

AN ANCIENT AND ABIDING FAITH

I have lost count of the number of times I have been asked: what's after Ecclesiastes? Rather than receive the question with (understandable) exasperation, I take it as an invested excitement in the preaching ministry of our congregation – and for that I am very grateful. So, what is next?

It's been my pattern to work expositionally through alternating books of the Old and New Testaments. I admit that I have gone a bit out of historical order here and there in the Old Testament, but hopefully it hasn't been too distracting. Likewise, I've selected New Testament books without much apparent logic except for the desire to be in a gospel account at least every five years so we're never very far from the words of the incarnate Christ (of course, not that all Scripture isn't ultimately the Word of God – but I think you know what I mean). Usually between testamental transitions, I try to take up a topic. I've done this in varied ways throughout the years through series like: Reverence & Awe, Congregational Life and Membership, The Grand Design, Advent, Christian Worldview. As we finish Ecclesiastes, it's time to pick up another thematic series before moving into the New Testament again.

To that end starting in June, we'll begin a series on “The Apostles' Creed: Together We Believe.” So let me answer a few questions on the front end. First, **What is The Apostles' Creed?** During and immediately after the first generation of the Apostles, the early church followed the biblical pattern by articulating the “rule of faith” which became the basis for the Apostles' Creed. This pattern of summarizing teaching in a creedal statement is found through the Scriptures ([Dt 6:4](#); [1 Cor 15:3-8](#); [Phil 2:5-10](#); [1 Tim 3:16](#)). The Apostles' Creed as we have it was not written by the Apostles themselves, but it was and is received as a summary of the doctrine of the Apostles, that is, what they taught. In history we find Irenaeus (c. AD 130–202), the pastor of Lyons, articulating the “rule of faith” as early as the AD 170s. Tertullian (c. AD 155–c.220), the father of North African theology and hence Western or Latin theology, also articulated the same instruction. The Apostles' Creed was substantially complete by the mid-fourth century.



Second, **How do you preach on The Apostles' Creed?** Good question. Hopefully decently at least. Here are my goals (1) To anchor the specific assertions of the Creed in the text of Scripture – so we can see why we believe each of the statements as the Bible teaches them. (2) To address historic and modern impulses away from these truths so we can stand against them. (3) To apply these truths to our lives today. In this way, my hope is to demonstrate how the Christian faith is both ancient, meaning historic and old and passed down throughout the generations; and the Christian faith is also abiding, meaning still relevant and absolutely necessary for us to continue to affirm in our own generation. Simply put, we must believe these things. I want to know what they are, and why they matter so much. Doing the basic outline, I think this will take *roughly 20 weeks*; all summer and spilling over into early fall.

Through this series I am also hoping to do some additional integration. My plan is to feature the Creed in our worship services each week as we affirm the Creed together after the question, “*people of God, what do you believe?*” I am also planning to double-up Adult Sunday School with this series. That is, each week as we look at a specific article of the Creed, the deep dive will happen in Sunday School as I teach on the historic development of each of these doctrines and chase a few rabbit trails along the way regarding controversies and heresies. In Sunday

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School you have the opportunity to ask questions! It will free-up the sermon to focus on scripture and application; but that is not an invitation to skip the heavy lifting. Come to Sunday School! It will greatly enhance your ability to soak in the content of the Creed. One final idea I am pursuing is a resource for home study that will be especially focused on families. I'm still working on that one, but I definitely hope to have something to put into your hands that you can use at home.

I really hope this will engage both your hearts and minds as we continue to live out the faith "once for all delivered to the saints" ([Jude 3](#)). Looking forward to the journey together!

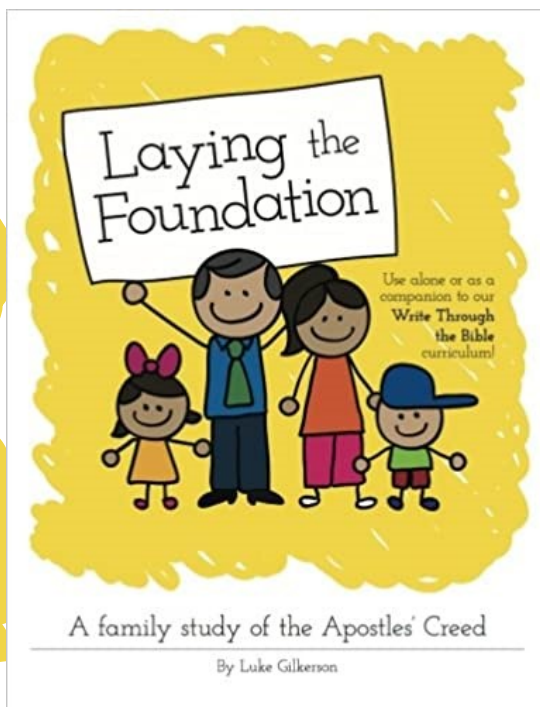
Your Pastor & Friend,

Zach

Laying the Foundation is a 30-lesson study of the Apostles' Creed, the most widely used Christian creed in the world. Earliest versions of the Creed date back to the beginning of the third century. For centuries, parents and pastors have taught the Apostles' Creed as Christianity 101—and this Bible study helps to continue that tradition. Each lesson is grounded in a passage of Scripture, walking children through the Creed line by line, thought by thought. Each lesson contains:

- An opening thought to prepare your kids for the lesson
- A Scripture reading
- An explanation of that passage in simple terms
- Discussion questions
- A prayer

We should have some copies on hand by the start of the series.
Please see Zach or contact the office if you would like a copy.



JAHN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Jahn Family Scholarship was established to benefit Youth and Students of Edgington EPC as they pursue academic and spiritual growth through education.

If you are preparing to further your education and meet the requirements listed below, please go to the website, hover over the About Us tab, then on the drop down box hover over What We Believe, and click on the Church Facility Use, Requests... & Forms. Scroll down to the graduation cap and click on that. A PDF of the Jahn Scholarship Fund form should come up in a new window. You could also just on this link [HERE](#).

Once you have filled out the form submit it to the office by **NO LATER than AUGUST 24th**. Session will review your request at their August meeting the next evening.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Be an active member of Edgington EPC.
2. Requests must be submitted to the office by the August Session meeting for approval. (The form says July, but August is correct. The form will be updated soon!)
3. Update the Church about your educational and spiritual growth.

ELDERS

Keith Wilson - Clerk
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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 - Joshua Gierlus
 3 - Kira Nelson
 5 - Jeff Schmidt
 6 - Ken Benningfield
 6 - Jason Rursch
 6 - Jeff Thomas
 7 - Marlin Krueger
 7 - Phyllis Titterington
 10 - Scott Cullen
 14 - Daria Parchert
 16 - Jim Schaubroeck
 18 - Robert Kadel
 20 - Keegan Koresko
 21 - Wyatt Terrill
 24 - Michelle Doonan
 24 - Zach Hopkins
 24 - Cora Schafman
 29 - Tyson Freyermuth
 29 - Vicky Ruggles
 30 - Ken Kaiser

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

4 - Wyatt & Karrie Fuhr
 7 - Marvin & Denise Rursch
 8 - Donald & Clarice Docherty
 10 - Jim & Carrie Reimers
 12 - Larry & Pam Pithan
 14 - Norman & Jan Dunlap
 16 - Kyle & Tara Johnson
 18 - Donnie & Brandee Neece
 20 - Rich Stilwell & Michelle Franklin
 20 - Marlin & Darcy Krueger
 22 - Robert & Alice Crawford
 24 - Jeff & Kathy Fuhr

GREETERS FOR JUNE

Sunday, June 6th - Dana Johnson & family
 Sunday, June 13th - Scott & Lisa Nelson
 Sunday, June 20th - Jason & Nathan Flickinger
 Sunday, June 27th - Darren & Tonya Hall

Blessings
 on
**Father's
 day**

NUMBERS 6:24

April 27, 2021, at 7pm

Location: Church Basement

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. Zach read a section from Pilgrim's Progress concerning 'Crossing the River'. The Elders prayed for individual members of the congregation. The Elder's then studied and discussed the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 24: Marriage and Divorce.

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

Approval of Minutes: March 23rd and March 30th, 2021 minutes were reviewed. Motion made, seconded and approved.

Zach's Report: Zach reported on members with health concerns and prayer needs. He also conducted 1 office visit, 6 home visits, 1 hospital visit, 2 funerals and participated in VBS meetings, RLP Presbytery and assisted three fellow Teaching Elders during conflict.

Old Business:

- VBS - Zach reported registration is underway.
- Easter Sunday Review – the Session reviewed and discussed the service.
- Nominating Committee – The Session agreed it is time to finalize nominations. Keith will schedule a meeting.
- Leadership Training – Zach is formulating plans for this.
- RLP Meeting Report – Mic assumed his new role as Moderator of the Presbytery by moderating this meeting.

New Business:

- COVID Guidelines Discussion
- Adult Sunday School – It was moved, seconded, and approved to resume meeting in the church basement for Adult Sunday School on May 2nd.
- Sanctuary worship – The Session agreed that we would each talk to members about their feelings concerning loosening COVID protocols and provide feedback.
- Kid's Kirk - It was moved, seconded, and approved to resume having the children come forward for this portion of the worship service.
- Membership Transfer – Zach reported that Wayne and Sandy Nelson have requested to become affiliate members of our church. It was moved, seconded, and approved to provisionally approve their membership transfer pending a meeting with the Session. Zach will schedule that meeting.
- Youck children baptism – It was moved, seconded, and approved for Mathew and Jennifer's children, Lexi, Liam and Emmi to be baptized on June 13th.
- General Assembly – Mic and Kevin will serve as delegates at this meeting.

The next Stated Session meeting will be: May 25th, 2021 at 7:00pm.

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

Teaching Elder Zach Hopkins closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

April 11, 2021

In attendance were: Scott Cullen, Beth Flickinger, Peggy Shovar, Session Representative Patrick Shovar, Jan and Norm Dunlap, and Beth and Don Easterla.

Beth F. opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from the February meeting: Approved as written.

February – April Activities: 60 visits, 30 cards and 1 meal were sent.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Blood drive that was held on March 6th was very successful. We had 25 whole units and 4 double red, for a total of 33 units. Thank you to Scott for organizing the blood drive with the RHS Honor Society.
- Beth F. thanked all that had sent a note to the 4 new church members.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The fall blood drive will be held on September 11, 2021.
- We planned the delivery of May Baskets to the shut-ins and also had updates on several of the shut-ins. We will continue to remember them in our prayers.
- Decided to send an electronic gift card to the college students for finals, as well pray for them and send notes of encouragement.

Next Deacon meeting will be held on June 13th.

Beth F. closed meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Easterla

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.

04/14/2021

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

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

Treasurer's report for March was reviewed and approved.

Secretary's minutes for March were reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

- Photocell for parking lot light has been replaced
- Bushes in the landscaping were trimmed at workday on March 20th
- Lawn was over seeded
- Stained glass window repair has begun

New Business:

- One bid has been received for parking lot sealing and striping. Waiting on two more bids.
- Additional work is required to repair landscape damaged during septic tank work last year. Set up a workday on April 26th at 5:00pm.
- Lawn will be sprayed to kill broad leaf weeds.

Mel closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan

Thank you all for your thoughts, prayers, and well-wishes for Anna before, during, and after her surgery. We really appreciate them! She is doing well!

Love,
Anna & Karla Pearson & Karyl Parrish



The family of Kira Nelson would love for you to join them in her High School Graduation celebration.

Please see the invitations for all the details!



April 20, 2021

The Mission Committee met on April 20th, 2021 at 6:30pm in the basement at EEPC. Those attending were: Barb Freyermuth, Deb Wagamon, Todd Stegmiller, Nancy Engstrom, Session Reps Kevin Oak and Mic Penry.

Barb opened the meeting in prayer

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Review of Missions:**
 - **Youth Hope:** Youth Hope small groups, school programs, Kids club, and teen night are all active. Education tutoring has focused on the R.I. schools. Summer camp preparations are underway. The NEW Creative Arts Center in Moline is under construction. There is a \$30,000 Matching Challenge underway at this time. YH needs \$138,000 to complete the new center. The Virtual Fundraiser was on 4/1 and fell short of budget funding by \$32,000. Prayers for God to provide!
 - **Pregnancy Resources:** (Jim) – Representatives of the Mission team attended the Fundraising event on 3/25. Wonderful night, enjoyed by all.
 - **Winnie's Place:** (Nancy) – No report
 - **Steve Woodworth & McCullum's:** (Todd) – Woodworth: Expenses and giving are both down. They are appreciative of our commitment of support. Concerns: Prayers for Myanmar as there is great political unrest at this time. Had to pull out of some countries due to COVID, difficult to re-establish support. Prayers for God's work to continue!
 - **Scott and Colleen Burdsall:** (Barb) – Struggling, lost two of their donors; high cost of living in London. Sent Barb a video to update the committee on mission work, file corrupt so resending. Continued prayers for support and mission.
 - **Saul & Jess Huber:** (Kevin) – 100% funded
 - **Jeff Lancaster:** (Lisa) – Jeff was here at Easter, thoroughly enjoyed meeting the congregation again and so very appreciative of our support. In the Chicago area, Jeff actually had 30 individuals show up for an impromptu Easter service! God is good.
 - **Christian Care:** (Jim R.) – No report
- **Deacon Mission Committee Partnership:** Barb met with Beth Flickinger to discuss some ideas on local mission support. More updates at next meeting.
- **Caminul Felix:** The committee received a letter from Hamlet Perryton Presbyterian Church in Reynolds concerning Caminul Felix's need for a replacement corn chopper. They have raised all but \$8,000. The Hamlet church donated \$4,000 and our committee approved a \$2000 donation from EEPC.

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



NEW BUSINESS:

- 2021 Commitments: 2nd Quarter Commitments were approved by Committee

Mission	Quarterly Commitment	2021 Commitment
World Outreach (Burdall)	\$ 1,875.00	7,500.00
World Outreach ITEN (McCallum)	\$ 1,000.00	4,000.00
World Outreach ITEN (Woodworth)	\$ 2,125.00	8,500.00
World Outreach (Huber)	\$ 800.00	3,200.00
EPC Church Planting (Lancaster)	\$ 1,250.00	5,000.00
YouthHope	\$ 1,500.00	6,000.00
YouthHope - Cultural Arts Center	\$ 750.00	3,000.00
Pregnancy Resources	\$ 500.00	2,000.00
TOTAL:	\$ 9,800.00	\$ 39,200.00

- **Youth Hope:** Deb requested we donate \$300 to Youth Hope “matching challenge” in support of their fundraiser of 4/1. Committee approved this donation.
- **Marion Medical:** Discussing future support for this ministry. They build wells, they also have a children’s ministry.
- **Minute for Mission:** Barb will reach out to Bob to update the congregation on the Caminul Felix ministry on 4/25. Reaching out to Saul & Jess Huber to present in May.

Mic closed the meeting in prayer.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 18th, 2021 at 6:30pm.



**PROUDLY SERVING
SENIORS SINCE 1968**



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

Meals are available for a suggested donation of \$3 to anyone 60+ years or with a disability. If you are new to the program, you need to call 309-788-6335 the day before to request your meal.



Those who attend regularly come early to play cards and enjoy each other’s company for a little longer than just meal time.

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



WE ARE PREPARING FOR OVERNIGHT SUMMER CAMP!

Hurray! COVID Restrictions are lifting and kids and teens can attend overnight camps this summer at Camp Summit!

Thank you for your amazing faithfulness throughout this past year and for your

continued prayers!

Kids and teens will learn about God's love and encounter welcoming, caring, energetic, and passionate staff at YouthHope's Camp Summit this summer!



IN-TOWN SUMMER PROGRAMS

Moline and Rock Island Youth Centers will have summer programs for kids and teens IN-PERSON this summer!

Elementary kids will enjoy YouthHope park visits, participate in VBS at local churches, games, food, and Bible lessons at YouthHope!

Bring on the SUMMER!!



CREATIVE ARTS CENTER UPDATE

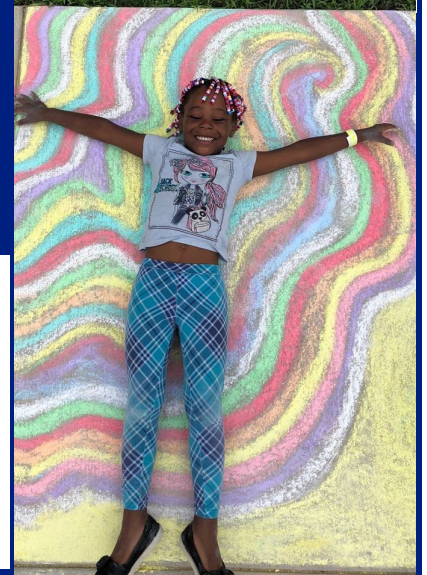
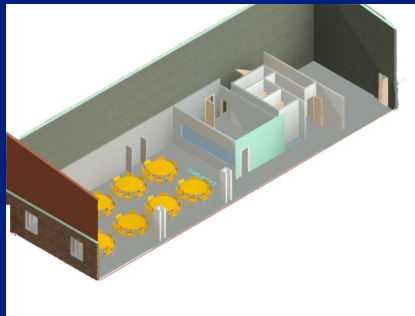
We've been expanding our creative arts enrichment programs so more kids and teens can participate this summer and next school year!

The NEW Creative Arts Center construction is nearing completion at the Moline Youth Center. We are so excited to show you this amazing new program space soon!

YouthHope's NEW Creative Arts Center will be called CRE8 STUDIOS, and we will offer small classes for photography, music, dance, cooking, ceramics, visual art, graphic design, and film/videography!

Are you interested in sharing your creative talents and skills with YouthHope kids and teens? We need leaders and volunteers for next school year!

Contact us today to join YouthHope's CRE8 STUDIOS!



CRE8 STUDIOS

Thank you for helping bring youth HOPE!

If you have already sponsored a kid to Camp Summit, thank you so much! If not, we still have kids and teens needing sponsors this summer!

You will give a camper a life-changing experience now and for eternity!

Thank you for your partnership and prayers. God bless you!

~ Mark Drake, Executive Director
& the YouthHope Family

Make a Gift



THE DIRECTOR'S DESK MARCH 2021



Robert* smiled as he came into Pregnancy Resources. His wife Mya* was nervous and hesitant. A client advocate met with the couple. Mya was abortion-minded and didn't feel she could handle another child. Far from family, and with other small children at home, Mya felt frightened and overwhelmed. During the appointment, Robert shared his heart – "I want us to have this baby. We will make a way." Mya looked at her husband and slowly shook her head yes. They could have this baby. Mya would have the help of Pregnancy Resources and her husband. She was not alone.

Melanie* came to Pregnancy Resources alone, fidgety, and unable to make eye contact with anyone. When her client advocate told her she was pregnant, Melanie knew what she must do. She had already spoken to her boyfriend and his opinion was clear. Melanie listened politely to her client advocate, but Roger* had left her without a choice. He would not come with her to this appointment, and his absence only magnified how alone she was in this decision. Roger didn't want Melanie or the baby. What else could she do? Melanie believed that she had to get an abortion.

In early pregnancy, the father can be the greatest advocate for his pre-born child or the most influential voice pressuring for abortion that a pregnant mom hears. Just like the two stories above, some men speak up on behalf of their pre-born child, while others pressure for abortion. *Sadly, many men sideline themselves with the simple phrase, "I'll support whatever you choose."* Few realize how that statement can often make the mother of his child feel as if she is entirely alone.

At Pregnancy Resources, we embrace the value of fatherhood – from conception on. Our **desire is for a dad to see his pre-born child's beating heart, and embrace his role as father.** *The stakes are high, and the sooner a dad gets involved in parenting, the more likely he will stay involved.*

We are honored to partner with dads and moms as they choose life for their children **and** as they choose to parent well. In 2021, **Pregnancy Resources is actively recruiting additional Jesus-loving men who are ready and willing to journey alongside these new fathers.** We are expanding when and how classes and services are offered to the dads that walk through our doors. We are working to enhance post abortion care for men who have an abortion decision in their past. As God continues to send these fathers, we want to serve them well.

**Name changed for privacy*

To read the entire 2nd Quarter 2021 Heartlines click [HERE](#).

WE LOVE
OUR VOLUNTEERS

PRC 101 2021 Volunteer Training
Dates: June 1-3 or October 5-7

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for the Pregnancy Resources clients who need to say "yes" to Jesus. Pray that they would find His truth more compelling than the falsehoods they currently believe.
- Pray for the Pregnancy Resources team as we continue to minister to more abortion-minded clients than ever before. Pray for protection from spiritual attacks as well as for stamina to continue our work.
- Pray for the Pregnancy Resources client who made an abortion appointment via text while she was finishing up her pregnancy test appointment in our Center. Pray that she would see the value of Life and that she would have the courage to make the choice for Life!
- Pray for healthy and protection over the volunteers and staff of Pregnancy Resources as illnesses of various types are once again making their rounds.
- Pray for the women who have recently made appointments with Pregnancy Resources which they have not kept. Pray that God would touch their hearts and bring them to our Center to hear truth and get the help and support that they so desperately need.
- Pray for the post-abortion recovery group that is currently meeting. Pray that their time together would be fruitful and filled with hope.
- Pray for the former Pregnancy Resources client who is pregnant again and is continuing to deal with challenges with her children. Pray that she would find support and that she would choose Life for her child.

PRAISES:

- Praise God for the many answered prayers that the Pregnancy Resources team has seen recently, both personally and professionally!
- Praise God for the two women who entered our Center abortion-minded and left choosing to carry their children!
- Praise God for the support that some clients have recently found from their families when they tell them they are pregnant! Pray that these women and men would continue to find support as they choose Life for their child.
- Praise God that a former Pregnancy Resources client remembered Pregnancy Resources when her granddaughter was in need of our services and brought her in! Praise God that the granddaughter has chosen Life for her child!
- Praise God for the woman who has signed up to learn more about Jesus through the Bible Study at Pregnancy Resources. Pray that she would be filled with Christ's love for her as she joins in the study.

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

THE B.....'S

Serge

Grace at the Fray

Some highlights of what we have been doing this past month, and ways to pray for these things:

The Easter service went very well! It had a full attendance, probably 35-40 outside of our plant team. We handed out 15 bags to kids that included a children's Bible version of the Easter story. Outside afterward many stayed to talk and had positive comments. It was encouraging to see so many willing to engage and hear. We are hoping to have another service at the end of this month, along with a gathering in a nearby park afterward. Please be praying for that planning and for our chances to talk and share more deeply afterward. (and for restrictions to ease as scheduled so that we can gather with 30 outside!)

S.... has now completed his ESOL training and is an official teacher! Hopefully classes can start up again at the end of May.....

It has been great to have girl's club in person again and have chances to talk with the girls not through a screen! Hopefully some girls from the school lunch clubs will want to join too. Continue to pray for opportunities to share Jesus and for deeper discussions with the girls.

S.... had a chance to meet with A again, this time in our garden. Praying for continued chances to talk, and also a praise for S..... knowledge of Greek and Bible, which has given him much credibility in these discussions.

S.... has been continuing to do boxing workouts/outreach with one of our plant teammates. They were asked by the local community center if it could be advertised as an activity for men in the area - which is a huge praise, as this gives them the chance to use the lighted outdoor space and also reach more people.

Continue to pray for the Muslim world during Ramadan. There are a couple more weeks until Eid. And, pray for good conversations with our neighbors during this time, that we can share truth and grace. And if you would like a more guided prayer time check out this link <https://www.30daysprayer.com/> or this <https://www.pray4sylhetis.org/> (we know the people putting out the pray4sylhetis content, which will also be specific to the people group we are working with).

Also, please pray for this area and the teens within it. We have heard of a number of incidents and deaths involving teen boys and knife violence, in the last few weeks. A reminder of the hurts and angers that exist in the world and in this area right now especially. Pray with us for these teens - ultimately for them to find worth in God over anything else - but also for ways to reach this part of our borough.

PRAYERS AND PRAISES:

- A..... has a birthday on May 15. We are trying to figure out a bit of a party since last year was a lockdown birthday. Hoping to plan a short party gathering at a nearby park the week after her birthday, so that she can invite a bunch of school friends. Pray for the planning of that, and also that kids would come - it would be great to have a chance to talk with parents of her classmates more.
- S.... takes his U. driving test mid May - pray he can pass! This has been put on hold for months and it would be great for him to be able to drive here (we don't plan on buying a car, but being able to rent for trips out of the city would be helpful).
- L..... has made a university decision! She will stay here next year for a gap year to work and also do some exploring of the option of schools in the U.. She also chose Morehead State in Kentucky, with a traditional music major, for fall 2022. Proud of her wise decision making and considering, and willingness to embrace L..... for current opportunities.
- C.... finishes up his semester at ISU in the next week. He will spend the summer with S..... parents. Pray for his move out, summer job hunt, and time together with his grandparents.

Thanks for praying with us!

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

A support request - we still do need to find some more support partners so 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.

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.

HUBER-VENTURES – IT'S BEEN A WHILE...MAY UPDATE

Surprise! We're adding more love to our family with a baby brother expected in August! Praise the Lord, everything is going well so far with the pregnancy. We would appreciate your prayers as the daily tasks of caring for four children become more difficult for Jesse and because Summer is usually our busiest time for work.



Summer Jam 2021: Thank you for your prayers for SMJ planning! God has really shown Himself in control of this event during lots of uncertainty. Shawn Stewart, our director of mobilization, and Saul traveled to Hamtramck, Michigan at the beginning of April to set up for this summer's youth mission trip. Last year's trip was canceled and the US isn't entirely opening up yet, so we are planning a small trip with just one youth group, and are setting up for a big relaunch in summer 2022.



To read the entire May update click [HERE](#)

We met with our local World Outreach missionary there and a few of his Muslim friends who are leaders in the community to discuss outreach for this year's trip. These are men who organized food drives last year when Hamtramck was hit so hard with Covid cases and deaths, and this year they've been organizing vaccination clinics for the community. We're so blessed to be able to work with them as we bring youth in to be the fragrance of Christ in that community (2 Cor. 2:15-17).

We have also developed a new partnership with a ministry located in downtown Hamtramck that shares a heart for reaching out to unreached people groups. It was great to meet with the coordinator there in-person and she has offered their incredible space for us to use this summer, which has enough room for us to eat, meet, sleep and worship! That's not to mention several other Holy-Spirit-connection moments we had with our worship leader/evening teacher before heading back home! So much happened in the day and half we were there that we never could have orchestrated or planned. We were so thankful for God's favor in each and every meeting we had. Thanks so much again, for the prayers! Please pray over all the details/logistics that need to come together over the next month.

MC1: Our first college missions cohort is still thriving just over a year into the program. We're blessed every meeting by the engagement and spiritual maturity of these students. Most of them are currently in the midst of finals, and six out of the nine members are also support raising for our summer trip to Jordan. We've been praying that Covid numbers would go down in Jordan, and dialoging with our ministry partner about our time in country, and what it might look like to serve the Syrian refugees displaced there. We just got the green light to purchase plane tickets so that is promising! Praise the Lord! Please pray that this trip WOULD happen and that the Lord would ready our hearts for the work He is preparing in advance for us to do.

MC2: Our second cohort, MC2 (or squared as we call it), is off to a good start!To read the full May update click [HERE](#).

We'd love your prayers as we look forward to these things in the next couple of months:

- General Assembly: Our denomination is hosting a hybrid gathering (in-person and online) in Memphis, TN towards the end of June. Please pray for the health and safety of those attending, for good connections (that we might find more people interested in becoming Global Workers, particularly young people), and for the Spirit to guide all the decisions being made.
- Family Outreach: Please pray with us as we seek to develop relationships with international families here in Carbondale for the purpose of sharing Christ with them. As things begin to open back up we want to be intentional about how and with whom we spend our time.
- Cohorts: As we meet with our college and young adult cohorts this month, please pray that our conversations would be encouraging and challenging for everyone involved.

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

Much love,

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

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 -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.

Edgington Presbyterian Church

Treasurer's Report April 2021

	Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	Balance
General	\$ 80,389.60	\$ 42,410.38	\$ 24,567.66	\$ 98,232.32
Jahn	\$ 9,922.43	\$ 145.05		\$ 10,067.48
Edgington	\$ 5,691.02		\$ -	\$ 5,691.02
Boughton	\$ 182,341.30	\$ 1,743.77		\$ 184,085.07
Lauby	\$ 21,794.47	\$ 236.03	\$ -	\$ 22,030.50

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Uncleared Transactions	\$ 10,103.40
General checking Balance	\$ 113,990.82

Reconciled Bank Accounts	
Gen. checking	\$ 113,990.82

April 2021 GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

Zach Hopkins salary	4,308.32		
Housing Allowance	1,800.00		
EPC (health)	25.23		
Z Hopkins Health Savings	1,500.00		
Fidelity (pension)	919.81		
Mileage	140.56		
Lisa Bowman	1,124.60		
Robin Preston	315.58		
Eddy Bull (mowing)	43.69		
Reytel	117.90		
AT&T	207.10	General	\$ 98,232.32
MidAmerican Energy church	469.00	Edgington	\$ 5,691.02
Millenium Waste	34.00	Jahn	\$ 10,067.48
Ministry Designs (website)	30.00	TOTAL	\$ 113,990.82
Amazon (cont. ed)	96.51		
IL Dept of Rev (payroll tax)	218.42		
US Treasury (payroll tax)	1,061.22		
Cokesbury (candles)	119.60		
Wallaces (Easter Lilies)	363.00		
Tri County Pest	60.00		
Precision Lawn (overseeding)	240.00		
Edgtn Hardware	23.12		
Assist International (mission)	2,000.00		
Burdsall (mission)	1,875.00		
McCallum (mission)	1,000.00		
Woodworth (mission)	2,125.00		
Huber (mission)	800.00		
Lancaster (mission)	1,250.00		
Youth Hope (mission)	1,500.00		
Youth Hope Creative Arts (mission)	500.00		
Youth Hope matching funds (mission)	300.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$24,567.66

INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL

Mission monies included in general fund	\$7,388.87
Assistance Fund	\$5,153.46

Boughton Fund includes sale of manse	\$159,000.00
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Edgington Presbyterian Church

General Fund Profit & Loss

April 2021

	Apr 21
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Flower Contributions	20.00
Interest Income - General Fnd	9.85
Loose Offering	361.00
Other Income	21,328.83
Pledges	20,690.70
Total Income	42,410.38
Expense	
Pastors housing allowance	1,800.00
Operating Maintenance - General	518.71
Continuing Education	96.51
Worship Supplies	119.60
Flowers	363.00
Mileage	140.56
Mission	
U.S. Mission - Presbyterian	2,050.00
International Mission	2,000.00
International Mission - Presbyt	5,000.00
Local Mission	2,300.00
Total Mission	11,350.00
Office Supplies	30.00
Payroll Expenses	
Custodian Payroll	315.58
Pastor Salary	4,308.32
Payroll Taxes	1,279.64
Secretary Services	1,124.60
Total Payroll Expenses	7,028.14
Pension & Health Care	2,445.04
Utilities	
Gas & Electric - Church	469.00
Telephone	207.10
Total Utilities	676.10
Total Expense	24,567.66
Net Ordinary Income	17,842.72
Net Income	17,842.72

Do you know anyone that is not 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 for your help!

~ Lisa Bowman, Office Manager

GET YOUR JUNE COPY OF
THE TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL



LOCATED ON A TABLE IN THE SANCTUARY

The Apostles' Creed

TOGETHER WE BELIEVE

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Pastor Zach will be wrapping up “Searching for Satisfaction” on the book of Ecclesiastes the first week in June and beginning a new series called “The Apostles’ Creed: Together We Believe.”

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, June 6th – Ecclesiastes 12

Sunday, June 13th – Hebrews 11:6

Sunday, June 20th – Acts 17:16-34

Sunday, June 27th – Guest Speaker



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 June’s Reading Schedule:



Week 23 – 6/6 - 6-12

- Proverbs 3-5; Romans 10
- Proverbs 6-7; Psalm 7; Romans 11
- Proverbs 8-10; Psalm 144; Romans 12
- Proverbs 11-13; Psalm 8; Romans 13
- Proverbs 14-15; Romans 14

Week 24 – 6/13 - 6/19

- Proverbs 16-18; Romans 15
- Proverbs 19-21; Psalm 40; Romans 16
- Proverbs 22-23; Psalm 117; 1 Thess 1
- Proverbs 24-25; Psalm 41; 1 Thess 2
- Proverbs 26-28; 1 Thess 3

Week 25 – 6/20 - 6/26

- Proverbs 29-31; 1 Thess 4
- Song of Sol 1-3; Ps 72; 1 Thess 5
- Song of Sol 4-6; 2 Thess 1
- Song of Sol 7-8; Psalm 127; 2 Thess 2
- 1 Kings 5; 2 Chr 2; 2 Thess 3

Week 26 – 6/27 - 7/3

- 1 Kings 6; 2 Chron 3; 1 Timothy 1
- 1 Kings 7; 2 Chr 4; Psalm 44; 1 Tim 2
- 1 Kings 8; Psalm 30; 1 Tim 3
- 2 Chr 5-7; Psalm 121; 1 Tim 4
- 1 Kings 9; 2 Chr 8; 1 Tim 5

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 week in advance of the service.



THE CREED

WHAT WE BELIEVE



In order to coordinate with our preaching series through the Apostles' Creed, we'll be offering a coordinated study of the Creed where we will dive deeper into the historical development and understanding of these essential truths of the Christian Faith. Sunday School offers the opportunity for discussion and interaction and will be a wonderful resource to help you get the most of each subject and sermon.

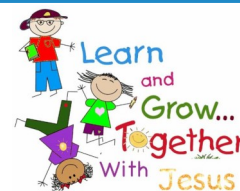
Please join us every Sunday morning at 9am.



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Every Sunday morning at 9am

We use Great Commission Publications various curriculum.



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

This summer the younger students will be in a one-room school type setting going through the book *Pilgrim's Progress*. For more information on this classic Christian book, click on the image.

The older students will continue with "So What?" For more info, click on the image.



We look forward to the privilege of caring for and teaching your children about Jesus each Sunday!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Thursday, June 3rd, 1pm

"A Woman's Identity in Christ" is the title for the study Pastor Zach will be leading this month. It comes from pages 66-67 in the June TableTalk devotion. Our business meeting will follow.

All women of the church are welcome!



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

Thursday, June 17th, 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!*

UNITYPOINT FOOT CLINIC

Mon., June 21st, starting at 9am

If you would like to receive a pedicure done by a medical professional, please call the church office at 309-795-1713 to schedule an appointment. She is currently booked through until noon, so call soon!



2021 VBS PLANNING MEETING

Sunday, June 13th at Noon



We are proceeding with smaller numbers but remain hopeful that the State government will ease up on restrictions so that we can increase our numbers. Our deadline for increasing numbers in June 15th. Please contact Kathy Stegmiller at 309-791-1162 with any questions.

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

Thank you for your continued support of the community outreach!



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

Wednesday, June 16th. Items received after that date may not make it into the newsletter.

Thank you for your cooperation!

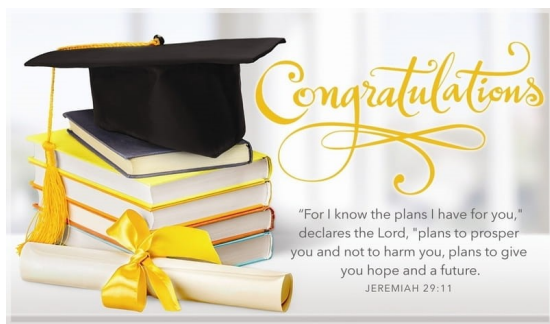
~ Lisa Bowman, Office Manager

Happy
FATHER'S
Day!

THE RIGHTEOUS LEAD
BLAMELESS LIVES;
BLESSED ARE THEIR
CHILDREN AFTER THEM.

PROVERBS 20:7

CrossCards



2021 GRADUATES

We would like to recognize and celebrate all our 2021 students that are moving on to their next adventure!

Please keep them in prayer as they try to discern God's path for their lives.

8th Grade moving into High School:

Jacob Freyermuth

Jackson Hofer

Reid Schelker

High School Graduates:

Colby Mueller

Plans to attend Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, IA. Studying to earn Associate's Degree in Agricultural Business.

Kira Nelson

Plans to attend Augustana College studying pre-med. She was also recruited to play volleyball and run track.

Maggie Pape

Plans to join the Navy this summer.

Delaney Peterson

Plans to attend Carl Sandburg College seeking a degree in business.

Landon Schelker

Plans to attend Black Hawk College and explore future careers. Interested in engineering, counseling, and the health/medical field. Also plans to continue working while in school.

Kunter Wistedt

Will have completed the John Deere Manufacturing Welding course by graduation day, and plans to apply for employment at John Deere.

Logan Wistedt

Will have completed the John Deere Manufacturing Welding course by graduation day, and plans to apply for employment at John Deere.

College/University Graduates:

Madison Bayne

Graduating from the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology of Law, Criminology and Deviance, and a Minor in Health Psychology. She plans to remain living in the Minneapolis/St Paul area, hoping to obtain a job with a municipality in that area as a Crime Analyst.

Daria Parchert

Graduating from Central College in Pella, Iowa with a degree in Business Management. She is currently seeking employment.

Carson Thomas

Graduated from Western Illinois University in December of 2020 with a Major in Recreation, Parks and Tourism Administration, and Minor in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration. Currently working at Green Tree Brewery and part-time overseeing a three-year Parks and Recreation project in the City of Riverdale, IA.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Edgington EPC Basement

Sunday, August 22nd, 4 - 7pm

SOCIAL ON SUNDAY, PREP ON FRI. & SAT.



Here is the schedule leading up to the Social itself:

***Friday, August 20th at 8:30am:** (Please let me know if you are able to help)

- Mix the ingredients. Please bring your own blender if you have one, if not come anyway - there will be extras.
- Set up the basement

***Friday, August 20th at 3:00pm:**

- Crank the ice cream

***Saturday, August 21st at 8:30am:**

- Mix the potato salad
- Get the beans ready

***Sunday, August 22nd at 2:30pm:**

- Cut the desserts
- Set up the serving line to be ready to start by 4:00pm

I will be sending postcards asking for donations about 2 weeks ahead of time. I ask all donations be to the church by Sunday morning unless otherwise specified on your postcard.

This event is always an amazing time for our church family to come together. I am so thankful for everyone who helps!

If you have any questions you can contact me at 309-235-4054. ~ Tara Johnson

COMMUNICANTS CLASS

If your 7th, 8th, or 9th grade child is interested in joining the church, please keep Sunday evenings from 6-7pm open starting September 26th.
More information coming soon!

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!




JUNE 2021



The righteous man walks in his integrity;
His children are blessed after him.
PROVERBS 20:7

EEPC

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 RHS Graduation Ceremony, 2pm 	31 Memorial Day 	1	2	3 PW Mtg., 1pm	4	5
6 Food Pantry Sunday Teacher's Recognition	7	8	9 Trustees Mtg. 7pm	10	11	12 Special Session Mtg. 9am-Noon
13 B/P Checks VBS Mtg., Noon	14	15 Mission Comm. Mtg., 6:30pm	16 Newsletter Items Due	17 Quilting, 9am	18	19
20 Father's Day 	21 UnityPoint Foot Clinic	22 GA Mtg. in Memphis, TN	23 GA Mtg. in Memphis, TN	24 GA Mtg. in Memphis, TN	25 GA Mtg. in Memphis, TN	26
27 B/P Checks Basement Reserved	28	29 Session Mtg., 7pm	30	1	2	3