



VBS STILL MATTERS – and WHY

I recently came across an article from the Barna Group that focused on the question of how common it was for churches to have Vacation Bible School Ministries. The article focuses on survey data that is admittedly very out of date by today's standards, but still raised some interesting points. If the trendline of churches not offering VBS continues, it will likely mean that only half of US churches engage in this type of ministry in the future. For those churches reporting that they have, in the past, but no longer, offer VBS ministries, the top reasons were related to not having enough volunteers. Part of the article includes some synthesis about what the research means for the continuing significance of this type of ministry, not only for who receives it (children and families) but also for who is conducting the ministry (overwhelmingly volunteers).

Why do I share this? Because of three key findings that I think continue to be relevant to our VBS ministry here in Edgington. Those include, as quoted in the article:

1. VBS remains a key way for churches to minister to their community—and not just to the kids, but to the parents as well. And VBS isn't just summer Sunday school. It can be more focused on unchurched families and offer a more intensive program that allows for greater flexibility in content and delivery.
2. VBS is also an opportunity to engage young adults in service. So many young adults lose their connection with a local church because they feel underutilized. Churches can give key VBS volunteer roles to young adults and college kids in their congregations. Using young people as servants and not just consumers is an important way of establishing a faith that lasts.
3. An effective VBS needs to have specific objectives. Churches need to determine their own objectives and structure their VBS accordingly—not just do VBS because ‘it's always been done’—but to have goals in mind.

I'd like to invite you to think about those three things with me this month. How does our VBS program relate to effective outreach to our community? How can we continue to strengthen the bond that young adults have to this ministry by engaging them in service (i.e. counselors and leaders)? Finally, do we have a clean “why” in view and are we taking steps to see that purpose come into reality?

I love VBS! I am so thankful for all that goes into this important ministry, not just for one week in July, but in the many months of coordination and preparation, and even the months that follow to evaluate our effectiveness. As we look to 2024's camp, please join me in praying for and thinking strategically about how we can leverage this important ministry effort toward our ultimate purpose of “*glorifying God and enjoying Him forever.*”

See you in worship and during the week of July 22nd - at Camp!

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Melissa Woeckener	16 - Bailey Woeckener
4 - Robbyn Ransdell	20 - Bandon Tomlin
5 - Don Easterla	21 - Cindy Cullen
5 - Jon Easterla	21 - Bill Sloan
6 - Janet Dunlap	23 - Joseph Gierlus
7 - Pam Pithan	24 - Henry Wood
7 - Paige Schmidt	26 - Katie Pearson
9 - Jim Balmer	26 - Alina Schafman
10 - Sophia Fuhr	27 - Owen Freyermuth
11 - Jacob Woeckener	27 - Tara Miller
14 - Morgan Flickinger	28 - Sophie Anderson
14 - Nichole Monson	28 - Jacob Ryser
14 - Marion Oak	31 - Shirley Flemming
15 - Sally Fuhr	

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

10 - Tyson & Angie Freyermuth
12 - Jim & Nancy Cooksey
12 - Jason & Stephanie Rursch
12 - Steven & Melissa Woeckener
21 - Shawn & Hillary Terrill
24 - Steve & Cindy Thompson
26 - Andrew & Cassie Fuhr

GREETERS FOR JULY

Sunday, July 7th - Sue Miller
Sunday, July 14th - Eric & Kelly Moel
Sunday, July 21st - Ken & Sandy Benningfield
Sunday, July 28th - Jim & Teresa Balmer

*Happy
Independence
Day*

FOOT CLINIC

Next Clinic: Monday, July 15th,
beginning at 9am

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



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!

May 28, 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 is present. Also attending was Rachael Johnson (Director of Children's Ministry) and Roy Yanke, Executive Director of PIR Ministries (via Zoom call).

Pastor Zach acted as moderator of the meeting. Zach opened the meeting with prayer and read from Matthew 19:14. The Elders prayed for individual members of the congregation, then reviewed and discussed Chapter 7 of *Strange New World* by Carl R. Trueman.

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the April 30th, 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 May he conducted three office and three home visits. He also served on the RLP Ad-Interim Ordination Committee, attended three meetings of the EPC Permanent Judicial Commission, participated in a MVC Pilot Project Meeting and met with Roy Yanke. Zach also conducted the funeral of Lisa Whitney.

Old Business:

- The Session continued discussion on planning for a Sabbatical for Zach.
- Todd and Keith reported on plans for the Adult Sunday School summer schedule. The month of July will be a break in the schedule and during the months of June and August the class will be led by different individuals. Volunteer teachers for June are: June 2-Keith, June 9-Mic, June 16-Todd, June 23- Zach will ask Matt Youck, June 30-Jim. August teachers TBD. This schedule will allow Zach time to spend in other classrooms.
- The Session reviewed the preaching schedule for June and July. Zach thanked Mic for preaching on May 26th. June 23rd Rev. Dr. George Salnave will preach, Zach will be present. July 14th Rev. Jeffrey Lancaster will preach during Zach's vacation. July 21st Mr. Jeff Durham (candidate for a Dubuque church) will preach, with Zach present.

New Business:

- Rachael Johnson gave the Session a report of her activities the last few months as she begins her role as Director of Children's Ministry. She has instituted an attendance gathering tool that will assist in helping analyze attendance patterns. She is in the process of learning about curriculum ordering. Rachael also expects to be involved in planning activities for children during the ice cream social. Mic suggested that a handout be developed concerning the church's children's program to be distributed during the food pantry days. The Session voiced their support and appreciation for Rachael's activities.
- The Session met with Roy Yanke, Executive director of PIR Ministries, via a ZOOM call to begin planning on setting up a sabbatical for Zach during a portion of 2025. There are many things to consider as we move forward with this. Roy was pleased to find that the Ruling Elders are in full support of a sabbatical. The Session will be involved in planning for this over the next several months.

- Zach introduced his idea of initiating a Preaching “Lab”. Where he would hold a series of meetings for volunteers who would be willing to preach in the future. He would coach each volunteer on the creation and delivering of one or two sermons in a group setting over the course of a few months. The Elders were in favor of this approach.
- Zach informed the Session that Lisa Bowman would be on vacation May 31st – June 13th.
- Zach gave an overview of Session Membership terms:
- RE’s Keith and Patrick are serving their sixth year and would be taking their Sabbatical year in 2025.
- RE Kevin Oak desires to return in 2025
- The Session should be considering prospective Ruling Elders for future service.
- Next Communion will be held June 2nd, 2024. The next stated Session meeting is June 25th, 2024. The Session will discuss Chapter 8 of *Strange New World* by Carl R. Trueman at that time.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:51pm. Motion Carried.

Teaching Elder Zach Hopkins closed the meeting with prayer.

Keith Wilson, Clerk of Session

2024 Youth Mission Trip July 6th – 13th

Saturday, July 6th, 9 teens and 6 adults are leaving for Winchester, Kentucky to spend a life-changing week assisting the residents of this region, and many will never be the same!



Winchester is a historic town where both bluegrass and Southern hospitality abound. They are also known for their Ale-8-One soft drink that dates to 1926, the only soft drink invented in Kentucky that is still around today. Group Workcamps has been in Winchester over 14 years ago. The hard work of those participants is remembered and, in fact, the reason we've been invited back.

The mission team will quickly discover that although Winchester is a few short miles off the highway, they are not out of reach or out of touch. In this historic town and the surrounding rural countryside of rolling hills, **residents just need a little help and hope.**

The teams will demonstrate Jesus' love and compassion in tangible ways, serving real people in need while working on projects like building wheelchair ramps and handrails, weatherizing homes and trailers, reconstructing sagging porches, significant painting projects, interior and exterior carpentry, and other home repair projects that the homeowner cannot otherwise complete.

Please be in prayer for all of them, the people they are going to serve, the other teams that they will be working with, and those leading them, plus so many other aspects of the trip.

Thank you!

June 6th, 2024

Attendance: We started on time at 1pm with 10 women present: Kathy Stegmiller, Pat Block, Beth Flickinger, Pam Pithan, Teresa Balmer, Regina Thomas, Nancy Cooksey, Dorothy Rursch, Shirley Flemming, and Sue Miller.

Minutes: We do not currently have a secretary. I asked everyone to take notes on their agendas and share them with me, so I could type up the “minutes” from those. Kathy was the only one who shared, but this worked.

Correspondence: Sue read the thank you note from Mitch Anderson.

Funeral Luncheons: Discussion was brought up by Pat to encourage families to cater the main portion of funeral meals in an effort to cut down on the work involved in serving funeral luncheons. More discussion revealed that Zach usually does suggest that the family provide the main portion, and that the church will provide salads and desserts. Sue will touch base with him on that topic. Pat also shared that Anthony Pearson passed away, and that his family requested a simple gathering with no more than 2 desserts. They will be in touch as to when his service will be held.

Treasurer's Report: After Kathy gave the Treasurer's report, the discussion of an abundance of cookbooks came up because several people approached her to buy one, and she ended up selling several. We decided it would be a good idea to have a table set up for the ice cream social to sell our church cookbook and other items we have available.

Missions/Quilts: Shirley delivered \$89 of women's toiletries, three adult quilts, and one baby quilt to the Mercer County Family Crisis Center. We discussed Winnie's Place and came to the conclusion, that we would follow the lead of the Church Mission Committee and stop contributing to that organization.

- Quilting Schedule: June 20th, 2024 at 9am, Summer break for July and August, September 19th, 2024 at 9am (These dates may be changed to accommodate more women)

Fall Bible Study: After discussion, we decided to ask Zach to look at two different studies: *Steadfast, A Devotional Bible Study on the Book of James* (Courtney Doctor), which is 8 weeks, and *Wisdom of God* (Nancy Guthrie) which is 10 weeks. We want to be finished with the series by Thanksgiving, so we decided to start on September 10th and continue the Tuesday 10am and Wednesday 6:30pm schedule.

It was decided to ask the Sunday School kids to hand them out the Father's Day gifts after church on Father's Day.

Women's Ministry Booklets: We are going to ask the greeters to offer them to those ladies who haven't picked one up yet once a month. Sue will label the basket and ask the greeters to show the ladies the basket where they can pick one up.

Lisa Sloan generously offered to donate her mom's punch bowl and cups to the church, but It was determined that we do not need any more punch bowls and cups but do appreciate the offer.

Prayed for members of the congregation with specific needs.

It was decided to change our meetings to Wednesdays, starting on the next meeting date.

Pam Pithan agreed to be our hostess for the December meeting.

We discussed after school programs but decided not to “compete” with other churches offering them, rather individuals can offer to assist their programs.

Next WM Meeting: September 4th, 2024, at 1pm

Prayer: Sue Miller

Closing: Recite Mizpah Benediction (Genesis 31:49) together

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

Hostess: Pat Block

TRUSTEES

6-19-2024

Present: Mel Block, Jeff Fuhr, Phil Fuhr, Ken Benningfield, JR Thomas, Colby Mueller, Cindy Oak, Darren Hall, session Representative Jim Mueller

Mel opened with prayer at 7pm.

Treasurer's report for May reviewed and approved.

Minutes for May meeting reviewed and approved.

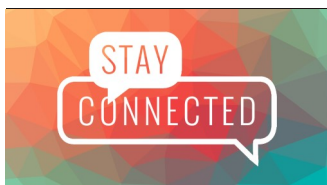
OLD BUSINESS:

- Balcony screen, railing and duct work tabled while considering if any upgrades to sound system are needed.
- Parking lot expansion tabled, waiting on school approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Reviewed bids on new windows for Sunday school wing and accepted a bid for Anderson windows. Will be installed this summer when new siding goes up.
- Session has asked that Trustees make or purchase 2 wooden tables to serve communion from. Deciding if they can be made or need to be purchased.
- Balcony stained glass windows need to be resealed.
- Looked at sidewalk and step outside south entrance. Will schedule a work day to remove old and pour new in July.

Mel closed with prayer.



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

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A LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE FOR URBAN YOUTH



Camp Summit is our summer camp facility where more than 400 kids and teens from low-income areas will attend overnight camp this summer!

We pursued kids and teens, partnered with local public schools to engage families, and did many home visits to get students signed up! Our staff have worked hard to connect with parents and engage new students! It looks to be our largest summer yet!

We have watched God impact camp counselors as well as campers over the past 23 years! Please join us in praying for all the staff and every student!

Things we take for granted: three healthy meals a day, our own beds, clean living conditions, and encouraging mentors, will be experienced for eight weeks this summer at Camp Summit.

We are in a season of transition and God is doing a new thing! While it is unknown and foreign feeling, we do expect this summer to be powerful!

Thank you for making camp possible by sending kids to Camp Summit! If you haven't yet, we still have students who need sponsors. What a great investment into kids and teens' lives this summer!

Mark Drake, Executive Director

Praise Report:

- Praise God for our first week of camp being completed! We had 44 girls join us at Camp Summit and it was a beautiful week! We thank God for the excellent daytime weather, butterflies, and hearts that were touched by Him!
- Praise God for the end of the school year! ALL the schools are now officially out! We are so grateful for every student entrusted to us to serve and praise God for the many opportunities to share Christ this year!
- Praise God for our summer sponsorships! We have 217 campers sponsorships paid so far this summer!
- Praise God for 424 students already registered for Camp Summit this summer! We are on track for a record-breaking summer of ministry!!
- Praise God for the doors He has opened for us to be in the public schools, working with families and students, and receiving student referrals for summer programs!

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for all the kids at camp this summer. We ask for protection for them as they enter back to "normal life" and ask God to protect them physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. Lord, everything they learn, experience and believed during their time at camp - let it take root permanently in their lives. Guard them on all sides from any or schemes of the enemy.
Please pray for our staff at the Youth Centers, Camp Summit and in the YouthHope office! It is a very busy time of year! We ask for supernatural abilities, focus, detail, and wisdom as we engage hard for this summer and prepare for the next season! Please pray for all the new staff and the transitions! We ask Holy Spirit that you will speak clearly and your presence to overflow and dwell in all our physical locations. We cannot (nor do we want to) do this without you Lord! We need you!
- Father God, we ask for protection over all the food served this summer, for the food funding to be secured, and for every volunteer who cooks at camp this summer to have their hearts touched for these campers and for what YOU Lord are doing at Camp Summit!
- Please pray for the summer camp staff support as they each raise funds for their positions. We ask the Lord for provision and 100% of each counselor's funding needs to be covered!
- We ask for God's Shalom to cover all things YouthHope! Lord please give us your peace and use us! God please strengthen, empower and ignite us to do your work, serving others and sharing YOUR love, faithfulness and HOPE through Jesus.

THE BATTLE CONTINUES

Daily the battle to protect women, families, and the pre-born wages on. For more than 50 years, we have lived in a culture that falsely claims abortion is healthcare while also declaring that pre-born life is not life with value. Sadly, while some laws may have changed, hearts are still hardened and the abortion industry is thriving.



Recently, the Guttmacher Institute released their 2023 abortion statistics. On the national level **abortion has increased by 10%** since Roe was overturned with the Dobbs decision in the Summer of 2022. **In 2023 over 1.2 million abortions were provided through our US healthcare system.** This horrific number does not include internet based do-it-yourself abortions where no US doctor or clinic was consulted – the actual number of abortion occurrences is likely much higher.

This is the highest recorded occurrence of abortions in America in more than a decade (2012). **In Illinois there has been a 72% increase in abortions provided** – with nearly 53,000 lives lost last year. More than 25,000 women came to Illinois as abortion tourists.

But we will not lose hope! At Pregnancy Resources **we don't offer abortion, we don't encourage abortion, and we don't refer for abortion – and we are HONEST about that.** Knowing this simple truth, women & men still walk through the doors every week looking for help and searching for truth. Every week abortion appointments are canceled. Every week moms and dads choose life for their child. And we are so very thankful!

This summer, the needs of our community will be great. Hundreds of neighbors/family members/friends will make life or death decisions for their pre-born children. Your continued support during **#SavingLivesSummer2024** will help us help them at the moment life hangs in the balance. Working together, hearts will change and lives will be saved. Thank you for making a difference this summer!

- Trisha Wilson, Executive Director

Walk for Life 2024

Saturday, September 7th, 2024

Ben Butterworth Park – East Shelter
5420 Old River Dr., Moline, IL 61265
(55th St. and Old River Dr.)

Join others for the two-mile family-friendly Walk along the Mississippi River, listen to live acoustic music, and have a treat with us provided by Whitey's. (Yum!)



PLUS, Walking for Life is always better with friends! Bring a new friend (18 years +) to the Walk, and you and the friend will receive a special gift from Pregnancy Resources. (*While supplies last)*



PRC 101 Volunteer Training

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

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.

SE A: Our time in country was productive. The time with our Teaching Cohort allowed us to **refresh and deepen their understanding of Theological Foundations and The Church: Its Nature, Mission, and Leadership**. The Cohort had significant time demonstrating understanding of content and teaching skills in teaching presentations. We and B. A., our team member, gave input on presenting skills. Using his drama background, Ed demonstrated how gestures and body movements can either hinder or enhance teaching and preaching. The cohort evaluated each other on content and encouraged each other. **May they teach effectively these two courses in July to men with open ears to learn and apply.**

We were honored to have **time with each man to hear about family and church needs**. These are busy men who give sacrificially to serve their churches and to be trainers. It's neither easy nor convenient to be a bi-vocational pastor in the north due to financial challenges and difficulty making a living in their area. Government leaders encourage various types of farming including animals and trees. This has led some to cinnamon farming both for the oil (in demand from China) and powdered forms. But in the city a man can make in one month what would take 6 months farming. Some pastors, as well as other men, are looking for other jobs in large cities as a result. It's not uncommon for both parents to work in the city with the children left in the care of grandparents. This trend leaves mostly women behind in churches. It seems to point to the great need for increased Christian Community Development. This has been one of our twelve classes. **Pray for God to lead them to additional financial resources and community development.** Examples of the need....One of the pastors in this Cohort had borrowed money to begin raising pigs. Sadly, the venture failed. He is currently working away from home in a mine to raise the money to pay off the loan as quickly as possible. Another man told us he gleaned in for honey and bamboo sprouts to feed his family. He's what would be called an executive pastor in the US in a 600 member church. He receives no regular remuneration from the church. If you would like a copy of the prayer requests, let us know and Nan will send it.

As usual we brought a large pile of theological resource books compliments of a donated library of a retiring EPC pastor. While touring the library Ed gave the librarian information about a theological library organization. ITEN has a special project fund for library development. We'll request that the cost of membership be sent from this account to give them access to more resources. **Pray that the library resources will assist the student body and faculty.**

The denomination we are partnering with has a zeal for planting churches. **Every year since Covid, they have added 50-60 churches.** Many of these are within the main people group of the country which has a low percentage of Christians! They are a wonderful example of church.

The president of the denomination met with us to finalize the plans for us to **begin teaching leaders in another minority people group**. It was affirming to hear his confidence in ITEN's materials and of our sequence of courses. In September when we return, we will begin this new endeavor...likely a three year program. Please pray as Pres "S" chooses those to be trained and who will handle the logistics for the class. We know this doesn't sound like retirement for us and we agree! We are praying for a few theologically trained individuals to join us. **Might this be you?** Let's talk.

The **trip had hiccups to overcome**. The evening before classes were to begin, our interpreter sent word that he was ill and unable to come. Our man on the ground worked his network and was able to procure a skilled interpreter, D, who has interpreted for us before. It was great to work with him again. Another wrinkle is that the translation of course materials into the mother tongue of the students wasn't finished. Moving past frustration to flexibility is the name of the game. Due to post class stomach distress for Ed, events of our final two days were canceled. No planned field trip to visit two villages nor preaching /church visit on Sunday. But gratefully, Ed was well enough to fly home as scheduled. **Please pray for his continued healing. He is still doctoring.**

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Nan **used time to reach out** as an ongoing mentor to a college gal over 'Egg Coffee'. "N" has a passion for growing in deeper her faith. Conversation involved a number of challenging topics and Bible passages as well as "N" sharing her future plans and prayer. Nan always spends time with the owner and staff of the nail salon by the hotel. It's amazing that you can have a conversation via Google Translate. It also gives a chance to talk with tourists and share about Jesus in casual conversation. She learned at a Muslim owned hair salon in Michigan to take advantage of God making our hair grow necessitating regular repeated visits. Try it at your next appointment. We'd love to hear your stories. While wandering a picturesque shopping area, Nan sat down by a Russian young single gal and struck up a conversation. Speaking a few Russian words, picked up from traveling for the Midwest Presbytery, opened the door to talk about their backgrounds. God doesn't waste our past but uses it to impact our present. It was a new thought for her to have a purpose of life that matches that of your spouse.

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Update on Bill & Faith.

We hosted a graduation party for them with people from the various churches where they have fellowshiped and networked. We enjoyed a variety of African foods and sharing of stories. Four of Bill's relatives living in the US surprised him by coming. On the visa front, neither Bill nor Faith were drawn for the Diversity Visa. Bill has been following various options. One is an African church in the Philadelphia area which reaches out to African diaspora. The denomination has churches in Liberia. **Please pray for God's provision for their future.** Each of the US based options in the US will require him raising support and getting a work visa. Let us know if you want to be kept in the information loop.

Thank you for your friendship and partnership in prayer. We appreciate you! May the Lord continue to use the gifts and talents He has given you to bless those around you.
May His face shine upon you and grant you peace and purpose.

Blessings,
Ed & Nan McCallum

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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.



For safety reasons we are not linking the full 6 pg. report. There are MANY great pics & links. If you would like to receive their regular updates via email, please contact the church office and Lisa will connect you with Burdsall's to be added to their email list.

Hello to all! It is always a funny thing to feel like we are still in the school year here, while in the US it is summer- but happy summer! It has been a weird couple months. In L..... we have been basically business as usual, although as the days without S here go by, it gets more and more draining emotionally. Glad he will be back soon! C has been busy with Asha services, art drop in, home visits, lunch clubs, and girls club - all having to fit around the school drop off and pick up times. has been studying around 4 hours everyday, along with school and regular homework, band, and youth group. A had a birthday and is now currently enjoying a half term break week of ballet camp put on by the EN Ballet (free for local residents!).

Meanwhile - S has been doing a US tour :) He says he has done roughly 5,000 miles of travel and spoken/visited with around 30 different people/places/churches! He says it was an encouraging time. We're glad he got to connect with so many of you!

This Spring has been wedding season and C and A have been to 3! These weddings were all people from local churches that work in this area. It was beautiful to see the love the couples have, but also their love for God and the reminders of God's love for his people - reminders of God's promise of an eternal home and rest where we live with Him. As we thought about the joy of that day we also thought of the promises in Revelation 5:9 that we will see every tribe and language praising God in Heaven. That promise and hope is why we are here and what encourages us. We are grateful for your partnership with us in sharing this hope to those around us and through Asha services.

Some updates and prayer requests:

On June 6 we will turn in application paperwork for Indefinite Leave to Remain in the U. K. This will mean that we have settled status here and don't have to continue filing for visas every few years. **Please pray for this paperwork to go through quickly and easily and for there to be no problems along the way.**

Last Friday I gave my testimony in Girl's Club. It was a little loud and chaotic, as always, **so pray that it did make them think and maybe encourage questions or just thinking about faith in the future for them. Also continue praying for one girl that I have had some good faith conversations with lately.**

Girls club will be closing after June, mainly because of staffing changes and lack of volunteers to continue it currently. **Pray for the girls at club that this affects - for them to be willing to try other clubs run by the same church (possibly church youth group) and for the ones graduating club anyway; that they would be willing to meet one to one. And pray for me as I figure out what's next.** There is definitely still a need among local young women, and there are some possibilities of other organizations to help with, and also an idea to start something for young adults at Asha. **Pray that God would lead in this area for the best next thing.**

We have been doing an art drop in time for ladies through Asha every Monday morning for a few months now and it has been encouraging to see about 5-6 ladies show up each week. They are incredibly talented at sewing and designing, and many say that it is so nice to get out of the house and do things with other people. **Pray that they would be willing to practice their English a bit more, and for opportunities to have faith conversations.**

I have been doing some home visits with another member of our team on Thursdays. She has been in the area for many years and has many contacts. It has been a good learning experience to see how she has built up relationships with people, and also the benefits of visiting. As westerners we tend to feel we have to plan ahead and not bother people, but these visits are seen as caring for people and for valuing them by wanting to see them.

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Continue to **pray for Asha services and pray for men and children to come!** It is encouraging to have ladies attending regularly, but some of the men that used to come have been "encouraged" not to come or just find the days busy. **Pray for them and pray for ways that we can reach out to families either on Sundays or other events for children especially.**

Eid al Adah occurs on June 16th. This is the Muslim celebration honoring Ibrahim being willing to sacrifice Ishmael. It is a day of prayer and also of sacrifice. Muslims are required to offer a sacrifice, qurbani, of usually goat or sheep, and then give some to those in need. In L..... this doesn't always mean actual sacrifices in the street. They can pay for a sacrifice to happen elsewhere, like in B..... **Pray for our conversations during this time.** It is a good opportunity to discuss what Christians believe about Abraham and Isaac and what the sacrificial lamb points toward.

In family news:

J has 5 more tests to take and then he is finished with school! **Pray for him to finish well and for a couple days when he has 2 test days, which means 6 hours of writing!**

L recently finished her second year of university! In the B..... system that means just one more to go!

S. flies back to the U. K. on June 5th. **Please pray for safe travels for him.**

Take care,
C (for S and the kids)

B & E

18 June 2024

Dear friends, thank you for your partnership!

Words from 2 Thessalonians 1 express our heart for our overseas ministry partners and partnership with them: *'Your faith is growing abundantly...*

Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches... for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring... that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith... that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified.'

V..... - My trip to V..... was fruitful and inspiring. I had the privilege of being the speaker for their H.... Bible College faculty and staff retreat weekend. Before the event, I had little information about it, except that we were going out of the city overnight. So, I took bug spray and my mosquito net, as I envisioned being in a camp in the hills in some rustic situation, sleeping in a hammock or something. But instead, we learned we would be on a nice cruise boat in H. L... Bay (famous scenic place) for an overnight cruise. It was awesome to have two worship services on the boat and share my teaching with them (as the boat staff and other passengers heard and saw us). It was so uplifting for everyone and an unforgettable experience!

After we returned to H...., I taught a teacher training course to prepare 8 selected pastors from the northern hill tribes who will be teachers of our MLTI program courses. With these pastors, I reviewed the course I had taught them two years ago, 'Theological Foundations' (a simple and accessible form of systematic theology). E. McC..... and I worked together with Nan's assistance. E. did the same kind of training for his 'Nature and Ministry of the Church' course.

These men will replace me and other ITEN teachers and teach our courses to other pastors (about 500!) among their people group in years ahead. We rejoice that we are achieving an indigenous self-sustained training program, which has been our goal. It was so rewarding to see these outstanding rural tribe pastors prepared to teach future generations of pastors. This minority ethnic group (which is 90% of the northern V..... church) had

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not had a training program until we started ours with them about 4 years ago. They are reaching out in church planting to communities with about 30 unreached people groups.

The Evangelical Church of V.....-N.... has planted 50-60 new churches every year over the past four years! The church is growing rapidly, and one pastor in H.... said he profited greatly from ITEN and has seen his new church plant in the city increase from 12 to 80 members in 1 year! Believers in V..... are persecuted yet progressing in their faith and church planting.

U..... - It is very tough in U..... right now, with lots of missiles and weariness. A few days ago, J..... texted me, 'It is very difficult at the front. Many of our acquaintances joined the army, most of them volunteers.' 'Since the Russian invasion, 600 places of worship have been destroyed, over 30 faith leaders killed or kidnapped, forced expulsions, imprisonments and arrests.' (Evangelicals, one of main targets of Russia in U....., Evangelical Focus) Yet, Baptists in U..... report planting 54 new churches, growth that all evangelicals in U..... see.

My trip to U..... and P.... in April was very fruitful, thank the Lord! I caught a bad virus on the way to U..... and had to power through 21 events in 11 days in 7 cities—but somehow it worked, really such grace from God, and certainly not my own strength! Here are some highlights: *(Pictures not included here for safety reasons)*

- Preached in this 'capital church' in K..., Temple of Peace; spent the day working with the national director of young generation ministries for the Baptist denomination of U.....
- Taught seminars about engaging and reforming society in several cities; had an interview recorded for a radio/TV program; preached in churches in several cities
- Lectured at C..... University on Protestants in sixteenth-century U.....; spoke in two Christian schools; worked with leaders of Baptist non-profit humanitarian and outreach ministries; Pastor S.... showed me this missile fragment that had been brought to his office.
- Teaching leaders of so many arenas—like the chaplain, pastor, nuns, and mayor here; these Catholic priests received my message, too, and joined in by sharing their own affirming remarks from the platform after I concluded
- Another of many impact examples, long-time leaders in our New Reformation Movement led city prayer breakfasts bringing all confessions of clergy and public officials together—a Pentecostal mayor (left) and Baptist pastor (right); to read/see more, go to *(link not included for safety concerns)*

I recently received this video from Pastor J. L., my ministry partner of the past 20 years in Eastern Europe *(link not included for safety)*. It reports on the recent 'Forum on Evangelism in the Conditions of War', produced by our partners, Christians for U..... It is just one glimpse into the work they are doing. In almost every frame, I see my dear friends and ministry partners (various denominations) speaking and leading. Many are leading projects supported by EPC funds. This growing unity is one fruit of the work of Christians for U..... and the wider church during this war time. Overall, the training of our reformation movement for over twenty years and currently (especially the COA) is fostering the growth of the church's engagement in society, moving it from the old separatist, underground, and insulated Soviet model to a more widely missional, holistic, transformative, engaged, and relevant need-meeting church in society. This is increasing evangelism, new believers, and church planting, praise God!...

To learn about another Christians for U...../Christian Rescue Service 3-day forum for chaplains—this time in I.... for 200 chaplains from different denominations and regions—see *(link not included for safety)* These trainings are touching thousands of chaplains, mental health workers, and social workers throughout all regions of U.....

My primary ministry partner, J., recently reported other good work:

- Completion of project funded by the EPC International Disaster Relief Fund and facilitated by J. and me: 1) In T....., the construction of a rehabilitation center for soldiers and their families, which also holds a new local church plant, 2) In K..... R..., renovation of a hospital for military hospital capacity, 3) Christian Rescue Service chaplain training program throughout U....., and 4) Summer camps for children through our previously established education centers in 11 cities
- Production and distribution of evangelistic literature

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- Upcoming forum in July at the National University of O..... Academy on 'Christianity and the public sphere' for around 200 participants.
- Graduation in July of U..... COA, issuing certificates from the National University of O..... Academy to 311 who passed all the tests
- Preparing for the summer evangelization campaign 'There is Hope!', primarily for eastern U....., with camps for children, prayer/outreach tents in the center of cities, reconstruction of destroyed houses, and other humanitarian work.

B..... - Thousands of B..... have fled persecution and are now refugees in P....., including my long-time friend and ministry partner, Z. F. and his family. I met with him in W..... to brainstorm a growing vision for some kind of 'New Geneva' church planting work among B..... believers in diaspora in P..... Who knows! Please pray for God's will in this.

P..... - I had planned to travel to I..... in May. However, it seemed better to me and my ministry partner Dr. M. K. to have him come to the US for our EPC General Assembly meeting in Memphis (June 17-20). He will also visit partners in other states and see his daughter Z. in TN. At the last minute and to our surprise, he was granted a visa. It will be a fruitful time introducing him to our EPC denomination. We will report on what the Lord is doing in P....., have many meetings with pastors and elders, and seek to foster partnerships and support. M. leads the A.... training program and advises P. Mission Society. These are wonderful ministries. I have seen them in person while teaching and encouraging their leaders in P..... I stay close to M. throughout the year in partnership to see these ministries develop and grow.

Persecutions in P..... this month—including a martyr: *(link not included for safety concerns)*

People are thirsty for God everywhere—even here in Virginia! - About two weeks ago, I was preaching in a church here in Virginia. Kenny, a middle-aged man, came to me during the greeting time, before I preached, and said, 'I know you are the guest preacher, but would you please pray with me. I want to be saved.' After my sermon, I gathered their elders, and we heard Kenny's confession and words to the Lord from his open heart and then prayed with him. It was authentic, beautiful, and encouraging!

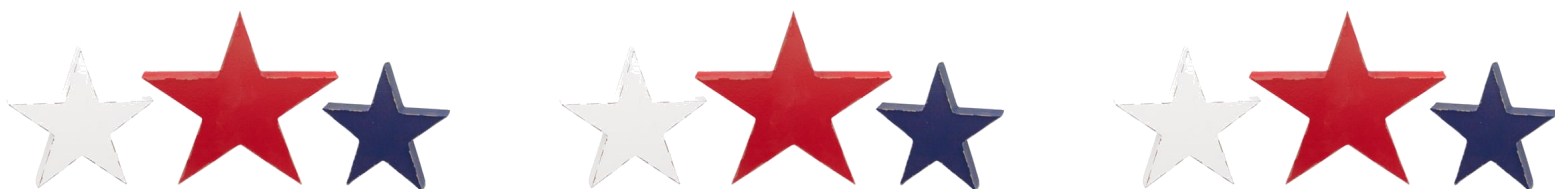
Family - Ellie and I are doing fine. We celebrated our 38th anniversary (late, as I was in V..... on that day) and had a glorious day hiking, walking the beach, playing mini-golf (she beat me), and going out for dinner.

Please pray for...

- M., me, and our ITEN team at EPC General Assembly in Memphis, 17-20 June
- Hosting B..... ministry partners in our home in early July
- Ongoing project work with U..... in July and August
- Sept/Oct trip to U..... and P.....
- Organizational develop work for the Institute for Reformation (IFR), which I lead here in the US
- New believers and multiplication of leaders in U....., P....., V....., S..... L....., and all ITEN sites

Thank you for supporting us!

B & E



M & S

Update on K.....

It's quite exciting for me (S.) to write and share about our time in K..... It's been a very long time since I've been on a ministry trip overseas, and it was a gift in so many ways. Thank you for praying with and for us and for our teammates, D and C.

Our time in K..... was full, enjoyable and timely. M enjoyed engaging with church leaders on Islam and how to walk with Muslims on their journey to Jesus. His training sessions were educational and timely, as Islam is growing in this post-Soviet culture. He also spent a full day leading these young adult leaders to reflect on their own spiritual journeys through the lens of the life of Peter. M's book, *In Quest of the Rock*, was translated into Russian for this seminar. It will hopefully be distributed across other churches in the Russian-speaking regions where ITEN works.

We were also invited to participate in C..... ministry, which is an organization that supports families with special needs children. C, our colleague, helps to support the leader of this ministry, and we enjoyed getting to meet some of the many families impacted by C..... We drove out to a village setting, and onto a church property. There we found kids and moms who wanted to play. Laughter is definitely good for the soul that aches and is weary. At some point we split into moms and children, and after more games, I shared a pre-gospel story from Genesis 1:1-5 with a handful of moms. We touched on the presence of God's Spirit at the beginning of time and then focused on the way God spoke light into the darkness. God's word and His Spirit are important concepts for Muslims to lay hold of and the creation story brings these out. These women know a great deal about "darkness". C and her colleagues are in an amazing place to share that light and life are found in Jesus. **Pray with us for them.**

I loved being with those village women; it brought back many memories of ministry days gone by! We're so grateful to the Lord that D and C get to live in such a place- at this time. Their national colleagues are wonderful and offer a vibrant ministry in C..... A.... We walked away feeling honored to have been with them and encouraged to continue praying for the church in C..... A....

Prayers and Petitions:

- June 15-22 - M and I will travel to the EPC's annual General Assembly in Memphis, TN. If you are interested in connecting with us, please don't hesitate to reach out!
- July - Family reunions, especially to celebrate M's mother's 90th birthday! Exciting and fun days ahead.
- August 8-17 - M will travel to S..... L.... for a graduation of the ITEN cohort who will now take on the entire training of their people. M and others will remain in relationship with these brothers and sisters for support and help as needed. This is an exciting venture for everyone!

Lots to give praise for in our ITEN connections...

- For the church leaders in A....., who are eager to make Jesus known.
- For D and C's invitation to return and be involved in supporting and training leaders in the church of A.....
- For ongoing growth and expansion of training in V.....
- For the ongoing training and equipping of Latin American believers to the uttermost parts of the world through SETECA.
- For ongoing partnerships in P....., B....., U....., and P.....
- For continual opportunities in the Middle East and North Africa regions.

We'd love to hear from you! (Please contact the office for M & S's info and/or to be added to their emails.)

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2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is just around the corner!
Our months of planning will quickly turn to implementing!



A couple important dates to remember:

***Counselor Training:** Sunday, June 30th from 4 - 5:30pm OR
Thursday, July 11th from 6 - 7:30pm

*All youth signed up to be a counselor must attend one of the trainings. If neither date works for you, please contact Beth Flickinger.

Supplies - Thank you to the people who have signed up to donate supplies! Please leave items in designated tote in church entryway no later than July 14th.

Week of Camp - On Sunday, July 21st, we will load all our supplies in a trailer immediately after church and will meet at Loud Thunder Boy Scout Camp at 1:30pm to set up. Any and all help is appreciated with both processes. Everyone is invited and encouraged to stop at the camp anytime between 9am and 3:30pm any day the week of July 22nd to see what goes on. VBS activities are in the mornings and various activities and programs are in the afternoon.

Cookies are ALWAYS needed and appreciated! If you would like to donate some (homemade or store bought) cookies, you can leave them on the counter in the church kitchen or drop them off at camp.

Plan now to come to camp on Friday, July 26th at 4pm for a short program. Please bring a lawn chair with you. We will start packing the trailer back up and cleaning the camp Friday afternoon as we are able, and will finish after the program. **Help is very much appreciated to assist with this process as well.**

Please pray for a successful week of VBS. Pray for moderate temperatures and safety for everyone at camp. Pray for eyes to be opened, hearts turned to God, and commitments made for a deeper and closer relationship to God and our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Any question, please contact Kathy Stegmiller at 309-791-116.

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

Distribution will be on Saturday, August 3rd from 9-11am.
We will be packing food baskets on Friday, August 2nd at 9am. If you would like to help on Friday please let Shirley Flemming know.

We could use cans of Chunky Soup, please.

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.

Many thanks to all of you for your generosity in help, donations, and prayers from the Food Pantry Committee: Jim & Teresa Balmer, Don & Beth Easterla, Dewey & Shirley Flemming, Marlin & Darcy Krueger, Mic & Sue Penry, and Jim Schaubroeck

EDGINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Treasurer's Report May 2024

	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	End. Balance
General Fund	\$ 104,836.93	\$ 19,301.47	\$ 12,994.91	\$ 111,143.49
Education Fund (Jahn)	\$ 9,999.88	\$ 128.06	\$ -	\$ 10,127.94
Building Fund	\$ 212,604.92	\$ 4,876.10	\$ -	\$ 217,481.02
Youth Group	\$ 13,621.58	\$ 700.00	\$ 3,417.23	\$ 10,904.35
	\$ 341,063.31			\$ 349,656.80

May 2024 MONTHLY REVIEW - General Fund

Receipts - May 2024

Pledges	19,110.95		
Interest Income - General Fund	14.52		
Per Member Asking	176.00		
		\$ 19,301.47	\$ -

Expenditures - May 2024

Administrative **\$ 3,624.23**

ABS (copier rental)	93.01	27.9%
AT&T - Phone for elevator	360.00	
Cemetery Upkeep		
Computers: Hdw, Sftw and Apps	361.97	
Jeanne Hayes (Custodian)	507.28	
Johnson Controls		
Lisa Bowman (Office Manager)	1,164.23	
Kone (elevator)		
MidAmerican Energy	508.00	
Millenium Waste	64.08	
Office Supplies	187.39	
Repairs & Maintenance - general	130.00	
Reytel - Internet	119.69	
Shipping/Postage		
Taxes / FICA / Penalty	128.58	

Discipleship (Internal) **\$ 9,370.68**

Children's Director	393.25	72.1%
Continuing Education	301.24	
Deacon Expense	248.33	
EPC General Assembly		
EPC (health)	26.48	
Events		
Fidelity (pension)	1,038.28	
Flowers	508.00	
Housing Allowance	3,762.52	
Meals		
Mileage		
Music	310.50	
Pastor Salary	2,782.08	
Presbytery Expense		
Pulpit Supply		
Resource Materials		
Sunday School		
Worship Supplies		

Mission (external) **\$ -**

Mission - International	0.0%
Mission - US	
Mission - Local	

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 12,994.91	\$ -
	100.0%	

NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ 6,306.56
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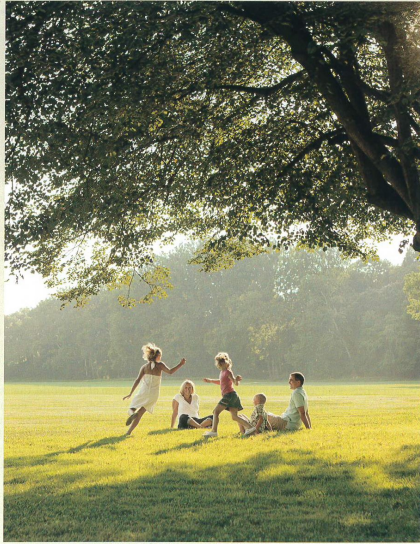
INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL

Mission monies included in general fund of \$12,267.05 and Assistance Fund of \$4,483.46

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THE TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL

TABLETALK

JULY 2024 | \$5



The Holiness of God and His People

LOCATED ON A TABLE IN THE SANCTUARY FOYER

EVERY SUNDAY (UNLESS NOTED)

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

EEPC YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group will not meet in July
due to the Mission Trip and VBS.

FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS
PLEASE 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 August 2024 Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER** than Wednesday, July 17th. 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

NO Quilting this month

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

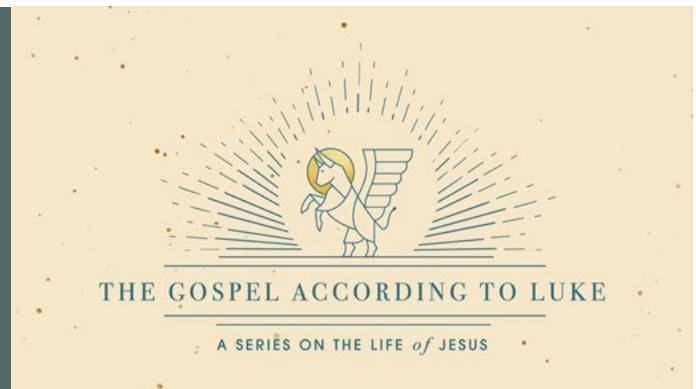
Sunday, July 7th - [Luke 8:16-21](#)

Sunday, July 14th - Guest Pastor - Rev. Jeffery Lancaster

Sunday, July 21st - Guest Preacher - Mr. Jeff Durham

Sunday, July 28th - [Luke 8:22-25](#)

(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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



Please join us this July, where we will embrace an informal structure focusing on fellowship and personal connections. This is a great opportunity to get to know one another and share our journeys in faith.

Don't miss this chance to deepen your relationships and support each other in your Christian walk!

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!

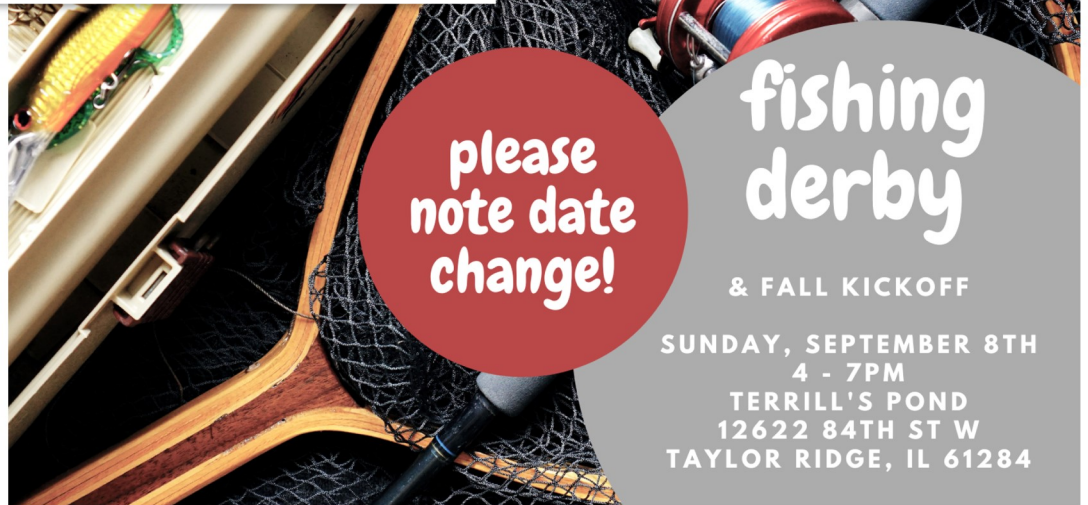
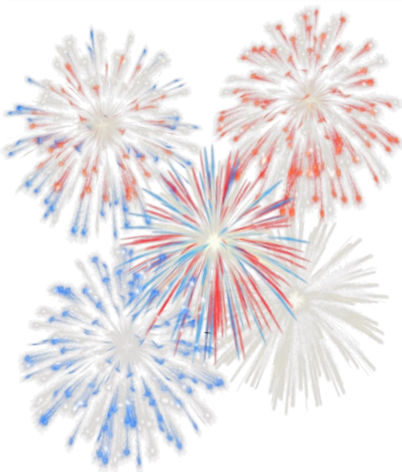
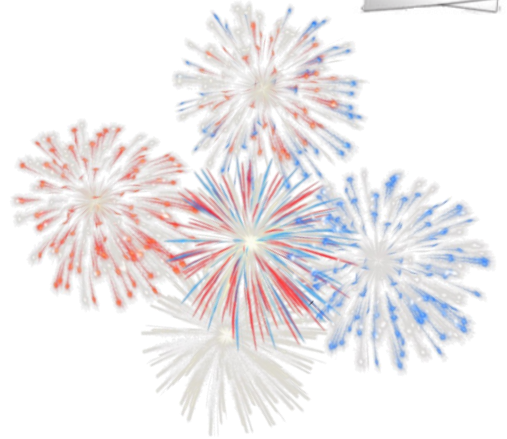
This summer we will have our "one-room schoolhouse" model again for the kids ages toddler - Jr. H.

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.



Save the Date!
Ice Cream Social
Sun., Aug 11th
4 - 7pm



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& FALL KICKOFF

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happy independence day
— 4TH OF JULY —

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.

JULY 2024



Sunday School 9am
Worship Service 10am

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 Basement Reserved VBS Counselor Training 4-5:30pm Youth Group, 5:30pm	1 Meal Site	2 Meal Site	3 Meal Site	4 <i>Independence Day</i> NO Meal Site 	5 Meal Site	6  Youth Mission Trip →
7 Food Pantry Sunday Youth Group, 5:30pm	8 Meal Site	9 Meal Site	10 Meal Site	11 Meal Site VBS Counselor Training, 6-7:30pm	12 Meal Site	13
14 B/P Checks Basement Reserved Youth Group, 5:30pm	15 Foot Clinic Meal Site	16 Meal Site Mission Comm. Mtg., 6:30pm	17 Meal Site Session Mtg., 11:15am Trustees Mtg., 7pm 	18 NO Quilting Meal Site	19 Meal Site	20
21 VBS Set-Up Youth Group, 5:30pm	22 Meal Site VBS 	23 Meal Site VBS 	24 Meal Site VBS 	25 Meal Site VBS 	26 Meal Site VBS 	27
28 B/P Checks Youth Group, 5:30pm	29 Meal Site	30 Meal Site	31 Meal Site Lisa out-of-office	1 Meal Site	2 Meal Site	3