



If you've been following along with the newsletter articles in recent months you might expect this to be the final explanation of the four church membership categories. We'll return to that next month. I wanted to take the opportunity to address a preaching decision that I have made, and the Session has encouraged me to pursue.

It's my normal practice to preach exposition sermons (verse by verse) through books of the Bible. Typically, I will rotate between Old and New testaments with a brief topic series between each transition. That has been my humble attempt to preach, as Paul explains, the whole counsel of God ([Acts 20:27](#)). In other words, I don't pick and choose my favorite subjects, ideas, or resources while attempting to remain in vogue in with the times.

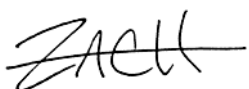
This month we'll come to Paul's statement, "See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ" ([Col 2:8](#)). That is quite the admonition. It is also wonderfully transcultural and able to be applied across the generations. The Apostle wants the church to be captive to and filled with Christ. We can't do that if we are living by empty philosophies that deceive. So, what are those human traditions?

You can image that the specific applications may differ from various times and places. For example, the intersection of ancient Platonic and Aristotelian philosophies of the 1st century Greek world will likely not seem as relevant to us living in the 21st century. But we certainly have our own human traditions that attempt to draw us away from the Lord Jesus. Individualism. Rising Secularism. An ever-shifting sexual revolution. These and other human traditions are a part of the reality we see when we look around at our world; perhaps in ways that are closer to us than we are comfortable with.

The purpose of this will not be antagonism or discouragement; not at all. I want to take Paul's statement and use it to evaluate what we see and hear around us. I'll be doing so with the admonition from Carl Trueman, who writes in his recent work, [The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self](#), "Every age has had its darkness and its dangers. The task of the Christian is not to whine about the moment in which he or she lives but to understand its problems and respond appropriately to them." I would add to that important counsel that the response that is needed is to lift up God's plan and intent for His creation as the only true basis for human happiness and flourishing.

One of the most basic things about the Christian life is that we have come to understand that our lives are not our own; we are created and redeemed by the One True God. It is eminently reasonable then, that the God who has made us and saved us knows how best to bring about our joy. I hope that you will grow in that conviction with me as we seek to understand how Paul's statement in Colossians 2:8 applies to us, living right where we are and when we are.

I look forward to seeing you on the Lord's Day.



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

MAY BIRTHDAYS

3 - Amy Ryser	19 - Bob Stegmiller
4 - Amy Nitzel (Schelker)	19 - Teresa Weber
7 - Beth Easterla	22 - Olivia Freyermuth
7 - Peggy Weiss	22 - Phil Fuhr
9 - Pam Johnson	24 - Lee-Ann Druckmiller
9 - Mic Penry	24 - Jonathan Gierlus
10 - Cade Reimers	27 - Renee Meredith
13 - Teresa Balmer	28 - Roma Milner
13 - Jennifer Elliott	30 - Kyle Johnson
13 - Colton Landi	31 - Darcy Krueger
14 - Wyatt Fuhr	31 - Debbie Tomlin
19 - Jason Ruggles	

HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

6 - Dewey & Shirley Flemming
12 - Michael & Joyce O'Hare
13 - Gene & Renee Meredith
18 - Matthew & Elisabeth Tomlin
19 - Augie & Mary Rose Kerres
24 - Jason & Kelly Ruggles
25 - Michael & Sharon Orr
27 - Jason & Beth Flickinger
30 - Jim & Teresa Balmer
30 - Korey & Tara Miller
30 - Bob & Kathy Stegmiller

MEMORIAL DAY
REMEMBER AND HONOR

GREETERS FOR MAY

Sunday, May 1st - Dana Johnson & Family
Sunday, May 8th - Larry & Pam Pithan
Sunday, May 15th - Michael & Amy Nitzel & Shelker boys
Sunday, May 22nd - Andrew & Katie Pearson Family
Sunday, May 29th - Ben & Luci Goodnight Family





2022 Communicant Class



welcome

TO OUR NEWEST FAMILY MEMBERS!

(From left in photo just above) Caroline Neece, Morgan Flickinger, Logan Schelker, Caelen Fuhr, Jacob Ryser, Jacob Freyermuth, Trent Pearson, & Reid Schelker.

(Klay Goodnight, pictured in the top left photo, will be received into membership with the adults on Sunday, May 15th)

We are so thankful to God for our newest members and look forward to seeing how God grows them and uses them for His glory here at Edgington EPC and in our community!

EDGINGTON EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ANNUAL MEETING

January 2021 – December 2021

February 27th, 2022, 12:15pm

Location: Church Sanctuary

Attendees: 33 members were in attendance which exceeds the requirements of 20 for a quorum. Zach Hopkins served as moderator. Nancy Engstrom was appointed Clerk Pro-Tem for this meeting only.

Zach opened the meeting with prayer.

Purpose: The annual congregational meeting is held to review the reports for the year 2021 and affirm the 2022 budget.

- **Approval of Docket:** Motion made and seconded to approve the docket. Motion carried.
- **Approval of minutes:** The January 31st, 2021, minutes were reviewed. Motion made, seconded, and approved. Motion carried.
- **OLD BUSINESS:** None
- **Committee Reports:** Appreciation was expressed to all committee members, teachers and volunteers. Reviewed collectively with comments as noted, motion made to approve all reports, seconded, and approved.

Session: Zach reviewed the Session activities for the year. Comments were focused on the implementation of the Shepherding Ministry. Mic Penry provided additional comments and expressed appreciation to the congregation for the privilege of serving as Ruling Elders in the congregation.

Deacons: No comments from committee. Appreciation was expressed to the Deacons for their ministry.

Trustees: Mel Block reviewed the activities of the Trustees in 2021 and thanked the trustees and other volunteers for their efforts.

Mission Committee: Barb Freyermuth thanked the committee members and summarized their work. Deb Wagamon will be leading the committee in 2022.

Treasurer's Report: No comment

Investment Committee: No comment

Food Pantry: Dewey Flemming shared reflections about this ministry and discussed the ways members could be involved in supporting their work. Jim Schaubroeck and Darcy Kruger added to the discussion.

Presbyterian Women: A significant revision of this ministry is anticipated in 2022. The women of the church are encouraged to give attention when those details are published.

Memorial Fund: Committee members Ginny Brockett and Nancy Cooksey commented on the makeup of the committee in preparation for any potential work in 2022.

Auditor Report: A thank you to Jon Darland was expressed.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

New Ministry Opportunities: The implementation of a digital directory is anticipated in 2022. Members are encouraged to participate.

Review of the 2021 Budget: The Session previously approved the budget. The congregation votes to affirm and support it. The motion was made, seconded, and approved.

Nominating Committee: A motion to accept the slate of nominees to serve in 2022 was made, seconded, and approved.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting, seconded, and approved.

Zach closed the meeting with prayer and congregational singing of the doxology at 1:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Engstrom, Clerk Pro-Tem

Thank You to so many!!!

When you are young you never know how great you have it. I went to Sunday School every week, went to VBS each summer, attend youth group and helped crank ice cream. I got married at this church, my son was baptized at this church. I cannot tell you how grateful I am for this church and its people. When I sing an old hymn at my own church now, my memory goes back to the pew in the back sitting with my Granny. I was taught a great gift here at EPC... Who God is and all of His wonders. I was taught that a church family really never leaves you.

As you know my cancer came back last year after 13 wonderful years of freedom from it. This year has had its challenges, but I am so grateful for each day I have and, of course, my people. I am thankful for all of you that have prayed for me, asked my family about me and sent cards. Specifically, I want to do a shout out to Shirley Flemming for all of her cards and encouragement. This time around I am 1 Peter 5:7. I am doing well and I'm managing to find fun wherever I can.

I cannot thank you enough for your support

Lisa Crawford Mass





SESSION

March 29th, 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 will act as moderator of the meeting. Zach opened the meeting with prayer and read from Acts 2. The Elders prayed for individual members of the congregation, then studied and discussed the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 33: "Of The Last Judgment."

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

Approval of Minutes: February 22nd, 2022, 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: 7 office, 4 home visits, 1 hospital, and other activities such as PW meeting, Brookstone Bible study, RLP MC Meeting, RLP CHC Meeting, MVC-MCC Meeting, RLP Chaplain Visit, and Communicants Class. Zach took questions and asked for feedback on a few matters he was seeking counsel.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The conclusion of the 2021-2022 Communicants Class was reviewed. It was M/S/C to approve the class of students for membership after their successful examinations on March 27th. The class includes: Morgan Flickinger, Jacob Freyermuth, Caelen Fuhr, Klay Goodnight, Caroline Neece, Trent Pearson, Jacob Ryser, Logan Shelker, and Reid Shelker. It was also M/S/C to approve baptisms for Jacob Freyermuth (April 10th) and Klay Goodnight (May 15th).
- Details for Servant Keeper (Church Management Software) were reviewed. Each RE has an individual login that they can use to track conversations with members and report concerns and specific prayer requests.
- It was M/S/C to approve communion at the April 15th Good Friday service (7pm).
- The Spring Adult Membership Class will be held April 24th; May 1st; & May 8th after worship with a reception on May 15th.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Women's Ministry Bible Study will meet Tuesdays (10am) and Wednesdays (7pm) using the curriculum, "The Promised One: Seeing Jesus in Genesis."
- It was M/S/C to approve the Ministry Update schedule for worship services for the remainder of 2022.
- An organization table was presented for discussion that outlines all the ministries of the church. At this point it was only for discussion.
- A financial structure was presented for discussion that outlines all the varied bank accounts/funds associated with the church. It was M/S/C to table the discussion on this document.
- M/S/C to approve a facility use request for May 28th.
- M/S/C to approve delegates to the Spring RLP Meeting (Hillsboro, IL). TE Hopkins and RE Penry will attend.



SESSION

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- M/S/C to approve the baptism of Cora Elizabeth Hopkins, daughter of Zachary and Mackenzie Hopkins on May 22nd, 2022, with Rev. Dr. Aaron White officiating and preaching that Sunday.
- M/S/C to approve the position of “Meal Site Coordinator” as part of the Mission Budget. There will be follow up with the Mission Committee.
- M/S/C to approve the Project NOW Meal Site for Tuesdays at the Church. This group is now meeting every day of the week.

Communion will be held on April 3rd, 2022. The next Stated Session meeting will be Tuesday, April 26th, at 7:00pm. The Session will study Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 34: “The Holy Spirit” at that time.


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



SERVANTKEEPER®



Your photos don't need to be fancy!
Candid shots taken with your phones
anywhere are perfect!

Please submit them **TODAY!**

We are getting close to being ready to launch the new digital directory! If you have not already sent me your pictures, please do so! If I don't receive a picture from you by the time we release the directory it will look like the image to the right...

Pleeeeeease send me 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 your pics to edgingtonepc@gmail.com, text them to 309-738-1267, or drop them of in the church office today!

THANK YOU!!!

No picture

Smith, John & Jane

Date: March 27th, 2022 - Today the Deacons had a joint meeting with the Elders.

In attendance were: Beth Flickinger, Session Representative Patrick Shovar, Beth and Don Easterla and Marlin and Darcy Krueger, Jim and Teresa Balmer, and Teresa Weber. Elders present included: Pastor Zach, Kevin Oak, Mic Penry, and Jim Mueller.

Zach opened with prayer. The Deacons were given several handouts: Shepherding Planning Meeting, EEPC Church Deacons Duties, Elders assigned to each church member/family and Zach's current list of priority visits.

Pastor Zach read Acts 6:1-7 and explained that the Elders are to focus on the spiritual care of God's people. The Deacons are responsible for the physical care for the bodies of the church members. Mission committee is responsible for the larger community.

The Elders gave updates and led prayer for several people that were on Zach's list.

Zach thanked all the Deacons for their service and noted we have some new Deacons. He hopes to have training for all sometime in the future.

Zach closed with prayer and the Elders were dismissed from the meeting.

In the Deacon-only portion of the meeting, Beth F. welcomed Jim and Teresa Balmer and Teresa Weber as new Deacons.

Minutes from the February meeting: Approved as written.

February – March Activities: One meal was shared during this time, along with 23 calls/visits/cards to shut ins and 24 additional cards mailed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Had a very successful Spring Blood drive: 23 whole blood and 5 doubles for a total of 33.
- Update on shut-ins. We had covered several in the meeting with the Elders.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Officer elections and committee assignments:** Both Beth Flickinger (chair) and Beth Easterla (secretary) agreed to stay on for the coming year.
- Beth Easterla agreed to oversee the blood drive and Darcy Krueger had taken on the monthly cards and agreed she would continue for the upcoming year.
- **Communicants Reception:** Palm Sunday, April 10th. Reception will be held immediately after church. Discussed details of setting up, hosting the reception, and cleaning up.
- **Greeters:** Greeters were assigned for each month thru February 2023.
- **College care packages for Spring finals:** Beth F. will e-mail each college student and attach an electronic gift for either coffee or some type of treat.
- **May Baskets:** We will plan on having a plant/May flower to the church by Wednesday April 27th, for delivery prior to May 1st.
- **New Member Reception:** Sunday, May 15th. Reception will be held immediately after church. Discussed details of setting up, hosting the reception, and cleaning up.
- **Shut-ins:** Deacons were assigned to each shut-in and "eyes-on-you" members.

Next Deacon meeting will be held on Sunday, June 12th.

Beth F. closed meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Easterla

Date: 4-20-22

Present: Mel Block, Kim Freyermuth, Jeff Fuhr, Darren Hall, Larry Pithan, Treasurers Cindy Oak & Barb Freyermuth, Session Representative Jim Mueller.

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

Treasurer's report for March was reviewed and approved.

Minutes for March 16th meeting were reviewed and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Trustees will set up a work day to repair lawn damage caused by equipment used during roofing work last year.
- Cindy is ordering new shades for all the windows in the SS building. PW have offered to pay for these.
- Working on getting bids for replacing the 4 condensing units that serve the sanctuary. Existing units are over 20 years old.
- Getting proposals for replacing carpeting in the coat room, old entrance, bell tower and balcony.
- TR Paving will sealcoat and stripe the parking lot sometime in May.
- Planning to install a handrail along the south sanctuary wall to assist with getting up the steps at the front.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Set up church locking schedule for the rest of the year. Trustees will lock up after Sunday services. All others who use the building need to make sure it is locked after their event.
- Set up dehumidifiers in the basement.
- Replaced dirty furnace filters.
- Church has been sprayed for ants and other bugs.
- Jeff Fuhr has volunteered to mow lawn this summer.
- Mel will take care of fertilizer and weed control.

Mel closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan

LOST & FOUND BASKET

Lost and Found

Are you missing something you may have had with you in church the last few weeks? If so, please check the **LOST & FOUND basket** located under the table in the sanctuary foyer that has the TableTalk devotionals and newsletters sitting upon it.

March 15, 2022

The Mission Committee met on March 15th, 2022 at 6:30pm in basement at EEP. Those attending were: Deb Wagamon, Nancy Engstrom, Todd Stegmiller, Deanna Parchert, Karla Pearson, and Pastor Zach Hopkins.

Zach opened the meeting in prayer.

Zach provided an overview and orientation, for the new members, concerning the mission and purpose of the EEP Mission Committee. We reviewed our core commitments along with an overview and history of the ministries we are financially committed to each year, and the ones we come alongside to support when the need arises. Time was allotted for questions and answers.

OLD BUSINESS:

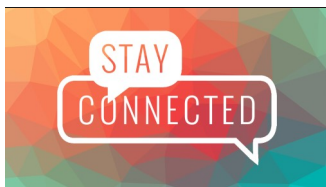
- **Minutes:** February minutes were approved
- **Mission Updates:**
 - **Youth Hope:** The fundraising Banquet held on March 10th did not meet their goal as many took their donation envelopes home and have not returned them. Prayers that these donations begin coming in. There also continues to be a need for volunteers in all program areas including preparation and cleaning of their summer camp.
 - **Pregnancy Resources:** Prayers for the upcoming fundraising banquet on March 24th.
 - **Winnies Place:** A review of Churches United's newsletter indicated water damage at Winnie's place due to several pipes breaking. The structural damage was covered under insurance, but there have been several items of furniture damaged beyond repair. Nancy will reach out to Betsy for an update and come back to the committee by Sunday. At that time, we can determine how we may be of assistance.
 - **Steve Woodworth & McCallums:** Pastor Zach informed the committee that Steve and Ed will be taking other positions and they will be replaced in their current post with ITEN. The ITEN agenda will not change but continue in their mission. More information will be forthcoming.
 - **Burdsalls:** Continuing their work with EPC WO, planting a church and teaching.
 - **Saul & Jess Huber:** Continuing their work with EPC WO, mobilizing and recruiting those who wish to move into the missionary field.
 - **Jeff Lancaster:** Working in the inner-Chicago district; current church planting efforts have produced a group of 6 or 7 who are meeting in a local home each week. Continued prayer for this ministry.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **EPC International Disaster Relief Fund** is collecting monies to assist Ukraine refugees. We discussed our desire to donate to this cause, but concluded we would table this until next meeting to see how this situation progresses and truly understand the needs of the people of Ukraine before committing to support.
- **Winnies Place:** Nancy will reach out to Betsy for an update on the furniture needs and come back to the committee by Sunday. At that time, we can determine how we may be of assistance.
- **Minute for Mission:** On March 20, 2022, Deb will share an overview of the core commitments of the EEP Mission Committee with the congregation.

Deb closed the meeting in prayer.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday April 19, 2022 at 6:30pm.



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

{get involved}
be the church

WE THANK GOD FOR YOU!

Thank you for your faithful support and prayers! You are making a significant and eternal impact!

Thank you to all who joined us for our 2022 Banquet! Over 600 people attended the event! Thank you to all our banquet table hosts, sponsors, and volunteers for making this a great event! Our banquet fundraising goal was \$150,000, and we are only \$4,000 short! Praise God!!! We trust the rest will come!

YouthHope programs continue to grow as we deepen relationships with youth and their families. Guest speakers have connected with our teen girls and breakthrough has happened! The new M.O.V.E. Mentoring Program is providing male mentors to boys who are in need of guidance. Creative Arts Programs have 146 students participating so far this year!

We are seeing God move and so excited for the team He brought this season and **what He has planned!** We are passionately pursuing kids and teens each day, going to each home for camp sign-ups, and bringing HOPE!

We are preparing for 400 kids and teens to attend this summer! This precious time at Camp Summit is life-changing and creates a long-lasting impact! The need for Camp Summit has never been greater after so much isolation, fear, and confusion. At camp, we encourage, pray, and work through issues the campers are all facing!

A week at Camp Summit changes lives now and forever!

Thank you for partnering with us in the incredible ministry! God bless you!

~ With love, YouthHope Staff

To read the entire April YouthHope Report, click [HERE](#). (Warning: You may need to rotate the images. I could not get the image to scan well right-side up, so did it upside down, and now I cannot save the rotated image...Sorry!)



Sponsoring a Camper Provides a Life-Changing Opportunity!

- One week of overnight camp
- Three nutritious meals per day
- Exposure to God's love
- Catalyst for personal growth
- Safe and encouraging space
- Life skills training
- Positive role models
- All activity fees and materials
- Transportation to and from camp
- Their own bed (a luxury for some)
- A beautiful, natural environment
- Tons of fun and adventure!

Camp Summit is owned and operated by YouthHope. Our focus is to provide an impactful summer camp experience for low-income kids and teens. Camp Summit is made possible by generous donors



WHAT IS ABORTION PILL REVERSAL? (To read the entire 2nd qtr. edition click [HERE](#).)

Everyday moms walk into Pregnancy Resources in complicated situations. These moms are unsure of what they want to do with the life growing inside their womb. She is shown care, provided with a life-affirming ultrasound, and offered hope.

Life hangs in the balance for many. As abortion shifts from doctors' offices and clinics to direct mail to your door abortion at home, new tools are needed to combat the growing culture of death.

With your help and support, all staff nurses are being trained in abortion pill reversal (APR). Pregnancy Resources is launching this service to offer a mom a second chance at choice in the near future. Abortion Pill Reversal intervenes to attempt to protect the pregnancy after the first pill of the two-step abortion pill process is taken.

In fact, in March 2022, you connected a scared mom to Abortion Pill Reversal medical care that offered her a second chance. She said, "I have never been happier to have morning sickness. Thank You!"

Got Questions? Contact info@qcpregnancy.org

PURPOSED – BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG 2022

Do my dimes make a difference? YES! In 2021, over 500* individuals and families came together to impact families with their change. Each bottle made a difference and when it was all put together, those bottles made up over 10% of our ministry budget! (*estimated number of people due to anonymous givers)



Is any gift too small? NO! Every penny will impact a mom or dad with holistic, gospel-centered care. Mark 12:41-44 is the story of the widow's mite. Every penny is humbly received and we give thanks for your gift as urban missionaries. We could not reach those we do without YOU!

Who can participate in Baby Bottles? From the tallest to the smallest! People of all ages can participate in Baby Bottles. It is a great way to introduce giving to children and help them see the value of life and caring for others.

What is the impact of a Baby Bottle? Every baby bottle is an opportunity to share the truth with compassion and love to a woman or man who enters the doors at Pregnancy Resources. A baby bottle can hold up to \$50.00 in change! That baby bottle could provide 2 pregnancy tests, with full options counseling and compassionate care with a peer-to-peer mentor.

What if I miss my turn-in date at my church? No worries friend! You can drop your filled bottle off at either of our locations.



**Volunteers
Needed!**

PRC 101 - 2022 Volunteer Training Sessions

June 28-30, 2022 (Morning ONLY)

October 4-6, 2022 (Morning or Evening)

Want to register? Need more info?
Contact Marissa @ 563-386-3737
or Marissa@qcpregnancy.org

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: If you would like to receive their weekly prayer requests, please contact Marissa at 563-386-3737 or Marissa@qcpregnancy.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 now open here for meals **EVERY WEEKDAY!**

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.

2022 Dates for Donating Locally

May 21st - St. Patrick's Church
July 16th - St. Ambrose Church

November 12th - St. Ambrose Church
Sept. 10th - Edgington EPC



FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION UPDATE

We had a successful distribution to 39 families consisting of 83 Adults, 12 teens, and 38 children on April 2nd. When we packed on April 1st there were 17 people who helped. On Saturday when we distributed, we had 9 helping, plus 3 high school students who did the heavy lifting. What a blessing they were!

On April 14th, students from the Rockridge National Honor Society delivered food they had collected for the food pantry. It was wonderful to have them deliver the food to help replenish our shelves.

We would like to express our appreciation for all those who donated food, money, or time to help us with this mission outreach. Community support is so important to us as we couldn't do this without you!

Donations of nonperishables are always welcome. Some of the things we always need are canned fruit, canned meats, canned pasta, soup, paper products, pasta sauce, ingredients for chili, Jell-O, pudding, cake mixes, saltine and graham crackers, and juice.

Wishing God's blessings to all.

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

**Edgington Presbyterian Church
Treasurer's Report MARCH 2022**

	Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	Balance
General	\$ 78,660.16	\$ 22,838.40	\$ 11,956.03	\$ 89,542.53
Jahn	\$ 9,304.43	\$ 85.66	\$ -	\$ 9,390.09
Edgington	\$ 5,600.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,600.02
Boughton	\$ 181,896.54	\$ 13,112.84	\$ -	\$ 195,009.38
Lauby	\$ 24,693.23	\$ 140.43	\$ -	\$ 24,833.66

Ending Gen. checking balance 106,959.41
Uncleared Transactions \$ 2,426.77
General checking Balance \$ 104,532.64

Reconciled Bank Accounts
 Gen. checking \$ 104,532.64

MARCH 2022 GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

Zach Hopkins salary 4,552.34
 Housing Allowance 1,800.00
 Fidelity (pension) 960.89
 EPC (health) 25.23
 Mileage 216.45
 Lisa Bowman 1,145.96
 Robin Preston 368.66
 Reytel 116.93
 AT&T 227.76
 MidAmerican Energy church 632.00
 Millenium Waste 41.33
 Ministry Designs (website & domain) 30.00
 ABS (copier) 98.50
 Westminster Books 62.41
 Postmaster (stamps) 55.60
 Faithlife 49.99
 Illinois Fire Marshall 71.58
 Air BNB (GA expense) 381.90
 Johnson Controls (fire panel) 1,108.50
Secretary of State (NFP filing) 10.00

General \$ 89,542.53
Edgington \$ 5,600.02
Jahn \$ 9,390.09
 \$ 104,532.64

TOTAL EXPENSES 11,956.03

INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL

Mission monies included in general fund 11,196.97
 Assistance Fund \$5,153.46

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

TREASURER'S REPORT *Cont. from p. 14*

Edgington Presbyterian Church General Fund Profit & Loss March 2022

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Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Per Capita Contributions	40.00
Flower Contributions	185.00
Interest Income - General Fnd	8.35
Loose Offering	380.00
Other Income	175.49
Pledges	<u>22,049.56</u>
Total Income	22,838.40

Expense

Pastors housing allowance	1,800.00
Operating Maint. - General	1,338.34
Presbytery expense	381.90
Continuing Education	62.41
Mileage	216.45
Miscellaneous	10.00
Office Supplies	
Copier	98.50
Office Supplies - Other	<u>79.99</u>
Total Office Supplies	178.49

Payroll Expenses

Custodian Payroll	368.66
Pastor Salary	4,552.34
Secretary Services	<u>1,145.96</u>
Total Payroll Expenses	6,066.96

Pension & Health Care	986.12
Postage	55.60
Utilities	
Gas & Electric - Church	632.00
Telephone	<u>227.76</u>
Total Utilities	859.76

Total Expense 11,956.03

Net Ordinary Income 10,882.37

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ALL submissions for the June 2022 Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER** than Wednesday, May 18th. Items received after that date may not make it into the newsletter.



Thank you for your cooperation!

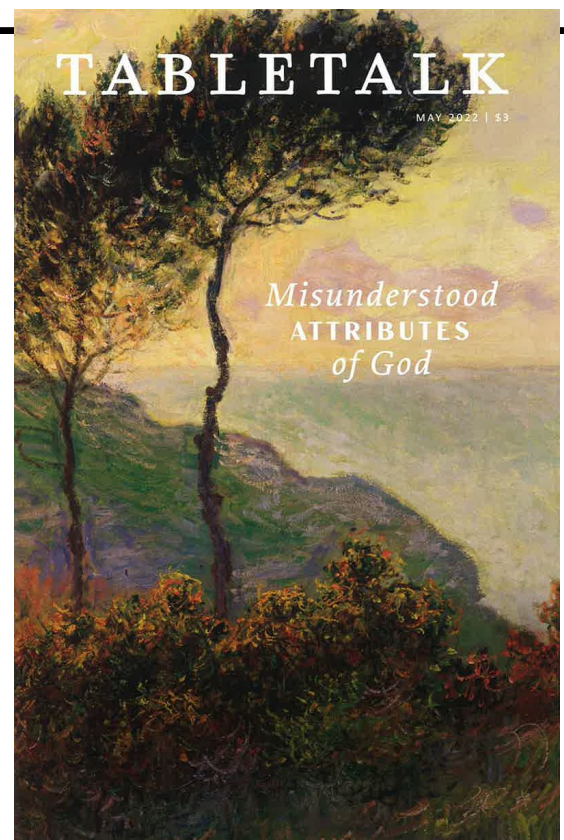
~ Lisa Bowman, Office Manager

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 our Facebook page and website: edgingtonepc.org.

Thank you so much for your help!

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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.

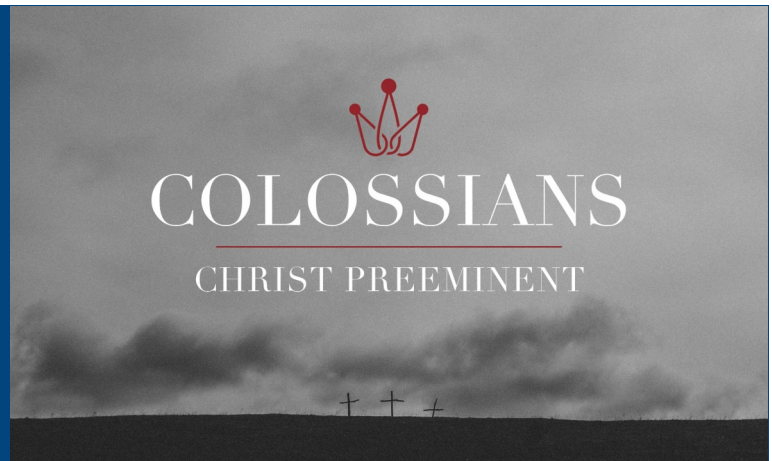
Sunday, May 1st – [Colossians 2:8](#)

Sunday, May 8th - [Colossians 2:8](#) & Selected Scriptures

Sunday, May 15th - [Colossians 2:9-15](#)

Sunday, May 22nd - Guest Rev. Dr. Aaron White

Sunday, May 29th - [Colossians 2:9-15](#) & Selected Scriptures



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

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.”

We hope you made a plan for 2022 and are following it, but if you have not yet, it is NEVER too late to begin! 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 [HERE](#) 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 .



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.

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AND
ENJOY
GOD
FOREVER



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 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!

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

APRIL 24TH, MAY 1ST, & 8TH

11:30AM - 12:30PM

If you missed the first class, please don't let that deter you from coming! Pastor Zach will arrange to get you caught up!

This series of classes is a wonderful opportunity to learn more of what Edgington EPC is all about! It 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 especially encouraged to check this out! If you are looking to join, you definitely want to mark your calendar!

2022 MONUMENTAL VBS

The plans for our summer VBS are progressing nicely!

Registration took place on April 18th and we now have 180 kids signed up to attend along with 40 high school counselors and many adults. We do currently have a few youth on a waiting list, so if your kids are signed up and summer plans change and they won't be able to attend, please notify Kathy Stegmiller at 309-791-1162 or the church office at 309-795-1713.



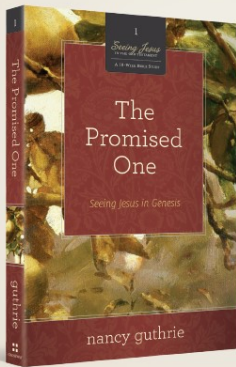
NEEDS: We have 22 girls and 16 boys registered for the junior high group. We need another adult female to help with the girls.

We also are asking for suggestions for our junior high group's local mission project. Last year they spent the entire day cleaning up Henry Wood's yard and did an fantastic job. If you know of someone who has a need, please contact Kathy or the church office at the above numbers.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, May 1st at 12:15pm

Come Join Us for a Nancy Guthrie Bible Study!

The Promised One: Seeing Jesus in Genesis



STUDYING JESUS... IN GENESIS?

That's right! Get a fresh perspective on the book of Genesis by discovering how the stories, symbols, people, and promises point to Christ.

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Click on the image to watch a
short promo video.

We're really excited about providing this opportunity for continued discipleship and want to warmly encourage you to take advantage of it.

If you have any questions, please contact Karyl Parrish at 309-236-1062

GROW! New Women's Bible Study

Tuesday mornings at 10am and
Wednesday evenings at 7pm we are
studying "The Promised One: Seeing
Jesus in Genesis."

This study involves teaching, discussion, and application
with opportunities for personal Bible study in between
weekly meetings.

This study started on April 5th/6th and will run for 11
weeks taking us just into June. The format allows you to
pop-in and out as your schedule allows, but we hope
you'll make the commitment to join us every week. We
will then take a break and resume another study in the
fall term.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

Start cleaning out those closets and drawers! Gather together items
you've been wanting to replace with something new! The Women's
Ministry Rummage & Bake Sale is just around the corner and we will
be happy to take all of those gently used items off your hands!



When: Saturday, May 14th, 7am - 2pm
Sunday, May 15th, after church

Donations: Gently used items such as household goods, sports equipment, toys, jewelry, tools,
electronics; baked goods, etc.

Pricing: Please price your items with masking tape, except for books, jewelry, and baked goods.

Delivery Dates: Between Sunday afternoon, May 8th - Thursday, May 12th. Baked goods on Fri., May 13th.
Please place items on designated tables or in designated areas.

Lunch: Pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs, and desserts will be served.

Questions or comments: Nancy Cooksey 309-737-8855

Sale Proceeds will be used for church remodeling projects.

QUILTING

Thursday, May 19th, 9am - Noon

Please come and join us as we create, piece, and sew quilts to present to next year's graduating seniors, as well as Winnie's Place.

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!
Hope to see you there!*



UNITYPOINT FOOT CLINIC NOW EVERY MONTH!

Next Clinic: Monday, May 16th starting at 9am

If you would like to receive a pedicure done by a medical professional, please call the church office at 309-795-1713 to schedule an appointment.



Edgington Presbyterian Church
13228 140TH ST. W.
Taylor Ridge, Illinois 61284
From 2:00 To 4:00 P.M.

The family of Gia Johnson would love for you to join them in their celebration of her High School Graduation. Please see the invitation of all the details!

Congratulations
CLASS OF
2022



Thank you



You are all so very thoughtful and kind to me!!!

I came into the office a couple weeks ago to find a vase sitting on my desk with two sunny daffodils in it! Then, on April 27th this gorgeous bouquet was delivered for Administrative Professional's Day! I didn't even know there was such a day, and certainly would not have expected anything for it even if I had!

Thank you so much to Cora for the daffodils and to all of you for bouquet! You brighten up my days in more ways than you know!

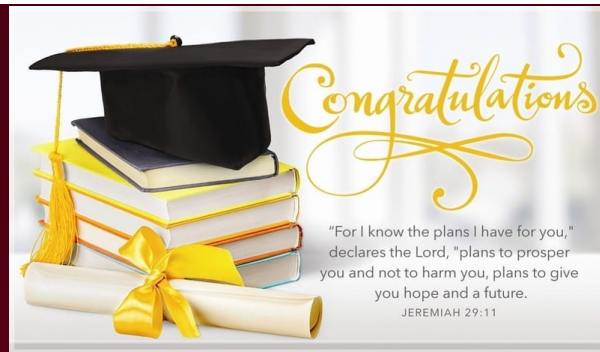
May God bless you for your thoughtful kindness!

~ Lisa Bowman

2022 GRADUATES

We would like to recognize and celebrate all our 2022 students that are moving on to their next adventure!

Please keep them in prayer as they try to discern God's path for their lives.



8th Grade moving into High School:

Payton Cook
Morgan Flickinger

Klay Goodnight
Caroline Neece

Trenton Pearson
Kayden Ruggles

High School Graduates:

Camden Dochtery Enlisted with the Illinois National Air Guard in October of 2021 and has been serving one weekend every month since his commission. After graduation he will go to bootcamp & training, then onto Illinois State University, while continuing his commitment with the Air Guard.

Drew Hall Plans to attend Western Illinois University in Macomb and will be on the golf team.

Sianna Johnson Plans to attend St. Ambrose University pursuing a degree in nursing and performing with their dance team.

Rachel Preston Plans to attend Culver-Stockton College pursuing a degree in History/Education.

Cade Riemers Applying for an apprenticeship at the Quad City Electrical Training Center.

Sianna Zampogna Plans to attend Augustana College, participating in band and theater.

College/University Graduates:

Nathan Flickinger Graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Systems Technology. He will be working as an Engineer Technician for John Deere in Silvis, Illinois.

Bailey Iverson Graduated from the University of Dubuque, Cum Laude with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Nursing.

James Johnson Graduated from Monmouth College, Cum Laude with Business Administration Major and double minor in Economics and Psychology. He will be continuing his education in Law School in the Fall.

Syndey Lucas Graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelor's degree in Animal Sciences and a minor in Agronomy. She will be working as a Pet Care Specialist for New Horizon Kennel in Port Byron, Illinois.

Madalyn Mueller Graduated in December 2021 from Iowa State University with a degree in Advertising. She is working as a Marketing Specialist with 33 Realty.

Grace Preston Graduated from Culver-Stockton College with a Bachelor's Degree of Science in Elementary and Special Education. She will be teaching at United Schools in the second grade, cross-categorical classroom.

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2022



Sunday School 9am
Worship Service

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Food Pantry Sunday Membership Matters, 11:30am VBS Mtg., 12:15	2 Meal Site	3 Women's Bible Study, 10am Meal Site	4 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 7pm	5 <i>National Day of Prayer</i> Meal Site	6 Meal Site	7 Basement Reserved
8 <i>Mother's Day</i> B/P Checks Membership Matters, 11:30am	9 Meal Site	10 Women's Bible Study, 10am Meal Site	11 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 7pm	12 Meal Site	13 Meal Site	14  Rummage & Bake Sale, 7am - 2pm
15 Adult Member Reception & Graduate Recognition	16 Foot Clinic Meal Site	17 Women's Bible Study, 10am Meal Site Mission Comm. Mtg., 6:30pm	18 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 7pm Trustee's Mtg., 7pm	19 Quilting, 9am Meal Site	20 Meal Site	21
22 B/P Checks RHS Graduation, 2pm	23 Meal Site	24 Women's Bible Study, 10am Meal Site	25 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 7pm	26 Meal Site	27 Meal Site	28 Basement Reserved
29	30 <i>Memorial Day</i> NO Meal Site 	31 Women's Bible Study, 10am Meal Site Session Mtg., 7pm	1 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 7pm	Lisa on vacation		
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