



March Newsletter 2022 Volume 16, Issue 2

"TO GLORIFY GOD, & ENJOY HIM FOREVER"

Each year in our annual report we publish a summary of our membership. In this list we identify that our membership is divided into four different categories that our church constitution outlines. Those categories are: Baptized, Active, Affiliate, and Inactive. In 2022, I am using the newsletter to explain each of these categories. In February, we considered the baptized role. This month, we'll consider the role that most folks have in mind when they consider church membership.

**The Active Roll**: This list includes all communicant members, that is, those who have been baptized and made a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

#### How does someone become an active member?

There are three ways a person could become an active member. Hopefully, you'll recognize in these options how you came into the family of God here in Edgington. The first way is by **profession of faith.** In this instance a person petitions the Session for membership and undergoes some form of course of instruction (think: communicants' class or membership class) so that the Session might receive confidence of a person's intention to fulfill their membership vows. If a person has not previously been baptized, they should be baptized prior to professing their faith and joining the church. In many joyful circumstances, we can move the names of students from the baptized roll to the active roll as the sign of their baptism becomes a reality by their living trust in Jesus. The second way to become an active members is by **reaffirmation of faith**. This process involved someone who was previously an active membership. To do so, they would stand in front of the congregation and again affirm their faith and trust in Christ alone. The final way is by **transfer of membership**. Because we believe in the universality of the church, we recognize the memberships of individuals in other Bible believing churches and are happy to welcome these folks, still by way of a class and public profession, to our church family.

#### What are the rights and responsibilities granted to active members?

That's another way of asking, "what is the benefit of church membership?" Among many things we could highlight, here are a few very important ones: Active members are called communicant members because they are authorized by the Session to commune at the Lord's Supper. Of course, we welcome guests who sincerely receive and rest upon Jesus as He is offered in the Gospel but being among our membership gives one the confidence that they may and indeed should come to the Table as they continue in faith. Another benefit is that active members receive the shepherding care of the Elders and Deacons. Being a member is equated with being known; it's hard to care for people you don't know, and much simpler to meet the needs of folks that are known. Another responsibility is the participation in the government of the Church by voting in meetings of the congregation. Admittedly, as an Elder-led Church, there are not overwhelming opportunities for congregational votes, but when they take place, your involvement is essential. Congregations especially vote on: the calling of a Pastor and the election of Church Officers that have been nominated from among themselves.

#### How to continue in active membership?

Very simply, by continued participation which we define as attendance and financial support of the ministry. If someone asks, how few times does one have to attend in a year to still be considered an active member, it's clear that person does not understand the purpose of membership.

In an age when "membership" gets lumped together with everything from civic organizations to media streaming platforms – we need to continually reaffirm the dignity and worth of identifying oneself with the visible church of Jesus Christ. That is why we have the active member roll. I hope these reminders are helpful.

# **ELDERS**

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

# DEACONS

Beth Flickinger - Chair Beth Easterla - Secretary Jim Balmer Teresa Balmer Don Easterla Marlin Krueger Darcy Krueger Teresa Weber

# TRUSTEES

Mel Block - Chair Larry Pithan - Secretary Ken Benningfield Kim Freyermuth Jeff Fuhr Phil Fuhr Darren Hall Scott Nelson

# FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

10 - Todd & Lauren Stegmiller



The family of Maxine Pettit thanks our church family for all the prayers and calls when she passed away, December 29th. We also want to thank the deacons for all the cards sent to her.

Thanks to Pastor Zach for the service that he provided at the funeral home and cemetery.

Thanks again.

Jim Pettit and family



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Augie Kerres
- 5 Michelle Franklin 7 - Jordyn Stegmiller
- 8 Marilou Simpson
- 9 Andy Gundling
- 9 Bill Sloan
- 10 Nancy Cooksey
- 10 Steven Woeckener
- 14 Tom Huntley
- 16 Hunter Wistedt
- 16 Logan Wistedt

- 19 NIta Darland
- 19 Joshua Fuhr
- 19 Keith Wilson
- 21 Evelyn Hessman
- 23 John Fuhr
- 23 Rachel Johnson
- 23 Caroline Neece
- 24 Rich Stillwell
- 24 Steven Wagamon
- 26 Jonathan Gierlus

Thank You

Thank you EVERYONE for being Sharon's church family. Thank you EVERYONE for being my church family. Thank you EVERYONE for caring so much. May God bless you ALL.

Jim Schaubroeck



# **GREETERS FOR MARCH**

Sunday, March 6th - Michael & Sharon Orr Sunday, March 13th - Jason & Beth Flickinger Sunday, March 20th - Nathan & Amy Oak Sunday, March 27th - Mel & Pat Block



February 22, 2022, at 7pm

Location: Church Conference Room

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

Pastor Zach acted as moderator of the meeting. Zach opened the meeting with prayer and read from Acts 6. The Elders prayed for individual members of the congregation and then studied and discussed the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 32: "The Condition of Man After Death and the Resurrection of the Dead."

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

**Approval of Minutes:** November 30th, 2021, minutes were reviewed. Motion made, seconded, and approved.

**Zach's Report:** Zach reported on members with health concerns and prayer needs. During the past several months he conducted many visits including: 5 office, 14 home, 2 hospital, 4 funerals, and other activities such as PW planning, Brookstone Bible study, and the 34th RLP meeting. Zach took questions and asked for feedback on a few matters he was seeking counsel.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- The details of our Shepherding Ministry were reviewed. Updates about spreadsheets, logistics, and record keeping were received. Lisa is working very hard to get Servant Keeper (Church Management Software) up to speed for our benefit.
- The online directory is progressing through Servant Keeper. The congregation is encouraged to submit photos to the office.
- The 34th RLP Meeting was reviewed. RE's Oak, Shovar, and Mueller reported on their attendance. RE Penry was commended for his service as Presbytery moderator, for which we are all very proud.
- The details for the 2021 Annual Meeting were reviewed. The original date was postponed and has been re-scheduled for February 27th after worship and a PW hosted soup luncheon. The reports were reviewed and approved.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- The 2021-2022 Communicants' Class schedule was reviewed with special attention given to dates needing RE participation, including the student examinations. The students are on track to join on Palm Sunday.
- Travis & Olivia Ryser have been previously approved for baptism, the date of March 27th has been determined. Steve and Amy will meet with TE Hopkins and RE Wilson on a date prior to this for instruction.
- The Elders discussed a question related to Church Greeters. Church Greeters are secured by the Deacons for services and should be a member of the church. Follow-up communication will be given as necessary.
- It was M/S/C to set the Easter schedule as follows: 7pm Good Friday Service (April 15th); 8:30am Breakfast, and 10am Worship (April 17th). Gratitude was expressed to Tara Johnson for leading the efforts for the breakfast.
- It was M/S/C to establish the spring adult membership class schedule as follows: classes on April 24th, May 1st, May 8th, with membership vows and reception on May 15th.



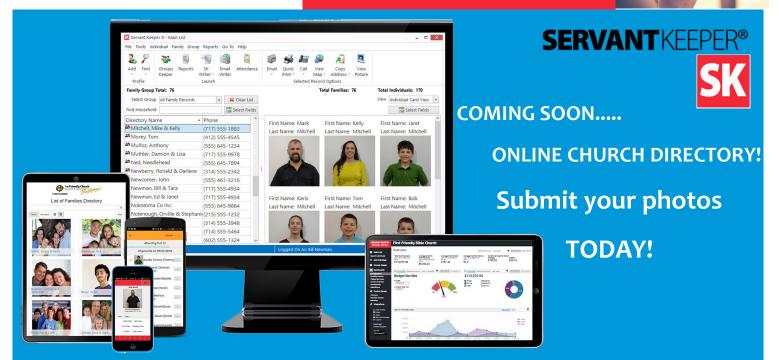
- Two Facility Use requests were approved.
- The dates for VBS 2022 have been established (July 25th 29th). It was M/S/C to move ahead with all plans.
- Communion will be held on March 6th, 2022. The next Stated Session meeting will be Tuesday, March 29th, at 7:00pm. The Session will study Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 33: "The Last Judgment" at that time.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:15pm. Motion Carried.

Teaching Elder Zach Hopkins closed the meeting with prayer.

#### Keith Wilson Clerk of Session

Your photos don't need to be fancy! Candid shots taken with your phones anywhere are perfect! Please submit them **TODAY!** 



We have recently purchased church management software and Lisa is in the process of learning how to use it and all the many ways that it will streamline her work.

One of the most exciting elements of the program is that we will be able to finally offer a **secure online digital directory** for everyone to have at their fingertips and **update themselves** with current information and photos! We will still be able to print a hard copy version for those who find that most convenient.

As Lisa is getting the directory prepared to launch, she is asking that you please send her pictures of each individual member of your family, as well as a group family photo. These do not need to be professional photos, but can be casual pictures like the kind you might post on Facebook whatever picture you think shows you and your family off best would be great!

Please email you pics to edgingtonepc@gmail.com or text them to 309-738-1267 today!



Date: 1/12/2022

Present: Mel Block, Larry Pithan, Treasurer Cindy Oak, Session Representative Jim Mueller.

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

Treasurer's report for December was reviewed.

Secretary's minutes for November were reviewed and had previously been approved via email.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Ice melt was purchased and is stored at entrance doors. Mel indicated it may take a little more of the product to clear the ice.
- Repairs have been made to several spots on the parking lot. Re-sealing and line painting will take place in the spring.
- Mower batteries have been stored for the winter.
- Slow draining sink has been cleaned.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Reviewed items for the annual trustee's report.
  - Discussed possible projects for 2022 including:
    - New carpet on bell tower stairs and balcony
    - Replace condensing units for sanctuary cooling system.
    - Determine if more attic insulation is needed
    - Consider replacing siding on bell tower.
    - Additional lawn repair as needed.
    - Repair cabinet doors in Sunday School rooms.
    - Repair damaged plaster in sanctuary.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan

#### PLEASE UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY

Luella Doonan has moved to a new apartment at Brookstone. Please change her apartment number to 274 in your directory.





UNITYPOINT FOOT CLINIC NOW EVERY MONTH!

Next Clinic: Monday, March 21st 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.



#### January 18, 2022

The Mission Committee met on January 18th, 2022 at 6:30pm in the conference room at EEPC. Those attending were: Barb Freyermuth, Deb Wagamon, and Nancy Engstrom.

Barb opened the meeting in prayer.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

#### Mission Updates:

- Youth Hope: (Deb) Trivia Night is scheduled for Feb. 5th and the yearly banquet fundraiser will be March 10th. They are truly in need of volunteers for Food Pantry (Mon/Fri 9-noon), after school tutoring (Tues/Thurs in Moline 2:45pm-4pm), and male mentors to work with elementary boys at Hillcrest Elementary on Mondays after school (pairing 25 boys to mentors). Discussion around EEPC assisting with stuffing envelopes for next mailing campaign. We will also speak to Mark Drake about speaking to the congregation about Youth Hope's ministry in 2022.
- **Pregnancy Resources:** (Barb) Liz Ryan will be at our Feb. mission meeting to outline the Baby Bottle fund raiser that will be held between May 8th and June 19th.
- Winnie's Place: (Nancy): The family who received gifts from the Angel Tree sent pictures and a wonderful thank you message to EEPC. Nancy will give an update in the Minute for Mission on Sunday, January 23rd.
- Steve Woodworth & McCullum's: (Todd) McCallum's are retiring this year and seem to be well funded. We would like to reach out to the Burdsall's to see if they can do a video interview that we could share with the congregation as an update to their ministry.
- Saul & Jess Huber: (Kevin) We had a thorough update in October. Saul stated they could use an increase in funding.
- Jeff Lancaster: (Lisa) Jeff's last update was asking for an increase in funding for 2022.
- **Christian Care:** (Jim) No updates since their merger with QC Haven. We will try to get an update for Feb. meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### Proposed 2022 Commitments. Committee will need to approve at the February meeting

2021 Mission Commitments	Amount Committed
World Outreach (Burdsall)	\$ 8,500.00
World Outreach ITEM (Woodworth)	\$ 8,500.00
World Outreach (Huber)	\$ 4,200.00
EPC Church Planting (Lancaster)	\$ 6,000.00
Youth Hope	\$ 6,000.00
Youth Hope – MAD Program	\$ 3,000.00
Pregnancy Resources	\$ 3,000.00
TOTAL	\$39,200.00

• **Minute for Mission:** On January 23, 2022, Nancy will share the pictures and thank you letter from the family who received the Angel Tree gifts at Winnie's Place. Deb will share the information on Youth Hope's Trivia Night on Feb. 5th.

Deb closed the meeting in prayer.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 6:30pm.



Check out the next several pages for the ministries we support, and for ways that you can get personally INVOLVED!





#### NOW IS THE TIME

The Mission Committee is sponsoring tables and has a sign-up sheet located on the table in the sanctuary foyer for anyone who would like to attend.



**NOW IS THE TIME** 

YouthHope

MARCH 10, 2022 6PM @ BEND XPO CENTER 922 MISSISSIPPI PARKWAY EAST MOLINE, IL 61244

# NOW IS THE TIME



FUNDRAISING BANQUET SHINING LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

MARCH 10, 2022 6PM @ BEND XPO CENTER 922 MISSISSIPPI PARKWAY EAST MOLINE, IL 61244

> HOST A TABLE OF 10 FOR \$300 INDIVIDUAL TICKETS \$35

FOR TICKETS GO TO WWW.YOUTHHOPEQC.ORG OR CALL 309-762-4577

DINNER, LIVE & SILENT AUCTION YOUTH TESTIMONIES

HELP BRING YOUTH HOPE!

#### **Praise Reports:**

- 17 men of God have volunteered for our Men of Valor Excellence (M.O.V.E.) program to mentor 17 kids in partnership with a local public school during school hours!! God is on the move and we are excited for what will be birthed out of this program!
- The publicity and coverage of the after school program for the Satanic Temple has brought in new volunteers, new school program opportunities, and a new vigor with Christians to get involved. Praise God for using this for HIS glory!
- Our Trivia Night was a super fun night and our largest trivia fundraiser yet! We are so thankful for everyone who helped make it a successful night, and most importantly, we thank God for going before us in the details and orchestrating as only He can!

#### **Prayer Requests:**

- Heavenly Father, we ask for encouragement for the staff, volunteers, and students! We are seeing so much
  negative head space and defiant attitudes with the kids and teens. Lord, please give us the discernment,
  grace, and mercy to navigate emotional students, show us how to love as You do, and teach us how to walk
  in the authority Christ has given us to establish and expand Your Kingdom here in the Quad Cities!
- We need volunteers! Lord, we ask for You to provide the people we need to join us on the front lines to share the Gospel and work with the kids and teens!
- Please join us in praying for our upcoming Fundraising Banquet on March 10th. Lord, we ask for financial provision and ministry partnership to come through the banquet. Our goal is \$150,000, and we ask You Lord to bless this event and provide!
- Father God, we ask You to reign over YouthHope in every space, program, meeting, and project! We ask for Your presence, Your direction, and wisdom in all we do.

We are so grateful for your prayers! We are praying for you! God bless you! In His Service, Hannah Carr Cont. from p. 7



# PURPOSED 2022 SPRING FUNDRAISING BANQUET

Thursday, March 24th, 2022

You are Purposed! Join us to hear moving stories of moms and dads at our limited seating in-person event to be held at the Waterfront

Convention Center on Thursday, March 24th, 2022.

Email Liz Ryan at liz@qcpregnancy.org or Email Marissa Foss at Marissa@qcpregnancy.org to reserve your seat.

Seating is LIMITED to 6 persons per table with not more than 300 guests total.



call 309-797-3636; Marissa Foss via email at Marissa@qcpregnancy.org or call 563-386-3737 or Trisha Wilson at Trisha@qcpregnancy.org.



PRC 101 - 2022 Volunteer Training Sessions March 8-10, 2022 (Morning or Evening) June 28-30, 2022 (Morning ONLY) October 4-6, 2022 (Morning or Evening)

\*Morning Trainings are from 8:45am to 12:15pm & Evening Trainings are from 5:30pm to 9:00pm.\*

All trainings are held at our Moline Center (3825 16th St., Moline, IL 61265)

Our volunteer training is required for volunteers who want to work directly with the women and men we help. Training covers helping skills, fetal development, adoption, abortion procedures and risks, ministry goals, and Biblical training on the sanctity of human life. There are many different types of volunteer positions at the centers. **Spanish-speaking volunteers needed!** 



**Prayer Requests:** Due to the often sensitive and personal nature of the prayer requests, PR has asked that they are no longer published . If you would like to receive their weekly prayer requests, please contact Marissa at 563-386-3737 or Marissa@qcpregnancy.org.

# Pregnancy Resources 2022 Banquet Fundraiser

March 24, 2022 Waterfront Convention Center 2021 State Street Bettendorf, IA 52722

> Doors open at **6:00 pm** Dinner begins at **6:30 pm**



at 5:00 pm to reserve your seat.

You are invited to our limited in-person

An opportunity to make a generous ONE-TIME or MONTHLY financial gift will be extended.

Mail RSVP cards by February 28th. Email RSVP to Liz@qcpregnancy.org Phone RSVP to Liz at (309)797-3636



Pregnancy Resources

#### Can't make it to the Banquet in Person? Join us for our online simulcast!



March 24, 2022 at 7:10 pm Facebook YouTube

Want to register? Need more info? Contact Marissa @ 563-386-3737

or Marissa@qcpregnancy.org



Scan to visit our YouTube Page! (QCPregnancy)

Scan to visit our Y Facebook Page! (Pregnancy Resources Partners)

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### THE BURDSALL'S

Grace at the Fray

Hello all and happy New Year! Our January was a strange one, so it feels like we are still figuring out this new year stuff! We had C.... here for three weeks after Christmas, and had a great time catching up and spending time together. We ate a lot of kimchi and heard all about his time in Seoul. He is now back at the university for his second semester. Then, a few days after he left, we got hit with Covid - L....., then S.... and A...... None of them were very ill, but there is a 10 day isolation period (unless you test negative sooner - L..... did, S.... and A...... went the whole 10 days) which made everything feel a bit upside-down! Everyone is better and

the whole 10 days) which made everything feel a bit upside-down! Everyone is better and hopefully back to normal now, and J..... and I never caught it (J..... says he's invincible :)

#### **UPDATES ON MINISTRY THINGS:**

We had a joyful Christmas Asha service, which involved all the children there in the storytelling and celebration (without any pre-practice!). We were able to go from Genesis to Jesus, laying out why He was born and the need He filled. The service also featured a debut Sylheti Christmas song, translated from Bangla for the service!

We also held a family craft event right before Christmas where we made wreaths and told about Jesus through some facts about wreaths and the symbolism behind them. It was a fun time that was well attended, and with some lovely wreath creations made!

At a recent Asha service, we had a mom and her kids come again, after being gone for a

bit. One of the kids said that they loved the Sunday School time and had been asking the mom to come back! So encouraging that they enjoy it, but more so, that they are hearing of Jesus through this. Pray that we can continue to share well, and be engaging also!

Continue to pray for ESOL classes, as new people come, and especially for those who stay to hear the Bible story after class. In the lady's class yesterday, there was discussion and agreement that Jesus was special and no one else was like Him. Pray that this acknowledgement grounds the further learning about who Jesus is and what He came to do, and can lead to a recognition by these ladies that He is more than just a prophet.

We feel like we are still figuring out our schedules and how to not rush from one thing to another, and how to have time to connect more with individuals. Pray that we can work through that, and especially pray for S.... and good connections with some guys he has met with in the past - that schedules would line up so they can meet again.

Last weekend we were able to join Rivers and Lakes Presbytery meeting (via ZOOM) and share about what we are doing here. We are really grateful for the chance to do that and to see people too!! We really appreciate all the support!

We have a new Serge team member joining us this month! Pray for her move here and settling in time. We are excited to have her here with us!

Thank you to all of you that are supporting us! Monetarily, prayerfully, or both - we feel very blessed by all of you! And, thank you especially for all the Christmas love! Cards, gifts, emails - you really touched our hearts! Thankyou!!

Wanted to share again - your support goes to help us live here, but also toward ministry expenses we have while here. For example: at Christmas, we were able to buy material telling the message of Jesus' birth that we gave to every child that came to Asha. We also bought some craft supplies for the wreath making event. Thank you for supporting us, but also those in our Asha community.

And, we are at around 90-95% of our needed monthly support, but that is with monthly support and one-time gifts combined. Both are helpful. So if you would like to start giving monthly, or would like to give a one time gift, we would love to talk with you about that. Please pray about it and if you have questions, please contact the church office and Lisa will connect you with us, we are happy to talk with you. Thank you so much!!

decided not to include a 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 Burdsall's to be added to their email list.

For safety reasons it has been



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#### MC.....'S MUSE FEB. 2022

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

#### Classes are beginning!

Praising God! We heard last week that our March classes in V..... will be able to meet! Travel documents have been sent to the participants so they can come. Sadly, we can't be there in person as visas are not yet available. E. will "travel" nightly via Zoom. We are thankful that the group can meet.

Mr. H, our talented administrator will be very busy to get all the details in place. Pray for his energy and problem solving.

#### Class 1 is on Missions and Evangelism.

Pray for content - biblical, practice, and strategies - to deeply impact their minds and hearts. They will go home with plans to do two "missions events" for their churches.

Pray that God would instill in the churches a desire to reach other people groups who haven't heard the gospel yet.

E. will teach the second week on Old Testament Survey. Old Testament Survey will look at the overarching story of God reaching out to people, drawing them to become "the People of God." Class members have the assignment of teaching the content to other leaders.

Pray for the content to come alive as they look at the stories of real people, real life situations, and a real God who relates to people. That each person will have a handle on each book of the Old Testament.

Pray for the participants to have honest dialog and prayer in their small groups

All the materials have been translated into the national language and the mother tongue of the participants.

E. began Monday to switch time zones. His late nights gives him lots of quiet time to work ahead on the October class on Genesis. He says each chapter has held questions he has always wanted to delve into. The study has been personally enriching for him.

N.. received good news last week on her one eye with macular degeneration. For the first time since September 2020 there was no leakage visible in the photo at her retinal appointment. Praise God!

N.. has begun teaching ESL through an organization called Matthew House. She is working with a refugee family from the Central African Republic, a country both she and E. visited in 2009. She was part of the mission team at an EPC church who decided to come along side of the Bungui Evangelical Theological Seminary - an African seminary run by Africans focusing on French speaking countries. If you know someone studying French, let them know that there are more French speakers in African than in Europe. Could God be calling them to be a global worker in either Africa or Europe?

We had a Middle Eastern refugee couple over to watch the Super Bowl. We are guessing that this was their first time to visit in a home of Christians. The family of 6 enjoyed watching the game on TV, playing games that didn't need lots of talking (Chess and Othello) and making paper beads for jewelry. They were surprised to eat humus with tortilla strips, Dots, pretzels, and vegetables. The big hit was when the children climbed a ladder and picked oranges to take home. We are growing a friendship with them relying on Google translator on our phones. Our prayer is that they would see God within us and desire to have this same type relationship of knowing God's love, acceptance, and forgiveness.

Life has been good here. We hosted a newlywed couple, John and Samantha, for part of January and February. They are a dynamic Christian couple who have become part of our family. John created a NGO using music therapy and music lessons for under-served children and teens. Sam teaches birth through 3 yr. olds how to listen and speak. So all are enjoying the cross-generational friendship. We were reminded of past friends who have lived with us and how we have been blessed to experience these opportunities.

Blessing to you. We take joy in knowing you, serving with you, and being sent by you!

\*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 <u>edgingtonepc@gmail.com</u>











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

ALL submissions for the April 2022 Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER** than

Wednesday, March 16th. Items received after that date may not make it into the newsletter.

Thank you for your cooperation!

~ Lisa Bowman, Office Manager

Do you know anyone that is not receiving the Edgington EPC Newsletter each month? If so, please contact the church office at 309-795-1713 or edgingtonepc@gmail.com and let me know. I will be happy to make arrangements for it to be received by whatever means works best.

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

# 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.
- Deliver meals to those who are injured, ill, or have experienced a loss
- Visit widows(ers) to comfort and provide company.
- 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 2022 Deacon team includes: Jim & Teresa Balmer, Don & Beth Easterla, Beth Flickinger, Marlin & Darcy Krueger, & Teresa Weber.



# **Edgington Presbyterian Church**

Saturday, March 5 7:00am – 10:30am

Basement – 13228 140<sup>th</sup> Street W

MASKS AND APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED. To schedule, please call Beth Easterla at 309-738-7816 or email to beasterla7@gmail.com or online at www.bloodcenter.org.

DONORS GET THEIR CHOICE OF A ST. PATRICK'S DAY THEMED SHIRT OR A GIFT CARD!

Please eat before donating and bring Photo ID. Last Date to Donate Elsewhere: 01/08/22 Group Sponsor Code: 070



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### Edgington Presbyterian Church Treasurer's Report January 2021

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INCLUDED IN GENERAL FU Mission monies included in ge Assistance Fund *Boughton Fund includes sale	eneral fund	\$12,965.17 \$5,153.46 \$159,000.00		

# Edgington Presbyterian Church General Fund Profit & Loss January 2022

	Jan 22
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income Mission Contribution Per Capita Contributions Interest Income - General Fnd Loose Offering Other Income Pledges	100.00 40.00 8.31 135.00 15.00 24,370.82
Total Income	24,669.13
Expense Pastors housing allowence Operating Maintenance - General Continuing Education Worship Supplies Mileage Music Office Supplies Copier	1,800.00 191.33 238,59 38.97 76.64 146.99 41,00
Office Supplies - Other	203,82
Total Office Supplies	244.82
Payroll Expenses Custodian Payroll Pastor Salary Payroll Taxes Secretary Services	389.32 4,552.34 1,516.68 1,319.65
Total Payroll Expenses	7,777.99
Pension & Health Care Postage Utilities	3,945.04 14.25
Gas & Electric - Church Telephone Water	580.00 362.78 365.00
Total Utilities	1,307.78
Total Expense	15,782.40
Net Ordinary income	8,886.73
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I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, food, cards, phone calls, rides, and general care that

you all showed me after my fall entering Applebee's.

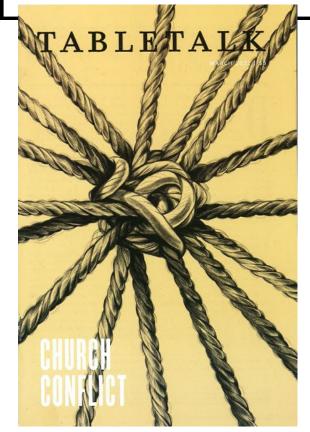
If anyone would like to know how to properly enter Applebee's, PLEASE give me a call!

Thanks again!

Phyllis Titterington



#### GET YOUR MARCH COPY OF THE TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL



LOCATED ON A TABLE IN THE SANCTUARY FOYER

### **CURRENT SERMON SERIES**

#### **Christ Preeminent: The Book of Colossians**

The New Year will bring a new sermon series in the book of Colossians. This brief New Testament book is full of glorious truths about the Lord Jesus and how our lives can be transformed as we learn to follow Him. Would you like to grow in the sincerity of your faith? Join us on the Lord's Day in 2022 as we search the Scriptures together.



Sun., March 6th – <u>Colossians 1:15-20</u> Sun., March 13th - <u>Colossians 1:21-23</u> Sun., March 20th - <u>Colossians 1:24-29</u> Sun., March 27th - <u>Colossians 2:1-5</u>

#### **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 <u>create a free account</u>, 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**

**From Ligonier Ministries:** R.C. Sproul reminded us that "Disciples of Christ abide in His Word. Those who abide in His Word know the truth and are free."

As you make plans for 2022, we invite you to explore several Bible reading plans designed to help you prioritize abiding in God's Word. Each plan differs slightly, and we encourage you to find one that fits



your unique learning style and study goals for the year. Whether you'd like to read straight through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation or focus your attention on one book, we hope these plans will serve you as you grow as a disciple of Christ and share the truths you are learning with those in your life.

Click **<u>HERE</u>** to see all Ligonier's Bible reading plans.

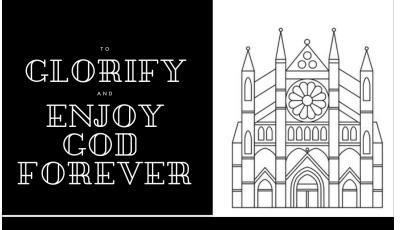
Pastor Zach encourages you to join him in the study that was in January's Newsletter. Hard copies are still available in the office. You could also reach out to Lisa in the office and ask her to email one to you.

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

Find us on Facebook

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 Westminster Shorter Catechism, consisting of a summary of Christian doctrine in 107 questions and answers, was written by the Westminster Assembly in London over 350 years ago. When Presbyterianism came over the Atlantic Ocean to the shores of this country, the Catechism came as well. The Catechism has been acknowledged by many to be the most accurate and succinct summary of the Christian faith ever produced. So is it still useful today? Join us in Sunday School to learn more.



#### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 2022

# THE SHORTER CATECHISM

#### 9:00AM - FELLOWSHIP HALL

We meet every Lord's Day morning at 9am in the church basement. Please join us!

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Every Sunday morning at 9am

We use Great Commission Publications various curriculum.

Toddler- Hillary Terrill & Kortney GeirlusPre-K- Beth Flickinger1st-2nd- Katie Pearson3rd-5th- Kathy StegmillerJunior High- Tara Johnson & Deanna ParchertSenior High- Brandee Neece

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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



QUILTING

Thursday, March 3rd, 1pm

Nancy Cooksey 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!





### FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION UPDATE

We have set April 2nd for the spring Food Pantry distribution from 8:30-11am. We will pack on April 1st starting at 9am. We can always use juice, canned fruit, paper products, canned meats, sugar, and flour.

On February 13th Dewey and Shirley were invited to Buffalo Prairie Church to give the mission report about the food pantry. They are faithful contributors.

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support! Dewey & Shirley Flemming, Jim Schaubroeck, Mic & Sue Penry, Don & Beth Easterla INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP @ EEPC?

ADULT NEW MEMBER CLASS

SUNDAYS AFTER WORSHIP

# MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

APRIL 24TH, MAY 1ST, & 8TH

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 edgingtopepc@gmail.com or put your name on the sign-up sheet located on the table in the sanctuary foyer by no later that April 17th.

### LOST & FOUND BASKET

Are you missing your coffee mug, reading glasses, bible, sweatshirt, or something else you may have had with you in

church the last few weeks? If so, please check the new LOST & FOUND basket located under the table in the sanctuary foyer that has the TableTalk devotionals and newsletters sitting upon it.

We hope this will be a help to everyone!



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

March 5th - Edgington Presbyterian Church May 21st - St. Patrick's Church July 16th - St. Ambrose Church November 12th - St. Ambrose Church Sept. 10th - Edgington Presbyterian Church

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Lost and Found

### **EASTER LILIES**

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily for the sanctuary this year, please take one of the giving envelopes from the pew card holder located on the back of the pews, and write your name(s) on it. Mark the "Other" box on the front and designate "Easter Lily(ies)" on the line next to it. If the lily(ies) is to be listed in memory of a someone, please list the loved one's full name(s) on the back of the envelope. Lilies are \$10 each. Place the proper monetary amount in the envelope, and put the envelope in the offering plate.



7PM | 4.15 **GOOD FRIDAY**  Easter Services and related events/info

HALLELUJAH! CHRIST IS RISEN!

# **EASTER WORSHIP**

WORSHIP 10AM

Please join us Easter morning prior to the service for a BIG breakfast served by the youth. We will have eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, and waffles. Serving starts at 8:30am.

All donations made will help offset the cost of their summer mission trip.



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27 B/P Checks PW Soup Luncheon Annual Mtg. Comm, Class, 6pm	28 Meal Site	1	2 Meal Site	3 Meal Site PW Mtg., 1pm	4 Meal Site	5 Spring Blood Drive, 7-10:30am
6 Food Pantry Sunday VBS Mtg., 12:15pm Comm. Class, 6pm	7 Meal Site	ø	9 Meal Site Trustees Mtg.	10 Meal Site	11 Meal Site	5
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13 Daylight Savings Time begins B/P Checks Comm. Class	14 Meal Site	15 Mission Comm. Mtg., 6:30pm	16 Meal Site Newsletter Items Due	17 Quilting, 9am Meal Site	18 Meal Site	19
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20 Spring begins Comm. Class	21 Foot Clinic Meal Site	22	23 Meal Site	24 Meal Site	25 Meal Site	26
27 Session/Deacon Mtg. 11:30am Comm. Class	28 Meal Site	29 Session Mtg., 7pm	30 Meal Site	31 Meal Site	1 Food Pantry Packing, 9am Meal Site	2 Food Pantry Distribution, 8:30-11am