



## TEN YEARS OF MINISTRY TOGETHER

As something of a personal rule, I try to avoid excessive autobiographical reflection in my public ministry. Besides not wanting to talk about myself, I think it usually distracts from better points of focus for our collective attentions. That rule notwithstanding, I wanted to offer some personal comments (not in any particular order and certainly not exhaustive) after crossing the threshold of a decade of service as pastor at Edgington. Marking that occasion on June 5th by sitting in the pews to worship alongside my family as we presented our daughter for baptism was an incredibly special day; not only for my family, but for who we shared it with – every one of you – our church family.

These years have been marked by the kindness of our Triune God. In the words of the hymn writer William Cowper, *“Deep in unsearchable mines of never-failing skill; He treasures up His bright designs and works His sovereign will.”* His kindness has been shown to me as those storehouses of divine providence built from eternity unfolded in the events of my life that brought me to Edgington. Just this week at VBS some friends and I were remembering that my very *first* exposure to this area was in late July 2009 taking a ride with my future mother-in-law out to Loud Thunder to see what was happening out at camp. That day I met a community of people who would become unspeakably precious to me in the coming years. During my time in seminary there was an irrepressible magnetism to my desire to return – I couldn’t wait to come back and be with you all again. As God’s wisdom was revealed, a seminary graduate eager to serve was able to connect with a church in need of a pastor.

Thank you for embracing me and all of the inexperience and enthusiasm that came with it. Thank you for letting me stumble along the path of obedience of my own Christian discipleship as I learned what it means to be a pastor. Thank you for welcoming me: to your tables, into your living rooms, at your hospital bedsides, as we shared all of life’s beautiful and sometimes sorrowful moments together. It has been an inestimable privilege. Thank you.

Sometimes people who are particularly insightful to the uniqueness of ministerial vocation ask, “how can we encourage our pastor?” Not that discouragement is somehow disproportionately assigned to clergy compared to other callings – but there does seem to be an awareness that pastors are for some reason given to a kind of melancholy or emotional fickleness that rises and falls with attendance and participation metrics. That is a topic for another time. But I do want to say that I have been most encouraged, not by a comment about one sermon or another being graded on a scale of “good to decent” – but in ways you have shared with me how my ministry has pointed you to the Good Shepherd and led you to find rest as you trust in Jesus. It thrills and renews my soul.

After ten years I hope I have grown in wisdom and pastoral care. But to be sure, it seems like I am still only just beginning and have so much more to learn. That also moves me with confidence that the Lord has wonderful things in store for us as we share in ministry together. As I have often said, being a pastor is just getting a privileged front seat to the glories of God’s Kingdom advancing in a place among a people. And Edgington is a place, and you are a people that I deeply love. Which is why I am so happy to be,

Your Pastor & Friend,

## 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

### AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

1 - Chris & Clarissa Stark  
 2 - Shawn & Tina Docherty  
 5 - Albert & Edna Bingman  
 7 - Donald & Michelle Krueger  
 13 - Tom & Connie Huntley  
 13 - Robert & Mary Ann Kadel  
 17 - Phil & Dana Fuhr  
 23 - Mel & Pat Block  
 23 - Larry & Ione Hesck  
 23 - Nathan & Amy Oak  
 24 - Steve & Teresa Morrison  
 29 - Mitch & Linda Anderson

### GREETERS FOR AUGUST

Sunday, August 7th - Jeff Fuhr  
 Sunday, August 14th - Todd & Lauren Stegmiller  
 Sunday, August 21st - Dewey & Shirley Flemming  
 Sunday, August 28th - Sue Miller

Thank you all so much for the  
 prayers, thoughts, & cards  
 during my surgery & recovery.

*Thank You*

God bless you all!

Steve Morrison

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2 - Kent Johnson	7 - Richard Landi	19 - Charles Wesenberg
2 - Logan Schelker	9 - Ryan Koresko	20 - Joydene Koresko
3 - Emily Flickinger	9 - Stephanie Rursch	20 - Larry Pithan
3 - Steve Thompson	10 - Kim Freyermuth	24 - Zach Krueger
4 - Norman Dunlap	12 - Michelle Krueger	26 - Tracy Bayne
4 - Hadley Weinert	12 - Emmalin Pearson	26 - Joyce O'Hare
5 - Dana Johnson	14 - Tina Docherty	28 - Roma Milner
5 - Andrew Pearson	14 - Dewey Flemming	28 - Karen Wesenberg
6 - William Emery	19 - Edna Bingman	30 - Jim Mueller
6 - Todd Stegmiller	19 - Marc Milner	31 - Jimmy Johnson

# SESSION

June 28th, 2022, at 7pm

**Location:** Church Basement

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

Pastor Zach acted as moderator of the meeting. Zach opened the meeting with prayer and read from Psalms, Chapter 133. The Elders prayed for individual members of the congregation.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** May 31st, 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, Bible Studies at Brookstone and Women's Association, attended Rivers and Lakes Presbytery meeting. Zach attended the EPC 42nd General Assembly June 21st-24th. At General Assembly Zach led an all-day seminar on Understanding Evangelism.

## **Old Business:**

- Zach noted his recent vacation from June 6th through June 13th and thanked Mic for preaching on June 12th.
- Zach updated the Session on highlights from the recent General Assembly and his role in leading a seminar on Evangelism.

## **New Business:**

- The Session reviewed corrections from the RLP Records Review Committee. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve those corrections.
- Zach gave a detailed report on the recent General Assembly. Areas discussed were:
  - Racial Reconciliation. An interim committee is being formed to discuss creating a pastoral letter concerning this.
  - Per Member Asking vs. Percent of Income. The GA is moving to asking churches to support the GA based on a percentage of the church's income instead of a flat amount per member. This creates the need for presbyteries to evaluate their course of action concerning their share of support from churches. The Session will study this and formulate a suggestion for RLP.
  - Virtual Communion. A standing committee has determined that it is no longer permissible in the EPC for churches to allow virtual communion. This causes no changes in practice at EEPCC.
  - Zach noted that the 43rd GA (2023) will be held at Cherry Hills Church in Denver, Colorado the 3rd week of June.
- Communion will be held on July 3rd, 2022. The next Stated Session meeting will be Tuesday, August 2nd, 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 8:50pm. Motion Carried.

Teaching Elder Zach Hopkins closed the meeting with prayer.

Keith Wilson, Clerk of Session

June 12, 2022

Jim and Teresa Balmer, Don and Beth Easterla, Beth Flickinger, Marlin and Darcy Krueger and Teresa Weber were present. Session Representative: Patrick Shovar was absent.

Beth F. opened with prayer.

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

**March – June Activities:** 3 meals were shared during this time, along with 31 calls/visits/cards to shut-ins and 50 additional cards mailed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Receptions:** The Communicants' and New Member's receptions were very well received and had a good turnout to both.
- **Shut-ins:** Update on shut-ins and discussed others that need extra prayers.
- **May baskets:** The flowers were all delivered and appreciated by all.
- **College student finals:** Electronic cards were sent prior to finals. The college students enjoyed getting them and expressed thanks that they are all included in our prayers.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Shut-in visits:** Discussed interest of a couple of shut-ins being picked up for church. Beth F. suggested when you go for a visit – that you could share a Bible verse. She read Ephesians 4:1-6 and thought this might be a good verse that could be shared.
- **Greeters/Offering:** Session decided that the offering plates are to be passed again, instead of them sitting at the church entrance, so greeters will need to be aware of this. Had some discussion about these details.
- **Fall Blood Drive:** The blood drive is set for Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **Fall coat drive:** We will have the fall coat drive in conjunction with the fall food distribution.

Next Deacon meeting will be held on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Beth F. closed meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Easterla



**2022 Dates for Donating Locally**

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



7-20-22

Present: Ken Benningfield, Mel Block, Kim Freyermuth, Jeff Fuhr, Phil Fuhr, Larry Pithan, Treasurer Barb Freyermuth, Chris Stark.

Mel opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:07pm.

Treasurer's report for June was reviewed and approved.

Minutes for June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and approved

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Dirt has been spread to fill in the ruts in the lawn. Will need to do some reseeding of grass.
- Parking lot seal coat and striping is complete.
- Trustees will continue to spray for insects as needed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- The panic bar on the front entrance door is broken. Bar was removed after the meeting and will be taken in for repairs.
- There has been an issue with the remote monitoring of the fire alarm panel. Appears the monitoring is working, but there have been nuisance emails. Will continue to watch.
- Trustees agreed to extend an offer to Cindy Oak to join the committee.
- Chris Stark provided a report on the Dunlap Cemetery. Trustees will replace broken post at gate later this fall.
- Filters in A/C units were checked after the meeting.

Mel closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan

### **LOST & FOUND BASKET**

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.

**Lost and Found**

June 21, 2022

The Mission Committee met on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at 6:30pm in basement at EEPC. Those attending were: Deb Wagamon, Nancy Engstrom, Todd Stegmiller, Deanna Parchert, and Karla Pearson.

Deb opened the meeting in prayer

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Minutes:** May minutes were approved
- **Mission Updates:**
  - **Youth Hope:** Summer Camp has started and they are in week 3. Over 114 children still need sponsorship to attend summer camp. The cost to sponsor a child is \$250. Monies must be received by July 1<sup>st</sup>. ExStream Fun fest started the week of June 13<sup>th</sup>. YH is partnering with YouthWorks to provide Urban Missionary Service Projects for high school students from across the nation. YH is taking this program into low-income neighborhoods to teach them about Jesus. CRE8 Studios Art Camp meets for five days and kids try a new artistic medium each day. Youth are discovering their passions and will pursue advanced training in areas they are most focused on this fall. This program has been a hit! Teens draw, write, paint, make ceramics, bake, dance and more! Deanna has been approved for volunteer status and is looking to support the Friday night weekly teen dance.
  - **Pregnancy Resources:** The Moline and Davenport Centers have been receiving threats. They are requesting prayers to keep their facilities, equipment, and personnel safe. Deb will be delivering the last 8 baby bottles to the Moline Center this week.
  - **Winnies Place:** No update. Nancy will reach out to see if they are ready to receive the furniture we have collected so we can make arrangement to deliver.
  - **Steve Woodworth & McCallums:** McCallums are being called back home and will be continuing with ITEN until June 2023. Mike Kuhn has agreed to serve as the new ITEN Coordinator beginning January 2023. Steve Woodworth will be the new Assistant Pastor for the church in Clarkesville, GA beginning January 2023. Steve has requested we continue our support until year end.
  - **Burdsall:** Prayers for visa renewals, prayers for J..... and his GCSE testing, L..... will be attending Anglia Ruskin in the UK studying Music – prayers for her as she finalizes paperwork, payments, etc.
  - **Saul & Jess Huber:** Family has been plagued with illness. Still able to share the message of Jesus with a Middle Eastern couple in Carbondale.
  - **Jeff Lancaster:** No Update
  - **Christian Care:** Karla visited Christian Care and was given a tour of Martha's House. This is designed to house 20 women; they currently have 10 in residence. They are looking for tall chest of drawers if anyone wants to donate. Karla is discussing some Bible study material for CC and will be visiting the site again next month.
  - **Andrea Elliott & Amber Anderson:** Checks were delivered to these two to help support their current needs. Amber's father, Mitch, spoke with Deb and says Amber is doing much better and has no additional needs at this time. Andrea Elliott called Deb personally to thank EEPC for their generosity and to let us know that if she needs anything further, she will reach out to us.



## NEW BUSINESS:

- **Marion Medial Mission:** Their goal for 2022 is to build 3,450 wells scattered over 60,000 square miles in Malawi, Zambia, and Tanzania. It costs \$450 to build a well to support an entire village. The committee discussed the need and voted to sponsor 1 well at a cost of \$450.
- **Youth Hope:** We discussed sponsoring 2 children to attend Camp Summit. The cost is \$250 per child. \$500 was approved by the committee so we can send 2 children to camp.
- **Food Pantry:** We need to be thinking about how we can support the needs of the Food Pantry this year. We will reach out to better understand their needs and timing so we can discuss this at our July meeting.

Deb closed the meeting in prayer.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:30pm.

## 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.



## "ministry updates"

We hope and pray that you are finding the new ministry updates 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!

## ministry updates

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





# YouthHope

We bring youth HOPE!

JULY 2022

Thank you for partnering with us!

## THEY'RE SAFE AT CAMP

YouthHope staff deliver kids to their homes Friday afternoons each week of Camp Summit. Sometimes a parent or grandparent will come to the door or stand on the porch to greet their child saying something like:

**"Thank you, thank you! My boy loves going to camp! He's safe with you!"**

But sometimes, we arrive to locked doors or sleeping households. Fridays are hard. We go into their homes and see how they live. After spending a full week with these amazing kids, it is difficult to let go. But, we trust that God loves these kids even more than we do, and He is with them wherever they go, *always*.

Camp Summit is a week of safety, joy, nature, and non-stop attention. But it is only a week! This is why we have programs year-round in our Youth Centers. YouthHope exists for these kids: to reach, encourage, equip, and empower them and most importantly, to share the love of Christ.

We pursue youth from low-income areas. Tough, poverty-stricken areas. Seeds are planted in the hearts of these kids at Camp Summit. Staff and volunteers help nurture these kids, remind them they are loved, and it's not their circumstances that define them, but what God has created them to be. Thank you for your support, sponsorship, and prayers to continue reaching these kids and giving hope!

Mark Drake, Executive Director

## QUOTES FROM CAMP LAST WEEK



"This is the best day of my life! I never want it to end!"  
-Levi, camper

"Thank you so much for your Camp Summit, my grandson had the time of his life!"  
-Mary, grandmother

**"I actually feel peace." -K.**

**"You're my dad now." -M.**

## GOODBYE HUGS

Tears are often seen on Fridays when campers leave. The kids make strong bonds and connections to the counselors and leaving them is tough.

**Please join us in praying for every camper this summer and for the camp staff giving their all each week!**

"He is like the little brother or son I never had."  
-Ja'Lyn, counselor



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Each week we bring the exSTREAM Fun Fest to kids in different low-income neighborhoods. Kids get opportunities to discover their unique gifts and interests! We try new things and have fun learning science, engineering, math, and art! Kids read with tutors in a safe, enriching environment and hear about Jesus! -Hope Anderson, Moline Children's Director





## HER 2ND CHANCE AT CHOICE...

By Becca Mesmer, Staff R.N.



It was a Friday afternoon when Maria\* arrived for her scheduled ultrasound. She was conflicted, scared, and alone. The appointment was uneventful until I asked Maria how she felt about her pregnancy. Maria immediately began to cry as she told me about her visit to an abortion clinic two days prior. She'd been sold the abortion pills to perform an at-home abortion. **Maria explained she had taken the first pill (Mifeprex) and regretted it. Afraid and wanting to stop the abortion, Maria called her abortion provider and was told it was "too late; there is no reversal."** Knowing it might not be too late, I asked if she wanted to try the abortion pill reversal protocol. **Instantly Maria said yes.**

*An ultrasound was performed to check for viability and gestational age; the next step was to call the APR hotline. Maria was nervous to call alone, so we made the call together. We spoke with a compassionate hotline nurse who helped Maria contact a local APR provider. With tears in her eyes, Maria left PR hopeful that she might have a second chance at choosing life for her baby. That same evening Maria was able to begin taking the APR pills.*

A week later, Maria came back to give me an update. She was smiling, hopeful and grateful as she excitedly thanked the nursing team for the care she had received. **Maria is following the reversal protocol right now and says that she has never been so happy to complain of nausea! Soon, the Abortion Pill Reversal protocol will be available at Pregnancy Resources.** Then, even more women like Maria will have a second chance at choice.

\*Name Changed for Confidentiality

**Pregnancy Resources Walk for Life 2022! Purposed Steps**

*We are back at the Ben Butterworth East Shelter River Walk location!*

**Be intentional and join like-minded individuals taking deliberate steps to help moms and dads see and choose life Saturday, September 10th, 2022.** Become a registered walker or sponsor your favorite Walker and raise funds to support life-affirming services that help empower a mom or dad to make an informed decision about their pregnancy, plus offer support through all nine months and beyond! **Walk Check-in begins at 8:30 am, and you can walk with family and friends anytime between 9 am and 11 am. Enjoy scenic river views along with live music and refreshments.** Together, as God's **PURPOSED** people, we can be intentional, deliberate, and mindful messengers of truth and compassion. (Click on the image above to get registered!)

## 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.\*

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.



**Want to register? Need more info?**  
Contact Marissa @ 563-386-3737  
or [Marissa@qcpregnancy.org](mailto:Marissa@qcpregnancy.org)

## THE BURDSALL'S

*Serge* Grace at the Fray

### Some ministry updates and prayer requests.

This week is LEAP (L..... Evangelism and Prayer) week for Serge L..... There are about 40 people from US churches here for the week. They are learning and doing some training in what outreach and ministry looks like in L..... and in multicultural communities, and they are also helping out our teams with evangelism and outreach. They are located with teams in west L..... and with us here - they will specifically be helping us with book tables this week and with distributing flyers in the area around where Asha meets. Pray for them and their hearts as they learn and grow, and pray for the people they connect with and the conversations they have this week.

This Saturday is Eid al adha, which Muslims celebrate to honor Ibrahim and his willingness to sacrifice Ishmael. They believe Allah provided a lamb to sacrifice in place of Ishmael. The celebration involves killing an animal (goat or sheep mainly) and eating some as a family and sharing some with neighbors and the poor - big business for butchers this time of year! Pray for conversations we can have with our Muslim friends at this time, and also for the Asha service event we are having this Sunday. We will make it more of a celebration feel and explain Abraham and Isaac and how that points to Jesus death and the hope that we have in him.

ESOL classes will soon finish for the summer. Pray for ways to stay connected with the class while on vacation, and for ways to continue to build friendships and relationships with them. And pray for those that stay and listen to the Bible stories at the end of class - that they would really be hearing about this personal loving God.

I have had some pretty fun experiences with girl's club this month - we had a group trip to a cat cafe and I was asked to be part of one of the girl's prep time for her prom. The cat cafe was wild - 20 cats in a couple rooms, with tea and pastry and cat petting! The whole time was great for getting to talk more deeply with the girls though, and to meet some friends and family that they brought along. I never would have thought that sitting in this crazy room full of cat walkways and hideyholes would have been how I would do outreach! And pray specifically for this young woman that has been reaching out in friendship - that there are opportunities to share about a God that is loving and who doesn't have different rules for men and women, and who doesn't require us to keep our emotions in check when we come to Him. (all things she dislikes about Islam)

S.... has been meeting with a man who is very interested in Christianity, but who has been leaning toward the mystical aspects more in how he searches for truth. They have been reading through Genesis and he is excited by what he is learning. Pray for wisdom in S.... as he answers questions, and for this man to see God and the wonder of His love.

Some early census data has been released. Some interesting facts about T.... H..... It has grown 22% in population in the last 10 years. It is the most densely populated borough in L....., with 112 people living on each football pitch sized area of land! We are certainly in the right place to reach people!

### Some personal updates and requests:

Again, praise for the visa renewals. Now please pray that we get our biometric cards in the mail soon. We need these cards before we can enter/exit the country, and have been hearing some stories on the slowness of .. mail.

We will be taking a vacation trip all together as a family the first week of August (minus C....) Pray for that time to be away, for rest and good bonding time. We are starting to realize how soon L..... will be heading to university, and how much we will miss her - praying for good times together this summer.

Looking ahead - C.... is graduating from I... State this December, so we will all be traveling back to the US for a couple weeks to attend his graduation and spend Christmas with family. Not sure how much time we will have outside of that, but hoping for a couple days in George/Little Rock area. Pray for logistics with all this as we start planning and preparing.

Thanks again for your care for us and your prayer and support!  
Take care,  
C....., for S.... and the kids

*For safety reasons it has been decided not to include a link to their full update. If you would like to receive their regular updates via email, please contact the church office and Lisa will connect you with the Burdsall's to be added to their email list.*

There is much more to this update. If you would like to read the rest & see the pics, please email the church office: [edgingtonepc@gmail.com](mailto:edgingtonepc@gmail.com)

## MCCALLUM'S MAY MUSE

July/August 2022



### What's Behind?

**Our time in Michigan** in June for the EPC General Assembly and visiting family, friends, and supporters was action packed. We put over a 1000 miles on a rental car going from Detroit, Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Grand Rapids, Holland, Lowell, Rochester Hills, Ypsilanti, Brighton and Trenton. Our social "tanks" were filled. A blessing. Our bodies had to sleep fast, transition quickly, and grab exercise whenever we could. Our eyes delighted in seeing people, Lake Michigan and the abundance of GREEN everywhere we looked. Michigan is definitely a place we call home. *Thank you to all who hosted us and arranged their schedules to meet. Thank you churches for the chance to visit and share our stories.*

**The "WO Family" Gathering** - We returned home from the World Outreach meeting in Greece last night with gratitude for the time together with the "WO Family" – our extended "family" who share strategic commitments take the good news of Christ to people groups where it hasn't been. Imagine the richness of:

- Jumping back into significant conversations with adults and kids you haven't seen for a long time.
- Meeting new people who have joined the family with conviction to take their little ones overseas on an adventure in cross cultural living.
- Stories of seeing God at work in hard places.
- Flexibility lived out in ever changing entry requirements.
- Wholehearted worship that lifted us to the throne of God.
- Teaching on thriving during seasons of "wilderness" and training in peace making.

All in a relaxing, beautiful beach setting with no meal prep! Various churches sent teams to work with babies, children, teens, and young adult family members; prayer champions, and a worship team. All were a blessing.

Thank you for your financial support which makes this event possible every four years. Part of our terms of call includes funding for Family Gathering. It was worth every penny and stress points of jet lag. Pray as we adjust to the 10 hours time difference.

### What's ahead for us?

- Bill M, arrives in Phoenix August 11 to stay with us while beginning a master's degree.
- Travel to teach in S..... L.... in W. A. August 12 – 21. Picture above from our time there in 2018.
- Vacation days September 29 - Oct 3 in New Mexico.
- Travel to Vn October 9 – 23 to teach the book of Genesis.

**Bill M** is an adjunct ITEN teacher from Liberia (in west Africa) who has taught in S..... L.... with us. He earned a Master of Theology degree at Fuller Seminary a number of years ago and is returning to the US to attend Arizona State University's Thunderbird School of Global Management for a master's degree in Global Management with a focus on Nonprofit Leadership. Bill has just gotten his visa and funding help from his family allowing for us this morning to extend Bill the invitation to live with us temporarily. His wife, Faith, and three young children will come when they are able to obtain visas to enter the US. Helping in this process Desert Hills Presbyterian Church is providing sponsorship for them. A few other churches are also assisting. If you are interested in joining this financial and prayer team to equip a Christian African to help Africans, please contact us for more information. Please pray for the many details, Bill's adjustment, Faith's time being a single parent, and our meeting hospitality needs.....

In closing,

Thank you for serving as senders.

For loving us well. For praying for us. For your financial gifts. We are a team together for the building up of the global church. Equipping those who are closer culturally and geographically than we are to people groups who haven't yet heard about Jesus. How can people hear unless the news comes to them? Thank you for taking part in ITEN!

Blessings,

Ed & Nan McCallum

There is sooooo much more to this resport! To read the rest, please email the church at [edgingtonepc@gmail.com](mailto:edgingtonepc@gmail.com).





# 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.

## FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

Saturday, August 27th, 8:30 - 11am

Once again this year, we are going to have a summer food pantry distribution! We will be packing things up on Friday, August 26th and will be accepting fresh produce from your gardens the week of the distribution if you have any that you would like to share.

Thank you in advance for your help and donations.

Shirley & Dewey Flemming, Jim Schaubroeck, Sue Penry



## GREETING CARD MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Greeting cards have become so ridiculously overpriced, but to the one receiving the note, it is priceless!

Each Sunday, Pastor Zach announces member's concerns and celebrations. So many reasons to dash off a note! So, to encourage your participation, new church photo cards and envelopes have been generously donated and placed on the table in the sanctuary foyer for your use. Please feel free to take a free card and make someone happy! :)

*May you find joy in this new opportunity to encourage & support others!*

# BLOOD DRIVE

**BLOODCENTER.ORG**

Click on the image  
to schedule your  
appointment!

## Edgington Presbyterian Church

**Saturday, September 10 7:00am – 10:30am**

**Basement** 13228 140<sup>th</sup> Street W., Taylor Ridge, IL

### MASKS AND APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED.

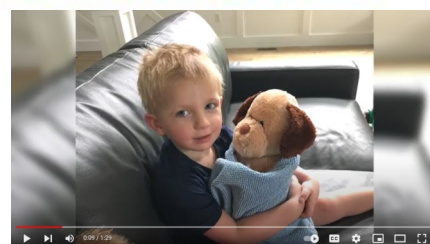
To schedule, please visit

[https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/113128](https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/113128).

Questions? Call Beth Easterla at (309) 738-7816.



Give blood July 11 through  
September 11 and get a voucher  
for a gift card or bonus points  
to shop our online store!



Click on the image above to hear  
how your donation saves lives!

Please eat before donating and bring Photo ID.  
Last Date to Donate Elsewhere: 7/16/22  
Group Sponsor Code: 070



# EDGINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Treasurer's Report June 2022

	Balance		Receipts		Disbursement		Balance
General (includes Edgington)	\$ 106,286.24	\$	14,422.51	\$	18,907.09	\$	101,801.66
Education Fund (Jahn)	\$ 9,670.45	\$	88.82	\$	-	\$	9,759.27
<b>Building Funds</b>							
Boughton	\$ 196,956.39	\$	461.10	\$	-	\$	197,417.49
Lauby	\$ 25,452.10	\$	145.53	\$	-	\$	25,597.63

### JUNE 2022 GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

Zach Hopkins salary	4,552.34
Housing Allowance	1,800.00
Fidelity (pension)	960.89
EPC (health)	25.23
Mileage	276.71
Lisa Bowman	1,142.89
Robin Preston	309.67
Payroll Taxes - late penalty	12.81
Reytel	116.73
AT&T	109.20
MidAmerican Energy	541.27
CentreSite LLC	803.00
Millenium Waste	336.70
Worship Services	52.95
Office Supplies	90.68
ABS (copier)	529.91
Postmaster (stamps)	294.00
Software & apps	64.33
Continuing Education	532.51
Presbytery Expense	94.03
Mission	6,250.00
Resource Materials	11.24

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<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$ 18,907.09
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### **INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL**

Mission monies included in general fund	\$ 7,784.25
Assistance Fund included in general 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 May 2022

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

ALL submissions for the September 2022 Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER** than Wednesday, August 17th. Items received after that date may not make it into the newsletter.



*Thank you for your cooperation!*

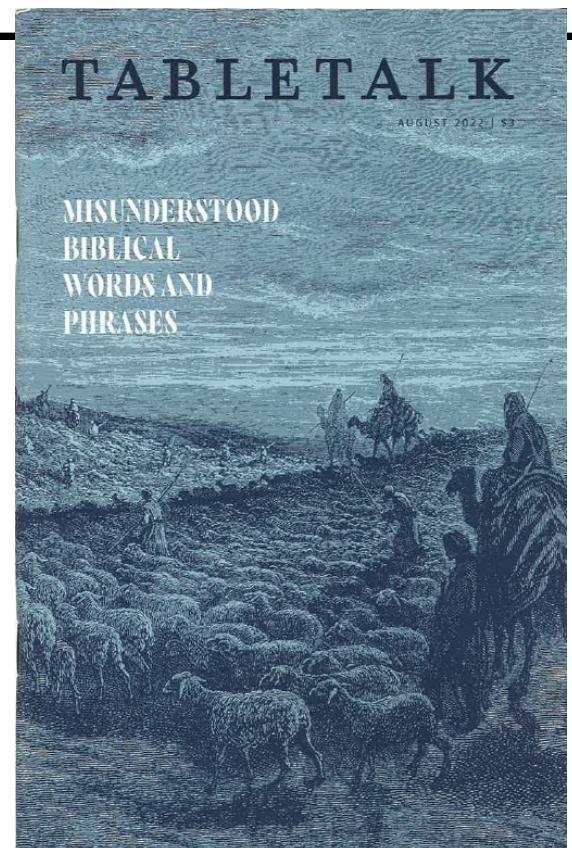
*~ Lisa Bowman, Office Manager*

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](http://edgingtonepc.org).

*Thank you so much for your help!*

### GET YOUR AUGUST COPY OF THE TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL



LOCATED ON A TABLE IN THE SANCTUARY FOYER

## CURRENT SERMON SERIES

### Christ Preeminent: The Book of Colossians

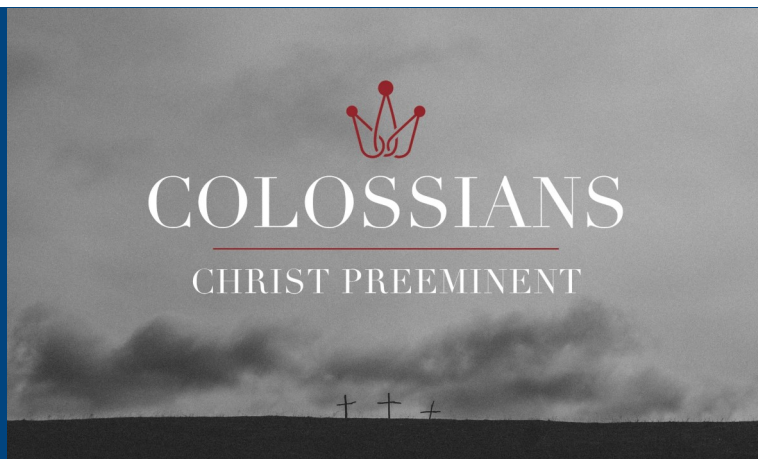
This brief New Testament book is full of glorious truths about the Lord Jesus and how our lives can be transformed as we learn to follow Him. Would you like to grow in the sincerity of your faith? Join us on the Lord's Day in 2022 as we search the Scriptures together.

Sunday, August 7th – [Colossians 3:15-17](#)

Sunday, August 14th – [Colossians 3:18-21](#)

Sunday, August 21st – [Colossians 3:22-4:1](#)

Sunday, August 28th – [Colossians 4:2-4](#)



## 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.

TO  
GLORIFY  
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

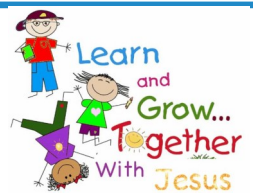
Toddler	- Hillary Terrill & Kortney Geirlus
Pre-K	- Beth Flickinger
1st-2nd	- Katie Pearson
3rd-5th	- Kathy Stegmiller
Junior High	- Tara Johnson & Deanna Parchert
Senior High	- Brandee Neece

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

**MANY THANKS to all of you who have helped with the children's Sunday School Class this summer!**  
**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.*







## NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED! TECH TEAM SERVANTS NEEDED!

We are hoping to assemble a team of people that will share in the duties of running the tech equipment during each worship service. We would like to set up a rotating schedule, that would hopefully have each team member scheduled no more than once a month. Lisa will send out the schedule each month, as well as send out reminders each week. If for some reason you will not be unable to serve the Sunday you are scheduled, it should be easy to find someone to fill in or switch with another member of the team.

**Please don't count yourself out just because you don't really have any experience!**

Pastor Zach will schedule a training day and time as soon as there are enough people signed up. There are two people needed for each Sunday - one to run the PowerPoint and one to run the FB Live feed. Neither of these tasks is very complicated, especially if all is working well, but if it isn't Pastor Zach will be there to help!

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the sanctuary foyer. Please consider signing up and joining this team to help things run smoothly every Sunday!

*Thank you in advance for your participation!!!*



## UNITYPOINT FOOT CLINIC

Next Clinic: Monday, August 15th starting at 9am

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



## QUILTING

NO QUILTING in 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!*



We hope to see you there!

Save the Date!  
Ice Cream Social  
Sun., Aug 14th  
4 - 7pm



see you there!

# fishing derby

& FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH  
4 - 7PM  
TERRILL'S POND  
12622 84TH ST W  
TAYLOR RIDGE, IL 61284

BRING A FISHING POLE IF YOU HAVE ONE & A DISH TO PASS.  
ALL ARE WELCOME!  
QUESTIONS? CALL OR EMAIL BETH FLICKINGER.

# Harvest Party

OCTOBER 9TH 4-7 PM @ EEPCC

FUN FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH FAMILY!

PICNIC GAMES 'SMORES HAYRACK RIDES



please  
JOIN US





## 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 [HERE](#).

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.



# AUGUST 2022



Sunday School 9am  
Worship Service

EEPC

Phone: 309-795-1713  
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	1 Meal Site	2 Meal Site Session Mtg., 7pm	3 Meal Site	4 Meal Site	5 Meal Site	6
7 Food Pantry Sunday Basement Reserved	8 Meal Site	9 Meal Site	10 Meal Site	11 Meal Site	12 Mix Ice Cream 8:30am Churn IC, 3pm	13 ICS Prep Beans & Salads, 8:30am
14 B/P Checks Ice Cream Social 4-7pm	15 Foot Clinic Meal Site	16 Meal Site Mission Comm. Mtg., 6:30pm	17 Meal Site Trustee Mtg., 7pm Newsletter Items Due	18 Meal Site	19 Meal Site	20
21 Deacon Mtg., 11:30am	22 Meal Site	23 Meal Site	24 Meal Site	25 Meal Site	26 Food Pantry Packing, 9am Meal Site	27 Food Pantry Distribution, 8:30 - 11am Fishing Derby, 4 - 7pm
28 B/P Checks	29 Meal Site	30 Meal Site Session Mtg., 7pm	31 Meal Site	1 Meal Site Women's Ministry Mtg., 1pm	2 Meal Site	3
Lisa out of office		Lisa out of office				