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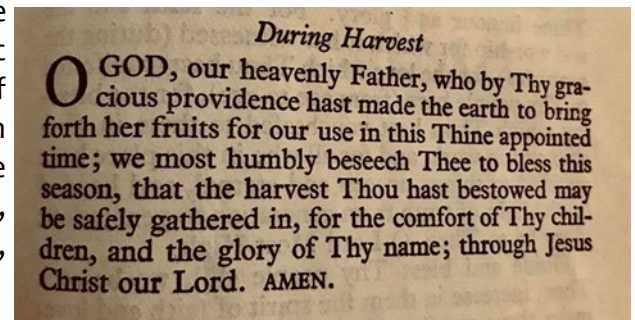
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## THE HARVEST

We come again to the harvest season when all of us, directly and indirectly, will share in the labors of this blessed season. Our farm families will know early mornings and long nights, as collectively, each person has an important role to patiently play as the work is undertaken and completed. Even those who may not directly be involved in the harvest season play their part by supporting the work of this season by things like consciously sharing the road or offering a word or prayer of encouragement and gratitude. Because we all share in this season, let's take a moment to reflect on what the Bible teaches about the concept of harvest.

Let's acknowledge that the harvest season represents the continuing grace of God's promise to bless and fill the earth. After the fall of man into sin and corruption, God did not cease to bless Adam's labors to be fruitful and fill the earth. The nature of Adam's work became more taxing (does anyone know that reality – hard work!?) but God's blessing was still to be seen. God re-affirms that pledge through the Noahic Covenant. Among the promises of the Noahic Covenant, including the oath not to curse the ground because of man, or strike down every living creature, or flood the earth with water, is this seasonal pledge: While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease ([Gen 8:22](#)). Seedtime and harvest will not cease, and this is God's grace.



There was no single harvest time in ancient Israel. Olives were harvested September–November, flax March–April, barley April–May, and wheat May–June. Fruits such as figs and grapes were harvested at the end of the summer, in August or September. The Israelites' calendar revolved very much around the harvest periods (cf. [Jgs 15:1](#); [Ruth 1:22](#)). In the OT, harvest was one of the three major feasts which the Israelites were required by the Lord to keep annually ([Ex 23:16](#)). In doing so they would remember that the rich land into which they had been brought from Egypt ([Dt 8:7–10](#)) was the gift of God. In offering the first fruits of the harvest ([Lev 23:10–11](#)) the Israelites showed gratitude and acknowledged their dependence on the Lord.

In the New Testament the emphasis on the harvest shifts from the agricultural harvest to a harvest of souls claimed for the Kingdom of God through faith in Jesus Christ. This is what Jesus meant when He said, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” ([Mt 9:37–38](#)). It's a vivid picture for the church to remember that as the grain is brought in from the fields, so too are there souls to be harvested for God's Kingdom, not by means of the combine, but through the proclamation of the Gospel.

So as we live in, and give thanks for this season, let us remember the ordinary providences of God's care and provision through the faithful labors of our farmers, and let us also be mindful that we are likewise called to join in the labors of the spiritual harvest to the glory of God. I wish you all a safe and blessed harvest season to you and your family as,

Your Pastor and Friend,

## ELDERS

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

## DEACONS

Beth Flickinger  
 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

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

2 - Robbyn & Jennifer Ransdell  
 3 - Andy & Torri Gundling  
 4 - Marion & Dorothy Oak  
 6 - John & Pam Fuhr  
 6 - Mic & Sue Penry  
 10 - Darren & Tonya Hall  
 10 - Neil & Amy Morrison  
 10 - Patrick & Peggy Shovar  
 12 - Conte & Judy Bingman  
 13 - Don & Beth Easterla  
 17 - Richard & Deb Landi  
 18 - Isaac & Stacey Anderson  
 18 - Mitch & Sue Miller  
 23 - Jeff & Deb Thomas  
 24 - Jim & Sharon Schaubroeck  
 31 - Jon & Nita Darland

Thanks to all the wonderful people in our church for the prayers, calls, visits, flowers, cookies, and thoughts. I appreciate it all so much!



I miss you all!

Love Marilou Simpson

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

4 - Kai Docherty	21 - Torri Gundling
6 - Nancy Engstrom	23 - Dana Fuhr
6 - Janet Schmidt	24 - Steve Morrison
8 - Rylee Miller	25 - Carrie Reimers
8 - Peggy Shovar	26 - Mitch Anderson
11 - Nick Johnson	26 - Nancy Rursch
12 - Debbie Wilson	27 - Jim Reimers
16 - Reilley Fuller	28 - Terry Johnson
16 - Sue Penry	30 - Kenzie Reimers
17 - Neil Morrison	31 - Mel Block
20 - Phyllis Strafford	31 - Sharon Schaubroeck

## GREETERS FOR OCTOBER

Sunday, October 3rd - Michael & Sharon Orr  
 Sunday, October 10th - Mel & Pat Block  
 Sunday, October 17th - Nancy Engstrom  
 Sunday, October 24th - Jon & Nita Darland  
 Sunday, October 31st - Steve & Deb Wagamon

## SESSION

The August Session meeting was held August 31st, 2021, at 7pm in the conference room of the church with TE Zach Hopkins and RE's Jim Mueller, Kevin Oak, Mic Penry, and Patrick Shovar present. RE Keith Wilson was excused. A quorum was present.

Pastor Zach acted as moderator of the meeting and opened the meeting with prayer. He then read from 1 Corinthians 10:1-5. The Elders prayed for individual members of the congregation then studied and discussed the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 28: "Baptism".

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

**Approval of Minutes:** July 27th, 2021 minutes were reviewed. Motion made, seconded and approved.

**Correspondence:** No new correspondence.

**Zach's Report:** Zach reported on members with health concerns and prayer needs. During the past month he conducted 2 office visits, 4 home visits, and participated in various church actives in addition to moderating the Trinity Presbyterian Church (Sparta, IL) Session Meeting, leading a weekly Bible study at Brookstone (Aledo, IL), and conducting a training session with the Youth Hope staff.

### **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.
- "Outreach & Evangelism" topic regarding Deacons and Mission.
- VBS Summary Report was reviewed. Thank you to Kathy Stegmiller.
- Zach provided an update regarding the Brookstone Bible Study. RE Shovar and RE Mueller led the study on August 25th.
- Updates to the Church Directory are being researched by Lisa Bowman.
- The Food Pantry and Ice Cream Social events were reviewed by the Session. Gratitude was especially expressed to Shirley Flemming and Tara Johnson.
- Tara Johnson conducted Acolyte Training during Sunday School on August 29th. We have already seen increased participation.
- EEPD Delegates to the 33rd meeting of Rivers & Lakes Presbytery (10/1-2/21) will be RE Shovar and RE Wilson with RLP Moderator RE Penry and TE Hopkins also attending.
- Zach's upcoming calendar includes:
  - 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:**

- Discussion regarding current state of the pandemic. It was M/S/C to update the congregation regarding the use of masks being "recommended" but not to take additional action at this time. Session will solicit feedback and continue to closely monitor the situation.
- M/S/C to disburse 2021 PMA contributions in the amounts of: \$4,645 to GA; \$3,434 to RLP. TE Hopkins will prepare the documentation and submit to Cindy Oak for payment.



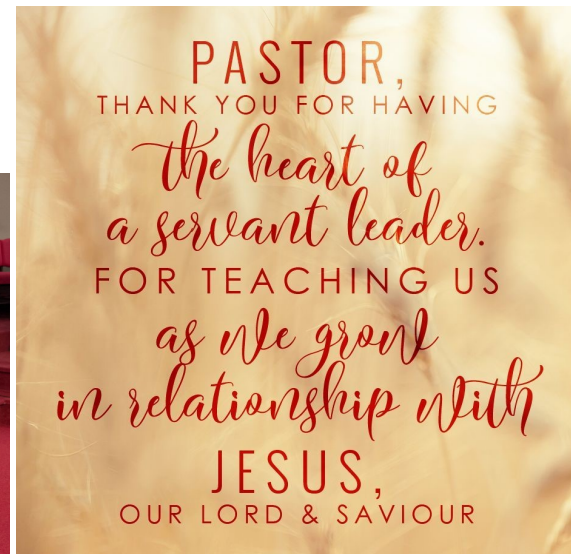
- M/S/C to approve scholarship requests in the amount of \$500 each to applicants: Nathan Flickinger, Mackenzie Reimers, Colby Mueller, Reilly Fuller, and Kira Nelson. TE Hopkins will prepare the documentation and submit to Cindy Oak for payment.
- TE Derek Morrison will be preaching on September 26th as TE Hopkins will be in Minneapolis for the baptism of his niece. The Elders will conduct the service.
- The Harvest Party is schedule for October 10th at 7pm in the north parking lot.
- Communication about the 2021-2022 Communicant's Class is being distributed in the next week. A parent meeting will be held October 3rd.
- A Fall Adult Membership Class was discussed along with hopeful attendees.

Communion will be held on September 5th. The next Stated Session meeting will be: September 28th, 2021 at 7:00pm.

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

Teaching Elder Zach Hopkins closed the meeting with prayer.

Keith Wilson, Clerk of Session



The role of a pastor is very complex. A truly good one, who fulfills all the many roles in the manner laid out in God's Word is hard to find. Their jobs come with great responsibility and heavy weight. Unfortunately, they are oftentimes put upon pedestals, and it can be forgotten that they are just humans, trying to live out God's great calling on their lives. They, too, can be uplifted by words of encouragement. Their burden can be lightened with a grateful note, a smile and hug of appreciation, or a warm handshake with thanks and praise to God for sending such a gift to their congregations.



Would you please consider taking a moment this month to write a note, send a card, or make some other gesture of gratitude toward our Pastor, Zach? It is often times the little kindnesses such as these that can make a world of difference... brightening the day, lifting and encouraging the spirit to keep on toward the upward call.

What a wonderful time to let Pastor Zach know how much you truly do appreciate him!

Your Edgington EPC Session,

Keith Wilson, Jim Mueller, Kevin Oak, Mic Penry, and Patrick Shovar

08/11/2021

Present: Ken Benningfield, Mel Block, Jeff Fuhr, Larry Pithan, Jeff Schmidt, Chris Stark, Treasurer Cindy Oak.

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

Treasurer's report for July was reviewed and approved.

Secretary's minutes for July were reviewed and approved.

#### **Old Business:**

- Basement carpet has been replaced.
- Seal coating of parking lot will be completed later this summer.
- So far have not had any offers to purchase the old mower. Will open up to non-church members.
- Mel has called Glass Blast to look at the front stained glass windows, but no response yet.

#### **New Business:**

- Air conditioning unit that serves the rear of the sanctuary failed and has been replaced.
- Discussed whether or not to water the lawn. Mel volunteered to water near the main entrance.
- Chris reported on issues with the owner of the land adjacent to the Dunlap Cemetery. The new owner has been complaining about Chris mowing the grass on his side of the property line. Agreed that we will ask the owner to attend a trustee meeting to voice his concerns.
- Trustees agreed to purchase two dehumidifiers for the basement.
- Zach has purchased a new computer for Cindy. Her current one is several years old and does not always work.
- Checked all air conditioner filters after the meeting.

Mel closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan



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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 eligible children should have  
already received a letter in the mail with all the  
information. If you did not, and your child is  
interested, please contact the church office at  
309-795-1713 or edgingtonepc@gmail.com

Date: August 29, 2021

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

Beth F. opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Jan and Norm's term for being Deacons was complete in January. They have requested that this will be their last meeting. Everyone appreciates all the time and talent that they have given over the 3+ years and that they were willing to serve several months after their term had expired.

Marlin and Darcy Krueger joined unofficially as Deacons. They will be officially appointed later. We welcomed them and briefly explained our duties and the meeting process.

**June-August Activities:** No meals were delivered during this time, but there were 3 visits, 51 phone calls, and 83 cards. The cards consisted of Anniversary, Birthday, thinking of you, get well, and sympathy.

#### Old Business:

- The fall blood drive will be held on September 11th, 2021. The names of possible donors will be sent to Beth E. We have had a signup sheet in the back of the church for a couple of weeks. We'll need to start calling individuals. Jan offered to help Beth make phone calls.
- Discussed shut-ins and prayers that are needed. Next meeting we will review the list of shut-ins and assign based on new Deacons.

#### New Business:

- Blood Drive Duties
  - Assigned treats and times to work the blood drive. Need to have treats at church Friday night, September 10th, unless you are the 6:00am Deacons for the Blood drive. Reminded that blood drive is by appointment and everyone must wear a mask.
- Coat Drive
  - Discussed the upcoming coat drive. Decided to have it in conjunction with the Fall Food distribution, but the date is not set yet. We discussed that it may need to be contact-free like we did last year. In the past Beth F. has reached out the schools – and hasn't had much need. Usually, most clients are the same people that utilize the food pantry. If you know of anyone that might need a coat or where we might get other names - please let the Deacons know.

Next Deacon meeting will be held on October 17th.

Beth F. closed meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Easterla

Wow, what a great turnout on! Your goal was to collect 23 units and you well surpassed that amount. Great job!

A total of 28 donors presented, and with only 3 deferrals, we were able to collect 29 much-needed blood products! These products can help save the lives of 87 patients in our community hospitals.

Thank you for your time, efforts, and support!

~ Amy Stahle, Impact Life





## 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 know 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 2021 Deacon team includes: Don & Beth Easterla, Beth Flickinger, Cora Shafman, & Peggy Shovar.



## MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee did not meet in August, so there are no minutes for this newsletter. Look to the November Newsletter for their approved September meeting minutes.

The Mission Committee humbly requests that you prayerfully consider a donation to the hurricane relief effort. They have placed the wooden church donation box on the table next to the offering plates for you to insert any donations you feel led to make. They plan to MATCH all money donated for that purpose and forward it to the EPC Emergency Relief Fund. The fund is used to assist EPC churches in disaster areas with identified needs.

### You can donate to EPC Emergency Relief by:

- Placing your donation in the box. The Mission Committee will collect all donations, MATCH the total, and mail it to the EPC.
- Text-to-give on your smart device by texting "epcemergencyrelief" to 50155.
- Click [HERE](#) if you are viewing this online.
- Check—put "EPC Emergency Relief (016)" on the memo line, and send to: Evangelical Presbyterian Church

ATTN: FINANCE OFFICE  
5850 T.G. Lee, Blvd., Suite 510  
Orlando, FL 32822

Donations that exceed local recovery requests from affected EPC churches may be held in a general EPC Emergency Relief Fund to be used for future emergency relief needs.

*Thank you in advance for your generous support!*



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



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## FALL COAT DRIVE

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



Coats can be dropped off at the Edgington Evangelical Presbyterian Church. All sizes are needed, but especially children's sizes. The distribution date is Sat., November 13th.

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

## FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

The Fall Distribution will be on Saturday, November 13th from 8:30 - 11am.  
Packing will be on Friday, November 12th at 9am.  
Please contact Shirley Flemming if you can help.  
All donations are gladly accepted and most appreciated!



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



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](mailto:mgrimes@cuqca.org).



**Project NOW**  
Community Action Agency

PROUDLY SERVING  
SENIORS SINCE 1968



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

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



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

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



## I LOOK UP AND PRAY TO YOU. YOUR THRONE IS IN HEAVEN. - PSALMS 123:1

We set our eyes, our focus, our priority on God. The joy of the Lord is our strength.



With the beginning of a new school year, we ask you to join us and pray for YouthHope! We praise God for His answers to prayer this past year, and the lives changed, redeemed and saved. He is our HOPE in all seasons and circumstances, and we give Him thanks for His goodness!

Please join us in praying for every kid and teen to hear and receive HOPE in Christ. These students are amazing and God has unbelievable plans for this generation. Lord, use us to teach, guide, and love according to Your plans! Please also pray for former students - the seeds planted during their time at YouthHope will begin to germinate and faith will grow where they are now.

Please also pray for:

- God's grace, wisdom, provision, and will to be done in and through YouthHope.
- Staff to have strength, focus, and good health, and for the staff we need to be found.
- Board of Directors to have wisdom, discernment, and leadership now and for the future.
- Supporters to have good health, peace, and joy as they continue partnering faithfully.
- Volunteers to be protected, committed, faithful, and wise, and new volunteers will come to fill openings!
- Capital projects, campaigns, and future plans will have God's hand on them.

We believe in the power of prayer and know God is gracious in answering our faith-filled prayers. We thrust Him with all we do! Thank you for partnering in ministry!

Mark Drake, Executive Director

A bookmark prayer guide was included with this month's newsletter. Here are their prayer requests:

- \* **PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH** - Dear God, protect the kids and teens, make a way, and guide them. Help every student hear the HOPE of Christ. We break of any chains, generational curses, and lies of the enemy in Jesus' Name!
- \* **PRAY FOR OUR BOARD** - Lord, we ask for wisdom, protection, vision, discernment, and leadership for the Board of Directors. Help them establish strategies to bring more youth HOPE.
- \* **PRAY FOR OUR STAFF** - Holy Spirit, speak through and guide the staff. Anoint them to proclaim and share the good news. Place a hedge of protection around each staff and their family. Give rest, peace, passion, wisdom, courage, energy, and focus to pursue youth.
- \* **PRAY FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS** - Father God, we thank You for our volunteers! We ask for volunteers to drive, mentor, assist, and teach in programs, help with facilities, and plan special events. Bless, protect, and prosper every volunteer!
- \* **PRAY FOR OUR SUPPORTERS** - Dear God, we thank You for Your provision through our faithful supporters! Please bless, protect, and prosper every supporter. Use their generosity to bring HOPE!
- \* **PRAY FOR PROTECTION** - Heavenly Father, we ask for Your protection on all YouthHope vehicles, the Moline and Rock Island Youth Centers, and Camp Summit. Place a hedge of protection around every YouthHope activity.
- \* **PRAY FOR GOD'S PRESENCE** - Lord, we invite You to dwell and reign in the Youth Centers, Camp Summit, and permeate every area of YouthHope. All glory to God!

*If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer. - Matthew 21:22*

## SUSTAIN THE JOURNEY

~ Trisha Wilson, Executive Director



### When Abortion seems like the “only” option...

Almost every day, women walk through our doors who are seriously considering or planning for an abortion. When asked why, here are some of her most common answers...

“I am scared.” “I am alone.” “I cannot handle, afford, or take care of another child.” “It’s not the right time.” “It’s not the right person.” “This is not what I had planned for my life... at least right now.”

Our culture makes it increasingly easier and more acceptable for pregnancy termination to occur. These days a pill (or medical) abortion can be delivered to your front door or retrieved from your doctor’s office. But the consequences of that choice can be complicated, devastating, and lasting. Recently Anne\* came to our center looking for help – pregnant again just months after her pill abortion and thinking some of those very same things. Anne was scared. Anne was in crisis. The life of this pre-born hung in the balance. You made the difference in the life of this mom! YOU made sure that the help she needed was available (read more about Anne on the next page). Your gift today will help provide honest and compassionate care, medically accurate options education, and life-affirming ultrasounds to other moms just like Anne.

### ANNE’S STORY PART 1... PAM WHITE, MOLINE CENTER DIRECTOR

Recently, I met with Anne\*, a client determined to have an abortion. With a 3-year-old child at home, Anne said she was not ready for another child. **Sadly, Anne had chosen to abort a previous pregnancy just a few months earlier. She had used RU486 (the abortion pill) that resulted in some complications requiring a follow-up surgical abortion.** As we met, Anne expressed concern about how a second abortion so soon would cause complications for her. I could see the emotion on her face as we discussed her options. **Anne was convinced that she “had” to have an abortion.**

Anne’s partner Mike\* waited in the reception area where one of our male volunteers had the opportunity to talk with him. He seemed to be disengaged and didn’t want to talk. **After the pregnancy test was completed, Mike joined Anne but didn’t participate in the conversation. Mike is both the father of the aborted child and the father of the child being discussed now. Mike didn’t make eye contact and seemed willing to leave the decision up to Anne.**

I wrapped up the appointment, feeling like there was nothing I could do or say that would help them to see that this child had value. This couple had already experienced an abortion with complications but seemed determined to abort again. **I set them up for an ultrasound, waited, and prayed that God would intervene, and they would choose life.**

### ANNE’S STORY PART 2... BETH BILL, R.N., STAFF NURSE

Serving as the center nurse, I was able to meet with Anne\* and Mike\* for their scheduled ultrasound appointment about two weeks later. **Anne seemed happy and relaxed as I called her name and took her to the ultrasound room.** Before discussing her medical history, **I asked how she was feeling about the pregnancy and if she was still considering an abortion. Right away Anne answered back with a broad smile that she was going to have the baby.** Since the patient notes indicated that Anne had presented as strongly abortion-minded at her pregnancy test appointment, I asked her what had changed. She explained that she and Mike finally made the time to talk through the pregnancy and they decided they wanted to have the baby. **Anne said that abortion was off the table and no longer an option.** When it was time to see the baby on the screen, Mike was brought into the room....

To read the rest of this life-affirming story, click [HERE](#)

\*clients names changed



#### PRC 101 2021 Volunteer Training Dates:

October 5-7 (Morning or Evening)

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

Evening Trainings are from 5:30 - 9pm.

All trainings are held at our Moline Center.

Want to register? Need more info?

Contact Marissa @ 563-386-3737

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

## THE B.....'S

*Serge*

Grace at the Fray

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

My time with the girls on the residential went well. No deep spiritual conversations, mainly because they were all pretty exhausted each day, but I do think it was positive for long term growth and connections. **Continue to pray for these girls in the fall, that more would come, and that the ones already there would be willing to have those deeper conversations. Pray for this area and all the youth here too - this is a rough place with alot of drugs, abuse, etc. Pray for ways to reach them and for these kids to know that they are loved by God.**

S.... also had a good week camping with the youth group kids, including our kids. It was nice for him to get to know friends of our kids, and also had chances for deeper discussion with the guys there about his talks on grace. He said one kid got very excited when realizing that God loves him and he doesn't have to actually gain that favor in any way. **Pray for these kids too, as they start school again and are examples of faith in their classes. Pray for J.... specifically - he is very intentional in talking about what he believes, and has had good discussions with his classmates in the past.**

A couple weeks ago our team and another local mission group did a day trip with the ESL class ladies and their families to G..... Park. We walked through the park, had a picnic, played some games, and rode the ferry boat back to T.... H..... It was a good chance to chat with the ladies outside of class and get to know their children and build some relationships. They also all brought along homemade sweets to share - which was wonderful!

S.... had a good trip to B..... with one of our church plant teammates. He learned alot of Sylheti over the weekend, got to see some local ministries in B....., and enjoyed getting to know our teammate more.

The last couple weeks of August we tried to intentionally slow down and do things as a family, visit local parks a bit more, and spend time with teammates and friends. I think it was a good time of relaxing and refreshing before jumping back into work in September.

The beginning of September will be spent doing a lot of planning. We will be going away with our church plant team for a weekend of planning together, and we will also be taking three days as a Serge team to plan and pray for the coming year. **Please be praying for us in this, that we can have unity and gentleness as we all share thoughts and ideas together. And pray that God guides our plans so that we are doing the work that He sees most valuable.**

ESOL classes will start up again at the end of this month. **Please pray for more students, now that pandemic rules will let us have more consistency in classes, and pray for the planning and the teachers.**

**Pray also as all our other ministry things pick up again - Book tables, lunch clubs, boxing outreach, meetings for better understanding with local mosques, and plans for weekly Asha services!**

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

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

**(There is always much more to their updates than I can fit into the newsletter and I cannot include a link for safety reasons. Please contact the church office if you would like to be added to their mailing list.)**

*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.



## CHURCH PLANTING AND PARENTING: DIRTY YET REWARDING JOBS

Lancaster's - Chicago 7/20 Vision - This is a VERY lengthy update. To read it all, click [HERE](#)

...It's in the drawn-out unrelenting process of doing the dirty work in birthing and raising kids and churches that your heart is caught up in a big love. Even though the costs are great and the work is exhausting, that's the price you pay to be a part of seeing new life spring forth in God's world by his grace and all to his glory....



That leads me to share with you that our main new focus is intentionally working to recruit mission-minded Christians who might feel called to help us get started. You might ask, "how are you seeking to do that?" Well, the need for church planting in Chicago is massive. The cool thing is that most of the solid evangelical (that's the historic usage of the term evangelical not modern politicized use of that term) churches all want to share resources so we can collectively labor in the Christ-focused work of church planting in our great city. At present, I've begun meeting with some of these leaders trying to put together a game plan to borrow (that's right, I said borrow) some of their church members to help me form a launch team to expedite our process a bit. It takes critical mass to draw people. My church planting coach advised me to borrow people who are willing to serve as the scaffolding for our mission – once the wall, so to speak, of the church plant, gets built, the scaffolding can come down and the members of this borrowed launch team can return to their home churches. So far, the 4 church leaders with whom I've met have shown a positive response to the idea and are considering how we might borrow some of their people. There's still hard work to do to figure things out, but we're slowly but surely making incremental advances.

The Game Plan is:

- \* Recruit potential launch team members - Aug. 2021-January 2022
- \* Train Launch Team - February-March 2022
- \* Lead an Easter Worship Service April 17, 2022
- \* Have monthly prototype worship services May-August 2022 with weekly informal fellowship gatherings in between
- \* Launch weekly worship gatherings September 11, 2022

I remain convinced of the crucial nature of church planting in general in our country and church planting in particular in Chicago (obviously the need is global also!). Some of us need to keep partnering in the dirty work because there's a desperate need for Christ's church to birth new life.

The Chicagoland Church Planting Alliance just released a preliminary report in which they have worked to assess the church landscape in Chicago's 77 neighborhoods. A big part of the purpose of this project was to discern the neighborhoods in the city most underserved by the church. Any neighborhood with a church-to-population ratio of less than 1:1000 is considered underserved. To extrapolate a bit, there would be below (in many cases well below) 10 churches for every 10,000 people in these underserved neighborhoods. For me, what leaped off the page when I read the report was when I saw our target area made the list of the top 5 most underserved neighborhoods in Chicago. In other words, we're planting in one of the least church areas of a very under-churched city.

### Prayer Requests

- For God's sustaining grace as we seek to persevere in the rigorous and rewarding work of Church planting. For the Holy Spirit to keep beautifying Christ in our hearts and continually giving us animated imaginations regarding Christ's healing kingdom mission in the world.
- For our missionary Christ to keep opening up doors of opportunity to grow our relationship network. For Jesus to help us share his love and the good news of the gospel (in word and action) with our new friends.
- For God to use the pandemic to awaken people to himself and to the mission God is on to redeem and restore the world through his Son. For God to cause the impact of the COVID pandemic to subside.
- For the body of Christ to work together to embody Christ's life and love in our city. For the peace of Christ to spread in Chicago.
- For startling conversions to Christ
- For God to help us find times to experience his rest during the stress of planting a church and establishing an art gallery business.
- For the Lord to deepen our love for one another as we continue our respective works together.

There is soooooo much more to this update, including more prayer requests Again, to read the complete report, click [HERE](#)

# Edgington Presbyterian Church

## Treasurer's Report August 2021

	Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	Balance
General	\$ 101,315.33	\$ 13,182.20	\$ 29,865.21	\$ 84,632.32
Jahn	\$ 10,487.65	\$184.23		\$ 10,671.88
Edgington	\$ 5,633.02			\$ 5,633.02
Boughton	\$ 186,240.77	\$ 943.17	\$ 5,884.08	\$ 181,299.86
Lauby	\$ 22,714.56	\$ 299.50	\$ -	\$ 23,014.06

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Uncleared Transactions	\$ 10,546.61
General checking Balance	\$ 100,937.22

Reconciled Bank Accounts	
Gen. checking	\$ 100,937.22

### August 2021 GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

Zach Hopkins salary	4,308.32		
Housing Allowance	1,800.00		
EPC (health)	25.23		
Fidelity (pension)	919.81		
Mileage	87.92		
Lisa Bowman	1,161.17		
Robin Preston	176.96		
Eddy Bull (mowing/gas)	60.69		
ABS (copier)	122.08		
Edgington Hardware	37.38		
Reytel	117.90		
AT&T	208.11	General	\$ 84,632.32
MidAmerican Energy church	580.00	Edgington	\$ 5,633.02
Millenium Waste	41.33	Jahn	\$ 10,671.88
Ministry Designs (website)	30.00	TOTAL	\$ 100,937.22
Great Commission (Sunday school)	384.74		
Postmaster (postage)	4.16		
Jon Laird (piano tuning)	105.00		
Crawford Company	240.00		
C Stark (cemetery mowing)	400.00		
Country Mutual	8,473.72		
Z Hopkins (treasurers computer)	556.39		
VBS (registrations done online)	75.00		
Tri City Electric (parking lot lights)	149.30		
Lancster (mission)	1,250.00		
Burdsall (mission)	1,875.00		
McCallum (mission)	1,000.00		
Woodworth (mission)	2,125.00		
Huber (mission)	800.00		
Youth Hope (mission)	1,500.00		
YH Creative Arts (mission)	750.00		
Pregnancy Resources (mission)	500.00		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		\$29,865.21	

### **BOUGHTON FUND EXPENSES**

Crawford (new air conditioner)	5,884.08
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### **INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL**

Mission monies included in general fund	\$8,178.58
Assistance Fund	\$5,153.46

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

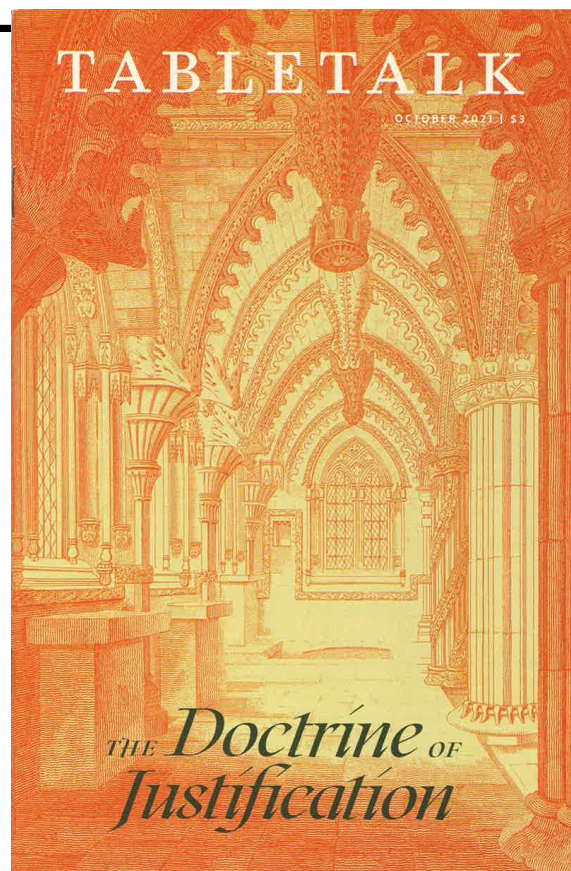
## Edgington Presbyterian Church General Fund Profit & Loss August 2021

	Aug 21
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
Income	
Per Capita Contributions	160.00
Interest Income - General Fnd	10.31
Loose Offering	192.00
Other Income	97.76
Pledges	12,722.13
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>13,182.20</b>
Expense	
Pastors housing allowance	1,800.00
Operating Maintenance - General	1,048.80
Insurance	8,473.72
Mileage	87.92
Miscellaneous	75.00
Mission	
U.S. Mission - Presbyterian	2,050.00
International Mission - Presbyt	5,000.00
Local Mission	2,750.00
<b>Total Mission</b>	<b>9,800.00</b>
Music	105.00
Office Supplies	
Copier	122.08
Office Supplies - Other	586.39
<b>Total Office Supplies</b>	<b>708.47</b>
Payroll Expenses	
Custodian Payroll	176.96
Pastor Salary	4,308.32
Secretary Services	1,161.17
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>5,646.45</b>
Pension & Health Care	945.04
Postage	4.16
Sunday School	384.74
Utilities	
Gas & Electric - Church	580.00
Telephone	208.11
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>788.11</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>29,865.21</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-16,683.01</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-16,683.01</b>

## Edgington Presbyterian Church Boughton Fund Profit & Loss August 2021

	Aug 21
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
Income	
Interest Income - Boughton	943.17
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>943.17</b>
Expense	
Boughton - Disbursements	5,884.08
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>5,884.08</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-4,940.91</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-4,940.91</b>

GET YOUR OCTOBER 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.

# The Apostles’ Creed

TOGETHER WE BELIEVE

Sun. Oct. 3rd – [Ephesians 2:11-22](#)

Sun., Oct. 10th – [1 Corinthians 12:7](#)

Sun., Oct. 17th – [Matthew 26:28](#)

Sun., Oct. 24th – [1 Corinthians 15:12-19](#)

Sun., Oct. 31st – 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 September’s Reading Schedule:



### Week 40 – 10/3 - 10/9

- [Jer 11-13](#); [2 Cor 12](#)
- [Jer 14-16](#); [Psalm 76](#); [2 Cor 13](#)
- [Jer 17-20](#); [James 1](#)
- [Jer 22, 23, 26](#); [Psalm 77](#); [James 2](#)
- [Jer 25, 35, 36, 45](#); [Ps 133](#); [James 3](#)

### Week 42 – 10/17 - 10/23

- [Lamentations](#); [Psalm 137](#); [1 Peter 4](#)
- [Obadiah](#); [Jer 40-42](#); [Ps 147](#); [1 Pet 5](#)
- [Jeremiah 43, 44, 46](#); [2 Peter 1](#)
- [Jer 47, 48, 49](#); [Psalm 80](#); [2 Peter 2](#)
- [Jer 50-51](#); [2 Peter 3](#)

### Week 44 – 10/31 - 11/6

- [Ezekiel 16-18](#); [John 6](#)
- [Ezek 19-21](#); [Psalm 84](#); [John 7](#)
- [Ezek 22-24](#); [Psalm 134](#); [John 8](#)
- [Ezek 25-27](#); [Psalm 85](#); [John 9](#)
- [Ezek 28-30](#); [John 10](#)

### Week 41 – 10/10 - 10/16

- [Jer 27, 28, 29, 34](#); [James 4](#)
- [Jer 37, 38, 39](#); [Psalm 79](#); [James 5](#)
- [Jer 30-33](#); [1 Peter 1](#)
- [Jer 38, 39, 52](#); [1 Pet 2](#)
- [2 Kin 24-25](#); [2 Chr 36](#); [Ps 126](#); [1 Pt 3](#)

### Week 43 – 10/24 - 10/30

- [Ezekiel 1-3](#); [John 1](#)
- [Ezek 4-6](#); [Psalm 82](#); [John 2](#)
- [Ezek 7-9](#); [John 3](#)
- [Ezek 10-12](#); [Psalm 83](#); [John 4](#)
- [Ezek 13-15](#); [Psalm 136](#); [John 5](#)

Pastor Zach is on Facebook Live every Sunday morning at 10am for our Lord's Day Worship Service .



If you are not already a member of our Facebook group, please click on the image for the link. "Like" our page and request to join. We are pretty quick to respond. Make sure you are "following" our page and turn your notifications setting on if you would like to receive a notification when Pastor Zach begins to stream. We will post a worship guide each week in advance of the service.



# THE CREED

WHAT WE BELIEVE



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

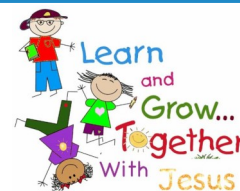
*Please join us every Sunday morning at 9am.*



## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Every Sunday morning at 9am

We use Great Commission Publications various curriculum.



Toddler	- Hillary Terrill & Kortney Geirlus
Pre-K	- Beth Flickinger
1st-2nd	- Katie Pearson
3rd-5th	- Kathy Stegmiller
Junior High	- Tara Johnson & Deanna Parchert
Senior High	- Brandee Neece



Click on the images above to learn more!

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

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Thursday, October 7th, 1pm

Pastor Zach's teaching will be from page 57 of the October TableTalk, which can be found on the table in the sanctuary foyer.

Mary Ann Vroman 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!*



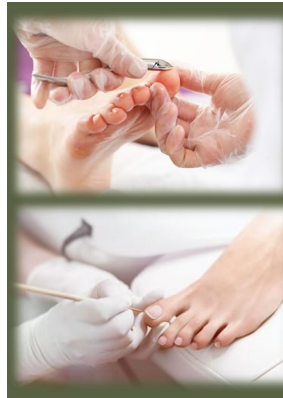
## QUILTING DAY

Thursday, October 21st, 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!)



I would like to thank everyone for all the concerns I have received after my accident. Your cards, phone calls, and visits were very much appreciated. In such a time, it is nice to feel the love from so many.

Thank you!

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## UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY PLEASE



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

Katie Pearson  
New email:  
kmpearson2007@gmail.com

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for making me the recipient of the Jahn Scholarship.

I am so blessed to have people in my life that care about me and are as passionate about their faith as I am. This money will go to good use whether to tuition, school supplies, or any other expenses.

I hope to see you all very soon as Augustana is not too far from the EEPC and I hope this thank you reaches you all in good health.

Sincerely,

Kira Nelson





# 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



## Newsletter

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*



## 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.

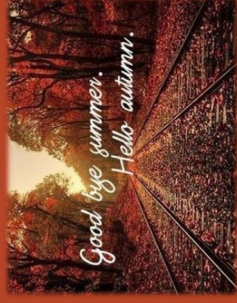
For more info and a direct link to Samaritan's Purse OCC website, please click [HERE](#)

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 14<sup>TH</sup>**




# OCTOBER 2021



EEPC

Sunday School 9am  
Worship Service

Phone: 309-795-1713  
Email: [edgingtonepc@gmail.com](mailto:edgingtonepc@gmail.com)  
WEBSITE: [www.edgingtonepc.org](http://www.edgingtonepc.org)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26 B/P Checks	27 Meal Site	28 Session Mtg. 7pm	29	30 Meal Site	1 R&L Presbytery Meeting Highview EPC, North Prairie, WI	2 R&L Presbytery Meeting Highview EPC, North Prairie, WI
3 Food Pantry Sunday Communicant's Class Parent Mtg., 6-7pm	4 Meal Site	5	6	7 Meal Site PW Mtg., 1pm	8 Meal Site	9
10 B/P Checks Membership Matters, 11:30am - 12:30pm Harvest Party 4-7pm	11 <i>Columbus Day</i> NO Meal Site	12	13 Trustees' Mtg. 7pm	14 Meal Site	15 Meal Site	16
17 Deacon's Mtg. 11:30 Membership Matters 11:30am - 12:30pm Communicant's Class	18 Foot Clinic Meal Site	19 Mission Comm. Mtg. 6:30pm	20  Items Due!	21 Meal Site Quilting, 9am	22 Meal Site	23
24 B/P Checks Membership Matters, 11:30am - 12:30pm Communicant's 6-7pm	25 Meal Site	26 Session Mtg. 7pm	27	28 Meal Site	29 Meal Site	30
31 New Member Reception	1 Meal Site	2	3	4 Meal Site	5 Meal Site	6

Pastor Zach in Orlando for EPC business