



Dear Church Family,

Our annual trip around the sun is nearly complete as we mark the close of 2022 by crossing the threshold of the twelfth month of the year. With that comes the season of Advent. Why Advent? First, we have to understand the word. The season of Advent takes its name from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning “coming” or “arrival” – it is a derivative of the Greek term *paraousia* meaning the same thing. During this season, we join the observance of Jesus’ arrival, both in our remembrance of the fulfilled promises of the Old Testament, and in anticipation of the New Testament’s promises of a second coming. So we speak of the two *advents* of Jesus.

Next, the structure. The four Sundays preceding Christmas Day are marked as the Sundays of Advent. As it happens, this year the first Sunday of Advent is the last Sunday of November and right on the heels of Thanksgiving. We have some special traditions during this time of the year and we stop our regular sermon exposition to consider an appropriate theme for the season. In 2022, we’ll be gathering our thoughts around Isaiah’s titles of the promised Messiah, “The Royal Names of the Royal Child.”



Another consideration for this Advent season is that, as we have been announcing, Christmas Eve service is scheduled for a 5pm Lessons & Carols service. If you’ve ever attended a L&C service at Edgington (or anywhere else) you will recognize the familiar simplicity and beauty of the liturgy. One of the things that I look forward to is the way the structure allows for so much participation from others through readings and music. If you haven’t already, please arrange your plans so you won’t miss what is sure to be a delightful Christmas Eve. It would be a great opportunity to invite family, friends, neighbors, or your holiday guests to come and worship along with our church family.

Also, unique this year is that Christmas Day falls on a Sunday. That was most recently true in 2011 and 2016; but won’t occur again for another eleven years. Six years ago, I wrote on the topic of Christmas Day falling on the Lord’s Day and included this exhortation:

Let me beseech you with utmost sincerity, we cannot, in one breath, decry the commercialization of Christmas, and then with another, contribute to the secularization of Christmas by not observing the Lord’s Day just because it falls on a major holiday. Why not? Fundamentally because it is Christ’s Holiday, and Sunday is the Lord’s Day. So, bring the kids in their PJ’s, take a break from unwrapping the presents, and then come as you are to worship the Newborn King, who we of course know to be more than an infant, He is Lord of All!

The same holds true this year – so see you in Church on Christmas Day!

You can be sure that if it seems like the year went by quickly, this last month won’t slow down either. So let me encourage you to be intentional about including the rhythm of corporate worship amidst everything else on your calendar. I look forward to celebrating Advent with you and your family this year.

Very Warmly -Your Pastor & Friend,

ELDERS

Keith Wilson - Clerk
Jim Mueller
Kevin Oak
Mic Penry
Patrick Shovar

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Beth Easterla - Secretary
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Teresa Balmer
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Marlin Krueger
Darcy Krueger
Teresa Weber

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Darren Hall

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

22 - Keith & Debra Wilson
29 - Zach & Mackenzie Hopkins
29 - Andrew & Katie Pearson

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Drew Hall	16 - Jett Fuhr
1 - Dorothy Oak	16 - Dylan Peterson
5 - Kathleen Fuhr	20 - Elsie Koresko
6 - Denise Rursch	20 - Sharon Orr
7 - Donnie Neece	22 - Tara Johnson
8 - Kelly Moel	24 - Chris Stark
8 - Kinley Fuhr	25 - Hannah Oak
8 - Matt Tomlin	25 - Elisabeth Tomlin
13 - Andrea Schafman	26 - Karyl Parrish
15 - Jason Flickinger	26 - Mary Wagamon
15 - Gianna Johnson	30 - Caelen Fuhr

Dear Friends,

I want to sincerely thank you all for your expressions of support, encouragement, and appreciation during the month of October. A special thanks to the Sunday School teachers and children for "flocking" my office.



It is a joy to be your pastor and I love you dearly.

Zach

Dear Edgington EPC,

We were the beneficiaries of your discarded tables.



They are perfect for displays in our "apple barn" on the corner of Hwy 92 and Loud Thunder Rd.

Thank you!

Chris and Bernie Nitz

GREETERS FOR DECEMBER

Sunday, December 4th, 10am - Scott & Lisa Nelson
Sunday, December 11th, 10am - Marvin & Peggy Weiss
Sunday, December 18th, 10am - Mitch & Sue Miller
Saturday, December 24th, 5pm - Nathan & Amy Oak
Sunday, December 25th, 10am - Jason & Beth Flickinger

October 25th, 2022

Location: Conference Room

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

Pastor Zach acted as moderator of the meeting. He opened the meeting with prayer and read from Ephesians 4: 7-13. The Elders prayed for individual members of the congregation then studied and discussed Chapters 5 - 8 of *Gentle & Lowly*.

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

Approval of Minutes: September 27th, 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, 7 home visits, Pre-Marriage counseling for two couples, conducted the Ehm wedding and graveside services for Marvin and Gregory Oak.

Correspondence: Zach shared a letter recently received from the EPC Stated Clerk, Dean Weaver. The letter and enclosure address the issue of virtual communion and the conclusion reached by the EPC's Theology Committee, of which Zach is Chairperson. The conclusion reached by the committee and adopted by the EPC at General Assembly is that while virtual communion was temporarily permissible during the Covid pandemic, it is no longer acceptable as a practice.

Old Business:

- Zach, Mic, and Keith gave a brief report on the Rivers and Lakes Presbytery meeting September 30th - October 1st, 2022.
- Mic reported on the progress of the Nominating Committee. A meeting of the committee will be set up soon.
- Zach reported that the Leadership Training Course will be setup pending the work of the Nominating Committee.
- The Session discussed the Harvest Party that was held on October 9th. The weather was excellent and it was estimated that attendance was at least 130.
- The Session discussed the Sunday, October 23rd Sunday School and worship service conducted by Pulpit Supply Rev. Derek Morrison. There were many positive comments by congregation members for both the worship service and Sunday School. The Session was very appreciative of Rev. Morrison for being available to serve our church.

New Business:

- Zach noted the need for joint meetings for the Session with the Deacons and Trustees need to be scheduled.
- Session discussed the Egalitarian vs. Complementarian views concerning roles in the church and how they apply to our church. Further prayer and discussion are needed to discern our path forward.
- The fall schedule of upcoming ministry events was reviewed.
- Trunk or Treat Outreach – October 30th at 4pm (as of now 21 have signed up to host a trunk).
- Men's Chili Cook-Off – December 11th at 3pm.
- Zach asked for suggestions for a theme for the upcoming Advent sermon series and gave a few examples. It was suggested to preach from the book of Isaiah.



SESSION

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- Session discussed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. It was decided to hold a Christmas Eve service of Lessons and Carols at 5:00pm. On Sunday, Christmas Day, there will be no Sunday School and worship will be held at 10:00am.
- Zach reminded Session that we will be hosting Presbytery on Fri., January 27th and Sat., 28th, 2022

Communion will be held on November 13th. The next Stated Session meeting will be November 29th, 2022 at 7:00pm. Session will discuss chapters 9 – 12 of *Gentle & Lowly* at that time.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:03pm. Motion Carried.

Teaching Elder Zach Hopkins closed the meeting with prayer.

Keith Wilson, Clerk of Session



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2023 LOCAL BLOOD DRIVES

1/7 from 8am - 1pm at St. Patrick

3/4 from 7 - 10:30am at Edgington EPC

5/20 from 8 - 11am at St. Patrick

9/9 from 7 - 10:30am at Edgington EPC

11/ 11 from 1 - 4pm on the Donor Bus parked at Midwest Bank in Andalusia (tentative)



Date: 11-16-22

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

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

Treasurer's report for October was reviewed and approved.

Minutes for October 19th meeting were reviewed and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mel is working with TR Paving to finalize the billing for the parking lot coating.
- Discussed the basement floor tile near the elevator that needs to be glued down. Will check on material to use.
- Gutter on the south side of the Sunday School building needs to be repaired.
- The old wooden tables in the garage have been removed.

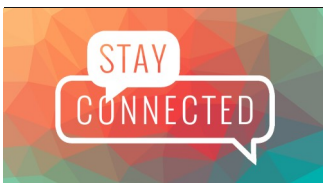
NEW BUSINESS:

- An outlet in the hallway outside the office needs to be replaced.
- Lisa reported having problems with the security camera. Will check on a replacement system.
- The mailbox leaks and mail is getting wet when it rains. Will look at repair or replacement.
- Discussed the possibility to add recessed ceiling can lights in the sanctuary for additional lighting. No action taken.
- Mel is investigating salt to use this winter that won't harm the grass. He will purchase as needed.
- Discussed work that needs to be done prior to the January Presbytery meeting.
- Set up a workday for December 3rd at 11:00am to complete several projects.
- Discussed moving meeting start time to 6:00pm during the winter months.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan



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

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FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION UPDATE

First of all, thank you to all who helped us in any way – donating food or money to buy food, praying for us, helping us to set up on Thursday (5 helped), packing on Friday (16 helped) and distributing on Saturday (15 helped). It was so wonderful to have Brandee Neece and six of her high school students there to help us with the heavy work on Saturday. It was cold and blustery but no one complained and everyone just did their jobs!

We packed for 37 families but had 39 show up needing food – 86 Adults, 11 Teens, 23 Children. For only the second time, **ALL** baskets were picked up before 11am on Saturday!!! We are so thankful to have been able to finish on time!

We will be doing this all again sometime in the spring, so please keep that in mind. The date has yet to be determined. We need non-perishable items to restock the shelves. We are pleased that the high school is again doing a food drive for us and the Milan Food Pantry. They will deliver food on Friday, December 9th and this will be a big boost for filling our shelves.

Wishing you all blessings.

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

DEACONS' FALL COAT DRIVE UPDATE

The Deacons want to thank everyone who donated to the coat drive. We collected 164 coats and gave out 74 coats (plus hats, gloves, etc.) to food pantry clients and area schools! The rest of the items will go to Youth Hope, Christian Care, and Pregnancy Resources.

We have a few adult women's coats that we could use help identifying a charity to take. If you know of a women's shelter or charity who could use coats, please let us know!



PROUDLY SERVING
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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.



PRAISE REPORTS:

- We thank God for opportunities to bring the gospel to children, teens, and adults!
- We praise God for the high school guys who accepted Christ last month! They are finding the Lord, experiencing His love, and realizing He has hope and plans for their futures! Hallelujah!
- We praise God for the changes and opportunities He is bringing to YouthHope! God is doing a new thing! He is so good and worthy of all our praise!



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Please join us in lifting up our Children's Director, Hope Anderson, whose father passed away this past weekend. Lord, please surround this family with your arms, bring comfort, and wrap them with your peace.
- Lord God, please watch over our Creative Arts Director's family (Juan and Monse) who are expecting their first baby this month! Please provide every need, be with her in labor, and bring their sweet child into this world healthy and protected!
- Father God, we ask for your wisdom, vision, understanding, and discernment!
- Lord, please provide the people to fill the open positions at YouthHope. We ask for Your will be done here at YouthHope as in Heaven. Lord, please prepare divine appointments with the right people to minister as You have called them.
- Heavenly Father, help us with all the challenges, changes and opportunities before us. Guide us and show us your path.
- Papa God, please be with our volunteers and their families who are battling, and we ask for healing in Jesus name for each one!
- Dear God, please protect us! Please protect the kids, teens, volunteers, staff board, and donors! Lord, we ask for a hedge of protection over both Youth Centers, all our vehicles, Camp Summit, and every person's home.
- Heavenly Father, we especially ask for protection and breakthrough in Rock Island where there is increasing violence. Help us to step in and break the cycle. Use us Lord!

2022 YEAR-END MATCHING CHALLENGE

Your support ensures YouthHope continues pursuing at-risk youth! YOU are helping kids and teens find HOPE in Christ and learn they are valued, important, capable, and love!

Will you please prayerfully consider a generous year-end gift to continue reaching kids and teens through YouthHope?

Your gift will be **doubled** thanks to a matching challenge from some generous donors! Every year-end gift will be matched \$1 to \$1 up to \$37,000!

We are so grateful for you and your commitment to reaching kids and teens and bringing youth HOPE! Thank you again and God Bless You!



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!



MINDFUL CARE

“It wasn’t easy and very painful. The baby had ten fingers and ten toes.” Melissa (not the client’s real name) sat and cried in the client room for 2 hours, sharing her recent abortion story with her Client Advocate. Melissa had an at-home abortion in her bathroom, and the recent aftermath created deep shock waves in her life. The baby’s father, who had thought, “I’ll support you in whatever you decide,” didn’t know how to handle his grief and began drinking heavier and lashing out. Their abortion decision had stretched their relationship to its breaking point. Grief flooded Melissa’s life, and she was emotionally exhausted.



It had been nearly two months since the at-home abortion, yet Melissa wasn’t feeling quite “right.” She took another home pregnancy test, and to her dismay and disbelief, it was positive. It was this positive test that brought Melissa to Pregnancy Resources. Just hours after her frantic call, she was able to receive compassionate truth with gentle leading.

In Melissa’s moment of vulnerability, **YOU** cared for her.

While you weren’t in the room, **you were able to meet her needs.**

While you didn’t see Melissa’s face, you helped her lean toward healing and wholeness. Your mindful financial support and prayers helped provide for her unique needs on the very day she walked through the doors of Pregnancy Resources.

You said yes by embracing her need to be listened to, offering her a place of comfort, and embracing her when she was vulnerable. You offered help to heal some of the hurt she had experienced.

Tomorrow there will be many more “Melissa’s” in crisis and in need of Mindful CARE. Your ongoing financial support keeps the door to hope and healing open. **You are making sure CARE is ready and available when it’s needed most.** Thank you!

CLICK [HERE](#) for a list of Bella’s Boutiques current needs.

This is how **YOU** made a difference in the first 9 months of 2022

- 706 Pregnancy Tests
- 604 Life-Affirming Ultrasound Appointments
 - 36 more appointments than in ALL of 2021
- 620 Dads Served
 - 109 more dads served than in ALL of 2021
- 1,399 Packages of Diapers Given
 - 53 more packages of diapers given than in ALL of 2021
- 1,000 Spiritual Discussions
- 42 Gospel Presentations



We are hoping to raise \$40,000 by December 31st.

If each of our donors gives \$40 in the next 40 days this goal will be accomplished.

Thank you for doing your part!

In the first 9 months of 2022, the amount of pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and the number of diapers YOU provided have surpassed all of 2021!

Everything you do - every gift, every prayer, every life-affirming sermon, or connection in the community is making a difference!

Liz Ryan, Partner Development Coordinator

There are many different types of volunteer positions at the centers. Call 563-386-3737 to find out more.

PRAY



Intercession is an integral component of our ministry. Every week we email our prayer request and praise reports regarding the needs of each center, and the lives in need of a touch of grace.

To join our prayer team, please email angel@qcpregnancy.org

STEVE WOODWORTH ITEN: WORLD OUTREACH, EPC HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Viztn@m

The photo above is a snapshot of some of the students we had the honor of serving last month in Viztn@m. From October 9-16 I took my final international trip with ITEN, joining Ed and Nan McCallum to support the work of our MLTI Program in North Viztn@m. As you have heard in my recent newsletters, in January 2023 I'll be transitioning to a full time role in our local church here in Clarkesville, GA. After almost a decade of serving on the ITEN leadership team, the trip proved to be a wonderful way to conclude these rewarding years of service. It was deeply satisfying to see the growth of a ministry that was born from just a small team and a vague vision, to an international ministry making an impact on multiple continents around the world. And it was humbling to wrestle again with the enormous theological education famine that ITEN exists to reduce. As I have felt now for almost 10 years, the work was incredibly fruitful and rewarding. And yet, there is still more work to be done.



Metaphors for Ministry

Over 20 students gathered in H@noi, Viztn@m for a class on Pastoral Ministries. Using 5 metaphors (prophet, priest, king, shepherd, and father), we explored a number of key areas of pastoral ministry together including preaching, counseling, the sacraments, and church discipline. The students were incredibly engaged and worked hard throughout the week to apply the lessons to their own ministry contexts.



After completing the course, students receive a certificate that enables them to re-teach the course in rural villages in North Vietnam. Gathering in remote regions, graduates of the course will re-teach the material to hundreds of additional pastors.



Financial Update

Thank you to all of our incredible supporters. Your generosity has been a vital lifeline for our ministry to leaders among the least reached. As our time with ITEN comes to a close, we are asking people to continue their contributions through the end of December 2022. Starting January 1, 2023 we encourage each of you to consider supporting other members of the ITEN team including Mike & Stephanie Kuhn or Bruce and Ellie Anderson. If you would like additional information about how to redirect your giving, please send me an email or contact EPC World Outreach directly. Thank you again for a decade of fruitful ministry together!

Prayer Requests

PRAISE! For you and your faithful prayer and financial support.

PRAISE! For a successful final trip with ITEN to Viztn@m.

Wisdom for the leaders of ITEN as they transition to the next season of ministry.

Grace for our own transition as a family back into full time pastoral ministry.

Mercy for the unreached and the workers sacrificing everything to reach them.

MCCALLUM'S MUSE NOVEMBER 2022

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

We have many good reasons to give thanks!

1. Safe travel to SE A... and back. No lost luggage. No illness. Rested in sleeper room at Japanese airport during our long layover on way home. Lounges along the way with food and quiet in each of our airports.
2. A feeling of comfort and familiarity on the campus that hosts ITEN classes.
3. Nan delighted listening to ITEN colleague Steve Woodworth teach. He covered 5 roles of pastors in explaining Pastoral Ministry. God's undeserved love and grace to humankind flowed from his heart. The men thought they could stump him on how each book of the Bible could be used to point to Christ - even the Song of Solomon in the Old Testament. Steve demonstrated with 10 minutes of prep time how it could be done. Having experience with your topic is invaluable! Being with our partners, D. W., World Outreach colleague, and D. L., elder from S..... open our eyes to the "A.... dance steps" in the negotiation process. Both giants in walking with the Lord. Humility and creativity is needed. D. L's expertise crossing the streets filled with motor cycles peppered with cars too big for the space adds new meaning to "stepping out in faith."
4. Recognizing our students by face when saw them and learning their names by the end of the 2 weeks. We struggle pronouncing names correctly. They laughingly pointed out that we also count incorrectly on our fingers - you start with the pinky finger.
3. Google translate and XE currency converter on cell phones to fill in our gaps.
4. Interviewed each man, noting their family make up, bi-vocational job, ministry description, and prayer requests. One went with 5 men from his church to a village plagued with suicides and violent crime with the good news of the God of creation. The village's response has been positive.
5. Heard how the classes are impacting practices in their ministries. One man said he no longer flips open his Bible and preaches on whatever page came open. Rather he plans how to address the needs of his members. They are applying steps of Biblical interpretation to their sermon preparation.
6. Patterned various ways of presenting teaching: preaching, teaching, storytelling with dramatic flare, and using simple art. Ed's telling Genesis 47 when Joseph's brothers worried he would hold their attempt to get rid of him against him had them immersed in the story. Nan's demonstration of use of stick figures to the Joseph stories was engaging. The room was silent with concentration interrupted with bursts of laughter at their drawing attempts and skills.
7. Began identifying who might be good candidates for Phase 2 where nationals will teach the classes with Americans serving as coaches. October 2023 is the target date. Many details to ponder and pray through.
8. Ate many new foods. Morning glory greens with garlic were very tasty. Pigeon was a surprise on a menu in an upscale restaurant. Nan has told our grandson for years that city dwellers could trap and eat pigeons to reduce the population and problems they create. Well, turns out you can!

Please pray for:

1. Ever deepening relationships with the students and leaders at HBC
2. Development and translation of course materials
3. These leaders to take the October classes to their assigned regional leaders effectively.
4. Financial provision for each leader and for the Christians in their congregations. They struggle making a living to cover the cost of petrol for their motor cycles, school costs for their children, and having enough food to eat.

May your Thanksgiving include time to ponder how the Lord has been at your side in good times and challenging times. He will never forsake you.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

Ed & Nan McCallum



UPDATE: Thank you those of you who joined in the late October prayer request. We rejoice that ITEN associate, B. M.'s, family will be able to join him in Phoenix! Visas were granted with no hassles early in the morning our time November 3rd. Praise the Lord! B. will now be raising funds for airline tickets, nail down housing, and looking for a car to hold 3 car seats. He's re-learning how to drive on the right side of the road and navigate around Phoenix. Exciting times.

JEFFREY LANCASTER CHICAGO 7/20 VISION

As I promised last time, I've included another "video reference" from a Chicago friend in this email. To remind you of the context, I had a video produced early in 2022 which I used to introduce me and Cathy to local church leaders with whom I've been connecting - trying to give them more of a sense of what we are like in the day-to-day trenches of ministry action. I compiled some video references of people sharing what their experiences had been like with us. As I previously stated, I thought you might like hearing testimonies directly from Chicago friends regarding how the Lord is helping us build relationships and minister Christ's love here in the Windy City. Anyway, this is one of those references. This young woman's name is Avval Kaur. She's originally from Delhi, India. She finished her undergraduate and graduate degrees from the School of the Art Institute in Chicago. She's now a graphic design artist in the city. **(To view the video click the picture above)**



GOOD REPORT:

The photos to the left all come from a recent 6-week felt-need teaching series we hosted in our home. The title of the series was "Life's Gonna Life" and we were considering what it takes to do life well as you're getting "lived" by life. Each week friends (old and new) gathered at our house and spent time snacking, drinking, hanging out, and listening to me talk about subjects like where to find happiness, how to handle worry, how to labor for greater civility in our relationships and broader society, etc. I raised these (and other) common areas of interest, sought to provide helpful practical insight, and then tried to show how Jesus Christ is the ultimate fulfillment we're all looking for and the wise counselor we all need to help pursue renewed lives in his glorious yet broken world. It was approach of tapping into people's felt need concerns and showing them their ultimate longings are only truly satisfied in our risen Lord Jesus.

People seemed to feel so comfortable in these gatherings. Of course, ... magical ambiance which is marked by Cathy's fun and warm personality. Her enlivening art and design skills - not to mention the scrumptious and beautifully presented charcuterie boards - provided a rich setting for our get-togethers. ... I've consistently seen God use her creativity to provide another doorway through which people experience the heart of God.

QUICK FAMILY UPDATE:

Cathy is still working hard in her studio and gallery producing beautiful paintings and cool textile designs. Her art career continues to be a source of great delight while also presenting quite a challenge in terms of her running a small business. The artist in her is constantly battling with the business woman duties that ain't so much her passion... it's pretty hard to fulfill both those roles - I actually think she's done an admirable job. I'm proud of her.

Lucy (now 28 years old) is in Nashville working in the NICU unit at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. She's a hand-and-glove fit for this in that she loves children and seems to have little fear when it comes to diving into their suffering and working hard to be a healing instrument in God's hands. She has such a warm reassuring presence and is so kind. We are proud of the work she's doing! We can't wait to be with her (and the boys) in Nashville for Thanksgiving. Our adult children enrich our lives in so many ways.

Jeffrey Jr. (now 27 years old) is in Nashville also. He recently left public accounting. He took a new job apprenticing to be a financial advisor. He's excited about this opportunity as it merges his interests in financial planning and investing with his longing to help others in practical ways. His big news is that he got engaged in September to a lovely young lady, Anne Russell Webb (see picture above). They are getting married on August 12, 2023. ...

Bedon (now 25 years old), ...is also in Nashville. He's working at a restaurant while he continues earnestly pursuing his career as an Indie Rock artist. He released a couple of new singles this year... the full release of his new album will occur in the not-too-distant future. His big news is that he got engaged in July to a lovely young lady, Caroline Pollard (see picture above). They will tie the knot on May 6, 2023. We're excited about their life together.

Happy November! Somehow September and October flew by - will try to update on both down below! I love autumn for the color changes and because of Thanksgiving and thankfulness. Please know that we are very thankful for all of you!

We had a good weekend away in September with our Asha plant team- we prayed, worshipped, planned, played some cricket..it was good to be together. And Asha has been back weekly since September with a group of non-believers coming each week. Pray that they would really comprehend and be changed in their hearts by what they are hearing and discussing each week. Also, pray for more families and children to come. A couple praises - there have been some teen guys coming along, and they have had their own group to look at the Bible passages together with S.... or another teammate leading, and we have some original songs in Sylheti that we are able to use in worship!

This year S.... is doing one to one tutoring of men interested in English learning, rather than a big class. He is also doing mentoring of a couple men who are new believers, or very interested in faith. Pray for him in all these conversations and studies, that he would lead and teach with wisdom, and that his schedule could fit all these meetings in.

ESOL classes have been going well. The lower level class is especially overflowing with people. Pray for these ladies as they learn, and as they stay and hear the Bible story. Pray also that they would understand and feel God's love in the place and from us as we serve them and help them.

Girls club has been full of new young girls this year, so we are trying to adjust to the energy level! At the same time, many of the university girls are staying in touch. Pray for our time with all of them, that we can go deeper in discussions and can share what it means for us personally to have Jesus in our lives. Also, our team apprentice and I are hosting a Thanksgiving open house this Saturday in our home for the girls and their families, Please pray many come and that it can be a time to deepen relationships with both the girls and their parents.

The death of the queen was pretty impactful here - an interesting thing to experience a national mourning. We didn't queue to see her lying in state, but I did take A..... to lay flowers in the park near the palace. We also opened the Asha building for a viewing of the funeral, and then a time to talk afterward about the message, the queen, her faith..

We are aware that God is the one that changes hearts. Pray for the moving of His spirit in people, that they will understand his personal love for them.

Some personal prayers and praises:

We took L..... to university in September, and then came home and cried! We miss her, but she is doing great and loving her time there. And she's found a Presbyterian church to attend, which Scott thinks is great! :)

J..... is enjoying his new school also, both the classes and his friends there-. It has been great to see him excited about school. He also is part of a discipleship group of guys his age at church, and he has really been encouraged by this time.

We will be traveling over Christmas! Leaving mid December and returning on New years. C.... is graduating from Iowa State in December. Pray for him and his future plans. Pray for us and travel. A..... really wants snow. We're praying for snow on the ground but not on the roads!

We had a chance to host World Outreach leadership and member care this last week while they were in London. It was a great time to connect and eat together and show off some of our neighborhood.

As always there is much more to this update than there is room! If you would like the full update, please contact the church office. Also, if you have questions for the Burdsalls, please contact the church office and Lisa will connect you with us, we are happy to talk with you. Thank you so much!!

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.

EDGINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Treasurer's Report October 2022

	Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	Balance
General (includes Edgington)	\$ 86,535.43	\$ 17,350.44	\$ 16,883.61	\$ 87,002.26
Education Fund (Jahn)	\$ 8,648.27	\$ 156.30		\$ 8,804.57
Building Funds				
Boughton	\$ 219,582.58	\$ 811.95		\$ 220,394.53
Lauby	\$ 26,277.98	\$ 259.09		\$ 26,537.07

OCTOBER 2022 MONTHLY REVIEW

Receipts - October

Pledges	\$ 16,918.67
Interest Income - General Fund	11.77
Per Member Asking	320.00
Basement Rent	100.00

\$ 17,350.44

Expenditures - October 2022

Zach Hopkins salary	\$ 4,552.34
Housing Allowance	1,800.00
Fidelity (pension)	960.89
EPC (health)	25.23
Mileage	558.75
Lisa Bowman	1,051.74
Robin Preston	294.93
Taxes / FICA / Penalty	1,406.43
Reytel - Internet	118.00
AT&T - Phone for elevator	106.98
MidAmerican Energy	803.00
Millenium Waste	46.70
Edgington Hardware	10.99
Office Supplies	124.99
Software and Apps	19.99
Computer System/Hardware	3,528.03
ABS (copier rental)	212.10
Mission - Local	166.51
Mission - US (to be paid to World Outreach)	(30.00)
Flowers (payments for poinsettias to be purchased)	(190.00)
Deacon Expense	908.11
Sunday School	78.23
Honorarium - Rev D Morrison	150.00
Hotels - Rev D Morrison	179.67

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 16,883.61

NET OPERATING INCOME \$ 466.83

INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL

Mission monies included in general fund	\$ 12,216.75
Assistance Fund included in general fund	\$ 5,153.46

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

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TABLETALK

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LAST THINGS

LOCATED ON A TABLE IN THE SANCTUARY

ALL submissions for the January 2023 Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER** than Wednesday, December 21st. 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!



NEED A HAND OR ENCOURAGEMENT? ASK A DEACON!

The Deacons' charge is to care for the church body. You may already know that we provide delicious treats to celebrate new members, collect coats for those in need, and organize blood drives. But did you now that we are ready to serve in other ways, too?

Here are some of the ways a Deacon can help out:

- Visit shut-ins (including those who are temporarily unable to make it to worship) to provide cheer and recordings of the sermon.
- Deliver meals to those who are injured, ill, or have experienced a loss
- Visit widows(ers) to comfort and provide company.
- Send cards to recognize milestone birthdays and anniversaries, and express condolences
- Organize transportation to doctor's appointments (please give advance notice)

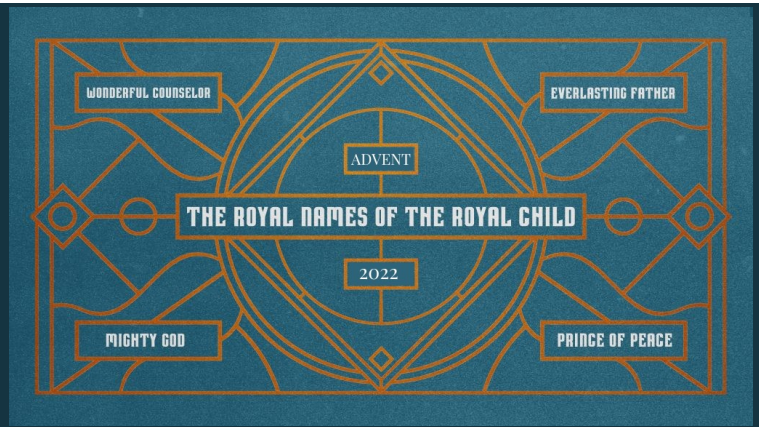
Please, if you or someone you know could benefit in one of these areas, please let a Deacon know right away. We try to anticipate needs, but we are only human, and need help with knowing needs!

The 2022 Deacon team includes: Jim & Teresa Balmer, Don & Beth Easterla, Beth Flickinger, Marlin & Darcy Krueger, & Teresa Weber.



SERMON SERIES

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 for the series: **“The Royal Names of the Royal Child”**. We hope you will join us!



Sunday, December 4th – [Isaiah 9:6](#) - Mighty God

Sunday, December 11th – [Isaiah 9:6](#) - Everlasting Father

Sunday, December 18th – [Isaiah 9:6](#) - Prince of Peace

Saturday, December 24th – Christmas Eve Service, 5pm

Sunday, December 25th – [Luke 2:8-20](#)

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

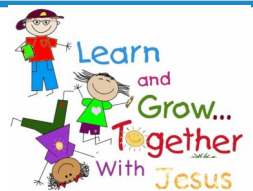
9:00AM - FELLOWSHIP HALL

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 & Sue Miller
3rd-5th	- Kathy Stegmiller
Junior High	- Tara Johnson
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

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday, November 26th, at 9am. Besides getting everything ready for Christmas, it is a great social time. Come join the fun!

The last Women's Ministry meeting of the year will be at 1pm on Thursday, December 1st. One

item on the agenda will be to discuss what missions WM would like to support for 2022. If you can not make the meeting but have an idea of whom we could help, just let one of the officers know.

Would love to see you December 1st!

WM Officers: Shirley Flemming, Karyl Parrish, Dorothy Rursch, Kathy Stegmiller



UNITYPOINT FOOT CLINIC

Next Clinic: Monday, December 19th
starting at 9am

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

QUILTING

No Quilting in December

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!



ATTENTION COMMITTEE LEADERS OF EDGINGTON EPC

Reports due to the office by NO LATER than Mon. Jan. 16th.

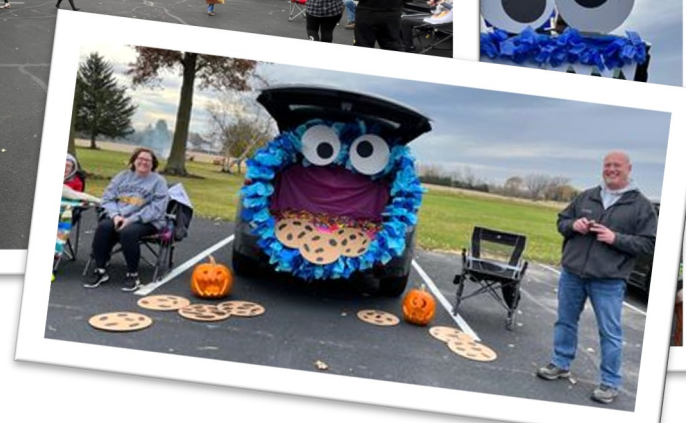
If you lead/head/chair any committee or group you need to have a report in the Annual Report. Please start working on it as soon as possible.

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.



TRUNK *or* TREAT



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

EEPC YOUTH GROUP

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

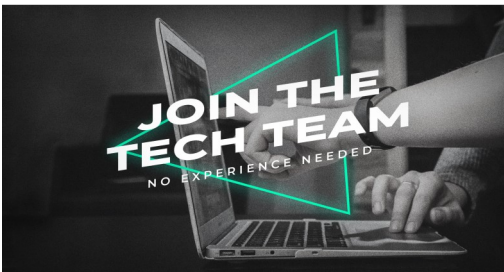
ballot taste testing to crown the "Chili Champ"

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!!!



SHOEBOX PACKING UPDATE

Many thanks to everyone, whatever part you played, for making Operation Christmas Child another success! We packed 212 boxes this year to help spread the Gospel of Jesus. It could not have happened without all of you! I am so blessed to be part of such an wonderful & generous church family!

May God bless each one of these boxes as they are delivered to children around the world, who now because of you, will have the chance to accept Jesus as their Lord & Savior!





Come, Let us Adore Him

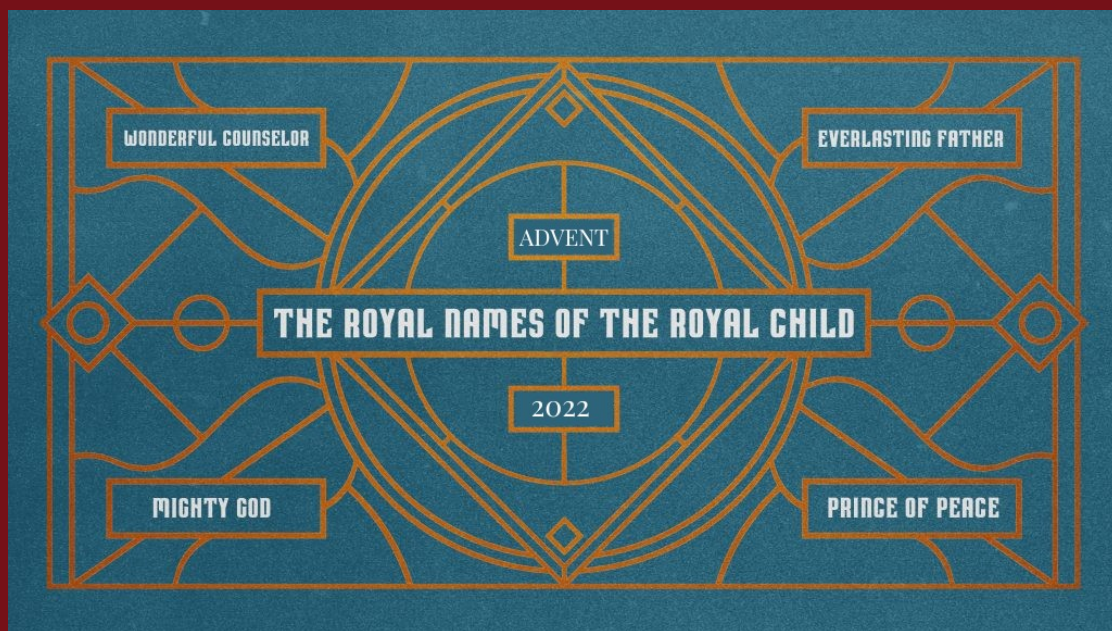
ADVENT 2022

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

Lessons and Carols is a service of nine scripture reading, or "lessons," interspersed with the singing of Christian carols. The form of the service dates back to 1918 and has been adapted in several ways, even over the years here at Edgington. The function of the varied readings reminds us of the most important point of the Scriptures: Jesus is the point of the whole Bible! He is promised in the Old Testament and revealed in the New Testament. The nine "lessons" and their associated carols re-tell that story of promises made and fulfilled in the first advent of Jesus Christ. We look forward to celebrating Christmas Eve with this beautiful service along with you and any friends, family, or guests you might consider inviting. And yes, we'll conclude by singing 'Silent Night' by candlelight!

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

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Sunday School 9am
Worship Service

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27 B/P Checks Leadership Training, 11:30am Youth Group, 6pm	28 Meal Site	29 Meal Site Session Mtg., 7pm	30 Meal Site	1 Meal Site Women's Ministry Mtg., 1pm	2 Meal Site	3
4 2nd Advent Sunday Food Pantry Sunday Deacon Mtg., 11:30am	5 Meal Site	6 Meal Site	7 Meal Site	8 Meal Site	9 Meal Site	10
11 3rd Advent Sunday B/P Checks Men's Chili Cook-Off, 3-5pm Youth Group, 6pm	12 Meal Site	13 Meal Site	14 Meal Site	15 Meal Site	16 Meal Site	17
18 4th Advent Sunday	19 Foot Clinic Meal Site	20 Meal Site Mission Comm. Mtg., 6:30pm	21 Meal Site Trustee Mtg., &pm	22 Meal Site	23 NO Meal Site	24 Advent Christmas Eve Service, 5pm
25 NO Sunday School 	26 NO Meal Site	27 Meal Site	28 Meal Site	29 Meal Site	30 Meal Site	31 New Year's Eve 