



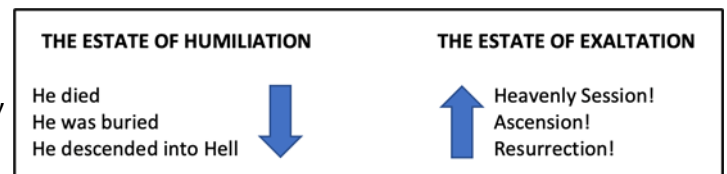
THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST'S MINISTRY AS SAVIOR

As we have been studying the Apostles' Creed together this summer, I hope you have been enjoying learning more about the historical apostolic and biblical summary of the Christian faith. Something that I have been trying to emphasize, which is not explicit in the Creed itself, but very much present in later confessions and catechisms of the Church, is that the Apostles' Creed summarizes the work of Christ in two distinct ways. Those two ways are referred to as the two *estates of Christ*. By estates, we mean the conditions, experiences, and redemptive events that Jesus enters as He fulfills His role as mediator. The two estates are called the estate of humiliation and the estate of exaltation.

By calling the first estate humiliation, the emphasis is placed on the ways in which Jesus humbles, lowers, and condescends Himself as He undertakes the work of our Mediator. To use the Apostle Paul's descriptions, it is all the ways that Jesus has “emptied Himself, by taking on the form of a servant” (Phil 2:7). The Apostle goes on to explain that this begins with His very birth as Jesus is humiliated, meaning, willing condescends to leave heaven and take upon Himself a true human flesh. But the estate of humiliation also consists of those conditions and actions of Jesus which downward focused. The shorter catechism summarizes this in Q. 27 when it asks, *in what did Christ's humiliation consist?* And answers: *Christ's humiliation consisted in being born, and that in a poor circumstance; in being subject to God's law; in undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God and the curse of death on the cross; in being buried; and in continuing under the power of death for a time.*

The estate of exaltation emphasizes the ways in which Christ undertakes His work as Mediator through His upward focused redemptive acts. The book of Hebrews is concentrated on applying this great truth and introduces it right away in chapter one, “After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty of high” (Heb 1:3). That is to say, after Jesus' work on earth, He entered into a specific ministry in heaven – or we could say, He entered into the estate of exaltation. But of course, He has to get there first. So, He is raised, He ascends, He sits down at the Father's right hand, and awaits His glorious appearing in the second coming. Again, the shorter catechism is helpful here in Q. 28 when it asks, *in what does Christ's exaltation consist?* And answers: *Christ's exaltation consists in his rising again from the dead on the third day; in ascending into heaven; in sitting at the right hand of God the Father; and in coming to judge the world at the last day.*

This downward and upward chart might be a helpful image to summarize the statements in the Apostles' Creed as they reflect this teaching about the estates of Christ.



I hope it is encouraging to you to think about the fullness of Christ's work. While it is certainly helpful to focus on one aspect or another of His work a ministry, it is also important to keep the big picture in mind as well. And when you do, keep in mind that everything Christ has done, He has done for us and on our behalf. Hallelujah, what a Savior! I look forward to our continued studies in the Apostles' Creed and hope you'll join us both in Sunday School and in worship each Lord's Day.

Your Pastor & Friend,

Zach

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

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

4 - Kim & Barb Freyermuth
15 - Jeff & Paige Schmidt
18 - Terry & Mary Johnson
20 - Dave & Mary Ann Bengé
21 - Marvin & Peggy Weiss

GREETERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sun., Sept. 5th- Mic and Sue Penry
Sun., Sept. 12th – Dewey and Shirley Flemming
Sun., Sept. 19th – Don and Beth Easterla
Sun., Sept. 26th - Todd and Lauren Stegmiller

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Taylor Cullen	16 - Deb Thomas
1 - Hayden Emery-Ruggles	20 - Mary Ann Bengé
3 - Greg Gierlus	20 - James Cooksey
3 - Marvin Rursch	20 - Kevin Oak
4 - Sandy Benningfield	22 - Sue Miller
5 - Lindsay Fuhr	23 - Debra Landi
5 - Nathan Oak	24 - Conte Bingman
6 - Betty Miller	24 - Camden Docherty
6 - Anna Pearson	25 - Judy Bingman
7 - Kathy Stegmiller	25 - Amy Oak
9 - Denis Doonan	26 - Alyssa Landi
13 - Rea-Eleene Fenchel	27 - Justin Landi
15 - Teresa Morrison	29 - Ben Goodnight

Thank you to everyone for the love, support and prayers at the time of my sister Carol's passing. It was a very difficult time for our family. All appreciated.



Beth and Don Easterla and Family



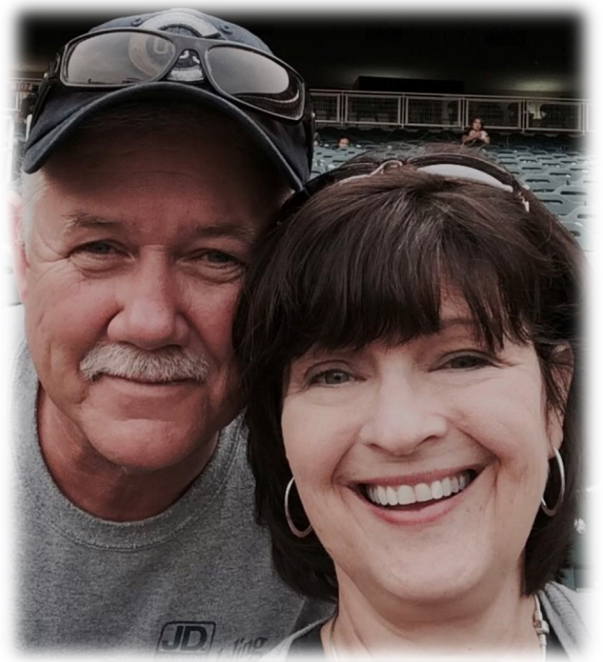
I wish to thank everyone for the cards, the food, the phone calls, the visits, and especially the prayers during my treatments. I am blessed to have such a wonderful husband, family, church family, and friends! I am now through with my chemo treatments and prayerfully on the road to full recovery. God bless all of you!
Sharon Shaubroeck



Many of you have probably noticed this couple attending church lately, with this lovely lady on the piano accompanying the congregation as we sing. We thought a proper introduction to our new accompanist was overdue, so here's some info about them:

JR and Regina Thomas are both transplants from the south. JR from Tennessee and Regina from Missouri. They have lived in Andalusia since 1997 (neighbors to the Shovars and Pithans). Regina is a music major and is retired from teaching music in Moline Schools. She has studied piano since childhood and says she has been on a church piano bench since 7th grade. She is enjoying piano, gardening, quilting, reading, and traveling in retirement.

JR is semi-retired as a builder/carpenter. He is an avid wood-worker, duck hunter, and sports enthusiast. They look forward to serving and growing with the Edgington EPC church family.



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UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY PLEASE



Neil & Amy Morrison
4021 Lakehurst Ct.
Davenport, IA 52807

Dear Church Family,

I can't thank you enough for your cards, calls, prayers, and visits during my past 4 months in rehab. I'm still recovering at home and am looking forward to the day that I can walk into the church and worship with all of you.

Thanks again,
Jim Cooksey

Thank You

FALL COAT DRIVE

The deacons are again are collecting gently used coats, hats, mittens, and scarves to help those in need in our community.



Coats can be dropped off at the Edgington Evangelical Presbyterian Church. All sizes are needed, but especially children's sizes. The distribution date is TBA.

If you have questions, or would like to recommend someone to receive a coat, please contact the church office at 309-795-1713.

SESSION

The July Session meeting was held July 27th at 7pm. The meeting was held in the conference room of the church with Teaching Elder Zach Hopkins and Ruling Elders Jim Mueller, Kevin Oak, Mic Penry, Patrick Shovar, and Keith Wilson in attendance.

A quorum is present.

Pastor Zach acted as moderator of the meeting. Zach opened the meeting with prayer and read from Romans 4:11. The Elders prayed for individual members of the congregation then studied and discussed the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 27: "The Sacraments".

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

Approval of Minutes: June 29th, 2021 minutes were reviewed. Motion made, seconded and approved.

Correspondence: No new correspondence, no new scholarship requests.

Zach's Report: Zach reported on members with health concerns and prayer needs. During the past month he conducted 7 office visits, 4 home visits, 2 hospital visits, officiated the Ida Mae Kelly funeral and participated in VBS week.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Nominating Committee has met and reached out to candidates.
- 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. This is currently tabled.
- The Session discussed the Ministry and care of one of our church members.
- VBS was held and was a great success. Approximately 90 children participated. The participants and volunteers of VBS raised \$1,025 for Camp Summit. The Jr. High Youth participated in a service project by doing yard work at Henry Wood's home.
- Zach's upcoming calendar includes:
 - Vacation August 16-23 (Mic will be preaching on the 22nd)
 - MCC/MVC committees at the GA office in Orlando, Florida – September 8-10
 - Theology Committee at the GA office in Orlando, Florida – October 25-27

NEW BUSINESS:

- Zach reported that he has begun to teach a Bible study at Brookstone Senior Center in Aledo on Wednesday mornings at 10:30. Session members are welcome to attend with him.
- Lisa Bowman has proposed that the church produce a new member directory. The Session agreed to let Lisa check out options for us.
- Tara Johnson will be conducting acolyte training in the coming weeks.
- The Session discussed upcoming events
 - Food Pantry – August 7th
 - Ice Cream Social – August 22nd
 - Harvest Party – October 10th. The Session suggested that this event be catered.
- Zach reported on the Communicants class. He will schedule a parents meeting in September.
- Zach reported on the possibility of an adult Membership Class.
- The Session elected Patrick and Keith as delegates to the 33rd RLP Meeting in Dousman, Wisconsin on October 1-2.

Communion will be held on August 1st. The next Stated Session meeting will be: August 31st, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm. Motion Carried.

Teaching Elder Zach Hopkins closed the meeting with prayer.

07/14/2021

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

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

Treasurer's report for June was reviewed and approved.

Secretary's minutes for June were reviewed and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Landscape repair has been completed.
- Seal coating of parking lot will be completed later this summer.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussed selling the extra John Deere riding mower. Will place a notice in the next newsletter and offer for sale at \$350.
- New carpeting in basement is scheduled for installation on July 30th. Trustees set a date of July 17th to remove a portion of the existing carpet tile.
- There has been some fogging in a couple of the front stained-glass windows. Will call Dave at Glass Blast to have him take a look.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan



DISCLAIMER:
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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.

If your 7th, 8th, or 9th grade child is interested
in joining the church, please keep Sunday
evenings from 6-7pm open starting
October 3rd.

**COMMUNICANTS
CLASS**

Parent's of 7th, 8th, and 9th graders will be
receiving a letter with more information the
first week of September.



SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

August 15, 2021

Classes will be offered using Great Commission Publication curriculum as follows:

- Toddlers: Hillary Terrill and Kortney Gierlus will teach *God Created All Things*
- PreK – K: Beth Flickinger will teach *God Keeps His Promises*
- 1st & 2nd Grades: Katie Pearson will teach *Studying God's Word*
- 3rd-5th Grades: Kathy Stegmiller will teach *Worshipping God*
- Jr High: Tara Johnson will teach 1st Corinthians
- High School: Brandee Neece will teach *Treasuring God's Word*

We discussed which children would be in each class so that we could plan accordingly and reach out to any who have not attended regularly.

At least 4 children will be eligible to receive a Bible, and a date to present them needs to be set.

Children who should be invited to Communicants were discussed, as we hope not to miss anyone, and that we will have a good-sized class.

The fishing derby will be held Saturday, August 28th at the Terrill's pond, with fishing from 4:30-6:30, hot dogs from 6:30-7:30, and a showing of Pilgrim's Progress at 7:30. Supplies were discussed and divvied out.

The Harvest Party will be held Sunday, October 10th from 4-7pm. A draft schedule was discussed with games from 4-6, main dishes (meat) catered in, and then a hayrack ride around 6:30. Specific games need to be set.

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.

July 20, 2021

The Mission Committee met on July 20th at 6:30pm in the basement at EEPC. Those attending were: Barb Freyermuth, Todd Stegmiller, Nancy Engstrom, and Session Representative Kevin Oak.

Barb opened the meeting in prayer.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Previous Minutes: Approved
- Mission/Deacon Meeting Review: There was no update at this time regarding the Session's input on how we can improve our mission outreach to the local community. Barb will connect with Zach to discuss.
- Interview with Scott Burdsall: It was noted that the interview planned with Scott Burdsall by Zach and Jim R had not taken place yet due to security concerns. Zach is still hoping that this can take place in the near future when appropriate venue and questions can be finalized.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Approved commitments for the 3rd quarter

Mission	Quarterly Commitment	2021 Commitment
World Outreach (Burdsall)	1,875.00	7,500.00
World Outreach ITEN (McCallum)	1,000.00	4,000.00
World Outreach ITEN (Woodworth)	2,125.00	8,500.00
World Outreach (Huber)	800.00	3,200.00
EPC Church Planting (Lancaster)	1,250.00	5,000.00
Youth Hope	1,500.00	6,000.00
Youth Hope - Creative Program	750.00	3,000.00
Pregnancy Resources	500.00	2,000.00
Total:	\$ 9,800.00	\$ 39,200.00

- Volunteers Needed for Winnie's Place: Nancy reported that Winnie's Place appreciated the \$2,500 provided by our church to help with the deck renovations. They need volunteers to help paint the rooms at some point this summer and are asking if we have anyone interested in volunteering at some point in time. Nancy will ask the congregation during the Minute for Mission.
- Minute for Mission: This upcoming Sunday, Nancy will provide an update on Winnie's Place, including seeing who would be interested in volunteering an hour or two for painting.

Kevin closed the meeting in prayer.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 17th, 2021 at 6:30pm.



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.



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.

AN EXTRAORDINARY SUMMER

Together we did it!! We planned, prepared, and ran an amazing summer of activities and camp for low-income kids and teens. Students had summer programs and activities at our Rock Island and Moline Youth Centers and Camp Summit. 249 kids and teens experienced Camp Summit this summer! Campers had three healthy meals each day, lots of fun activities, and experienced God's love. Many kids and teens accepted Christ and grew in their faith! All the campers had fun just being kids!

What makes this summer doubly amazing is that in March we did not know if we would be permitted to have overnight camp due to COVID restrictions. That meant we had no summer camp counselors hired, no food ordered, no clarity on number of kids...we just had HOPE. As restrictions lifted, our staff conquered these challenges and made overnight summer camp a reality.

You helped make this summer extraordinary. Thank you for praying for our staff and campers. Thank you for generously sponsoring campers, volunteering, and praying for God to move this summer! We knew it was extraordinary the moment God opened the first teen's heart at camp, during the first week!!!

Thank you for partnering with us to make summer camp possible for low-income kids and teens. Camp Summit really does matter to these kids. They not only have fun and love being there, but we see real life-change happen at Camp Summit!

Together in His Hope!

Mark Drake, Executive Director

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



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 & get info on Volunteer Fair - 8/31, 6-7:30pm and Art Show.



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 the woman who entered our Center abortion-minded and left undecided. Pray that she will take advantage of the second ultrasound offered by our nurses and that she would bring the father of the baby with her.
- Pray for the upcoming Walk for Life. Pray that walkers would register and that they would be positive forces for Life in their communities. Pray also that all the logistics would continue to move smoothly as we near the big day!

PRAISES:

- Praise God for the women who have chosen Life for their children, even in the midst of difficult circumstances. Pray that they would find the support they need as they progress in their pregnancies and begin to parent their little ones.
- Praise God for the many answered prayers that the Pregnancy Resources team has seen recently, both personally and professionally!

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

To Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy - to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen. ~ Jude 1: 24-25

Greetings everyone! We have finally made it to summer and school holidays here! The kids finished July 19th and we were on vacation last week in southern W..... This was our first extended time as a family outside the city since last summer and we all enjoyed the hills, beaches, and quiet!

The end of the month S.... is going to B..... for a weekend with one of our church plant teammates. It will be a chance to see ministries in B..... and also connect more with this teammate and learn from him.

Our Serge team and our church plant team are planning some retreat type days in the beginning of September to look at how we will structure the coming year of ministry and church. Ahead of that, we would personally like to be in prayer over where we see God leading us in ministry focus, so we are hoping to have some times of prayer and reflection this month where we can seek and listen to God's guiding.

Pray that we do rest this month also. We have felt a bit fried the last few months, and there always seems to be things to do and work at here. Pray that we are intentional in taking a break this month so that we can be rested for the fall.

And a couple family things:

J..... goes back to school on Sept 2nd already. In the middle of these events, pray that we have a good time as a family to interact and enjoy a bit of a break. Also, J..... has to make some decisions in the fall about education, pray for him this summer as he does some research into what he would like to do with his future, career, schooling etc (I could write another whole page on this, but B..... school is intense and big decisions need to be made very early)

The .. still is not vaccinating those under 18. They have said those within 3 months of turning 18 can get a jab, but logistically that hasn't happened yet. Pray that L..... can get vaccinated soon. Her asthma has been under control since living here, but I fear the effect covid would have on her lungs. And pray for us to trust in this - it is easy to give into fear and let that rule instead of God.

C.... should be travelling to Seoul in the next couple weeks to start his study abroad semester. Pray for the logistics of visas (delays abound!) flights, quarantines, and everything involved in a short term move.

Thank you as always for your support and your prayers for us! We appreciate you all so much!!

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 MUSE AUGUST 24TH, 2021

Ed didn't realize how big his vision was. For months Ed's been writing his Old Testament Survey course "book" for V..... As most of the participants haven't had any training on the O.T. he wanted them to have a reference "book" to take home. The course goal is to know the big story of the O.T. and how it points to Jesus and key doctrines of faith. The "book" contains lectures/note pages, and small group/personal interactive sessions where application will be fleshed out. The learners will replicate the class when they return home to 30 other leaders, who will in turn train another ring of people. The second part of the "book" is a reference section that will serve their O.T. "go to" study guide with maps, timelines, and charts showing the relationship of the northern and southern kings to the prophets in chronological order. Each book has notes on time frame, author, audience, and writing style(s). Book outlines show the flow of the content and the book's key verse(s). To help application of past courses there are lists of key principles applicable for all times and places and key doctrines about God, Jesus, Man, scripture, Salvation, the Church, and Last Things.

Pray that Ed will continue to have focus and creativity as he reduces the language to 6th-7th grade level for ease in understanding, and that participants begin now to read through large sections of the O.T. to have the material fresh in their minds and questions of interpretation ready.

The O.T. Survey class is scheduled for October 5-9.

Our translator is enjoying the process as it is a valuable refresher for him. This morning Ed met with our coordinator Mr. H and our partner D. W. regarding current conditions. H. C. M. City has accounted for around 80% of V.....'s total COVID-19 deaths and 50% of its infections. Medical workers and equipment have been sent south to meet needs there, leaving little up north. Mandatory stay at home orders are in place. Less than 2% are fully vaccinated. A Cuban vaccine is to arrive by the end of the year. Leadership is in talks with Pfizer about locating a vaccine plant in the country.

Join us in prayer for both Ed and our colleague, Steve Woodworth (teaching Pastoral Ministry October 11-15) as they finish materials that will fit the needs of this site. And for the Covid spread to be halted, lives to be spared, and for the gospel to address the resulting fears and anxiety in the population. We will know more shortly after Labor Day if the course will need to be postponed - but possibly not until the end of September! We are trusting that God knows when the time is right for the class. A plan for smaller groups meeting simultaneously is ready if there is a need.

M..... news bright spot is that our dear partner, his wife, daughter, and son have all come through Covid successfully. Praise God! This past week Nan saw a picture of young women from the "orphanage/boarding school" including a dear gal friend of hers looking chipper. What a blessing! The national news is still somber as the military junta's top general announced he is the Prime Minister; open elections wouldn't happen until 2023. Covid is spreading without access to medical care for most. Ongoing food scarcity, ongoing protests, devaluation of currency, civil unrest, and efforts to unite a national government of the people continue.

Pray for Lord to rescue the nation from civil unrest, provide for life's necessities and to shine the light of salvation to the 54+ million people who call this home. May the people turn their faces to the Lord and the Lord reveal himself to them. We focus on the Buddhist leadership and the military to have dreams and visions from Jesus.

God is in control - Be prepared - Quoting *The Reach* from World Outreach

For many, these days are full of sleepless nights with anxious hearts. Whether it is the constant threat of a virus which much of the world is unprotected from, a disastrous earthquake in Haiti, wild fires that are unceasing, or the fall of a government and the rise of another, we recognize that we are experiencing a broken world. At the root of all of the calamities there is also the Christian hope that one day we have One who is making all things right. However, that redeemed Kingdom is not only far off, but also very ever present in the here and now. We are promised that the LORD who does not slumber, who made all of creation and is recreating it in the image of His son, will bend His ear to His people.

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.



This was also a part of the McCallum's report, which came out prior to the events of August 26th.

PRAY FOR ————— AFGHANISTAN

Perhaps these ideas from Covenant EPC in San Diego excerpted from Evangelical Immigration Table, the recent World Outreach's *The Reach* and tweaked by us will help fuel your prayers for Afghanistan.

- **Perseverance for the emerging church** in the face of persecution, and that the gospel would shine bright in this time of darkness.
- **Peace of heart** for Afghans at risk because of their service alongside the U.S. government and jobs such as some NGOs, educational leaders, and females in government or broadcast media, that they would be able to make wise decisions, get to the airport and be safely evacuated.
- **Protection from fear and boldness for believers.** Evacuation is not the best route for every believer nor all Afghans. Looking to the West has become an idol for many. God is able to protect them and make the Good News to those around them now and protect them even unto death.
- **Salvation** for the Taliban, mindful that God calls us to pray even for our enemies and that, if God can intervene and redirect the life of a persecutor of the church like Paul, he can do the same for leaders and footmen within the Taliban.
- **God's Kingdom to flourish.** There are no human solutions. Armies, money, training, etc. have not been able to change hearts, the real root of the problem. Only God can do that. May God convict the Taliban of the need for humanitarian treatment of their citizens. May they be motivated by desire of global recognition.
- **Civil government.** God ordains rulers and kings. The new rulers have the task of running government and society that is stable and peaceful. Even if it is an ideology we do not prefer, such laws have not stopped the Church in the past nor will it now.
- **Relief to 1000s of internally displaced people** have fled their homes to flock to Kabul only to get caught there and now are without much food, water, or money. The sources of help are diminished or non-existent now for them. Many are also flowing into neighboring nations.
- **President Biden and decision-makers** to have abundant wisdom, courage, and creativity as they evacuate people and talk with the Taliban For media prioritize truthful reporting over ratings and sensationalism. Patience for Americans as we are quick to condemn and want to know the future now.
- **Churches throughout the world** to not only pray and advocate for Afghans but also to eagerly welcome them into our communities. May beliefs turn into actions addressing physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of people God is putting on our door steps.
- **Needs once there is order in Afghanistan.** There will be great need for Christians to return bringing humanitarian/Christian aid. Prepare workers now to fill the void. May we represent you well and become your mouth pieces to a hurting and confused world.

UPDATE FROM REV. DR. STEVE WOODWORTH - ITEN

A Full Summer

The picture to the right was taken in San Diego earlier this summer. We had traveled West to visit our oldest son, Luke, who is stationed on Coronado Island while he attempts to become one of the select few who become Navy Special Warfare. It had been 6-months since we last saw him, and it was a wonderful reunion for my wife and I, as well as his two brothers. The rest of our summer has been spent in planning meetings with ITEN leaders, zoom calls with national partners, attending our annual General Assembly in Memphis and serving as an interim pastor at our church in Georgia. And while we all experienced the first glimmers of life beyond COVID, recent weeks have raised new questions about traveling in 2021.



"I'm not afraid of failure; I'm afraid of succeeding at things that don't matter."
- William Carey

Albania

In the middle of May, I had the opportunity to teach an online course at ISTL to over 40 Albanian students on the Four Gospels. Our course covered not only the content and context of each book, but also plenty of application to their current ministries and implications for the larger body of Christ as we discussed the ways in which the life, ministry death, and resurrection of Jesus changes everything. We continue to remain optimistic about our next in-country trip scheduled for 2021-2022 when I will be able to introduce new EPC partners to ISTL in person.



Vietnam

Heading into October, Ed McCallum and I are planning to conduct our next training session for ministry leaders in Hanoi, Vietnam. While we wait to see if the current rise in COVID cases might prevent our physical presence in the city, our alternative plans for online training are moving forward. In the next session, I'll be teaching a course on Pastoral Ministry & Leadership.

Over the summer I wrote an article that was recently published in *Christ and Pop Culture* on the notion of biblical hope found in the movie "Love and Monsters." Click [HERE](#) to read it. I wrote an additional article for an academic journal, but this one is more fun to read (and write).



Prayer Requests

- Continued physical, spiritual and emotional health for our 3 sons.
- Our next training session in Vietnam in October.
- Ongoing planning for our site in Sierra Leone & West Africa
- Healing of our country and world from the Delta variant
- Our partners in Myanmar facing the potential of another civil war.

Financial Update

Thank you to all our of our new and continuing supporters. Your generosity is vital to the continuation of our ministry to leaders among the least reached. If you would like to become a new partner, or know of others who may be interested in hearing more about ITEN, please click [HERE](#) to donate, and help us fulfill our calling to serve the least and the lost. Thank You!

HUBER-VENTURES – INTRODUCING OUR ANSWER TO PRAYER: SIDON JAMES HUBER

He's here! We are delighted to introduce Sidon James Huber, born healthy on Monday, August 16th.

We asked you to pray on Friday, the 13th. Jesse was admitted to the hospital on Sunday evening because her Covid symptoms were not improving and she was having trouble breathing. The original goal was to treat the Covid and get her healthy, then have a baby. On Monday morning the plan changed when some labs came back--the new goal was to deliver the baby "while things were still ok." She was induced that afternoon and Sidon was born that evening. After some recovery at the hospital, we were able to go home on Wednesday and the kids met their little brother. We have been home since then, still under quarantine for some of our kids being Covid positive (asymptomatic) and otherwise exposed. There is a lot to process and Jesse is still recovering, but we are so thankful for God's nearness to us and your prayers for us.



Before we were discharged on Wednesday morning our Doctor came in and talked about how sick Jesse actually was, and said on Monday that she was at a tipping point where it could have gone bad. The picture that came to Saul's mind was of a big boulder rolling up to the top of a hill. It was about to roll over down the bad side of the hill, but a whole cloud of believers came running up the one side and (in prayer, and by the Holy Spirit) pushed the boulder back down the hill.

THANK YOU for being part of the crowd that pushed the boulder back! A very specific prayer from our last email was that Jesse would be able to breathe well during delivery. She was diagnosed with pneumonia in both lungs and was coughing all the way up to delivery and again afterwards, but during labor she was able to breathe well! We also prayed for protection over Sidon and he was

born healthy, passed all of his newborn screenings the first time, is nursing well and generally an amazing little newborn!

We still need your prayers. Jesse is recovering from Covid, pneumonia, and birth. Please pray especially that her lungs would be clear and open so she can take full breaths. We still have Covid in our house so please pray protection over Sidon and full recovery/health for everyone else. And pray that we would all stay sane as we continue to isolate!

Thank you so much for your prayers and encouragement! We couldn't do this work 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 July 2021

	Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	Balance
General	\$ 101,648.93	\$ 12,253.53	\$ 12,586.13	\$ 101,315.33
Jahn	\$ 10,332.68	\$154.97		\$ 10,487.65
Edgington	\$ 5,633.02			\$ 5,633.02
Boughton	\$ 185,446.59	\$ 794.18		\$ 186,240.77
Lauby	\$ 22,462.47	\$ 252.09	\$ -	\$ 22,714.56

Ending Gen. checking balar	122,234.43
Uncleared Transactions	\$ 4,798.43
General checking Balance	\$ 117,436.00

Reconciled Bank Accounts	
Gen. checking	\$ 117,436.00

July 2021 GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

Zach Hopkins salary	4,308.32		
Housing Allowance	1,800.00		
EPC (health)	25.23		
Fidelity (pension)	919.81		
Mileage	213.36		
Lisa Bowman	1,033.15		
Robin Preston	286.08		
Eddy Bull (mowing)	43.69		
IL Dept Treasury (payroll tax)	262.78		
US Treasury (payroll tax)	1,263.59		
Reytel	118.13		
AT&T	209.04	General	\$ 101,315.33
MidAmerican Energy church	580.00	Edgington	\$ 5,633.02
Millenium Waste	41.33	Jahn	\$ 10,487.65
Ministry Designs (website)	30.00	TOTAL	\$ 117,436.00
Trend Micro (security for Lisa's cmptr)	124.26		
Postmaster (postage)	2.89		
Westminster Books (cont Ed)	143.20		
CertaSite (fire extinguisher inspctn)	380.80		
Tri County Pest	60.00		
M Block (landscape supplies)	288.26		
VBS supplies	97.76		
VBS (registrations done online)	354.45		
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$12,586.13

INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL

Mission monies included in general fund	\$14,750.05
Assistance Fund	\$5,153.46

*Boughton Fund includes sale of manse \$159,000.00

Edgington Presbyterian Church General Fund Profit & Loss July 2021

	Jul 21
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Miscellaneous Contribution	58.83
Basement Rent	50.00
Interest Income - General Fnd	9.88
Loose Offering	285.14
Other Income	30.00
Pledges	11,819.70
Total Income	12,253.53
Expense	
Pastors housing allowance	1,800.00
Operating Maintenance - General	932.21
Continuing Education	143.20
Mileage	213.36
Miscellaneous	452.21
Office Supplies	154.26
Payroll Expenses	
Custodian Payroll	286.08
Pastor Salary	4,308.32
Payroll Taxes	1,526.37
Secretary Services	1,033.15
Total Payroll Expenses	7,153.92
Pension & Health Care	945.04
Postage	2.89
Utilities	
Gas & Electric - Church	580.00
Telephone	209.04
Total Utilities	789.04
Total Expense	12,586.13
Net Ordinary Income	-332.60
Net Income	-332.60



ALL submissions for the October Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER** than Wednesday, September 15th. Items received after that date may not make it into the newsletter.
Thank you for your cooperation!

~ Lisa Bowman, Office Manager

Do you know anyone that is not receiving the Edgington EPC Newsletter each month?

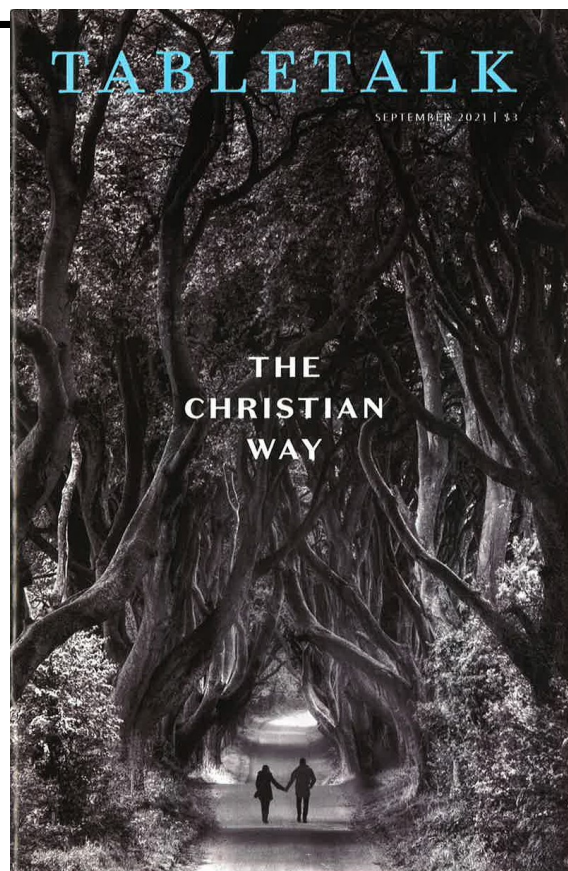


If so, please contact the church office at 309-795-1713 or edgingtonepc@gmail.com and let me know. I will be happy to make arrangements for it to be received by whatever means works best.

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

~ Lisa Bowman, Office Manager

GET YOUR SEPTEMBER COPY OF
THE TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL



LOCATED ON A TABLE IN THE SANCTUARY FOYER

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Pastor Zach is preaching a 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. Sept. 5th – [Matthew 22:41-46; 26:59-64; Heb 1:1-4](#)

Sun., Sept. 12th – [Revelation 22](#)

Sun., Sept. 19th – [Ephesians 1:13-14](#)

Sun., Sept. 26th – Rev. Derek Morrison preaching



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 September’s Reading Schedule:



Week 36 - 9/5 - 9/9/11

- [2 Chr 29-31; 1 Cor 8](#)
- [2 Kings 18-19; 2 Chr 32; Ps 67; 1 Cor 9](#)
- [Isa 36-37; Psalm 123; 1 Cor 10](#)
- [2 Kings 20; Isa 38-40; Ps 68; 1 Cor 11](#)
- [Isa 41-44; 1 Cor 12](#)

Week 37 - 9/12 - 9/18

- [Isa 45-48; 1 Cor 13](#)
- [Isa 49-52; Psalm 69; 1 Cor 14](#)
- [Isa 53-55; Psalm 128; 1 Cor 15](#)
- [Isa 56-59; Psalm 70; 1 Cor 16](#)
- [Is 60-63; 2 Cor 1](#)

Week 38 - 9/19 - 9/25

- [Isa 64-66; 2 Cor 2](#)
- [2 Kings 21; 2 Chr 33; Ps 71; 2 Cor 3](#)
- [Nahum; Psalm 149; 2 Cor 4](#)
- [2 Kings 22-23; Psalm 73; 2 Cor 5](#)
- [2 Chr 34-35; 2 Cor 6](#)

Week 39 - 9/26 - 10/2

- [Habakkuk; 2 Cor 7](#)
- [Zephaniah; Psalm 74; 2 Cor 8](#)
- [Jeremiah 1-4; Psalm 130; 2 Cor 9](#)
- [Jer 5-7; Psalm 75; 2 Cor 10](#)
- [Jer 8-10; 2 Cor 11](#)

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.

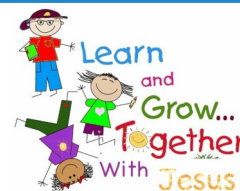
Please join us every Sunday morning at 9am.



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 have been in a one-room school type setting going through the book *Pilgrim's Progress*. We will be resuming our regular age level classrooms after Labor Day.

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



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



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Thursday, September 2nd

We are looking forward to getting back together again after a couple months off during the summer

Pastor Zach's teaching is TBA.

Cora Schafman will be our hostess.



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.

All women of the church are welcome! We hope to see you there!

QUILTING DAY

Thursday, September 16th, 9am

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., October 18th, 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, but has waiting list!)



ICE CREAM SOCIAL UPDATE

The 2021 Ice Cream Social was another great success because of all our church family doing so much to make it all come together.



I cannot thank everyone enough for your help! When I sit back and look at all the hands it takes to make this a success it amazes me what a great church family we have, because everyone contributed somehow, somehow.

Also, a Big "Thank you!" to James & Rikki Hetzler for our new beautiful signs!

So again, THANK YOU! It was a wonderful evening of fellowship - people visited for hours! We made 120 gallons of ice cream and sold it all! Thank you again for your support.

May God Bless you!

Tara Johnson



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!



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE



We did our first summer distribution on August 7th, serving 38 families, consisting of 104 adults, 22 teens, and 37 children for a total of 163 people. In addition to what we purchased, Kathy Stegmiller donated produce from her garden, which delighted the folks receiving the food. All were very thankful for what they received.

When we packed on Friday, August 6th, we had nine people helping (8 from our congregation and one from Zion Lutheran). On Saturday there were seven who helped – 4 in the basement packing the frozen food, putting baskets on carts, and taking it outside where 3 people loaded the cars and checked people off the list.

We are very thankful to all who donated food and money to make this possible. A special thank you to all who helped on Friday and Saturday. We couldn't do this without the support of the local churches and other organizations who donate to us.

Dewey & Shirley Flemming, Jim & Sharon Schaubroeck, Don & Beth Easterla, Sue Penry

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

OCTOBER 10TH, 17TH, & 24TH

11:30AM - 12:30PM

Here is a wonderful opportunity to learn more of what Edgington EPC is all about! The class is offered to anyone seeking more information about Edgington EPC; what it means to be a church member, our denomination, what we stand for, and much more. If you have been attending for awhile, but not yet committed to membership, you're encouraged to check this out!

If you are looking to join, you definitely want to mark your calendar!

Please call the church office at 309-795-1713 or put your name on the sign-up sheet located on the table in the sanctuary foyer by no later than October 4th.

Harvest Party

OCTOBER 10TH 4-7 PM @ EEPCC

FUN FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH FAMILY!

PICNIC GAMES 'SMORES HAYRACK RIDES

*Thank
you*

Thank you everyone at the church for the gifts! They were much appreciated.

Can't wait to start this next chapter in my life!

- Hunter Wistedt





YOUTH GROUP

A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' Name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child.

This is such a wonderful ministry with such great impact and allows everyone to get the chance to do a little hands on mission work!

Thank you in advance for your help and donations.

IDEAS FOR ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN THE BOX:

Toys: Dolls, toy cars, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

School Supplies: pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

Non-Liquid Hygiene Items: Toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.

Accessories: T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

Crafts: Make your own items. Go to website for ideas: <https://www.pinterest.com/occshoeboxes/>

Ideas for Older Children: Hammer, nails, small tools, and sewing kits.

A Personal Note: You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.



DO NOT INCLUDE: Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

For more info and a direct link to Samaritan's Purse OCC website, please click [HERE](#)

Our pizza packing party will be on Sunday, November 14th at 5pm. Communicant's have class at 6pm, so they can grab their pizza and head to class then. :)

ITEMS DUE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH



SEPTEMBER 2021



Sunday School 9am
Worship Service

EEPC

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29 Deacon's Mtg. 11:30am Acolyte Training 9am	30 Meal Site	31 Session Mtg. 7pm	1	2 Meal Site PW Mtg., 1pm	3 Meal Site	4
5 Food Pantry Sunday	6 Labor Day NO Meal Site	7	8 Trustees Mtg. 7pm	9 Meal Site	10 Meal Site	11 Fall Blood Drive 7-10am
12 B/P Checks	13 Meal Site	14	15 Newsletter Items Due	16 Quilting, 9am Meal Site	17 Meal Site	18
19	20 Meal Site	21 Mission Comm. Mtg. 6:30pm	22	23 Meal Site	24 Meal Site	25
26 B/P Checks	27 Meal Site	28 Session Mtg. 7pm	29	30 Meal Site	1 Meal Site R&L Pres. Mtg. Dousman, WI	2 R&L Pres. Mtg. Dousman, WI