



GRACE FOR TRIALS

"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds..." [James 1:2](#)

You've heard it plenty and likely said it a few times yourself; I know I have: *"I am so over this."* And the *this*, of course, is the pandemic and all the frustrations that have come with it. We have an incredible capacity to whine about all of these things. But, do we have an equally opposite capacity to trace the hand of God's providence in the midst of these events that produce so many emotions within us? What is God doing?

On the one hand, I am not so presumptuous as to suggest a specific answer to that question. As the hymn says, *"leave to thy God to order and provide."* So we can be content to agree with Moses when he says, *"the secret things belong to the LORD our God"* ([Dt 29:29](#)). But that's not all Moses said about that either. He also says, *"but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever."* That means, we recognize there are the secret mysteries of God's providence that we *can never* understand fully in this life, and honestly, shouldn't even seek to know. But that doesn't mean we can't know anything. In fact, that's exactly what the word "revelation" means in Deuteronomy 29:29. God has revealed, or explained, certain truths that are clear, and not only may be known by us, but ought to be learned by us in order to pass them to future generations. In that sense, what has been revealed by God about the purpose of trials in the life of the Christian believer?

Let's look back at those words of James, Jesus' half-brother. In the very opening words of the epistle that bears his name he writes, *"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing"* ([Jas 1:2-4](#)). I'm struck by the emphasis on the words *for you know*. It's as if James is reminding us of what we know but refuse to accept. And that difficult to receive truth is this: that trials are often the Lord's choice tool to refine His people. Do you believe that?

In the 17th century Samuel Rutherford memorably said it this way: *"grace grows best in winter"*. That sentiment agrees with what James is teaching. And it helps us understand why in the world we should count it all joy to meet trials. We are not taught to count it joy *that* we are suffering some kind of trial. Rather, we are to meet our trials with joy because we know that God knows what He is doing, and by the use of these light and momentary afflictions (to use the Apostle Paul's language) God is at work to refine, to strengthen, to bless, to sanctify, to encourage, and to increase our faith.

Here's the truth: I am over COVID along with the rest of you. But I am not over the ways in which I have seen the Lord at work in our lives as a congregation in the midst of this trial. As your pastor I delight to hear about your spiritual growth and the ways you've been challenged and how those challenges have been met with a daily supply of mercy. There have been physical, emotional, and spiritual challenges among us – each of varied circumstances. But in every circumstance, the Lord has confirmed His grace to us, and as James says, steadfastness is being worked in us. In that I rejoice. And with James I'll count it all joy. I hope you do the same. Hang in there.

Your Pastor & 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

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

13 - Denis & Michelle Doonan
14 - Kevin & Cindy Oak
15 - Ryan & Megan Koresko
25 - Ben & Luci Goodnight

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Carson Hall	13 - Marvin Weiss
1 - Darren Hall	14 - Luella Doonan
2 - Jackson Fuhr	16 - Raegan Miller
2 - Mary Ann Kadel	19 - Megan Barber
6 - Allan Fuhr	23 - Michael O'Hare
6 - Pam Fuhr	23 - Jennifer Ransdell
6 - Dorothy Rursch	24 - Lori Dixon
7 - Alice Crawford	24 - Connie Huntley
7 - Korey Miller	25 - Neal Ruggles
7 - Cindy Oak	28 - Jeffrey Fuhr
12 - Ella Goodnight	29 - Donna Dunlap

Newsletter

ALL submissions for the December Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER** than Wednesday, November 18th. Items received after that date may not make it into the newsletter.
Thank you for your cooperation!
~ Lisa Bowman, Office Manager

GREETERS FOR NOVEMBER

Sun., Nov. 1st - Scott & Lisa Nelson Family
Sun., Nov. 8th - Jim & Carrie Reimers Family
Sun., Nov 15th - Kevin & Cindy Oak
Sun., Nov. 22nd - Nancy Engstrom & Friends
Sun., Nov. 29th - Todd & Lauren Stegmiller Family



Dear Friends,
We at Winnie's Place want to thank you for the cleaning supplies, paper towels, toilet paper, and aluminum foil donated to us last month.

Your gifts are truly appreciated!

Thank you,
Winnie's Place Staff

Dear Church Family,
Many thanks to all of you for the cards and prayers for Mom.

Thank you,
Lee-Ann Druckmiller





SESSION

September 29, at 7pm

Location: Church Basement

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

Absent: Patrick Shovar

A quorum is present.

Pastor Zach will act as moderator of the meeting. Zach opened the meeting with prayer. The meeting began with a reading and discussion of Acts 6: 1-7. Zach shared the blog article “It’s OK to be a Pastor” by Kevin DeYoung. The Elders studied and discussed chapter 11 of *The Shepherd Leader* by Timothy Witmer. The Elders prayed for individual members of the congregation.

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

Approval of Minutes: August 25th, 2020 minutes were reviewed. Motion made, seconded and approved.

Zach’s Report: Ministry: Has been meeting with prospective members.
Meetings: Attended the 40th General Assembly in September.

Old Business:

- The session reviewed the current worship practices in relation to CDC guidelines.
- The Session reviewed the baptism of Paul Hopkins.

New Business:

- The Session reviewed Jahn Fund scholarship requests from Jim Johnson and Reilly Fuller. Motion was made, seconded, and approved to grant these requests.
- The Session discussed whether our church should host the annual Reformation Service on October 25th, 2020. The church would host members from Trinity PCA of Aledo, Sovereign Grace OPC of Davenport, and First Presbyterian of Moline. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to conduct this service. No refreshments will be served due to Covid-19 restrictions.
- The session confirmed that the Fall Harvest Party will not be held.
- Zach gave a briefing concerning several youths with skateboards that have been hanging around the church property.
- Zach informed the Session that there is interest in a New Membership Class this Fall. He will schedule the classes in November.
- The Session discussed a request for the use of church facilities. Due to current Covid-19 restrictions the request was denied.
- Zach informed the Session that the 30th RLP meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 9th from 12:45pm to 4:00pm. Zach and Mic will be attending in person, Keith will attend virtually via Zoom.
- Communion will be served during worship on October 4th, 2020.

The next Stated Session meeting will be October 27th, 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 9:35pm. Motion Carried.

Zach closed the meeting with prayer.

Resuming Corporate Worship

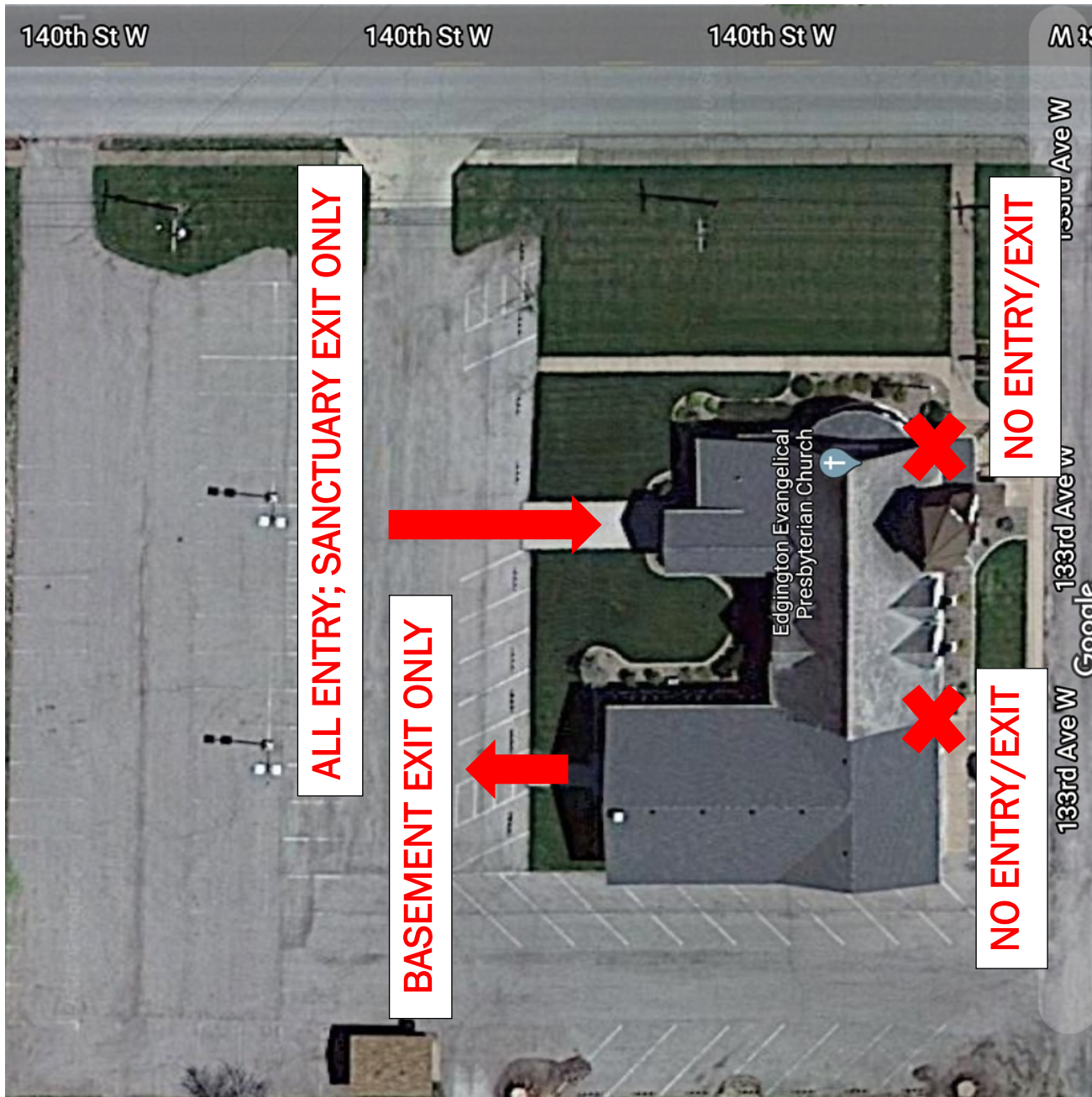


General Items

- 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.



09/09/20201

Present: Mel Block, Larry Pithan, Chris Stark, Jeff Thomas, Treasurer Cindy Oak. Session Representative Jim Mueller.

Mel opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:04pm.

Minutes from the August 12, 2020 meeting were reviewed.

Reviewed the Treasurer's report for August.

Old Business:

- Manse Sale – working on an issue with the legal description for the property. Once resolved should be ready to move to closing.
- Trustees are working on scraping, painting, and caulking exterior trim on stained glass windows. Acrylic panels have been ordered to cover exterior of windows. Expected delivery in late October.
- Front yard has been prepped for seeding. Will be seeded in the next couple weeks.
- Have requested bids from three roofing contractors for the sanctuary roof project. Trustees would like to get this project scheduled for next summer.
- Discussed possible fund drive options to pay for needed maintenance of the church.

New Business:

- Trustees will have AED unit inspected and serviced. Scheduling of training dependent on COVID issues.
- Floor drain in basement cleaned and faucet repaired.
- Will need to do some additional repair on landscaping that was disturbed by the septic system project.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan

2020
Annual Report

ATTENTION COMMITTEE LEADERS OF EDGINGTON EPC

The end of the year is rapidly approaching!

If you lead/head/chair any committee or group you need to have a report in the Annual Report.

Please start working on it as soon as possible. Reports are due by Monday, January 25th, 2021.

If you have any questions, or should need to see a copy of last year's report please contact Lisa in the office at 309-795-1713.

The Annual Congregational Meeting date is Sunday, January 31st.

October 18, 2020

In attendance for 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 August Meeting: Approved as written.

August-October Activities:

- Number of visits since August is 50. Visits include calls, emails, and text messages.
- There were 22 cards sent (Thinking about you 6, Birthdays 6, Get well 4, 1 Baptismal, and 5 Anniversary).

Old Business:

- Blood Drive - Collected 25 units at September blood drive. 2021 Blood drives to be held on March 6th, 2021 and September 11th, 2021.

New Business:

- Fall Coat Drive will be held on October 31st from 8:30am to 11am.
- Care Packages for college students – Deacons will send cards/emails to each college student which will include a gift card link

The next Deacon virtual meeting will be held December 13th.

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.

September 15, 2020

The Mission Committee met on September 15, 2020 at 6:30pm in the church basement. Those attending were: Barb Freyermuth, Deb Wagamon, Jim Cooksey, Nancy Engstrom, Lisa Nelson, and Session Representative Kevin Oak.

Barb opened the meeting in prayer

Old Business:

- **Minutes from Previous 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:** We continue to support the needs of Christian Care and Winnie's Place by notifying the congregation of the need for supplies; specifically toilet paper and paper towels. A bin has been placed in the church entrance to collect these donations. Committee members will deliver them to the local ministries.
- **Youth Hope:** Deb Wagamon gave an update on the current activities and needs of Youth Hope. This included an update on their fund raiser, summer camp, the M.A.D. program changes, food deliveries, school supply program, their efforts to stay in touch with the children and teens daily care and immediate needs. YH has two immediate needs: funding for the new YH Creative program leader and three new transit vans needed to transport children to and from their programs and school. We continue to pray for this ministry and the children whose lives are being changed through the love of Christ.
- **Champion assignments for Missions:** the committee discussed the expectations of these assignments and confirmed who will be representing our ministries. The members will stay in contact with our ministry leaders, learning what they are actively working on and what their critical needs are; then report that information to the committee during the monthly meeting. This will aid EEPCC in knowing how we may best support and pray for the needs of these ministries. The confirmed champions are:
 - **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

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

- **Pregnancy Resources "Walk for Life":** The "Walk for Life" fund raiser was held September 12th. The committee approved a \$500 donation, \$250 for Team Lisa and \$250 for Team Kelly.
- **Winnie's Place:** Nancy updated the committee on the status of this ministry. They have three new women coming to shelter. Winnie's Place generally operates at full capacity. Supplies are desperately needed to assist the shelter. We will share this need with our congregation. They are currently looking for a group to assist with repairing a deck at their facility. Nancy will obtain more information on this project and report back to the committee in October.
- **Saul & Jess Huber:** Kevin Oak offered an update: Saul and Jess travel America looking for young people interested in being missionaries. Their last newsletter outlined two new candidates they were exploring. Kevin will reach out and obtain more information for our October meeting.
- **Current US Disaster Support:** With all the need from local disasters (fires, storms, etc.) in the US today, we have been asked if we should be offering more assistance. Barb will be checking to see if the EPC has identified a source where churches may donate to support those in greatest need. We will address this at our October meeting.
- **Minute for Mission:** Deb Wagamon will present an overview on Youth Hope on September 20th.

Jim closed the meeting in prayer

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday October 20, 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!



NEW Education Support Network

On September 21st, ten children began attending our pilot Education Support Program, whose goal is to support students in Rock Island County public schools that are falling behind during this online learning era. Students receive assistance with their online learning at Learning Sites two days a week. Online learning is not easy, but families whose parents have their own learning challenges are at a greater disadvantage. We are also creating a system for churches to open Learning Sites in their buildings, with YouthHope providing the tools and training for the effort. Together, we can help hundreds of families and keep our community educationally strong!

I had the privilege of signing up the first five families. As I explained the program to the mothers, the reactions ranged from tears of shock to shouting, clapping, and praying! My favorite reaction came from a single mom of five. I sat down on her only furniture on the main level, a futon that one boy was asleep on at the time. I said, "I think I have some good news for you..." She looked at me with wide eyes full of tears and said, "I don't know what to say. I'm going to cry. You really can't believe how hard this is. I can't do it. It's just too hard. I can't believe you would do this for us. I'm going to cry when you leave."

Her children's teachers have been pleasantly surprised by their progress in the last few weeks and are equally grateful.
~ Stacy Fox, Moline Children's Director



WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

Volunteer: The more help we have, the more kids we can assist! Give our office a call and we can discuss the opportunity and what would work best for you.

Promote: Talk to your church about opening a Learning Site, knowing that we will support you all the way.

Give: You can designate a special financial gift to the "Education Support Program". Also, see page ??? for a list of items needed for the program.

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

Praise Reports:

- God is blessing YouthHope and programs are running strong with no incidents of COVID-19 in our programs though some students have had to stay away for a short time because of health concerns.
- We had two groups of students go out to camp last week and they had a great time together outside and learning about their creator. Pray that those experiences will lead to deeper relationships and mentoring with staff and volunteers.
- Praise God we've been able to hire some great new staff members! One of our new staff members grew up in our programs and is excited to be giving back and teaching students the lessons he learned while he was a YH student. New staff members include Baruch Young, Devon Johnson, Juan Valtierra, Nathan Sanchez and Karen Ambriz.

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Prayer Requests:

- Don Smith's wife Missy went in for surgery to remove early-stage cancer from her body on October 7th. The surgery went well and was successful! A few days after arriving home from the hospital she returned to the hospital in pain and just arrived back home on Sunday with the pain under control. Please continue to pray for her healing and Don as he supports her in the process.
- The New Education Support Network program is kicking off at our Rock Island Center as students return to in-person learning a couple of days a week they are still in need of much help during their online learning time to help keep them on track. Pray for the new staff and volunteers to continually refine the program and be able to meet the students where they need help. Pray especially for all of our students as they continue with school to be attentive to their school work, motivated to do well, keep good attendance (meaning they have to stay healthy too), many of them are so far behind where they should be at their grade levels and the current situation is magnifying that and bringing it to light. They are making incredible progress in the short time they are with us but that needs to continue. We also need more volunteers to help reach more students!
- Pray for Stacy (Moline Children's Director) as she continues to recover from surgery that she underwent on October 5th. She's been back at work and in the mix with students since early last week but still has some time before she's 100%.
- Kids Club kicks off again at our Moline Youth Center and we are so excited to have more of our younger students back in the building! Please pray for energy and excitement with this kick-off and that our volunteers would stand strong and healthy to share the hope of Jesus with the students.

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



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

GOD IS MOVING AT PREGNANCY RESOURCES!



Friends! We have shared a unique 2020. I am grateful for all the hard work and effort you have put into helping Pregnancy Resources this year. While the year isn't quite over just yet I want you to know you have made a valuable impact on Moms & Dads!

- Over the last 120 days, three moms chose life and made plans for adoption, placing their children with loving Christian parents.
- 85% of the moms and dads who come to Pregnancy Resources either don't know about Jesus or are unsure of their faith!
- In the last 3 weeks, a couple dedicated their lives to Jesus during their pregnancy test as the client advocate felt led to share the gospel.
- Since January we have touched 379 dads!

Thank you!

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



Sharing their stories...

We have seen a 30% increase in the number of abortion-minded moms who walk into the centers. Many of these women have an abortion in their past. Without the busyness of life to distract them these women (and men) are sharing more authentically their past abortion stories. Many are heartbreakingly painful. Please pray with and join our Prayer Partners network!

Contact Marissa@qcpregnancy.org to sign up for the weekly prayer partner email to help moms and dads process their emotions and find forgiveness in Christ.



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 to receive weekly, ministry-specific prayer requests & praise reports.

PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Praise God for the opportunity for our No Regrets program to re-enter a limited number of schools with proper safety guidelines!
- Praise God that FIVE men attended last Saturday's Dad's Seminar in Moline!
- Pray for the abortion-minded clients at Pregnancy Resources. Pray that their hearts would be touched with the reality of the life that they carry inside of them and that they will choose Life for their child.
- Praise God for the area churches who support Pregnancy Resources!
- Pray for the Pregnancy Resources Team members who are currently ill. Pray that God would restore them to health and allow them to re-enter their positions in the ministry as soon as they are able!
- Praise God for His continued faithfulness and strength that allows the Pregnancy Resources team to continue to be urban missionaries to our community!
- Pray for the clients who are still undecided in their pregnancy decision. Give them clarity as they make a decision for their child.
- Praise God that several new volunteers have joined the Pregnancy Resources Team! Pray that God would give them great understanding and that they would acclimate well to the ministry!
- Praise God for the benefit of the Mobile Medical Unit. There have been patients who cannot get to our traditional centers who are visiting the Mobile Medical Unit to find hope and help!

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

~ Marissa J. Foss, Admin. Assistant



Many of you are already planning your 2021 calendars. Our theme for the year is "The Journey." Please keep these dates in mind so you can join us for the Journey through 2021:

Gathering for the Journey - **Banquet**, March 2021

Joining the Journey - **PRC 101 Volunteer Training Dates:**

March 2nd-4th, June 1st-3rd, or October 5th-7th, 2021

Walking the Journey - **Walk for Life** - Saturday, September 11th, 2021

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

LOCAL MINISTRY PARTNERS' NEEDS

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.



Pregnancy
Resources



WINNIE'S PLACE

Women In Need - Nurtured Into Excellence

Sadly, due to economic conditions, Winnie's Wishes Resale Shop has closed.

We are still in need of donations now more than ever!

Needs:

- Gift cards for grocery stores and Walmart/Target
- Garbage Bags - 33 gal. & Tall kitchen (13 gal.)
- Toilet Paper
- Clorox Wipes
- Masks for adults & Children
- Monthly Bus Cards
- Cleaning Supplies
- Postage Stamps
- Paper Towels



CHRISTIAN CARE

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
- Gloves
- Sweatshirts/pants
- Hoodies
- Hats
- Jeans
- Shoes (size 6-10)
- Underwear/Socks
- Belts

Pantry/Cleaning Items:

- Mayonnaise
- Pasta
- Coffee/Creamer
- Sugar
- Ranch/BBQ Sauce
- Napkins
- Toothpaste

Body Wash/Bar Soap

- Deodorant
- Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Laundry Soap
- Bleach
- Toilet Cleaner

Our New Education Program has a variety of needs. Your donations are very much appreciated!

- Headphones
- Hard case pencil boxes
- Pencils
- Electric pencil sharpeners
- Plastic Milk Crates
- Yoga Mats
- Glue Sticks
- Kid scissors
- Crayola Markers
- Crayola Crayons



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



YOU Can Make a Difference!

Teaching Begins in Vietnam

"Missionary zeal does not grow out of intellectual beliefs, nor out of theological arguments, but out of love." — Roland Allen

After months of planning, curriculum development, technology purchases, translating, and countless meetings on Zoom- the launch of our training program in Vietnam has finally begun. This multi-year program of "training trainers" has been in development for the last year and has experienced several COVID-induced stops and starts. Nonetheless, God has been faithful in giving us wisdom and perseverance to move ahead in creative ways.

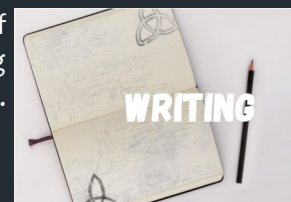
The program is designed to train students who will become certified to take theological, biblical, and ministerial training materials into the rural villages of Northern Vietnam. Following their weeks of equipping with ITEN, they will share these courses with hundreds of village pastors who lack the mobility or financial means to access further theological education.

Through a hybrid of live Zoom lectures, and group projects my colleague Ed McCallum is currently teaching a course on *Understanding, Applying, and Teaching the Bible* and I will begin teaching on *Spiritual Formation* from October 19-22. Due to the time difference, it will mean teaching during some late nights/early mornings - a small sacrifice for the opportunity to participate with God in his unfolding plans to expand the Kingdom into every corner of the Earth. To read the rest of the October Report click [HERE](#).



As many of you know, each year I make 1-2 trips to the beautiful country of Albania. Our partnership with [ISTL](#) and its founder Hervin Fushekati has been a constant source of inspiration for our work as we have watched the school continue to grow and flourish in a Muslim majority country. This year, I will be teaching *Introduction to Leadership* from a distance through live Zoom lectures. The course will run from November 9-13 and will serve over 20 ministry leaders hungry to see Christ glorified in this often forgotten country.

My latest article for *Christianity Today* appeared in their special Fall edition on the topic of Preaching. If you do not have a subscription you can read the full article by clicking the following link [HERE](#).



Prayer Requests

- Our oldest son Luke will enlist in the Navy in just a few days when he turns 18!
- Our two other sons (Zachary & Andrew) have returned to school without any incidents of illness (big praise).
- Pray for Ed McCallum this week, and for me next week as we begin training ministry leaders in Vietnam
- The healing of the world and the ability to meet with our partners face-to-face again.
- God's continued provision for our needs as a family, as well as the needs of our partners.

Financial Update

Thank you for your continued questions and concerns about our finances. To date, our support levels have experienced a shortfall due to the effect of COVID on employment and church budgets. So we are currently searching for new partners to join us. With domestic travel and churches slowly reopening, we are available to come and to share if you have an available time.

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

HUBER-VENTURES - Covid update and prayer request!

"The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps." Proverbs 16:9

A couple of weeks ago Saul came down with what we thought was a sinus infection until he completely lost his senses of taste and smell. Zuri started running a fever around the same time and tests for Covid-19 came back positive for both of them. What followed was a couple of very stressful days as we tried to figure out how to isolate the sick ones and limit exposure for the rest of us. Saul has run his course with the virus and been released from quarantine now. Zuri has recovered from her symptoms, but still has a couple more days before she is no longer contagious. It wasn't possible (or mentally or emotionally healthy) for us to totally isolate our four year old so those of us who are negative will have to quarantine for another 14 days once she's done to see if we show any symptoms. We're looking at being confined to our house until October 31st at the earliest!



"The heart of man plans his way..."

We didn't plan this way. We had plans to meet both of the couples we are coaching for World Outreach in person for the first time. We had plans to visit pumpkin patches and the farmers market. We had plans to carve jack-o-lanterns and eat apple cider donuts...and hopefully we'll still be able to do some of these things in November.

"...but the Lord establishes his steps."

As God walks with us during this time, we have seen him establishing our steps in ways we could not have thought up or understood on our own.

- We are continually thankful the place God has put us in. Our house has a basement guest room and bathroom where Saul and Zuri have been sleeping and showering to maintain semi-isolation.
- We began working on our patio last year, replacing the railing, adding steps down to our backyard, and resurfacing the concrete. Since we got positive results, this has been where we have eaten all of our meals and let Zuri play outside with her siblings....

Work Updates and Prayer Requests

- Those of you who've been with us for a while might remember that last October we were in the middle of a whirlwind trip to India, Southeast Asia, and the UK to visit some of our coworkers. It is crazy to think that this picture from a park on the other side of the world was taken exactly one year ago today. When we got back from that trip, the verse that helped us explain our experience in our newsletter was... Proverbs 16:9! "The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps." God is teaching us the same lesson in a very different way this year!
- Praise God that we were able to add two more students to our EPC Missions Cohort this month! Please pray with us as we are cautiously planning a gathering in-person around the New Year in Hamtramck, MI--that everything would fall into place for that. We are also looking for young adults to fill our second cohort. If you know anyone in the EPC between 18-30 who is interested in missions, would you send them our way or direct them to this website: epcwo.org/cohort?
- We are also excited that the couple we've been coaching for over a year has made it to the final assessment event for World Outreach, called Engage. Saul says it's the Super Bowl for mobilizers. This is where they get their...

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

We know that these times are full of changes and uncertainty. We'd love to hear what difficulties or joys you are currently experiencing. Please let us know how we can be praying for you. Thank you so much for your support and prayers! We couldn't do this work without you.

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

We need your help! 2020 has been a challenging year for many, and we have seen our support drop to 90%. We need \$800/month to make up our shortfall. If you or anyone you know would be interested in partnering with us (or if you feel called to increase your support), please call Saul at 217-851-4670 or click [HERE](#).

Thank you!

Edgington Presbyterian Church

Treasurer's Report September 2020

	Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	Balance
General	\$ 70,737.84	\$ 21,536.89	\$ 21,067.30	\$ 71,207.43
Jahn	\$ 11,429.16	\$ 90.46	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 10,019.62
Edgington	\$ 5,591.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,591.02
Boughton	\$ 16,257.78	\$ 459.83		\$ 16,717.61
Lauby	\$ 20,178.34	\$ 147.79	\$ -	\$ 20,326.13

Ending Gen. checking balar	88,295.98
Uncleared Transactions	\$ 1,477.91
General checking Balance	\$ 86,818.07

Reconciled Bank Accounts	
Gen. checking	\$ 86,818.07

September 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	825.83		
Robin Preston	345.08		
Eddy Bull (mowing manse)	69.92		
AT&T	174.18	General	\$ 71,207.43
MidAmerican Energy church	494.00	Edgington	\$ 5,591.02
MidAmerican Energy manse	129.00	Jahn	\$ 10,019.62
Millenium Waste	34.00	TOTAL	\$ 86,818.07
Ministry Designs (website)	30.00		
ABS (copier)	104.63		
Mediacom	179.06		
Sound Cloud (on-line worship)	144.00		
ACCO (office supplies)	83.81		
Great Commission (Sunday school)	236.35		
Country Mutual Ins	9,327.78		
Zoll (AED machine pads)	193.03		
Amazon (worship)	12.21		
Amazon (resource material)	35.66		
Fuhr Excavation (blk dirt)	250.00		
Johnson Control (fire alarm contract)	540.00		
Certa Site (fire extinguisher maint)	162.50		
Justin Sembler (pulpit supply)	150.00		
US Postmaster	1.80		
Pregnancy Resources (mission)	535.10		
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$21,067.30

INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL

Mission monies included in general fund	\$13,629.91
Assistance Fund	\$5,153.46

JAHN FUND

Rachel Johnson	\$500.00
Nathan Flickinger	\$500.00
Mackenzie Reimers	\$500.00

TOTAL EXPENSES

1500

Edgington Presbyterian Church General Fund Profit & Loss

September 2020

Sep 20

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Per Capita Contributions	600.00
Interest Income - General Fnd	7.19
Loose Offering	351.00
Other Income	80.00
Pledges	20,498.70

Total Income 21,536.89

Expense

Pastors housing allowance	1,800.00
Operating Maintenance - General	1,249.45
Resource materials	35.66
Worship Supplies	12.21
Insurance	9,327.78
Mission	
Local Mission	535.10

Total Mission 535.10

Office Supplies

Copier	104.63
Office Supplies - Other	257.81

Total Office Supplies 362.44

Payroll Expenses

Custodian Payroll	345.08
Pastor Salary	4,308.32
Secretary Services	825.83

Total Payroll Expenses 5,479.23

Pension & Health Care 901.04

Postage 1.80

Pulpit Supply 150.00

Sunday School 236.35

Utilities

Gas & Electric - Church	494.00
Gas & Electric - Manse	129.00
Internet Service	179.06
Telephone	174.18

Total Utilities 976.24

Total Expense 21,067.30

Net Ordinary Income 469.59

Net Income 469.59

GET YOUR NOVEMBER COPY OF
THE TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL



LOCATED ON A TABLE IN THE SANCTUARY FOYER
I am sorry for any inconvenience, but these are
a little late in arriving. They should be available
by sometime the first week of November.

Edgington Presbyterian Church Jahn Fund Profit & Loss

September 2020

Sep 20

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Interest Income - Jahn 90.46

Total Income 90.46

Expense

Disbursements - Jahn 1,500.00

Total Expense 1,500.00

Net Ordinary Income -1,409.54

Net Income -1,409.54

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Pastor Zach will be wrapping his series, “Sermon on the Mount” this month, and begin the Advent series, “Christmas Revealed” - the Christmas Story according to the Book of Revelation. Please join us each week as we enter into God’s presence and worship him corporately through the preaching and teaching of His Word.



Sunday, November 1st - [Matthew 7:13-14](#)
Sunday, November 8th - [Matthew 7:15-20](#)
Sunday, November 15th - [Matthew 7:21-23](#)
Sunday, November 22nd - [Matthew 7:24-29](#)



Sunday, November 29th - [Revelation 1:9-20](#)

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!!!

Please be sure to join us!

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!

Christmas REVEALED

The Christmas Story According to the **Book of Revelation**

11/29 - Revelation 1:9-20		12/20 - Revelation 12:1-7
12/6 - Revelation 4:1-5:14		12/24 - Revelation 19:1-10
12/13 - Revelation 7:1-17		12/27 - Revelation 19:11-21

Please join
us at all of
these
upcoming
services as
we worship
Christ our
King this
Advent
season!

A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DEC. 13TH - 5:00PM



The Lessons & Carols Service will be an online only service this year. We encourage you to gather with your families to watch, sing, and worship!



Christmas Eve Service, December 24th, at 5pm. Registration required. The link below is where you will need to go to register. It will be activated on November 24th.

[Christmas Eve Worship](#)

✧
Merry Christmas
CELEBRATE THE SAVIOR



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Thursday, November 5th, 1pm

All women of the church are welcome!
Pastor Zach will lead us in a Bible Study on Psalm 149 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!

Don't forget to start planning your Christmas baking and plan to bring cookies to the December meeting for the cookie plates!

QUILTING DAY

Thursday, November 19th, 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!

Reminder to
Fall Back
DAYLIGHT
SAVING TIME
ENDS
NOVEMBER 1st



Thank You

Dear EEPC Family,
I want to thank everyone for their phone calls, cards and prayers. It has meant a lot to me. I want to give a special thanks to Kathy and Mackenzie for helping me that day in church. They were a great comfort.

Thank you,
Carol Kaiser

Dear EEPC Family,

We are absolutely overwhelmed by the expressions of love we have received in the past week for our 50th Anniversary! We are so blessed to have each and every one of you in our lives.

We miss all of you so much and pray we'll all be worshipping together soon in our beautiful church. Till then we do what we must to stay healthy.

God bless you and keep you,
Patrick and Peggy Shovar



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 AT 4PM SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH



We will have all of our Sunday school rooms set up age and girl/boy specific to make social distancing easier. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the vestibule area or you can call or text Kortney Gierlus at 309-235-4069, and she will get you signed up and answer any additional questions you may have.

We are still need of items to pack such as school supplies, personal care items such as brushes, combs, hair ties, wash clothes, stick deodorant, bar soap, toothbrushes, floss, small toys such as balls, stuffed animals, dolls, blankets, small tools, sewing kits, clothing, shoes, and flip-flops are all items in need.

We will have drinks and snacks set up for everyone in each of the rooms.

Thank you in advance for your donations and help!

BLOOD DRIVE

ROCKRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Sponsored by the National Honor Society

MVBC contacted our deacons asking for help. The High School was unable to host their blood drive as they had intended to do, and there are serious shortages. If you are eligible, would you consider donating?

Saturday, November 21

7 am – 12 pm

*MVRBC Donor Bus at
Edgington Presbyterian Church*

If you are a student, please see a member of NHS to sign up to donate. Community donors, please contact Scott Cullen at 309-236-7549.

All donors must bring a photo ID, have an appointment, and wear a mask.



**TOGETHER WE
CHANGE THE WORLD**



All donors will earn a GIFT CARD OR long-sleeved T-SHIRT!

NOVEMBER 2020



EEPC

Sunday School 9am
Worship Service 10am
Phone: 309-795-1713 / 309-795-1714
Email: edgingtonepc@gmail.com
WEBSITE: www.edgingtonepc.org

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends Food Pantry Sunday	2	3 Election Day <i>Every Vote Counts!</i>	4	5 PW Mtg., 1pm	6	7
8 B/P Checks OCC Shoebox packing party, 4pm	9	10	11 Veteran's Day Trustees Mtg. 7pm	12	13	14
15	16	17 Mission Comm. Mtg. 6:30pm	18  Items Due	19 Quilting, 9am	20	21 Blood Drive, 7am - Noon
22 B/P Checks	23	24 Session Mtg. 7pm	25	26 Thanksgiving 	27	28
29 1st Advent Sunday	30	1	2	3	4	5