



**EDGINGTON**  
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
“TO GLORIFY GOD, & ENJOY HIM FOREVER”



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## *To Glorify God & Enjoy Him Forever... For the Good of our Neighbors*

Q & A #1 of the Westminster Shorter Catechism gives us the language that our chief end, or ultimate purpose in life is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever. We have adopted that language as the guiding principle for the life of our church as well. The ultimate end and purpose of our church is to glorify the Triune God and grow deeper in the sincerity of our Christian discipleship as we take delight in all that God is, within Himself, and for us as Redeemer. We also long that there would be those, who do not know this as their chief end, who might come to know this truth, through the witness and ministry of Edgington EPC. How might that happen? I have two main reflections on that.

First, our unbelieving family, friends, and neighbors won't (indeed cannot) come into the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ if we are not actually holding up the Word of Truth in the Gospel. That is important to emphasize because often, individuals or churches, think that in order to make the Christian faith more attractive, there needs to be some kind of subtraction that takes place, even if they suggest it is only temporary, in order to make the Christian faith more palatable to the secular age. We are not going to do that. Instead, we regularly re-affirm that we unashamedly believe the historic truths of the Christian faith. We believe that people will come to know the Lord – as the Church bears witness to Her Lord.

Second, that witness to Christ must necessarily involve some kind of tangible expression. We want to put flesh and bones onto the words of our profession. This comes by acts of witness and outreach. I'd like to encourage you to think of our two special events this month as opportunities to do that very thing. Consider this: the **Harvest Party** isn't just a special event for our church family – it is a chance to welcome others to celebrate the season alongside of us. Extending an invitation to share a meal and enjoy an evening of fun family activities is a great way to bear witness to the warmth of Christian community. Likewise, the **Trunk-or-Treat** event that we are trying this year is a chance to turn outward to the larger community around us with an open invitation to come and enjoy a safe and generous event. I remember growing up and remembering which houses gave out *the best kinds* of candy on Halloween. How exciting would it be, for kids to have that sense, and to encourage their parents with something like, “can we please go to the church Trunk-or-Treat? Those people are so nice, and they give out the best candy!” What a fun reputation for the church to have in the larger community who might not otherwise have any interactions with us, even though we're right here in the center of the Rockridge world.

What I'm hoping you'll see is that these events are not simply events for the sake of events. They are opportunities to bear witness to the warm hospitality and open-handed generosity that we know characterizes this congregation. But the people in our community won't know unless they see it and experience it for themselves. Let's not waste a great opportunity to reach out, for the good of our neighbors.

See you at the **Harvest Party** – Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm & our first annual **Trunk-or-Treat** – Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm.

## 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

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

4 - Kai Docherty	23 - Dana Fuhr
6 - Nancy Engstrom	24 - Steve Morrison
6 - Janet Schmidt	25 - Carrie Reimers
8 - Rylee Miller	26 - Mitch Anderson
8 - Peggy Shovar	26 - Nancy Rursch
11 - Nick Johnson	27 - Jim Reimers
12 - Debbie Wilson	28 - Terry Johnson
16 - Reilley Fuller	30 - Kenzie Reimers
16 - Sue Penry	31 - Mel Block
17 - Neil Morrison	17 - Emmi Youck
20 - Phyllis Strafford	

### OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

2 - Robbyn & Jennifer Ransdell  
4 - Marion & Dorothy Oak  
6 - John & Pam Fuhr  
6 - Mic & Sue Penry  
10 - Darren & Tonya Hall  
10 - Neil & Amy Morrison  
10 - Patrick & Peggy Shovar  
12 - Conte & Judy Bingman  
13 - Don & Beth Easterla  
17 - Richard & Deb Landi  
18 - Isaac & Stacey Anderson  
18 - Mitch & Sue Miller  
23 - Jeff & Deb Thomas  
31 - Jon & Nita Darland



**2022 Dates for Donating Locally**

November 12th - St. Ambrose Church

### GREETERS FOR OCTOBER

Sunday, October 2nd - Jon & Nita Darland  
Sunday, October 9th - Andrew & Katie Pearson  
Sunday, October 16th - Don & Beth Easterla  
Sunday, October 23rd - Shawn & Hillary Terrill  
Sunday, October 30th - Larry & Pam Pithan'

Thank you to  
everyone who  
showed concern  
after our car



accident in August and during our  
recovery. We received many cards  
on the loss of our little dog. Thank  
you! He was a part of our family for  
16 years.

Sincerely,

Pam & Larry Pithan

August 30, 2022, at 7pm

**Location:** Basement

**Present:** Cade Reimers, TE Zach Hopkins and RE's Jim Mueller, Kevin Oak, Mic Penry. **Absent:** RE Patrick Shovar, RE Keith Wilson. A quorum is present.

Pastor Zach acted as moderator of the meeting. He opened the meeting with prayer and read from Matthew 11:28-30. The Elders prayed for individual members of the congregation then studied and discussed the Introduction and Chapter 1 of *Gentle & Lowly*.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** June 28th, 2022, minutes were reviewed. Motion made, seconded and approved.

**Correspondence:** (Aug. 1st, 2022) The Gundling Family requests transfer of their membership. Action taken in New Business.

**Zach's Report:** Zach reported on members with health concerns and prayer needs. During the past month he conducted 9 office visits, 4 home visits, 2 hospital visits, and participated in various church and community activities including: Lowell Titterington's committal service, Brookstone Bible Study, Ice Cream Social, and the Countyline Pastors Association.

**Old Business:**

- The Spring New Members were assigned to individual RE shepherding groups.

**New Business:**

- M/S/C to overture Rivers & Lakes Presbytery with a motion concerning a POI (Percentage of Income) funding model for the Presbytery to match the national funding model. The Session desires for this initiative to be led by a member church of the Presbytery rather than the Presbytery council.
- The 2023 Nominating Committee will be led by RE Mic Penry, with the Session acting as nominating committee for itself, and retiring officers representing each committee serving as the broader Nominating Committee.
- A 2022 Leadership Training Course is planned: Oct. 2nd, 16th, 30th; Nov. 13th, 27th, & Dec. 11th meeting 11:30am-12:30pm.
- The fall schedule of upcoming ministry events was reviewed.
- The fall adult membership class will be Sept. 11th, 18th, 25th, and joining on Oct. 2nd.
- M/S/C to remove Andy and Torri Gundling from membership by request of transfer received on Aug. 1st, 2022.
- M/S/C to approve RE Wilson, RE Penry, and TE Hopkins to represent Edgington EPC to the 36th meeting of Rivers & Lakes Presbytery Sept. 30th – Oct. 1st. (Aurora, IL).
- M/S/C to approve TE Hopkins attendance at the Fall 2022 MVC/MCC/EBL national meeting at the GA Offices Sept. 13th -15th (Orlando, FL).
- M/S/C to approve the Ehm Wedding (Aaron Ehm & Michelle Maranda) on Oct. 22nd – 3pm.
- M/S/C to approve scholarship request in the amount of \$500 to applicant Mackenzie Reimers. TE Hopkins will prepare the documentation and submit to Barb Freyermuth for payment.
- RE Mic Penry will be preaching on November 6th as TE Hopkins will be in Indianapolis for a family wedding. The Elders will conduct the service. November communion will be moved to the 13th.



Communion will be held on September 4th. The next Stated Session meeting will be September 27th, 2022, at 7:00pm.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:05pm. Motion Carried.

Teaching Elder Zach Hopkins closed the meeting with prayer.

Keith Wilson, Clerk of Session

For the past 10 years now, we have been very blessed to have Pastor Zach leading, teaching, and preaching here at Edgington EPC. He assumes so many roles within the church beyond teaching the Adult Sunday School class and preaching every Sunday morning! He leads the Youth Group. He does a weekly Bible Study at a local assisted-living facility. He mentors. He tries to visit with people who are shut-in or struggling with one of life's issues weekly. He holds office within the EPC at regional (Presbytery) and national (General Assembly) levels. All that and much, much more while his personal family is growing at home.

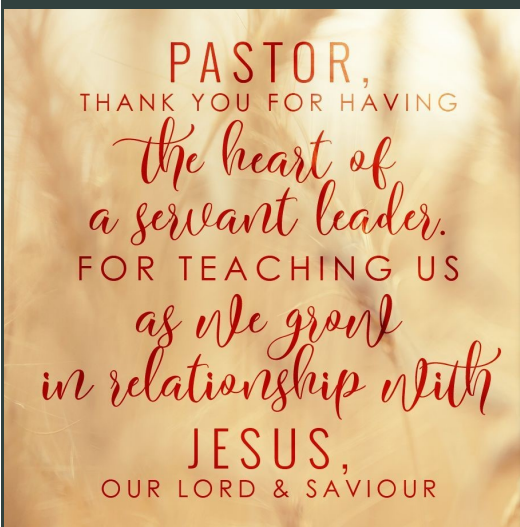


Would you please take time to pray for him - to thank God for Pastor Zach and his ministry here at Edgington EPC? Would you ask God to bless him, his family, and our church? Would you ask God to strengthen him as he daily tries to meet the challenges of serving our Lord, our church, the Presbytery, and his family? And then, might you also consider taking a moment this month to write a note, send a card, or make some other gesture of gratitude toward our Pastor, Zach? It is oftentimes the little kindnesses such as these that can make a world of difference... brightening the day, lifting and encouraging the spirit to keep on toward the upward call.

What a wonderful time to let Pastor Zach know how much we truly do appreciate him!

Your Edgington EPC Session,

Keith Wilson, Jim Mueller, Kevin Oak, Mic Penry, and Patrick Shovar



Date: 9-21-22

Present: Mel Block, Kim Freyermuth, Jeff Fuhr, Darren Hall, Cindy Oak, Larry Pithan, Treasurer Barb Freyermuth, Session Representative Jim Mueller, Guest Chris Stark.

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

Treasurer's report for August was reviewed and approved.

Minutes for August 17th meeting were reviewed and approved.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Barb reported we have not yet received the bill from TR Paving for the parking lot work. Mel will check.
- Fall cleanup exterior work was completed including: lawn seeding, bush trimming, installing parking bumpers, and level condensing unit.
- Stained glass window was removed and is being repaired.
- Siding replacement project has been delayed until next spring due to slow delivery of siding material.
- Trustees noticed the brown paint for the newer siding is fading. Will check to see if another product is available.
- New video equipment to be installed on September 28th.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Received a proposal from Johnson Controls to upgrade the fire alarm panel to 5G. Cost of \$1,832.48. Current 3G system is obsolete. Trustees approved.
- One of the freezers in the garage is in bad condition and needs to be removed. Determined there should be adequate space in the basement upright freezer and no replacement is required at this time.
- Floor drain in the new basement is not draining. Will check to see if it can be cleaned.
- Trustees have been asked to assist during the Presbytery Meeting next January.
- Floor tile by the elevator in the basement needs to be glued down.
- Food Pantry reported the old heavy wooden table in the basement is not needed. Trustees will remove. There also is an old door that needs to be removed.
- Chris Stark asked for assistance to replace a broken post at the Dunlap Cemetery. Mel and Jim will help.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan

Dear Folks of the Presbyterian Church,



Every prayer; every Bible verse; and every card has made it easier for me to survive my present condition, and I thank you!

We love you all and God Bless.

John & Linda Gulley

August 23, 2022

The Mission Committee met on August 23rd, 2022 at 6:30pm in basement at EEP. Those attending were: Deb Wagamon, Nancy Engstrom, Todd Stegmiller, and Kathy Fuhr.

Deb opened the meeting in prayer

## OLD BUSINESS:

- Mission Updates:
  - **Youth Hope:** The next Minute for Mission for a Mission Committee update will be September 18th, 2022. We have Mark Drake scheduled to present on this day so he can offer a ministry update on Youth Hope.
  - **Pregnancy Resources:** There is a great need for baby blankets, Size 5 diapers, and GentleEase baby formula. A full list of items needed by the ministry will be given to Lisa who will place it in the newsletter.
  - **Winnies Place:** They will be moving furniture into the newly finished apartments on September 13th. We will schedule to pick up and deliver the furniture we have gathered.
  - **Steve Woodworth & McCallum's:** Todd spoke with Steve and thanked him for his years of service. They discussed his future plans and his wish that we continue to support his replacement. He sent his sincere gratitude to EEP for all their prayers and support over the years.
  - **Burdsall:** Visas were approved for another 2 years; J..... finished with GCSEs. Weekly meetings are producing fruit, so prayers these meetings will lead to more members accepting Jesus as their Savior.
  - **Saul & Jess Huber:** They have taken on the new role of Coordinators of Mobilization for EPC World Outreach. Prayers needed that they be successful in this new support role.
  - **Jeff Lancaster:** Jeff released a new mailing address for donations.
  - **Christian Care:** Looking for 2 table lamps and outdoor canopy for Martha's House; men's underwear, T-shirts, socks (all sizes), hygiene supplies, paper products, fruit, and coffee.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- Approval of 3rd Qtr. Mission Funds for 2022. Committee approved the 3rd Quarter Commitments.

2022 3rd Qtr. Mission Commitments	Amount Committed
World Outreach (Burdsall)	\$ 2,125.00
World Outreach ITEN (Woodworth)	\$ 2,125.00
World Outreach (Huber)	\$ 1,050.00
EPC Church Planting (Lancaster)	\$ 1,500.00
YouthHope	\$ 1,500.00
YouthHope – Cre8 Studios	\$ 750.00
Pregnancy Resources	\$ 750.00
	\$ 9,800.00

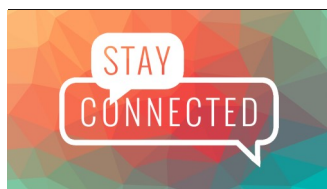




- **Food Pantry Needs:** Have a representative attend the September meeting to help us understand their needs and how we can support them.
- **Pregnancy Resources:** Walk for Life is scheduled on Sept. 10th to be held at Ben Butterworth East Shelter. Zach has setup a team on the website. We will have a sign-up sheet in the foyer and offer Starbucks coupons to those who sign up. The Mission Committee will also match anything given in donation for this walk from EEPC.
- **Rockridge School District Teachers:** EPC would like to support our teachers from the Rockridge area. Deb and Kathy will contact the local schools to get some ideas as to what is needed for the 2nd semester. We could offer funding or possibly a piece of playground equipment. We will bring the suggestions to the September meeting to determine how we will proceed.

Todd closed the meeting in prayer

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 20th, 2022 at 6:30pm.



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

{get involved}  
be the church



## FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

First of all, thank you to all who helped us in any way with the August Distribution – donating food or money to buy food, praying for us, helping us to set up on Thursday, packing on Friday, and distributing on Saturday. It was so wonderful to have Brandee Neece and some of her students there to help us with the heavy work on Saturday. A big thank you to God for providing us a beautiful day on Saturday!!!

We packed for 32 families – 73 Adults, 12 Teens, 23 Children. Four families were unable to pick up on Saturday and made other arrangements. The families appreciated the fresh produce that some of you donated. We were totally surprised that numbers were down this time since grocery prices have increased so much, but we are happy for those that didn't need it at this time.

We will be doing this all again with our distribution on November 19th from 9-11am. So please keep us in mind. We will need non-perishable items to restock the shelves.

God Bless you all!

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



## 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!*



**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.

## FALL COAT DRIVE

Saturday, November 19th, 9-11am

The deacons are once again collecting gently used coats, hats, mittens, and scarves to help those in need in our community.



Coats can be dropped off at the Edgington Evangelical Presbyterian Church anytime now through Sat., November 12th. All sizes are needed, but especially children's sizes. The distribution is being held in conjunction with the Fall Food Pantry Distribution.

If you have questions, or would like to recommend someone to receive a coat, please contact the church office at 309-795-1713.



**SHARE  
THE  
WARMTH**



**May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. ~ Romans 15:13 (NIV)**



God has done incredible work in the hearts, minds, and lives of the kids and teens this past summer, and we know He is not done yet! Will you please join us in prayer this school year?

We praise God for His answers to prayer this past year, and the many lives changed, redeemed and saved! He is our HOPE in all seasons and circumstances, our answer, our Savior, and we give Him thanks and all the glory!

Please join us in praying for EVERY child and teen to hear, receive and find HOPE in Christ. This summer, we saw lives changed and believe this next season will be full of spiritual growth and maturation.

God has unbelievable plans for these amazing kids and teens! Lord, use us to accomplish Your will and plans for this generation. Holy Spirit guide our plans, words, and interactions. Help us love and serve these youth as You do!

Please join us in praying for:

- God's grace wisdom, provision, and will to be done in and through YouthHope.
- The Holy Spirit to guide us and give our leaders courage, knowledge, and passion to reach the lost!
- Protection and guidance for the new believers to grow in their faith walk with Jesus.
- The kids and teens coming who have such great pain, hurt, and fear to find HOPE in Christ.
- One another, that we will all grow in pure love as disciples of Christ.
- The Lord to set divine appointments and connect us to the people He wants involved in this ministry!
- God's provision, discernment, and wisdom for our finances, budget, and camp capital campaign project.

We believe in the power of prayer and know God is gracious in answering our faith-filled prayers. We trust Him with all we do! Thank you for partnering with us in ministry!

~ Mark Drake, Executive Director

*If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer. ~ Matthew 21:22*

Please join us in these prayers....

- **PRAY FOR GOD'S PRESENCE** - Lord, we invite Your presence to dwell & reign at both our Youth Centers, Camp Summit, and every YouthHope program.
- **PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH** - Dear God, protect the kids & teens, guide them, and make clear Your path before them. Help new believers come to know the fullness of Your love & hope.
- **PRAY FOR OUR LEADER** - Lord, we ask for courage, wisdom, protection, vision, peace, passion, rest, energy, focus, & discernment. Help us reach more youth for Your kingdom.
- **PRAY FOR PROTECTION** - Heavenly Father, we ask for a hedge of protection around every YouthHope activity, vehicle, facility, and program. Protect our board of directors, students, volunteers, partners, supporters, & staff.
- **PRAY FOR PROVISION** - Father God, we thank You for Your faithful provision! Please continue to meet our every need. We thank You for providing all the volunteers, staff, & finances needed. Fill any gaps, protect, & bless this year!
- **PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER** - Dear God, we thank You for unity in Christ & ask for Your love to be revealed to us more each day. Here we are Lord, use us! Please bless, protect, & prosper every person who receives this prayer guide!
- **PRAY FOR BREAKTHROUGH** - Dear God, we thank You for Your love, forgiveness, & redemption! Your kingdom come & Your will be done!

## Help on the Path to Parenthood

” **Deliberate – Precise in providing life-affirming early pregnancy medical care and pregnancy/early parenting support.**



Stacy (not the client's real name) walked into the center earlier this week smiling, laughing, and happy to be here, but her story didn't start that way. Stacy didn't want to be pregnant. She didn't want anyone to know she was pregnant. Stacy is the girl who does things with a plan, and pregnancy was not in the plan.

Stacy knew that her parents would have divided opinions about what she should do. Her mom had always been “pro-woman and pro-choice” and when mom heard the news there was pressure to schedule an abortion. But her dad felt differently. He was sure that if Stacy came to Pregnancy Resources, she would get the information she needed to make an informed decision about her pregnancy. Stacy reluctantly agreed and came to meet with a nurse and have an ultrasound. After meeting with the nurse a few times, Stacy made the choice to change her plans and parent her child.

Stacy is now participating in Pregnancy Resources' pregnancy and early parenting support program. She comes to class weekly to learn about caring for herself during pregnancy and to learn about caring for her little boy once he arrives this winter. She's making friends with other moms and feeling more prepared every day to take care of her boy when he finally arrives. Both of her parents are now fully supportive of Stacy's choice to parent her child – and in a few months that precious little one will be welcomed into a family that already loves him dearly.

To read Trisha Wilson's (Executive Director) monthly blog click [HERE](#)

### **Deliberate Acceptance, Patient Listening...** Liz Ryan, Partner Development

A small group of women faced each other in a circle at Pregnancy Resources. They prayed together, cried together, and shared their stories of their abortions decisions. They shared how it had affected them, but most importantly, how Jesus had forgiven them and set them free. Each one received deliberate acceptance and patient listening:

Janice (not client's name) shared, “I want to thank you for not giving up on me, listening to me, and accepting me. This class is not what I intended ...But it is where I needed to be. After this class, I can say that I feel 100% forgiven.”

Anne (not client's name) shared, “I wasn't sure why God led me to PRC until the group (After Abortion Care). It was wonderful to explore all of the possibilities with this group of ladies in a place where we could share honestly, with no fear of condemnation It enables us to go deeper and experience more of his grace, mercy, and healing.”

After Abortion Care is a vital ministry of Pregnancy Resources. Forgiven and Set Free is a Bible study designed to help a woman take deliberate steps on the road to healing after abortion. The leaders of the After Abortion Care program understand the women's choices as they have made the same choice, done the hard work and found healing in Christ. After Abortion Care is also available for men with a Bible study called *Healing a Father's Heart*.

### **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](mailto:Marissa@qcpregnancy.org).



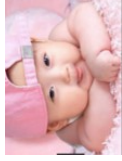
Want to register? Need more info?  
Contact Marissa @ 563-386-3737  
or [Marissa@qcpregnancy.org](mailto:Marissa@qcpregnancy.org)

- \* Pregnancy Resources is in need of supplies.
- \* Please see the flyer for specific items.
- \* A labeled box will be placed in the foyer for donations.
- \* Any items donated will be delivered by the Mission team to Pregnancy Resources.

*Thank you!*



Edgington EPC Mission Committee



## PREGNANCY RESOURCES NEW BABY BAG - GUIDELINES

- All items are IF AVAILABLE. If unavailable, then substitute another item.
- **Generic New Baby Bag** – Look for Generic container. Otherwise check Boy and/or Girl for something close.
- The desire is to pretty much fill the New Baby Bag. If the bag is skimpy, then look for other items, that have sufficient inventory, that can be added to the bag.
- Blankets – Look for Additional Blankets that can be added to the New Baby Bag.
- When more than 1 item is called for, use discretion whether there are enough to provide more than 1. Think of leaving enough for the next New Baby Bag(s).



## PREGNANCY RESOURCES NEW BABY BAG



### BOTH SEXES

Father's Love Letter. Also a Bible or book  
 One (1) Box Wipes  
 One (1) Bottle  
 One (1) Toiletry (baby shampoo or lotion)  
 One (1) Pacifier  
 Two (2) Bibs  
 One (1) Baby towel and washcloth  
 One (1) Burp cloth and Changing pad  
 One (1) Bundle of 24 NB Diapers & one (1) Bundle of 24 Size 1 Diapers  
 Three (3) Receiving Blankets  
 One (1) Sleep Bag  
 Three (3) Gowns  
 Undershirts  
 Three (3) pair of Booties and/or shoes and socks  
 Miscellaneous (toy, mittens, manicure set, etc., if available)  
 One (1) Handmade Crocheted Blanket or Handmade Quilt  
 One (1) Toy

WINTER	BOY	OCTOBER 1
Three (3) Long Pant Set Outfits	Three (3) Long Pant Set Outfits	Two (2) Long Pant Set Outfits
One (1) Sweater Set / Jacket	One (1) Sweater Set / Jacket	One (1) Winter Dress with Tights Outfit
Four (4) Sleepers	Four (4) Sleepers	One (1) Sweater Set / Jacket
Three (3) Onesies	Three (3) Onesies	Four (4) Sleepers
One (1) Blanket Sleeper	One (1) Blanket Sleeper	Three (3) Onesies
One (1) Blanket Bag	One (1) Blanket Bag	One (1) Blanket Sleeper
One (1) Hat and Mittens	One (1) Hat and Mittens	One (1) Blanket Bag
One (1) Snowsuit	One (1) Snowsuit	One (1) Hat and Mittens
SUMMER	BOY	APRIL 1
Three (3) Long Pant Set Outfits	Three (3) Long Pant Set Outfits	Two (2) Long Pant Set Outfits
Three (3) Short Set Outfits	Three (3) Short Set Outfits	Three (3) Short Set Outfits
One (1) Sweater Set / Jacket	One (1) Sweater Set / Jacket	One (1) Dress
Four (4) Sleepers	Four (4) Sleepers	One (1) Sweater Set / Jacket
Three (3) Onesies	Three (3) Onesies	Four (4) Sleepers
One (1) Hat	One (1) Hat	Three (3) Onesies

Can increase/decrease quantities based on available inventory.

WINTER	GIRL	OCTOBER 1
Two (2) Long Pant Set Outfits	Two (2) Long Pant Set Outfits	Two (2) Long Pant Set Outfits
One (1) Winter Dress with Tights Outfit	One (1) Winter Dress with Tights Outfit	Three (3) Short Set Outfits
One (1) Sweater Set / Jacket	One (1) Sweater Set / Jacket	One (1) Dress
Four (4) Sleepers	Four (4) Sleepers	One (1) Sweater Set / Jacket
Three (3) Onesies	Three (3) Onesies	Four (4) Sleepers
One (1) Blanket Sleeper	One (1) Blanket Sleeper	Three (3) Onesies
One (1) Blanket Bag	One (1) Blanket Bag	One (1) Bonnet or Hat
One (1) Hat and Mittens	One (1) Hat and Mittens	
One (1) Snowsuit	One (1) Snowsuit	
SUMMER	GIRL	APRIL 1
Two (2) Long Pant Set Outfits	Two (2) Long Pant Set Outfits	Two (2) Long Pant Set Outfits
Three (3) Short Set Outfits	Three (3) Short Set Outfits	Three (3) Short Set Outfits
One (1) Dress	One (1) Dress	One (1) Dress
One (1) Sweater Set / Jacket	One (1) Sweater Set / Jacket	One (1) Sweater Set / Jacket
Four (4) Sleepers	Four (4) Sleepers	Four (4) Sleepers
Three (3) Onesies	Three (3) Onesies	Three (3) Onesies
One (1) Bonnet or Hat	One (1) Bonnet or Hat	One (1) Bonnet or Hat



Greetings! Hope everyone is doing well and the back to school, end of summer time is good! Where we are at, most everything stops during August, and starts again with school term - so we are feeling the transition that comes with back to school! I have a cool story to share with you (below) and then a bunch of prayer requests.

A ministry of some of our B..... Asha teammates is a Christian bookshop in a traditional B..... area. People will come in and look at the books, talk and discuss faith. S..... helps in this bookshop a couple days a week. Seven years ago, a man came into this bookshop and threatened to blow it up because it was Christian. One of our Asha teammates was there at the time, and after this occasion he watched everyday for this man to return. When he next saw the man outside on the street he called to him and invited him into the shop for tea. He told the man that he was not concerned over dying, because he believed in Jesus, but he was concerned for this man's soul should he kill people. Over time and years this continued - he would invite this man in for tea and a talk about what he believed.

About a year ago, as we were all emerging from covid, this man came back into the bookshop and started talking with S..... He was fascinated about America and enjoyed asking questions. He also shared that he no longer believed in Islam and was searching. He agreed to start reading through the Bible with S..... This past week, he came in and said he believed all of it and would like to be called a Christian!

I want to share this story because it is amazing and wonderful and a testament to God's love and power, but also because it shows the nature of the work and the commitment of our local teammates.

**1 Corinthians 3:6-9 says, "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building."**

We definitely see how God uses us here, but we also often think that we are doing the watering where others have put in the hard work of preparing the field and planting. Many of the people that attend Asha services are long term friends of our B..... teammates, many of the girls at club are allowed to attend because of other local Christians investing years into relationship with their parents and the community, and men are willing to talk deeply with S..... because he has been introduced by other long time community members that are Christians and trustworthy. It is humbling to be a part of this and to be used by God alongside these other believers, and we want to acknowledge both God's power and their faithfulness. And God is at work!

### **Some updates & ministry prayer needs:**

The girl's club residential was exhausting, including a really rough trip there during tube strikes, but also a lot of fun and good for bonding with the girls. We have about 4 girls aging out of the group, and 4 or 5 young ones just joining, and it was good to go deeper in relationship with both sets. We want to start meeting with the older university age girls and continue the deeper faith conversations, so please pray that they are willing to do that. And some of the younger girls have emotional needs, so please pray that club can be a safe space for them, and that they can see God through our actions and our talk to them....

Thanks for your prayers and your support of us and of what God is doing here in E... L.....

With love,

S....., C....., and 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.*

It is always difficult to know what to include in the newsletter & what to leave out! **There is much more to this update, most importantly many prayer requests. If you would like to read the rest & see the pics, please email the church office: [edgingtonepc@gmail.com](mailto:edgingtonepc@gmail.com)**

# EDGINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Treasurer's Report August 2022

	Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	Balance
<b>General (includes Edgington)</b>	\$ 110,882.96	\$ 9,835.17	\$ 22,960.54	\$ 97,757.59
<b>Education Fund (Jahn)</b>	\$ 9,901.78	\$ 188.17		\$ 10,089.95
<b>Building Funds</b>				
<b>Boughton</b>	\$ 197,556.52	\$ 21,997.79		\$ 219,554.31
<b>Lauby</b>	\$ 25,830.08	\$ 310.92	\$ -	\$ 26,141.00

### **AUGUST 2022 GENERAL FUND EXPENSES**

Zach Hopkins salary	4,552.34	
Housing Allowance	1,800.00	
Fidelity (pension)	960.89	
EPC (health)	25.23	
Mileage	160.00	
Lisa Bowman	1,371.47	
Robin Preston	350.98	
Taxes / FICA	1,661.37	
Rey-Tel	118.04	
AT&T	105.57	
MidAmerican Energy	503.00	
Millennium Waste	46.70	
Office Supplies	261.74	
ABS (copier)	147.99	
Shipping & Postage	2.16	
Continuing Education	96.69	
Mission	9,850.00	
Resource Materials	490.02	
Sunday School	456.35	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>22,960.54</b>

### **INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL**

Mission monies included in general fund	\$ 5,142.21
Assistance Fund included in general fund	\$ 5,153.46

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

# TREASURER'S REPORT *Cont. from p. 13*

## Edgington Presbyterian Church General Fund Profit & Loss August 2022

		Aug-22
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Interest Income - General Fund		15.05
VBS Revenue		(276.05)
Per Member Asking		80.00
Pledges		10,016.17
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>9,835.17</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Pastors Housing Allowance		1,800.00
Operating Maintenance - General		46.70
Presbytery Expense		-
Resource Materials		490.02
Worship Supplies		
Continuing Education		96.69
Mileage		160.00
Mission		
U.S. Mission - Presbyterian	2,550.00	
International Mission - Presb.	4,250.00	
Local Mission	3,050.00	
<b>Total Mission</b>		<b>9,850.00</b>
Sunday School Expense		456.35
<b>Office Supplies &amp; Expenses</b>		
Internet & TV Services	118.04	
Copier	147.99	
Office Supplies - Other	261.74	
Software and apps	-	
Shipping & Postage	2.16	
<b>Total Office Supplies</b>		<b>529.93</b>
<b>Payroll Expenses</b>		
Pastor Salary	4,552.34	
Secretary Services	1,371.47	
Custodian Services	350.98	
Taxes/FICA	1,661.37	
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>		<b>7,936.16</b>
Pension & Health Care		986.12
<b>Utilities</b>		
Gas & Electric - Church	503.00	
Telephone	105.57	
<b>Total Utilities</b>		<b>608.57</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>22,960.54</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>		<b>(13,125.37)</b>

ALL submissions for the November 2022 Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER** than Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Items received after that date may not make it into the newsletter.



*Thank you for your cooperation!*

*~ Lisa Bowman, Office Manager*

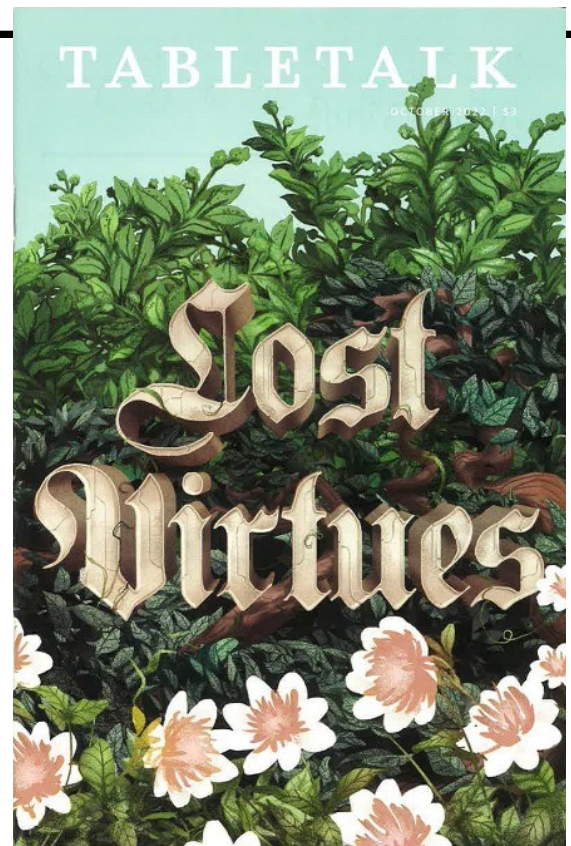
Do you know anyone that is not receiving the Edgington EPC Newsletter each month? If so, please contact the church office at 309-795-1713 or edgingtonepc@gmail.com and let me know. I will be happy to make arrangements for it to be received by whatever means works best.



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 OCTOBER COPY OF THE TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL



LOCATED ON A TABLE IN THE SANCTUARY FOYER



## NEW SERMON SERIES

We have returned to the Old Testament to pick up the second half of the story of God's grace to the Patriarchs of Israel as we study **"Generations of Grace - The Covenant Continues: Isaac & Jacob"** in Genesis 25-35.

We hope you will join us!

Sunday, October 2nd – [Genesis 26](#)

Sunday, October 9th - [Genesis 27](#)

Sunday, October 16th - [Genesis 28](#)

Sunday, October 23rd - Guest Pastor, TBA

Sunday, October 30th - Topic - The Reformation

### GENERATIONS OF GRACE



THE COVENANT CONTINUES: ISAAC & JACOB



## 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

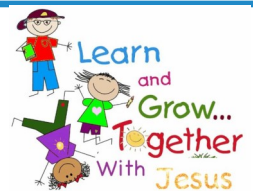
9:00AM - FELLOWSHIP HALL

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

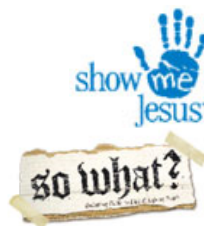


### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

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

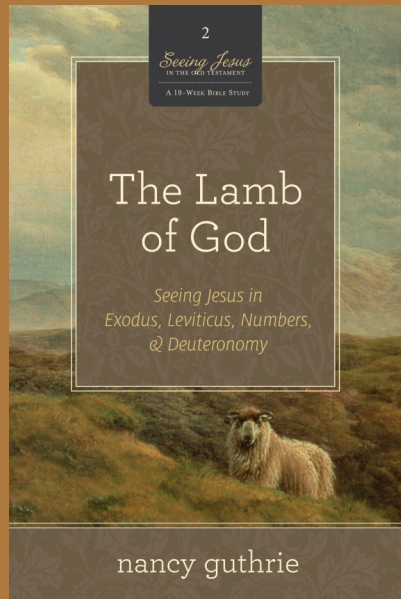


*All of Scripture is the unfolding story of salvation and Jesus is its focus. We show how Jesus, revealed throughout the Bible, came to seek and save the lost.*

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



## NEW FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Is Jesus in the Old Testament? We're not always sure. This second study in the "Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament" series from Nancy Guthrie explores the last four books of Moses: Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy to show how these books are all about Jesus!

Come and study the Scriptures alongside your sisters in Christ this Fall with the EEPCC Women's Ministry.

It's not too late to join us! Tuesdays at 10am & Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Books are \$10 each. We will also have audio files available if you miss a class. Just contact Karyl Parrish or the church office if you need one of the audio files emailed to you.



### QUILTING

Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 9am

Please join us on the third Thursday of nearly every month from 9am - noon 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.

*Hope to see you there!*

### UNITYPOINT FOOT CLINIC

Next Clinic: Mon., Oct. 17th 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.



### APPAREL FUNDRAISER

Exciting news from the Women's Ministry Group!

We are selling short and long sleeve T-shirts and hoodies with our church name on the front and a scripture reference on the back. Adults' and kids' sizes are available!

We have a link to our "store" where you can place orders until October 24th. (We will also have order forms available at church) It will take about three weeks after that to get the orders, so they will be here in time for Christmas! Your purchase will help fund the Women's Ministries, and by wearing it, you might just get a chance to invite someone to our church home and spread the kingdom of God!

Any questions, call Sue Miller at 309-781-8231

Here is an example of some of the styles & colors to choose from. **Click on the images to go to the "store".**







The Junior High VBS kids that did local mission work at the American Legion have received a special letter and certificate of appreciation for their work and we would like to share that with you!



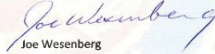
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Edginton Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
Vacation Bible School  
13228 140<sup>th</sup> St W  
Taylor Ridge, IL 61284

Dear Sirs;

We, at the American Legion Community Post 1166, Reynolds, IL., wish to convey to you and the students of the Vacation Bible School, our appreciation for the service you provided by cleaning our grounds. The Post grounds appear so much nicer. Your work is the essence of service and dedication to Veterans and the community.

Gratefully yours,

  
Joe Wesenberg

Commanding Officer, Community Post 1166

Telephone: (309) 372-8990

Web: <http://www.legionpost1166.org> E-mail: [reynoldspost1166@gmail.com](mailto:reynoldspost1166@gmail.com)



## Certificate of Appreciation

*This certificate of appreciation is gratefully presented to*


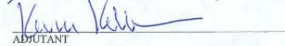
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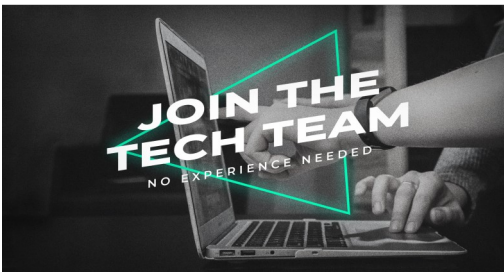
*In recognition and sincere appreciation of outstanding service  
and assistance which contributed to the advancement of  
The American Legion programs and activities dedicated to  
God and Country.*

Presented by **Reynolds Community Post 1166**

Department of **Illinois**

ATTEST:

  
COMMANDER  
  
ADJUTANT



## 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.

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!!!*

# Harvest Party

OCTOBER 9TH 4-7 PM @ EEPc

FUN FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH FAMILY!

PICNIC GAMES 'SMORES HAYRACK RIDES



2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS  
6-7:30PM (UNLESS NOTED)


## EEPC YOUTH GROUP

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10.9 - HARVEST PARTY  
10.23 - CRAZY OLYMPICS  
11.13 - TRAMPOLINE PARK \*3:30PM  
11.27- GAME SHOW NIGHT  
12.11 - 'GARGONS!'

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FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
CADE REIMERS FOR MORE INFO -  
309.373.2488



# TRUNK <sup>or</sup> TREAT



**OCT  
30**

**4-6:30PM**







**CANDY | APPLE CIDER | PRIZE DRAWINGS**

Open to the entire Rockridge Community!

If you would like to have a space in the parking lot  
please reserve your spot TODAY!

Church Office: 309.795.1713

⚡ EDGINGTON MEN ⚡

# CHILI COOK-OFF

12.11.2022 **BRING THE HEAT!** 3-5:00 PM

ballot taste testing to crown the "Chili Champ"

enter your chili to win! come and eat!



**FREE!**

For ALL generations of EEPc Men





## YOUTH GROUP

A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' Name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child.

This is such a wonderful ministry with such great impact and allows everyone to get the chance to do a little hands on mission work!

Thank you in advance for your help and donations.

### IDEAS FOR ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN THE BOX:

**Toys:** Dolls, toy cars, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

**School Supplies:** pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

**Non-Liquid Hygiene Items:** Toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.

**Accessories:** T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

**Crafts:** Make your own items. Go to website for ideas: <https://www.pinterest.com/occshoeboxes/>

**Ideas for Older Children:** Hammer, nails, small tools, and sewing kits.

**A Personal Note:** You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.



**DO NOT INCLUDE:** Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

For more info and a direct link to Samaritan's Purse OCC website, please click [HERE](#)

Our pizza packing party will be on Sunday, November 13th at 6pm. The Youth Group will be returning from their outing to the trampoline park at about 6:30, so we are hoping that they will all come and join us when they get back! :)

**ITEMS DUE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**



# OCTOBER 2022



Sunday School 9am  
Worship Service

EEPC

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WEBSITE: [www.edgingtonepc.org](http://www.edgingtonepc.org)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
25 B/P Checks Ultimate Frisbee Challenge, 3pm	26 Meal Site	27 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am Session Mtg., 7pm	28 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm	29 Meal Site	30 Meal Site R&L P Mtg. Aurora, IL	1 R&L P Mtg. Aurora, IL
2 Food Pantry Sunday Leadership Training, 11:30am	3 <i>Columbus Day</i> NO Meal Site	4 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am	5 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm	6 Meal Site	7 Meal Site	8
9 B/P Checks Harvest Party, 4-7pm	10 Meal Site	11 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am	12 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm	13 Meal Site	14 Meal Site	15
16 Deacon's Mtg., 11:30am Leadership Training, 11:30am	17 Foot Clinic Meal Site	18 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am Mission Comm. Mtg., 6:30pm	19 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm Trustees Mtg., 7pm Newsletter Items Due	20 Quilting, 9am Meal Site	21 Meal Site	22
23 B/P Checks Youth Group, 6pm	24 Meal Site	25 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am Session Mtg., 7pm	26 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm	27 Meal Site	28 Meal Site	29
30 Leadership Training, 11:30am Trunk or Treat, 4 - 6:30pm	31 <i>Reformation Day</i> Meal Site	1 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am	2 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm	3 Meal Site	4 Meal Site	5