

SPECIFICATIONS AND LIMITATIONS

I would like to begin by commending a great article that the Gospel Coalition recently published, [Expect Less \(and More\) of Your Pastor in Addressing Current Events](#). The reason why I am commending this to you is, first, because it really resonated with me, but also because it seems to answer some of the questions, I perceive that you might have asked, but not out loud. I suppose I would suggest that because I have asked them myself. Questions like: *should I talk about this or that? Should I reference this event? What role should situation X or person Y's decisions have on my preaching or praying?* That's just a brief preview into the stirring mind and racing thoughts of this pastor; it can be a fascinating and frightful place.

While there are five specific points of application in the article, I'd like to highlight two of them.

Your Pastor Has a Specific and Limited Message

Though a pastor can certainly offer an optional evening seminar on gardening or any other topic, that's not why God hired him. He is uniquely called by God to proclaim Christ to you, warning and teaching with all wisdom, with great toil and struggle, so that he might present you mature in Christ ([Col. 1:28-29](#)). This will include applying the gospel to your daily lives, but his speaking should always point you to Jesus. Your pastor has your attention for a limited time each week. Though perhaps you wish he'd hurry up sometimes, we should expect and celebrate his stewardship of that time to tell us the good news of Jesus, even if that means speaking less or differently about a given public controversy.

Your Pastor Has a Specific and Limited Purpose

In addition to heralding God's Word, a pastor also shepherds God's people. Your pastor is uniquely tasked with your spiritual care and dedicated to your progress and joy in the faith ([Phil. 1:25](#)). If and when he speaks to a public controversy, it must be for this purpose. He is not responsible for ensuring that all of his people have the right opinion on every disputed issue of the day. As a Christian, you should absolutely care about such issues and discuss them with your brothers and sisters. But your pastor isn't called to referee every conversation—and that is a good thing for both him and you.

There much to this wisdom, and more in the full article, but the main reason why I share these things is to remind both myself and all of our members that our commitment is to the Gospel of the Lord Jesus and ministry of that Gospel according to the means of grace (Word, Sacraments, Prayer). That is the stuff of ministry. There are plenty of news stations, podcasts, and print and digital journalism available to you if you would like more news commentary. But the pulpit is not a place for pundits. It is the place where the glad response should be given to the question, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus" ([John 12:21](#)).

That's what I'm here for. So, that's what, by God's grace, I'm seeking to do. So let's keep looking together.

Zach

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27 - Hillary Terrill



Gratitude, like love, lives in and grows in our hearts. Our church family brought joy to our day, warmth to our lives and happiness to our hearts.

Thank you for making our 50th wedding anniversary special.

God bless,

John and Dorothy Rursch

GREETERS FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 7th – Keith and Debra Wilson
Sunday, February 14th – Kim and Barb Fryermuth
Sunday, February 21st – Jason and Beth Flickenger
Sunday, February 28th – Steven and Debra Wagamon



We want to thank all of those that sent cards for our 60th wedding anniversary. It was nice to be remembered. AND, we were honored with a car/truck caravan past our home. What a surprise!

Thank you all,

Don & JoAnn Rursch

SESSION

The Session has not met since December 16th. Look to next month's newsletter for the January minutes.

Session is requesting that you pray for them to have wisdom and discernment moving forward in a search for someone to lead our music ministry.

Honoring the Lord through music is such an important part of our worship and we want to continue to grow, share, and delight in making music together to the Lord.

Please pray for us!



TRUSTEES

The Trustees have not had a formal meeting since November 2020, so no minutes to publish. They have been still busy with projects though! Many thanks to them for all their continued hard work!



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.



ALL submissions for the March Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER** than Wednesday, February 17th. Items received after that date may not make it into the newsletter.

Thank you for your cooperation!

~ Lisa Bowman, Office Manager

January 2021 Re-Opening Q&A



We are very glad to announce that we will worship in person again beginning January 17, 2021. We have missed being together, especially throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons, but we are thankful to have the chance to enjoy the fellowship of the church family again. As everyone likely anticipates, things will be different for now, as they were last summer and fall. The Session has reviewed the governor's guidelines, consulted with officials in the Rock Island County Health Department, and kept an eye on the metrics and data for both our state region and local community. With all this in mind, we want to make sure we are clearly communicating the plan for resuming our gatherings in our building. We've organized this information around some frequently asked questions, but if you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at the church office at 309-795-1713 or edgingtonepc@gmail.com.

Should I stay home?

That is a decision that we will not bind your conscience with. We want to assure anyone who, out of genuine health and safety concerns for themselves or their family, might feel safer staying home and worshipping via livestream that you should feel no guilt or shame in doing so.

Additionally, if you have any of the following symptoms, please do not attend: fever, chills, body aches, cough/congestion, recent loss of taste or smell, or if you are generally unwell. Based on current medical advice, we encourage those who are in categories of increased risk of hospitalization from COVID-19 due to underlying health issues, low immunity, or age, also to consider refraining from attending worship services right now.

What guidelines are in place?

- 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.
- 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: 65 worshippers.
- Additional limited seating will be available in the balcony.
- Once the attendance limit has been met in the sanctuary (65), worshippers will be directed to the basement where the service will be live-streamed (audio & video).
- Pews will be dismissed from the back to the front after the postlude has concluded.
- Offering plates will be placed just outside the sanctuary doors to collect tithes and offerings. Online giving is also available and encouraged using [Tithely](#). You may also mail your contributions directly to the church [Edgington EPC - 13228 140th Street West – Taylor Ridge, IL 61284].

What about Sunday School?

Sunday school classes will meet at 9am. Please enter through the main entrance and go directly to your classroom. Children's classes will meet in their normal rooms which allow for appropriate distance. The Adult Class will continue to meet in the sanctuary, in addition to providing a livestream of our Hebrews teaching series.

What if I have grown comfortable worshipping from home?

Notwithstanding the answer to the first question above, if you are healthy and well, we encourage you to heed the call to come and worship with your brothers and sisters in Christ. We have been worshipping from home out of necessity, not personal convenience. Come and enjoy the blessings of the Lord's Day as we worship together in our beautiful sanctuary and delight in the glories of Zion on this side of heaven. Furthermore, we have missed you – and we long to see you and your family again.

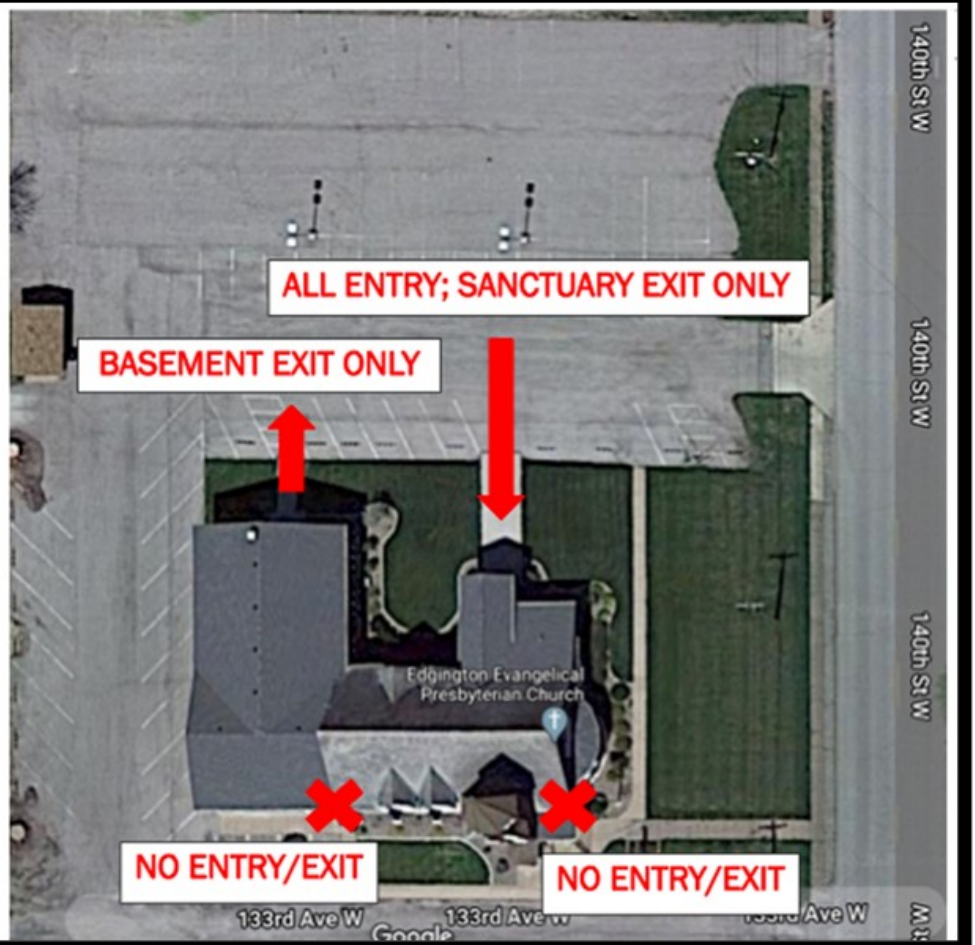
What if I have other questions or conscience objections to any of these plans?

Please contact us. We would love to speak with you.

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.



December 15, 2020

The Mission Committee met on December 15, 2020 at 6:30pm in a virtual meeting. Those attending were: Zach, Barb Freyermuth, Deb Wagamon, Lisa Nelson, Nancy Engstrom, Todd Stegmiller, Jim Reimers, and Kevin Oak.

Zach opened the meeting in prayer.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Minutes from Previous Meeting:** approved
- **Review of Missions:**
 - Youth Hope: (Deb) - The main need at this time is the salary for the YH Creative Program leader position
 - Pregnancy Resources: (Jim) – God is providing well for this ministry. A reminder about the Baby Bottle fundraiser scheduled for January 2021. As the time draws near, we will promote this further.
 - Winnie's Place: (Nancy) – The angel tree ministry is going very well this year. Barb and Kim have offered to assist Nancy with collecting the packages and delivering them to Winnie's Place, Sunday afternoon.
 - Steve Woodworth & McCullum's: (Todd) – No update at this time
 - Scott and Colleen Burdsall: (Barb) – Update for next meeting
 - Saul & Jess Huber: (Kevin) - No update at this time
 - Jeff Lancaster: (Lisa) – Will have an update by next meeting
 - Christian Care: (Jim R.) – They are still in need of food and supplies as they continue to offer meals to individuals in need

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Additional Support for End of Year:**

Mission	Additional Funds
Youth Hope	4,000.00
Local Family in Need	200.00
TOTAL	4,200.00

- **Local Families in Need:** A local family has reached out to EPC for assistance. We will be sending \$200 assistance before Christmas. Lisa has reached out again to Mike Ruff inquiring if there are any local families in need of assistance before Christmas.
- **EPC Supported Missions:** All mission team members will reach out to their assigned ministries and identify if there is a special need before end of year. We will have a meeting prior to Christmas to discuss those concerns and approve any additional funding.
- **Christmas Eve Giving:** The mission team will match any funds collected on Christmas Eve and those funds will be given to local families in need
- **Minute for Mission:** Zach will broadcast the Mark Drake video update on Youth Hope which outlines the many ways God has been touching lives through this Mission outreach

Zach closed the meeting in prayer.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday January 19, 2021 @ 6:30 pm



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



2020 MINISTRY THAT MATTERS

Thank you for helping make YouthHope thrive in 2020! At the onset of COVID-19 in March 2020, we felt God telling us not to merely survive but He intended for us to thrive!

Because of you we are thriving! We started many new social media outreaches, delivered food and hope to hundreds of kids, expanded our camp buildings, held day camps in July and saw many kids and teens come to Christ.

Thanks to you, we did all this while meeting our budget. As tough as 2020 was, YouthHope thrived!! Thank you for being a key player in our fantastic year of bringing youth HOPE!



YouthHope

We bring youth HOPE!

Thankful and excited for 2021!
Mark & Sarah Drake

To read the entire YouthHope 2020 Ministry That Matters year-in-review, click [HERE](#)



YouthHope Program Needs:

Youth Centers:

- Commercial Carpet Sweeper
- Commercial Carpet Cleaner

Educational Support Program

- Disposable Masks
- Sanitizing Wipes
- Hand Sanitizer

Winter Gear for Students

- NEW Coats (size 6-14)
- NEW Snow Pants (Size 6-14)
- NEW Snow Boots
- NEW Gloves, Hats, Scarves

YouthHope has a **NEW** website! Visit it to find ways that you can plug in and serve!

Questions? Want to help? Contact Hannah at (309) 762-4577 or email: hcarr@cfyouthhope.org



Join us for YouthHope's Virtual Trivia Night!

February 20, 2021 @ 7pm

Help meet the \$2,500 Matching Challenge from Modern Woodmen of America!

All proceeds from this fundraiser support YouthHope programs!

TRIVIA NIGHT DETAILS

- ⇒ Trivia will be conducted via Zoom, so your team of up to 8 can play from near or far!
- ⇒ **Space is limited, so register today!**
- ⇒ Participants should be familiar and feel comfortable using the Zoom meeting platform.
- ⇒ Prizes awarded to top team members!

If you would like more information about this, please call the church office at 309-795-1713.

NEVER UNDERESTIMATE...

Recently, a 15-year-old arrived with her non-English speaking mom for an ultrasound. Alina* was very quiet, pleasant, and easily maintained eye contact. Alina calmly stated that she wanted to have an abortion and explained that she “has many things she wants to do and raising a baby would change all that.” Both her parents and the father of the baby said they would support her, whatever she chose to do. Alina was left alone to make one of the biggest and possibly most devastating decisions of her life and she is still just a child herself. We briefly talked about adoption, but Alina stated that she would “never be able to go through with an adoption”. My heart sank. Not knowing what to say next, I quietly prayed to myself.

I started the ultrasound, and we began to glimpse what was happening in her womb. Alina’s mom joined us, and Alina translated our conversation into her mom’s native dialect. A very tiny baby with a very tiny heartbeat flickering on the screen showed up. I carefully explained when the heart starts beating, what the size of this baby is equivalent to in size (a small raisin), and other fetal development facts. There was little reaction from Alina or her mom. Nothing. No emotional responses at all.

At that moment, it seemed like the images of her child and the information I shared had not made a difference. As we wrapped up the appointment, I gently asked if the ultrasound had influenced her stated plan to abort. Alina emphatically but pleasantly answered “No.” Another follow-up ultrasound was offered at a time when the father of the baby could also be present. She didn’t give me an answer but did allow me to close our time together in prayer. All I could think was, “Ok, God, it’s all you. I didn’t seem to make much of a difference.”

Time slowly passed. Phone calls were left unanswered and messages were not returned. The team continued to pray for God’s powerful intervention on behalf of this young mom and her unborn child. Finally, after several weeks, a phone call from one of our nurses was answered! Alina was thrilled to share that her parents had a change of heart, they were now embracing the pregnancy, and she was excited to continue the pregnancy and raise her child.

I was reminded of an important truth that day: we can never underestimate the impact that ultrasound has on a person, no matter how bleak the situation appears. God can work in all circumstances, and everyday hearts are being changed and lives are being saved.

~ Carey Eberhart, RN, Nurse Director
*Name changed for privacy

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



Baby Bottles are due back in the office by Sun., February 14th

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for the daughter of a Pregnancy Resources staff member who is recovering from a serious health issue.
- Pray for Iowa legislature that is discussing in committee additional legal protections for the pre-born.
- Pray for a Pregnancy Resources client who informed us that she will be induced on Sunday and asked for prayer.

PRAISES:

- Praise God for the ultrasound client who is pregnant and encouraged her sister to visit our Center for services. Both women have chosen life for their children!
- Praise God for the 46 life-affirming ultrasounds that have been performed already in our Centers since we re-opened January 4th!

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: **In-Person Banquet** - Thursday, March 25, 2021.

Virtual Banquet - Sunday, March 28th, 2021

Contact Liz Ryan by calling 309-797-3636 or email: liz@qcpregnancy.org to register to attend.

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



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Like most of you, I spent the last half of December looking forward to quickly turning the page of our calendar. At that point in the month, our oldest son Luke had left for Navy bootcamp while the rest of us (me, Carrie, Andrew and Zachary) were at home for several weeks of lockdown after each of us contracted COVID. Christmas came and went without the ability to finish the school semester in person, visit with family, travel, or worship with our local church community. In many ways it was a fitting end to a year marked by so much pain and loss for the world.



Eventually the healing came, and we anticipated a better 2021. Then, on New Years Day we heard the tragic news that Carrie's grandmother had passed away. When we were retuning home from the funeral, we listened to the news of people storming the US Capital. 2021 seemed to pick right up where 2020 had left off.

So, throughout these past 2 months, I have thought much about what it means to be a people of hope. Distinct from optimism, which is tied to our circumstances, hope is bound to something unchangeable and certain. For those that follow Christ, our hope is the Savior. This is why Paul can declare so boldly that "hope does not disappoint us." (Rom. 5:5) Hope doesn't disappoint us because our hope is not placed in the uncontrollable and intangible, but in a person. Christ himself. The life, the truth, and the way. We live as a people of hope. It is my prayer that I will learn to live in that reality during the year ahead, knowing that whether in plenty or in want, Christ is being conformed in each of us.

Click [HERE](#) to read on for 2021 travel plans and important information about the persecuted church.

Prayer Requests

- We have heard several times now from our son Luke during Navy bootcamp. He is doing great, and enjoying a sense of being in the center of God's will. Please pray for his continued safety and opportunities to minister Christ to his colleagues.
- 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.
- Wisdom and discernment as I enter into a new season of strategic planning for our sites in Africa and Siberia.



IMPORTANT FINANCIAL UPDATE

As we concluded 2020, we were informed that our fundraising budget suffered a \$300 per month shortfall. These funds not only support our travel and ministry costs, but my salary and insurance as well. As a result World Outreach has offered a generous opportunity to new financial partners for our ministry that matches automatic, online donations dollar-for-dollar for 3 months beginning February 1.

These are the details of the program:

"WO workers who have served at least 5 years on the field, and whose support accounts are in deficit may participate in a 3-for-1 Matching Fund program. The purpose of this program is to encourage and assist workers to strengthen their support base. During the program, for every dollar of new monthly support set up at EPC in automatic, recurring, electronic giving, three dollars will be transferred into the worker's support account from the WO support pool (up to a maximum of \$4,000).

It would be incredibly helpful if you could pass this message to others and encourage them to join our team. If you or your church are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, simply click on the link to the right, and help us fulfill our calling to serve the least and the lost.

Thank You!

Please consider hanging in there with us through continued prayer and financial support. To donate click [HERE](#)

HUBER BOOK CLUB! - WANT TO JOIN US FOR A BOOK CLUB THIS YEAR?!

We used the book, *Across the Street and Around the World*, by Jeannie Marie as we mentored young adults last year, and found it to be impactful both for them and us!

It was such a blessing that we've decided to read it again--and we'd love for you to join us! We will be reading one chapter per month and having a Zoom discussion about it at 8pm CST on the third Thursday of that month. Our first call is this Thursday night, January 21st, and we hope to see you there! If you don't have the book, here's a link for a free download of the first chapter (<https://www.jeannie-marie.com/first-chapter-free>). And below is the Zoom link:

Topic: Huber Book Club

Time: Jan 21, 2021 08:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86220647476>

Meeting ID: 862 2064 7476

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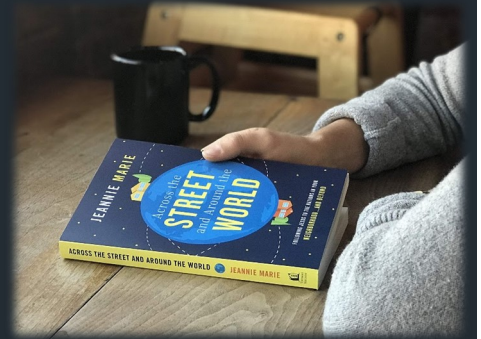
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For many years now Edgington EPC has been a host site for Senior Meals. The doors are open here for meals on Monday, Thursday, and Friday.

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.

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

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Grace at the Fray

December and the first week of January have been crazy times here in Still doing a lot of catch up because of taking time off with Caleb, and so many COVID rule changes, but wanted to send out a quick update message and hit the highlights.

Thank you for all your prayers for us, our son, our ministry here- and thank you for your amazing support over the Christmas holidays! The letters, cards, one time gifts, support increases, messages- all of it brought such joy- thank you!! You are appreciated! And I will get more individual thank yous out soon - and an update on where our support is soon too. Our December was good- we felt Christmas joys through the overwhelming message of Emmanuel- God with us. We held a couple ESOL classes and were able to share the Christmas story with the class members, Girl's club met and C and the other leaders were able to share what it means to have God with us as part of the message to the girls. And, we held an Asha service that had 50 people attend! We were so amazed by God's working in this- the service was scheduled a couple days after went into Tier 4, and we had members of our team isolating for COVID, so we had no idea what would happen. It was beautiful to see people come and be able to hear the truth of Jesus as our light in English and Sylheti.

We really enjoyed our time with our oldest son- and actually ended up with more family time due to all the restrictions. We got out to the first weekend after his quarantine was up, and then we were only able to walk places, so we did many family walks around the borough. A had to isolate for school in the middle of December, and oldest son was able to watch her while the rest of us had commitments. It was special time for her with just her brother. He flew back to Iowa State yesterday so he could be back for work and classes. Thanks for the prayers for him and his travel and our time together!

And lastly- an update on what is going on here in It's been a bit of whiplash here! We got out of November lockdown at the beginning of December and went into Tier 3. Two weeks later was moved into Tier 4 (basically lockdown) and informed of the new very fast spreading COVID variant. Beginning of January the entire country was placed back into severe lockdown, schools were shutdown, and spring exams cancelled. (doesn't directly affect J, but stresses him some for next year) Then yesterday was declared to have a "major incident" by the mayor, which basically means hospitals and emergency services are at capacity. Of course we have hope in the vaccine, and even more hope in the knowledge that this world is not our home and we have an eternal hope in Jesus. Really not sure what this lockdown means for us ministry wise, or how long it will last. Please be praying for safety, and also for wisdom and reliance on God as we figure out how He can use us at this time.

Thankyou so much for your support and prayers! Will get some more specific prayer needs out next month.

With love-

C for S and the kids

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

Edgington Presbyterian Church

Treasurer's Report December 2020

	Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	Balance
General	\$ 218,820.36	\$ 24,700.26	\$ 11,355.93	\$ 232,164.69
Jahn	\$ 9,393.51	\$91.04		\$ 9,484.55
Edgington	\$ 5,691.02		\$ -	\$ 5,691.02
Boughton	\$ 19,616.85	\$ 462.91		\$ 20,079.76
Lauby	\$ 20,933.32	\$ 148.79	\$ -	\$ 21,082.11

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Uncleared Transactions	\$ 804.33
General checking Balance	\$ 247,340.26

Reconciled Bank Accounts	
Gen. checking	\$ 247,340.26

December 2020 GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

Zach Hopkins salary	4,308.32		
Housing Allowance	1,800.00		
EPC (health)	25.23		
Fidelity (pension)	919.81		
Mileage	-		
Lisa Bowman	893.66		
Robin Preston	-		
Reytel	117.23		
AT&T	189.28	General	\$ 232,164.69
MidAmerican Energy church	494.00	Edgington	\$ 5,691.02
Postmaster	14.00	Jahn	\$ 9,484.55
Amazon (cont Ed)	22.97	TOTAL	\$ 247,340.26
Westminster Books (cont Ed)	267.24		
Bett. Office Supply	34.23		
Millenium Waste	34.00		
Ministry Designs (website)	30.00		
ABS (copier)	198.46		
Johnson Controls (fire panel)	1,007.50		
And Grade School (mission)	1,000.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$11,355.93

INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL

Mission monies included in general fund	\$16,451.99
Assistance Fund	\$5,153.46
Sale of Manse	\$159,133.00

Edgington Presbyterian Church General Fund Profit & Loss December 2020

Dec 20

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Miscellaneous Contribution	0.07
Per Capita Contributions	600.00
Flower Contributions	110.00
Interest Income - General Fnd	20.40
Loose Offering	1,020.00
Other Income	619.09
Pledges	21,415.70
Special Offerings	915.00

Total Income	24,700.26
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Expense

Pastors housing allowance	1,800.00
Operating Maintenance - General	1,158.73
Continuing Education	290.21

Mission

Local Mission	1,000.00
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Total Mission	1,000.00
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Office Supplies

Copier	198.46
Office Supplies - Other	64.23

Total Office Supplies	262.69
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Payroll Expenses

Pastor Salary	4,308.32
Secretary Services	893.66

Total Payroll Expenses	5,201.98
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Pension & Health Care	945.04
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Postage	14.00
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Utilities

Gas & Electric - Church	494.00
Telephone	189.28

Total Utilities	683.28
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Total Expense	11,355.93
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Net Ordinary Income	13,344.33
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Do you know of anyone that is missing out on receiving the Edgington EPC Newsletter each month? If so, please contact the church office at 309-795-1713 or edgingtonepc@gmail.com and let me know. I will be happy to make arrangements for it to be received by whatever means works best.

The newsletter is distributed via email and postal service. It is also posted to Facebook page each month and our website: edgingtonepc.org. Thank you so much!

~ Lisa Bowman

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THE TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL**



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CURRENT SERMON SERIES



Searching for Satisfaction

The Book of Ecclesiastes
Winter 2021 | Edginton EPC

Pastor Zach is currently preaching a series titled “Searching for Satisfaction” on the book of Ecclesiastes. 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, February 7th - [Ecclesiastes 2:1-11](#)

Sunday, February 14th - [Ecclesiastes 2:12-26](#)

Sunday, February 21st - [Ecclesiastes 3:1-15](#)

Sunday, February 28th - [Ecclesiastes 3:16-22](#)

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.

READ THE BIBLE WITH YOUR PASTOR

This Bible reading plan follows a five-day structure. I like this structure because the weekends can be used for catching up if necessary, but also because it fits well with my schedule. I invite you to read the Bible with me! The full plan is accessible [HERE](#). I would love to hear that you’re reading along and would certainly welcome any of your questions, comments, and observations.

Here is February’s Reading Schedule:

Week 5 – 1/31-2/6

- [Exodus 1-3](#); [Gal 5](#)
- [Exodus 4-6](#); [Gal 6](#)
- [Exodus 7-9](#); [Psalm 105](#); [Ephesians 1](#)
- [Exodus 10-12](#); [Eph 2](#)
- [Exodus 13-15](#); [Psalm 114](#); [Eph 3](#)

Week 6 – 2/7-13

- [Exodus 16-18](#); [Eph 4](#)
- [Exodus 19-21](#); [Psalm 33](#); [Eph 5](#)
- [Exodus 22-24](#); [Psalm 109](#); [Eph 6](#)
- [Exodus 25-27](#); [Ps 90](#); [Philippians 1](#)
- [Exodus 28-31](#); [Phil 2](#)

Week 7 – 2/14-20

- [Exodus 32-34](#); [Philippians 3](#)
- [Exodus 35-37](#); [Psalm 26](#); [Phil 4](#)
- [Exodus 38-40](#); [Hebrews 1](#)
- [Leviticus 1-3](#); [Psalm 27](#); [Heb 2](#)
- [Leviticus 4-7](#); [Heb 3](#)

Week 8 – 2/21-27

- [Leviticus 8-11](#); [Ps 110](#); [Hebrews 4](#)
- [Lev 12-14](#); [Psalm 111](#); [Heb 5](#)
- [Lev 15-18](#); [Psalm 31](#); [Heb 6](#)
- [Lev 19-20](#); [Heb 7](#)
- [Lev 21-23](#); [Heb 8](#)



Pastor Zach is on 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.



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 AGAIN!

Please join us at 9am every Lord's day!

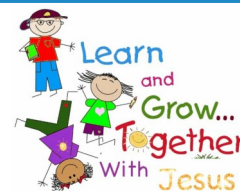
The Children's Sunday School lessons are being posted on Facebook each week.



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

Meeting Cancelled

We will resume our meetings when more of our members feel comfortable gathering together.



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.

QUILTING DAY THIS MONTH

Thursday, February 18th 9am - Noon

Please come and join us as we create, piece, and sew quilts to present to next year's graduating seniors, as well as Winnie's Place.

Even if you don't know how to sew, but can operate a pair of scissors and/or an iron, we would love to have you! If we can increase our production, we will be able to bless even more people in the community.

Please consider joining us! Hope to see you there!

FOOT CLINIC UPDATE



The Foot Clinic has started back up! The next one will be on Monday, Feb. 15th! If you would like a medically profession pedicure appointment, please call the church office at 309-795-1713.



SPRING 2021 FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

Saturday, March 20th, 2021, 8:30 - 11am

We will be handling this distribution in the same manner that we did the Fall Distribution last October. The Food Pantry Committee members will take care of the shopping and packing, but we will need some assistance from EEPC members during the distribution with loading carts and cars.



We can still use any nonperishable items that you want to donate.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATES AND/OR KEEPS US IN PRAYER!
Sue Penry Shirley & Dewey Flemming, Sharon & Jim Schaubroeck, Sue Penry

BLOOD DRIVE

Edgington Presbyterian Church & Rockridge High School

Friday, March 6th
7:00am - 12:00pm

Fellowship Hall in Basement



Click on the picture to
hear a story of how
blood donations saved
two lives!

**All donors need to schedule
an appointment time and
arrive as scheduled.**

To schedule your
time, please
contact Scott
Cullen at
309-236-7549.



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Sunday School 9am
Worship Service 10am

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	1	2	3	4 PW Mtg., 1pm	5	6
7 Food Pantry Sunday	8	9	10 Trustees Mtg., 7pm	11	12	13
14 B/P Checks 	15 President's Day Foot Clinic 	16 Mission Comm. Mtg., 6:30pm	17 Newsletter Items Due	18 Quilting, 9am	19	20
21	22	23 Session Mtg., 7pm	24	25	26	27
28 B/P Checks	1	2	3	4	5	6