



I recently came across an article that I thought would be helpful to first, [share with you](#), and secondly, to reflect on it a bit. It's written by Matt Merker who is a contributing author to the hymn "[He Will Hold Me Fast](#)" which we have enjoyed several times in our worship services in the last year. He writes about some specific aspects of the gathered worship of the people of God. The article is just an excerpt from his larger book on the same subject ([Corporate Worship: How the Church Gathers as God's People](#)). Here are the three aspects from Merker with some of my additional reflection questions:

First, **gravity**. "Let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire" ([Heb. 12:28-29](#)). A God-centered service should not indulge our appetites for saccharine spirituality. Approaching the living God is like gazing in awe at the height of Mount Everest, not wandering into a video arcade. We should sing songs that beckon our hearts to delight in God's attributes and deeds. Pastors should lead substantive prayers of praise and confession, since God is honored when we adore him directly in prayer, as well as when we mourn our sins and plead for his mercy ([1 John 1:7-9](#)).

- Do you consider the gravity of God in our worship at Edgington? What helps you do this? What might be hindering you?

Second, **gladness**. "Rejoice always," Paul instructed the assembly in Thessalonica ([1 Thess. 5:16, 27](#)). Our services should reflect the life-altering reality that Christ is risen. When prodigal sons and daughters meet at the Father's banquet table of corporate worship, it is "fitting to celebrate and be glad" ([Luke 15:32](#)).

- Would gladness be a word you use to describe our worship? How do we strike a balance between reverence and joy? Gravity and gladness? It's not an either/or question – how can it be both/and for us as we worship?

Third, **gratitude**. Bob Kauflin writes, "Magnifying God's greatness begins with the proclamation of objective, biblical truths about God, but it ends with the expression of deep and holy affections toward God." Since we can approach God only through the redemptive work of Christ, the rich aroma of thanksgiving should flavor our worship ([Eph. 5:20](#)).

- Do you believe that our liturgy allows you to express gratitude? How does the Gloria Patri and the Doxology allow you to do this corporately? What opportunities do you have to express individual gratitude in worship?

I think these aspects and reflects are important for us to consider as we grow as a worshipping family of faith here in Edgington. If these are especially meaningful for you, or create some questions or reflections I would love to hear from you! Even more, it remains my joy to put these dispositions of our redeemed hearts into practice with you each and every Lord's Day. I look forward to seeing you there.

Your Pastor & Friend,



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Keith Wilson - Clerk  
**Jim Mueller**  
 Kevin Oak  
 Mic Penry  
 Patrick Shovar

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 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

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 - Paul Hopkins	8 - Kortney Gierlus	19 - Brandee Neece	26 - Amy Weiss
2 - Pat Block	13 - Eddy Bull	19 - Michael Orr	27 - Luci Goodnight
2 - Shawn Docherty	13 - Angie Freyermuth	20 - Mackenzie Hopkins	27 - Lisa Nelson
2 - Betty Murdock	14 - Lauren Stegmiller	23 - James Doonan	28 - Mitchell Bayne
4 - Larry Hesch	15 - Scott Nelson	24 - Rayce Tomlin	29 - Beth Flickinger
4 - Maggie Pape	17 - Nita Darland	25 - Richard Vanlsegghem	
6 - Janice Armstrong	17 - Carson Thomas	26 - Addyson Tomlin	
6 - Clarice Docherty	18 - JoAnn Rursch	26 - Nataleigh Tomlin	

## Happy Anniversary

3 - Scott & Cindy Cullen  
 8 - Scott & Lisa Nelson  
 10 - Kenneth & Carol Kaiser  
 12 - Joshua & Lindsay Fuhr  
 14 - Neal & Vicky Ruggles  
 29 - Steve & Debra Wagamon

*'Love endures all things. Love never fails.' - 1 Corinthians 13:7, 8.*

# He is Risen

## HAPPY Easter

## GREETERS FOR APRIL

Friday, April 2nd - Kim & Barb Freyermuth  
 Sunday, April 4th - Korey & Tara Miller  
 Sunday, April 11th - Kyle and Tara Johnsons  
 Sunday, April 18th - Bob & Kathy Stegmiller  
 Sunday, April 25th - Don & Beth Easterla



# SESSION

February 23 2021, at 7pm

Location: Church Basement

Attendees Present: Zach Hopkins, Jim Mueller, Kevin Oak, Mic Penry, Patrick Shovar, Keith Wilson  
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 Exodus 4: 1-17. The Elders will resume the study of the Westminster Confession of Faith in March with Chapter 23. 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:** January 26th, 2021 minutes were reviewed. Motion made, seconded and approved.

**Zach's Report:** Reported on members with health concerns and prayer needs. Zach and Mic had served communion to Jim and Luella Doonan. Zach reported to the Session that the 41st General Assembly will be held in Memphis, TN, June 22nd – June 25th. It is a hybrid event with in-person and virtual attendance options. In person attendance will be limited.

## Old Business:

- Zach reminded the Session members of his planned vacation from March 15th to March 22nd. He has confirmed having Jeffrey Lancaster lead the service.

## New Business:

- Zach advised the Session that Lisa would be out of the office on vacation from March 3rd – March 10th.
- The Session discussed the nominating process for filling committee positions. The members of the committee will meet on March 9th at 7:00pm.
- The Session discussed plans for Easter Sunday. The Session agreed that there will be Sunday School at 9:00am and Worship at 10:00am. There will be no breakfast served. The Session will meet in mid-March to discuss safety protocols for an anticipated larger than normal turnout.
- The Session discussed the guidance that should be provided to Kathy Stegmiller and other members of the Vacation Bible School Committee. The Session all agreed that they were in favor of the program being carried out but acknowledged that there are several uncertainties that need to be worked through.
- The Session discussed the progress of reopening the church to worship and if any modifications to protocols are necessary. None were noted.
- The Session set March 14th as the date for the Adult Membership Class to be received into membership during worship service.

The next Stated Session meeting will be: March 30th, 2020 at 7:00pm.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:21pm. Motion Carried.

Zach closed the meeting with prayer.

March 23, 2021, at 7pm

Location: Virtual via Zoom

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

A quorum is present.

Pastor Zach acted as moderator of the meeting. Zach opened the meeting with prayer. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether the church should apply for the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan.

The discussion began with Keith giving an overview of the PPP and the application process and the impending deadline of March 31 for applications. A discussion followed with each elder having the opportunity to ask questions and voice any concerns that they may have.

Ruling Elder Kevin Oak made a motion for the Edgington Evangelical Presbyterian Church to apply for the PPP loan, authorizing Ruling Elder Keith Wilson to carry out the application and have signature authority on the application. The motion was seconded by Ruling Elder Patrick Shovar. After a brief discussion, the motion was voted by voice and carried by unanimous vote.

Teaching Elder Zach Hopkins closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm.



## 2021 VBS PLANNING MEETING

Sunday, April 11th at Noon

We are proceeding with caution in hosting the 2021 VBS Program. It will look different than in past years - most likely smaller numbers and some restrictions that we hope will ease up as summer approaches.

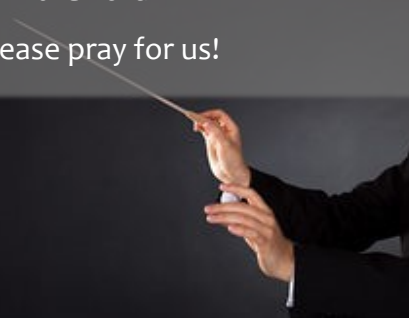
We still have some leadership holes to fill. If you are interested in helping and willing to abide by whatever guidelines are put into place, please contact Kathy Stegmiller at 309-791-1162.

The theme this year is:  
**Rocky Railways, Where Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through!**

Thank you for your continued support of the community outreach!

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!





## 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](mailto: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 140<sup>th</sup> 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?**

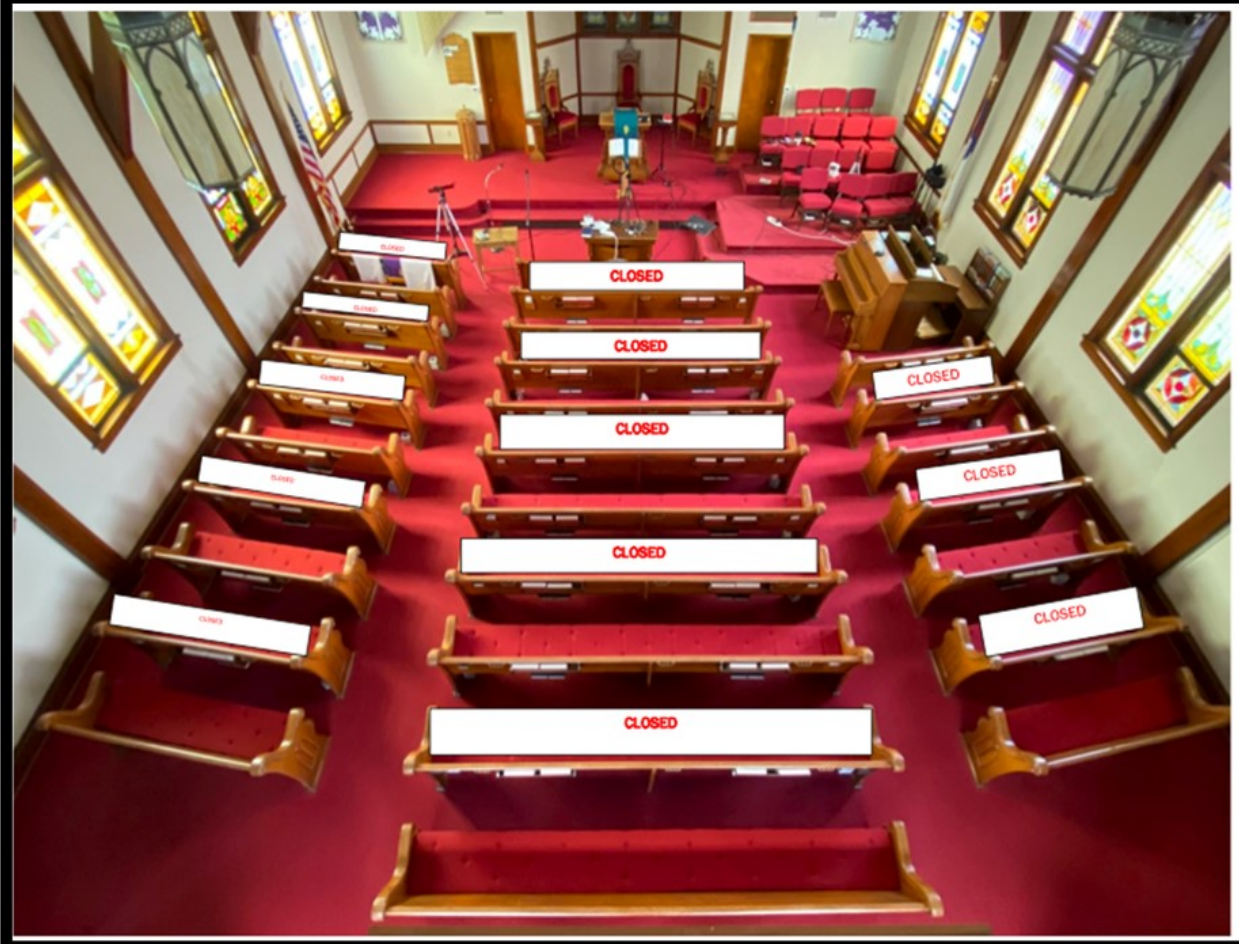
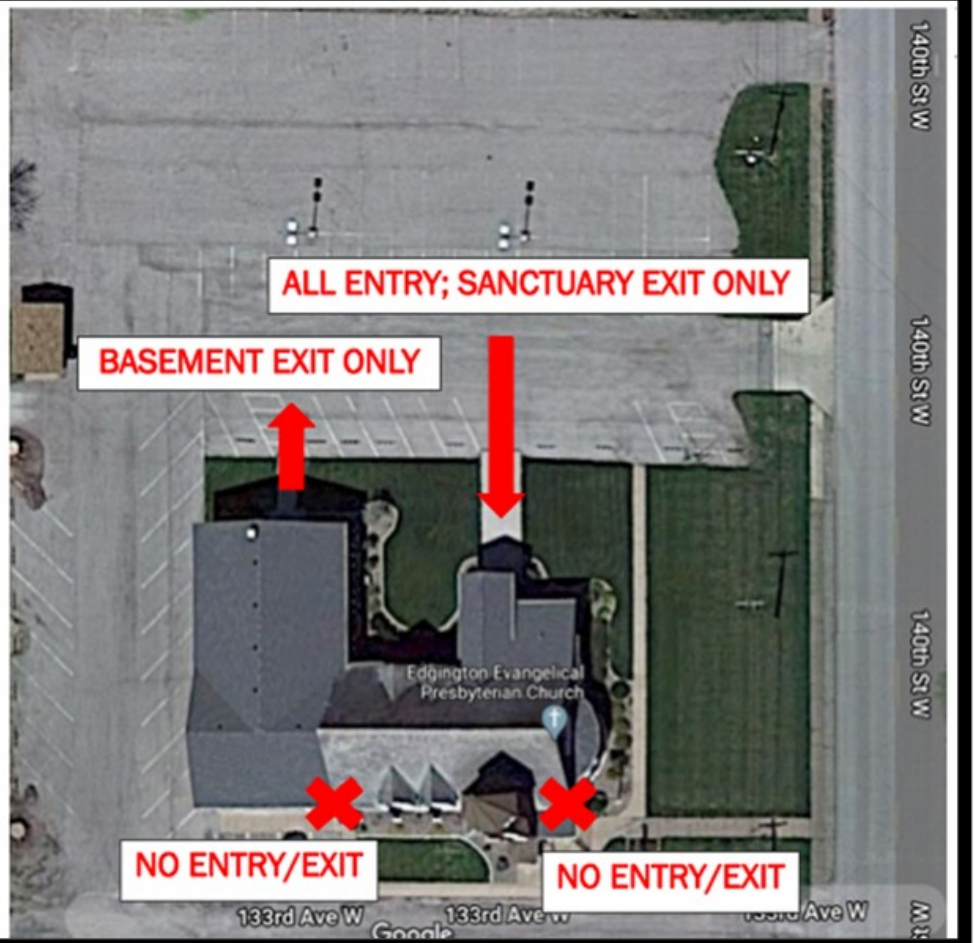
Please contact us. We would love to speak with you.

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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.



02/10/2021

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

Mel opened the meeting with prayer at 7:00pm.

Treasurer's reports for December and January were reviewed and approved.

**Old Business:**

- No old business.

**New Business:**

- Two proposal were received for the sanctuary re-roofing project.
  - White Roofing - \$49,984
  - Sterling Roofing - \$94,050
- Trustees voted to approve the bid from White Roofing. Due to the heavy workload, the roofing work will likely occur in late summer or fall.
- Additional work will be required as part of the roofing project including:
  - New fascia and soffits
  - Repair of rafter tails as needed
  - Replacement of gutters and downspouts
  - New siding on stained-glass window dormers
- The stained-glass windows will also be repaired/refurbished this spring including installation of new acrylic storm windows.
- Light fixtures at the rear of the sanctuary have been replaced with LED panel lights.
- One of the heating pumps for the boiler was replaced.
- New batteries installed in all thermostats.

Mel closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan

Thank you to everyone who helped/donated with the Fall Blood Drive!  
25 Whole Blood Donations, 3 Double Red Cell Donations, for a total of 29 units! THANK YOU!!!

The Fall Blood Drive is scheduled for September 11th.

Blessed to serve,

Scott and Cindy Cullen





February 16, 2021

The Mission Committee met on February 16, 2021 at 6:30pm in the basement at EEPC. Those attending were: Barb Freyermuth, Deb Wagamon, Todd Stegmiller, Jim Cooksey, and Session Representative Kevin Oak.

Barb opened the meeting in prayer

#### **Old Business:**

- **Christmas Eve Donation:** The funds collected were \$1,460. These funds were distributed to local families in need via Mike Ruff at the Andalusia Elementary school.
- **Review of Missions:**
  - **Youth Hope:** (Deb) Deb offered an overview of all the services and commitments Youth Hope has been able to maintain and expand upon during 2020 along with meeting their budget. She also updated the team on the new projects and the mission needs for 2021.
  - **Pregnancy Resources:** (Jim C.) – Jim discussed the collection and return of the bottles for the Baby Bottle fundraising campaign which has concluded. He also discussed the upcoming 2021 Banquet Fundraiser. There will be both a seated banquet and a virtual banquet this year in March.
  - **Winnie's Place:** (Nancy) – No report
  - **Steve Woodworth & McCullums:** (Todd) – Todd reported that both giving and expenses are down for the Woodworths as they are unable to travel. They are very thankful to us for our commitment to their ministry. They are anxious to get back to the mission field; they had 10 sites to visit through Zoom meetings. They are concerned about support in 2021. The McCullums will be retiring in 2024, so we need to maintain their support until that time. Some of the countries they had to stop traveling to during COVID will now not approve a Visa to begin the travel again. Many prayers needed for this ministry.
  - **Scott and Colleen Burdsall:** (Barb) – Barb reported that giving has been down this year, but that they are very appreciative for the support and commitment from our church. They would be willing to come and speak to our church or do a video presentation to bring us a mission update.
  - **Saul & Jess Huber:** (Kevin) – The Huber's are asking for a commitment of the same support we have been offering. Child care needs are stretching their budget. They are mobilizing to lead a college cohort to Jordan this summer. They are looking for volunteers to assist in their ministry. Prayers needed for this to all come together.
  - **Jeff Lancaster:** (Lisa) – No report
  - **Christian Care:** (Jim R.) – No report

#### **New Business:**

- **2021 Commitments:** The enhanced commitments were voted and passed by the committee.



Mission	2020 Committed	2021 Commitment
World Outreach (Burdall)	\$ 7,500.00	7,500.00
World Outreach ITEN (McCallum)	4,000.00	4,000.00
World Outreach ITEN (Woodworth)	8,500.00	8,500.00
World Outreach (Huber)	2,000.00	3,200.00
EPC Church Planting (Lancaster)	5,000.00	5,000.00
Youth Hope	6,000.00	6,000.00
Youth Hope - MAD Program	2,000.00	3,000.00
Pregnancy Resources	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total:	\$ 37,000.00	\$ 39,200.00

- **Pregnancy Resources:** The committee voted to purchase a table for the Dinner Banquet on March 25th.
- **Local Families in Need:** The team discussed how we can better support local families in our area when critical needs arise. Several solutions were discussed and it was determined we would setup a meeting for further discussion. There will be more detail at our March meeting. In the interim, there is a local family in need due to a home fire. The committee authorized up to \$500 for this family. Barb will investigate the need further and determine what support we may offer.
- **Minute for Mission:** Barb will present an update on local ministry in our area and how EEPC is serving these local families on Sunday, February 21st.

Jim closed the meeting in prayer

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday March 16, 2021 at 6:30pm.

## 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)

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.



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



## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for the post-abortion recovery group that is happening. Pray that the women in the group would be able to work through the hard work of accepting the forgiveness offered by Jesus.
- Pray for banquet. Pray that all the moving parts would come together and that the stress would be minimal on the staff and volunteers involved.
- Pray for the woman who is early in her pregnancy and has a history of complicated medical issues that could play a part in her pregnancy. Pray that she would find the help that she needs as she continues this pregnancy.
- Pray for the woman who is scheduled to have an abortion. Pray that she would find the help and hope that she needs in order to choose Life for her child.

## PRAISES:

- Praise God for those who are seeking out Pregnancy Resources for the help that they need! Pray that they will be impacted by the truth shared at the Centers and that they would put their hope and trust in Jesus.
- Praise God for His continued faithfulness in the ministry of Pregnancy Resources!
- Praise God for the two women who visited Pregnancy Resources abortion-determined this week and left having chosen Life for their children!



**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.



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

~ Marissa J. Foss, Admin. Assistant

Our theme for the year is "The Journey." Please, prayerfully, join us for the Journey through 2021:

Joining the Journey - **PRC 101 2021 Volunteer Training Dates:** June 1-3 or October 5-7

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



**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.

**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)



### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Please pray for our former student and her family. Her loss is tragic, and we are deeply grieved for her family. Father God, please comfort, protect, and care for all who knew and loved her.
- Father God, watch over and protect all the kids and teens as they transition back to school on a more regular basis. Please show us Lord how we can best serve them and share the love of Christ.
- Lord, we need a hedge of protection around all the YouthHope vehicles and facilities. Protect our vehicles when they are driving and when they are parked! No plans of the enemy to steal, kill or destroy will prosper!
- Please pray for our upcoming fundraiser to be used for God's purposes, His will be done, and His abundant and overflowing provision to be received for YouthHope's finances. God we need your hand on this event!
- Please pray for the summer staff and summer camp planning! Lord, bring us into contact with the right people to do your work this summer! Give us your wisdom to best witness to and serve the kids and teens!
- Father, please keep the YouthHope staff who are traveling safe, healthy, and in your hands!

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- YouthHope has new vehicles coming this week! We are so thankful for the Lord's provision for these vans, and for the generosity of a few people to increase our ability to pick up more kids!
- -Youth Center programs are expanding and summer camp possibilities are looking good!
- -Construction is happening at the Moline Youth Center! We are so thrilled to see it moving along! We praise God for the act of waiting, and trusting HIM! We pray this space will be annointed and used in powerful ways to expand the Kingdom of God! Please pray for the construction, the workers, and the completion of funding needed for this project!

Thank you so much for your prayers!! Please continue to lift up the YouthHope staff! We need your support, encouragement, and prayers! Thank you so much! God bless you!

In His Service,  
Hannah

YouthHope has a **NEW** website! Visit it by clicking on the YH Logo 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



Hello Faithful Friend!

We are so grateful for your continued support of YouthHope throughout this past year! At the onset of the pandemic, I clearly heard the Lord say YouthHope was going to do more than just survive! He was calling us to THRIVE!

We could not have made it without your support! We are so thankful for your faithful partnership during this past (crazy) year! You helped us continue to be a source of HOPE!

We need your help to continue reaching at-risk kids and teens! Please join us for YouthHope's Virtual Fundraiser on Thursday, April 1, 2021.

Join us LIVE at 7 p.m. CST to see what God is doing at YouthHope. See how you can partner with us to encourage, equip, and empower at-risk youth now and into the future.

We deeply appreciate you! God Bless You!

Mark Drake  
Executive Director

YouthHope's Virtual Fundraiser

# THRIVING!

Thursday, April 1, 2021 @ 7 p.m.

For more information, check out our NEW website:  
[www.youthhopeqc.org](http://www.youthhopeqc.org)

Join our Virtual Event LIVE at 7 p.m. CST

Connect on Facebook by scanning this QR Code with the camera on your phone:





## HUBER-VENTURES – "WOULD YOU PRAY WITH US? "

Earlier this year, Saul and I started using prompted prayer journals. For each month there are different sections that you fill out and then you can pray specifically through different categories throughout the month. At the end of the month you can look back and see how God has answered prayers. It has been really encouraging to be reminded of how specific God can be and how he cares for even the smallest things! Here are some things that we have seen God answer, and current prayers. We'd love for you to join us in praying for these things.



1. When we first started drafting this newsletter, we were in the midst of some major winter doldrums. We didn't see the sun for weeks, and it was too cold to go outside for long. Being cooped up together was wearing on us! God answered our prayers about feeling down/weary due to the season by sending us SNOW! It was not just more snow than we usually get, but it stuck around for a couple of days and we had sunshiny days to go and play in it! The kids had so much fun sledding, making snow angels, and building forts in the piles.
2. World Outreach is currently in the process of selecting a new director, who will take the lead in June of this year. Please pray with us for the transition for everyone in our organization, for our current director and his wife as they step into a new chapter, and for the incoming director!
3. Saul has been hard at work figuring out the logistics for SMJ 2021, a week-long youth mission trip to Hamtramck, MI from July 11-17. God has really answered prayers for lodging, allowing us to be right in the community. Please pray for things to come together concerning travel, speakers, and food. Pray for the right outreach opportunities. Pray for health and protection. Pray that we would truly be the fragrance of Christ to that community. And pray for patience and wisdom as we plan a trip that is still pretty tentative.
4. Speaking of planning trips during COVID uncertainty, we are currently planning to take our college cohort to Jordan in the Middle East for a two-week EnVision Trek from July 18 to August 4. Please pray with us for the country's borders to be open, for COVID cases to go down (there and here). Pray for the students' support raising process. Pray for vaccines to be available for students and leaders, as we probably can't travel internationally without them. Pray for the global workers and missions organizations that we will visit and serve alongside. Pray for wisdom and discernment, health and safety for everyone involved.
5. This month (and always) we are thanking God for the gift of our son, Samwell. His 4th birthday was on February 12th and it was such a joy to celebrate him! He reminds us to enjoy the little things--to stop and look at the flowers, enjoy the sunsets, search for stars, and slow down to catch the beauty around us. We are grateful for his laugh, silly stories, and sweet spirit. Family came into town for bowling and a Solar System birthday party that was lots of fun.
6. The book study we've been doing with several of you is both an answer to prayer and an ongoing request. We are so grateful for how practical and challenging Across the Street and Around the World has been for us, and for the opportunity to connect monthly with people we love who are interested in reaching out to their neighbors as well! We're praying that everyone who is reading the book would be led to take action and eventually be able to invite others into the family of God.
7. One direct result of the book's challenges has been Saul's new friendship with Marwan. He is a Kurdish muslim whom Saul met at our local Middle Eastern restaurant. We were able to welcome Marwan and his wife and son to our house for dessert this week. It was awkward at times because of language and cultural differences, but we are grateful to know them and hope that this friendship can continue to grow. Please pray with us for their family. Pray that we would be able to see them again soon! Pray that the Holy Spirit would be at work in their hearts, drawing them close. Pray that we would bear witness to Christ's love for them in all our interactions. And pray for their application for asylum, which has been in process for almost 5 years now. The uncertainty of their status affects everything: their plans for their family, whether or not to buy a house, going back to school, etc.

.....There are still three more prayer points in their update that I don't have room to list plus photos and the "Across the Street and Around the World" book discussion information. For the complete update, 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.

If you or anyone you know would be interested in partnering with us, you can give one-time or sign-up for recurring payments with our link: [epcwo.org/sauljesse](http://epcwo.org/sauljesse) -OR- make checks payable to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, designated for Account # 513, Huber, Saul and Jesse. Mail to: WORLD OUTREACH, Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 5850 T.G.Lee Blvd. Suite 510, Orlando, FL 32822-4407.

## THE B.....'S

*Serge*

Grace at the Fray

*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.*

The covid situation in the \*\* - Our new monthly support letter topic :)

This week the \*\* government outlined the steps that will be taken to slowly open up and get us back to some sort of normal by the end of June. This will be dependent on vaccine pace continuing and on cases staying low. We would love things to work perfectly and for us to have relative free movement by summer, but the general mood is one of cautious optimism. This month, schools return on March 8 (much rejoicing from A..... - she has been crying about missing her friends) and March 29 the stay at home order ends and we can meet up to 6 others outside. School is a huge thing, but otherwise there isn't a big change this month in what we can do - this means any ministry remains either one to one while outside, or online.

We do see a bit of a light ahead though, and are hopeful that this spring will bring increased opportunity and chances to see people!

### PRAYERS AND PRAISES:

1. Pray for the online ministries that continue- ESOL classes, Girl's Club, and Facebook outreach. Technical difficulties always seem to be part of this, so pray for that, and also for good connections with people, even through a screen.
2. S.... has had a couple good chances to talk with people one on one, please pray for more opportunities this month, and for receptive hearts of those he is talking with.
3. As restrictions slowly ease, pray for our team to make wise decisions about when we can have services again, and other in-person events. Also pray for ways to share the Easter message with those around us, while we are mainly still online and locked down.
4. Our team leaders need to take a trip back to the US for the next couple months. Be in prayer for them and their family, and also for our team here, and S.... as he does some temporary team leader things.
5. L..... is officially a high school graduate! She finished all her online homeschool - basically did school year-round since coming here! Really proud of her. Be praying for God's clear guidance for her as she makes decisions about her future. Still waiting for university decisions, financial aid, and also the covid situation, before making a final decision about her fall plans.
6. Pray for A..... and J..... as they return to in person school this month - for safety and good education catch up time in person. J..... has especially felt the stress of missing so much time in class, as he is trying to adjust to the British school system still.
7. Please pray for our support situation, for God to bring people forward to be part of our support team. And many praises for those of you already on our team - we are so grateful for you!

Thanks for praying with us!

C....., for S.... and the kids

Thank you again for your support of us, especially this past year of uncertainty! We appreciate you all more than we can express.

Our monetary support situation: Short story- we are at 83% of our monthly support right now. So we definitely will need to find a few more support partners.

Longer story: This is a rather large drop, but overall we have been so blessed and touched by the continued support from you all! So many gave year end gifts or increased giving- that and just the continued faithful support has meant so much. Please know that we are grateful for all of you- and we love hearing from you! We have also been able to do some videos or even zoom connections, and we would be happy to do that more if anyone likes.

If you or someone you know is feeling led to offer support, or at least wants to hear more, please contact the church office at edgingtonepc@gmail.com or 309-795-1713 to find out how.

Thank you so much.

# Edgington Presbyterian Church

## Treasurer's Report February 2021

	Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	Balance
<b>General</b>	\$ 241,569.21	\$ 11,235.45	\$ 22,785.97	\$ 230,018.69
<b>Jahn</b>	\$ 9,649.56	\$195.28		\$ 9,844.84
<b>Edgington</b>	\$ 5,691.02		\$ -	\$ 5,691.02
<b>Boughton</b>	\$ 20,918.09	\$ 992.00		\$ 21,910.09
<b>Lauby</b>	\$ 21,350.24	\$ 316.98	\$ -	\$ 21,667.22

<b>Ending Gen. checking balar</b>	257,900.21
<b>Uncleared Transactions</b>	\$ 12,345.66
<b>General checking Balance</b>	\$ 245,554.55

<b>Reconciled Bank Accounts</b>	
Gen. checking	\$ 245,554.55

### February 2021 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	883.83		
Robin Preston	250.69		
Reytel	117.90		
AT&T	159.21	<b>General</b>	\$ 230,018.69
MidAmerican Energy church	469.00	<b>Edgington</b>	\$ 5,691.02
Millenium Waste	34.00	<b>Jahn</b>	\$ 9,844.84
Ministry Designs (website)	30.00	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 245,554.55
ABS (copier)	96.45		
Canva (graphics subscription)	238.80		
Amazon (cont. ed)	15.65		
Concordia (communion cups)	22.98		
Crawford Co (boiler)	874.34		
Great Commission (Sunday school)	259.76		
Youth Hope (mission)	1,500.00		
YH Creative Arts Program (mission)	750.00		
Andalusia Grd School (mission)	1,460.00		
Rent (mission)	720.00		
Lancaster (mission)	1,250.00		
Burdsall (mission)	1,875.00		
McCallum (mission)	1,000.00		
Woodworth (mission)	2,125.00		
Huber (mission)	800.00		
Pregnancy Resources (mission)	500.00		
Preg. Resources (banquet table)	300.00		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>			\$22,785.97

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

Mission monies included in general fund	\$8,914.76
Assistance Fund	\$5,153.46
Sale of Manse	\$159,133.00

# Edgington Presbyterian Church

## General Fund Profit & Loss

### February 2021

	Feb 21
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
Income	
Per Capita Contributions	120.00
Flower Contributions	60.00
Interest Income - General Fnd	19.75
Pledges	11,035.70
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>11,235.45</b>
Expense	
Pastors housing allowance	1,800.00
Operating Maintenance - General	1,026.24
Continuing Education	15.65
Worship Supplies	22.98
Mission	
U.S. Mission - Presbyterian	2,050.00
International Mission - Presbyt	5,000.00
Local Mission	5,230.00
<b>Total Mission</b>	<b>12,280.00</b>
Office Supplies	
Copier	96.45
Office Supplies - Other	268.80
<b>Total Office Supplies</b>	<b>365.25</b>
Payroll Expenses	
Custodian Payroll	250.69
Pastor Salary	4,308.32
Secretary Services	883.83
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>5,442.84</b>
Pension & Health Care	945.04
Sunday School	259.76
Utilities	
Gas & Electric - Church	469.00
Telephone	159.21
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>628.21</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>22,785.97</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-11,550.52</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-11,550.52</b>

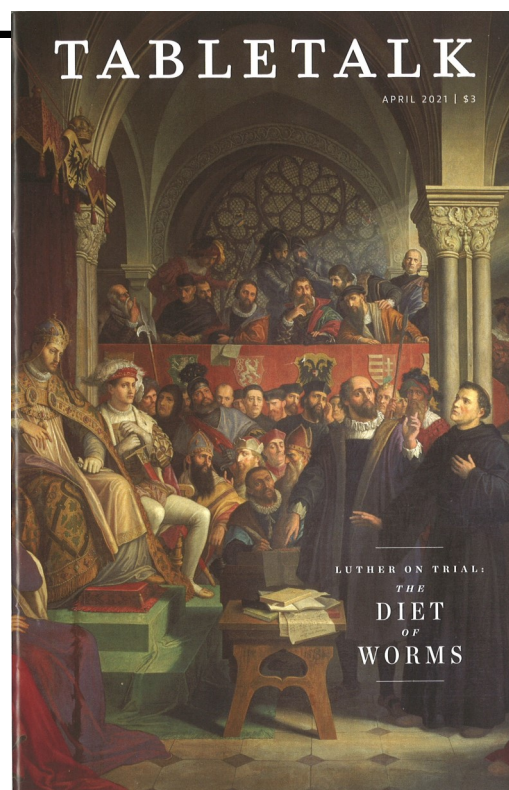
## NEWSLETTER

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](http://edgingtonepc.org). Thank you so much!

~ Lisa Bowman

GET YOUR APRIL COPY OF  
THE TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL



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## CURRENT SERMON SERIES



### Searching 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.

**Friday, April 2nd, Good Friday**

**Sunday, April 4th, Easter Sunday**

**Sunday, April 11th – Ecclesiastes 5:1-7**

**Sunday, April 18th – Ecclesiastes 5:8-6:9**

**Sunday, April 25th – Ecclesiastes 6:10-7:14**

## 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 April’s Reading Schedule:

### Week 14 – 4/4 - 4/10

- Joshua 14-17; Luke 17
- Joshua 18-21; Psalm 15; Luke 18
- Joshua 22-24; Psalm 116; Luke 19
- Judges 1-3; Psalm 16; Luke 20
- Judges 4-6; Luke 21

### Week 15 – 4/11 - 4/17

- Judges 7-8; Luke 22
- Judges 9-11; Psalm 17; Luke 23
- Judges 12-16; Psalm 146; Luke 24
- Judges 17-18; Psalm 21; Acts 1
- Judges 19-21; Acts 2

### Week 16 – 4/18 - 4/24

- Ruth 1-2; Acts 3
- Ruth 3-4; Psalm 37; Acts 4
- 1 Samuel 1-2; Psalm 120; Acts 5
- 1 Sam 3-5; Psalm 23; Acts 6
- 1 Sam 6-8; Acts 7

### Week 17 – 4/25 - 5/1

- 1 Samuel 9-10; Acts 8
- 1 Sam 11-13; Psalm 38; Acts 9
- 1 Sam 14; Psalm 124; Acts 10
- 1 Sam 15-16; 1 Chr 1; Ps 39; Acts 11
- 1 Sam 17; 1 Chr 2; Acts 12



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**

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

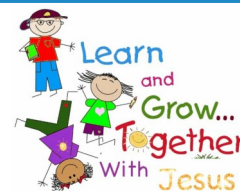
If you have children, but are unable to attend, the children's lessons are posted on FB each week.



### **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

Thursday, April 1st, 1pm

All women of the church are welcome!  
Pastor Zach will lead us in a Bible Study on a chapter of Psalms 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.

## QUILTING RESUMING

Thursday, April 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! Hope to see you there!*



## UNITY POINT FOOT CLINIC

The next foot clinic will be on Monday, April 19!

If you would like a medically professional pedicure appointment, please call the church office at 309-795-1713.

welcome



## TO OUR NEWEST FAMILY MEMBERS!

(From right) Matthew & Jennifer, Lexi, Liam, and Emmi Youck, Colby Mueller, and Cassie Fuhr (not pictured).

We are so thankful to God for our newest members and look forward to seeing how God will weave them into the fabric of our ministries here at Edgington EPC!

## SPRING 2021 FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

On March 19<sup>th</sup>, we had 9 people packing 3 baskets each for 41 families. We also fixed 3 sacks of meat for each family. The families consisted of 93 adults, 18 teens, and 35 children for a total of 146 people. On Saturday we had 12 people loading the carts and loading the cars.



God provided us beautiful weather and just the right number of people to complete the task. We are so grateful to those who helped and those who donated to make this distribution possible. The people receiving the food were very grateful. One family even called Sue to tell her how much it meant to receive this food!

The local 4-H club donated birthday bags for each family. The bag contained candles, frosting, cake mix, paper plates, balloons, and a birthday card. One patron mentioned her daughter's birthday was on Monday, so she much appreciated this unique addition to the basket. We are thankful for the girls who made this possible.

We didn't do a group shopping trip this time. Dewey Flemming and Jim Schaubroeck did all the shopping and purchased enough to have some food left on the shelves for distribution during the spring and summer as needed.

We are blessed by a very giving community and being able to contribute to this mission of the church.  
Shirley & Dewey Flemming, Sharon & Jim Schaubroeck, Sue Penry



Please  
Join Us.



### PLEASE NOTE:

*We will still have  
Sunday School  
classes on Easter  
Sunday and our  
worship time will  
remain at 10:00am.*



HALLELUJAH! CHRIST IS RISEN!

**EASTER WORSHIP**

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9AM    WORSHIP 10AM



# APRIL 2021



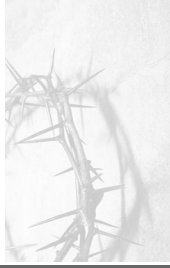
Sunday School 9am  
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28 Palm Sunday	29	30 Session Mtg. 7pm	31	1 PW Mtg., 1pm	2 Good Friday 	3
4 Easter Food Pantry Sunday HE IS RISEN CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 B/P Checks Deacons Mtg. 11:30 VBS Mtg. Noon Basement Reserved	12	13	14 Trustees Mtg. 7pm Newsletter Items due	15 Quilting 9am	16	17
18	19 Foot Clinic	20 Mission Comm. Mtg. 6:30pm	21	22	23	24 R&L Presbytry Mtg. (ZOOM)
25 B/P Checks	26	27 Session Mtg. 7pm	28	29	30	1