



June is General Assembly season in the life of Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Just like the early church met in a gathered assembly in Acts 15, the General Assembly is the annual meeting of the national court of the church with Ruling and Teaching Elders from all over the country gathering to receive training and resources, worship, and conduct the business of the church. The 44th annual meeting of the GA will meet June 18 - 20 at Hope Church just outside of Memphis in Cordova, TN.



This summer will bring the same responsibilities for me as last year during the meeting itself. I run the debate and speaker clocks during the business portions, and proof the minutes for next-day distribution and approval. This will be my first assembly in six years where I do not have a scheduled report for a standing committee because my term on the permanent committee on theology has ended. Briefly, permanent committees do the work of the assembly during the year between annual meetings, and standing committees are constituted only during the three days the assembly meets. In other words, standing committees are made up of commissioners to serve as a check and balance system for the work of the permanent committees that work throughout the year. I will however, as a member of the Permanent Judicial Commission, have on-call parliamentary and constitutional advisement responsibilities throughout the week. Our nine-person team serves as something of the ecclesiastical supreme court for the denomination and is often called upon to assist in matters to keep the general assembly working decently and in order.

The networking group that I lead, the Westminster Society, is offering three opportunities for learning and fellowship. Our theme this summer is, “The Psalms”, and we are hosting two lunches and one dinner. On Tuesday we host a networking lunch called, “Study the Psalms”, with Reformed Theological Seminary’s Washington D.C. campus president, Dr. Scott Redd.

STUDY THE PSALMS



Zach Hopkins

Organization: The Westminster Society
Hosts: Zach Hopkins (Host), Scott Redd (Speaker)
Location: TBD

This networking lunch hosted by the Westminster Society will focus on the intellectual and devotional benefits available to the church officers through studying the Psalms.



Scott Redd

On Wednesday, we will host another lunch, “Pray the Psalms” with a familiar face to some of you, Dr. Jim Wilhoit, retired professor of Christian Spirituality from Wheaton College, and the man who baptized our daughter Cora in June 2022.

PRAYING THE PSALMS



Zach Hopkins

Organization: The Westminster Society
Host: Zach Hopkins (Host), Jim Wilhoit (Speaker)
Location: TBD

This networking lunch hosted by the Westminster Society will focus on the devotional and doxological; benefits available to the church officers through praying the Psalms.

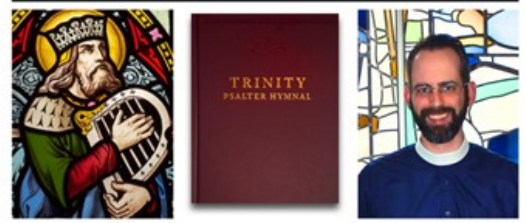


Jim Wilhoit

On Wednesday evening we are hosting and co-sponsoring a dinner called, “Sing the Psalms.” The excitement around this event has been significant and some may recognize that our co-sponsor Great Commission Publications is the ministry that publishes all our children’s ministry curriculum that we use here at EEPC.

SING THE PSALMS

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The week of General Assembly promises to be busy as usual. I look forward to sharing more upon my return. Finally, thank you to all our members, especially our Ruling Elders, who have prioritized my participation in the courts the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Your Pastor & Friend,

ELDERS

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

DEACONS

Dorothy Rursch - Chair
Teresa Weber - Secretary
Jim Balmer
Teresa Balmer
Marlin Krueger
Darcy Krueger

TRUSTEES

Mel Block - Chair
Larry Pithan - Secretary
Ken Benningfield
Kim Freyermuth
Jeff Fuhr
Phil Fuhr
Darren Hall
Colby Mueller
Cindy Oak
Bill Sloan
JR Thomas

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 - Joshua Gierlus	14 - Daria Parchert
1 - Lane Weinert	15 - Sarah Mueller
2 - Sydney Maxwell	16 - Jim Schaubroeck
3 - Kira Nelson	16 - Lexi Youck
5 - Jeff Schmidt	21 - Wyatt Terrill
6 - Ken Benningfield	24 - Michelle Doonan
6 - Jason Rursch	24 - Michelle Ehm
6 - Jeff Thomas	24 - Zach Hopkins
7 - Marlin Krueger	29 - Tyson Freyermuth
7 - Emily Parchert	29 - Terri Kiddo
9 - Lyndsey Flickinger	29 - Vicky Ruggles
9 - Jim Pettit	30 - Ken Kaiser

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

4 - Wyatt & Karrie Fuhr
10 - Jim & Carrie Reimers
12 - Larry & Pam Pithan
14 - Norman & Jan Dunlap
16 - Kyle & Tara Johnson
18 - Donnie & Brandee Neece
18 - Steven & Amy Ryser
20 - Rich Stilwell & Michelle Franklin
20 - Marlin & Darcy Krueger
21 - Josh & Kristen Adams
22 - Robert & Alice Crawford
24 - Jeff & Kathy Fuhr

Happy
Father's
Day!



Thank you to my church family for every prayer, sympathy card, kind word, and donation made during Linda's recent passing. Your thoughtfulness and heartfelt support given to me and my family during this time is so deeply appreciated. Linda loved this church and her church family, and I do too.

God bless you all,
Mitch Anderson and family

GREETERS FOR JUNE

Sunday, June 2nd - Angela & Olivia Freyermuth
Sunday, June 9th - Katie & Emma Pearson
Sunday, June 16th - Cassie, Cade, & Max Fuhr
Sunday, June 23rd - Taylor Freyermuth & Josey Stegmiller
Sunday, June 30th - Tara & Raegan Miller

April 30, 2024, at 7pm

Location: Conference Room

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

Pastor Zach acted as moderator of the meeting. Zach opened the meeting with prayer and read Numbers 11:1-17, 24-25. The Elders prayed for individual members of the congregation. The Session reviewed and discussed Chapter 6 of *Strange New World*, by Carl R. Trueman.

Approval/Amendment of Docket: Motion was made and seconded to approve the docket with the addition of two New Business items. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the March 26th, 2024, Session Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

Zach's Report: Zach reported on members with health concerns and prayer needs. During April he conducted five office visits, one home, and three hospital visits as well as a lunch meeting. He conducted three Membership Matters Classes and participated in the Trustee Yard Cleanup. He also served on the RLP Ad-Interim Ordination Committee, RLP Ministerial Committee, attended three meetings of the EPC Permanent Judicial Commission and the 41st RLP Meeting. He also conducted the funeral of Linda Anderson.

Correspondence: Zach shared a Thank You card from Olivia Freyermuth thanking the Elders for their service to the church. The church received a Beneficiary Letter from the Lane & Waterman Law Firm, to be discussed under new business.

Old Business:

- The Session discussed the recent Good Friday and Easter Sunday services. Both services were well attended.
- Mic and Keith gave updates on the recent 41st RLP Presbytery meeting held in Aplington, Iowa. Among the highlights were Scott Burdsall's and Jeffery Lancaster's presentations. The Session also discussed the draft of the Pastoral Letter of Racial Lament and Hope and the Pending Overtures scheduled to be reviewed and voted on at General Assembly.
- Zach has completed the Membership Matters class with Jason and Heather Parchert and Lori Meier attending. Jason and Heather will be received into membership on May 5th and Lori Meier will be received with the fall class. Taylor Freyermuth will be baptized on May 5th as well.

New Business:

- Lane & Waterman law firm sent the church a beneficiary letter in April that indicated the church is a beneficiary of the Michael L. Swanson Trust. A motion was made for Zach to instruct the Treasurer to follow up in response to the letter. The motion was seconded and carried.

- Zach reminded the Session of the upcoming 44th EPC General Assembly in Cordova, TN on June 18th – 20th and asked if anyone was interested in attending and serving as a delegate. Delegates need to be signed up by the end of May.
- Zach asked for feedback and suggestions for the Adult Sunday School Class. The current classes are well attended and received. Zach intends to teach on Biblical Anthropology in the fall and asked for help in creating a summer series. Keith and Todd volunteered to draft suggestions and formats for the summer series and send out prior to our May meeting.
- Preaching Schedule: Zach asked the Session for a Study leave the week of May 20th which will necessitate filling the pulpit on May 26th. He also requested to have someone preach on June 23rd, following his return from GA. A motion was made to approve the Study Leave and filling the pulpit on May 26th and June 23rd. The motion was seconded and carried. Mic volunteered to preach on one of those weeks and Zach will work on a replacement for one of those dates.
- Zach requested his vacation from July 1st – 15th. A motion was made to approve the vacation. The motion was seconded and carried. Mic has volunteered to preach one of those weeks and Zach will work on finding a replacement to preach one of the weeks.
- The Session discussed our church's music program and the desire to supplement our organists. Zach will discuss with Pam Pithan and Nancy Cooksey.
- The Session discussed creating a Sabbatical for Zach. We would like to proceed with getting more details and advice from EPC and allow time for Zach to reflect on timing. Zach suggested that we contact Roy Yanke, Executive Director of PIR Ministries, for more information.
- Next Communion will be held May 5th, 2024. The next stated Session meeting is May 28th, 2024. The Session will discuss Chapter 7 of *Strange New World*, by Carl R. Trueman at that time.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:55pm. Motion Carried.

Teaching Elder Zach Hopkins closed the meeting with prayer.

Keith Wilson, Clerk of Session



FOOT CLINIC

Next Clinics: Friday, June 14th w/ Vikki &
Monday, June 17th w/ Amanda

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.




April 21, 2024

Attendees: Jim and Teresa Balmer, Marlin and Darcy Krueger, Dorothy Rursch, and Patrick Shovar.

Dorothy opened the meeting with prayer.

February 18th, 2024, meeting minutes were read and a motion was made to approve and seconded.

Feb – Apr Activities:

- 24 calls/visits/cards to shut-ins, 32 additional calls/visits/cards - 1 baby, 1 baptism, 1 anniversary, 5 get well, 1 sympathy, 12 calls, 10 visits
- 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 will be sent annually.)

Old Business:

- Transitioning of the fall coat drive has been discussed with Todd Stegmiller and the Mission Committee is in favor.
- Communicants' reception held on March 24th was reviewed.

New Business:

- It was brought to our attention that a previous shut-in/inactive member would love to have visitors.
- The status of another previous member is being checked on.
- **Adult New Member Reception:** Will be held May 5th. Arrangements were made for refreshments.
- **May Day Baskets:** Will be distributed to shut-ins and eyes-on-you after May 5th due to using the flowers for the Adult New Member Reception. It has been confirmed that a total of eight are needed but ten will be purchased.
- **College Care Packages for Spring Finals:** Eight are needed. Discussed a VISA gift card. A nice prayer/poem will be included with each gift card. Distribution of gift cards to be determined.
- **Addition of New Deacons:** Discussed the possibility of adding new deacons. Several names were mentioned.
- **Greeters Schedule:**

May - Teresa W.	October - Balmers
June - Dorothy	November - Dorothy
July - Balmers	December - Kruegers
August - Dorothy	January '25 - Kruegers
September - Teresa W.	February - Kruegers

Motion was made to adjourn and seconded.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 23rd at 11:30am.

Dorothy closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa Weber

April 28, 2024

Present: Kathy Stegmiller, Tara Johnson, Rachel Johnson, Beth Flickinger, Nathan & Lyndsey Flickinger. Session Representative Mic Penry was also present.

Nathan opened the meeting in prayer.

Old Business:

- Rachel checked in with lower elementary teachers to see how April attendance forms went. All reported it was super easy and quick to do.

New Business:

- It was decided that the Summer Sunday school program would be from Group Curriculum. It will be the All-in-One Sunday School Lessons.
- We will be asking for volunteers to help out each week.
- Summer Sunday School will be in the one-room format from June 2 - September 1.
- Nathan and Lyndsey Flickinger will be taking over the high school Sunday school class starting in September.

Next Meeting: August 4th at 11:30

The Children Education volunteers would like to thank Brandee Neece for 6 blessed years teaching high school Sunday school.

Mic closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Johnson



If you would be able to help with a Sunday School Class this summer, please see the sign-up sheet located on the table in the sanctuary foyer.

Any questions contact Rachel Johnson at 309-269-5386 ~ Thank you!

NEED A HAND OR ENCOURAGEMENT? ASK A DEACON!

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

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

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

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

The 2024 Deacon team includes: Jim & Teresa Balmer,
Marlin & Darcy Krueger, Dorothy Rursch, & Teresa Weber.



5-15-24

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

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

Treasurer's report for April reviewed and approved.

Minutes for April meeting reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

- The office intercom at the south door is not working. Will order a replacement unit.
- The keypad lock on the south door has been causing problems. It was inspected and found to be worn out. A new lock was installed.
- The baptismal font has been repair and refinished.
- A broken pew bible rack was repaired.
- Dirt work lawn repair completed.
- A request to the school for additional parking area has been submitted.

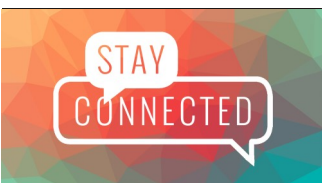
New Business:

- Discussed possible window replacement in the SS wing. The current windows are vinyl construction and do not close well or seal. Will contact Mike Chillemi to get some budget pricing.
- Trustees are considering ways to provide better visual access for people sitting in the balcony. Currently it is very difficult to see the front of the church including the pulpit from the balcony. We looked at possibilities after the meeting and will get additional input from Zach.

Mel closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan



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

If you would like to sponsor a kid to Camp Summit, please click [HERE](#) & under the “Apply My Donation To” dropdown box, choose “Sponsor a Kid to Camp Summit”.



YouthHope

MAY 2024

CAMP SUMMIT

Help Connect Kids and Teens to God at Camp Summit!

Greetings!

Summer Camp is an amazing place where lives are changed forever! YouthHope's Camp Summit provides kids and teens (Grades 3-12) a life-changing experience in a beautiful natural setting. This summer, campers will discover who God IS and learn scripture that tells them about His love, power and promises.

You have the opportunity to directly change a life and show a camper they are valued, treasured and loved! You will provide kids the opportunity for a safe, fun and positive week to find HOPE in Jesus!

Will you please help send a kid to Camp Summit this summer?



Sponsorship is \$250 per camper. You will provide low-income youth with the opportunity to attend for one week of overnight summer camp. You will guarantee three delicious meals each day, outdoor adventures, fun activities, skill building, and most importantly, an opportunity to experience God's love!

Kids and teens are searching for truth, peace, purpose, and hope. Kids and teens NEED this impactful summer opportunity! You will help teach and train them, build their confidence, courage, and character, and provide the opportunity to find HOPE for their future. Camp Summit offers eight amazing, fun-filled weeks of camp, where kids and teens unplug and connect with God, caring mentors, and new friends!

Our staff is working hard to get kids and teens registered and fill every week! We ask for your prayers as we pursue youth, make home visits, and reach out to new students through school referrals. We need your help so every low-income kid and teen who wants to attend Camp Summit is sponsored! Will you please help make this life-changing camp possible?

Your sponsorship is a critical piece in providing this powerful summer camp experience for low-income youth. Thank you for your sponsorship and praying for the kids and teens this summer at Camp Summit!

Excited to see God move this summer and change lives forever!


 Mark Drake

“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” -Luke 18:16 (NIV)

KATY'S STORY (from Trisha Wilson, Executive Director)

Sometimes, when a person makes an abortion decision there are long-term emotional, psychological, and spiritual complications. But there can be healing and freedom from those wounds. That's why after abortion care and recovery for women and men is available at Pregnancy Resources. Below is Katy's story:

I learned about Pregnancy Resources shortly after our move to the Quad Cities. Recently, I decided to take a Pregnancy Resources Training Course. **I knew my past, but no one there did, and I did not come bearing my history on my sleeve.** It was during that training that I learned about a post-abortion Bible study called Forgiven and Set Free.

Participating in this group was not my original plan, but it was exactly what I needed. I was referred to a lovely woman who opened her heart to me, shared her personal story and listened to mine – whatever I wanted to share or not to share. She became someone I could trust and talk to.

My abortion story started when I was raped at age 14 by a man more than twice my age. About a year later, I found myself 16 and pregnant by the same man. **He wanted me to have an abortion to take care of our 'problem.'** I was unable to get the abortion the first two tries at two different facilities. Ultimately, this man drove me to across state lines and gave me cash and a different name to use for him on the forms. **He sent me in alone to have the abortion.** I was 14 ½ weeks pregnant. I felt broken and conflicted, but thought it was what I had to do to get away from this man and my life changing situation.

As a Christian since childhood, **I was ready and willing to move on from the pain I'd struggled with for decades.** I had prayed, studied the Word, and done counseling in the past... to try to unload the shame and self-hatred I had because of the decision I made as a teenager. I thought I had laid my burden at the foot of the cross, **I'd asked God for forgiveness many times, but kept picking it back up – still feeling unworthy and stuck after all this time.**

I believe Romans 8:28 and I rejoice in fully knowing that **I have God's forgiveness, freedom, and peace** after taking part in this Bible study facilitated by Pregnancy Resources. **If you struggle with sorrow, regret, or shame because of an abortion decision there is healing** through God's Word, and Pregnancy Resources is ready to help you, too.

For more information about the Abortion Recovery Program email info@qcpregnancy.org or call Pam at 309-797-3636 option 2.



PRC 101 Volunteer Training

June 18-20, 2024 (Morning ONLY)

October 15-17, 2024 (Morning or Evening)

Morning Trainings are from 8:45am to 12:15pm & Evening Trainings are from 5:30pm to 9pm.

Now only 3 days, our volunteer training is required for volunteers who want to work directly with the women and men we help. Training covers helping skills, fetal development, adoption, abortion procedures and risks, ministry goals, and Biblical training on the sanctity of human life.

Want to register? Sign up online, [Register Here!](#)
Need more info? Contact Maia @ 563-386-3737
or Maia@qcpregnancy.org



Pregnancy Resources



2024 BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG

We are participating in Pregnancy Resources' Baby Bottle Boomerang again this year from Mother's Day - Father's Day.

You can pick up your bottle at church anytime, take it home, and start filling it with coins (dollar bills & checks also fit nicely in them!) Then, return your bottle by no later than Father's Day.

MCCALLUM'S APRIL MUSE

In March we rejoiced as our teaching team of national men in V..... presented two MLTI (Ministry Leadership Training Institute) courses to the new cadre of 33 leaders / pastors. The first two courses are: Understanding, Applying and Teaching the Bible and Introduction to Spiritual Formation. The men taught in their mother tongue, which helps greatly with understanding. Each class member is committed to reteach the courses in their regions - living out 2 Timothy 2:2. **Please be praying for their faithfulness to do the retraining.** The class is made up of some bi-vocational pastors and but mainly church leaders. Most of them have agricultural jobs.

In mid-May we will return to refresh the men on the next two classes. Our team member, B. A., will be joining us, refreshing their grasp of *Theological Foundations* covering basic Christian doctrines (Scripture, God, Creation, Man, Christ, Salvation, the Church and Last Things). Ed will cover *The Church: Its Nature, Mission, and Leadership*.

While there, we will have discussions with local leadership regarding their invitation to provide training for another minority people group who has a growing Christian population but no trained leadership. Plans have required lots of back-and-forth communication on logistics. We thought we'd meet and train a group of 20-25 leaders on this trip but logistics needed more time. We are now aiming at doing back-to-back classes in September. The current plan for May is to head north after meeting with the Teaching Team to visit a couple of villages to help establish a relationship. Our dear co-worker, Mr. H, will drive, escort, and interpret for us.

The gospel came to this new group in the mid 1970's. A U.S. missionary came across a large gathering of this ethnic group. They were celebrating the anticipated return of a king of their people. The missionary was able to share good news about a greater king, who has already come and will come again. The gospel took root but has spread slowly in this group. We understand that there are about 1,500 believers in about 10 churches that are under the cover of our host denomination. Their church leaders have little or no training.

Discussions are in progress for two possible new locations for ITEN. One is in another SE A... location. Team leader, M. K., will be headed there to evaluate the needs and our ability to come along side of nationals. The second is a high mountain location in South A.... In September we and M. K. have penciled in an exploratory trip. Nan and Pastor Yg met in Panama in November and asked us for help training. Not all requests fit what ITEN can supply. We train leaders who commit to replicate the training with others. We aren't a brick-and-mortar group. We provide non-formal education for those who would not be able to attend a formal (traditional) Christian training degree program for various reasons. We are committed to the 85% of global pastors who have no formal training. Is that a niche you and your church have or are interested to step into? If so, can we team with you?

June 18-20 is the EPC's annual meeting, General Assembly ("GA" for short) taking place in the Memphis area at Hope Church, Cordova, TN. We will arrive the evening of the 15th and would love to have the chance to get caught up, chat and thank you for your prayers, financial support, and interest in ITEN. Can we set up time to meet?

Registration is currently open at the lowest rate. Waiting to register is more costly for participants and makes it difficult for the host church.

For those not attending, watch on EPC.org for information on how to listen in. Great equipping and worship will take place.

Two ways of refining we are experiencing:

Waiting -- For others to make decisions, to be able book airplane reservations early for the best price, to know for sure the opportunities in the months ahead, for a travel document to arrive. Waiting is a fact of life. Like you, we need to hold our plans loosely many times and be able to flex. Willingness and availability seem to be attitudes the Lord develops in us, not all at once, but from stage to the next. We are lives in progress.

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 Ed & Nan to be added to their email list.

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The dear family from Liberia we have enveloped into our family are waiting on the Lord's directions for next steps. Bill graduates from the Arizona State University (ASU) Thunderbird School of Global Management on May 6. He doesn't have clarity on what's next. International Students Incorporated has invited him to work with international students on ASU's downtown campus. This requires raising funds or his salary after graduation. His current income stream ends in June along with his visa. Both Bill and Faith have applied for a US Diversity Visa. It's a program that helps qualified people from nations with low immigration levels obtain a visa through a random draw. The first draw is May 4 and the final one is the end of September. **Please pray for God to direct their steps.** If you have ideas for them or want to know more, please give a call.

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Loving beyond ourselves. Loving others is stretching. It pushes us to be more generous with our time and processions. Our eyes begin to see others and ourselves differently. Compassion needs to come quicker than condemnation. To love others as we love ourselves is a continuous area of growth for us. "Iron sharpens iron; and one person sharpens another" (Proverbs 27:17). Any tips or experiences you can share with us? We'd appreciate the chance to learn from you.

We are grateful for you! For opening this email. For praying for us! For supporting these crazy septuagenarians who keep redeploying! Ed greets 72 on the 28th.

Blessings,

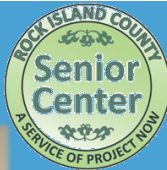
Ed and Nan McCallum



AS A FATHER
HAS COMPASSION
ON HIS CHILDREN,
SO THE LORD
HAS COMPASSION
ON THOSE WHO
FEAR HIM.

PSALM 103:13

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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.



THE HUBER FAMILY - Off to Southeast Asia, then Memphis, and... then to Central Asia!

Dearest Friends & Family,

We're writing to ask for much needed prayer support and financial needs (giving info below) regarding upcoming trips! In just a couple of weeks we will be kicking off our busiest season of travel in several years.

Saul and a World Outreach coworker will be leaving on May 17th and leading five young adults from Mission Cohort Five to Southeast Asia for two weeks for a vision trip. On the first leg of the trip, the MC5 crew will spend time with one of our World Outreach teams on a remote island engaging the local culture and seeing how the team of global workers carries out the unique ministry God has called them to. This particular team (the first Christians to live on this island) is a group of marine biologists who help local Muslim families grow sea cucumbers for the sake of selling them and creating a living for themselves. The ultimate purpose of the long-term team there is to introduce the locals to the Gospel and see their hearts transformed by a saving faith in Jesus Christ. On the second leg of the trip, we will fly to another city and spend our time at a university engaging Muslim college students in conversations on culture and religion. This is where the students (and myself) will get the chance to practice evangelism and Gospel conversations with young adults in a totally different culture!

When Saul returns from his trip, we will have a little over two weeks before we head, as a family, to Memphis for EPC General Assembly where we will be leading various missions mobilization events. Jesse has a ton of responsibility in this area as she's deeply involved with event planning and designing promotional materials/swag for World Outreach. And we will both be doing quite a bit more public speaking than in the past.

Then, in the middle of July, Jesse will head to Central Asia for two weeks. Part of that time, she will be helping to facilitate a vision trip for two of our cohort alumni to visit several teams of global workers in the area and discern if that is where God is calling them to land long-term! It feels like a full-circle moment, as Saul accompanied these ladies on their first overseas trip to Jordan in 2021 and now they are appointed World Outreach workers, figuring out where they can best serve God in that country. We've been so blessed and encouraged as we've walked alongside them for the past 5 years. The other part of Jesse's trip will be with a short term team that is coming alongside workers in the city who are putting together a week-long camp for teens. She will be out of her comfort zone, sharing the good news in a camp setting that's entirely in Russian.

We're excited to see what God does in our family through this season, but we know it won't be comfortable.

We'd love your prayers for us!

Please pray for...

- The team going to Southeast Asia: Saul, Thomas, Esther, Nathan, Cate Rivers, Jenna, and Bethany. May 17-30.
- Jesse and the kids while Saul is gone.
- All the work still to be done before General Assembly (June 18-21) and that it would result in people being mobilized to participate in the Great Commission.
- The team going to Central Asia: Jesse, Mattie, Abby, Shawn, Brad, Mark, Jordin, and Jenn. July 14-29.
- Saul and the kids while Jesse is gone.

Financially, we need some specific one-time support for these trips. In our regular budget, we have allocations for all the travel we do in the US, but not a lot of extra to cover international trips. Saul's trip will cost \$2,900 and Jesse's is going to be a little over \$3,000. So, we're asking for \$6,000 to cover these costs. If any of you would like to donate towards our trips, please go to <https://www.epcwo.org/envisiontrek/> and make sure to click on the "Optional Gift Dedication" option and designate your funds for "Saul & Jesse Huber."



EDGINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Treasurer's Report April 2024

	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	End. Balance
General Fund	\$ 111,440.80	\$ 12,604.18	\$ 19,208.05	\$ 104,836.93
Education Fund (Jahn)	\$ 9,841.98	\$ 157.90	\$ -	\$ 9,999.88
Building Fund	\$ 211,538.71	\$ 1,066.21	\$ -	\$ 212,604.92
Youth Group	\$ 13,306.28	\$ 500.00	\$ 184.70	\$ 13,621.58
	\$ 346,127.77	\$ 14,328.29	\$ 19,392.75	\$ 341,063.31

April 2024 MONTHLY REVIEW - General Fund

Receipts - April 2024

Pledges	12,589.80	
Interest Income - General Fund	14.38	
Per Member Asking	-	
	\$ 12,604.18	

Expenditures - April 2024

Administrative **\$ 4,547.21**

ABS (copier rental)		23.7%
AT&T - Phone for elevator	131.82	
Cemetery Upkeep		
Computers: Hdw, Sftw and Apps	89.99	
Jeanne Hayes (Custodian)	524.97	
Johnson Controls		
Lisa Bowman (Office Manager)	1,124.60	
Kone (elevator)		
MidAmerican Energy	508.00	
Millenium Waste		
Office Supplies		
Repairs & Maintenance - general	229.86	
Reytel - Internet	119.95	
Shipping/Postage		
Taxes / FICA / Penalty	1,818.02	

Discipleship (Internal) **\$ 13,660.84**

Children's Director	393.25	71.1%
Continuing Education		
Deacon Expense	68.00	
EPC General Assembly		
EPC (health)	26.48	
Events		
Fidelity (pension)	1,038.28	
Flowers	612.00	
Housing Allowance	5,643.78	
Meals	83.44	
Mileage	386.59	
Pastor Salary	4,173.12	
Presbytery Expense	925.53	
Pulpit Supply		
Resource Materials	270.00	
Sunday School		
Worship Supplies	40.37	

Mission (external) **\$ 1,000.00**

Mission - International	\$ 1,000.00	5.2%
Mission - US		
Mission - Local		

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$ 19,208.05**

100.0%

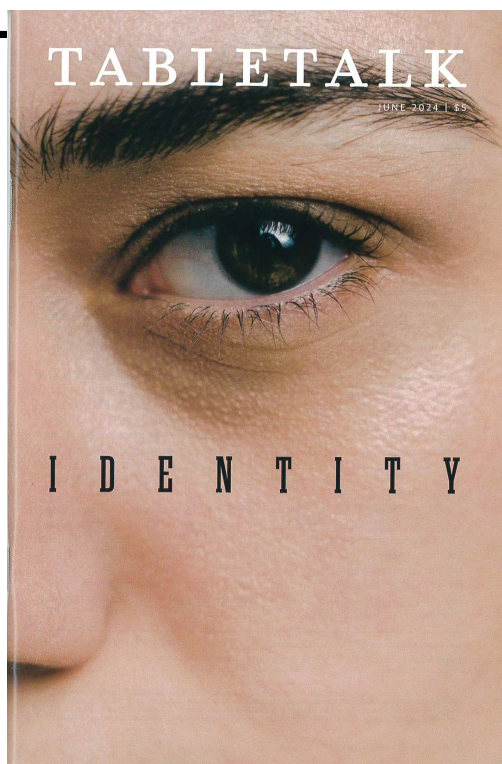
NET OPERATING INCOME **\$ (6,603.87)**

INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL

Mission monies included in general fund of \$7,868.77 and Assistance Fund of \$4,483.46

*Deducted from Benevolence Assistance Fund.

GET YOUR JUNE 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

6.2 - INFLATABLE HUMAN SOCCER

6.9 - PICKLE BALL

6.16 - FATHER'S DAY (NO YG)

6.23- VOLLEYBALL

6.30 - GAME NIGHT

FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS

CADE REIMERS FOR MORE INFO

309.373.2488



NEWSLETTER

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

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

ALL submissions for the July 2024 Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER** than Wednesday, June 19th. Items received after that date may not make it into the newsletter.

Thank you for your cooperation!

~ Lisa Bowman, Office Manager

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

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

Thank you so much for your help!

QUILTING

Thursday, June 20th, 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!

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

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

Sunday, June 2nd - [Luke 7:18-35](#)

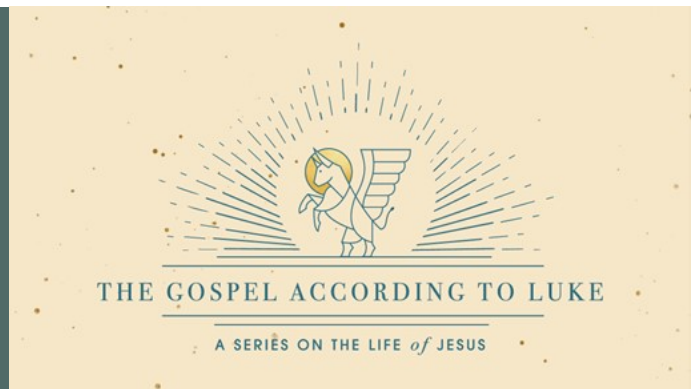
Sunday, June 9th - [Luke 7:36-50](#)

Sunday, June 16th - [Luke 8:1-3](#)

Sunday, June 23rd - Guest Pastor, Rev. Dr. George Salnave

Sunday, June 30th - [Luke 8:9-15](#)

(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.

IT'S ALWAYS 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

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

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

This summer we will have our "one-room schoolhouse" model again for the kids ages toddler - Jr. H.

We will be working through Group Publishing's "All-in-One Sunday School for ages 4-12: When you have kids of all ages in one classroom". Each lesson comes with active learning experiences, interactive Bible stories, life applications, take home handouts, and more.

The High School Students are encouraged to join the Adult Class. See p. 7 for more details.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY WELCOMES ALL EEPc WOMEN JUNE 6TH AT 1 PM



The timeless purpose:

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ,
And empowered by the Holy Spirit,
We commit ourselves
To nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study;
To support the mission of the church worldwide;
To work for justice and peace; and
To build an inclusive, caring community of women
That strengthens the Edgington Evangelical
Presbyterian Church and witnesses to the promise
of God's Kingdom.

Currently, we meet once a **quarter** in the church basement to pray together, have a nice treat brought by a willing hostess, and discuss how to serve our Lord in our church and community. We work together to choose Bible study materials, Mother's Day/Father's Day treats, Christmas treats for some of our members who are unable to attend church, decorate the church for Christmas, make and share precious quilts, coordinate luncheons, support the food pantry, keep the busy bags stocked for our little ones, set up and help finance the fall harvest party, make decisions together on how to serve in the greater community, and when necessary, we will hold a fundraiser, ETC.

You know how great it feels after church when you have just surrounded yourself by other believers to hear and feel God's word? Well, we end each WM meeting with the MIZPAH: (Genesis 31:49):

"The Lord watch between me and Thee, when we are absent, one from another."

Join us for the June meeting, won't you? Pick and choose if you are willing and how you are able to contribute, even if it is just by joining us for the meeting and helping with ideas. It's truly a fellowship that offers you another chance to surround yourself by other believing women and serve our Lord Jesus Christ! Come feel the blessing!

There were only 3 people attending the March meeting. We are struggling to get more active members involved. Our fear is that we may have to disband the WM if we cannot get more ladies participating. As a group, we need to discuss where we want to go. What is our future???

These are the projects we need assistance with for the 2nd quarter:

1. **Secretary:** This would involve taking minutes for 4 meetings. The minutes could be handwritten or typed. Whichever is easiest.
2. **Hostess:** December meeting
3. **Women's Ministry Booklet** - please look at the women listed and let me know if any changes need to be made OR if anyone is missing.

Thanking you in advance for any help you can give. Please call me if you have questions, concerns or suggestions. God Bless!

Sue Miller, Chairperson
309-781-8231

2024 GRADUATES

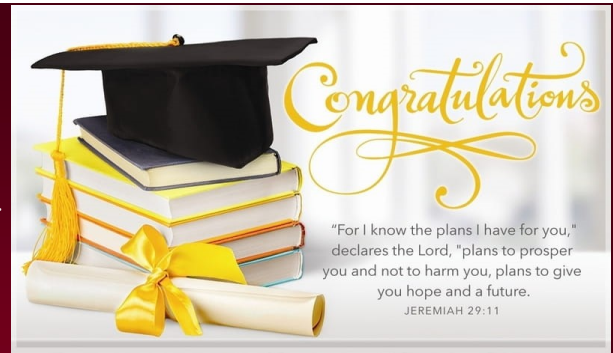
We would like to recognize and celebrate all our 2024 students that are moving on to their next adventure!

Please keep them in prayer as they try to discern God's path for their lives.

8th Grade moving into High School:

Taylor Freyermuth
Cade Fuhr
Mya Gray
Tessa Kofer

Emma Pearson
Josey Stegmiller
Mason White



High School Graduates:

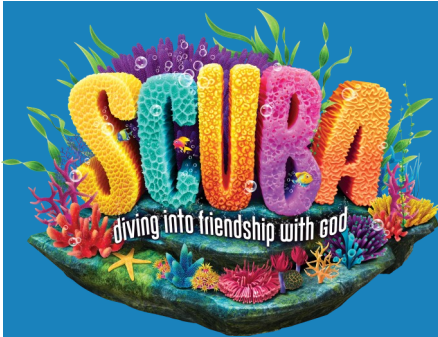
Emma Ill

Will be attending Western Illinois University (Quad Cities Campus) in the fall. She is planning to major in Early Childhood Education.

College/University Graduates:

Kenzie Reimers

Graduating from Illinois State University with a Bachelor of Science in Mass Media. She plans to pursue a Masters in Communication at Illinois State University in the fall.



2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Plans for our summer camp are progressing! We have 215 campers registered and divided up into their individual groups. We have plenty of High School counselors and will soon be assigning them to the various groups of campers. Different activities are being planned for each afternoon - Rock Island County Water Rescue Unity, American Red Cross, Nahant Marsh, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Poison Control, and Fishing will all be represented by programs the week of camp, in addition to our usual activities of swimming, BB guns, and archery.

The campers will be making a donation to the Rocket Closet (provides food and needed personal items to kids in our community) and World Vision (to provide clean water to families in Honduras) as part of their mission project.

Our next planning meeting is Sunday, June 9th at 12:15pm, and a supply list will be compiled after that.

Counselor training dates are Sunday, June 30th from 4 - 5:30pm or Thursday, July 11th from 6 - 7:30pm. **All High School Counselors are required to attend 1 training meeting.**

Thank you for your continued interest in and prayers for Vacation Bible School!

Congratulations!

CLASS OF 2024



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Edgington EPC Basement
Sunday, August 11th, 4 - 7pm
SOCIAL ON SUNDAY, PREP ON FRI. & SAT.



Here is the schedule leading up to the Social itself:

***Friday, August 9th at 8:30am:** (Please let me know if you are able to help)

- Mix the ingredients. Please bring your own blender if you have one, if not come anyway - there will be extras.
- Set up the basement

***Friday, August 9th at 3:00pm:**

- Crank the ice cream

***Saturday, August 10th at 8:30am:**

- Mix the potato salad
- Get the beans ready

***Sunday, August 11th at 2:30pm:**

- Cut the desserts
- Set up the serving line to be ready to start by 4:00pm

I will be sending postcards asking for donations about 2 weeks ahead of time. I ask all donations be to the church by Sunday morning unless otherwise specified on your postcard.

This event is always an amazing time for our church family to come together. I am so thankful for everyone who helps!

If you have any questions you can contact me at 309-235-4054. ~ Tara Johnson

EDGINGTON EPC EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Edgington EPC Education Scholarship was established to benefit Youth and Students of Edgington EPC as they pursue academic and spiritual growth through education.

If you are preparing to further your education and meet the requirements listed below, please go to the website, hover over the About Us tab, then on the drop down box hover over What We Believe, and click on the Church Facility Use, Requests... & Forms. Scroll down to the graduation cap and click on that. A PDF of the Edgington EPC Education Scholarship Fund form should come up in a new window. You could also just on this link [HERE](#).

Once you have filled out the form submit it to the office by **NO LATER than AUGUST 25th**. Session will review your request at their August meeting the next evening.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Be an active member of Edgington EPC.
2. Requests must be submitted to the office by the August Session meeting for approval. (The form says July, but August is correct. The form will be updated soon!)
3. Update the Church about your educational and spiritual growth.

2024 Youth Mission Trip July 6th – 13th

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!

JUNE 2024



Sunday School 9am
Worship Service 10am

EEPC

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WEBSITE: www.edgingtonepc.org

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26 B/P Checks Youth Group, 5:30pm	27 <small>Memorial Day</small> NO Meal Site 	28 Meal Site Session Mtg., 7pm	29 Meal Site	30 Meal Site	31 Meal Site	1
2 Food Pantry Sunday Youth Group, 5:30pm	3 Meal Site	4 Meal Site	5 Meal Site	6 Meal Site Women's Ministry Mtg., 1pm	7 Meal Site	8
9 B/P Checks VBS Mtg., 12:15pm Youth Group, 5:30pm	10 Meal Site	11 Meal Site	12 Meal Site	13 Meal Site	14 Foot Clinic - Vikki Meal Site	15
16 <small>Father's Day</small> Baby Bottle Due Back 	17 Foot Clinic - Amanda Meal Site	18 Meal Site Mission Comm. Mtg., 6:30pm 44th General Assembly in Cordova, TN	19 NO Meal Site Trustee Mtg., 7pm Newsletter Deadline	20 <small>Summer Begins</small> Quilting, 9am Meal Site	21 Meal Site	22
23 B/P Checks Deacon's Mtg., 11:30am Youth Group, 5:30pm	24 Meal Site	25 Meal Site Session Mtg., 7pm	26 Meal Site	27 Meal Site	28 Meal Site	29
30 Basement Reserved Youth Group, 5:30pm	1 Meal Site	2 Meal Site	3 Meal Site	4 NO Meal Site 	5 Meal Site	6