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WHERE TO LOOK DURING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Every month at our Session meeting we review our plans for our celebration of the Lord's Supper among our church family. In the recent months the discussion has often centered around logistical and practical matters. For example: *should we return to passing the bread and cup on trays among the pews? Why or why not? What do we like about the mode of having the congregation coming forward? We love to see families come forward for a blessing. Does this mode give people the proper time to prepare their hearts before receiving? Is this mode confusing even though we've been doing it for some time?* All that to say – we care deeply about all of these things. For now, we still plan to administer the Supper in the same manner except with one change that was instituted in July – and that is, we plan to sing! We'll sing together as we wait, as we await our turn at the table, and after we've chewed and swallowed the bread and cup, as we're returning to our seats, and until the whole congregation has communed.

For even more practical reflection, consider this encouragement about where to look during as you celebrate communion.

LOOK UP - to your gracious Heavenly Father who invites you by grace to the sacrament. You don't deserve His grace and there is nothing you have done to earn His love. It's all about the wonderful salvation that He has provided in His Son. Lift your eyes by faith and fix your gaze upon your God.

LOOK IN – according to the Apostle Paul's direction and examine yourself ([1 Cor 11:27-28](#)). Confess your sins. Unburden your guilty conscience through the grace of repentance. Consider your need to grow in faith and maturity. Release the death-grip you have held onto your own self-righteousness with. Confirm by this examination that, sinner though you are, Jesus is the Savior of sinners. You qualify.

LOOK BACK – to the once for all sacrifice of Jesus upon the cross for God's people ([Heb 10:10](#)). We're told that these ordinary elements of bread and cup are a sign and seal of the new covenant. It directs us to the person and work of Christ who is the mediator of this life-giving covenant.

LOOK AROUND – at your fellow Christians. Paul's instructions in [1 Corinthians 11](#) are not just for individuals, but the church corporately. The Supper is a community meal that we take *together*. Are you in good standing with one another? Is there unity among us? Do you have love for one another and willingness to extend grace and forgiveness? We must look around and acknowledge that as we are united to Christ by faith, we are necessarily united to one another as well. Christianity is not an independent reality.

LOOK FORWARD – to what the fullness of the sacrament signifies. God has promised a future wedding feast that all our earthly communing anticipates ([Rev 19:6-9](#)). We're not there yet. And the grace and strength we need to press on and forward lies before us on the table as we look forward to the heavenly feast yet to come.

What a joy to join together as we turn our eyes upon Jesus and look full in His wonderful face!

See you on Sunday!

Your Pastor & Friend,

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

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

1 - Chris & Clarissa Stark
 2 - Shawn & Tina Docherty
 5 - Albert & Edna Bingman
 7 - Donald & Michelle Krueger
 13 - Tom & Connie Huntley
 13 - Robert & Mary Ann Kadel
 17 - Phil & Dana Fuhr
 23 - Mel & Pat Block
 23 - Larry & Ione Hesch
 23 - Nathan & Amy Oak
 24 - Steve & Teresa Morrison
 29 - Mitch & Linda Anderson

GREETERS FOR AUGUST

Sunday, August 1st - Scott & Lisa Nelson Family
 Sunday, August 8th - Kim & Barb Freyermuth
 Sunday, August 15th - Kevin & Cindy Oak
 Sunday, August 22nd - Marlin & Darcy Krueger
 Sunday, August 29th - Patrick & Peggy Shovar

We want to thank everyone for all the prayers and cards and visits we received during the time of Jim's illness and his passing. It means so much to have such a loving and caring church family.



The Jim Doonan Family



I want to thank you all for the beautiful cards, thoughts, and prayers while I was in the hospital and while I was recuperating at home.

Love and many blessings back to you,

Linda Anderson

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2 - Kent Johnson	7 - Richard Landi	20 - Joydene Koresko
2 - Logan Schelker	9 - Ryan Koresko	20 - Larry Pithan
3 - Emily Flickinger	9 - Stephanie Rursch	24 - Zach Krueger
3 - Steve Thompson	10 - Kim Freyermuth	26 - Tracy Bayne
4 - Norman Dunlap	12 - Michelle Krueger	26 - Joyce O'Hare
4 - Hadley Weinert	12 - Emmalin Pearson	28 - Roma Milner
5 - Dana Johnson	14 - Tina Docherty	28 - Karen Wesenberg
5 - Andrew Pearson	14 - Dewey Flemming	29 - Audrey Fenchel
5 - Lowell Titterington	19 - Edna Bingman	29 - Andrew Wistedt
6 - William Emery	19 - Marc Milner	30 - Jim Mueller
6 - Todd Stegmiller	19 - Charles Wesenberg	31 - Jimmy Johnson

SESSION

June 29, 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 Exodus 17: 8-16. The Elders prayed for individual members of the congregation, then studied and discussed the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 26: "The Fellowship of Saints".

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

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

Correspondence: Zach reported that acknowledgment of membership transfer from Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church for Wayne and Sandy Nelson from North Carolina had been received.

Zach's Report: Zach reported on members with health concerns and prayer needs. During the past month he conducted 2 office visits, 7 home visits, 4 hospital visits, the Donald Rursch funeral and participated in Trinity EPC Session meeting and the EPC General Assembly in Memphis.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Nominating Committee met in May and will begin to reach out to candidates.
- The Session reviewed the Youck family baptisms that were held June 13th.
- The Shepherding Meeting was originally scheduled for December 5th, 2020 and postponed due to COVID. The Session was unable to meet on June 12th, 2021 due to the Rursch funeral. A date for this will be established in the future.
- Zach reported on the 2021 41st EPC General Assembly that was held June 22nd – 25th in Memphis.
- The Session discussed the need to further explore the conversation with the Deacons and Mission Committee concerning furthering the church's "Outreach and Evangelism".
- Keith gave an overview of the process of applying for loan forgiveness for the Payroll Protection Program loan that the church had received.
- Committee Reports:
- The Trustees met on June 6th and the Deacons met on June 13th.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Session discussed ministry and care for a church member.

Communion will be held on July 4th. The next Stated Session meeting will be: July 27th, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:35pm. Motion Carried.

Teaching Elder Zach Hopkins closed the meeting with prayer.

06/09/2021

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

Mel opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:01pm.

Treasurer's report for April and May were reviewed and approved. Bill from Chris Stark for mowing at cemetery was approved.

Secretary's minutes for April were reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

- Contract has been signed for seal coating the parking lot. Some cleanup work along the grass will be needed prior to seal coating.
- Leak at north Sunday School door has been repaired. New flashing and siding installed. Need to touch up siding paint.
- Need to finish up the landscape repair. Set a date of Monday, June 21 at 6:00 pm for workday.

New Business:

- New carpeting will be installed in the basement meeting room. The current carpet tile has a rubber backing and this is causing moisture to get trapped and dissolving the glue. Will switch to a jute backed carpet. Old carpet tile will be removed and reused on second floor of Sunday School where possible.
- Currently have an extra John Deere riding mower that was formerly used at the church. Agreed to offer for sale.
- Completed the sign-up sheet for locking the church. Trustees will take turns for one month.
- A new piano has been donated for the sanctuary. The old piano was moved to the basement. Basement piano was disposed of.

Mel closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan



DISCLAIMER: Image displayed is the same model, but not of actual mower that is for sale.

FOR SALE

John Deere LT 155 Freedom
42 Mulching Mower with
15hp Kohler engine - \$500

Please contact Chris Stark for
info and viewing at
309-756-8602

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!

May 18, 2021

The Mission Committee met on May 18th, 2021 at 6:30pm in the basement at EEPC. Those attending were: Barb Freyermuth, Deb Wagamon, Todd Stegmiller, Kevin Oak, and Pastor Zach Hopkins.

Barb opened the meeting in prayer.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Previous Minutes:** Approved
- **Skype Meeting with Burdsalls:** S.... updated us on the status of their ministry. July will mark 2 years they will have been in L..... They are just now moving out of lockdown and beginning to have indoor meetings. They are working with a search team (team leader is a member of PCA) and a church planting team, who began 18 months before they arrived. They have video outreach in place to reach out to seekers. S.... has received his certification to teach English and C..... is working with a local craft club at school. They are having meetings once a month through July, then a six-week summer break. In September they are hoping to begin meeting once a week. They currently have 30 – 35 non-Christians participating in their services.

Ministry Prayer Requests: to be able to move forward out of the pandemic lockdown; that Bible studies will continue; and that God will open the hearts of the B..... people to their ministry efforts. (The B..... are on the conservative side of the Church of E.....). Their current meeting place is a building owned by a Christian organization, so the rates are good. The Church planting efforts are going well; prayers this continues. Also, requesting prayers that the weekly meeting will continue to plant seeds.

Funding Support: S.... feels they are in a good place at this time. They have 88% of what they require for monthly support. At this time, they have a \$1,500 a month shortfall; however, they did have a large reserve in place before they arrived in E..... which they are using.

Personal Prayer Requests: Hoping to have everyone's first shots by July. Their oldest son is attending University of IA and will be going to South Korea to study this fall. Prayers this study trip will be approved so he can move forward in his preparations. Their daughter is beginning her first job. Prayers she does well with the transition. She also has asthma and has yet to receive her vaccine – prayers she remains healthy. Their youngest son had a birthday on Saturday – 15 years old – prayers for a happy celebration. There are few Christians in his school and tensions in Gaza. He struggles with pressure from peers and different religions. Prayers he continues to be strong as he faces these obstacles.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Mission/Deacon Meeting Review:** Beth Flickinger joined the meeting to review the discussion she had with Barb concerning the Mission team's desire to be more effective in our outreach locally. The objective: to show the love of Jesus by caring for the physical and spiritual needs of our local community through the combined efforts of the Mission team and Deacons. Beth handed out a brief review of the meeting outlining ideas about how we can be more effective and where we need to be watchful in our outreach. Next Steps: Zach will outline our request to the Session. He may also reach out to other churches in the area to see how they are reaching out and assisting with local needs, both monetary and spiritual.
- **Minute for Mission:** Jim Reimers and Zach will do a video interview with the Burdsalls and present this for the Minute for Mission on May 30th.

Zach closed the meeting in prayer

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 15th, 2021 at 6:30pm.

NEED A HAND OR ENCOURAGEMENT? ASK A DEACON!

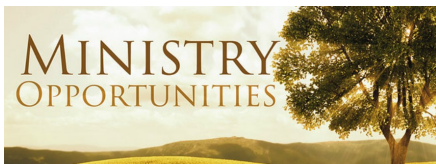


The Deacons' charge is to care for the church body. You may already know that we provide delicious treats to celebrate new members, collect coats for those in need, and organize blood drives. But did you now that we are ready to serve in other ways, too?

Here are some of the ways a Deacon can help out:

- Visit shut-ins (including those who are temporarily unable to make it to worship) to provide cheer and recordings of the sermon (**during this time, they will make calls to visit over the phone**)
- Deliver meals to those who are injured, ill, or have experienced a loss
- Visit widows(ers) to comfort and provide company (**again, during this time, calls will be made**)
- Send cards to recognize milestone birthdays and anniversaries, and express condolences
- Organize transportation to doctor's appointments (please give advance notice)

Please, if you or someone you know could benefit in one of these areas, please let a Deacon know right away. We try to anticipate needs, but we are only human, and need help with knowing needs! The 2020 Deacon team includes: Norman & Janet Dunlap, Don & Beth Easterla, Beth Flickinger, Cora Shafman, & Peggy Shovar.



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



Winnie's Place is 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 Place.

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.



Project NOW
Community Action Agency

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

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



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

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

CONQUERING FEAR & EXPERIENCING FREEDOM

Eric and Eli (names changed for privacy) thought they were being sent away to boot camp for being bad kids. They came with almost nothing and were terrified when I picked them up. When we arrived at Camp Summit they were shocked to find a fun and welcoming place! I told them get ready to have the best week ever! They experienced freedom, made friends, loved the food, rocked the talent show, and most importantly, learned about God's love.

~ Dave Hodge, Director of Youth Centers



All summer, teens have stepped out of their comfort zone, overcome fear, and learned the power of unity. The challenge course at Camp summit is where we see barriers crumble. Camper teams have to come together, put aside their attitudes and differences, in order to conquer each challenge in unity. For some campers, it's the first time their peers have ever encouraged them!

God has been using these experiences to build character, confidence, and courage. Many of our students are misunderstood, but they are experiencing belonging these summer at Camp Summit! They are impacting one another, stepping out boldly in faith, and being met with God's amazing love.

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



CRE8 STUDIOS

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Friday, September 24th, 2-3pm at the Moline Youth Center, 3928 12th Ave, Moline, IL 61265

Contact us today to join YouthHope's CRE8 STUDIOS!

Please click on the link to read the rest of the report & check out the school supplies that the are asking for, as well as the upcoming Volunteer Fair - 8/31, 6-7:30pm.

Praise Report:

- God has been moving at camp in ways we have never seen!
- Loads of Junior High & High School students accepted Christ and recommitted these past 4 weeks!
- 9 people were baptized during the High School Boys week.
- 108 kids are registered to attend camp over the next two weeks!
- Amazing progress is happening in the CRE8 STUDIOS! We thank God for His provision and faithfulness with us every step of this process!
- We praise God for His protection, healing, and miraculous intervention with our dear volunteer Laurie!
- -hank you God for being in the details, the big picture, and the unimaginable reality of your creation! We give God ALL the glory for everything happening this summer!

Prayer Requests:

- Please join us in praying for camp staff and their spouses/families! Migraines, allergic reactions, coughs, exhaustion, dehydration, and undiagnosed issues are TRESPASSING on Camp Staff and their families. We bind all plans and schemes of the enemy and cancel every sickness and attack intended to incapacitate our staff! We declare and claim complete healing and health for every YouthHope and Camp Summit staff, volunteer, student, director, and trainee in Jesus' name!
- -Please pray for protection for all the brand new Christians! Lord, keep these students close to your heart, protect and guard them. Father God, we praise you for the amazing transformation you have planned for each student. We lift them up to you with thanksgiving! Teach us how to train, guide, and arm them to be conquerors for your Heavenly Kingdom!
- -Lord, we ask for wisdom! Please give our staff, volunteers and directors understanding and vision in every decision we make. Please guide us and prepare us for the transition next week to younger children at Camp Summit.
- -Father God, we need staff and volunteers! Please set divine appointments before us to find the exact right people to reach, teach, and serve the kids and teens. Thank you in advance for filling every open position!
- -Lord, we thank you for giving us rest. Please help us all to find rest in you. Watch over and guard our staff over the weekend and those taking vacation. Restore us Lord! Refresh and renew us! You are our source, and we draw on your never ending well of peace.
- Thank you for praying for our students, volunteers, staff, and board of directors! We are so incredibly blessed to have you as partners in this amazing ministry! God bless you!



Walk for Life

Join Pregnancy Resources & Walk for Life to Journey with a new Mom or Dad as they navigate pregnancy and LIFE decisions. Your support is vital! When you become a Pledge-Raising Walker or when you support your favorite Walker, you make sure Pregnancy Resources is able to continue to provide, high-quality, life-affirming care to the Quad Cities and beyond.

REGISTER FOR WALK HERE!

- Walk4Life will again be at one location this year: Empire Park in Hampton, IL
- Walk Check-In will open at 8:30 and you can grab a bagel, hot coffee and walk the route anytime from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Pre-Register online and reserve your FREE Walk for LIFE Journey T-shirt. (Limited Sizes and Quantities)

Your support helps to grow and develop our Nurses Team so on-site medical care is available when the centers are open! You help add Mobile Medical Unit Locations to expand ministry reach. Plus you can help expand ministry impact for abortion-vulnerable moms and dads with the Moline Center open on Saturdays for all services. One small step at a time can make a huge difference the lives of families around the Quad Cities and Beyond!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for the construction happening now at the Moline Center. Pray that the transition would be smooth and that the ministry impact would be minimal.
- Pray for a young client who is undecided about her pregnancy and worried about her mom's reaction. Pray also for the father of the baby and his complicated family situation. Pray that the couple would have the courage to share the pregnancy with their families and that their families would be supportive of Life.
- Pray for the men and women we serve who are still undecided about their pregnancies. Pray that they would have reminders for Life placed along their daily walk.

PRAISES:

- Praise God for the 4 women who found vital help through services provided our Mobile Medical Unit this week!
- Praise God for the many answered prayers that the Pregnancy Resources team has seen recently, both personally and professionally!
- 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



WE LOVE
OUR VOLUNTEERS

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

THE B.....'S

Serge

Grace at the Fray

Happy 4th of July! Seems a bit of a shock that somehow it is July already - with the kids still in school and the temps being fairly cool, it hasn't felt like summer. This will probably be a shorter letter, but wanted to get something out, before the month moves on too far!

As we start to pick up pace here in ministry and things to do, I was reminded this week of where we need to keep our focus, and also that we can completely rest and trust in God's power.

"Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain. In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat-for he grants sleep to those he loves." Psalm 127:1-2

Pray that as we see all the things we can be doing, that we remember all of it is done through God's power, not our own. And pray that we can rest in that promise of God's power. Praying that for you too- as you all work for the Lord in your own areas and communities.

Some highlights of activities the past month and things to pray for this month:

The Asha service in June went well, even with slightly lower attendance. There was good discussion again, and we are happy to see repeat visitors. We will have another service on July 18th. The discussion will be over Abraham's sacrifice and how it points to Jesus. The celebration of Eid al adha (when Muslims celebrate their own version of Abraham's sacrifice) will be July 19th or 20th, so please be praying for good discussion at this Asha service, and for chances in general to share with our Muslim neighbors at this time.

English classes have had low numbers, although it has picked up some. We have a few more classes before break for school holidays. Pray that these classes go well and pray for increased numbers in the fall. Pray also for those that are quite engaged in the Bible stories at the end of lesson time, that these truths will make sense in their hearts.

The girl's club street art trip was very rainy! But the girls had a great time being creative and getting to try out their own stencils and art. We continue to pray for the girls to feel that club is a safe place, and for ways to share both that we care for them and that God cares for them. Pray for the time with them this summer with longer trips and a couple more bike riding times - for good chances to talk and share.

S.... was able to do one book table, which included both a loudly-singing, Scottish football fan and a Christian-believer that brought them cold water as a thank you for sharing Bibles. Since then, our team has had multiple times of kids being sent home to isolate, which has made book table hard to schedule. Pray for more chances during the rest of the summer.

This week we will have time with Serge missionaries in W. L..... - both to spend time praying and talking and to do some outreach in our respective areas. Pray for good outreach time and good connections with our extended mission family. All of these things have been put on hold for a year because of Covid, so we are looking forward to this time together.

FAMILY PRAYERS AND PRAISES:

- This has been a busy couple months - pray for stamina as we have lots going on the next few weeks, and A..... and J..... have two weeks left in school. Pray that they can stay in person for these two weeks and not have to isolate. (A..... had a week of isolation last month, which was hard on everyone)
- We are going on vacation the last week of July! Pray that it is restful and a good time to spend as a family. Also pray that L..... can get off work and be able to join us.
- C.... is preparing to study abroad this fall, leaving mid-August. Pray for his preparations, and for his visa to process quickly and easily.
- J..... has been on the debate team at his school, and this past week they competed as one of the top 16 schools in a national competition. They didn't win, but it has been so great to see him enjoying and doing well in school here. A big praise.

Thanks for praying with us!

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

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

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.

McCallum's July Musings 2021

The World Outreach Child Safety Office Team

N...'s Notes:

Why does World Outreach have a Child Safety Office?

We are committed to the safeguarding of minors, people under 18, because they are vulnerable and need protection. Never do we want them to be abused emotionally, physically, or sexually or neglected. This is part of our organizational DNA. Our proactive, robust application and intake process with vetting followed up by safeguarding training and periodic refreshing of all workers raises the standard of maintaining a safe, positive, nurturing environment for children guided by Biblical principles of morality and ethics.

How did you get into this and what do you do?

In 2012 E. came home from the EPC office and asked me a seriously off the wall question. Would I be willing to be trained to respond to reports of abuse within World Outreach? Three times abuse had impacted people I knew, raising my realization of minors' vulnerability. I could see some personal skills that would fit. Praying, I asked if my involvement would help to lessen the risk of abuse and keep workers on the field with their families safer from abuse? Was this a way I could keep God's name from being slandered by the horrible stories of child abuse? Was this something I could do at my stage of life and our with goals as a couple? My "YES" led from one thing to another in this field.

I give leadership to our team as the Senior Child Safety Officer. (Not reflective of my age. - I didn't pick the title.) During the application process, I do applicants' vetting, talking with references listening to see if there are red flags and if I would entrust my grandchildren with these candidates. Do they have a track record of wise decision-making regarding minors? I am getting to know the candidates through other people's eyes. My teaching background is well used in researching content and tailoring trainings for various audiences. G... and I together do scripted initial trainings and refreshers. We created a parenting video for preschool/elementary ages. To address local needs we provide personalized refreshers and consulting. G...'s years overseas and her education experiences have given her good application insights. My teaching background preschool - high school, my ability to ask questions, having tenacity, organizational skills, and enjoying a flexible schedule help me in this role. Personally, I have appreciated getting to know and pray for our workers the past nine years.

What's happened this month?

Two newly appointed World Outreach couples were trained along with our new Director and his wife. Many have and will complete refresher materials.

A group of 30 of high schoolers and adults from Tennessee and North Carolina received training before traveling up to D..... to learn about Islam and loving Muslims and ways to express it. Mornings were spent learning. Afternoons was serving Bangladeshi families with recently flooded basements. Can you imagine the teens hauling out soggy, smelly furniture and belongings likely wearing long gloves and maybe masks? They also spent time talking with these families, hearing their stories, and playing with their children. Evenings were spent in prayer and worship for the seeds sown hearts to grow into knowing God personally.

A second trip to C....., July 26-Aug 6, will involve a college age cohort who have been interacting for about a year online. Hosted by Centerville EPC in Fremont and Fremont EPC in Sacramento they will connect with Muslim communities. This is a dynamic group with strong encouragement from their references. Pray for them please.

What are some topics you cover in training? I'm so glad you asked!

Our bodies have private areas that in our culture we cover with underwear and bathing suits. Minors and adults need to respect this. Minors need to be empowered to say to others, "Don't touch me or I'll tell." Or "I'm not into hugs, how about a High 5 instead?" Parents are empowered to say to adults, "Let my child initiate touch."

As we interact with friends, family, or strangers we need to train ourselves in safeguarding and boundary standards to protect us from false accusations and to model wise actions for others. Increase visibly when with minors and decrease isolation. One on one is a bum!

Our tech devices open up wonderful ways to explore the world, meet people, and have fun, but being aware of potential risk factors is needed to prevent heartaches. I encourage all to be proactive. A resource is: Axis and their e-publication The Culture Translator for families with tweens and teens. <https://axis.org/culture-translator/>

Be present for your kids; listen to what they tell you. This will keep the door open if they have something serious to tell you in the future.

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

For safety reasons some names & locations are left out.

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 – GA, SMJ, MC1 OH MY!

Happy Summer to you!

Our family just returned from a week in Memphis, TN for the EPC General Assembly. This was the first time since 2019 that we'd been able to gather in person with representatives from EPC churches across the country and with our World Outreach family. It was SO GOOD to be with everyone!

One of the highlights of the week was getting to meet the new director of EPC World Outreach, Gabriel de Guia, and his wife Rachel. We are very excited to welcome them to the family and see how they build on the incredible foundation laid by our former director Phil Linton and his wife Janet. Here is an article of introduction if you'd like to read more about the de Guias. A very small-world connection: Rachel lived in the tiny country of Lesotho, Africa (where Jesse was born) at the same time that the Dimmocks were there!



Another highlight was being able to gather in person with members of our Missions Cohorts! We kept our kids up waaaaay past their bedtime to hang out with a group of seven young adults interested in long-term missions (and to introduce them to 8 workers with field experience). We pray that God would bless the connections made during that gathering for his glory and the furthering of his kingdom. It was also fun throughout the week to find the fathers and pastors and elders who saw the missions calling in the lives of all our cohort members and connected them with us. We tried to take pictures with each of them to share in our group chat.

We were able to share in front of the whole assembly about our work with the Missions Cohorts and came away with a couple of connections for the next groups. Finally, we witnessed the commissioning of TWELVE long-term global workers! It was a huge blessing to be able to lay hands on them and pray for them as they were sent out by the denomination—especially exciting for Josh and Katya, a couple that we began coaching through the application process in 2019.



Our week in Memphis was just the beginning of a busy season for us. We are grateful for God's answered prayers, but would love for you to join us in praying for the next couple of months. Here are some specifics:

- Jesse's pregnancy: Pregnancy in the heat of the summer is not the most comfortable thing and Jesse's feeling it... especially with four other littles to care for. Praise the Lord that she's been able to start some physical therapy so that's been helping, but we'd appreciate continued prayers. Please pray for comfort and strength for Jesse and for this new baby boy on his way. He is due mid-August (though Jesse wouldn't mind it if he came a week early).
- Protection from the enemy: Saul has two more trips coming up before the baby arrives and it's not uncommon for us to deal with more physical ailments, house maintenance needs, communication issues, or mental stress leading up to his travel. Please pray protection over our house and family and work as we prepare for these mission trips.
- Summer Jam: Saul will be in Hamtramck, MI the week of July 12th facilitating a high school trip where students will learn about Muslim Outreach and how to "Find Somewhere Different to Love Your Neighbor." Please pray for everything to come together for the trip: lodging, travel, materials, worship, etc. and that seeds of love for different people groups would be planted in these high school youth.
- MC1 Trip: Originally, the plan was for Saul to help lead 6 of our college cohort students to Jordan (in the Middle East) for two weeks in July. Things have changed and that trip has now been postponed to Winter break (hopefully). Instead, the group will travel to Sacramento, CA from July 26 – August 6 to work with a large Pashtun (Afghan) community there and to even do a soccer camp! Please pray for the college students as they deal with the disappointment of not going to the Middle East. Pray for the details to fall into place for this trip as it gets planned in a matter of weeks!

Thank you so much for your prayers and encouragement in this season! We couldn't do this work (and keep our sanity) without you. Please reply and let us know if there is anything we can specifically pray for you or if you have a recent story about God's faithfulness. And keep reading for one way we recently saw God show up in our lives... [CLICK HERE](#)

Much love,

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

Edgington Presbyterian Church

Treasurer's Report June 2021

	Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	Balance
General	\$ 98,718.84	\$ 16,901.04	\$ 13,971.45	\$ 101,648.43
Jahn	\$ 10,255.83	\$76.85		\$ 10,332.68
Edgington	\$ 5,691.02		\$ 58.00	\$ 5,633.02
Boughton	\$ 185,048.16	\$ 398.43		\$ 185,446.59
Lauby	\$ 22,336.35	\$ 126.12	\$ -	\$ 22,462.47

Ending Gen. checking balar	121,450.14
Uncleared Transactions	\$ 3,836.01
General checking Balance	\$ 117,614.13

Reconciled Bank Accounts	
Gen. checking	\$ 117,614.13

June 2021 GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

Zach Hopkins salary	4,308.32		
Housing Allowance	1,800.00		
EPC (health)	25.23		
Fidelity (pension)	919.81		
Mileage	89.04		
Lisa Bowman	899.08		
Robin Preston	368.66		
Eddy Bull (mowing & gas)	80.36		
Reytel	118.13		
AT&T	219.92	General	\$ 101,648.43
MidAmerican Energy church	580.00	Edgington	\$ 5,633.02
Millenium Waste	34.00	Jahn	\$ 10,332.68
Ministry Designs (website)	30.00	TOTAL	\$ 117,614.13
Amazon (cont. ed)	250.34		
Postmaster (postage)	48.80		
Sunday School Supplies	32.82		
S.S. teacher gifts	40.00		
C Stark cemetery mowing	400.00		
ABS	209.34		
VBS (registrations done online)	374.60		
Winnies Place (mission)	2,500.00		
Outdoor Innovation (landscaping rock)	643.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$13,971.45

INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL

Mission monies included in general fund	\$11,723.84
Assistance Fund	\$5,153.46

Boughton Fund includes sale of manse	\$159,000.00
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EDGINGTON FUND EXPENSES

Gift cards for college students	\$58.00
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TOTAL EXPENSES

58

Edgington Presbyterian Church General Fund Profit & Loss June 2021

	Jun 21
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Per Capita Contributions	80.00
Interest Income - General Fnd	10.72
Loose Offering	107.50
Other Income	325.62
Pledges	16,377.20
Total Income	16,901.04
Expense	
Pastors housing allowance	1,800.00
Operating Maintenance - General	632.49
Continuing Education	250.34
Mileage	89.04
Miscellaneous	1,057.60
Mission	
Local Mission	2,500.00
Total Mission	2,500.00
Office Supplies	
Copier	209.34
Office Supplies - Other	30.00
Total Office Supplies	239.34
Payroll Expenses	
Custodian Payroll	368.66
Pastor Salary	4,308.32
Secretary Services	899.08
Total Payroll Expenses	5,576.06
Pension & Health Care	945.04
Postage	48.80
Sunday School	32.82
Utilities	
Gas & Electric - Church	580.00
Telephone	219.92
Total Utilities	799.92
Total Expense	13,971.45
Net Ordinary Income	2,929.59
Net Income	2,929.59

Edgington Presbyterian Church Edgington Fund Profit & Loss June 2021

	Jun 21
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Expense	
Disbursements - Edgington Fnd	58.00
Total Expense	58.00
Net Ordinary Income	-58.00
Net Income	-58.00

GET YOUR AUGUST 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.

The
Apostles'
Creed

TOGETHER WE BELIEVE

Sun. Aug. 1st – Matthew 27

Sun., Aug. 8th – 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Sun., Aug. 15th – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Sun., Aug. 22nd – Mic Penry preaching

Sun., Aug. 29th – TBA

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 August's Reading Schedule:



Week 31 – 8/1 - 8/6

- Jonah; Matthew 11
- 2 Kings 13-14; 2 Chr 25; Ps 53; Matt 12
- Amos 1-3; Matt 13
- Amos 4-6; Psalm 55; Matt 14
- Amos 7-9; Matt 15

Week 33 – 8/15 - 8/21

- 2 Kings 15-16; Matthew 21
- Isaiah 1-3; Psalm 9; Matt 22
- Isaiah 4-6; Matt 23
- Micah 1-4; Psalm 10; Matt 24
- Micah 5-7; Matt 25

Week 35 – 8/29 - 9/4

- Isaiah 23-25; 1 Corinthians 3
- Isa 26-29; Psalm 65; 1 Cor 4
- Isa 30-32; 1 Cor 5
- Isa 33-35; 1 Cor 6
- 2 Chr 28; 2 Kings 17; Psalm 66; 1 Cor 7

Week 32 – 8/8 - 8/14

- Hosea 1-3; Matthew 16
- Hosea 4-6; Psalm 58; Matt 17
- Hosea 7-10; Matt 18
- Hosea 11-13; Matt 19
- Hosea 14; 2 Chr 26-27; Ps 61; Matt 20

Week 34 – 8/22 - 8/28

- Isaiah 7-10; Psalm 22; Matt 26
- Isa 11-13; Psalm 118; Matt 27
- Isa 14-16; Matt 28
- Isa 17-19; Psalm 62; 1 Corinthians 1
- Isa 20-22; 1 Cor 2

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.

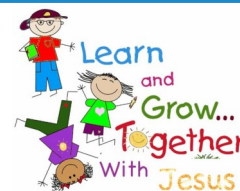
Please join us every Sunday morning at 9am.



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Every Sunday morning at 9am

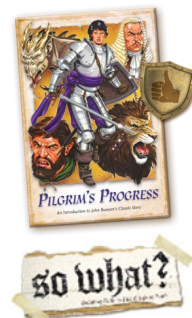
We use Great Commission Publications various curriculum.



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



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.

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

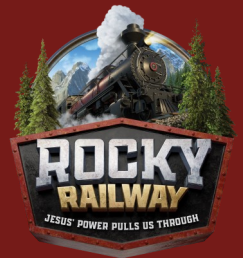
Mon., August 16th, starting at 9am

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!



2021 VBS UPDATE

Following a week of rain - 4 out of 5 days, God blessed us with a sunny, dry week to enjoy His beautiful creation and be drawn close to Him. While disappointed that we had to say no to many who wanted to be campers and counselors, we were thrilled to be able to open up camp to 94 campers, 25 high school counselors, and approximately 64 adults coming and going in various areas of leadership throughout the week. We taught about the power of water, electricity, our bodies, and most importantly about the power of God and His Son, Jesus Christ. By TRUSTING JESUS, we have the power to make it through any situation in life.



It is hard to measure what impact the week had on those attending, but we pray that we have planted seeds of faith that will continue to mature and come to fruition at some point in the future. As a representative of the committee, I would like to thank EVERYONE who helped in any way, either behind the scenes or at camp. It is a tremendous undertaking for our community and would not happen without many willing hands coming together for a common cause. When extreme heat led to a last minute change in the location of the closing program, I was truly humbled as I witnessed adults, counselors, and campers complete the tasks that needed to be done to make it happen. Now that the week is over I pray we continue to witness daily to those around us, watering and nurturing the seeds planted. VBS is a sprint, but our God asks us to run a marathon for Him.

Thanks again! ~ Kathy Stegmiller

FOOD PANTRY SUMMER DISTRIBUTION

Saturday, August 7th, 8:30 - 11:00am



We are going to do something we haven't done in the past! We are going to do a summer food distribution on Saturday, August 7th. If you know of someone in the Rockridge school district who is need of food, please call the church office, 309-795-1713.

We will be packing on Friday, August 6th at 9am. We have the food already purchased so we will not need to shop that day. If you would like to help pack, please let Shirley Flemming know at 309-798-2620 or email sflemming@juno.com.

Food contributions are way down. Therefore, after the distribution, we would encourage you to donate non-perishable items to replenish the food pantry shelves for the fall distribution.

Thank you in advance for your help and donations.
Shirley & Dewey Flemming, Sharon & Jim Schaubroeck, Sue Penry



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 anyone would like to schedule a to-go order, please contact Tara by Friday, August 20th. It will be ready for you to pay for and pick up at the shed that night.

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

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.



Click on this link to watch the story of how Hudson's life was saved by blood transfusions.

Less than 10% of the population donates blood and many blood types are in short supply. You can help by donating at our upcoming drive, or by donating at a center and crediting your donation to us.

Edgington EPC Blood Drive

Date: Saturday, September 11, 2021

Time: 7:00 am to 10:30am

Location: Dining Room of basement

Note: A photo ID is required!

To schedule your donation online click [HERE](#), or contact Beth Easterla at 309-738-7816.

To donate blood, you must be at least 17 years old (or 16 with a signed parental consent form that is available on our web site), weigh at least 110lbs, have a photo ID, and be in good health. If you have questions about your eligibility, please contact the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center (now ImpactLife) at 800-747-5401.

BLOOD DRIVE

BLOODCENTER.ORG

Edgington Presbyterian Church

Saturday, September 11

7 AM – 10:30 AM

Fellowship Hall

MASKS AND APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED.

To schedule, please contact Beth Easterla at beasteria@gmail.com or call 800-747-5401.

DONORS GET THEIR CHOICE OF
PERFORMANCE PULLOVER OR
\$10 GIFT CARD!



 **ImpactLife**



save the
date!

FISHING DERBY & MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, August 28th from 4:30 - 9pm
Terrill's Pond, 12622 84th St. W., Taylor Ridge

This event will kick off our new year of Sunday School!

4:30-6:30pm Fishing - bring a fishing pole if you have one.

6:30-7:30pm Hot dogs - bring a dish to pass.

7:30pm Pilgrim's Progress movie viewing.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

We hope that your family can join us!
Questions? Call or e-mail Beth Flickinger at
309-648-1219; bethflickinger@gmail.com



ACOLYTE TRAINING

Sunday, August 29th
Immediately following pledges
during Sunday School

The Acolyte Class will be for all 3rd - 8th graders who are interested. We will go over what it means to be an Acolyte and the proper way to light and extinguish the altar candles. A schedule will then be put together starting the Sunday after Labor Day. Anyone who misses the class can set up a separate time to go over the material.

If parents have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or text Tara Johnson at 309-235-4054.



ALL submissions for the September Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER** than Wednesday, August 18th. Items received after that date may not make it into the newsletter.

Thank you for your cooperation!

~ Lisa Bowman, Office Manager



Harvest Party

OCTOBER 10TH 4-7 PM @ EEPc

FUN FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH FAMILY!

PICNIC GAMES 'SMORES HAYRACK RIDES



August 2021



Sunday School 9am
Worship Service 10am

EEPC

Phone: 309-795-1713
Email: edgingtonepc@gmail.com
WEBSITE: www.edgingtonepc.org

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Food Pantry Sunday Basement Reserved	2 Meal Site	3	4	5 PW Mtg., 1pm Meal Site Lisa on vacation through August 10th	6 Food Pantry Packing, 9-11am Meal Site	7 Food Pantry Distribution 8:30-11am
8 B/P Checks	9 Meal Site	10	11 Trustees Mtg. 7pm	12 Meal Site	13 Meal Site	14
Lisa on vacation through August 10th						
15	16 Foot Clinic Meal Site	17 Mission Comm. Mtg. 6:30pm	18 Newsletter Items Due	19 Meal Site	20 NO Meal Site Mix Ice Cream 8:30am Crank - 3pm	21 Potato Salad & Beans - 8:30am
22 B/P Checks Ice Cream Social 4-7pm	23 Meal Site	24	25	26 Meal Site	27 Meal Site	28 Fishing Derby & Movie Night 4:30 - 9pm
29 Acolyte Training during Sun. School Deacon's Mtg. 11:30am	30 Meal Site	31 Session Mtg. 7pm	1	2 Meal Site PW Mtg., 1pm	3 Meal Site	4