



WHY DOES CHURCH GOVERNMENT MATTER, ANYWAY?

It might be fair to assume that an article about church government is enough to give the average reader an opportunity for a midday nap. But far from boring, the function of the government of the church is very important. Every Christian believer should have a basic understanding of how their church government is structured along with its associated operations.

There are three basic structures of church government: congregationalism, episcopacy, and presbyterianism. In congregationalism, power is entirely democratic, with majority rule vested solely in the body. In episcopacy, power flows from the top and dictates from seats of authority above the local church. In presbyterianism, authority originates in the local church and moves upward in representative courts. Obviously, we are a presbyterian church with a presbyterian system of government.

The function of presbyterian church government depends on a few key realities; there are five in total, but let's focus on the first two. The first fundamental principle of presbyterianism is that church power is vested in the whole corporate body of believers. The importance of this is that we understand that Jesus has not vested power primarily in a single person or clergy (think: Pope, Bishops, etc.) but in and through the voice of His people rather than any privileged class or spiritual nobility. The second fundamental principle is that this power, though vested in the people, is not administered by the whole body, but a representative group (elders) chosen by the people, to oversee the Church in Jesus' name. These two principles distinguish presbyterianism from both episcopacy – where there is a hierarchy of authority, and also congregationalism – where there is no delegation of representative authority.

At this point, you might be asking, what is the point of all of this? The point is that we want our members to understand that as part of the Body of Christ one of your fundamental rights is to nominate and elect your own officers. We also want you to understand how that happens here at Edgington. We have a nominating committee made up of existing officers and committee members and at-large persons from the congregation who pray and seek potential candidates to serve in varied capacities in our church family such as: Session, Deacons, Trustees, Mission, etc. While it is the case that the nominating committee is the tip of the spear of this process, each of you as a member has a right to identify potential candidates for service in the church.

In the course of our living together as the Body of Christ it is helpful for you to both identify and encourage particular giftedness that you witness in others. Perhaps your encouragement of another might be how they consider saying “yes” to the opportunity to serve. If their gifts and talents seem to align with a particular mode of service in the church, maybe the Spirit is impressing upon you the opportunity to put their name forward to the nominating committee for consideration. That is, of course, with the understanding that just because someone is nominated, does not mean they will automatically be received into that office, since there is a training and examination followed by confirmation of the calling into office that follows the initial nomination.

All that to say, we want our members to have an understanding of how it is gifted people are called out among us to serve the Lord Jesus here at Edgington. Do you have any questions about this process? Ruling Elder Mic Penry is the chair of our nominating committee this year, and of course along with Mic, I am always willing to answer any questions about the varied happenings of the church. I hope some of this information was helpful to you.

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Carson Hall	13 - Marvin Weiss
1 - Darren Hall	14 - Luella Doonan
2 - Jackson Fuhr	16 - Raegan Miller
2 - Mary Ann Kadel	19 - Megan Barber
6 - Allan Fuhr	23 - Michael O'Hare
6 - Pam Fuhr	23 - Jennifer Ransdell
6 - Dorothy Rursch	24 - Lori Dixon
7 - Alice Crawford	24 - Connie Huntley
7 - Korey Miller	25 - Neal Ruggles
7 - Cindy Oak	28 - Jeffrey Fuhr
12 - Ella Goodnight	29 - Donna Dunlap

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

13 - Denis & Michelle Doonan
14 - Kevin & Cindy Oak
15 - Ryan & Megan Koresko
25 - Ben & Luci Goodnight



2022 Dates for Donating Locally

November 12th - St. Ambrose Church

Give
THANKS
WITH A GRATEFUL
HEART 1 Thessalonians. 5:18

GREETERS FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 6th - Tom & Connie Huntley
Sunday, November 13th - Richard & Debra Landi
Sunday, November 20th - Michelle Krueger & Melissa Woeckener
Sunday, November 27th - John & Pam Fuhr

NOVEMBER

September 27, 2022, at 7pm

Location: Conference Room

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

Pastor Zach acted as moderator of the meeting. He opened the meeting with prayer and then read from Psalms 56. The Elders prayed for individual members of the congregation, then studied and discussed the Introduction and Chapters 2 - 4 of *Gentle & Lowly*.

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

Approval of Minutes: August 30th, 2022 minutes were reviewed. Motion made, seconded, and approved.

Zach's Report: Zach reported on members with health concerns and prayer needs. During the past month he conducted 4 office visits, 3 home visits, 1 hospital visit, and participated in various church and community activities including: Youth Group, Church member discussions, Mark Drake, RLP Ministerial Committee meetings, RLP Committee Chair meeting, Orlando meetings of Ministerial Vocational Committee and Ministerial Committee Chairs, Justin Beach, and conducted the Barrett wedding.

Old Business:

- The Session discussed the percentage of income overture that will be presented by our Session at the upcoming Rivers and Lakes Presbytery meeting in Aurora, IL.
- The Session discussed plans for the 2023 Nominating Committee.
- Zach reviewed plans for the Leadership Training Course and stated the need to have candidates from the Nominating Committee before scheduling.
- Due to scheduling conflicts the Fall Membership Matters class has been postponed until Spring.
- Zach reminded the Session of the upcoming RLP meeting on September 30th – October 1st in Aurora, IL. Zach, Mic, and Keith will be attending.

New Business:

- The Session discussed the 2022 per member asking for our church. The amounts are \$3,400 for Rivers and Lakes Presbytery and \$4,600 for General Assembly. Motion was made, seconded, and approved to make these payments.
- The church has received Jahn Fund Scholarship requests from Gianna Johnson and Rachel Johnson. Motion was made, seconded, and approved to make payments of \$500 each.
- The fall schedule of upcoming ministry events was reviewed.
- Harvest Party - October 9th at 4pm
- Trunk-or-Treat Outreach – October 30th at 4pm
- Men's Chili Cook-Off – December 11th at 3pm.

Communion will be held on October 2nd. The next Stated Session meeting will be October 25th, 2022, at 7pm. The Session will discuss chapters 5 – 8 of *Gentle & Lowly* at that time.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:25pm. Motion Carried.

Teaching Elder Zach Hopkins closed the meeting with prayer.

Keith Wilson, Clerk of Session

Date October 16 2022

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

Beth F. opened with prayer and read an encouraging scripture passage from the Bible.

Minutes from August meeting: Approved as written.

August – October Activities: 34 calls/visits/cards to shut ins and 37 additional cards mailed and 1 meal shared

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Shut-ins:** Update on shut-ins and discussed others that need extra prayers.
- **New Members reception:** Was cancelled for the Fall.
- **Blood Drive:** The Fall Blood Drive was very successful with 28 units collected.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Fall Coat Drive:** Will be held on Saturday, November 19th in conjunction with the Food Pantry Distribution. Beth F. has contacted the schools. There are boxes to put gently used or new coats in at the church office door and in the entryway of the church. Individuals will be able to come into the basement of the church to look at coats like pre-covid. Deacons will work to have coats pre-picked for the Food Pantry clients.
- **Harvest Party:** Darcy will send cards to guests that joined members at the party, welcoming them and let them know the congregation was glad they were there.
- **Updated Birthday and Anniversary Lists:** Darcy needs updated lists.
- **Blood Drive:** Dates for 2023 have been set – March 4th and September 9th
- **Finals Care Packages for College Students:** Deacons will prepare care packages for college students in November.
- **Greeters:** Beth F. was going to create some procedures for individuals when they are greeters for taking up the offering. These will be presented to the Elders by Patrick.

Next Deacon meeting will be held on Sunday, December 4th, 2022.

Beth F. closed meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Easterla

Fabulous drive on Saturday, September 10th!

We had a great day saving lives at Edgington Evangelical Presbyterian Church. We had 26 people present and collected 28 units, which will go on to help save the lives of up to 84 people (WOW! Great job!!) and continue to help provide critical units for our local hospital shelves.

Many thanks to all who participated!

~ Morgan McEnroe, Impact Life



Date: 10-19-22

Present: Mel Block, Kim Freyermuth, Darren Hall, Cindy Oak, Ken Benningfield, Treasurer Barb Freyermuth, Session Representative Jim Mueller

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

Treasurer's report for September was reviewed and approved.

Minutes for September 21st meeting were reviewed and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Barb reported we are still in the process of contacting Johnson Controls to upgrade fire alarm panel to 5G.
- Floor drain in basement has been updated with new PVC pipe.
- New video equipment and screen has been installed. Ken Benningfield volunteered to patch and paint the area exposed on the wall the smaller screen has exposed.
- Floor tile by the elevator was inspected, but it was determined that glue may not resolve the issue.
- Food pantry table has been removed.
- Dunlap Cemetery post has been replaced.
- January Presbytery meeting plans were formalized more clearly, and we will assign specific responsibilities at December meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ken Benningfield is responsible for locking the church until the November meeting.
- Discussed repainting the sanctuary, not only where new equipment was installed, but in other areas where patching is necessary.
- Determined that the best use of our time in preparation for the January Presbytery Meeting would be to inspect all areas of the church for essential and cosmetic updates. Barb Freyermuth volunteered to take notes and prepare a spreadsheet to help us organize and prioritize projects.

Mel closed the meeting with prayer at 7:35pm and we adjourned to put our priority list together. It has been formatted and we are working toward a date for a work day.

Respectfully submitted,

Darren Hall



In our September 1st, 2022 meeting we made several decisions.

One decision was to hang a flower chart inside the entryway. If you have a special event, special celebration, special remembrance or perhaps your flower garden has some beautiful flowers that you would like to share, you can sign up to bring flowers for a specific Sunday.

The WM will help with the Harvest Party by arranging the food table and drinks. If you are available, please assist us. Everyone, please take time to attend. It is a great social gathering for our church family, with games and events for the kids.

We also discussed some money-making projects and decided upon an apparel sale with the EEPC logo on the front. Products arriving in time for Christmas.

Another project coming up for the WM will be decorating for Christmas. This will take place the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 26th. The time will be posted later. Anyone that is available is encouraged to join us.

In December, we will hand out candy boxes to our church family shut-ins and those that have reached a milestone of 90 years or more.

We are planning to host a Soup Luncheon after the worship service on the Sunday of our annual congregational meeting.

Our Fall Bible Study session is about half over. We have not had as many attend these sessions as in the Spring. However, in checking the audio tracking, there have been well over 30 listening to each lesson. This indicates there is an interest and larger audience than just those attending in person. If you would like to learn more about the Bible, Nancy Guthrie does a great job of teaching it!

Our next WM meeting will be Thursday, December 1st at 1pm. At that time, we will discuss further money-making ideas and decide which missions we will support for this year. Please join us if you can!

Respectfully,

Karyl Parrish



Lost and Found

**Please zoom in & look!
Do any of these items
look familiar to you???**

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.

September 20, 2022

The Mission Committee met on September 20th, 2022 at 6:30pm in the basement at EEPC. Those attending were: Deb Wagamon, Nancy Engstrom, and Todd Stegmiller.

Deb opened the meeting in prayer

OLD BUSINESS:

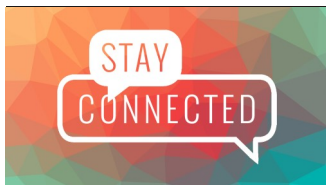
- **August Minutes:** Approved
- **Mission Updates:**
 - **Youth Hope:** Mark Drake gave a wonderful update on current projects at Youth Hope as well as inviting EEPC members to come and visit.
 - **Pregnancy Resources:** PR continues to need baby supplies. Bulletin insert was in last week and will go back in this week. A collection box has been placed in the foyer to collect items. The Walk for Life was not well attended; the donation for EEPC was \$825
 - **Winnie's Place:** Contacted Betsy, who gave me the contact information for the project leader on the apartment repairs, Jay McGowan. He is not ready for the furniture and needs a few more weeks to find storage area. I notified Shannon and she is fine waiting until the end of the month.
 - **Steve Woodworth & McCallum's:** Overview of pastor and elder training program McCallum's were part of last month. Nan led the wives in understanding "who we are in Christ as image bearers of God, yet impacted by sin"; encouraging them to be motivated to do the impossible successfully. A few day's vacation and then back to teaching.
 - **Burdsall:** Prayer requests for girl's club, for future planning sessions, and for a new Christian who is wanting to grow.
 - **Saul & Jess Huber:** They have moved to a new platform called Epistle, where they have a webpage for updates on their ministry. (<https://hubers.epistle.today>)
 - **Jeff Lancaster:** Starting a Wednesday night course in "Doing Life Well" which begins 9/14 – 10/19. Jeff had a COVID scare and postponed the new series until 9/21. Prayers for this to not affect the attendance for this new program.
 - **Christian Care:** Had a Meet/Greet/Eat celebration on 9/17/22. A walk to "Put a Stop to Hunger" is scheduled on 10/2.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Food Pantry:** Mission team will research what the food pantry will need to get through the Thanksgiving/Christmas season and support where we can.
- **Pregnancy Resources:** Walk for Life donations totaled \$825, Mission Committee voted to match this amount.
- **Rockridge School District Teachers:** We are still investigating ways we can support our local teachers. We have some lists of items they may need, but prayerfully waiting on God to show us how to proceed. We will continue this topic at the October meeting.

Deb closed the meeting in prayer

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday October 18, 2022 at 6:30 pm



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

Saturday, November 19th, 9 - 11am

Thank you all for your continually giving and prayers! We have another distribution coming up and will need non-perishable items to restock the shelves.

We will be packing the boxes on Friday, November 18th from 9-11am and welcome help getting those boxes delivered to the recipient's cars on Saturday morning during the distribution.

God Bless you all!

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

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.



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.



EXPONENTIAL IMPACT!

We thank God for YOU and all He is doing in and through YouthHope! This school year, we have already experienced lives saved, changed, and transformed in our youth! Praise God!

YouthHope kids and teens have participated in two parades, two cultural event performances, and several special community events. We collaborated with the Moline Public Library and QC Opera to host a live opera for children! The mural project has brought the Rock Island community together to support our youth!



After-school programs are running, with waitlists for both the Moline and Rock Island Children's Programs. The students, families, and schools want to get involved with YouthHope!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! In order to build authentic relationships with kids and teens, we need people who can partner with us and build to service these incredible students! If you have ever wanted to get involved - **NOW IS THE TIME!** Will you join us this school year?

Please continue to pray for God's supernatural ability, passion, and direction to reach youth! We are so grateful for you and hope to see you at upcoming events! Thank you for your faithful prayers and support! God Bless You!

~ Hannah Carr, Development Director
P.S. We cannot do this ministry without you!

To read the entire
YouthHope October 2022
Report click [HERE](#)



After-School Reading Buddies - You can impact a child's life!

After-School Tutoring helps elementary students improve literacy, vocabulary, and academic confidence. This program is impactful and helps kids discover their potential! We need volunteers! Will you help? Contact us to start! 309-762-4577

We need piano teachers who can commit 1 hour a week to teach kids ranging from beginner to intermediate. Share your gift and bless a child!



CHRISTMAS SEASON IS COMING!

We are collecting supplies and need volunteers to help with holiday food baskets, gift packaging, youth program Christmas parties, and winter retreats! We have many ways to get involved this holiday season!

Please call 309-762-4577 for more information and to sign-up to help our Christmas programs for kids and teens!



Please scan the QR Code to visit our website for a complete list of items still needed and opportunities how you can bless at-risk youth this Christmas season!

PICTURES IN THEIR POCKET

A story from Carey R.N., Nurse Director about the importance and impact of our new ultrasound machines.



Ellie and Jack (not the clients' real names) arrived at the center on a recent cool fall morning. We've seen Ellie before and walked alongside her as she made some difficult choices. Ellie has already placed a child in the arms of a forever family through adoption and she has had an abortion. But Ellie wants this pregnancy outcome to be different.

Pregnancy Resources was Ellie's first stop for early pregnancy care, and she and Jack were excited but nervous. As the nurse on duty, I began the ultrasound scan with one of our new machines. Immediately it became clear that Ellie was more than halfway through her pregnancy, and as I shared this news, I began to silently pray. Upon seeing their pre-born child there were many smiles. Ellie and Jack were amazed with the clarity of the images on the ultrasound screen. The sound of their little one's beating heart brought tears of amazement and joy. When I asked Jack how he was processing, all the new father could say was "wow."

Mindful medical care can soften hearts, change minds, and save pre-born lives. State-of-the-art imaging allowed this couple to leave with pictures of their little one in their pocket and a growing love for this child in their heart.

Thank you for making this life-saving technology available!

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

We provide **FREE** maternity and baby clothes and items to women and their families who need them. **Families are given the opportunity to shop after taking a parenting class.** Each class they take gives them diaper support and if they take four classes, they can receive a NEW car seat for FREE. **All the items we give out are donated by people just like you.** If you'd like to donate new or gently used items, we would greatly appreciate your help.

Maternity & baby items we love getting:

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

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

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

Volunteers Needed

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!***

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

Prayer Requests: If you would like to receive their weekly prayer requests, please contact Angel at angel@qcpregnancy.org.



MCCALLUM'S MUSE OCTOBER 2022

Local Life on ITEN's commitment to raising up leaders

While we were in Si..... L..... in August, Bill M..... moved into our home with the help of the Mission's elder and wife from our local congregation. Bill's wife, F....., and three sons had to stay behind in K.... due to visa issues.



Growing up, Bill was highly involved in the church youth and music ministry. He carried the message of salvation to his high school peers. Towards the end of high school Bill was feeling pulled to gospel ministry. He sought counsel from those who knew him well and prayed earnestly that God would direct him. It was a mission conference speaker's compelling challenge that gave Bill the confirmation he was seeking. Fast forward to his late 30s after a degree from Fuller Theological Seminary and years of ministry in K....., L....., S..... L....., and S.... M.... (California), Bill is at Arizona State University's Thunderbird School of Global Management surrounded by business peers who mostly are non-believers. Opportunities for spiritual conversations abound and Bill is again compelled to reach out with the gospel and friendship.

At home we listen, guide through US culture, laugh at being separated by English with two different accents, pray, and do life together. Bill is gaining swimming skills and using his young muscles as he helps us oldsters move heavy things. He's teaching us about African worship songs, foods, and cooking. Nan is back to packing bagged lunches. Ed is helping with ministry connections, sharing how Arizona does driver's licenses as we are merely 50 united states with different ways of doing things. We are more aware of how risk avoidance is the norm in the US but not in the African context.

Pray for F.... and the boys to have favor November 3 at their visa appointment in K..... The need is for them to walk out with visa approval so they can travel to the US. Pray for Bill, that the Lord will open doors of ministry in W..... A..... where he can put his training in theology and nonprofit leadership to work for the glory of God and His kingdom.

Saturday, October 8 we leave for Vi.....(returning on the 25th) to join our partners at the H.... Bible College and OC S..... for the second in person set of two classes. **Here are ideas for prayer:**

- Pray for traveling mercies and deepening relationships with our partners and students for us and for our ITEN co-worker Steve W.....
- Classes: Steve will teach Pastoral Ministries followed by Ed who will teach Understanding, Preaching, and Teaching Genesis.
- Meeting with HBC leadership for planning of phase 2, which has direct implications on our continued involvement.
- Being flexible is the name of the game. Possible village visit or a return visit to a minority group church plant in the city? Ed preaching? Nan speaking to women's ministry leadership meeting?
- Ed is recovering from bursitis in his hip. Standing is still challenging (he may need to sit down to teach - New Testament style). His walking has greatly improved but still a problem for long distances.

The Genesis materials have been translated into the national language and the mother tongue of our students. Think of Genesis as the Book of Beginnings as all key Christian doctrines begin in Genesis. Examples: God's desire is to bless and dwell with his people. Why are people living under God's curse instead of his blessing? God wins in the end.

All classes involve processing time in groups. This session will use this format to evaluate how application of course materials is going. The goal is not just that these men gain knowledge and understanding but are actually training others. Where are the pitfalls that can be rectified? What needs to be explained in a new way?

Coming back, Ed will continue working on curriculum. His life is being a modern-day monk studying and writing.

- New Testament class for February. The gospels are finished; Nan edits.
- May will cover I and II Corinthians

Pray for impactful materials and teaching.

Thank you for your continued prayer and financial support. On our own we could not be doing this work. Thank you for serving as senders! Thanks for your friendship and encouragement. We LOVE hearing back from you.

EDGINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Treasurer's Report September 2022

	Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	Balance
General (includes Edgington)	\$ 97,757.59	\$ 19,842.24	\$ 31,064.40	\$ 86,535.43
Jahn/Education Fund (1)	\$ 10,089.95	\$80.82	\$ 1,522.50	\$ 8,648.27
Building Funds (2)				
Boughton	\$ 219,554.31	\$ 428.27	\$ 400.00	\$ 219,582.58
Lauby	\$ 26,141.00	\$ 136.98		\$ 26,277.98

SEPTEMBER 2022 GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

Zach Hopkins salary	4,552.34	
Housing Allowance	1,800.00	
Fidelity (pension)	960.89	
EPC (health)	25.23	
Mileage	113.75	
Presbytery Expense	8,246.17	
Lisa Bowman	1,188.62	
Robin Preston	294.94	
Taxes / FICA / Penalty	21.04	
ReyTel	118.00	
AT&T	106.98	
MidAmerican Energy	803.00	
Millennium Waste	46.70	
Stuard & Associates	255.00	
Glass Blast	623.92	
IL State Fire Marshall	76.69	
Office Supplies / Binding Machine	578.85	
Software and Apps	850.51	
Insurance (Property/Liability/WC)	8,672.72	
ABS (copier)	178.28	
Johnson Controls	540.00	
Shipping & Postage	4.83	
Continuing Education	248.25	
Mission	905.88	
Resource Materials	(345.20)	
Sunday School	197.01	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 31,064.40

INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL

Mission monies included in general fund thru month	\$ 8,522.82
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NOTES

(1) Disbursement for Jahn/Education Fund were: Gianna Johnson (500); Rachel Johnson (500); Mackenzie Reimers (500); bank checks (22.50)

(2) Disbursements for building fund were mowing fees for Dunlap Cemetery.

TREASURER'S REPORT *Cont. from p. 12*

Edgington Presbyterian Church

General Fund Profit & Loss

September 2022

Sep-22

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Pledges	19,644.49
Interest Income - General Fund	12.75
Per Member Asking	160.00
Basement Rent	25.00
Total Income	19,842.24

Expense

Pastors housing allowance	1,800.00
Operating Maintenance - General	1,002.31
Insurance	8,672.72
Presbytery expense	8,246.17
Resource materials	(345.20)
Worship supplies	-
Continuing Education	248.25
Mileage	113.75
Mission	

Local Mission 905.88

Total Mission 905.88

Sunday School Expense 197.01

Office Supplies & Expenses

Internet & TV Services	118.00
Copier	718.28
Office Supplies - Other	578.85
Software and apps	850.51
Shipping & Postage	4.83

Total Office Supplies 2,270.47

Payroll Expenses

Pastor Salary	4,552.34
Secretary Services	1,188.62
Custodian Services	294.94
Taxes/FICA/Penalties	21.04

Total Payroll Expenses 6,056.94

Pension & Health Care 986.12

Utilities

Gas & Electric - Church	803.00
Telephone	106.98

Total Utilities 909.98

Total Expense 31,064.40

Net Ordinary Income **(11,222.16)**

ALL submissions for the December 2022 Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER** than Monday, November 14th. Items received after that date may not make it into the newsletter.



Thank you for your cooperation!

~ Lisa Bowman, Office Manager

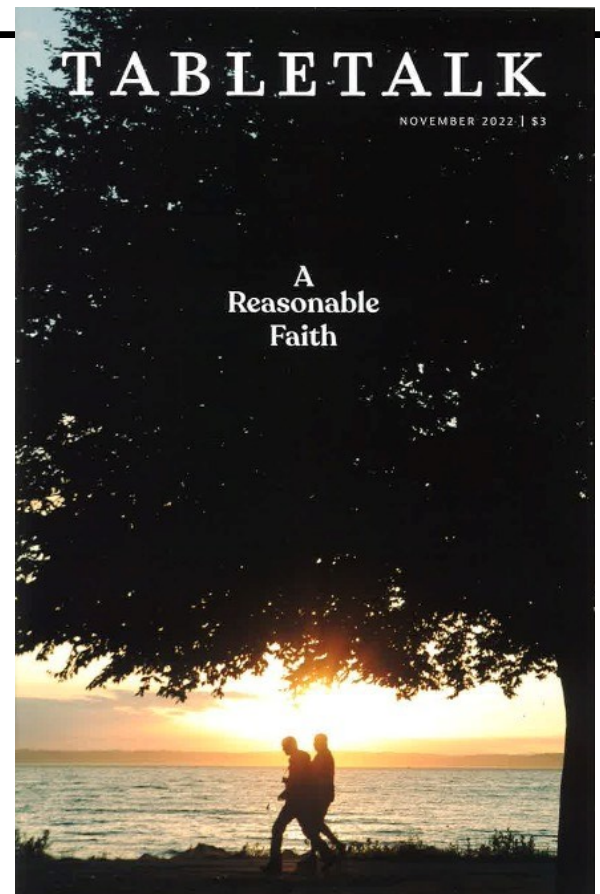
Do you know anyone that is not receiving the Edgington EPC Newsletter each month? If so, please contact the church office at 309-795-1713 or edgingtonepc@gmail.com and let me know. I will be happy to make arrangements for it to be received by whatever means works best.



The newsletter is distributed via email and postal service. It is also posted to our Facebook page and website: edgingtonepc.org.

Thank you so much for your help!

GET YOUR NOVEMBER COPY OF THE TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL



LOCATED ON A TABLE IN THE SANCTUARY FOYER

SERMON SERIES

We will be taking a break until January from our current series “**Generations of Grace - The Covenant Continues: Isaac & Jacob**” in Genesis 25-35 to focus on some specific topics and then head into our Advent Series: “The Royal Names of the Royal Child”. We hope you will join us!

Sunday, November 6th – Mic Penry preaching, [John 6:1-15](#)

Sunday, November 13th - Church Officers

Sunday, November 20th - Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 27th - The Royal Names of the Royal Child

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.

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 2022

THE SHORTER CATECHISM

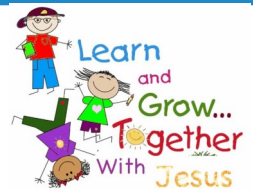
9:00AM - FELLOWSHIP HALL

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

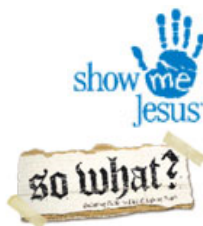


CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

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!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The Women's Bible Study will be wrapping up on November 9th. We are glad for those of you that were able to join us and go deeper in your walk of faith!

We will be **decorating the sanctuary for Christmas on Saturday, November 26th**. Time TBA. If you are able - please come and help us get in the Christmas spirit!

Also, we have a **quarterly meeting coming up on Thursday, December 1st at 1pm** and hope that many of you will join us! We will be discussing fundraising ideas and decide which missions we will support for the year.

Please see the notes from the last quarterly meeting on page 6 for more information!



QUILTING

Thursday, November 17th, 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: Monday, November 21st
starting at 9am

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



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ATTENTION COMMITTEE LEADERS OF EDGINGTON EPC

The end of the year is rapidly approaching!

If you lead/head/chair any committee or group you need to have a report in the Annual Report. Please start working on it as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, or should need to see a copy of last year's report please contact Lisa in the office at 309-795-1713.

**The Annual Congregational Meeting date is
scheduled for Sunday, January 22nd, 2023.**

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

EEPC YOUTH GROUP

11.13 -TRAMPOLINE PARK

*MEET @ CHURCH @ 3:30PM

11.27- GAME SHOW NIGHT

12.11 -"GARGONS!"

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



⚡ EDGINGTON MEN ⚡ CHILI COOK-OFF

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

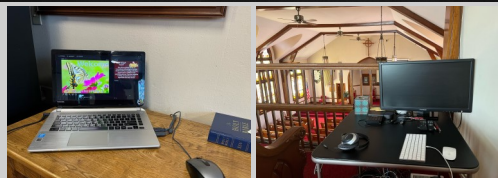
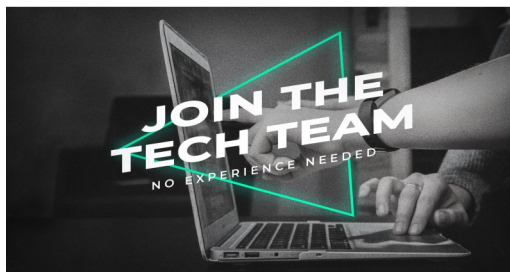
ballot taste testing to crown the "Chili Champ"

enter your chili to win!

come and eat!



For ALL generations of EEPC Men



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!!!



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/occs shoeboxes/>

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 Elevate 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 13TH

We are taking orders for poinsettias now through Sunday, November 22nd.

If you wish to have a poinsettia in the sanctuary, please take an envelope from the pew holder, mark the “Other” box and write “Poinsettia” on the line. Write your name where indicated. On the amount line indicate how much money you are placing in the envelope. They are \$10 each. If it is in memory of someone, please write that person’s name(s) on the back of the envelope.

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Oak or the church office.



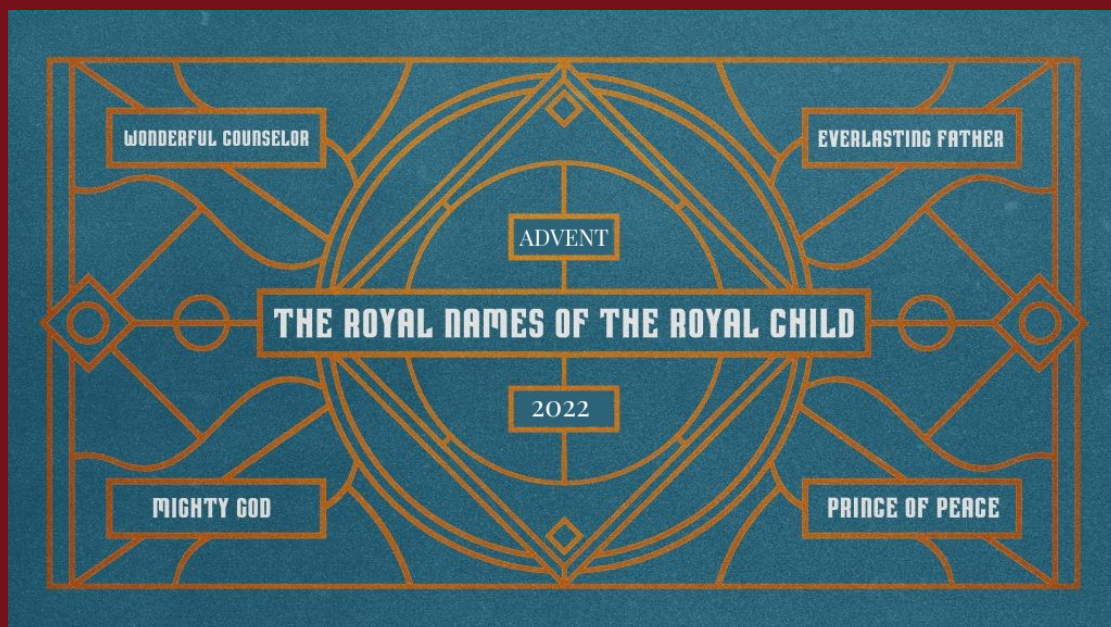
ADVENT 2022

Why does Jesus have more than one name?

What are the names of Jesus?

What is the significance of the different names?

To hear the answers to these questions & more, please join us each Sunday at 10am during Advent!



Christmas Eve

A SERVICE OF
LESSONS & CAROLS

FIVE O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was first held at King's College Chapel on Christmas Eve 1918. It was planned by Eric Milner-White, who had just been appointed Dean after experience as an army chaplain; this experience convinced him that the Church of England needed more imaginative worship....

The 1918 service was adapted from an order drawn up by E. W. Benson.... Since then the spoken parts, which provide the backbone of the service, have only occasionally been changed. The service was first broadcast in 1928 and, with the exception of 1930, it has been broadcast annually, even during the Second World War... ([source document](#))

Please join us for this special Christmas Eve Service at 5pm on Saturday, December 24th.

NOVEMBER 2022

*In everything
give thanks*
-1 Thess 5:18

Sunday School 9am
Worship Service

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 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
6 <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i> Food Pantry Sunday	7 Meal Site	8 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am 	9 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm	10 Meal Site	11 NO Meal Site  HONORING ALL WHO SERVED	12
13 B/P Checks Leadership Training, 11:30 Trampoline Park, 3:30pm OCC Shoebox Packing, 6pm	14 Meal Site Newsletter Items Due	15 Meal Site Mission Comm. Mtg., 6:30pm	16 Meal Site Trustees Mtg., 7pm	17 Quilting, 9am Meal Site	18 Food Pantry Packing, 9-11am Meal Site	19 Food Pantry Distribution & Coat Drive 9 - 11am
20	21 Foot Clinic Meal Site	22 Meal Site	23 Meal Site	24 	25 NO Meal Site	26
27 B/P Checks Leadership Training, 11:30am Deacon's Mtg., 11:30am Youth Group, 6pm	28 Meal Site	29 Meal Site Session Mtg., 7pm	30 Meal Site	1 Meal Site	2 Meal Site	3