

July Newsletter 2022 Volume 16, Issue 7

What is General Assembly? Just like the early church met in a gathered assembly in Acts 15, the General Assembly is the annual meeting of the national court of the church with Ruling and Teaching elders from all

over the country gathering to receive training and resources, worship, and conduct the work and business of the church. This year we meet at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville, MI – one of the original 12 churches that founded the EPC in the early 1980s and former home to the Office of the General Assembly before it relocated to Orlando, FL. The GA convenes on Tuesday, June 21st for a Leadership Institute and then meets in business sessions Wednesday 22nd – Friday 24th.

What do I do at General Assembly? Quite a bit.

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Specific to the operation of the meeting itself, I have two specific functions. First, as the timekeeper, I am responsible for running at least four clocks at one time to keep the meeting moving along in good order. Here's a screenshot of the app I use on my phone to keep those various clocks organized. This is necessary in a meeting of close to 1,000 people. I work in conjunction with the EPC Stated Clerk and Moderator of the Assembly to assist the timing of the business. In decidedly un-Presbyterian fashion, that means I have to sit in the front row. Gasp! A second function of the meeting I assist with is serving as a Minutes Reader/Reviewer. There is a team of recording clerks, and I am on a team that works (often late at night) to make sure the minutes are ready to publish the next day.

In my capacity as Chairman of the Permanent Committee on Theology for the General Assembly I have two main responsibilities. I must present the work of my committee to a Standing Committee on Theology Thursday afternoon who will review and decide if the product of our work should be sent to the floor for ratification or not. The big item we worked on this past year was the review of the practice of "virtual communion" and whether it was a compatible practice with the EPC's understanding of scripture, our confession of faith, and constitution of the Church. If you would like to see that report (it's only two pages – very short!), I'd be glad to share it with you. If the Standing Committee approves our work, I will then present before the entire Assembly on Friday to take questions and submit for ratification the product of our work from the last year. I have served on this committee for 5 years now, three as chairman. It is a real privilege and one that I undertake with great care.

The Theology Committee report to the 42nd General Assembly of its work during 2021-2022, plus recommendations for consideration by the Assembly.

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THEOLOGY COMMITTEE

Summary of Work Summary of Recommendations Work of the Committee Recommendations (Detailed) Committee Members Meeting Dates



Zach Hopkins

Chairman

TE, Presbytery of the Rivers and Lakes

At this point, I feel a burden to acknowledge, that this already sounds like a heavy degree of involvement. I agree. It is. But one of the blessings of Presbyterianism is that it allows for local representation at every stage of church government. Simply put, the work of the church is done by the people of the church. I consider "churchmanship" to be a great virtue and I want to serve where I can, in whatever capacities allow, for my gifts to be of aide to the Church.

That is also why I serve as the leader of a networking group within the EPC called the Westminster Society. This is an informal group of friends and elders from around the country who use the annual gathering of the General Assembly to organize lecture series and presentations for the purpose of continuing to develop our commitment to ministry in the reformed tradition. In years past, we have published a journal (now in three volumes, but not since 2019) and hosted events at the GA itself. In the past four years, the national leadership of the EPC has requested that the Westminster Society provide a "theology track" to the Tuesday Leadership Institute that happens at every General Assembly so I have been responsible for organizing speakers and presentations to go along with the theme of the meeting (this year it is evangelism), but also uniquely within the area of theology. Here is a shot of this year's theology lectures. My lecture is on the Scottish Puritan Thomas Boston and his contributions to the Reformed understanding of evangelism through his book, *The Art*

WESTMINSTER SOCIETY

Tuesday, June 21 Time: 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Location: Chapel





Don Fortson Professor of Church History and Pastoral Theology *Reformed Theological Seminory* Charlotte, North Carolina

Zach Hopkins Pastor Edgington Presbyterian Church Taylor Ridge, Illinois



President; Professor of h Old Testament s Reformed Theological Seminary Washington D.C.



Scott Sealy Pastor First Presbyterian Church Covington, Tennessee



Pastor First Presbyterian Church South Charleston, Ohio of Manfishing. It's a joy to share a platform with folks whose credentials and knowledge absolutely dwarf my own. I feel like it's my responsivity to organize the adult table, and rather than sit at the kid's table, I snuck in at the adult table myself. The Westminster Society also sponsors lunch lectures on Wednesday and Friday that I will host.

Some other highlights of the week, I

JUNE 21-24, 2022 WARD CHURCH I NORTHVILLE, MI

hope will include: the opportunity to see some of our EPC World Outreach workers and friends of Edgington – including Steve Woodworth, working alongside other members of Rivers & Lakes Presbytery in the business of the national church, worshipping together, re-connecting with old friends, and making new ones from around the country. To put it directly, GA week is exhausting – but it's the good kind of exhausting.

Pretty much everything I've mentioned except for the Standing Committee will be available to watch either via livestream, or recorded feed afterwards. If you'd like to learn more, check our epc.org and look for the General Assembly option under the "What We Do" menu.

2022 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RECHARGE

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Melissa Woeckener
- 2 Cody Bingman
- 2 Molly Bingman
- 4 Robbyn Ransdell
- 5 Don Easterla
- 5 Jon Easterla
- 5 CJ Elliott
- 5 Natalie Fenchel
- 6 Janet Dunlap
- 7 Sophia Fuhr
- 7 Pam Pithan
- 7 Paige Schmidt
- 11 Gene Meredith
- 11 Jacob Woeckener

- 14 Morgan Flickinger
- 14 Marion Oak
- 14 Nichole Wistedt
- 16 Bailey Woeckener
- 20 Bandon Tomlin
- 21 Cindy Cullen
- 23 Joseph Gierlus
- 24 Henry Wood
- 26 Katie Pearson
- 27 Owen Freyermuth
- 27 Tara Miller
- 28 Marvin Oak
- 31 Shirley Flemming



24 - Steve & Cindy Thompson





If you would be able to help with a Sunday School Class this summer, please see the sign-up sheet located on the table in the sanctuary foyer.

> Any questions contact: Beth Flickinger 309-206-4292 or Tara Johnson at 309-235-4054.

Sunday, July 3rd - Karyl Parrish Sunday, July 10th - Ken & Sandy Benningfield Sunday, July 17th - Nancy Engstrom Sunday, July 24th - Terri Kiddoo

Sunday, July 31st - Brad Schafman

GREETERS FOR JULY





welcome

TO OUR NEWEST FAMILY MEMBERS!

(From left, back row) Alina Schafman, Mark Freyermuth, Eric Moel, Kelly Moel (Front row) Klay Goodnight, Terri Kiddoo, Brad Schafman

PLEASE ADD TO YOUR DIRECTORY

(Kay Amy attended all the Membership Matters classes, but could not attend the New Member Reception. She plans to officially join Edgington EPC with the next group, hopefully in the fall.)

The new digital directory will be released shortly, but many will still like to have a hard copy on hand, so please add our new member's information to yours.

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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!



May 31, 2022, at 7pm

Location: Church Basement

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

Pastor Zach acted as moderator of the meeting. Zach opened the meeting with prayer and read from Numbers 11: 16-25. He then handed out an excerpt from the book "*The Ruling Elder*" by Samuel Miller and highlighted a passage concerning wholesome discipline. The Elders prayed for individual members of the congregation, then studied and discussed the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 35: "The Gospel of the Love of God and Missions".

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

Approval of Minutes: April 26th, 2022, minutes were reviewed. Motion made to approve, seconded, and approved.

Zach's Report: Zach reported on members with health concerns and prayer needs. During the past month he conducted 4 office visits, 6 home visits, 2 hospital visits, Bible Studies at Brookstone and Women's Association, attended Rivers and Lakes Presbytery meeting, met with Justin Beach and Derek Morrison, and attended the rummage sale.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Zach reminded the Session that we would begin study of the book "Gentle and Lowly" by Dane Ortlund next month. Session members should read the introduction and chapter one prior to the June meeting.
- Zach asked for feedback concerning his sermon "side roads" on Colossians 2:8; 11-12. The Ruling Elders agreed that the sermons were helpful, appropriate, and well received.
- The Session reviewed the baptism of Luella Weinert.
- Zach informed the Session that the baptism of Cora Elizabeth Hopkins will be on Sunday, June 5th with the Rev. Dr. Jim Wilhoit presiding.
- Zach reminded the Session that his vacation will be from June 6th through June 13th. Mic will the preaching on June 12th.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Zach will be attending General Assembly June 20th through June 24th.
- Communion will be held on June 5th, 2022. The next Stated Session meeting will be Tuesday, June 28th, 2022, at 7:00pm. The Session will study chapter one of the book "Gentle and Lowly" by Dane Ortlund at that time.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:53pm. Motion Carried.

Teaching Elder Zach Hopkins closed the meeting with prayer.

Keith Wilson Clerk of Session



Date: 6-15-22

Present: Ken Benningfield, Mel Block, Kim Freyermuth, Jeff Fuhr, Darren Hall, Larry Pithan, Treasurer Barb Freyermuth, Session Representative Jim Mueller.

Mel opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:03pm.

Treasurer's report for May was reviewed and approved.

Minutes for May 18th meeting were reviewed and approved

OLD BUSINESS:

- Waiting on dirt to be delivered for the lawn repair.
- Hand rail at front of sanctuary has been installed.
- Air conditioners for the front of the sanctuary are being installed and should be complete by June 17th.
- Calculations for balcony load limit indicate adequate capacity for at least 45 people.
- TR Paving originally scheduled to start on parking lot on June 15th, but postponed for a few days due to hot weather.
- Removed dead spruce tree on south side of sanctuary and will check on getting it replaced.
- Discussed possibility of installing a glass railing at the front of the balcony. Jim will discuss with Session for their opinion.

NEW BUSINESS:

• Exterior of church was sprayed for pest control and several ant traps have been placed around the church.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan



2022 Dates for Donating Locally

July 16th - St. Ambrose Church Sept. 10th - Edgington EPC November 12th - St. Ambrose Church

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.

MISSION COMMITTEE

May 17th, 2022

The Mission Committee met on May 17th, 2022 at 6:30pm in the basement at EEPC. Those attending were: Deb Wagamon and Nancy Engstrom.

Deb opened the meeting in prayer.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Minutes: April minutes were approved.
- Mission Updates:
 - Youth Hope: Efforts continue to clean-up and ready Camp Summit location for summer events looking to have 400 attending this year! The new mentoring program (M.O.V.E.) is providing boys with male mentors who are changing their lives and bringing hope. They have 146 students in their Creative Arts (CRE8) program this year. Prayers that this ministry continues to change the lives of children and teens in our local area. The first CRE8 Studios showcase is this Saturday, May 21st. Opens at 1pm, performers start at 2pm. To sponsor a child for Camp Summit, the cost is \$250 per child. Supplies are needed for Camp, handouts to be placed in the Church Foyer on May 22nd.
 - Pregnancy Resources: Nine filled baby bottles have been returned. Waiting for the remainder to arrive before Father's Day to deliver them to the Moline Campus. Prayers for this fundraiser to be successful. Volunteer training is scheduled for June 28-30 and October 4-6 in the Moline Center.
 - **Winnie's Place:** They will be ready to accept furniture by mid-June. They are requesting some volunteer manpower in the following areas: Replacing roof shingles, tree trimming and removal, weather stripping, upgrading the security system, adjusting apartment doors, sealing/repainting deck, replacing a floor in apartment 6.
 - Steve Woodworth & McCallum's: No update on the reassignment as yet.
 - Burdsall: Easter services were well attended with most staying to eat and socialize.
 Praying for those who heard the message of Jesus at Easter to commit; prayers for the Girl's Club; for the ESOL classes; Asha Kid's Club; and continued prayers for their family's needs.
 - **Saul & Jess Huber:** Spending time at home until mid-June. Preparing for General Assembly and taking on new workload from Saul's boss who is going on sabbatical.
 - Jeff Lancaster: (New Video) Jeff sent a video update with testimonies directly from Chicago friends regarding how the Lord is working in their lives. Katie Homan – Senior Consultant, State & Local Government, met Jeff and Cathy three years ago. She spoke to how Jeff and Cathy are reaching out to the community and drawing people to them and how vast are the types of people who are drawn into their social group. Hasnain (Hazzy) Khundmiri, a graduate of University of Chicago and a high school teacher, spoke to the deep connection he has developed with Jeff and Cathy. How they support those they reach out to and how unconditional and loving they are to the community around them. Inspired by how Jeff encourages him to think about his religious beliefs. Jeff builds deep trust and is a great mentor. Cathy is an artist and this month's update told us Jeff's son is a singer and has released his first CD. Jeff requests we continue to pray for his ministry in Chicago.
 - **Christian Care:** Trivia Nite went well on May 13th. Martha's House is open and has room for 18 women. There are 12 in house at this time. They are in need of cleaning supplies.

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NEW BUSINESS:

- Andrea Elliott: Andrea is the daughter of Pam Brown and lost everything in a fire on May 7th. The committee voted to donate \$1,000 to Andrea.
- Amber Anderson: Is the daughter of Mitch and Linda Anderson. Her home was broken into and between the break-in and police search, her home has received major damage. The committee voted to donate \$1,000 to Amber.

Deb closed the meeting in prayer.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday June 21st, 2022 at 6:30pm.

"ministry updates"

You have probably noticed that we have stopped the monthly "Minute for Mission" reports and have started presenting "Ministry Updates" every Lord's Day with the exception of the first Sunday of each month, as those are Communion Sundays.

ministry updates

- Be informed
- Find your place
- Get involved
- Stay engaged

We hope and pray that you are finding these to be helpful and informative, but also that they might encourage you to become interested and perhaps even actively engaged in some of the ministries that take place here at Edgington EPC and the ministries that our church partners with, especially on the local level, as they often need volunteers, but even the national and international level partners always welcome additional prayer warriors and financial donors.

So, whether you could help mow the lawn at the cemetery, volunteer one day with VBS, the food pantry, Children's Sunday School classes, Trustee workday, or any other number of opportunities, we pray you will look for ways to become more engaged and build deeper relationships with your church family as we endeavor, side-by-side, to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community & world!

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.





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



SUMMERTIME AT YOUTHHOPE To read the entire YouthHope June Newsletter, click <u>HERE</u>.

God has big plans for this summer! Eight full weeks at Camp Summit will give 400 kids and tees week-long, overnight summer camp. High school boys kicked off the first week! Lives were changed, and the guys learned God loves them, treasures, and wants a relationship with them!

We have an incredible group of Camp Staff! Praise God for providing a FULL staff and answering our prayers to grow our team for this season! Please join us in praying for these

amazing young people who are giving their summers to be a Camp Summit, walking by faith, and pouring into kids and teens!

CRE8 STUDIOS is holding eight week-long summer Art Camps for kids and teens to experience a wide array of artistic mediums! See page 2 for highlights from the first week!

Vacation Bible Schools, Parks Programs, and exSTREAM Fun Fest are taking place with kids this summer in lowincome neighborhoods in East Moline, Moline, and Rock Island. Fun, exciting, and enriching programs will be accessible right where kids live! We are urban missionaries!

Youth Center programs are running, college visits planned, and a special senior trip will bless our recent graduates. God is on the move!

You make this all possible! Thank you for volunteering, sponsoring, and praying for all our summer programs. You are helping bring youth HOPE! God Bless You!

~ Mark Drake, YouthHope Executive Director

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

We are so excited for what God is doing! Thank you for praying with us in anticipation of an incredible summer!

- Praise God for the 25 students who accepted Christ the last two weeks! Many have asked to be baptized at Camp Summit this summer! We give God all the glory and thank Him for allowing us to be part of this amazing ministry!
- We thank God for providing a full camp staff for this summer!! This is no small feat and we are so grateful for the team He has assembled for summer camps!
- We rejoice with thanksgiving for all God has been doing through YouthHope lately! He is so faithful and works all things together for good. He is perfect, matchless, and amazing! Thank you Lord!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Lord, we ask for your protection, favor, and presence this summer! Please be with each staff, board member, volunteer, and all the kids and teens! Reign over everything we do. We invite your will to be done and submit to your plans. Lord, please be in the details! Help us coordinate summer camps, park programs, creative arts day camps, and youth center programs! Give us good health, energy, wisdom, Thank you Father!
- We ask for the staff we need to come! Lord, please provide the people to help with your ministry at the Youth Centers and Community Outreach Programs. Please set divine appointments and make a way. We ask for your hand to be on the hiring process and no plans of the enemy will interfere in Jesus' name.
- Heavenly Father, please be with the students who recently and are soon to choose a relationship with you! Protect them, guide them, and make your presence real to them. Father please help us all to teach, lead, and raise them up in faith to be all you have called them (and us) to be.
- We ask all these things in the mighty name of Jesus!



IT IS A SORROW I CARRY ALONE...

She found me at a local event. In her late 40's, she was attractive and articulate. With tear-filled eyes, she spoke quickly and in a hushed voice. "I know I can trust you, you're the second person I've shared this secret with." She paused, took a deep breath, and whispered "I had an abortion when I was in college. I think about my loss every day. I've only told my husband. My doctor doesn't know, my pastor doesn't know. **It is a sorrow I carry alone.**"

Sadly, she is not alone. Roughly 1 in 4 women over the age of 45 in the United States have an abortion decision as part of her personal story – and the majority express shame and guilt about that choice.

It may have been last year – it may have been 30 years ago... time is irrelevant when it comes to the pain of post-abortion trauma. IF this is part of your story, your sister's story, your best friend's story, and if you or they are struggling now – you are not alone.

There is hope. There is healing. Pregnancy Resources is here for you. After Abortion Care provides a safe space for women and men to process the pain, the loss, and the trauma that some experience with an abortion decision. Help is a phone call away. Call 309-797-3636, press 2 for the Moline center, and ask for Pam OR email info@qcpregnancy.org to be contacted electronically. Don't wait. Today can be the start of your season of restoration.

BELLA'S BOUTIQUE NEEDS:

- Baby clothes Sizes: preemie 3T (New or Gently used)
- Modern Pregnancy Clothes, all sizes (New or Gently used)
- Diapers (Sizes: Newborn size 5)
- Baby Wipes
- Cozy Baby Blankets (purchased or homemade)
- Receiving Blankets
- NEW Baby Bottles and Nipples pacifiers
- Baby Swings and Strollers
- Pack 'n Plays



PRC 101 - 2022 Volunteer Training Sessions

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.* Want to register? Need more info? Contact Marissa @ 563-386-3737 or <u>Marissa@qcpregnancy.org</u>

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.





Because of safety issues, we cannot accept: used car seats, used cribs, used bottles, used bottle nipples, or used breast pumps.

Questions about clothing room donations? Just call us at 563-386-3737 or 309-797-3636.



HUBER-VENTURES

When we are weak, then He is strong.

There's a family in Carbondale we've been trying to hang out with that's from Saudi Arabia, but between travel and sickness it hadn't happened. They are moving back to the Middle East in a couple of weeks and the dad had been asking if I want to buy some stuff they're selling. Last Saturday we had a really rough day...kid stuff, lack of sleep...even some conflict between Jesse and me. That night we were at a park near their apartment and decided to see them, but literally EVERYTHING started to go wrong. We



were frustrated and confused and I actually said to Jesse, "Okay, I'm going to take a couple of kids and go see them for a minute, but it's not like I'm going to share the Gospel or anything." We prayed for wisdom, then I ended up dropping Jesse and the three little ones off at home for bedtime while Sam, Zuri and I headed to their apartment. That way, we would be able to stay later and the little ones could get to bed in good time. Sam and Zuri started playing with the four kids while my friend showed me the stuff he was trying to sell. Then we sat down outside to watch the kids and drink coffee and tea. After some small talk he said to me, "My kids have a children's Bible that has many of the same stories that are in the Koran. Why is that?"

WOW! What a clear open door! I explained why and then was able to share the full gospel with him while our kids played on the swings next to us! What an amazing moment, where God had other plans...especially in such a place of weakness for us. He was strong and his message was strong. May Glory be to Him for the ways He is pursuing this family. Please be praying for them and the gospel seeds that were planted



Operation More Space

Now that we are all healthy (thank you for your prayers!), Saul's parents have come down for a couple of days. We are framing out a new guest room which will double as a home office and converting our current guest room to a walk-in storage closet and future kids' bedroom.

In the midst of loud noises, naps cut short, and interrupted routines, we are incredibly grateful. Grateful for a house that is growing with us, parents who lend their time and talents, flexible work hours that allow us to tackle this during the week, and God's provision of the finances for this big project!

The long-term goal is saving time and money with a home office, and giving the kids the space they need as they grow. Establishing our home base from which we do the work to which God has called us. We are so grateful for your support! You are part of this blessing and strengthening of our ministry. THANK YOU! But also, please pray for us in the missed naps and thrown-off routines and stuff everywhere.

Thanks for doing life with us. We're grateful for your prayers and support.

Much love, Saul, Jesse, Zuri, Samwell, Salem, Zola, and Sidon

Find the Huber's on Epistle!

Click HERE to see all the pics and read all the updates as they are posted! You can expect a mix of ministry updates, prayer requests, and family updates. You can "like" and comment on the articles too! This is a great way to keep up, support, and encourage them!



MCCALLUM'S MAY MUSE

The Mitten is calling us to come back home. We will attend EPC's annual meeting (General Assembly) held at





Ward Church. If you are not attending the Assembly, you can watch the live stream and monitor the social media feed at the same time

at <u>www.epc.org/ga2022livestream</u>. The Leadership Institute plenary sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday, the worship services, and the business sessions will be available on the stream. June 21-24.

Father's Day, Sunday, 19th we'll be at Trinity Church in Plymouth. Ed will preach at both services.

On the 26th we'll be at Oakhill EPC in Grand Rapid where Ed will again preach. Nan will do a presentation afterwards on Child Safety Planning for the congregation.

July 3 we'll be at First Presbyterian Church of Trenton to bring greetings at each service and talk at the Sunday School class about 10:10am.

Updates from ITEN

- The next 2 years will be a season of transitions and celebration of **completion of Phase One at many of our sites**. A few sites likely will no longer need ITEN's equipping partnership for their wholehearted participation in the Great Commission. The relationships formed will continue in the fellowship of the Lord.
- We **anticipate launching new sites** and refreshing and improving our ITEN program for a new ITEN ministry season in 2023+. Possibilities are developing but it is too early to share places and tasks. Stay tuned!
- Several ITEN staff transitions will occur.
 - **Bruce A.** will change his focus **from Coordinator to holistic mission and reformation of society** (especially in E. E., but also A. and A.) and growth of his Institute for Reformation (IFR) beginning in January.
 - **Stephen W.** will transition out of ITEN to begin in January as the **Assistant Pastor** of Christ Presbyterian Church in Clarkesville, GA.
 - Mike K. has agreed to serve as our new ITEN Coordinator beginning in January 2023 leading us into its next season. Mike brings years of experience teaching in the M. E. with S., his wife. He is insightful and gifted at explaining theology orally and in writing. His books are helpful reads.
 - We had planned to complete our service by mid 2022, but agreed to continue serving until June 2023. We are praying through what ITEN role the Lord would have us do moving forward at a slower pace. We look forward to Phase 1 being completed by this date in (V) S. A. We'll return there in October!
- ITEN has been working to see additional staff come alongside Mike for this next season and trust God for these good gifts. God brought the right people for the first season, and we trust Him for the right people for the future. We have reached a milestone to be celebrated and an opportunity to pause, reflect, and envision. We are excited to see what the Lord will do next! Please...
 - Celebrate with us in giving thanks to the Lord for his work this past decade—for leaders trained and sent and for salvation among those with least access to the gospel.
 - Support and pray for ITEN staff as we make transitions—continuing to *financially support* our team members and praying for new ones to be added. Please consider talking with Bruce . and Mike K. Don't forget our colleagues---Rev. Dr. S. K. working to reach Muslims in E. and M. region of the world and Rev. Dr. P. B., president at S.... in G. and the General Secretary of the L.A.A. of Evangelical Theological Education. E., his wife, works with at risk children. We'd love to help you connect.

Thank you for the privilege of being part of this ministry and for supporting us so well. Above all, we thank and glorify the Lord, for He alone accomplishes this work. 'God gave the growth.' (1 Cor 3:6).

Blessings,

Ed & Nan McCalllum

AL REV. DR. STEVE WOODWORTH Transitions & New Beginnings for the Woodworths

After almost of decade of ministry with ITEN... ... a new season has come

For the past nine years we have had the privilege of serving together with you. Through your faithful and generous support, we have brought theological training and leadership development to hundreds of pastors around the globe. In an age of "theological education famine" your partnership has provided training, resources, mentoring and encouragement to those who are ministering on the front lines among the unreached people groups of the world.

From my commissioning service in 2013 to the present, I have had the privilege of watching God build a ministry from the ground up. Beginning with the hint of a vision and expanding it to national partnerships and training sites in ten different countries, my years of ministry with ITEN have proven to be some of the most exciting years of my life. And God is now calling our family into a new season of ministry.

In January of 2023 I will begin a new role as the Assistant Pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church in

Clarkesville, GA. As many of you know, this has been our family's home church for the past nine years. It is an incredible community that has provided for our family in countless ways over the years through their relationships, prayers, and finances. During our season of COVID lockdowns, the church became a place where I could continue to minister while my travel schedule with ITEN was reduced and postponed. Over the past two years God has been increasingly calling me towards

this people and this place, burdening my heart with a desire to shepherd them more faithfully and fully.

With the initial vision of "ten sites by 2025" nearing completion, the ITEN leadership team began to discern together what God may be calling us towards next. It was throughout this period that my family and I have clearly heard God's leading towards this new opportunity while guiding our steps as we seek to transition from ITEN with faithfulness.

What will these mean for our support?

Between now and January 2023, I will continue to minister with ITEN. I have remaining trips planned throughout the Fall of 2022 and will be working with the ITEN leadership team to

identify and train new members for our team, while coordinating the organized handoff of my responsibilities to new ITEN leaders. **Your continued support to the end of December 2022 is vital to our ability to finish this task well.** Thank you again for your years for faithful support! Please pray for our family and the ITEN leadership team as we make this transition and look forward to watching the next chapter of ITEN's story and God's mission unfold.

In His Grace,

Rev. Dr. Steve Woodworth, Assistant Coordinator of ITEN ITEN leadership team that will tell you more about the exciting plans for ITEN in the years ahead. Also, if you will be attending the EPC General Assembly next week in MI, please consider attending the ITEN luncheon to hear more. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions about the above announcement by shooting me an email at stephen.w@epcwo.org

In the coming days please be on the lookout for another update from the entire













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

doors are now open here for meals EVERY WEEKDAY!

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 MONUMENTAL VBS

By the time you read this article in the July Newsletter we will be in countdown mode for our preparations for VBS. We have compiled a list of needed supplies for camp. If you would like to donate any items, please sign up on the list in the sanctuary foyer or contact Kathy Stegmiller. We ask that items be brought to the church by July 17th. If you have old beach towels that you

could lend us but would want returned, please put your name on the them and we will be happy to get them back to you after VBS is over.

Please include our VBS program in your prayers - for good weather, moderate temperatures, safety for the kids, counselors, and adult helpers, and most importantly - that God will work in the hearts and minds of everyone involved and draw them into a closer relationship with Him.

We encourage you to please stop by the Boy Scout Camp anytime July 25 - 29 from 9am - 3pm to see what is happening. We especially encourage you to please bring a lawn chair and come out to support all the campers as they present a short program on Friday, July 29th at 4pm.

NEEDS:

- **Empty Toilet Paper and Paper Towel rolls**
- **OLD Beach Towel or Large Body Towels**

Next meeting will be Sunday, July 10th at 12:15pm in the church basement.

Thank you all so much for your ongoing prayers, donations, help, and support!

service on Sunday, July 24th and then meeting at the Boy Scout Camp at 1:30pm to get everything set-up.

We will be packing things up

immediately following the worship

HELP IS WELCOME & APPRECIATED!

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













EDGINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Treasurer's Report May 2022

	Balance		Receipts	[Disbursement	Balance	
General	\$	93,747.28 \$	18,487.47	\$	17,972.18	\$	94,262.57
Jahn	\$	9,583.88 \$	186.58	\$	-	\$	9,770.46
Edgington	\$	5,600.02 \$	-	\$	-	\$	5,600.02
Boughton	\$	196,000.76 \$	955.63	\$	-	\$	196,956.39
Lauby	\$	25,148.58 \$	303.52	\$	-	\$	25,452.10

MAY 2022 GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

Zach Hopkins salary	4,552.34		
Housing Allowance	1,800.00		
Fidelity (pension)	960.89		
EPC (health)	25.23		
Mileage	308.88		
Lisa Bowman	1,088.03		
Robin Preston	409.42		
Payroll Taxes	-		
Reytel	116.73	General \$	94,262.57
AT&T	109.15	Edgington \$	5,600.02
MidAmerican Energy	803.00	Jahn <u></u> \$	9,770.46
Millenium Waste	46.70	\$	109,633.05
Worship Services	240.00		
Office Supplies	90.73		
ABS (copier)	141.35		
Postmaster (stamps)	1.16		
Sunday School	28.42		
Continuing Education	625.15		
Presbytery Expense	(100.00)		
Mission	6,725.00		
Miscellaneous			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	17,972.18	
INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL			
Mission monies included in general fund	\$ 10,176.62		
Assistance Fund	\$ 5,153.46		
*Boughton Fund includes sale of manse	\$ 159,000.00		

TREASURER'S REPORT Cont. from p. 15

Edgington Presbyterian Church General Fund Profit & Loss May 2022

		May 2022
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income Interest Income - Gen. Fund		10.26
Other Income		
Pledges		43.39 18,433.82
Total Income	-	18,487.47
Expense		
Pastor's Housing Allowance		1,800.00
Operating Maint. - General		46.70
Presbytery Expense		-100.00
Resource		268.42
materials		
Continuing Ed.		625.15
Mileage Mission		308.88
U.S. Mission - Presby.	2,550.00	
Int. Mission - Presby.	3,125.00	
Local Mission	1,050.00	
Total Mission		6,725.00
Office Supplies & Expenses		
Internet & TV Services	116.73	
Copier	141.35	
Office Supplies - Other	90.73	
Shipping & Postage	1.16	
Total Office Supplies		349.97
Payroll Expenses		
Custodian Payroll	409.42	
Pastor Salary	4,552.34	
Secretary Services	1,088.03	
Total Payroll Expenses Pension & Health Care		6,049.79
Utilities		986.12
Gas & Electric - Church	803.00	
Telephone	109.15	
Total Utilities		912.15
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Total Expense	-	17,972.18
Net Ordinary Income	-	515.29

ALL submissions for the August 2022 Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER** than Wednesday, July 20th. <u>Items</u>



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: <u>edgingtonepc.org</u>. Thank you so much for your help!

GET YOUR JULY 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.



Sunday, July 3rd – <u>Colossians 2:18-19</u> Sunday, June 12th - <u>Colossians 2:20-23</u> Sunday, June 19th - <u>Colossians 3:1-4</u> Sunday, June 26th - <u>Colossians 3:12-11</u> Sunday, July 31st - <u>Colossians 3:12-17</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."

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 <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

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

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

We need adult helpers over the summer months. Please see the sign-up sheet on the table with the offering plates in the sanctuary foyer if you can help. THANK YOU!!!

This summer we will have our "one -room schoolhouse model again for the kids ages toddler - Jr. H. We will be doing a study on The Garden, the Curtain, and the Cross, by Carl Laferton & The Lord's Prayer.

The High School Students are encouraged to join the Adult Class.



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The Edgington Evangelical Women's Ministry (WM) met on June 2nd, 2022, in the church sitting room with 10 members present. Moderator Karyl Parrish opened the meeting with a prayer and the reading of Our Purpose.

Shirley Flemming read minutes of the March meeting. A change was made to the Kitchen Chairman for the Rummage Sale. It was Sharon Orr, not Dorothy Rursch. Motion was made and seconded to approve these minutes as amended. Thank you notes were read from Drew Hall, Gia Johnson, and Camden Docherty for quilts received. Kathy Stegmiller gave the Treasurer's Report and stated our balance was

\$9,861.03. Income from the Rummage Sale was \$3,026.45.

Chairman reports were given. Shirley Flemming, Mission Chairman, stated items had been delivered to the Mercer County Crisis Center on May 27th. This included a baby quilt and a twin quilt. Cindy Oak, Program Chairman, was not in attendance. Sharon Orr, Involvement Chairman, was not in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS:

• This rummage sale was the most successful we've had in terms of income. However, it was a lot of work for the few who showed up each day to get things ready.

NEW BUSINESS: (The following items were discussed and are to be voted on as a whole.)

- 1. Dues/Donations Originally dues were used to pay PW USA. Now that we are no longer part of PCUSA, it is suggested that we don't pay dues, but donations are welcome.
- 2. Involvement Cards Since the Deacons send cards and many individuals do also, it was decided this was not necessary.
- 3. Need to approve Treasurer Reports, Secretary Reports, and bills to be paid for funeral dinners, materials for mission, and every day expenses is not required.
- 4. Need to update Our Purpose to omit "worldwide" after church and to add "Evangelical" in front of Presbyterian Church.
- 5. Do we want to keep the Mizpah Benediction? Discussion indicated we should keep it.
- 6. Quilts Do we want to continue making quilts? Yes. We have 27 on hand. It was suggested that we make baby quilts for new babies in the congregation and make them for Pregnancy Resources. We can continue making larger quilts for Winnie's, Aledo Crisis Center, (if these are approved to be supported in September meeting) and our graduating seniors.
- 7. Funeral Committees These were not listed in the current booklet but are as follows:

Jan – Mar – Kathy Stegmiller, Shirley Flemming, Karyl Parrish, Janet Schmidt, Sharon Orr, Deb Wilson

Apr – Jun – Pat Block, Mary Ann Vroman, Pam Pithan

Jul – Sep – Dorothy Rursch, Cindy Oak, JoAnn Rursch

Oct – Dec – Nancy Cooksey, Teresa Weber, Denise Rursch

The number of people on the committees is not equal. It was suggested that there are a number of women in the congregation who could be contacted to see if they would be willing to help. Will check again in September. Several said they would try to contact some of the women. A signup sheet was set out on Sunday. There were only 3 that signed up to help. If you can assist in any way, please let one of the officers know. Your help does not have to be during the whole event. You could help set up or help serve or help cleanup. It also does not mean you will help at every funeral. You would only be contacted if assistance is needed by one of the committees. Also, you would not be contacted every time.

Those in attendance approved the above 6 items as a whole.



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ITEMS TO DISCUSS AND VOTE ON AT SEPTEMBER MEETING:

1. Money making ideas for future (soup luncheon, plants, bake sale, rummage sale, quilt raffle). Nancy Cooksey stated the rummage sale was a lot of work for few people and there must be an easier way to raise money such as just doing luncheon, plants, bake sale, and PW Products. Other suggestions included making enchiladas for take home, baked potato and dessert luncheon. A non-money maker would be Mother/ Daughter or Father/Son Banquet. We are interested in any ideas you may have for

money making events. Please let any of the officers know of your thoughts.

- 2. WM sponsored events (Harvest Party, Christmas candy, flowers for church). Should ask Lisa to order a flower chart for the church so people could sign up for a certain Sunday. For Harvest Party, help Sunday School teachers set up for Harvest Party. Have games for adults similar to the one Pastor Hopkins had for the older kids to get adults and kids to interact. Have a cake walk at the Harvest Party.
- 3. Program Booklets Add funeral lists.
- 4. Bible Study Continue in fall. Ask people to pay for books and have WM pay for video. It was suggested that the spring session start earlier. We would also like to hear your thoughts on what you feel went well and what you would like to see changed. Since this is the Women's Bible Study, we want to provide what "you" feel is important. Please let any of the officers know your thoughts.
- 5. Mission Local Missions suggested Mercer County Crisis Center, Andalusia Ambulance, Winnie's (quilts), Rockridge Academic Program, Quilting.

There will be no quilting June through August. First one will be scheduled September ^{15th} from 9am – Noon.

Our next meeting will be September 1st, 2022.

Karyl Parrish closed the meeting with prayer and the group said the Mizpah Benediction.

Shirley Flemming, Secretary

QUILTING NO QUILTING JULY or AUGUST

We normally meet on the third Thursday of every month from 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

Next Clinic: Monday, July 18th starting at 9am



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





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!!!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Edgington EPC Basement Sunday, August 14th, 4 - 7pm SOCIAL ON SUNDAY, PREP ON FRI. & SAT.

Here is the schedule leading up to the Social itself:

*Friday, August 12th at 8:30am: (Please let me know if you are able to help)

- Mix the ingredients. Please bring your own blender if you have one, if not come anyway there will be extras.
- Set up the basement

*Friday, August 12th at 3:00pm:

Crank the ice cream

*Saturday, August 13th at 8:30am:

- Mix the potato salad
- Get the beans ready

*Sunday, August 14th at 2:30pm:

- Cut the desserts
- Set up the serving line to be ready to start by 4:00pm

I will be sending postcards asking for donations about 2 weeks ahead of time. I ask all donations be to the church by Sunday morning unless otherwise specified on your postcard.

This event is always an amazing time for our church family to come together. I am so thankful for everyone who helps!

If you have any questions you can contact me at 309-235-4054. ~ Tara Johnson

JAHN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Jahn Family Scholarship was established to benefit Youth and Students of Edgington EPC as they pursue academic and spiritual growth through education.

If you are preparing to further your education and meet the requirements listed below, please go to the website, hover over the About Us tab, then on the drop down box hover over What We Believe, and click on the Church Facility Use, Requests... & Forms. Scroll down to the graduation cap and click on that. A PDF of the Jahn Scholarship Fund form should come up in a new window. You could also just on this link <u>HERE</u>.

Once you have filled out the form submit it to the office by **NO LATER than AUGUST 29th**. Session will review your request at their August meeting the next evening.

REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. Be an active member of Edgington EPC.
- 2. Requests must be submitted to the office by the August Session meeting for approval. (The form says July, but August is correct. The form will be updated soon!)
- 3. Update the Church about your educational and spiritual growth.

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SUN	NOM	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26 B/P Checks Basement Reserved	27 Meal Site	28 Meal Site Session Mtg. 7pm	29 Meal Site	30 Meal Site VBS Counselor Training, 7pm	1 Meal Site	2
3 Food Pantry Sunday	4 Independence Day NO Meal Site	5 Meal Site	6 Meal Site	7 Meal Site	8 Meal Site	6
10 B/P Checks Basement Reserved VBS Mtg., 12:15pm VBS Counselor Training, 4pm	11 Meal Site	12 Meal Site	13 Meal Site	14 Meal Site	15 Meal Site	16
17	18 Foot Clinic Meal Site	19 Meal Site Mission Comm. Mtg., 6:30pm	20 Meal Site Trustees Mtg., 7pm Newsletter Items Due	21 Meal Site	22 Meal Site	23
24 B/P Checks VBS Set-up HELP WELCOME!	25 Meal Site VBS	26 Meal Site Session Mtg., 7pm VBS	27 Meal Site VBS	28 Meal Site VBS	29 Meal Site VBS	30
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