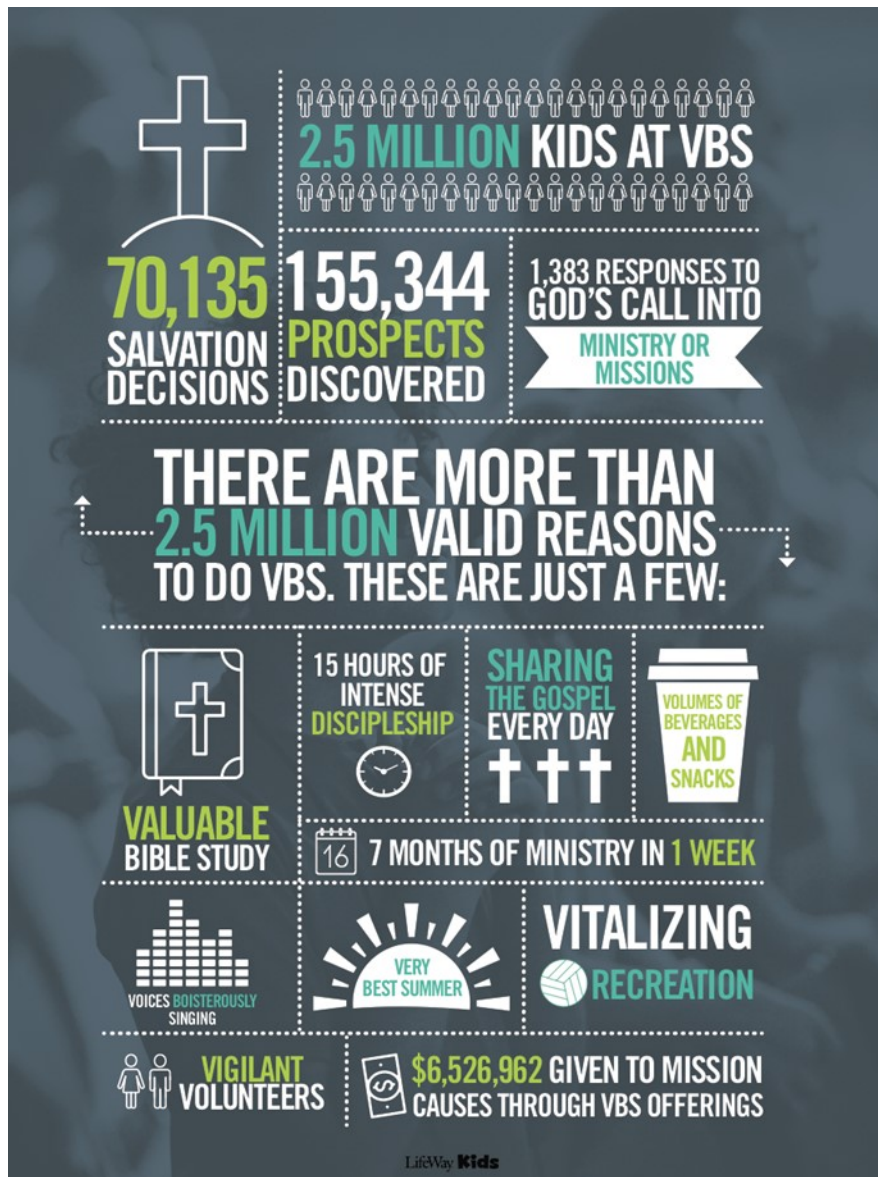


## VBS IN THE LONG TERM

Everyone around here knows that VBS takes many hands, doing many tasks, across many hours. Volunteers have been busy since February planning for the week of ministry at the end of July. Sometimes in preparation for camp, even during camp, or maybe afterwards we might be tempted to ask, "is VBS worth it?" That same question was asked by Lifeway Research Group to many evangelical churches across the nation and their collected data was put together in this fantastic infographic. Check it out:



I think it's safe to say, VBS it always worth it! Thank you for the many ways you participate in helping this ministry be a wonderful success for our church and community. As we sow the seed of the Gospel into the hearts of these children, may God be pleased to water and bring the increase with His mercy and grace.

## ELDERS

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

## DEACONS

Beth Flickinger  
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

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

|                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 - Melissa Woeckener | 14 - Morgan Flickinger |
| 2 - Cody Bingman      | 14 - Marion Oak        |
| 2 - Molly Bingman     | 14 - Nichole Wistedt   |
| 4 - Robbyn Ransdell   | 16 - Bailey Woeckener  |
| 5 - Don Easterla      | 20 - Clarissa Jahn     |
| 5 - Jon Easterla      | 20 - Bandon Tomlin     |
| 5 - CJ Elliott        | 21 - Cindy Cullen      |
| 5 - Natalie Fenchel   | 23 - Joseph Gierlus    |
| 6 - Janet Dunlap      | 24 - Henry Wood        |
| 7 - Sophia Fuhr       | 26 - Katie Pearson     |
| 7 - Pam Pithan        | 27 - Owen Freyermuth   |
| 7 - Paige Schmidt     | 27 - Tara Miller       |
| 11 - Gene Meredith    | 28 - Marvin Oak        |
| 11 - Jacob Woeckener  | 31 - Shirley Flemming  |

### JULY ANNIVERSARIES

1 - Charles & Karen Wesenberg  
10 - Tyson & Angie Freyermuth  
12 - Jim & Nancy Cooksey  
12 - Jason & Stephanie Rursch  
12 - Steven & Melissa Woeckener  
16 - Kent & Pam Johnson  
21 - Shawn & Hillary Terrill  
24 - Steve & Cindy Thompson



*Happy Independence Day*  
*★ America! ★*

### GREETERS FOR JULY

Sunday, July 4th- Shawn and Hillary Terrill  
Sunday, July 11th – Tyson and Angie Freyermuth  
Sun., July 18th- Brandee Neece and Caroline Tiffany  
Sunday, July 25th – Andrew & Katie Pearson

The family of  
Donald Rursch  
want to thank  
everyone for  
thoughts and prayers, cards, and  
visits while he was ill and since his  
passing.



So wonderful to have a church  
family!



May 25, 2021, at 7pm

Location: Conference room

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

Pastor Zach acted as moderator of the meeting. Zach opened the meeting with prayer and read from Ephesians 4: 1-6. The Elders prayed for individual members of the congregation, then studied and discussed the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 25: "The Church".

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

**Approval of Minutes:** April 25th, 2021 minutes were reviewed. Motion made, seconded, and approved.

**Zach's Report:** Zach reported on members with health concerns and prayer needs. During the **past** month he conducted 2 office visits, 12 home visits, 2 hospital visits, a Zoom meeting with the Session and Nelsons, the Jim Doonan funeral, and participated in Buffalo Prairie EPC, VBS, and Mission Committee meetings and attended the RHS FCA Baccalaureate.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- The Nominating Committee has set up a meeting for May 27th.
- Zach is making plans for Leadership Training to be conducted in the fall.
- Rev. Wayne and Sandra Nelson will be welcomed into affiliate membership on Sunday, May 27th.
- Mathew and Jennifer Youck's children; Lexi, Liam and Emmi will be baptized on Sunday, June 13th. Ruling Elder Patrick Shovar will assist Zach with the baptism.
- COVID Guidelines: We discussed the impact of the changes that were made following the Session's April 27th decisions.
- The Shepherding Meeting was originally scheduled for December 5th 2020 and postponed due to COVID. The Session agreed to meet on June 12th, 2021, from 9:00am to noon.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- COVID Guidelines Discussion. The Elders reviewed the outcome of their discussions with members of the congregation. The Elders concluded that members are overwhelmingly in favor of relaxing COVID protocols. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to remove masking and distancing requirements for worship. Communion will continue to be served to the congregation coming forward and offering plates will continue to be placed in the entryway.
- Zach reported on recent Deacon and Mission Committee conversations concerning Outreach and Evangelism. Members of these committees are interested in seeing our church doing more outreach within our local community. More discussion needs to occur on ways to do this effectively.
- Zach reported that his next sermon series subject will be the Apostle's Creed. This will also be the topic of his Sunday School teaching during this sermon series.
- A request was reviewed concerning including a prayer in our worship service on June 13th for individuals in law enforcement. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to include such a prayer on June 13th.
- Zach shared the following dates for Summer and Fall Ministry events: VBS July 19th – 23rd; Ice Cream Social August 22nd; Harvest Party TBD.



## SESSION

Cont. from p. 3

- 2021 41st EPC General Assembly is scheduled for June 22nd – 25th in Memphis, TN. Online attendance is also available. Zach reported that he would need pulpit coverage on June 27th and has some ideas for this.
- Zach requested vacation from August 16th – 23rd and will need pulpit coverage on August 22nd. The Session approved Zach's vacation request and Mic volunteered to fill the pulpit.
- Zach reported that there is the potential for a large Youth Communicant Class this fall and a fall Adult Membership Class.
- Communion will be held on June 6th. The next Stated Session meeting will be: June 29th, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:46pm. Motion Carried.

Teaching Elder Zach Hopkins closed the meeting with prayer.

Keith Wilson



## TRUSTEES

The Trustees did not meet in May, so there are no approved minutes to publish this month. Watch for the June meeting minutes in next month's newsletter.

### 2021 VBS

July 19th - 23rd, Loud Thunder Boy Scout Camp

Registration is completed. We have 92 youth signed up to attend VBS. While we would have liked to open registration up to more kids, we are just grateful that this year we are able to hold VBS. At this point it is full steam ahead!

The curriculum this year is a railroad theme, where we learn how Jesus' power helps us do many things. As our mission project we chose to send 3 under-privileged youth from the Quad Cities to YouthHope's summer camp at Camp Summit. Please pray for good weather, safety for everyone at camp, and the God will touch each camper, counselor, and adult volunteer.

Some of you have already been asking what is needed....Thank you in advance, yet again this year, for all you have done and will continue to do to make this local outreach possible!

A complete list/sign-up sheet for donations is located on the table in the sanctuary foyer. We ask that all donations on that list be dropped off to the church by no later than July 11th. Also, cookies are always appreciated - either homemade or store-bought! They can be dropped off at the church.

*Thank you for your continued interest and support in serving the youth of our community!*



June 13th, 2021

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

Beth F. opened the meeting with prayer.

Scott and Cindy Cullen's term for being deacons is complete. Everyone appreciates all the time and talent that they have given over the 3 + years. We wish them well as they move from the Edgington area.

**Minutes from the April meeting:** Approved as written.

**April – June Activities:** 7 visits, 51 phone calls, 82 cards

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Had 11 May baskets that were delivered to shut ins. Beth F. sent electronic gift cards and a good luck note on finals to the 7 college students

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- The fall blood drive will be held on September 11th, 2021.
- Nominating committee is supposed to be meeting in June to address new Deacons.
- Assigned greeter responsibility for next several months

Next Deacon meeting will be held on August 29th, 2021.

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: Norman & Janet Dunlap, Don & Beth Easterla, Beth Flickinger, Cora Shafman, & Peggy Shovar.

# MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee did not meet in June, so there are no approved minutes to publish this month. Watch for the June meeting minutes in next month's newsletter.



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



Winnie's Place is now Winnie's Transitional Housing. They are looking for people who are passionate about helping women and their children escape domestic abuse and human trafficking.

This committee will provide insight and oversight for Winnie's Transitional Housing.

If you are interested, please contact our executive director, Rev. Dr. Melvin L. Grimes at 563-332-5002 or by email at [mgrimes@cuqca.org](mailto:mgrimes@cuqca.org).

## MEAL SITES ARE RESUMING ON JULY 1ST!



YAY!!!

Starting July 1st the doors will be open at Edgington EPC for meals on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays if there are people interested. Please call the church at 309-795-1713 as soon as possible if you plan to attend any of the days. If no interest is shown for any of the days they will cancel, so your response is crucial.



YAY!!!



**Project NOW**  
Community Action Agency

PROUDLY SERVING  
SENIORS SINCE 1968



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

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



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

If you would like more information or want to check out the menu for the month click the Project Now logo above for the link to their website or call 309-788-6335.



## A LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE FOR URBAN YOUTH

Camp Summit is our summer camp facility where hundreds of kids and teens from low-income areas will attend overnight camp this summer! We have a diverse blend of returning and new summer camp counselors and Youth Center staff working with our campers.

Campers experience God's love, power, and presence through nature, relationships, worship, and messages.

For 21 years, I have watched God impact camp counselors as well as the kids and teens. Please join us in praying for the camp staff and every child this summer!

Things we take for granted, such as: three healthy meals a day, our own beds, clean living conditions, and caring and encouraging relationships are provided for the kids at Camp Summit.

We continue to hear how God has impacted past counselors and campers. Camp Summit is a place of escape from technology, peer pressure, family issues, and tough living conditions.

Thank you for making camp possible by sending kids to Camp Summit! If you haven't yet, we still have students who need sponsors. What a great investment into kids and teens' lives this summer!

~ Mark Drake, Executive Director

To read the entire YouthHope June 2021 report click [HERE](#).



**CAMP SUMMIT**



**Click here to  
sponsor a child!**

## 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!

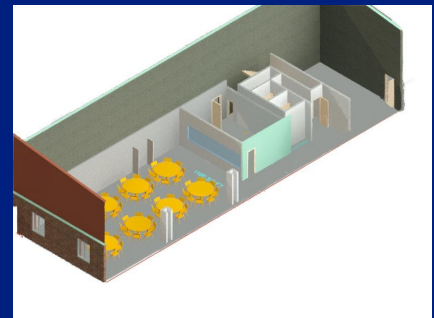
The NEW Creative Arts Center construction is nearing completion at the Moline Youth Center. We are so excited to show you this amazing new program space soon!

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**



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

## Praise Report:

- COVID restrictions have been lifted! We can have larger group sizes again! Praise God!!
- Camp Summit is up and running with a new camp director and new assistant camp director! AND we are holding Overnight camps this summer!!
- We had 40 high school girls at camp this past week, and many of the girls re-committed or accepted Christ for the first time! Glory to God!
- Construction is nearing completion in our Creative Arts Center! Thank you Lord for being with us every step of the way.

## Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for our Camp Caretaker, Don, and his mom who has been in the hospital twice in the past couple weeks. Lord, give them peace and comfort. Your will is what we want for her life.
- Please pray for our staff member to have a medical procedure next Friday 6/25.
- Please pray for all the staff, campers, counselors, counselors in training, and volunteers who are traveling back and forth to Camp Summit! Father, please protect each person and every vehicle!
- Father, we need your help getting volunteers engaged and activated for programs! We need volunteers for all our programs, and ask the Lord to set divine appointments and nudge people to give their time and talents to reach kids and teens at YouthHope!
- Lord, we need you at Camp Summit! We invite your presence to dwell and you to reign over Camp Summit. Light the way, guide each of us, and move amongst us.

**TUESDAYS:** We ask you to join us in spiritual warfare on Tuesdays. Many campers come with baggage, chains, shame, regret, and addictions. We are fighting against principalities, powers, darkness, and spiritual wickedness. Tuesdays are always a battlefield. Please pray for the campers and staff, and for the kingdom of Heaven to prevail and be evident at Camp Summit!

## MY FIRST THOUGHT...

### One Patient's Story in Her Words



Hi, I'm Bianca. (not patient's real name) I first heard about Pregnancy Resources in 2013 when I found out I was pregnant for the very first time at only 19 years old. I ended up having a miscarriage of the twins but during that time the staff was very caring and the environment was very welcoming. When I walked in the doors, I felt relief and weight was taken off because I was in a safe place.

Fast forward to 2020, I am now 27 and currently pregnant with my second child due in 2021. This pregnancy was also unplanned and Pregnancy Resources was my first thought. I could call them and I knew they could lead me in the right direction on where I needed to go and what was right. They could help me figure out what I needed to do. I made the call shortly after taking a home pregnancy test. The gal on the phone took my information and spoke to me for a little bit. It was incredible! She was so, so, so sweet and helped change my whole mindset on the situation and the journey I am walking now.

After the first appointment, I came back for my ultrasound to help determine how far along I was in my pregnancy. I was about 9 weeks pregnant and an emotional wreck! The father of the baby was absent—he decided to leave me shortly after finding out I was pregnant. I didn't have much of a support team or many to look to for help. I decided to take the parenting classes offered at Pregnancy Resources to help me retrace the steps of what I am going through again with a newborn as well as prep my mind mentally. With Pregnancy Resources, I am not doing this completely alone.

I will keep going no matter what; I have a two-year-old girl who turns three soon and soon have two beautiful girls. Thanks for showing you care so much gals at Pregnancy Resources!

To read the rest of the June Newsletter click [HERE](#).

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for an abortion minded client who is scheduled for another ultrasound. Pray that she would see the value of the life that she is carrying and that our nurses have exactly the right words to speak to her.
- Pray for the fathers of the babies of our clients. Pray that they would be positive forces for Life and that they would encourage and come alongside the women carrying their children.
- Pray for the spiritual well-being of our Clients. Pray that they would come to know and love the Lord if they do not yet know Him. Pray that they would continue to deepen their relationship with the Lord if they do know Him.

## PRAISES:

- Praise God for the 3 clients (between 2 centers) who have accepted the Lord over the past week! Pray that they would continue to grow in Him.
- Praise God for the many answered prayers that the Pregnancy Resources team has seen recently, both personally and professionally!
- Praise God for the opportunities of our team to share Christ with willing hearts!
- Praise God for the client who came to our center and left having chosen Life! Praise God that they were excited to see their baby on the ultrasound and that the father of the baby is on board!
- Praise God for the leadership team at Pregnancy Resources and the ways that they are seeking God's will for the future of the ministry!

Thank you for praying!

~ Marissa J. Foss, Admin. Assistant



### PRC 101 2021 Volunteer Training Dates:

October 5-7 (Morning or Evening)

Morning Trainings are from 8:45am - 12:15pm.

Evening Trainings are from 5:30 - 9pm.

All trainings are held at our Moline Center.

Want to register? Need more info?

Contact Marissa @ 563-386-3737

or [Marissa@qcpregnancy.org](mailto:Marissa@qcpregnancy.org)



## THE B.....'S

*Serge*

Grace at the Fray

Last year we were in lockdown over Eid al fitr, so this was our first normalish experience of it while in L..... It was a very big reminder of the diversity of this area, and also why we are located here! A week before Eid, we were brought hot food and an Islamic tract from the local mosque. Then both A..... and J.....'s schools were closed for Eid, with the schools sending out messages of Happy Eid. A.....'s school had a big Eid party the next day with children wearing their best clothes, samosas and other treats, and a big school zoom assembly. In the market, most shops were closed for Eid, while there were lines outside the mosque and into the park behind our house, as people waited socially distant to go in and pray. We were very aware that we are a minority in this area- which makes it the perfect place to be.

We were able to hold another Asha service (Asha means "hope" and is the name of the church plant) last week. Again, many came and listened well, and stayed afterward for discussion and fellowship. We are planning monthly services over the summer, and also working on paperwork to make the church an official recognized charity. This is an exciting step in moving forward- please pray for wisdom for those doing all the legal stuff, and for God's leading as we plan services and events in the next couple months.

At our most recent service I noticed a couple girls, probably around 10, who were very excited about the puppet part of our service, specially aimed for children. They had also come to the Easter service, and we learned later that after Easter they had made their own show at home, retelling the Easter story using the Bible story book they had received. It is so encouraging to see things like this- the excitement they have and the knowledge they are gaining. Pray for us as we continue with services this summer - for ways to connect with adults, but also with the children that come.

English classes started again and have been going for two weeks. Class numbers have been small, so pray that more will come back, feel safe in the classroom space, and that they will learn both from the lessons and from the Bible story at the end. Pray for S.... and A..... as they teach.

Our local B..... church home and also the church hosting girl's club, has been able to get funding for all their afterschool club kids to get bikes and also learn how to ride them. The last two weeks the girls have been learning to ride bikes in the park. There have been tears and frustrations as they dealt with some embarrassment over being teens and not knowing how to ride, and struggles with how to be modest with a dress and a bike, but also big smiles of accomplishment when they mastered the skill. It is exciting to see them have this chance for a bit more independence and confidence.

During half term the girls will go on a day trip to learn about street art. Pray for opportunities during this time of bus rides and walks, to share deeper with them and just continue to let them know of a God that loves them.

Our team is planning to start book table outreach again now that markets are open and more people are out. Pray for Scott and other teammates as they are out- for good conversations with those that stop by, and also for people to take and read the Bible.

S....has been continuing to do boxing workouts/outreach with one of our plant teammates. Last week a couple more joined and they are praying for more. Exercise is a big interest in this area, so pray that this outreach can bring others in.

### PRAYERS AND PRAISES:

- J..... is doing well adjusting to school here, but still feels the pressure of learning the system. Pray for him in learning how best to study and figure it all out. He also has had some deeper questions from some Muslim classmates about what he believes and why he won't just convert! Pray for wisdom for him as he responds and is a good witness for what he believes.

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](mailto: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.*

*There is MUCH more to this update. If you would like to receive the rest, please contact the church office.*



McCallums May Musings 2021  
Taking theological training to SE Asia way  
beyond the classroom.



In one region in SE Asia the military junta is still in control. **Pray** that the Lord will keep Christians

invisible when the government would do harm but visibility to those who are seeking to hear about Jesus. May pastors encourage, trust, and team with each other. **Pray** that the junta leaders have dreams and visions of Jesus that interrupt their sleep and thinking. May they hear that God will judge injustice and violence and learn the blessings of faith over political power and greed. **Pray** for peace & justice.

These men finished the second set of classes in March and are tasked with passing on the material to 30 other leaders each in their region of SE Asia. So far, we know that four have completed training classes and two are in progress reaching a total of 112 people.

The area is experiencing a resurgence of Covid cases in 25+ provinces making life challenging for people there. The WHO reports "clusters of cases" with the increase starting in May. Based on the team meeting last week this is a great concern for the people affected and the impact this will have on the October class. Only 1.8% of the country are evangelical believers; 53% Buddhist, and many are atheist. **Pray** that the Covid spread will stop, victims will be healed, and the gospel will increase & spread.

Ed continues working on the OT overview class for October and praying that travel to the class site will still be an option for students and us. The goal is to help them "connect the dots" of major biblical themes. **Pray** for Ed's uninterrupted, focused study time.

In late April Ed flew to North Carolina for an ITEN Leadership Retreat. It was a rich time of goal evaluation, planning, and celebrating accomplishments. Our site in the Middle East is experiencing great stress due to ungodly members on the Seminary Board. Would you please join us in **praying** for the Board to return to godly values that promote the Kingdom of God, for the four/five evangelical staff who are currently unpaid and sidelined, and for wisdom for next steps ITEN should take in this situation?

We both attended Presbytery of the West in Denver area and enjoyed time with supporters, friends, & peers with many encouraging conversations and presentations. Afterwards we enjoyed a meandering trip home visiting four national parks. We were inspired by the "kissing dinosaurs" at Arches National Park as you see in the picture at the top.

We both will be at the EPC's annual meeting, General Assembly, in Memphis June 21-25. If you will be there, let's connect! We'd love to arrange a time to set aside for you over a meal, in a hallway, whatever. Ed will be co-leading a Networking Lunch for Leaders of Small Churches. **Pray** for divine appointments and good connections with our supporters & Ed's Networking Lunch. If you are not attending, a number of the Assembly events will be live streamed, including worship services.

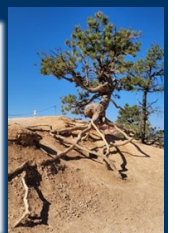
Nan's role with World Outreach as Senior Child Safety Officer summer tasks: 1. Record the updated Child Safety Refresher training which includes more info about online dangers & strategies for minors to use in body boundary safety. 2. Contact those needing refresher training. 3. Vet & Train a group of young adults in body boundaries before they head to the Middle East for a vision trip. **Pray** for effective completion.

This holiday weekend we are thankful and appreciative for the freedoms we have in our governmental system. Yes, we have plenty of challenges, but looking at what our brothers and sisters in SE Asia have lost under the military coup has been sobering.

We appreciate you. We pray blessings and peace upon you.

Ed & Nan McCallum

*What are my roots? Who and what has God used to give me stability? During trials what has given you strength? (Don't just say, "Jesus." flesh that out. What am I living to do, to accomplish, or for? Want to share your thoughts? What has rooted you?*



*For safety reasons locations are listed by region. If you would like to receive their regular updates via email, please contact the church office and Lisa will connect you with the them to be added to their email list.*

# Edgington Presbyterian Church

## Treasurer's Report May 2021

|           | Balance       | Receipts     | Disbursement | Balance       |
|-----------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| General   | \$ 98,232.32  | \$ 11,398.95 | \$ 10,912.43 | \$ 98,718.84  |
| Jahn      | \$ 10,067.48  | \$188.35     |              | \$ 10,255.83  |
| Edgington | \$ 5,691.02   |              | \$ -         | \$ 5,691.02   |
| Boughton  | \$ 184,085.07 | \$ 963.09    |              | \$ 185,048.16 |
| Lauby     | \$ 22,030.50  | \$ 305.85    | \$ -         | \$ 22,336.35  |

|                            |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Ending Gen. checking balar | 118,705.03    |
| Uncleared Transactions     | \$ 4,039.34   |
| General checking Balance   | \$ 114,665.69 |

|                          |               |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Reconciled Bank Accounts |               |
| Gen. checking            | \$ 114,665.69 |

### May 2021 GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

|  |          |           |                    |
|--|----------|-----------|--------------------|
| Zach Hopkins salary                    | 4,308.32 |           |                    |
| Housing Allowance                      | 1,800.00 |           |                    |
| EPC (health)                           | 25.23    |           |                    |
| Fidelity (pension)                     | 919.81   |           |                    |
| Mileage                                | 160.16   |           |                    |
| Lisa Bowman                            | 1,051.47 |           |                    |
| Robin Preston                          | 297.88   |           |                    |
| Eddy Bull (mowing)                     | 43.69    |           |                    |
| Reytel                                 | 118.13   |           |                    |
| AT&T                                   | 190.35   | General   | \$ 98,718.84       |
| MidAmerican Energy church              | 580.00   | Edgington | \$ 5,691.02        |
| Millenium Waste                        | 34.00    | Jahn      | \$ 10,255.83       |
| Ministry Designs (website)             | 30.00    | TOTAL     | \$ 114,665.69      |
| Ecomm Network                          | 240.00   |           |                    |
| Amazon (cont. ed)                      | 141.67   |           |                    |
| Postmaster (postage)                   | 73.95    |           |                    |
| Amazon (resource material)             | 15.97    |           |                    |
| Concordia (worship supplies)           | 52.96    |           |                    |
| Westminster Books (Cont. Ed.)          | 138.39   |           |                    |
| Westminster Books (resource materials) | 110.42   |           |                    |
| Great Commission (Sunday school)       | 42.68    |           |                    |
| ABS (copier April & May)               | 293.02   |           |                    |
| Harlan Clarke (checks)                 | 44.50    |           |                    |
| VBS (registrations done online)        | 28.83    |           |                    |
| Zach Hopkins (GA registration)         | 171.00   |           |                    |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                  |          |           | <b>\$10,912.43</b> |

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

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Mission monies included in general fund | \$10,102.66 |
| Assistance Fund                         | \$5,153.46  |

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| Boughton Fund includes sale of manse | \$159,000.00 |
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# **Edgington Presbyterian Church General Fund Profit & Loss May 2021**

**May 21**

**Ordinary Income/Expense**

**Income**

|                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Per Capita Contributions      | 180.00    |
| Interest Income - General Fnd | 9.19      |
| Loose Offering                | 188.66    |
| Other Income                  | 374.60    |
| Pledges                       | 10,666.50 |

**Total Income** 11,398.95

**Expense**

|                                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Pastors housing allowance       | 1,800.00 |
| Operating Maintenance - General | 77.69    |
| presbytery expense              | 171.00   |
| Resource materials              | 126.39   |
| Continuing Education            | 280.06   |
| Worship Supplies                | 292.96   |
| Mileage                         | 160.16   |
| Miscellaneous                   | 28.83    |

**Office Supplies**

|                         |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Copier                  | 293.02 |
| Office Supplies - Other | 74.50  |

**Total Office Supplies** 367.52

**Payroll Expenses**

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Custodian Payroll  | 297.88   |
| Pastor Salary      | 4,308.32 |
| Secretary Services | 1,051.47 |

**Total Payroll Expenses** 5,657.67

**Pension & Health Care** 945.04

**Postage** 73.95

**Sunday School** 42.68

**Utilities**

|                         |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Gas & Electric - Church | 580.00 |
| Telephone               | 308.48 |

**Total Utilities** 888.48

**Total Expense** 10,912.43

**Net Ordinary Income** 486.52

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

~ Lisa Bowman, Office Manager

## **GET YOUR JULY COPY OF THE TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL**



LOCATED ON A TABLE IN THE SANCTUARY FOYER

## CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Pastor Zach has begun 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.

Sun. July 4th – Genesis 1, "The Maker of Heaven and Earth"

Sun., July 11th – John 1:1-18, "I Believe in Jesus Christ" Pt. 1

Sun., July 18th – Guest speaker

Sun., July 25th – Matthew 1:18-25, "I Believe in Jesus Christ" Pt. 2

# The Apostles' Creed

TOGETHER WE BELIEVE

## 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 27 – 7/4 - 7/10

- 1 Kings 10-11; 2 Chr 9; 1 Tim 6
- Ecclesiastes 1-3; Psalm 45; 2 Tim 1
- Ecc 4-6; Psalm 125; 2 Tim 2
- Ecc 7-9; Psalm 46; 2 Tim 3
- Ecc 10-12; 2 Tim 4

### Week 28 – 7/11 - 7/17

- 1 Kings 12; 2 Chr 10-11; Titus 1
- 1 Kings 13-14; 2 Chr 12; Ps 47; Titus 2
- 1 Kings 15; 2 Chr 13-14; Titus 3
- 2 Chr 15-16; 1 Kings 16; Philemon
- 1 Kings 17-18; Psalm 119; Jude

### Week 29 – 7/18 - 7/24

- 1 Kings 19-21; 2 Chr 17; Ps 129; Matt 1
- 1 Kings 22; 2 Chr 18; Matt 2
- 2 Chr 19-20; 2 Kings 1; Psalm 20; Matt 3
- 2 Kings 2-3; Psalm 48; Matt 4
- 2 Kings 4-6; Matt 5

### Week 30 – 7/25 - 7/31

- 2 Kings 7-8; 2 Chr 21; Matt 6
- 2 Kings 9-10; Psalm 49; Matt 7
- 2 Chr 22-23; 2 Kings 11; Ps 131; Matt 8
- 2 Chr 24; 2 Kings 12; Psalm 50; Matt 9
- Joel; Matt 10

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.

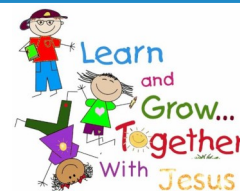
*Please join us every Sunday morning at 9am.*



## 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

NO MEETING THIS MONTH

Please join many of the women from the church at the Boy Scout Camp to help serve the children during VBS.

Throughout the year, the PW hosts various events, which includes refreshments for special services, luncheons for special meetings and funerals. We hold a rummage and bake sale as a fundraiser every year, and sometimes a soup luncheon as well. We help financially support many projects throughout the church, as well as mission work locally, nationally, and abroad.

## QUILTING DAY

No Quilting this month

We usually meet on the third Thursday of each month from 9am - Noon.

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

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!*

## UNITYPOINT FOOT CLINIC

Mon., August 16th, 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!



## Laying the Foundation

Use alone or as a companion to our Write Through the Bible curriculum!



A family study of the Apostles' Creed

By Luke Gilkerson

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

If you are interested in using this workbook with your children, please let Pastor Zach know or contact the office. We will order copies for those who express interest.



## FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The Food Pantry Committee is considering doing a Summer Food Distribution. They will be checking dates with everyone and more details will soon follow!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATES AND/OR KEEPS US IN PRAYER!

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



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

Wednesday, July 21st.

Items received after that date may not make it into the newsletter.

*Thank you for your cooperation!*

*~ Lisa Bowman, Office Manager*



## 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.





## 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!

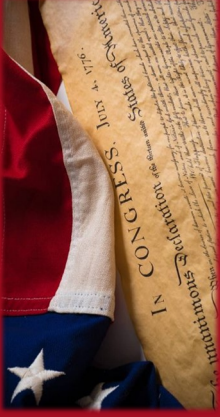
Session is requesting that you pray for them to have wisdom and discernment moving forward in a search for someone to lead our music ministry. Honoring the Lord through music is such an important part of our worship and we want to continue to grow, share, and delight in making music together to the Lord.

Please pray for us!



# JULY

# 2021



Sunday School 9am  
Worship Service 10am

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| SUN   | MON   | TUE   | WED  | THU   | FRI   | SAT  |
|---|---|---|--|---|---|--|
| 27<br>B/P Checks<br>Basement<br>Reserved  | 28  | 29<br>Session Mtg.<br>7pm   | 30   | 1<br>Meal Site<br>NO PW Mtg.  | 2<br>Meal Site  | 3  |
| 4<br>Independence Day<br>Food Pantry<br>Sunday<br> | 5<br>Meal Site  | 6   | 7  | 8<br>Meal Site  | 9<br>Meal Site  | 10   |
| 11<br>B/P Checks<br>Basement Reserved   | 12<br>Meal Site   | 13  | 14<br>Trustees Mtg.<br>7pm   | 15<br>Meal Site   | 16<br>Meal Site   | 17<br>Shepherding<br>Mtg. 9am-Noon?<br>Still TBD |
| 18  | 19<br>VBS<br>Meal Site<br> | 20<br>VBS<br>Mission Comm.<br>Mtg., 6:30pm<br> | 21<br>VBS<br>Newsletter<br>Items Due<br> | 22<br>VBS<br>Meal Site<br> | 23<br>VBS<br>Meal Site<br> | 24   |
| 25<br>B/P Checks  | 26<br>Meal Site   | 27<br>Session Mtg.<br>7pm   | 28   | 29<br>Meal Site   | 30<br>Meal Site<br>New Basement<br>Carpet installed   | 31   |