





EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

RIVERS & LAKES PRES

January Newsletter 2023

With the turn of the calendar, 2023 will bring a very exciting opportunity for our congregation. At the end of January, about 120 Pastors, Ruling Elders, and

Visitors from around the Midwest will be joining us in Edgington for the 37th Stated Meeting of the Rivers & Lakes Presbytery of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. We'll have the opportunity to be gracious hosts to our brothers and sisters in Christ as we welcome them to our hometown. Many of you might remember when we recently hosted Presbytery in 2016 and 2020. Well, the time has come again to open our doors and give our hands in service. To help us prepare for that, there is some important information that we all need to know.

So, what is a presbytery? A presbytery is the regional level of church government in Presbyterianism. It is a larger group, made up of Pastors (Teaching Elders) and Ruling Elders within a specific geographical boundary. Our presbytery, Rivers & Lakes, is one of 16 different presbyteries in our denomination, made up from churches in Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Altogether, there are more than 30 churches in our presbytery, with each Church sending their Pastors and several Elders to represent their churches at the meetings. The presbytery meets three times a year (Jan, April, Sept), and different churches in the presbytery take turns hosting the meetings, so we get to visit our various churches, get a sense of their community, and enjoy their hospitality.

The next thing to know is that even if you're not a voting Elder delegate to this meeting, as a congregation member, **you are welcome to be involved**! First, please join me in praying for safe travels for all of our visitors, and for the blessing of God to be upon the presbytery as they meet to conduct the more formal business of the church. Second, because the most important aspect of the church is worship, there will be plenty of that. You are invited to the Friday evening worship and communion service with the whole presbytery to be held Friday, Jan. 24th at 7pm. We hope to fill our church with our own community members as we join with all of our visitors to worship the Lord together. You won't want to miss the sound of a hundred church leaders raising their voices in praise together – it's wonderful!

You might also be interested to know how some folks from our own congregation are involved with the leadership of the Presbytery. Our own RE Mic Penry is the current moderator of the Presbytery and chairman of the Coordinating Council – that essentially means he oversees all of the business of the presbytery. Mic has served in this role for the last two year and this upcoming meeting will mark his transition out of this honorable role. Please join me in congratulating Mic for this important service. Our whole Session has also been involved with drafting and submitting an overture to the body with a motion to establish a new form of financial support for the regional level of the church. We will vote on that motion at this upcoming meeting. If it passes, we believe it will bring a helpful level of clarity to how the presbytery is funded through the giving of the local church. Finally, I continue as the chairman of the ministerial committee of the presbytery which oversees the credentialing and care of minsters among the presbytery. It makes me very proud to say that our church provides significant leadership to the regional church body.

As a summary: church government matters; good hospitality matters; regional expressions of the Church of Jesus Christ matters; and so, presbytery matters! If you have any questions about church government in general or of our presbytery in particular, I would love to share more about it with you.

Looking forward to seeing you and your family in the New Year!

Your Pastor & Friend,

ELDERS

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



7 - Eric & Kelly Moel 23 - Greg & Kortney Gierlus 24 - Ken & Sandy Benningfield

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







Women's ministry would like to thank all who participated in our fall fundraiser. We were able to raise over \$250 to use in our future ministries and further the kingdom!



GREETERS FOR JANUARY

Sun., January 1st - Jim & Teresa Balmer Sun., January 8th - Eric & Kelly Moel Sun., January 15th - Jeff & Deb Thomas Sun., January 22nd - Dewey & Shirley Fleming Sun., January 29th - Jim Johnson & Bailey Iverson





November 29, 2022, at 7pm

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 1 Timothy 5:17. The Elders prayed for individual members of the congregation then studied and discussed Chapters 9 - 12 of *Gentle & Lowly*.

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

Approval of Minutes: October 25th, 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 pre-marriage counseling for two couples, met with an individual with questions concerning the EPC and its beliefs, participated in a ITEN Mission discussion, and conducted graveside services for Debbie West.

Old Business:

- The Session reviewed the Trunk-or-Treat outreach event held on October 30th. There were 28 vehicles that participated in handing out treats. The event was well attended by church members and children, as well as many community members and children. The event was considered a great success.
- Mic reported on the progress of the Nominating Committee. All nominees have been selected.
- Zach reported that the Leadership Training Course will be held December 4th, 18th, and January 8th. All sessions will be held following worship services.
- Zach advised the Session that the fall joint meeting between the Session, Deacons and Trustees be postponed until early February due to scheduling conflicts.
- Zach reviewed plans for Advent worship services. He is lining up people to participate as readers, singers, and musicians to participate in the Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols service.

New Business:

- The Men's Chili Cook-Off is scheduled for December 11th at 3pm. All men are welcome to attend.
- Zach discussed his vision for a 2023 Ministry Campaign a more robust children's ministry with potentially a Children's Ministry Director. The Session agreed that we would need to define more explicitly what would be involved. More discussion will occur on the potential for serving the children of the church.
- Zach will be scheduling a budget meeting prior to the next Trustee meeting which is December 14th.
- The church's Annual Meeting will be held on January 22nd, 2023.
- Zach reminded the Session that we will be hosting Presbytery on January 27th and 28th, 2023. A Hosting Committee has been formed consisting of Mel Block, Lisa Bowman, Tara Johnson, Mic Penry, and Cindy Oak.

Communion will be held on December 4th. The next Called Session meeting will be December 13th at 7pm. Session will discuss chapters 13 – 17 of *Gentle & Lowly* at that time.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:43pm. Motion Carried.

Teaching Elder Zach Hopkins closed the meeting with prayer.

Keith Wilson, Clerk of Session



December 13, 2022, at 7pm

Location: Conference Room

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

Pastor Zach acted as moderator of the meeting. He opened the meeting with prayer, then read from Jerimiah 23: 1-8. The Elders prayed for individual members of the congregation, then studied and discussed Chapters 13 - 17 of *Gentle & Lowly*.

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

Approval of Minutes: November 29th, 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 two weeks he conducted 4 office visits, organized and attended the Men's Chili Cook-Off, participated in the budget meeting and personnel meeting.

Old Business:

- The work of the 2023 Nominating Committee was reviewed. RE Mic Penry will finalize the report in preparation for the annual meeting.
- Zach reported that the remaining two sessions of the Leadership Training Course will be held December 18th, and January 8th following worship services.
- Zach reviewed plans for the Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols service and Christmas Day service.

New Business:

- Session reviewed a written report submitted by Cade Reimers concerning his leadership of the Youth Group. Recent Youth Group activities have been well attended. Session expressed appreciation for his involvement and enthusiasm in leading these activities.
- Session continued discussion on a 2023 Ministry Campaign and the possibility of creating a Children's Ministry Director to enhance the ministry to the church's children. Zach presented a draft of a position description to Session. Zach will coordinate a meeting with the Sunday School teachers to get their input.
- Zach, Kevin, Patrick, and Keith presented the 2023 budget to the Session. The budget was prepared with the assistance of Treasurer Barb Freyermuth. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the budget and send to the Trustees for affirmation. The motion was seconded and approved. The Trustees will review the budget at their December 14th meeting.
- A motion was made for Ruling Elders Jim Mueller, Kevin Oak, and Patrick Shovar to serve as delegates for the January 2023 Rivers and Lakes Presbytery meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.
- The church's Annual Meeting will be held on January 22nd, 2023.

Communion will be held on January 1st, 2023. The next Called Session meeting will be January 11th at 7pm. Session will discuss chapters 18 – 20 of *Gentle & Lowly* at that time.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:30pm. Motion Carried.

Teaching Elder Zach Hopkins closed the meeting with prayer.

Keith Wilson, Clerk of Session



December 4, 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 the October: Approved as written.

October - December Activities: 34 calls/visits/cards to shut-ins and 49 additional cards mailed.

Old Business:

- **Shut-ins**: Update on shut-ins and discussed others that need extra prayers.
- **Coat Drive:** 164 coats were collected with 74 donated to those that utilize the food pantry along with some that were donated to located schools. The remaining coats were taken to Christian Care, Pregnancy Resources, YouthHope and a Rock Island School. 8 Christmas trees were also donated and given to people. This was just a special donation and is not something that we are planning to do in the future.
- Care packages for College Students: 11 care packages were delivered.

New Business:

- **Blood Drive:** Dates for the 2023 Blood Drive will be held on Saturday, March 4th and Saturday, September 9th.
- **Deacon's term completed:** Discussed that Easterla's will be going off in 2023. Beth F. will continue to be a Deacon, but will no longer chair because she will be going off in 2024. Patrick reported the church has a person that will join the Deacons in January. Only need one, because the Deacons currently have an extra person.
- **Bulletin/Newsletter duties:** Beth F. asked Deacons to review the insert that is in the newsletter to see if anything needs to be updated

Next Deacon meeting will be held on Sunday, February 5th, 2023.

Beth F. closed meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Easterla

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)





12-21-22

Present: Mel Block, Kim Freyermuth, Darren Hall, Larry Pithan, Treasurer Barb Freyermuth.

Mel opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:03pm.

Treasurer's report for November was reviewed and approved.

Minutes for November 16th meeting were reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

- Thanks for all who helped at the recent Saturday workday. Projects completed:
 - Metal corners installed on wall by elevator to prevent damage from food carts
 - Cleaned bugs from sanctuary light fixtures
 - Secured loose floor tile in basement
 - Installed new LED bulbs in sanctuary lights
 - Installed new mailbox
 - Replaced damaged ceiling tile
 - Cleaned cobwebs
- Have contacted ADB Construction to repair gutters on south side of building

New Business:

- Barb presented the proposed 2023 budget as prepared by Session
 - No money has been allocated for a possible Children's Ministry Chairman
 - Pastor's income will be divided between salary and housing allowance
- Trustees reviewed and approved the budget prepared by the Session
- Mel has provided sidewalk salt at all exterior doors
- New security cameras have been installed at the south and north doors. System will record video from these cameras
- Set up the church lockup assignments for the coming year
- Discussed the Presbytery meeting assignments for January 27th and 28th.

Mel closed the meeting with a prayer at 6:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan







November 15, 2022

The Mission Committee met on November 15th, 2022 at 6:30pm in the basement at EEPC. Those in attendance were: Deb Wagamon, Nancy Engstrom, Todd Stegmiller, Kathy Fuhr, Kevin Oak and Pastor Zach.

Zach opened the meeting in prayer.

Zach updated the Mission team on the changes to our ITEN missionary team. Steve Woodworth will be ending his EPC World Outreach and ITEN service at the end of 2022 and the McCallums are retiring in June 2023. Mike Kuhn has accepted the new role of Director of ITEN and Rev. Bruce Anderson will be joining the team as well. We will continue to support these new missionary leaders as we supported Steve Woodworth and the McCallums. There will be more updates as we enter 2023.

Zach also updated us on the ministry needs of YouthHope as we migrate into 2023. YouthHope is making improvements at Camp Summit, adding critically needed housing for camp leaders and additional youth. They are asking church partners to come alongside them with additional support to help meet this need. The Mission team will be devising ways we can support this ministry more in Dec. 2022 and throughout 2023. More information will be forthcoming in Ministry Updates presented during worship services.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mission Updates:
 - Reviewed mail from ministries and newsletters

NEW BUSINESS:

• Approved the 4th Qtr. Commitments for 2022

2022 4 th Qtr. Mission Commitments	Amount Committed
World Outreach (Burdsall)	\$ 2,125.00
World Outreach ITEM (Woodworth)	\$ 2,125.00
World Outreach (Huber)	\$ 1,050.00
EPC Church Planting (Lancaster)	\$ 1,500.00
Youth Hope	\$ 1,500.00
Youth Hope – Cre8 Studios	\$ 750.00
Pregnancy Resources	\$ 750.00
	\$ 9,800.00

- **Rockridge School District Teachers:** Nancy Engstrom will reach out to Brandy Neece to see if we can complete a list of needed supplies for 2nd semester needs. We will finalize this at the December meeting.
- **Ministry Update:** December 18th, 2022, Deb will update the congregation on the Christmas Eve donation.

Todd closed the meeting in prayer.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13th, 2022 at 6:30pm.



ATTENTION COMMITTEE LEADERS OF EDGINGTON EPC

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"TO GLORIFY GOD, & ENJOY HIM FOREVER"



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.



FOOD PANTRY NEWS

The Rockridge schools collected non perishable items for us and Milan Food Pantry. We were blessed to have the students gather, deliver, and help to sort the food. We also received food and monetary donations from people who attended Pam and Larry Pithan's annual Christmas



party. Buffalo Prairie Bank also donated food and a generous check to us. As a result of these donations and the regular church donations our food pantry is well stocked. – This doesn't mean we can't find room for any other donations. ;)

> We are so pleased to have such wonderful support from the community! Thank you to all who support the Rockridge Community Food Pantry.

> > Wishing you all blessings,

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





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.

PRAISE REPORTS:

- Thank you, Lord, for the lives changed forever for the students who accepted Christ last Thursday at Kid's Club!
- We praise you, God, for the year-end match that has momentum to raise funds for this ministry!
- We thank God for the amazing volunteers and sponsors who helped provide over 200 Holiday Food Baskets, 350 student gifts, and well over 100 winter coats!
- We thank God for the new staff, board, and volunteers who will join our team in 2023!
- We also thank God for staffing changes. We have asked for His will to be done and change is good. Please join us in praying for Hope and Dave as they move on to their next chapters after YouthHope.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Lord, we ask for Your will, plans, and people to come to fruition at YouthHope. We ask for divine
 appointments to find the staff You want and the changes You want to make in our ministry! Please join us
 in praying for these people to be prepared to join us, the finances to bless them, and the wisdom, vision
 and insight to make the changes He wants here.
- Father God, we ask for health and safety for the YouthHope staff and volunteers! Please give us a shield of protection and boost our immune systems! Watch over the staff who are traveling for Christmas, and please give us all rest and joyful times with family and friends.
- Dear God, please hold close all the kids and teens over this Christmas break! Keep them warm, protected, and make your presence known to them in their daily lives. Papa, help them grow in their faith and realize life with You is THE WAY!
- We especially ask for your prayers for the teen guys in Rock Island. We can see there is a special call on this group to be generational leaders and revivalists if they can just find the thrill in spreading the Gospel rather than anything the world has to offer. Lord, help the staff move and speak as the Holy Spirit guides them.
- We ask for wisdom, discernment, vision, authority, and understanding of what God wants our 2023 to be. Join us in praying for the staff who deal with the highs and lows of this ministry! The intensity, workload, and energy of this ministry work can be difficult and heavy. Lord, let your joy be our strength!

Thank you for your prayers and support this year! We give God all the praise, glory and honor for 2022 and fix our eyes on Him for 2023!

Merry Christmas and God Bless you!

Hannah



Register Now for Trivia Night!

Saturday, February 4, 2023

Doors Open @ 5pm - Trivia Begins at 6pm Moline Youth Center 3928 12th Avenue Moline, IL 61265

TICKETS: \$10 per individual player TABLE PACKAGE: \$100 for up to 8 players (Includes Mulligans and Doubler) MULLIGANS: \$10 (1 per team/round) DOUBLER: \$10 Doubles ONE Round's Points

Please call the YouthHope office for any questions or more information: 309-762-4577.

Register as a team or an individual player!

REGISTER HERE

CASH PRIZES For top 3 teams!

Concessions, Raffles, and Bonus Games will be available for purchase! All proceeds benefit programs for kids and teens at YouthHope! PLUS Help meet the \$2,500 Matching Challenge from Modern Woodmen of America!



ALL THE DIFFERENCE

Gabbie (not the client's real name) sat across from me in the client room. She looked overwhelmed and a little pale from nausea. She started to tell me that she had just recently been evacuated due to a natural disaster. Gabbie had come to the Quad Cities to stay with a relative until it was safe to go back home.

But the reason she was at Pregnancy Resources was due to a different kind of storm. Gabbie had just found out she was pregnant. Her tears flowed, and the sadness and disappointment were palpable. Only one person knew of the pregnancy. As she lay on

the table, we prayed together, asking God to give His peace in this turbulent moment. Within minutes, everything became real as she stared at the screen to see her baby with a heartbeat.

There was a silent pause, and again her tears flowed down her cheeks. The reality of a baby seemed to come over her like a crashing wave. There could be no denying that this was a baby.

We are so thankful for new ultrasound machines that can capture such beautiful images of pregnancy. Thank you for making these moments possible! May this incredible technology allow many women and men to see their babies and choose life in the middle of their storm.

Beth Bill, R.N., Staff Nurse

DONATE STUFF

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 0

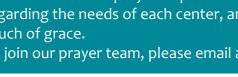
Because of safety issues, we cannot accept: used car seats, used cribs, used bottles, used bottle nipples, or used breast pumps.

Questions about clothing room donations? Just call us at 563.386.3737 or 309.797.3636.

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

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

PRAY





JEFFREY LANCASTER CHICAGO 7/20 VISION

Advent Greetings from Chicago,

I've long been fascinated with the legendary Deion Sanders. This former NFL and MLB star is now experiencing a meteoric rise as a head football coach. He just took the helm as the leader of the Colorado Buffaloes football program. Today I watched the YouTube recording of the speech he gave to the team on the day the Athletics Director introduced him as the new man in charge. He starts off talking about their need to live out of a strong sense of belief in where things can head for the better. To catch the powerful punch of



Sanders' speech you need to know that Colorado has been a bit of a cellar dweller in the college football ranks for quite some time. It's been a rather long bleak-winter-season of football over the course of a number of years for their program. The height of their glory days are a bit of a distant memory. Anyway, after his introductory exhortation calling them to believe in new possibilities, he turns on a dime and starts telling them where he's headed. His basic message announcing the launching of a new era is energized by his repeated refrain, "I'm coming." For example, he says, ""I'm flat-out coming.... I'm right in front of you.... I'm coming to restore, to replace and to reenergize..." Towards the very end of his speech, he said that you could sum it up this way, "I'm coming, and when I get here, it's gonna be change."

This sounded so Avent-like to me. Advent is about our God, in the person of Jesus Christ, showing up to walk the dusty roads of this earth with us, and the promising note of His arrival (both past, present, and future) is that wherever His presence breaks in there's gonna be change. Jesus could easily apply Coach Prime's words to His mission. "I'm flat-out coming.... I'm right in front of you.... I'm coming to restore, to replace and to reenergize.... I'm coming, and when I get here, it's gonna be change."

During Advent we're called to immerse ourselves in the once and future coming of our glorious King Jesus. The reality that He's a showing up God and Savior who comes with healing in His wings... well... this is to be the reality we live out of and we live into.

A few days ago I chewed on a portion of a prayer that really grabbed me as I was pondering Advent and how it's supposed to do something in us and through us as we seek to live and minister in Chicago. The prayer excerpt is out of Cornelius Plantinga's wonderful book, *Morning and Evening Prayers*, and here's how this particular section goes (words in bold italics are my emphasis): "In baptism You marked me as belonging to Your people across the ages and across the world. You gave me the mark of belonging to Christ the King. He pursued His strong life, suffered His terrible death, launched His glorious coming-to-life, and now **You have made these events my events because You have made me a living member of the people formed by these events.**"

Whoa!!! Our baptism marks us out as people who've been redemptively changed by the God who's always told us "I'm coming." And, His advent is the arrival of one far greater than Coach Prime. In the words of Joy to the World, "Joy to the world the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King.... He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found." Our baptism anchors us in Jesus and what He has done, what He is doing, and what He will do... as Plantiga's prayer puts it, **"You have made these events my events because You have made me a living member of the people formed by these events."**

Cathy and I want to be formed by these events. We're continuing to pitch the tent of our lives in Chicago and join with the larger work Christ is implementing through His church in this great city. We're praying that the events of Jesus' life will be the source of who we are and what we do. We're praying that God would keep arriving in us and through us (along with the rest of the body of Christ in the Windy City) bringing the healing change of His kingdom inaugurated by our Redeemer's first advent arrival. We believe that our ministry vision can be constantly energized by the fact that our Lord Jesus, in His second advent, will one day come again in great glory making all things new.

We're continuing in our long slow yet steady and exciting church planting slog. Please remember us in your prayers! We covet your devotion to this work in prayer.

You had to know this was coming: Please also prayerfully consider our work in your year-end giving. We're still about 90% funded from outside giving and we depend on a strong year-end annually to help us stay the course in funding our mission.

Sending much love your way from Chicago, Jeffrey

THE BURDSALL'S Serge Grace at the Fray

Happy December and Merry Christmas!

In Sunday school at Asha the children have been learning about how the birth of Jesus was foretold all the way back in Isaiah. The wonder of this gift is still amazing- a God who is for us, who is mighty and a Father and brings peace. Pray that we would rest in this joy and that those around us would see this joy and understand what Christmas means for them.

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.

The ... census data from 2021 about religion and ethnicity has been released. It is not surprising, but rather stark to see. For the immediate area around us, P....., the population is 44% Bengali. It is also 52% Muslim and 23% Christian and the rest mainly no religion. It is dark. But at the same time, we know that God shines a light on those walking in darkness, and He has power over this area. It also is a good reminder that we are in this area for a reason - because of the need that exists here. But it is also a reminder that we need prayer! Please be praying for this area and for God to work in changing hearts - and for us to remember that He is the one doing this work, not us.

At the beginning of November we had an open house Thanksgiving for the girls in club. We only had 5 girls come, but they stayed most of the day and into the evening! It was a good time to build relationships with them and for them to see the whole family interacting together. Next week at Girl's Club there will be a Christmas party that will include a talk about Jesus - in the past the older girls have engaged and had really good questions, so pray this also leads to good discussion and consideration of what Jesus and Christmas is about.

The men on the Asha plant team have been meeting on Tuesdays for Bible study, and inviting guests from those attending the service, and also the man S.... has been discipling. Pray that those attending would see and understand God as they study the Bible together.

The ladies' ESOL classes are growing! Pray for how to manage this well - so that the most people can be helped. Pray also for those staying after to hear the Bible story.

Pray for those that S.... continues to mentor one on one, for them to continue showing up, and for wisdom for S..... as he teaches/guides.

S.... will be doing some extra book tables over the holiday time - on both of the next Saturdays. Pray for those that come by and interact and those that pick up Bibles.

Asha is having a Christmas event on Dec. 18th with a service, meal, craft time and world cup viewing. Pray many attend and feel the love of the place and also feel the love that God has for them. Pray for those leading the service - for clarity in speaking and sharing.

C..... was able to do some artsy stuff this past week - helping lead wreath making at an outreach event at a local church. It was great to be artistic and also great to have many ladies come and interact well with the Christmas message that was shared.

Family prayer requests: We are flying to America on Dec. 15!! We will be attending C....'s graduation on the 17th, then spending a couple days in L. R., IA area, then the rest with our parents in Wisconsin and Indiana. Then, back to L.... on Dec. 31st. Please pray for safe travels, for good times with family, for some snow, and for the emotional weirdness of being back after 3.5 years away - especially for A....., who doesn't really remember the US.

We are currently at around 90% of our needed monthly support, and we are very grateful to all of our monthly supporters! It would be good to have our support slightly higher, so we would ask you to pray about if you would like to support us monthly or with a one time gift. Especially at the end of the year, if you are considering a one time gift, please do pray about that. And we would love to talk to you if you have questions.... And thank you for your part in reaching out with God's love here in E. L.

And praying you all, also, can hold this joy and share it with those around you this season!

With love.

S., C., and kids

Ministry Update 2022

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"EPC World Outreach serves the Church by empowering Spirit-filled witnesses to make disciples and plant reproducing churches among those with least access to the gospel."

people woke up today with no one nearby to tell them the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ.

of all mission dollars of all Christian workers go to unreached peoples go to unreached peoples

The quotes and statistics above come from World Outreach's "Master Plan," which was refreshed this past year. This reality drives what we do and inspires our next steps in mobilization.

As mobilizers, we work to send longterm missionaries to places in the world where the Gospel has not yet been heard, so that these "three billion" will have the chance know Jesus as their Savior and worship Him eternally.



This is a huge job and there are many working to change this reality... we are trying to play our part in it all.

When you partner with us financially and in prayer, YOU are part of this work as well

THANK YOU!



How we traveled to Greece and the Netherlands this Summer.



our first Mission Conort in Jordan in January

Mission Cohorts

Some of our team (including a Jordanian brother) sat on the floor in a cold, tiny apartment with an older Svrian couple and listened to their tragic story. They had fled from Syria so quickly that they were separated from their entire family. The sadness was heavy as they shared about their loneliness and missing family. Danny sat quietly listening and praying. The Holy Spirit reminded him of a story from home, which he shared: The husband of an older couple from his home church had been diagnosed with

pancreatic cancer. He lost the battle to cancer, but during the fight, God filled his heart with peace and hope, and he encouraged everyone around him as he talked excitedly about spending eternity in heaven with Jesus! He wasn't afraid to die because his hope was in Jesus, in His grace and Salvation.

At that point, the Syrian wife interrupted Danny with tears in her eyes and said, "But we're afraid to die! We don't feel like we've done enough good to make it to heaven." (Muslims believe you get to heaven if your good works outweigh your bad). That's when David jumped in and shared the story of the thief on the cross-this sinful person who didn't have a chance to make up for all the bad he'd done was still welcomed into eternity (Lk 23:42-43). After sharing more of the Gospel story, David asked the couple if they wanted to accept Jesus' free gift of salvation and follow Him, and they said: YES!



Looking ahead to 2023



IN GREECE IN JULY

As we begin a new year, we will continue to focus on the specific roles God has given us in reaching the 3,000,000,000 without access to the gospel.

We will facilitate our mission cohorts, including an overseas trip this Summer, and look for more EPC students to join our 5th one in the Fall.

We will continue coaching the people God has called into our application process and hopefully connect with more!

We will work hard on clearly communicating the focus of WO, particularly at General Assembly this

June. THANK YOU for continuing to pray for this ministry and for our family. This work of mobilizing and walking alongside those going to the field wouldn't happen without your support!

We're so grateful for your partnership with us! Merry Uhristmas. 8, the Hubers

Join our support team by visiting www.epcwo.org/sauliesse

Keep in touch throughout the year by subscribing to our updates at www.hubers.epistle.today



Coordinators of Mobilization

-Presbytery in Memphis, TN -Began coaching the Mussers

JANUARY

APRIL

-US Team Summit in Orlando -Applicants attended Engage event and final interviews. -Presbytery in Hillsboro, IL

JUNE

-General Assembly in Detroit, MI -Mussers were commissioned alongside 4 other families.

JULY

-Family Gathering in Greece with all the EPC WO workers!

AUGUST

-Took over as Coordinators of Mobilization

SEPTEMBER

-Presbytery in Hendersonville, NC -Began coaching another couple through the application process

OCTOBER -Presbytery in St Louis, MO -Planning begins for GA 2023

NOVEMBER

-Mobilization Summit in Dallas, TX



Global workers (including several that we coached) being commissioned at GQ in June

A mobilization milestone for us this year was taking a family all the way from introduction to commissioned for service for the first time.

When Saul was in Memphis for a presbytery meeting in January he met a family (the Mussers) who were planning on long-term missions with another agency and trying to discern where God was calling them. We were able to bring them into World Outreach as co-op partners with their sending agency. This gives them the support of our entire denomination and the ability to be sent out as part of our covenant family. They were approved in April, commissioned at GA in June, and are in the process of raising support and hope to land in the Middle East next Summer.

God has knit our families together and we are so excited to watch Him work through them in their new home!

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MCCALLUM'S MERRY CHRISTMAS MUSE 2022

2022 will quickly come to an end. Things accomplished: Ed wrote curriculum for Old Testament Survey & Genesis with New Testament Survey in progress. At least monthly Zoom meetings from home to our S.E. Asian site 14 hours ahead of Mountain Standard Time. Additional meetings with ITEN leadership. Various meetings, mainly via Zoom within our regional EPC group (Presbytery of the West). Nan worked with African and



Middle Eastern refugees teaching and loving them. Finally Covid reduced its hold on life allowing for travel to Michigan, Greece, S. L., and S.E.A.. What a switch! Guessing you also have gratefully gone back to a more normal lifestyle as well.

We are looking forward to end-of-the-year festivities. We'll host family Thanksgiving outside in sunshine. Ed will again be "King" at the Renaissance Feaste at church Dec 8/9. And, Ed will keep his fingers clicking away on New Testament Survey curriculum that needs to be sent for translation in the next month. Please keep praying for focused time.

We thought we'd be hanging up our passports in June 2023, but the Lord apparently has plans to extend our deployment for six more months. 2023 will take us on three more trips to S.E.A.: February, May, and October -- two weeks plus travel time for each. The pilot classes will end in May with glowing ratings from students and leadership at the Bible College we serve. Phase 2 will see a small team formed from the pilot class who are able to train the next group of 30 in 2024-25. This next group will likely have additional ethnic groups in the mix. A huge praise! Our October trip will be to prepare this team for their task. Along the way we will be recruiting and resourcing our replacements in ITEN and the Child Safety Office.

Re-redeployment in 2024 will look different than our 2015 joining of World Outreach. While we don't have a good sense of the particulars, we know it will not require financial support. Do we ever end our work for the Lord? Nope, not on this side of Heaven! There are so many ways seasoned seniors are used... grandparenting being one. We still want to be connected with World Outreach and plan to continue to share His transforming stories of release from sin. Moving away from those things that make us less than what God created us as humans to be. Things like hatred, anger, bitterness, greed, and downright meanness and pointing peoples' minds and hearts towards God's original intent of being loving, kind, peacemaking, and living in community. In other words, to tell people about salvation in Christ. Along with having more space for hikes, bike rides, time to read, and visit with friends! May the Lord help all of us to use our time purposefully. What are you being directed towards in the near future? Tell us your story and we'll pray for you.

Please keep My@nm@r in your prayers. Life is so challenging there these days. Uncertainty is the constant reality. Yet our brothers and sisters there are clinging to their trust in who God is. Knowing He is in control and will "win" in the end gives strength to live each day.

Since August Bill Massaquoi has been living with us and doing life together. Taking him to campus, packing him lunches, discussing theology, learning about the needs of Western Africa politically and economically, singing African praise songs. It's like having an adult exchange student!

Bill's wife, Faith, and the 3 children will arrive January 1st. Tickets are in hand. Bill will fly back to help close down their home, say goodbyes as a family, and travel back to Phoenix together.

For those of you who have asked how you could help with his airline tickets (\$6000) and rental costs (the McCallum "hotel" only has 2 bedrooms), checks can be made out to Desert Hills Presbyterian Church with Bill Massaquoi in the memo line if you want to have a tax donation. Mail them to us and we'll turn them in as a bundle. Our address is: 3001 E Clarendon Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85016. If you want to donate housewares, new or gently used, contact Nan. **Please pray for their transition....Bill is still waiting to hear on the apartment he applied for.**

May the end of 2022 be a time of reflection for you. Pondering the love you have received from the Lord. We have been blown away by His provision for us, the places He has taken us, the people who have prayed for and financially supported us. Thank you for being on this journey with us. You are a blessing. Please consider staying with us until the end of 2023.

A FINAL NOTE FROM STEVE WOODWORTH ITEN: WORLD OUTREACH, EPC

Thank You!

This is a final newsletter to all of our incredible supporters. After close to a decade of global missions together, the Woodworths are stepping off of one mission field, and into another. While our season with ITEN is coming to a close, the call on our lives to train, teach, preach, and serve until Christ's Kingdom fills the globe, will continue.



Thank you for joining us in (list of 10 countries that are not safe to name...) ...and so many more places around the world where pastors received training so that the church could flourish and glorify Christ.

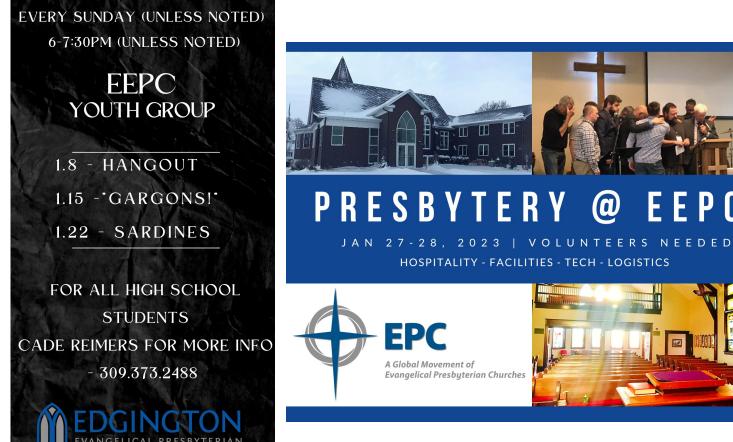
Our final exhortation to each of you is simple, continue to support the work of ITEN. Support the new team God is building, and support the mission of organizations like ITEN that are following God's call into some of the darkest places in the world in order to bring them the Light of Christ.

Soli Deo Gloria

CHURCH

Stay in touch!

Beginning January 1, 2023 I will be serving as the new Assistant Pastor at Christ Presbyterian Church in Clarkesville, GA. My new email is stevewoodworth@cpcclarkesville.org



EDGINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Treasurer's Report November 2022

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Receipts - November								
Pledges				17,536.64				
Interest Income - General Fund				11.44				
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Expenditures - November 2022								
Zach Hopkins salary				4,552.34				
Housing Allowance				1,800.00				
Fidelity (pension)				960.89				
EPC (health)				25.23				
Mileage				71.25				
Continuing Education				385.43				
Lisa Bowman				1,609.17				
Robin Preston				374.57				
Taxes / FICA / Penalty				84.74				
Reytel - Internet				117.42				
AT&T - Phone for elevator				105.68				
MidAmerican Energy				803.00				
Millenium Waste				46.70				
Repairs & Maintenance				419.16				
Membership & Subscriptions				149.50				
Office Supplies				79.99				
Software and Apps								
Computer System/Hardware								
ABS (copier rental)				169.98				
Mission - Local				50.00				
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Flowers (payments for poinsettias	to be	purchased)		146.00				
Deacon Expense				3.95				
Sunday School				14.48				
Resource Materials				360.00				
TOTAL EXPENSES					\$	12,329.48		
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Assistance Fund included in general	fund		\$	5,153.46				
*Boughton Fund includes sale of ma	nse		\$	159,000.00				

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TABLETALK



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ALL submissions for the February 2023 Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER** than



Wednesday, January 18th. 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: <u>edgingtonepc.org</u>.

Thank you so much for your help!



Here is a wonderful opportunity to learn more of what Edgington EPC is all about! The class is offered to anyone seeking more information about Edgington EPC; what it means to be a church member, our denomination, what we stand for, and much more. If you have been attending for awhile, but not yet committed to membership, you're encouraged to check this out! If you are looking to join, you definitely want to mark your calendar! Please call the church office at 309-795-1713 or edgingtopepc@gmail.com or put your name on the signup sheet and pick up, fill out, & return the Membership Personal Information form (both located on the table in the sanctuary foyer) by no later that September 7th.

SERMON SERIES

We will be returning to the Old Testament study we started in October 2022 looking at the second half of the story of God's grace to the Patriarchs of Israel as we study "Generations of Grace - The Covenant Continues: Isaac & Jacob" in Genesis 25-35. We hope you will join us!

Sunday, January 1st – <u>Psalm 90</u> Sunday, January 8th – <u>Genesis 29:1-30</u> Sunday, January 15th – <u>Genesis 29:31-30:24</u> Saturday, January 22nd – <u>Genesis 30:25-31:55</u> Friday, January 27th - Special RLP Service, Rev. Michael Davis Sunday, January 29th – Rev. Dr. Ted Tromble, guest pastor

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 <u>create a free</u> <u>account</u>, which makes it easy to save personal notes, highlight favorite verses, and start interactive reading plans.

(Click on the images to go to their websites)



Blue Letter Bible provides powerful tools for an in-depth study of God's Word through our free online reference library, with study tools that are grounded in the historical, conservative Christian faith. We view the Bible as central to our study resources. We intentionally designed the website to include study tools that are linked directly to Bible passages. Dig deep into the Word using commentaries,

encyclopedias, maps/images and much more. One of our most used tools is the Lexicon search, which gives users immediate access to the original Hebrew and Greek words.

MAKE A PLAN TO BE IN GOD'S WORD

We hope you have a plan to be in God's Word for 2023! To help you with that, Pastor Zach has included a chronological Bible reading plan on the next couple of pages. Hard copies are available on the table in the sanctuary foyer.



ESV.org has a number of Bible reading plans and if you are reading

this in a digital copy you will find the link to those **<u>HERE</u>** and on the top of the reading plan on the two next pages.

You will also find a link to **BacktotheBible.org** at the bottom of the reading plan. It has too many opportunities to list to help you grow in your walk with the Lord, including a link to goTandem, which is basically a spiritual fitness app designed to assess your spiritual fitness and help you set goals, get strengthened, and be spiritually healthy. Check it out!

We encourage you to explore these plans designed to help you prioritize abiding in God's Word. Each plan differs slightly, so find one that fits your unique learning style and study goals for the year. We hope these options will serve you as you grow as a disciple of Christ and share the truths you are learning with those in your life.

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Jan 1	Gen 1-3	Feb 16	Lev 11-13
Jan 2	Gen 4-7	Feb 17	Lev 14-15
Jan 3	Gen 8-11	Feb 18	Lev 16-18
Jan 4	Job 1-5	Feb 19	Lev 19-21
Jan 5	Job 6-9	Feb 20	Lev 22-23
Jan 6	Job 10-13	Feb 21	Lev 24-25
Jan 7	Job 14-16	Feb 22	Lev 26-27
Jan 8	Job 17-20	Feb 23	Num 1-2
Jan 9	Job 21-23	Feb 24	Num 3-4
Jan 10	Job 24-28	Feb 25	Num 5-6
Jan 11	Job 29-31	Feb 26	Num 7
Jan 12	Job 32-34	Feb 27	Num 8-10
Jan 13	Job 35-37	Feb 28	Num 11-13
Jan 14	Job 38-39	Mar 1	Num 14-15, Ps 90
Jan 15	Job 40-42	Mar 2	Num 16-17
Jan 16	Gen 12-15	Mar 3	Num 18-20
Jan 17	Gen 16-18	Mar 4	Num 21-22
Jan 18	Gen 19-21	Mar 5	Num 23-25
Jan 19	Gen 22-24	Mar 6	Num 26-27
Jan 20	Gen 25-26	Mar 7	Num 28-30
Jan 21	Gen 27-29	Mar 8	Num 31-32
Jan 22	Gen 30-31	Mar 9	Num 33-34
Jan 23	Gen 32-34	Mar 10	Num 35-36
Jan 24	Gen 35-37	Mar 11	Deut 1-2
Jan 25	Gen 38-40	Mar 12	Deut 3-4
Jan 26	Gen 41-42	Mar 13	Deut 5-7
Jan 27	Gen 43-45	Mar 14	Deut 8-10
Jan 28	Gen 46-47	Mar 15	Deut 11-13
Jan 29	Gen 48-50	Mar 16	Deut 14-16
Jan 30	Ex 1-3	Mar 17	Deut 17-20
Jan 31	Ex 4-6	Mar 18	Deut 21-23
Feb 1	Ex 7-9	Mar 19	Deut 24-27
Feb 2	Ex 10-12	Mar 20	Deut 28-29
Feb 3	Ex 13-15	Mar 21	Deut 30-31
Feb 4	Ex 16-18	Mar 22	Deut 32-34, Ps 91
Feb 5	Ex 19-21	Mar 23	Josh 1-4
Feb 6	Ex 22-24	Mar 24	Josh 5-8
Feb 7	Ex 25-27	Mar 25	Josh 9-11
Feb 8	Ex 28-29	Mar 26	Josh 12-15
Feb 9	Ex 30-32	Mar 27	Josh 16-18
Feb 10	EX 33-35	Mar 28	Josh 19-21
Feb 11	Ex 36-38	Mar 29	Josh 22-24
Feb 12	Ex 39-40	Mar 30	Judg 1-2
Feb 13	Lev 1-4	Mar 31	Judg 3-5
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Oct 15	Matt 8:14-34, Mark 4-5	Nov 30	1 Cor 5-8
Oct 16	Matt 9-10	Dec 1	1 Cor 9-11
Oct 17	Matt 14, Mark 6, Luke 9:1-17	Dec 2	1 Cor 12-14
Oct 18	John 6	Dec 3	1 Cor 15-16
Oct 19	Matt 15, Mark 7	Dec 4	2 Cor 1-4
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Oct 27	Luke 14-15	Dec 12	Acts 20:4-23
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Nov 2	Luke 18:15-19:48	Dec 18	1 Tim 1-6
Nov 3	Mark 11, John 12	Dec 19	Titus 1-3
Nov 4	Matt 22, Mark 12	Dec 20	1 Pet 1-5
Nov 5	Matt 23, Luke 20-21	Dec 21	Heb 1-6
Nov 6	Mark 13	Dec 22	Heb 7-10
Nov 7	Matt 24	Dec 23	Heb 11-13
Nov 8	Matt 25	Dec 24	2 Tim 1-4
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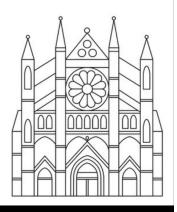
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Pastor Zach is on Facebook Live every Sunday morning at 10am for our Lord's Day Worship Service .

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 Grow... GREAT COMMISSION gether PUBLICATIONS Jesus Mathematical All of Scripture is the unfolding story of Toddler - Hillary Terrill & Kortney Geirlus salvation and Jesus is its focus. We show Pre-K - Beth Flickinger show me - Katie Pearson & Sue Miller 1st-2nd how Jesus, revealed throughout the Bible, - Kathy Stegmiller 3rd-5th came to seek and save the lost. so what Junior High - Tara Johnson - Brandee Neece Senior High

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

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations on Thursday, January 5th, at 9am. Many hands make light the work and we hope that you will join us!

WM met Thursday, December, 1st at 1pm. We discussed possible money making projects and plans for the Soup Luncheon/Fundraiser, Sunday, January 22nd after

church. If anyone is interested in helping serve and/or make a soup, relish or dessert, please contact Pam Pithan 309-781-1246 or Kathy Stegmiller 309-791-1162.

Candy boxes were purchased for 24 shut-ins and elderly. The flower sign-up chart was hung in the vestibule by the elevator. If you would like to provide flowers any Sunday, please sign up on the chart.

The WM voted to support the following associations for 2022:

- \$250 to the Rockridge School Foundation
- \$1000 to the Andalusia Ambulance
- Food for the Harvest party (approximately \$700)
- Items for the Aledo Crisis Center (approximately \$100)

The next meeting is Thursday, March 2nd at 1pm.

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



UNITYPOINT FOOT CLINIC

Next Clinic: Monday, January 16th 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

Thursday, January 19th

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!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY SOUP LUNCHEON Sun., Jan. 22nd after Worship Service

The Women's Ministry will be hosting a fundraiser soup luncheon immediately following the worship service and just prior to the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 22nd.

There will be different soups to choose from, all for a freewill offering. Please join us and help support the work of the Women's Ministry.







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1 NO Sunday School 10am Worship only Offinpy	2 NO Meal Site	3 Meal Site	4 Meal Site	5 Meal Site	6 Meal Site	7
8 B/P Checks Leadership Training, 11:30am	9 Meal Site	10 Meal Site	11 Meal Site Session Mtg., 7pm	12 Meal Site	13 Meal Site	14
15	16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Foot Clinic NO Meal Site	17 Meal Site Mission Comm. Mtg., 6:30pm	18 Meal Site Trustee's Mtg., 6pm Newsletter Items Due	19 Quilting, 9am Meal Site	20 Meal Site	21
22 B/P Checks WM Soup Luncheon Annual Mtg., 12:30	23 Meal Site	24 Meal Site	25 Meal Site	26 Meal Site	27 NO Meal Site 37 th Stated Mtg. R&LP, 9am Worship, 7pm	28 R&LP Mtg., 8am
29	30 Meal Site	31 Meal Site Session Mtg., 7pm	1 Meal Site	2 Meal Site	3 Meal Site	4