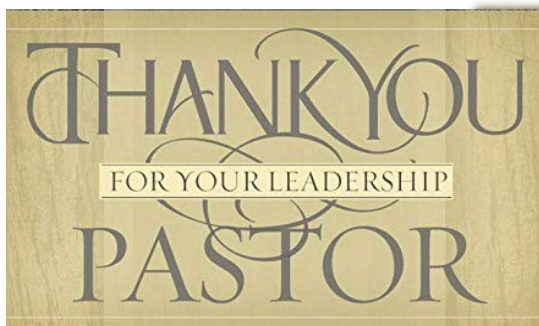


Would you please consider taking a moment this month to write a note, send a card, or make some other gesture of gratitude toward our Pastor, Zach? It is often times the little kindnesses such as these that can make a world of difference... brightening the day, lifting and encouraging the spirit to keep on toward the upward call.

What a wonderful time to let Pastor Zach know how much you truly do appreciate him!

Your Edgington EPC Session,

Keith Wilson, Steve Morrison, Jim Mueller, Kevin Oak, Mic Penry, and Patrick Shovar



We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. - 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3



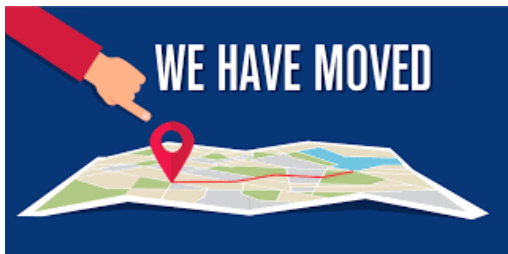
Thank you to everyone who helped/donated with the Fall Blood Drive! Your total for the day was 17 units of whole blood and 8 double red units, for a total collection of 25 units! Amazing! Thank you all! Your donations were needed and appreciated!

Blessed to serve,  
Scott and Cindy Cullen

2021 Blood Drive Dates: Saturday, March 6th & Saturday, September 11th







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/occshoeboxes/>

**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: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH**

**SHOEBOX PACKING ON THE EVENING OF SUN., NOV. 8TH - DETAILS TBA**

# OCTOBER 2020



**EEPC**

Sunday School 9am  
Worship Service 10am  
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27 B/P Checks	28	29 Session Mtg. 7pm	30	1 PW Mtg. 1pm	2	3
4 Food Pantry Sunday	5	6	7	8	9 R&L Presbytery Mtg. Montezuma, IA	10 R&L Presbytery Mtg. Montezuma, IA
11 B/P Checks	12 Columbus Day	13	14 Trustees Mtg. 7pm	15 Quilting 9am	16	17
18	19	20 Mission Comm. Mtg. 6:30pm	21 Newsletter Items Due	22	23	24
25 B/P Checks	26	27 Session Mtg. 7pm	28	29	30	31 Reformation Day Food Pantry & Fall Coat Distribution