



# EDGINGTON

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

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“TO GLORIFY GOD, & ENJOY HIM FOREVER”



March Newsletter 2024

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## A VIEW OF CHILDREN IN THE COVENANT COMMUNITY

There was a temptation to title this, “Children in the Church” and provide a practical explanation for why we insist on *not dismissing* children to an age appropriate class during the worship service, as is common practice in many evangelical churches. That would be interesting and helpful but would perhaps be better reserved for another time because the substance of this newsletter article would need to stand as a foundation for how that other matter is answered.

One of the most practically distinctive parts of Presbyterian faith and practice is our view of children in the church, which we understand to be the assembly of the covenant community of Jesus Christ. Our definition of the visible church is that it “consists of everyone in the world who professes the true religion *together with their children* ([WCF 25.2](#)).” Our insistence to add that final portion regarding children is what distinguishes our view of the church from our evangelical relatives who would agree with our definition, but only until that point. We do so because of the Apostle Paul’s word concerning the children of at least one believing parent ([1 Cor 7:14](#)), the Apostle Peter’s proclamation of the gospel, which includes the application of the promise to believers and their children ([Acts 2:39](#)), which are both built upon the foundation of the Abrahamic Covenant which includes Abraham and his descendants ([Gen 17:7-12](#)).

Children of believers are called ‘covenant children’ because they are included in the covenant community (i.e. the visible church), and rightful members of that community ([Eph 1:1](#); [6:1](#)), distinct from the children of unbelievers, and blessed by our Lord Jesus ([Lk 18:15](#)). It is upon this line of reasoning that we are not only free to, but also required to apply the sign of the covenant – baptism - to our children. But a full view of children in the covenant community doesn’t end with an insistence upon their membership, but also their nurture within that community.

What does it mean to nurture the faith of the Gospel in the hearts and lives of our youngest lambs among our fold? It means that we take our responsibility to rear our children in the admonition of the Lord seriously, both in the home and in the church. With regard to covenant nurture in the church, that means that we make appropriate means of educating our children in a way that compliments the faith of their home (ex: Sunday School), and also, that we don’t merely give lip service to the inclusion of children, but we actually seek to include our children in practical ways (ex: Kid’s Kirk). In this way we hope to communicate not just our affectionate joy at the presence of children, but our insistence that they really do belong among the people of God.

If you haven’t pulled out the pew card that speaks to this reality, I would encourage you to look for it next time you’re in the sanctuary. Children are not merely tolerated in church at Edgington, they are rejoiced in! They are not a distraction; they are the next generation of faithful worshippers of the One True and Living God. That is why the church has often been called ‘the Nursery of the Holy Spirit’ as God uses His ordained means of Word, Sacrament, Prayer, and the Fellowship of the Church as the typical way that young children grow into mature and life-long committed followers of Christ. Friends, that doesn’t happen on accident – it happens because a church has purposed to be a place of covenant nurture. Rejoice with me in this work! Give thanks to God for the stewardship of our youngest and most precious lambs among us.

Your Pastor and Friend,

## ELDERS

Keith Wilson - Clerk  
Jim Mueller  
Mic Penry  
Patrick Shovar  
Todd Stegmiller

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Dorothy Rursch - Chair  
Teresa Weber - Secretary  
Jim Balmer  
Teresa Balmer  
Marlin Krueger  
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Ken Benningfield  
Kim Freyermuth  
Jeff Fuhr  
Phil Fuhr  
Darren Hall  
Colby Mueller  
Cindy Oak  
Bill Sloan  
JR Thomas

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3 - Rachel Preston  
5 - Michelle Franklin  
7 - Jordyn Stegmiller  
8 - Marilou Simpson  
9 - Lisa Sloan  
10 - Nancy Cooksey  
10 - Steven Woeckener  
14 - Tom Huntley  
15 - Reese Maxwell  
15 - Ryleigh Maxwell  
16 - Hunter Wistedt  
16 - Logan Wistedt  
17 - Jemma Johnson  
19 - Kay Amy  
19 - Nilta Darland  
19 - Martha Freyermuth  
19 - Joshua Fuhr  
19 - Keith Wilson  
21 - Evelyn Hessman  
23 - John Fuhr  
23 - Rachel Johnson  
23 - Caroline Neece  
23 - Luella Weinert  
24 - Barb Freyermuth  
24 - Rich Stillwell  
24 - Steven Wagamon  
26 - Jonathan Gierlus

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

10 - Todd & Lauren Stegmiller

THANK YOU  
to our church family.



Whether you kept us in your prayers, sent a beautiful floral arrangement, made a generous memorial donation, made a dessert, helped serve the funeral luncheon or helped us in any way - please know that your love & kindness has brought us comfort and will always be remembered.

The family of Cora Schafman

## GREETERS FOR MARCH

Sunday, March 3rd – Steve & Deb Wagamon  
Sunday, March 10th – Jim Mueller  
Sunday, March 17th – Don & Beth Easterla  
Sunday, March 24th – Teresa Weber  
Friday, March 29th - Kevin & Cindy Oak  
Sunday, March 31st – Tara Johnson



Date: 2-21-24

Present: Mel Block, Jeff Fuhr, Kim Freyermuth, Darren Hall, Colby Mueller, Cindy Oak, Larry Pithan, Bill Sloan, Session Representative Jim Mueller.

Mel opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:00pm.

Mel welcomed the new trustees and provided information on our duties and responsibilities.

Treasurer's report for January reviewed and approved.

Minutes for December 20th meeting reviewed and approved.

### Old Business:

- Gutter replacement on south side of church has not been completed yet. Will check on status with contractor.
- Discussed possibility of expanding parking area on north side of church. Have contacted the school superintendent and received favorable response. Will make a formal request to the school this spring.
- Contractor is working on bid for additional siding work this summer. Would like to replace all of the remaining shingle siding.

### New Business

- Jeff (and Kathy) Fuhr have offered to mow lawn again this summer.
- Trustees will schedule yard cleanup in the spring.
- Cindy reported the extra LVT tile has been returned with a refund.
- Salt has been added to the water softener.
- Received information from two insurance companies. Decided to keep coverage with Country Companies.
- Reviewed proposal from Kone for elevator service work. Will find out when the service was last completed before making a decision.

Sprayed for insects in the basement after the meeting.

Mel closed the meeting with a prayer at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan



### ADDRESS CHANGES

**Evelyn Hessman** is now in apartment B 218 and  
**Marilou Simpson** is now in apartment B 220.

They and their family members appreciate the cards you regularly send & wanted all of you to be sure to know of the move. Thank you!

**Date:** February 18th, 2024

**Attendees:** Jim and Teresa Balmer, Marlin and Darcy Krueger, Dorothy Rursch, and Teresa Weber.

Dorothy opened the meeting with prayer.

December 3rd, 2023, meeting minutes were read, and a motion was made to approve and seconded.

**December 2023 – February 2024 Activities:**

- 27 calls/visits/cards to shut-ins
- 27 additional calls/visits/cards
- (0 baby, 1 baptism, 8 birthday, 2 anniversary, 6 get well, 4 sympathy, 6 thinking of you)
- 1 meal
- 1 ride

Note: Birthday cards are sent to those who are 70 years of age or more. Anniversary cards are sent to couples married 25 years and then every 5 years. After 50 years of marriage cards are sent annually.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Fall coat drive was referenced.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Shut-In List:** Updates were made and submitted to the office.
- **Blood Drive:** The 2024 Spring Blood Drive will be held March 2nd, 2024. Deacons volunteered to work shifts and bring refreshments for the donors.
- **Greeters:** Deacons volunteered to solicit greeters for the remainder of 2024 and January and February of 2025.
- **Communicant's Reception:** A reception will be held on Palm Sunday, March 24th, 2024, after the church service to honor the eight communicants. Plans were made for setup and refreshments.
- **Adult New Member Reception:** A reception for new members is planned for Sunday, May 5th. Arrangements will be planned at the April 21st meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meeting will be held Sunday, April 21st at 11:30am.

Dorothy closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa Weber



STAY  
CONNECTED

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

{get involved}  
be the church

PROUDLY SERVING  
SENIORS SINCE 1968



**Project NOW**  
Community Action Agency



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.



I have a Creator who knew all things, even before  
they were made - even me, His poor little child.  
~ Saint Patrick



## FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

We will be packing food baskets on Friday, March 15th at 9am.

Distribution will be on Saturday, March 16th from 9-11am.

If you know of anyone in need of food, please let either Shirley Flemming or Sue Penry know so we can get them on the list.

We are welcoming Marlin & Darcy Krueger and Jim and Teresa Balmer to our volunteer staff this year. They will be a welcome addition to our staff which includes Mic and Sue Penry, Jim Schaubroeck, Don and Beth Easterla, and Dewey and Shirley Flemming.

Thanks to all who support us!

Food Pantry Staff

## HELLO PRAYER PARTNERS!

Thank you so much for your prayers and support for YouthHope! We cannot do this work without you and are desperate for God to hear our prayers and move in, amongst, and through us!



### PRAISE REPORT

- We thank God for a successful, safe, and joy-filled Trivia Night!
- We thank God for the transformations we are seeing with students in our programs! God is moving, and hearts are being drawn to Him (even when the students don't realize that is what is happening)
- We thank God for the people He has connected to us this season! For such a time as this - He has brought a fresh reserve of soldiers to the front line!
- We praise God because He is good, worthy, and holy! We love You Lord!

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for our students - many are dealing with really tough home life, consequences of past decisions, and emotional regulation.
- Please pray for our Executive Director succession plans and candidate interviews this month - Lord, we ask to hear, see and discern clearly your will.
- Please pray for our summer camp preparations - that the groundwork will result in an abundant harvest this summer!
- Please pray for our annual fundraiser preparations - Lord we want to remember, honor, and celebrate all You have done! Help us in all our planning, and please direct us in who to invite and ask for sponsorships.
- Please pray for our staff recruiting efforts - God we ask for divine appointments, highlight those who You want to be part of this team and hide those You don't. Equip us to recruit, engage, hire, onboard, train, and steward the staff You bring to this ministry!
- We ask for health, safety, and protection over all our staff, volunteers, board, students, vehicles, buildings, plans, and communications. No plans of the enemy will prosper against us.
- Help us God to have clarity of message, bless all we put our hands to, and unify our community as the Body of Christ.
- We ask for God's Kingdom to come, and His will to be done at, in and through YouthHope.

Thank you so much for your prayers! We thank God for you and are deeply grateful for you!

With love and appreciation, Hannah

The Mission Committee is sponsoring a couple tables at YouthHope's Banquet. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the sanctuary foyer. Please join us & learn more about the work of this ministry partner.

Call 309-762-4577 or Register Online  
\$300 per Table | \$35 per Person

## ENDURING HOPE 2024



In early pregnancy, many struggle to find hope in what they see as chaos. Expanding access to abortion through mail-order pills means more women are performing self-managed abortions at home. These abortions often occur without contact with the health care system, and moms are at significant risk for complications or even death.

Yet moms find hope in a hopeless world when YOU partner through the Pregnancy Resources Enduring Hope Fundraising Banquet 2024! This year's Enduring Hope Banquet fundraising goal is \$185,000.

As we enter a new year of ministering to neighbors and friends in our local mission field, your enduring hope and optimism provide limited medical services, full-options education, post-abortion medical screenings, and more.

Your Enduring Hope allows you to see past her discouraging circumstances. Instead, you see her need for biblical compassion and medically accurate information. Each gift on the night of the event could become a full-options pregnancy test or life-affirming ultrasound that could save mom and baby's life. You are helping ensure hope is available as life hangs in the balance!

Your enduring hope believes that moms, dads, and their children can be saved. You hold out hope for each of them. We are thankful for you and your willingness to reach out and offer hope in this life-saving work.

- Seating is LIMITED to 6 persons per table.
- RSVP required.
- Contacts:
  - Liz Ryan via email at [Liz@qcpregnancy.org](mailto:Liz@qcpregnancy.org) or call 309-797-3636 Ext 2;
  - Maia Kristof via email at [Maia@qcpregnancy.org](mailto:Maia@qcpregnancy.org) or call 563-386-3737 Ext 1.

The Mission Committee hopes to have one or two tables of Edgington EPC faces in attendance at the banquet. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the sanctuary foyer. Please contact Deb Wagamon if you have any questions.



# Pregnancy Resources 2024 Banquet Dinner

March 21, 2024

Waterfront Convention Center

2021 State Street

Bettendorf, IA 52722

Doors Open at 6:00pm  
Dinner Begins at 6:30pm

For safety reasons we are not linking the full report. If you would like to receive their regular updates via email, please contact the church office and Lisa will connect you with S & C to be added to their email list.

## Greetings and happy February!

...At Asha we have been working through the gospel of Matthew. The past few weeks we have talked about humbling ourselves and being dependent on Jesus like children and about what it means to understand God's forgiveness and also forgiveness for each other. These are big things in a world that thinks differently -

**pray for us** as a team that we can model this dependence and forgiveness, and that this can be a witness to those around us who are seeking and investigating what Jesus' words mean to them. We are also praying for you all and for your churches, as you live and model Jesus' words in your areas.

### An update on some of the happenings of the month:

- **Asha:** The Sylheti leaders at Asha do quite a lot, and are often doing the translation and leading in Sylheti. A couple times this month they have both been leading from the front - in English and Sylheti. The first time this happened I was struck with the excitement of this. These believers leading a service with other Sylhetis seeing and hearing - this is one of the goals we have had with this church plant! **Pray** for them as they lead and work, for God's sustaining and strength.
- **Life Exhibition:** This last week of January, local churches and mission groups have put on something called Life Exhibition - an interactive teaching time about the life of Jesus for local schools to attend. It meets the criteria for their religious education lessons, but it gives churches and Christians a chance to share about Jesus and also let children visit a church and interact with Christians. C.....helped for a couple days and it was really great to answer questions of kids and see them take gospels home with them and see their teachers positively engage. **Pray** for these kids and teachers.
- **Booktable:** The booktable team continues to set up in the same market space each week. **Continue praying** for their witness there and for those that see them there and engage with them.  
**Bookshop:** Continue to **pray** for S.... and his conversations with J, that he can convey what it means to fully follow Christ, and for J as he seeks to pursue that. It is encouraging that he has been coming to have more talks with S.... recently. **Pray** also for S.... to have chances to discuss faith with his ESOL students and to encourage them to consider Asha.
- **Girls Club:** We had an overnight event in January that wasn't too crazy or tiring, but had some great chances to get to know some of the newer girls more, and for good conversations about everything from witchcraft to cheating in Arabic classes. **Pray** for continued times of deeper conversation, and **pray** that they consider what we share about Jesus.

A huge thank you to you all for your support and your prayers and your messages... We feel very loved by you all and it means more than we can express!  
With love, C for S and the kids

### Prayers for this month

- Continue to **pray** for Asha services and for those that attend - pray that as they hear and read God's word that they would see the truth of it for themselves. **Pray** for the plant team that we would have wisdom and grace to share these truths well.
- Continue to **pray** also for the ESOL classes and for the ladies that stay at the end for the Bible story. This can be a very brave thing for them to do, but many choose to stay and listen and ask questions about what they hear. **Pray** that the words they hear would touch their hearts and that God would be working in this time.
- Our team apprentice goes home the middle of this month. **Pray** for her leaving and her transition back to the US, and **pray** for our team here both practically as we fill jobs she did, and personally as we miss her.
- We are hosting an event on Feb. 14th during school break of a movie for children of the life of Jesus - with popcorn and crafts! **Pray** that lots of families attend and that the story really speaks to them.

### Family prayer requests.

- S.... will leave on Feb. 29th. Please **pray** for this time for all of us. He will be in E..... during March, doing some resting and praying in B....., while also visiting some fellow workers there. **Pray** for him, and **pray** for us here as we figure out schedules and also missing S....
- J..... is going to give his testimony/statement of faith in church at the end of this month. **Pray** for him as he prepares and also for the friends he will invite and the witness this can be.

## M & S

I arrived in S..... L..... shortly after New Year's Day. What a privilege it was to be there with my ITEN colleague, Dr. B. .. Every time I visit these... brothers and sisters, something happens. Surprises always await me. This visit was no different. I'll give a few highlights below.

- B.... taught a class on Community Development. One of B's key ideas is that the earth God has given us is good and has within it the ability to reproduce and multiply. Our trainees really latched on to this teaching, particularly as they sought to consider their own local resources. They are already implementing plans for locally sustainable projects.
- I had a long session with about 25 of the village leaders. This was my third time speaking to them about Islam. But this time was different. I was able to go right to the heart of what is different about the gospel and how Jesus makes the love of the Father visible and real, satisfying the deep needs of human beings. I felt they listened intently and I give praise to God for that, but also thanks to the local believers who have been sowing the seed of the gospel there for years. As we often say in ITEN "the great commission belongs to the global church."
- Not being responsible for teaching a class allowed me ample time to connect with the trainees. I was overjoyed and sometimes overwhelmed as they shared photos and stories with me of churches they are planting in remote villages. Of the 35 trainees in the photo below, I counted 22 church plants. All of these are in Muslim majority villages.
- Traveling with B.... was a blessing. Jesus sent out his disciples 2 by 2 for a reason :-). I felt like I heard B's passion and saw his gifting in a new light. I feel doubly privileged to be a part of our ITEN team. B shared a lot from his other travels to P....., V..... and U..... As I told B, I sometimes feel we are pollinators of the global church. We get to take the pollen of one location and insert it into the church in another location. What a joy!
- We concluded our time there with a half-day of meetings with five leaders from the EPC of S..... L..... We are planning a hand-over of ITEN's teaching responsibilities to local leaders. This is a cause for celebration. After August 2024, the brothers pictured below will carry the majority of the teaching load, calling on ITEN only as needed.

*For safety reasons we are not linking the full report. If you would like to receive their regular updates via email, please contact the church office and Lisa will connect you with M & S to be added to their email list.*

### Praise for so much good:

- We give praise for safety in travel. We don't take it for granted.
- The response of our friends in S..... L..... has been fantastic. We praise God for His faithfulness.
- Before I went to S..... L....., our ITEN colleagues E and N traveled to V..... to train a group of trainers. They are slightly ahead in the "hand-over" process. Praise God for fruitful interaction.
- Other ITEN team members are ministering in Eastern Europe, Central Asia, the Middle East and South America. We are over the top grateful for these connections to the global church of Jesus Christ

### Pray with us for the following please:

- Feb. 23-25 - M... will speak at a missions conference in Thomasville, GA.
- March 18-23 - M... travels to A.... A...., E..... to teach [a class]. E..... is another A..... continent where Islam and Christianity are in contact and sometimes in conflict.
- Please pray for new fields that ITEN is considering: Currently B..... and N.... are on the drawing board. Expansion in C..... A... is immanent. We need clarity, vision, solid partners.
- Continue to pray for unity and fruitful collaboration for our ITEN team and for the mission which supports us --World Outreach of the EPC.

### Some family news:

- E and I are expecting their first child and our eighth grand child any day now.
- We get to watch our grandsons (in Hope, BC) play basketball and our granddaughters in Seattle play volleyball and sing in the choir. How good is that?!
- S..... and I continue to work together in ITEN. She keeps me on task :-)) and I sometimes make her coffee.



*A 20-25' green mamba found in the village right after M & B left. The guys thought M would enjoy seeing what he missed :-).*

# EDGINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Treasurer's Report January 2024

|                              |    |            | Receipts |           | Disbursement | Balance   | <i>s/b per QB</i> |
|------------------------------|----|------------|----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-------------------|
| <b>General Fund</b>          | \$ | 101,516.12 | \$       | 15,223.54 | \$           | 22,055.79 | \$ 94,683.87      |
| <b>Education Fund (Jahn)</b> | \$ | 9,394.40   | \$       | 214.32    | \$           | -         | \$ 9,608.72       |
| <b>Building Fund</b>         | \$ | 95,893.62  | \$       | 1,442.58  | \$           | -         | \$ 97,336.20      |

### January 2024 MONTHLY REVIEW - General Fund

#### **Receipts - January 2024**

|                                |           |           |                  |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|-----------|
| Pledges                        | 15,168.99 |           |                  |           |
| Interest Income - General Fund | 14.55     |           |                  |           |
| Per Member Asking              | 40.00     |           |                  |           |
| Basement Rent                  | -         |           |                  |           |
|                                |           | <b>\$</b> | <b>15,223.54</b> | <b>\$</b> |

#### **Expenditures - January 2024**

##### **Administrative** **\$ 4,650.93**

|                                 |          |  |       |
|---------------------------------|----------|--|-------|
| ABS (copier rental)             | 255.24   |  | 21.1% |
| AT&T - Phone for elevator       | 131.81   |  |       |
| Computers: Hdw, Sftw and Apps   | 184.99   |  |       |
| Edgington Water District        | 365.00   |  |       |
| Jeanne Hayes (Custodian)        | 442.40   |  |       |
| Lisa Bowman (Office Manager)    | 917.37   |  |       |
| MidAmerican Energy              | 615.00   |  |       |
| Millenium Waste                 | 69.45    |  |       |
| Office Supplies                 | 102.05   |  |       |
| Repairs & Maintenance - general | 11.94    |  |       |
| ReyTel - Internet               | 119.94   |  |       |
| Shipping/Postage                | -        |  |       |
| Taxes / FICA / Penalty          | 1,435.74 |  |       |

##### **Discipleship (Internal)** **\$ 16,704.86**

|                      |          |  |       |
|----------------------|----------|--|-------|
| Continuing Education | 80.00    |  | 75.7% |
| Deacon Expense       | -        |  |       |
| EPC General Assembly | 3,000.00 |  |       |
| EPC (health)         | 3,026.48 |  |       |
| Events               | -        |  |       |
| Fidelity (pension)   | 1,038.28 |  |       |
| Flowers              | -        |  |       |
| Housing Allowance    | 3,762.52 |  |       |
| Meals                | -        |  |       |
| Mileage              | -        |  |       |
| Pastor Salary        | 2,782.08 |  |       |
| Presbytery Expense   | 2,888.31 |  |       |
| Pulpit Supply        | -        |  |       |
| Resource Materials   | 52.22    |  |       |
| Sunday School        | -        |  |       |
| Worship Supplies     | 74.97    |  |       |

##### **Mission (external)** **\$ 700.00**

|                         |        |  |      |
|-------------------------|--------|--|------|
| Mission - International | -      |  | 3.2% |
| Mission - US            | -      |  |      |
| Mission - Local *       | 700.00 |  |      |

#### **TOTAL EXPENSES** **\$ 22,055.79** **\$**

*100.0%*

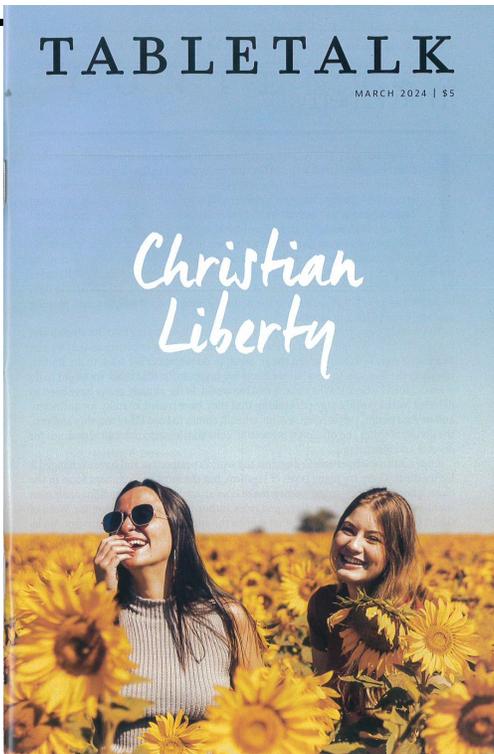
#### **NET OPERATING INCOME** **\$ (6,832.25)**

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

*Mission monies included in general fund of \$2,350.21 and Assistance Fund of \$4,453.46*

*\*Deducted from Benevolence Assistance Fund.*

GET YOUR MARCH COPY OF  
THE TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL



LOCATED ON A TABLE IN THE SANCTUARY FOYER

EVERY SUNDAY (UNLESS NOTED)

5:30-7:30PM (UNLESS NOTED)

## EEPC YOUTH GROUP

3.3 - GARGONS

3.10 - PIZZA COOKOFF

3.17 - SARDINES/SPOONS

3.24 - TRIVIA NIGHT

3.31 - FOUR SQUARE

FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL  
STUDENTS  
CADE REIMERS FOR MORE INFO  
309.373.2488



## NEWSLETTER



If you would like to submit something for the newsletter, **please** be sure to have it in by the deadline.

ALL submissions for the April 2024 Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER** than Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Items received after that date may not make it into the newsletter.

*Thank you for your cooperation!*

*~ Lisa Bowman, Office Manager*

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

The newsletter is distributed via email and postal service. It is also posted to our Facebook page and website: [edgingtonepc.org](http://edgingtonepc.org).

*Thank you so much for your help!*



## FOOT CLINIC

Next Clinic: Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

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.

## CURRENT SERMON SERIES

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost” – Luke 19:10

Sunday, March 3rd - [Luke 5:12-26](#)

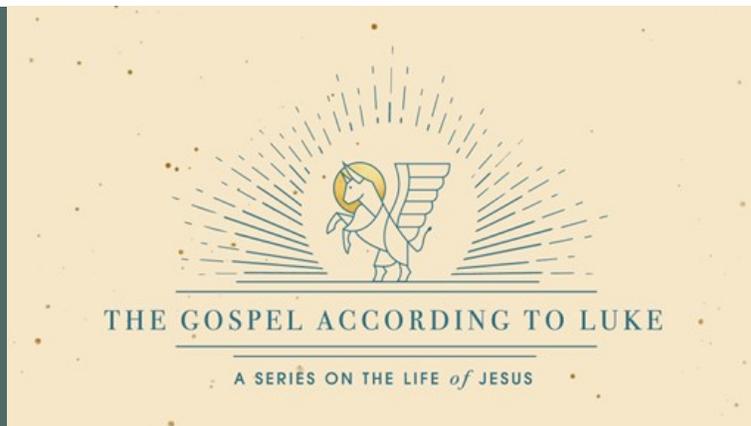
Sunday, March 10th - [Luke 5:27-39](#)

Sunday, March 17th - [Luke 6:1-11](#)

PALM Sunday, March 24th - TBA

GOOD Friday, March 29th - TBA

EASTER Sunday, March 31st - TBA



(Scripture passages are subject to change.)

## 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.

## 2024 IS A GREAT TIME TO START FRESH IN GOD'S WORD!

Each year Pastor Zach provides a new reading plan to help equip you to spend time reading through God's Word. This year he has chosen a plan with Navigators.

The *Navigators Book-at-a-Time Bible Reading Plan* takes you through the entire Bible in one year, providing two readings for each day.

The first reading alternates between Old and New Testament books with the Gospels spread throughout the year. The second reading takes you through a chapter of the wisdom literature and Isaiah.

You can begin at any point of the year.

Each month consists of twenty-five readings. You'll have a few extra days each month to meditate more deeply on something that was significant to you in the past week, to catch up on missed readings, or to revisit favorite passages.

If reading through the entire Bible in one year looms as too large a task, you can alter the plan to meet your needs. For example, you could read the first reading this year and the second reading next year.

In the year ahead, ask God each day to speak directly to you from the Scripture portions you read. Be expectant, and let your continual exposure to God's Word reshape your attitudes and behavior as you gain a better understanding of every part of His written testimony to us.

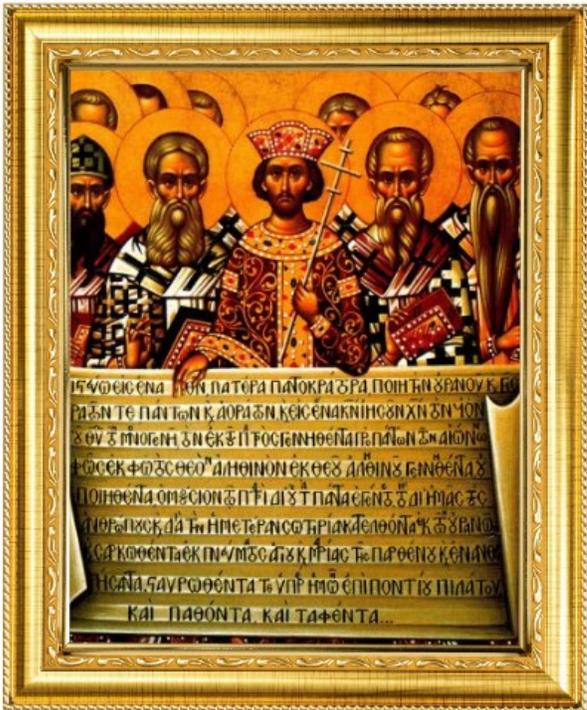


Click on the image for the digital link or see the next 2 pages .

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.



**A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES:**  
influential figures from Church History that still matter today

Adult Sunday School  
Winter 2024

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

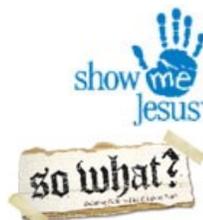


### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Every Sunday morning at 9am



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



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

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

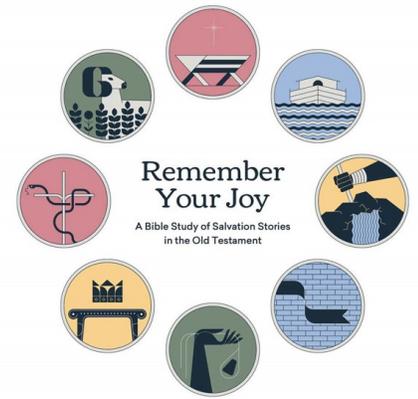


## WOMEN'S MINISTRY SPRING BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 10am & Wednesdays at 6:30pm  
 Beginning Tues., February 27th & Wed., February 28th  
 IT'S NOT TOO LATE! PLEASE JOIN US!!!

This seven-week Bible study, with an emphasis on biblical theology, traces the promised seed of the woman from Genesis 3:15 through seven Old Testament stories. Each chapter—Noah and the ark, Abraham and Isaac, Moses with the manna and water from the rock, the serpent on the pole, Rahab and the spies, David and Goliath, and David and Mephibosheth—gives us a glimpse, a foreshadowing, of the greater salvation Jesus wins. In each encounter, we'll see how God faithfully fulfilled his promise as he prepared us for the ultimate offspring who brought our eternal salvation. Each story will be accompanied by a symbol that represents an aspect of our salvation. These symbols are intended to be visual reminders of spiritual truths. David once wrote: "Restore to me the joy of your salvation" (Ps. 51:12). Our hope is that you will remember the joy of your salvation—and praise the One who accomplished it—as you consider the battle he won on your behalf.

Books - \$12 each



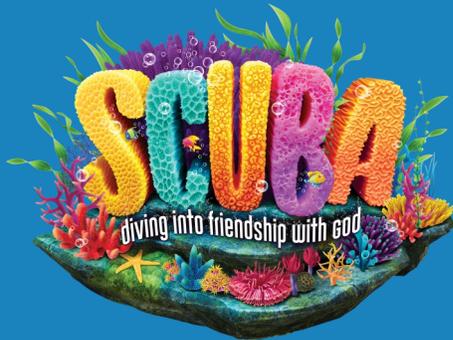
Courtney Doctor & Melissa Kruger

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, March 7th at 1pm  
 Hostess: Karyl Parrish

ALL women of the church are welcome to attend our business meetings!

*We hope to see you there!*



## 2024 VBS PLANNING MEETING

Sun., March 17th at 12:15 at Edgington EPC.

This year our kid's will take a deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about!

This community outreach takes **MANY** hands, **MUCH** work, and **LOTS** of planning!  
*We could use your help!*

Please look for ways to be involved and contact Kathy Stegmiller at 309-791-1162 for more info.

*Thank you!*

## QUILTING

Thursday, March 21st, 9am

Please join us on the third Thursday of nearly every month from 9am - noon as we create, piece, and sew quilts to present to next year's graduating seniors, as well as donate to various ministries.

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!*

# BLOOD DRIVE

**BLOODCENTER.ORG**

**Edgington Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

**Saturday, March 2**

**7:00am – 10:30am**

*13228 140th St. W.*

*Taylor Ridge, IL 61284*

*(Basement)*

**Appointments are preferred. Walk ins welcome.**

**To schedule, please contact Teresa Balmer at (309) 738-9757, scan the QR code below, or visit [www.bloodcenter.org](http://www.bloodcenter.org).**



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**Give & get choice of gift card,  
trees planted in a US forest  
or bonus points to store!**

*Please eat before donating and bring Photo ID.  
Last Date to Donate Elsewhere: 1/6/2024*



**ImpactLife**

## EASTER LILIES

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily for the sanctuary this year, please take one of the giving envelopes from the pew card holder located on the back of the pews, and write your name(s) on it. Mark the "Other" box on the front and designate "Easter Lily(ies)" on the line next to it. If the lily(ies) is to be listed in memory of a someone, please list the loved one's full name(s) on the back of the envelope. Place the proper monetary amount in the envelope, and put the envelope in the offering plate.

Orders are due by no later than Wednesday, March 6th.  
Lilies are \$17 each.



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# GOOD FRIDAY



## Easter Services and related events/info

HALLELUJAH! CHRIST IS RISEN!

# EASTER WORSHIP

WORSHIP 10AM



Please join us Easter morning prior to the service for a BIG breakfast served by the youth.

We will have eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, and waffles.

Serving starts at 8:30am and ends at 9:30.

All donations made will help offset the cost of their summer mission trip.



# EASTER BREAKFAST



## CONCERNED ABOUT FALLING?

Classes on Tuesdays & Thursdays for 4 weeks, beginning March 26th, from 12:30 - 2:30pm

Matter of Balance (MOB) is a falls prevention program designed to help reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity levels of older adults. Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging (WIAAA) is sponsoring another MOB class in our church basement this Spring.

If you have previously expressed interest, we will be in contact to confirm with you.

If you are interested, but haven't previously notified us, please contact Nita Darland or Kathy Stegmiller as soon as possible, as class size is limited.



## "Membership Matters"



## Adult New Member Registration

### SAVE THE DATES!

Sundays, April 14th, 21st, & 28th  
11:30am

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!

Register by scanning the QR Code or clicking on the image.

# 2024 Youth Mission Trip July 6<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>

**WHO:** High School Students / Ages 14+

**WHAT:** You and your group will provide home repairs at no cost for elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged people who need your help. Project crews typically serve the same resident for the entire trip, creating an environment where meaningful relationships develop. Projects typically include painting houses, repairing porches, and general home repairs.

**WHY:** Because you want to have a meaningful summer experience of service and Christian growth while making new friends from all over the country.



7/7-13 Worksite projects in Winchester, KY – Staying at Local School

## WHERE & WHEN?



- **I think I want to go! What do I need to do?**
  - Get this trip on your calendar! Make sure you don't have any schedule conflicts. Spots are limited so we need to be sure that those students who sign up can go.
- **How much is this going to cost?**
  - A deposit of \$100 will secure your spot. Turn this into the office ASAP.
  - A second payment of \$150 is due before the trip.
  - The total of \$250 covers **\*\*everything\*\***
  - Except whatever random snacks or weird things you might want to buy – that's on you!
  - Please don't let finances be a factor, there are support opportunities available to help you cover your costs. Just ask!
- **What's next?**
  - Register online – talk to Cade Reimers or Nathan Flickinger
  - When we have our spots filled, there will be more info including: lodging details, tool lists, estimated schedule, and more!



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USING YOUR  
**PHONE OR TABLET**

Use your Android™ or Apple® device to listen to the audio

01

Download the free  
AudioFetch app from  
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02

Connect to the WiFi  
Network below:

WiFi: EdgingtonEPC

PW: 373CA93376



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Open the AudioFetch  
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# MARCH 2024



Sunday School  
9am  
Worship  
Service 10am

EEPC

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| SUN   | MON   | TUE  | WED   | THU  | FRI  | SAT  |
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| 25<br>B/P Checks<br>Youth Group, 5:30pm<br>Comm. Class, 6pm                                 | 26<br>Meal Site   | 27<br>Meal Site<br>Women's Bible<br>Study, 10am  | 28<br>Meal Site<br>Women's Bible<br>Study, 6:30pm                       | 29<br>Meal Site                                    | 1<br>Meal Site                                 | 2<br>Spring Blood<br>Drive, 7-10:30am        |
| 3<br>F. P. Sunday<br>Comm. Class Field<br>Trip<br>Youth Group, 5:30pm                       | 4<br>Meal Site  | 5<br>Meal Site<br>Women's Bible<br>Study, 10am   | 6<br>Meal Site<br>Women's Bible<br>Study, 6:30pm                        | 7<br>Meal Site<br>WM Mtg., 1pm                     | 8<br>Meal Site                                 | 9  |
| 10<br><i>Daylight Savings Time</i><br>B/P Checks<br>Youth Group, 5:30pm<br>Comm. Class, 6pm | 11<br>Meal Site   | 12<br>Meal Site<br>Women's Bible<br>Study, 10am  | 13<br>Meal Site<br>Women's Bible<br>Study, 6:30pm                       | 14<br>Meal Site                                    | 15<br>Meal Site<br>Food Pantry<br>Packing, 9am | 16<br>Food Pantry<br>Distribution,<br>9-11am |
| 17<br>Basement Reserved<br>VBS Mtg., 12:30pm<br>Youth Group, 5:30pm<br>Comm. Class, 6pm     | 18<br>Foot Clinic<br>Meal Site  | 19<br>Meal Site<br>Women's Bible Study,<br>6:30pm<br>Mission Comm. Mtg.,<br>6:30pm             | 20<br>Meal Site<br>Women's Bible<br>Study, 6:30pm<br>Trustees Mtg., 7pm | 21<br>Quilting, 9am<br>Meal Site                   | 22<br>Meal Site                                | 23   |
| 24<br><i>Palm Sunday</i><br>B/P Checks<br>Comm. Class Reception<br>Youth Group, 5:30pm      | 25<br>Meal Site   | 26<br>Meal Site<br>Bible Study, 6:30pm<br>Matter of Balance<br>12:30-2:30<br>Session Mtg., 7pm | 27<br>Meal Site<br>Women's Bible<br>Study, 6:30pm                       | 28<br>Meal Site<br>Matter of Balance<br>12:30-2:30 | 29<br>Meal Site<br>Good Friday<br>Service, 6pm | 30<br><i>Good Friday</i>                     |
| 31<br><i>Easter</i><br>Breakfast 8:30-9:30am<br>NO Sunday School<br>Worship Service, 10am   | 1<br>Meal Site<br>VBS Registration<br>Opens, 6pm<br>Session Mtg., 7pm | 2<br>Meal Site<br>Women's Bible Study,<br>10am<br>Matter of Balance<br>12:30-2:30              | 3<br>Meal Site<br>Women's Bible<br>Study, 6:30pm                        | 4<br>Meal Site<br>Matter of Balance<br>12:30-2:30  | 5<br>Meal Site                                 | 6  |