



Every Single Member Matters

Church membership is a topic that is on my mind lately. It probably has a lot to do with the exciting groups of new members that are joining our church; a group of adults at the end of October, and the youth communicant's class that will be joining during the spring of 2022. These new members are an exciting and encouraging thing to see as our church family grows. In a time when many churches report that membership is no longer a meaningful category of belonging, it is important to remember that this is exactly how the Apostle Paul explains what it means to be a part of the Church. He teaches that to belong to the Church is to be a member of the Body of Christ ([1 Cor 12:12-27](#)). The point is there is both the reality of the individual member, or in that particular analogy, an individual body part; but there is also a larger entity, the entirety of the body. In other words, there is an individual, and a way in which that individual is a part of a larger community – the Church. That belonging is expressed in terms of membership. So, as we say in our adult class, membership does matter!

Considering this reflection on the meaning and significance of church membership, it's important to remember that *every member matters*. Every person is a part of the Body. There is no degree of rank or importance that classifies our membership. Each is a part of the whole in such a way that without any one member, we are an incomplete body. Read it again, *every single member matters*.

One of the ways this comes home to me in a meaningful way is how many of the New Testament letters conclude by greeting specific church members. For example, at the end of Romans, which is arguably Paul's most masterful and eloquent exposition of the gospel, he takes time in the concluding chapters to greet over thirty specific members of the church in Rome. We might conclude from that, that these were the thirty most important people in the church – right? But the beautiful thing is that apart from their names being named, with a few exceptions, we know very little to nothing at all about these folks. They are just ordinary members, but even that isn't a great way to say it.

There is no such thing as someone who is *just a member*. Every member, regardless of who they are, regardless of whether their name is publicized or not, is a part of the Kingdom expanding work of the Lord Jesus in the local church. Take for example: Urbanus, Tryphaena, Tryphosa, and Persis, who were labeled workers in the Lord ([Rom 16:9, 12](#)); and Mary and Persis, who are called those who worked hard ([Rom 16:6, 12](#)). What did they do? I have no idea. But what I tend to think is that they were occupied in the ordinary tasks of church membership, which are actually extraordinary aspects of Kingdom work, and so they were honored for it. I wonder if it was like taking out the trash, or making the coffee, or even holding the door open and greeting someone with a friendly smile. I'm quite sure it looked a bit different, but I like to think, in general, that it was those kinds of ordinary services that were considered the faithful work of the Church in Rome. It reminds us that every member, every single one, is an important part of the ministry of the Gospel.

We're going to be thinking more about these truths in the month of November. There are a few weeks sandwiched between the conclusion of our Apostles' Creed series and the beginning of Advent 2021 where we will consider some truths about membership in the Church of Jesus Christ. I hope these reflections will be encouraging to you and deepen your sense of belonging to Church Family. I look forward to seeing you all on the Lord's Day.

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

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

13 - Denis & Michelle Doonan
 14 - Kevin & Cindy Oak
 15 - Ryan & Megan Koresko
 25 - Ben & Luci Goodnight

In all things,
 give
thanks
1 Thessalonians 5:18

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Carson Hall	13 - Marvin Weiss
1 - Darren Hall	14 - Luella Doonan
2 - Jackson Fuhr	16 - Raegan Miller
2 - Mary Ann Kadel	19 - Megan Barber
6 - Allan Fuhr	23 - Michael O'Hare
6 - Pam Fuhr	23 - Jennifer Ransdell
6 - Dorothy Rursch	24 - Lori Dixon
7 - Alice Crawford	24 - Connie Huntley
7 - Korey Miller	25 - Neal Ruggles
7 - Cindy Oak	28 - Jeffrey Fuhr
12 - Ella Goodnight	29 - Donna Dunlap

Dear
 Church
 Family,



We would like to thank all of you very much for all the cards, notes, flowers, phone calls, and prayers during the time of Lowell's hospitalization and passing. Your caring for us was such a blessing.

Love,
 The Titterington Family

GREETERS FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 7th - Jim & Carrie Reimers
 Sunday, November 14th - Kevin & Cindy Oak
 Sunday, November 21st - Dewey & Shirley Fleming
 Sunday, November 28th - Patrick & Peggy Shovar

SESSION

Session met on September 28, 2021, at 7pm with Teaching Elder Zach Hopkins and Ruling Elders Jim Mueller, Kevin Oak, Mic Penry, Patrick Shovar, and Keith Wilson in attendance. A quorum was present.

Pastor Zach acted as moderator of the meeting. Zach opened the meeting with prayer and read from 1st Corinthians 10:14-17. The Elders prayed for individual members of the congregation, then studied and discussed the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 29: "The Lord's Supper".

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

Approval of Minutes: August 31st, 2021 minutes were reviewed. Motion made, seconded and approved.

Correspondence: A facility use request was received.

Zach's Report: Zach reported on members with health concerns and prayer needs. During the past month he conducted 1 office visit, 6 home visits, 1 hospital visit, 3 Bible Studies at Brookstone, and Moderated Trinity Presbyterian Church Session meeting.

Old Business:

- Lisa Bowman gave a report on her research concerning the production of a new church directory. She noted that the best solution would be to acquire a church management software to enable the maintenance of church membership as well as other functions. She provided the Session with names of various programs and asked for feedback on them.
- The Nominating Committee has met and reached out to candidates.
- Scheduling the Shepherding Meeting was previously tabled. Motion was made, seconded and carried to schedule this meeting on October 23rd from 8:00am to Noon. Session members are encouraged to refresh their learnings from "The Shepherd Leader".
- Deacon & Mission committees were discussed in regards to local community outreach and evangelism. The committees are encouraged to seek out opportunities for community outreach.
- Brookstone Bible Study - Zach provided the Session with a report on the studies. They are currently working through the Gospel of John. A number of Session members have attended/ led one or more of these studies and Zach encouraged continued participation.
- Delegates to the 33rd RLP Meeting on October 1st & 2nd in Dousman, WI are Mic, (serving as Moderator), Keith, and Patrick.
- 2021 Per Member Asking communication has been sent out.
- Zach reviewed his upcoming calendar. He will be participating in the Theology Committee at the GA office in Orlando October 25th – 27th.
- Zach reported that 3 youth have signed up for the 2021 – 2022 Communicants class and more are expected. A parent's meeting has been scheduled.
- Zach reported that 6 have signed up for the adult Membership Class.

New Business:

- The Session reviewed a facility use request to use the basement for a birthday party on Saturday, October 9th from Amy Weiss. Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the request.
- Preaching- Zach asked for suggestions for a topic to preach next year.
- Upcoming events – Harvest Party October 10th.

- Communion will be held on October 3rd, 2021. The next Stated Session meeting will be November 2nd, at 7:00pm. The Session will study Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 30, "Condemnation by the Church" at that time.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:11pm. Motion Carried.

Teaching Elder Zach Hopkins closed the meeting with prayer.

Keith Wilson, Clerk of Session



Mic serving as Moderator and Terese Block as Stated Clerk at Presbytery meeting last month in Highview, WI.

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

October 17, 2021

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

Beth F. opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from the August meeting: Approved as written.

August - October Activities: 3 meals were delivered during this time, 12 shut-in visits/ calls and 64 cards. The cards consisted of anniversary, birthday, thinking of you, get well, and sympathy.

Old Business:

- The fall blood drive was very successful. Had 21 single units and 4 doubles- for a total of 29 units.
- Updates/concerns/prayer requests for shut-ins

New Business:

- Blood Drive - The blood drive has asked us in the future to advertise/announce when the other churches in the area are having their blood drives. The next EEPD blood drive will be held on Saturday March 5, 2022.
- New Members reception - The new members reception will be held after church on Sunday, October 31st. Deacons are responsible for the reception. Discussed details of the reception and when we planned to get everything set up for it. The class from last year will be invited to attend since we were unable to have a reception for them last year.
- Coat Drive - Discussed the upcoming coat drive. It will be in conjunction with the fall food pantry distribution on Saturday, November 13th. Beth F. reported that there are several drop-off boxes at the church, and the coats will need to be washed/sorted/bagged prior to the coat drive. Have received several donations of coats already. The schools have been contacted. We discussed that it may need to be contact-free like we did last year. We may try to set up table outside depending on the weather. Coats that are left after the distribution will be taken to YouthHope or to Christian Care.
- Greeters - Discussed getting greeters for December 2021 and January and February 2022.

Next Deacon meeting will be held on December 12th immediately following church.

Beth F. closed meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Easterla



ImpactLife

For those who like to donate blood every 8 weeks, we are excited to let you know that beginning in January, we are coordinating with St. Pat's and St. Ambrose so you can donate locally on an 8-week schedule and support all 3 blood draws! Below is the schedule so mark your calendar now.

2022 Dates

January 8th - St. Patrick's Church

March 5th - Edgington Presbyterian Church

May 21st - St. Patrick's Church

July 16th - St. Ambrose Church

Sept. 10th - Edgington Presbyterian Church

November 12th - St. Ambrose Church

Date: 09/8/2021

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

Mel opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:18pm.

Treasurer's report for August was reviewed and approved.

Secretary's minutes for August were reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

- Seal coating of parking lot should start in about three weeks.
- Mel has called Glass Blast to look at the front stained glass windows. The owner is currently ill and not able to respond.
- The riding mower is not working correctly. Will call the John Deere dealer to determine what needs to be done.
- Chris reported he has not had additional problems with the adjacent owner at Dunlop Cemetery.
- Two dehumidifiers have been installed in the basement.
- Replacement of sanctuary roof is scheduled to begin on September 13th. Anticipate it will be done in about one week.

New Business:

- Trustees replaced damaged ceiling tile in the old basement. These got wet when the air conditioning unit malfunctioned.

Mel closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan



DISCLAIMER:

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

FOR SALE

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

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

MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee met on September 21, 2021 at 6:30pm in the basement at EEPC. Those attending were: Barb Freyermuth, Deb Wagamon, Nancy Engstrom, Todd Stegmiller, and Session Representative Kevin Oak.

Barb opened the meeting in prayer

Old Business:

- Mission Updates:
 - Youth Hope: (Deb) – YH's greatest need at this time is volunteers for the many programs and services on their calendar. Deb attended the Volunteer workshop and shared the many opportunities with the team. Deb will contact YH to see if Edgington EPC could sponsor one program or service to assist. She will update at the next meeting.
 - Pregnancy Resources: (Barb) – The September walk fundraiser was very well attended and they were able to raise over \$45,000.
 - Winnie's Place: (Nancy) – a group of EPC volunteers met at Winnie's Place on Saturday, Sept. 25th, to help clean one of their apartments. After evaluating the needs, we volunteered to replace the stove and overhead range hood. They will provide a quote to the mission team. Winnie's Place is now sponsored by Project Now and they have new funding to make needed repairs to their facility. They are also able to offer shelter to women for up to 1 year rather than 3 months. This is a very great blessing.
 - Steve Woodworth & McCullum's: (Todd) – Steve is currently writing a book and is asking for prayers for its completion.
 - Saul & Jess Huber: (Kevin) – Jess was able to safely deliver her child and is recuperating from COVID.
 - Jeff Lancaster: (Lisa) – The Mission team received a very nice letter from Jeff Lancaster fully outlining his challenges and small successes in planting churches in Chicago. Prayers are needed for patience and strength as he continues his work.
 - Christian Care: (Jim) – CC is asking for more involvement from EEPC. Barb will give Jim a call to reach out and see what their needs are at this time. We will address this further at our October meeting.
- Mission Outreach: The Mission team continues to pray and search for additional ways we can reach out and be of service to our local community. Zach brought the topic up at the session meeting. There was some discussion around utilizing the teens to perform service in our community. We will continue to pray for guidance on this topic.

New Business:

- Winnie Place – Stove Purchase: The purchase of a stove and hood was approved by the committee. We are also looking for volunteers to help remove shelving and storage items from one of their apartments on Oct. 9th.
- World Outreach for Hurricane Ida Support: Deb spoke on Sept. 18th asking for donations to aid those impacted by the hurricane and that the mission team would match contributions. Funds are still being collected so the committee will review and approve the matching contribution at our next meeting.
- Minute for Mission: Sept 26th Nancy will update the congregation on the changes at Winnie's place along with their needs for volunteers.

Deb closed the meeting in prayer.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 19th, 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!



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. **Please have all donations dropped off by Sun., November 7th.** The distribution date is Sat., November 13th from 8:30 - 11am.

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.



Project NOW
Community Action Agency

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

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



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

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

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL!

243 kids and teens (K-12) attended our Youth Centers for in-person after-school, evening, and weekend programs this September. What a wonderful change from last year! You are giving youth a safe place to come, be mentored, fed, and encouraged. Thank you for supporting our kids and teens.

We are so excited to announce the new CRE8 STUDIOS is open! This project was completed during COVID, and we thank God for being with us every step! His goodness has shined over and over! The ribbon cutting began a new era of worship, creativity, and excitement to share the Gospel! A fresh wind of God is moving at YouthHope, and we expect incredible impact and transformation!

Kids are leading worship during kids clubs, performing in the community, and creating amazing art pieces. The talent, passion and potential our kids and teens have is a result of what they have lived through and a natural gift from God. Each student has been created for such a time as this! We know God has big plans, and it is our honor to help train, guide, and love them along their journey!

We are so grateful for your faithful prayers, partnership, and financial support. Thank you so much, and God bless you!

~ Hannah Carr, Development Director

To read the entire October Newsletter click [HERE](#)

YOUTH PROGRAM NEEDS:

Youth Centers

- Commercial Carpet Sweeper
- Commercial Carpet Cleaner

Educational Support Program

- Disposable Masks
- Sanitizing Wipes
- Hand Sanitizer

Winter Gear for Students

- NEW Coats (size 6-14)
- NEW Snow Pants (Size 6-14)
- NEW Snow Boots
- NEW Gloves, Hats, Scarves

Christmas Open House

Friday, December 3rd

6pm-8pm

Moline Youth Center
3928 12th Avenue, Moline, IL



Prayer Requests and Praise:

- * Opportunities to share God's love and hope with every kid and teen.
- * Volunteers who give time and talents to work with our youth and staff.
- * YouthHope leadership to continue to be inspired and led by God.
- * YouthHope staff on the front line every day, sharing the love of Christ with kids and teens.
- * YouthHope Board of Directors' wisdom, vision, discernment, and oversight of YouthHope.
- * Generous supporters to continue supporting YouthHope.
- * God to be glorified in every area of YouthHope's ministry!

YouthHope relies on volunteers like YOU for programs for kids and teens! Due to COVID-19, many volunteer opportunities have changed! Please contact the YouthHope office for more information regarding volunteering: 309-762-4577.

There are many opportunities to volunteer, and we NEED YOU! Contact us today to start bringing youth HOPE!

Click [HERE](#) to go to the "Volunteer Opportunities" page to see where you might get plugged in! Call Hannah Carr if you have any questions at 309-762-4577 or email to hcarr@youthhopeqc.org



SAFE, LEGAL, AND RARE NO MORE...

The Director's Desk ~ a monthly blog,
Written by Trisha Wilson, Executive Director



As recently as 20 years ago, the marching cry “SAFE, LEGAL, and RARE” united abortion supporters across the United States. **Today pro-abortion activists believe the word RARE to be an aggressive attempt and shaming women who are post-abortive** and have moved to an updated position “SAFE and LEGAL” . . . unlimited, unrestricted, fully funded. There is perhaps no other cultural issue that divides us more. Those who cling to the truth that life – all life – is precious and should be protected are belittled, ridiculed, inaccurately labeled, and shunned. We are seeing this escalating conflict to protect the pre-born unfold across the country. While some states, like Iowa, seek to protect the pre-born, we need not look far to see how vulnerable the pre-born of Illinois and Iowa remain.

On a local level, in early October a Women’s Rally took place in Rock Island, Illinois. This rally specifically focused on legalized abortion with guest appearances from the Mayor of Moline, a Rock Island County Board Member, the President of the NAACP of Rock Island County, and several other community leaders speaking out in support of abortion. To my knowledge, there were no life-affirming speakers at this event.

On the Federal level, in September the U.S. House passed the misleadingly named Women’s Health Protection Action. If approved by the Senate, this legislation would almost fully remove all current and future restrictions on abortion and prevent states from even limited protections for the preborn. Limits on third trimester abortions and current bans on sex-selection abortions would also be removed. State laws requiring informed consent would be nullified. Parental notification for minors to purchase an abortion and pre-abortion fetal development education requirements would also be removed. Doctors, nurses, and hospitals would no longer be allowed to refuse abortion procedures for ethical or religious reasons. In short, this is the MOST extreme abortion legislation ever considered or passed by the U.S. House of Representatives.

On the National level, the Supreme Court of the United States is set to hear oral arguments in early December 2021 for Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization. This case addresses a Mississippi law banning most abortions after 15 weeks. This case could challenge the Roe v. Wade decision of 1973. This famous ruling stated that a woman had constitutional right to terminate a pregnancy in the first six months of her pregnancy, – when survival outside the womb was not possible. We now know that children can be born as early as 21 weeks 2 days and survive with the assistance of advanced medical care.

So, what are **you and I to do?** We pray without ceasing – for our local leaders, our national leaders, for those who deny the value of life, and for each mom and dad who, today, is facing an unplanned or unwanted pregnancy. We speak up for life – in our homes, in our churches, and within our circles of influence. We get involved – volunteer, pray over the ministry, and financially support front line ministries like Pregnancy Resources. Finally, we vote for men and women who will act in the best interest of us all – including the preborn. Remember, **even in this huge battle for the pre-born, we are not alone**; it is God who directs us in this spiritual, political, and cultural battle on behalf of every pre-born child out there.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for the staff and volunteer team at Pregnancy Resources who are dealing with various health issues. Pray for quick recovery.
- Pray for a pregnant teen who is facing great pressure to abort from friends and family.
- Pray for the 11 dads who are currently signed up for the Dr. Dad Workshop this weekend! Pray that they would attend and that the day would be a great help to them in their parenting journey.
- Pray for the staff and volunteers of Pregnancy Resources. There have been many clients facing extremely difficult situations and considering abortion. Pray for wisdom for those who see clients to know what to say and how to say it.
- Pray for the two abortion-minded clients with whom we have lost contact. Pray that they would know that we are a safe place for them regardless of their decision.
- Pray for a client who recently took the abortion pill. Pray that she would know God's comfort and know where she can get help when she needs it.

CLICK [HERE](#) for a list of Bella’s Boutiques current needs.

A WORLD IN CONFLICT

~ Rev. Dr. Steve Woodworth

"I feel it is my duty to plod on, while daylight shall last..." - Adoniram Judson

The picture above is a snapshot of the peril currently afflicting the people of Burma (Myanmar). Following a military coup in February, 2021 the country has been besieged with violence, oppression, and uncertainty. Covid has hit the country particularly hard, and vaccines are scant and expensive. Fuel and food prices have increased, and churches have not been allowed to meet for over a year. This week, we had a chance to speak with our national ministry partners in the country for a time of encouragement and prayer. It proved to be a somber reminder of the suffering many of our brothers and sisters are facing at this moment in history.



And Burma is just one of our ITEN sites that is enduring struggles in the current moment. Ethiopia is experiencing a civil war in the north of the country, our Russian partners are forced to find creative ways to work within the ever-changing government restrictions, and Vietnam is battling yet another wave of illness and death from the Delta variant, while the Middle East is watching the return of the Taliban to power, and the entire continent of Africa remains less than 5% vaccinated.

Undoubtedly, this is changing the work of ITEN and challenging us to pray more earnestly for discernment and wisdom regarding the next steps we will take, and what role God would have us play in his unfolding story of redemption for a world in conflict. A world who needs to hear about the Prince of Peace perhaps now more than ever.

Vietnam

With the resurgence of the Delta variant in Southeast Asia, our October training session in Vietnam has been delayed again. While attempts will be made to hold a virtual training in November, the most plausible outcome is that we will plan to gather with students face-to-face in March of 2022.



"We are in very dark times...and God has a purpose."
- Burmese leaders

Sierra Leone

Over the past year I have been working with our national partners in Sierra Leone to redesign our strategic plan within the country. Like many parts of Africa, economic struggles combined with a pandemic, and political upheavals have demanded a shift in the way we conduct theological education with pastors in rural areas of the country. With new program coordinators in place, and a fresh vision for the coming year, our desire is to be back in-country in January 2022, relaunching a multi-year ministry certificate for pastors within the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Sierra Leone.



Prayer Requests

- PRAISE! Our oldest son Luke completed the grueling process of becoming the newest member of the Navy SWCC.
- Our next training session in Vietnam in (possibly) November.
- God's favor for the new program launching in Sierra Leone & West Africa
- My wife and 3 sons- that they would each grow in their understanding and experience of the gospel in their lives.
- Our partners in Myanmar facing persecution, isolation, and uncertainty

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MC.....'S MUSE SEPT 2021

*For safety reasons names & locations are abbreviated or left out.



On Labor Day Ed finally was able to rest from his composing labors as the O.T. Survey materials were completed and the last segments sent to V..... for translation. A huge sigh of relief and praise! Later that evening, in Zoom meeting with our Southeast Asia team, we heard of increasing Covid cases accompanied by serious food shortages mainly in the southern part of the nation. In the north by the capital, increased measures were in place to stop the spread of the virus. With travel and meeting size restrictions in place the team realized that the October classes needed to be on hold. Discussions continue for updates. Classes will be scheduled as soon as the situation in country allows.

Following the March classes some participants have been able to pass the training along; many have been stymied by Covid restrictions. Nationally Covid numbers are coming down with a 7 day average of 971 cases and 263 deaths which is more than 25% mortality rate. The economy has taken a huge hit as tourism, a major industry, has virtually stopped. Industry in the south has greatly slowed. The US is sending vaccines as are other nations.

Pray for all pastors and church leaders as they shepherd their people and reach outward. The pressing need is to pray for Covid relief. Wisdom in planning for ongoing training both from those we've trained already and for our next classes.

Our Southeast Asian partners in M..... are rejoicing at the healing of Mr T, the leader "of the Pack," from Covid along with his wife, son, and daughter. Mr. T's nurse, a Buddhist, heard the gospel while caring for him and put her trust in Jesus! She has returned home as a new believer to witness to her family. Please pray for T's Nurse to grow in her faith and be a bold witness. It is hard to find good Covid stats so we are continuing to pray for containment and healing. Thankfully ITEN gets funds sent & received for Covid relief supplies. Conditions around the country are gut-wrenching. Civil unrest continues almost 8 months after the Military Coup. Many innocent people are caught in the literal crossfire. Making a living is very challenging bringing hunger to many. Please continue to pray for civil peace and justice. For the Holy Spirit to reveal the truth of salvation to all elements of society.

On the home front both of us are participating the EPC World Outreach's workshop Loving your Muslim Neighbors taught by experienced members of World Outreach. Nan is hosting a cohort group of 11 at our church both in person and online, part of the 28 participating from around the country. It has been fun to see EPC friends. Three of the Gargiulo family from Fellowship Church of South Lyons, Michigan, Doug Dempsey of Faith EPC in Brooksville, Florida, and Jane Bodden from Hope Community Church, Pembroke Pines, FL. Following up on a homework assignment we joined a class couple for lunch at the Khyber Halal restaurant in our neighborhood and reconnected with a waitress we had prayed with a few years back. Her husband has returned safely from Afghanistan where he served 2 years as a translator. Praise God! May the Lord give His Church guidance on how to love those who are lost. Grow us, O Lord, to see possibilities around us where you want us to bring life's hope.

Nan is in the application process with the IRC (International Refugee Committee) to volunteer as a transit trainer for adult refugees coming into Phoenix. She has no experience here on buses/light rail, but both of us have wanted to learn this system. Now is our chance! Interview is done, background check in process. Open the door please, Lord, for her.

We have been spending time with 2 young couples who don't mind socializing with "older" folks. It is quite refreshing. A ministry-focused engaged couple will tie their marital knot Thanksgiving weekend. Nan met Samantha in an area park and struck up a conversation. One thing lead to another, realizing their shared faith and teaching careers has led to a delightful mentoring relationship.

The second is an immigrant couple who both found that Islam didn't answer their life questions. Conversation topics vary greatly. The challenges of living outside their passport country, how to develop a bi-cultural family life, zipping through his job's tasks and how to ask for more work, how to find tennis partners, dealing with differences in a potential marital partner, the differences between Hell and Heaven, and acknowledging that Jesus is integral in our lives. Sunday we stopped to pray a blessing for the meal and blessing the man's apartment. She commented that was a favorite part of getting together. We later asked if we could pray for healing in Jesus' name for the woman's painful back issue. She was very appreciative.

*There is much more to this update, but for safety concerns it cannot be linked. If you would like to receive the full reports, please email edgingtonepc@gmail.com

Edgington Presbyterian Church

Treasurer's Report September 2021

	Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	Balance
General	\$ 84,632.32	\$ 20,007.90	\$ 17,560.31	\$ 87,079.91
Jahn	\$ 10,871.88	\$90.53	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 8,262.41
Edgington	\$ 5,633.02			\$ 5,633.02
Boughton	\$ 181,298.86	** 7.45		\$ 181,307.31
Lauby	\$ 23,014.06	\$ 148.08	\$ -	\$ 23,162.14

Ending Gen. checking balar	106,211.86
Uncleared Transactions	\$ 5,236.52
General checking Balance	\$ 100,975.34

Reconciled Bank Accounts	
Gen. checking	\$ 100,975.34

September 2021 GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

Zach Hopkins salary	4,308.32		
Housing Allowance	1,800.00		
EPC (health)	25.23		
Fidelity (pension)	919.81		
Mileage	131.60		
Lisa Bowman	1,127.65		
Robin Preston	421.76		
Eddy Bull	43.69		
ABS (copier/Sep & Oct)	249.81		
Edgington Hardware	10.99		
Reydel	117.87		
AT&T	208.38	General	\$ 87,079.91
MidAmerican Energy church	580.00	Edgington	\$ 5,633.02
Millenium Waste	41.33	Jahn	\$ 8,262.41
Ministry Designs (website)	30.00	TOTAL	\$ 100,975.34
Westminster Books (childrens Bibles)	343.04		
Postmaster (postage)	170.56		
CP Journal (cont Ed)	20.00		
Sound Cloud (website)	144.00		
Ligonier Ministries (Table Talk)	365.77		
IL Fire Marshall (elevator certificate)	76.69		
IL Dept of rev (payroll tax)	11.06		
Johnson Controls (fire alarm annual fee)	540.00		
Sinclair (mower repair)	152.48		
Stuard and Associates (elevator inspection)	425.00		
Rev Derek Morrison (pulpit supply)	463.27		
Tri County Pest Control	60.00		
Presbytery lunch	38.00		
Rivers And Lakes (PMA)	3,434.00		
Pregnancy Resources (mission)	300.00		
Marion Medical Mission	1,000.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$17,560.31	

JAHN FUND EXPENSES

Reilly Fuller	500.00	
Colby Mueller	500.00	
Kira Nelson	500.00	
Nathan Flickinger	500.00	
Mackenzie Raimers	500.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$2,500.00
INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL		

Mission monies included in general fund	\$11,263.46	& Ida funds of \$820
Assistance Fund	\$5,153.46	

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

** Raymond James interest for Boughton was accidently put in General Fund for September I will fix it for in October.

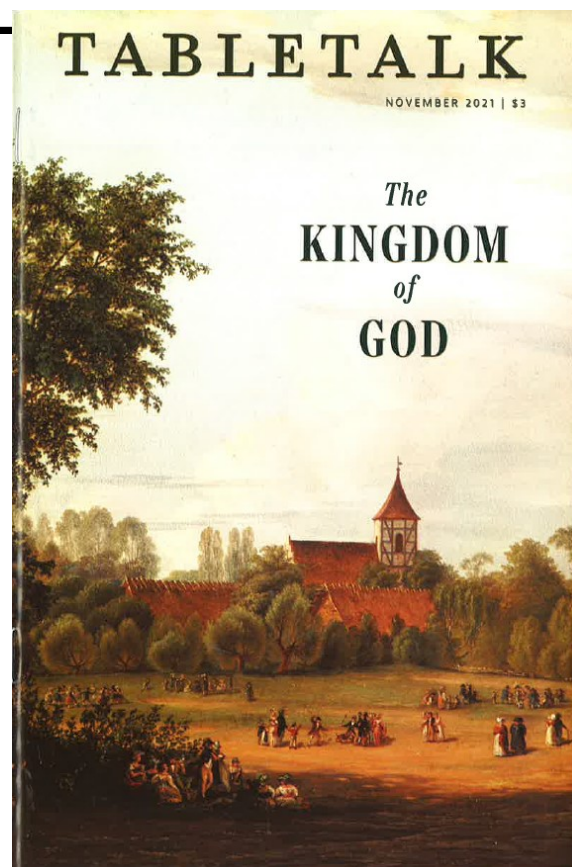
Edgington Presbyterian Church General Fund Profit & Loss September 2021

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	Sep 21
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Mission Contribution	195.00
Per Capita Contributions	1,000.00
Basement Rent	25.00
Interest Income - General Fnd	8.92
Loose Offering	66.00
Other Income	459.48
Pledges	17,473.50
Special Offerings	780.00
Total Income	20,007.90
Expense	
Pastors housing allowance	1,800.00
Operating Maintenance - General	1,468.05
presbytery expense	38.00
Resource materials	365.77
Continuing Education	20.00
Per Capita Distribution	3,434.00
Mileage	131.60
Mission	
International Mission - Presbyt	1,000.00
Local Mission	300.00
Total Mission	1,300.00
Office Supplies	
Copier	249.81
Office Supplies - Other	174.00
Total Office Supplies	423.81
Payroll Expenses	
Custodian Payroll	421.76
Pastor Salary	4,308.32
Payroll Taxes	11.06
Secretary Services	1,127.65
Total Payroll Expenses	5,868.79
Pension & Health Care	945.04
Postage	170.56
Pulpit Supply	463.27
Sunday School	343.04
Utilities	
Gas & Electric - Church	580.00
Telephone	208.38
Total Utilities	788.38
Total Expense	17,560.31
Net Ordinary Income	2,447.59
Net Income	2,447.59

	Sep 21
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Interest Income - Jahn	90.53
Total Income	90.53
Expense	
Disbursements - Jahn	2,500.00
Total Expense	2,500.00
Net Ordinary Income	-2,409.47
Net Income	-2,409.47

GET YOUR NOVEMBER 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. Nov. 7th – [Acts 20:17-21](#); [1 Corinthians 15:3-4](#)

Sun., Nov. 14th – [Acts 20:28-30](#); [1 Peter 5:1-5](#)

Sun., Nov. 21st – [Acts 20:32](#); [1 Corinthians 12:4-5](#)

Sun., Nov. 28th - First Advent Sunday – [Luke 1:1-25](#)

The
Apostles’
Creed

TOGETHER WE BELIEVE

SCRIPTURE LINKS - Download the apps!



ESV.org is an online Bible reading tool created to help you read and engage with God's Word. While many features of the site are available without signing in, we invite you to **create a free account**, which makes it easy to save personal notes, highlight favorite verses, and start interactive reading plans.

(Click on the images to go to their websites)



Blue Letter Bible provides powerful tools for an in-depth study of God’s Word through our free online reference library, with study tools that are grounded in the historical, conservative Christian faith. We view the Bible as central to our study resources. We intentionally designed the website to include study tools that are linked directly to Bible passages. Dig deep into the Word using commentaries, encyclopedias, maps/images and much more. One of our most used tools is the Lexicon search, which gives users immediate access to the original Hebrew and Greek words.

READ THE BIBLE WITH YOUR PASTOR

This Bible reading plan follows a five-day structure. I like this structure because the weekends can be used for catching up if necessary, but also because it fits well with my schedule. I invite you to read the Bible with me! The full plan is accessible [HERE](#). I would love to hear that you’re reading along and would certainly welcome any of your questions, comments, and observations. Here is November’s Reading Schedule:



Week 45 – 11/7 - 11/13

- [Ezekiel 31-33](#); [John 11](#)
- [Ezek 34-36](#); [Psalm 86](#); [John 12](#)
- [Ezek 37-39](#); [Psalm 87](#); [John 13](#)
- [Ezek 40-42](#); [John 14](#)
- [Ezek 43-45](#); [Psalm 135](#); [John 15](#)

Week 46 – 11/14 - 11/20

- [Ezekiel 46-48](#); [John 16](#)
- [Daniel 1-3](#); [Psalm 88](#); [John 17](#)
- [Daniel 4-6](#); [John 18](#)
- [Daniel 7-9](#); [Psalm 91](#); [John 19](#)
- [Daniel 10-12](#); [John 20](#)

Week 47 – 11/21 - 11/27

- [Ezra 1-2](#); [John 21](#)
- [Ezra 3-4](#); [Psalm 92](#); [1 John 1](#)
- [Haggai](#); [Zechariah 1](#); [Ps 138](#); [1 John 2](#)
- [Zechariah 2-5](#); [Psalm 93](#); [1 John 3](#)
- [Zechariah 6-8](#); [1 John 4](#)

Week 48 – 11/28 - 12/4

- [Zechariah 9-11](#); [1 John 5](#)
- [Zechariah 12-14](#); [Psalm 94](#); [2 John](#)
- [Ezra 5-6](#); [Psalm 95](#); [3 John](#)
- [Esther 1-3](#); [Psalm 139](#); [Revelation 1](#)
- [Esther 4-6](#); [Revelation 2](#)

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



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



THE CREED

WHAT WE BELIEVE



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

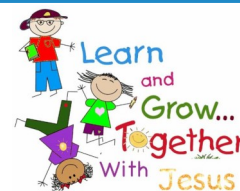
Please join us every Sunday morning at 9am.



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Every Sunday morning at 9am

We use Great Commission Publications various curriculum.



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



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!



Harvest Party
Fun!!!





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Thursday, November 4th, 1pm

Pastor Zach's teaching will be from pages 72 - 75 of the November TableTalk, which can be found on the table in the sanctuary foyer.

Dorothy Rursch 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!



Don't forget your Christmas Cookie Plates for the December meeting!

QUILTING DAY

Thursday, November 18th, 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 NOW EVERY MONTH!

Mon., November 15th, 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.



UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY PLEASE

Katie Pearson

New email: kmpearson2007@gmail.com

Shirley Flemming

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Newsletter

ALL submissions for the December Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER** than Wednesday, November 17th. 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 14TH



We are taking orders for poinsettias now through Sunday, November 21st.

If you wish to have a poinsettia in the sanctuary, please take an envelope from the pew holder, mark the "Other" box and write "Poinsettia" on the line. Write your name where indicated. On the amount line indicate how much money you are placing in the envelope. They are \$10 each. If it is in memory of someone, please write that person's name(s) on the back of the envelope.

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Oak or the church office.



ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES

11/28, 12/5, 12, 19
12/24

The Lord's Day
Christmas Eve

10 am
10 pm



2021

ATTENTION COMMITTEE LEADERS OF EDGINGTON EPC

The end of the year is rapidly approaching!

If you lead/head/chair any committee or group you need to have a report in the Annual Report. Please start working on it as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, or should need to see a copy of last year's report please contact Lisa in the office at 309-795-1713.

The Annual Congregational Meeting date is TBA, and should be in next month's newsletter.

NOVEMBER 2021



Sunday School 9am
Worship Service

EEPC

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31 Reformation Sunday New Member Reception following Worship Service	1 Meal Site	2 Session Mtg., 7pm	3	4 Meal Site PW Mtg., 1pm	5 Meal Site	6
7 Daylight Saving Time Ends Food Pantry Sunday Communicant's Class 6-7pm	8 Meal Site	9	10	11 Meal Site 	12 Meal Site Food Pantry Packing, 9am	13 Food Pantry & Coat Distribution 8:30 - 11am
14 B/P Checks OCC Shoebox Packing, 5pm Communicant's Class, 6-7pm	15 Foot Clinic Meal Site	16 Mission Comm. Mtg., 6:30pm	17 	18 Quilting, 9am Meal Site	19 Meal Site	20
21 Communicant's Class 6-7pm	22 Meal Site	23	24	25 	26 Meal Site	27
28 1st Sunday of Advent B/P Checks	29 Meal Site	30 Session Mtg., 7pm	1	2 Meal Site	3 Meal Site	4