

In all things
GIVE thanks!



CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The first Sunday of November we have the very happy occasion to receive new members into our church family during the worship service. This provides a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the significance of church membership.



Why membership in a local church? The Bible uses several pictures to define “the Church.” The Church is one body in Christ. We are all members of the same body, and we belong to one another ([Romans 12:5](#)). The Church is one family. To be a member of any family, we are to be either born in it or adopted into it. Since we are all born as “children of wrath” ([Ephesians 2:3](#)), we must be adopted; and God has adopted us into the communion of His Triune love. We have one Father, one Savior and elder Brother, and one Spirit of adoption

by Whom we are made members of the family ([Romans 8:15-17](#)). Therefore, as Scripture repeatedly addresses us, we are brothers, sisters, fathers, and mothers to one another. Therefore, we are entitled to the watchful care, instruction, prayers, and government of the church, and other rights and privileges that come with it.

Isn't being a Christian enough, why join? A Christian is someone who has been united to Christ by faith; when we are joined to Christ, we are also in union with one another (i.e. other Christian believers). Church membership is essential to a healthy Christian life.

Who can be a member of the church? Any person who is called a Christian by having made a credible profession of faith, having been baptized in a Bible-believing church, and having been admitted by the Session (the body of elders) to the Lord's Supper, can be a communing member of Edgington EPC. Children of believer(s) are, by virtue of their birth into a believing household and in covenant with God, children of the covenant, and therefore members.

REGISTER OF

No.	Name	Age	Sex	Color	Profession	Remarks
1	W. C. Edwards	28	M	W	W	
2	W. C. Edwards	28	M	W	W	
3	W. C. Edwards	28	M	W	W	
4	W. C. Edwards	28	M	W	W	
5	W. C. Edwards	28	M	W	W	
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8	W. C. Edwards	28	M	W	W	
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12	W. C. Edwards	28	M	W	W	
13	W. C. Edwards	28	M	W	W	
14	W. C. Edwards	28	M	W	W	
15	W. C. Edwards	28	M	W	W	
16	W. C. Edwards	28	M	W	W	
17	W. C. Edwards	28	M	W	W	
18	W. C. Edwards	28	M	W	W	
19	W. C. Edwards	28	M	W	W	
20	W. C. Edwards	28	M	W	W	

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God and without hope for your salvation except in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for your salvation as He is offered in the gospel?
3. Do you now promise and resolve, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to serve Christ in His church by supporting and participating with this congregation in its service of God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and to the spiritual oversight of this church Session, and do you promise to promote the unity, purity, and peace of the Church?

ELDERS

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

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Jim Balmer
Teresa Balmer
Marlin Krueger
Darcy Krueger

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Ken Benningfield
Kim Freyermuth
Jeff Fuhr
Phil Fuhr
Darren Hall
Colby Mueller
Cindy Oak
Bill Sloan

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Carson Hall	12 - Ella Goodnight
1 - Darren Hall	13 - John Adams
2 - Jackson Fuhr	13 - Marvin Weiss
2 - Mary Ann Kadel	14 - Luella Doonan
5 - Regina Thomas	16 - Raegan Miller
6 - Allan Fuhr	22 - Jenn Youck
6 - Pam Fuhr	23 - Michael O'Hare
6 - Dorothy Rursch	23 - Jennifer Ransdell
7 - Alice Crawford	24 - Connie Huntley
7 - Korey Miller	25 - Neal Ruggles
7 - Cindy Oak	28 - Jeffrey Fuhr
11 - Grant Parchert	



Date: 10-17-24

Present: Ken Benningfield, Mel Block, Jeff Fuhr, Kim Freyermuth, Colby Mueller, Cindy Oak, Larry Pithan, Treasurer Barb Freyermuth, Session Representative Jim Mueller, Pastor Zach Hopkins.

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

Minutes for September meeting reviewed.

Treasurer's report for September reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

- Basement carpet will be cleaned the week of November 18th.
- Communion tables have been built and stained. Still need to apply final finish.
- Siding work is progressing. The siding is factory primed and will be painted brown to match the remainder of the church. Hope to get the painting done this fall – weather permitting.
- Discussed the proposed A/V system and where the control desk should be located. Possibly could be at the back of the balcony.
- Interior window trim for the Sunday School rooms has been fabricated. Trustees will stain and varnish prior to installation.
- New bushes have been installed by the main entrance.
- South stoop concrete project not complete yet.
- Have received a proposal from Kone to replace an emergency battery for the elevator. Approved.

New Business:

- Trustees will purchase a new wall clock to replace the one in the main office.
- Salt has been added for the water softener.
- Concrete walk at the main entrance has been sealed to allow easier snow removal.
- One of the parking lot lights is not working. Will investigate.
- Zach asked trustees to look at possible ways to control parking when events are held outside. Perhaps parking cones or barriers.
- Trustees discussed the need for additional seating in the sanctuary. One possible solution is to remove part of the choir risers and move the piano and organ forward. This would allow 2 or 3 more pews along the north wall.
- Trustee meeting time will be changed to 6:00 pm during the winter starting in November.

Zach closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan



CARDS ANYONE?

Our meal site attendees used to play cards everyday, but with the passing of Phyllis & Eddie, Henry is left with no one to play Euchre with, & he does dearly love to play! He is also VERY good! Would anyone be willing to pop into the church any weekday, except Wednesdays, for a few hands of cards? It would make his day! 9:30 - 11am - They eat at 11. *Thank you!*

Date: September 29, 2024

Present: Kathy Stegmiller, Nathan Flickinger, Lyndsey Flickinger, Beth Flickinger, Sue Miller, Rachel Johnson, and Mic Penry.

Nathan opened the meeting in prayer.

Old Business:

- Checking in with Sunday School teachers to see how the new term is going. All said things were going smoothly and everybody has a great group of kids.
- New curriculum will need to be ordered by the next meeting.

New Business:

- Harvest Party was discussed
- There will be a corn pit with prizes, pumpkin painting, bounce houses, bags tournament, hayrack rides, and lots of food
- The men will take care of the meat. Families will all bring a dish to pass
- Paper goods for the party are all taken care of.
- Plans for our Sunday School to sing at Christmas time was discussed. More information to come on that!

Mic closed the meeting in prayer.

Next Meeting Date: November 10, 2024, at 11:30am.

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.



MISSION COMMITTEE

October 15, 2024

The Mission Committee met on October 15th, 2024, in the church conference room. Those attending were: Nancy Engstrom, Bailey Johnson, Eric and Kelly Moel, Cassie Fuhr, and Deb Wagamon.

Deb opened the meeting in prayer.

Old Business:

- **Minutes:** September minutes were approved as written
- **Review ministry updates:** Newsletters & mail were reviewed, discussed, and prayed over
- **Rockridge School Supplies:** We will continue to collect school supplies until January when Brandee will pick them up for the 2nd semester needs
- **Coat Drive** – The coats & other winter clothing items on hand were divided up among the committee members and taken home to check and clean. We discussed the need to possibly shop for more coats due to lack of donations at this time. We talked about getting the word out on the Church Facebook page to help with donations. We also discussed needing to get a procedure written down to help drives going forward.

New Business:

- **Christmas Donation:** Deb will check the last few years of the Christmas donations so we can decide which organization or organizations will receive this years donations.

Next meeting – November 19th, 2024 at 6:30pm.

Deb closed the meeting in prayer.



ATTENTION COMMITTEE LEADERS OF EDGINGTON EPC

The end of the year is rapidly approaching!

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

If you have any questions, or should need to see a copy of last year's report please contact Lisa in the office at 309-795-1713.

The Annual Congregational Meeting is Sunday, January 26th, following the worship service & lunch.

ONE LIFE, ONE JOURNEY

I imagine my life's journey may be a lot like yours. It certainly hasn't been what I thought it would be! When I came to Christian Friendliness (C.F.) in 1988, I made a two-year commitment to the ministry. I "knew" I was going to finish my doctorate and work at a university, sharing the hope and love of Jesus with college students was my dream and ambition. An yet...here Sarah and I are today, not a university campus, but sharing the hope and love of Jesus with others.



Our 37th year of ministry at YouthHope began this August 15, 2024. We had no idea the story God had planned for us. We could never have imagined the full, exciting, challenging and blessed life God has given us and our family.

On November 12th, I will retire as YouthHope's Executive Director. I am confident in the structure, board, staff, and new leadership in place for the future. YouthHope will continue its Christ-centered unwavering mission to bring children and teens from low-income areas into a life-changing relationship with Christ.

The Board of Directors has asked me to stay involved with YouthHope in a part-time capacity. In this new, vital role, I will be inviting you to join Sarah, me, and many others as Legacy Circle partners to ensure YouthHope's future. This is an exciting time to be a part of YouthHope as we work out our part in God's Great Commission.

Besides my wife and children, leading YouthHope has been my highest calling. I have been given a front-row seat, watching our amazing God at work in thousands of people's lives in our community. I have met countless people with the deepest faith, Godly wisdom, and extraordinary passion to serve alongside, grow with, learn from, and build together this incredible ministry. Together, we have experienced the life-changing impact of bringing hope to the youth in our local neighborhoods. As the Executive Director, I have been privileged to watch uncommon generosity, dedicated volunteers, and passionate staff give sacrificially and commit countless hours to the mission of YouthHope.

With each building project, expansion, renovation, and initiative through the last nearly four decades, the focus has always been the same. I have stood with many of you during construction projects, sat with you over a Ming Wah lunch table, or headed to New Windsor with you so you could see firsthand how our children and teens are experiencing God's love being poured into them. And always, always, the focus has remained the same...if just one life will be changed for all eternity, all of our time, efforts, sacrifice, and commitment at YouthHope is worth it for that one child, that one youth, that one family.

No words are adequate enough to express the deep, sincere, and lasting gratitude I have for you. Through my tenure as Executive Director, you have stood beside Sarah and me as partners in the calling God has given us at YouthHope, and we are eternally grateful.

"I thank My God every time I remember you."

- Mark and Sarah Drake

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

MARK & SARAH'S RETIREMENT PARTY

37 years of ministry, vision and
faithful service at YouthHope!

Come share your memories, stories and
take a photo with the guests of honor.

Mark and Sarah will speak at 2:30pm
and you won't want to miss it!

Please RSVP to
admin@youthhopeqc.org

If you wish to bless Mark and Sarah
with a personal gift, please make
checks out to them directly.

Light refreshments will be served.

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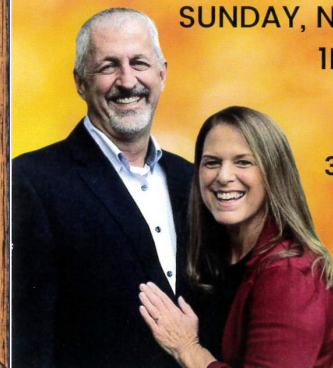
Retirement Party

IN HONOR OF

MARK & SARAH DRAKE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024
1PM-4PM

YouthHope
3928 12th Avenue
Moline, IL 61265



CAN YOU SEE ME?

Something special happens when a mom and a dad see their child on the ultrasound screen for the first time. **The abstract becomes real.** Life can be seen. **Deep connections can be made.**

Here are recent comments from moms who were each able to see life on the ultrasound screen and choose life for her child:



- ♥ The friendly staff at Pregnancy Resources made me feel really comfortable and told me all the things I need to know AND some things I didn't know at all!
- ♥ The nurse was very sensitive to us and we LOVED the pictures and her explanations of what we were seeing.
- ♥ **Seeing the baby gave me great peace.**
- ♥ I LOVED seeing my baby's hands!
- ♥ I was able to see my baby and **have decided to continue this pregnancy!**
- ♥ I saw my baby and their heartbeat!

Sometimes things don't go the way we planned. Sometimes the excitement of a new pregnancy ends with devastating, heartbreaking, and unexpected loss.

One in 4 women in the United States will experience a miscarriage, stillbirth, or other neonatal loss.

This loss can be difficult to process, but **you are not alone.** Starting this fall, Pregnancy Resources will offer Reproductive Loss Support through the Empty Arms program. For moms who have recently experienced a miscarriage, limited medical and emotional aftercare is available with a trained nurse. Biblically based one-on-one and group support is also available for those who have experienced this type of loss in the last 12 months.



If you or someone you love has Empty Arms and a heavy heart, please reach out today. Email info@qcpregnancy.org or call 309-797-3636, select the center closest to you, and ask for a nurse. You are not alone. **We see you, we understand your pain, and we are here.**

~ Trisha Wilson, Executive Director

Donate Maternity & Baby Items

We provide **FREE** maternity and baby clothes and items to women and their families who need them. **Families are given the opportunity to shop after taking a parenting class.** Each class they take gives them diaper support and if they take four classes, they can receive a **NEW** car seat for **FREE**. **All the items we give out are donated by people just like you.** If you'd like to donate new or gently used items, we would greatly appreciate your help.

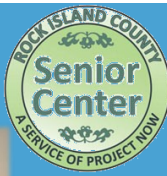
Maternity & baby items we love getting:

- **Baby clothes** Sizes: **preemie – 3T** (New or Gently used)
- **Modern Pregnancy Clothes**, all sizes (New or Gently used)
- **Diapers** (Sizes: Newborn – size 5)
- **Baby Wipes**
- **Cozy Baby Blankets** (purchased or homemade)
- **Receiving Blankets**
- **NEW Baby Bottles and Nipples, and NEW pacifiers**
- **Baby Swings and Strollers**
- **Pack 'n Plays**

Because of safety issues, we cannot accept:

Used car seats	Used Bottle Nipples
Used cribs	Used Pacifiers
Used bottles	Used Breast Pumps

**PROUDLY SERVING
SENIORS SINCE 1968**



Project NOW Community Action Agency



For many years now Edgington EPC has been a host site for Senior Meals. The doors are now open here for meals **EVERY WEEKDAY!**

Meals are available for a suggested donation of \$3 to anyone 60+ years or with a disability. If you are new to the program, you need to call 309-788-6335 the day before to request your meal.

Those who attend regularly come early to play cards and enjoy each other's company for a little longer than just meal time.

If you would like more information or want to check out the menu for the month click the Project Now logo above for the link to their website or call 309-788-6335.



YOUTH GROUP

A small shoebox can have a big impact.

What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' Name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child.

IDEAS FOR ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN THE BOX:

Toys: Dolls, toy cars, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, soccer balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

School Supplies: pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.


Non-Liquid Hygiene Items: Toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.

Accessories: T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

Crafts: Make your own items. Go to website for ideas: <https://www.pinterest.com/occs shoeboxes/>

Ideas for Older Children: Hammer, nails, small tools, and sewing kits.

A Personal Note: You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.

 **DO NOT INCLUDE:** Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.



For more info and a direct link to Samaritan's Purse OCC website, please click [HERE](#)

ITEMS DUE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

The pizza & packing party will be at 5:30pm on Sun., Nov. 17th.

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 Burdsall's to be added to their email list.

Greetings and happy autumn! The days are getting shorter and it has been raining everyday for the last two weeks. It certainly feels like a change of season here! It also seems like September flew by - a lot of time spent with our university kids, and then we've been talking about secondary schools for A..... (Short explanation, next year we will need to apply for a secondary school for her years 7-11, and because it is a big city, there are multiple public school options that we get a bit of a choice over. This year as parents, we are doing some investigating, so we aren't totally overwhelmed next year!)

It feels like we have had a lot of change lately - time in America and saying hello and then goodbye to family, older kids leaving and heading out on their own, new ministry opportunities or things to plan toward, A..... also getting older and more independent. Last week we sang "Christ Our Hope In Life and Death", by the Gettys, and it has been running through my head ever since.

*Who holds our days within his hand?
 What comes, apart from his command?
 And what will keep us to the end?
 The love of Christ in which we stand.*

Grateful to have that confidence, even when things change around us.

Some updates and prayer requests:

The start of this term has been all about ESOL classes! The lady's class is booming and we have actually had to put a cap on numbers and start a waiting list. It is hard to turn people away, but also has been good to see consistency in the current ladies coming, and be able to build on relationships with them. Along with high attendance, there has also been high numbers staying to hear the Bible story at the end of class. **Pray for the teachers and the students as they get to know each other, and pray especially for those staying for the story, that it would be clear for them.**

For the men, S.... has two classes and another day of tutoring. The men have very different levels of knowledge and learning needs, so he has had to break up the times more. **Pray for him as he plans a lot of different levels of lessons, and for these lessons to build relationships and interest in learning about the Bible too. And pray that the men show up for class when it is scheduled.**

Another exciting thing is Monday Art and Crafts. This past Monday we had 9 ladies show up! We are encouraging the time as English conversation, as well as a chance to socialize and be creative. We are also **praying for opportunities to share faith through our conversation.** This week started with a lady questioning the reason a teammate believes in Jesus. She had a great answer and discussion out of it.

S.... has also been helping with the bookshop again, and leading book table outreach. He has been able to reconnect with a couple contacts and friends, which has been encouraging. **Please be praying for S....'s schedule and how he can best use his time and energy as he continues to adjust back to working!**

I have been helping an afterschool club run on some local housing projects. They needed some help and I have the time with other youth work ending last term. **Pray for me as I work out what to spend my time on. And please pray for these kids that come to this club.** They come from pretty disadvantaged homes, but are willing to listen and connect with the leaders.

And, Asha services continue to be attended by a consistent number of people. It is always joyful to be able to sing together and look over the Bible together and eat together after. A little more about Sundays from Rob, one of our teammates and Asha church elders.

Burdsall's

Serge Grace at the Fray

*"After 6 summer weeks of "meals with Jesus" in Luke's gospel, we've been back in Matthew since the new academic year started. Many Muslim people often think about the end times depicted in Ch. 24 (often wrongly looking for signs of the end). They also know that Jesus will return (almost always having very tiny views of what this means). So, it's been great to be teaching about the true reality of the mighty Son of Man's coming to the 6-7 Sylheti unbelievers who have been with us regularly. Please pray that these people will be ready and not mourn when they do see the Son of Man coming. It has also been really good for us as believers to keep hearing, trusting, and proclaiming this gospel of the kingdom too, as we wait for our Saviour and endure to the end. **Please pray that we will be ready for His coming, living faithful and wise lives.**"*

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In family news:

At the beginning of the month we moved L..... and J..... into their university homes for the year. It is very quiet in the house! **Pray for both their school years.** This is L.....'s final year already! J..... is enjoying his new home and even found a church he likes on the first week! **Please continue praying for us and A....., that this would be a good time to spend with her as an only child!**

Praying for all of you, and extremely grateful for your support and your prayers and your partnership with us here in L.....

With love,

C..... (for S.... and the kids)

THE HUBER FAMILY

A prayer request...

One of the most rewarding aspects of our role with the Mission Cohorts has been developing deep, ongoing relationships with many of the young adults who have gone through the program. It has been such a joy to watch them grow in their personal understanding of how they can be part of the Great Commission, to write references for them, walk with them through graduations, job opportunities, relationships, and moves...and sometimes even the World Outreach missionary application! Several from MC1 are now on the field long-term(!) and we wanted to share a prayer request for one of them.



Cierra is a dear friend whom we have known since her sophomore year of college. She's helped lead cohorts, been our mobilization intern, shared at Presbyteries and General Assembly, and dressed up with us for Halloween a couple years in a row. Last Fall we celebrated (with a camping trip) and sent her off to join a team in the Middle East. We have been tracking with her as the situation in that region has escalated. Her team recently left their homes and are recouping in the UK and monitoring the situation. We wanted to share her latest prayer requests and ask that you would please lift up her and her team. It's been a wild first year on the field for Cierra and she faces a lot of uncertainty about the future. Please pray:

- Pray for this war to end. For God's peace to break forth and be known in power.
- Pray for the protection of the community they left behind.
- Pray for peace and comfort for those facing these horrible days.
- Pray for peace, wisdom, and clarity for Cierra as she trusts God to direct her next steps.

Additionally, there was a new prayer app developed recently to mobilize prayer for Lebanon specifically. It will be kept up to date with daily prayer points. Please consider downloading it and praying through those requests as well!

Here's a link to access the App, "Beirut and Beyond" <https://link.prayerfor.us/beirut> The link opens to wherever you download apps (iOS and android).

Thank you! #pray #cohortalumni

To see all the pictures along with the full report, click [HERE](#).



THE HUBER FAMILY

Whew! That was a busy Summer...

Hello dear Partners-in-ministry,

To paraphrase Paul, "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am [caring for sick kids...again] or [traveling non-stop and neglecting to communicate with you] or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus."

Please forgive us for our silence since May. This Summer was as crazy as we expected with overseas trips for both Saul and Jesse, our annual General Assembly in June, wrapping up MC5 and then starting a new Mission Cohort for young adults, coaching various people through the application process, strategic planning meetings at the headquarters, and the daily emails and zoom calls associated with our work. Though we haven't written to you, we HAVE thought of you often and regularly thank God for you and for your willingness to partner with us in this very full calling to mobilize workers for World Outreach.



We will be sharing more stories from our work in the weeks to come. In the meantime, we'd love to share some of our favorite family photos from the past few months. Please be sure to click through to the site to see all the pictures!

May: We spent a day exploring in St. Louis, including visiting Gateway Arch National Park and going up in the arch.

June: We spent a day exploring Paducah, KY and visiting a Ninja Gym there. We love watching American Ninja Warrior as a family and we were inspired to keep building our own ninja obstacles in the backyard.

July: Family visits, Lake days, hiking and visiting a local swimming hole (Bell Smith Springs), and PEACHES.

August: Sidon turned 3! We celebrated with a Monster truck themed birthday and meeting up with family at the Hot Air Balloon festival in Centralia, IL.

August: a 10 day retreat to the Tributary, a retreat center for Global Workers where our family received some coaching and debrief related to our ministry, played with new friends, canoed on the Buffalo River, collected a lot of rocks, went hiking, explored our first caves (Blanchard Springs Caverns), and got some much needed rest.

September: Sidon's front tooth got knocked out . We are slowly getting used to his new look. Our kids loved getting to spend 5 days at "Cousin Camp" in Hillsboro while Saul and Jesse were in Orlando for meetings. They did so many fun activities!



Thanks for hanging with us, even when we're not great at keeping you up-to-date. We are so thankful for you!

EDGINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Treasurer's Report September 2024

	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	End. Balance	s/b per QB
General Fund	\$ 114,791.39	\$ 18,854.05	\$ 24,351.06	\$ 109,294.38	\$ 109,294.38
Education Fund	\$ 15,078.61	\$ 135.64		\$ 15,214.25	\$ 15,214.25
Building Fund	\$ 251,620.82	\$ 919.93	\$ -	\$ 252,540.75	252,540.75
<i>Checking</i>	147,351.80	919.93	-	148,271.73	148,271.73
<i>Money Market</i>	104,269.02	-	-	104,269.02	104,269.02
Youth Group	\$ 18,820.91		\$ 680.19	\$ 18,140.72	\$ 18,140.72
	\$ 400,311.73	\$ 19,909.62	\$ 25,031.25	\$ 395,190.10	

Donations over \$1000: \$1,198 - Communion tables; \$1,391 - Siding project (copper)

September 2024 MONTHLY REVIEW - General Fund

Receipts - September 2024

Pledges	18,759.25	
Interest Income - General Fund	14.80	
Per Member Asking	80.00	
	\$ 18,854.05	\$ -

Expenditures - September 2024

Administrative **\$ 15,153.26**

ABS (copier rental)	85.51
AT&T - Phone for elevator	243.01
Cemetery Upkeep	
Computers: Hdw, Sftw and Apps	362.68
Insurance	12,120.80
Jeanne Hayes (Custodian)	495.50
Johnson Controls	550.00
Lisa Bowman (Office Manager)	835.07
Kone (elevator)	
MidAmerican Energy	
Millenium Waste	64.08
Office Supplies	
Repairs & Maintenance - general	-
Reytel - Internet	119.99
Shipping/Postage	112.00
Taxes / FICA / Penalty	164.62
Discipleship (Internal)	\$ 9,197.80

Children's Director	393.25
Continuing Education	-
Deacon Expense	92.02
EPC General Assembly	-
EPC (health)	26.48
Events	250.00
Fidelity (pension)	1,038.28
Flowers	-
Housing Allowance	3,762.52
Meals	109.01
Mileage	-
Music	-
Pastor Salary	2,782.08
Presbytery Expense	373.24
Pulpit Supply	170.68
Resource Materials	200.24
Sunday School	-
Worship Supplies	-
Mission (external)	\$ -

Mission - International	0.0%	
Mission - US		
Mission - Local		

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$ 24,351.06** \$ -

100.0%

NET OPERATING INCOME **\$ (5,497.01)**

INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL

Mission monies included in general fund of \$14,682.96 and Assistance Fund of \$4,483.46

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

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

Sunday, November 3rd - [Luke 10:17-24](#)

Sunday, November 10th - [Luke 10:25-37](#)

Sunday, November 17th - [Luke 10:38-42](#)

Sunday, November 24th - Guest Pastor

(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.

Biblical Anthropology

Adult Sunday School Class
Fall 2024 - 9am



The first question of the Children's catechism asks, "Who made you?" - and the third question follows up with, "why?"

If anthropology is the "science of humanity" biblical anthropology anchors our understanding of who we are, and why we are, in relation to the Triune God. In a world that is filled with absolute confusion about these most basic things, it is important for the Christian believer to be equipped with the knowledge to answer these matters with confidence.

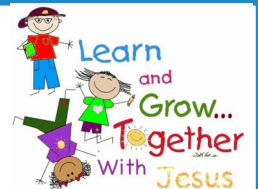
Please join us this fall for our Adult Sunday School study.

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



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Every Sunday morning at 9am



- Toddler - Hillary Terrill & Kortney Geirlus
- Pre-K - Beth Flickinger
- 1st-2nd - Katie Pearson & Sue Miller
- 3rd-5th - Kathy Stegmiller
- Junior High - Tara Johnson
- Senior High - Nathan & Lyndsey Flickinger



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

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

DIGITAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

I know many of you have struggled with accessing the digital directory on your phones - so have I, but I think that it is **FINALLY** corrected - please Lord, & praise God!

When you go to the website, in the menu bar, click "Member Access". Then, if you are on your phone, click on the text that reads: **"Digital Directory - Members Only Access"**. Enter the church's password and it should open for you! If you need the password, please contact the church office. We want to protect the privacy of our members, so we are not publishing it.

If you are on any other device than a phone, scroll down to the box with the church's logo and click on the "Click here to begin", then enter the church's password.

If you have not already registered your family so you can access your profile and make changes, you can do so from the "Member Access" page as well. Follow the directions above, based on the device you are using, but instead of logging into the directory, click on the **"Manage My Family Info"** link.

Then click on **"Haven't registered yet?"** Next, enter the "Family" email - usually the man of the household's email, unless he does not attend or it has been requested to be the lady's. If you are single, it is your own email. It should then send you an **email from "no-reply..."** with the subject line **"Member Portal Registration"** There will be a **link in the email** to register your family and create your own member portal. It will ask you to choose your browser and then send you to the Registration Member Portal page. Enter your new password and click **"Register"**. This should open your portal. It should read "Powered by **SERVANTKEEPER** at the bottom" and there should be links to your "Family Profile" and each individual member of your family with the word "Profile" as the link just across from their names. You should be able to click on each one of those profiles and update your pictures and info. You should also see links to "Change password" and "Visit Edgington EPC's Directory". I would recommend that you bookmark this page on your device and be sure to save your password and these directions if you feel like you may have trouble in the future. You can always call the office if you do, and I will do my best to walk you through it.

I am sorry this has been such a difficult process for so many of you and that it has taken so long to get resolved, but I think (again, please Lord!) that we finally have it fixed!

We would still so many of your lovely faces in the directory, so if you haven't added yours, please either access your profile through the directions above and add it, or send it to edgingtonepc@gmail.com and Lisa will get it added so we can see you!

Lisa Bowman, Edgington EPC Office Manager



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If you are accessing the directory from your cell phone, please use this link: [Digital Directory - Members Only Access](#)
If you are on a device other than a phone, please use the link below.



GET YOUR NOVEMBER 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

11.3 - GARGONS

11.10 - GAME NIGHT

11.17 - OCC SHOEBOX PACKING

11.24 - FRIENDSGIVING

FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS

CADE REIMERS FOR MORE INFO

309.373.2488



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



ALL submissions for the December 2024 Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER** than Tuesday, November 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, November 21st, 9am

We are going back to **THURSDAYS**. 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!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY MEETING & OTHER INFO

Wednesday, December 4th, 1pm



Our last quarterly meeting for the year is approaching and we hope that you will be able to join us and share your thoughts! Pam Pithan will be our hostess.

We still have cookbooks for sale at only \$1 each or 6 for \$5. They would make great little gifts!

Our Fall Bible was well attended and a tremendous blessing to all who participated! We are working on new Women's Ministry Booklets and will have them sometime in January 2025.

Please call Sue Miller if you would like a cookbook or if you have any questions. 309-781-8231. *God bless!*



⚡ EDGINGTON MEN ⚡ CHILI COOK-OFF

12.15.2024 **BRING THE HEAT!** 3-5:00 PM

ballot taste testing to crown the "Chili Champ"

enter your chili to win!

come and eat!



For ALL generations of EEPCC Men

We are taking orders for poinsettias now through Sunday, November 24th.

If you wish to have a poinsettia in the sanctuary, please take an envelope from the pew holder, mark the "Other" box and write "Poinsettia" on the line. Write your name where indicated. On the amount line indicate how much money you are placing in the envelope. They are \$10 each. If it is in memory of someone, please write that person's name(s) on the back of the envelope.

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Oak or the church office.



FOOT CLINIC

Next Clinic: Monday, November 18th, 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.

Advent Scripture Passages

12/1 - Micah 1:1-7; 7:18-20

12/8 - Micah 2:1-11; 3

12/15 - Micah 4:1-7

12/22 - Micah 5:1-5; 7:7-20

12/24 - Lessons & Carols - 5pm Service

12/29 - Micah 6:1-8



ADVENT 2024 - Micah: Hope for Restoration

If the current events of our world have ever tempted you to feelings of despair or to feel like God is absent, you know what the people of Israel were feeling during the days of the prophet Micah.

Threats of war, extortion, oppression, corruption, and lack of spiritual leadership, these were the conditions of Micah's day. However God was not distant. He addressed His people and their world around them as He does ours, and He speaks a word of hope and restoration. Through Micah we hear that the troubles of our world will not outlast the steadfast love of God, and that good news empowers us to be a people who wait faithfully for God to fulfill His promises as He always has!

Join us this Advent season as we journey through the book of Micah and remember our "Hope for Restoration".



A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was first held at King's College Chapel on Christmas Eve 1918. It was planned by Eric Milner-White, who had just been appointed Dean after experience as an army chaplain; this experience convinced him that the Church of England needed more imaginative worship....

The 1918 service was adapted from an order drawn up by E. W. Benson.... Since then the spoken parts, which provide the backbone of the service, have only occasionally been changed. The service was first broadcast in 1928 and, with the exception of 1930, it has been broadcast annually, even during the Second World War... ([source document](#))

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



Harvest Party







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grateful
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OFFICER NOMINATION



MORE INFO



NOMINATION FORM

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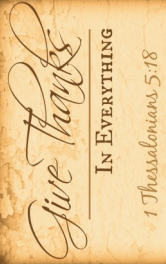
RE PATRICK SHOVAR | NOMINATING CHAIR

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NOVEMBER 2024



Sunday School 9am
Worship Service 10am

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27 B/P Checks Trunk or Treat, 4-6 Membership Matters, 11:30am	28 Meal Site	29 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am Session Mtg., 7pm	30 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm	31 Meal Site	1 Meal Site	2
3 <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i> Food Pantry Sunday New Member Reception Youth Group, 5:30pm	4 Meal Site	5 <i>Election Day</i> Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am	6 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm	7 Meal Site	8 Meal Site	9
10 B/P Checks Christian Ed. Mtg., 11:30am Youth Group, 5:30pm Basement Reserved	11 <i>Veterans Day</i> NO Meal Site 	12 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am	13 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm	14 Meal Site	15 Meal Site	16
17 OCC Packing & Pizza Party	18 Foot Clinic Meal Site	19 Meal Site Mission Comm. Mtg., 6:30pm 	20 Meal Site Trustees Mtg., 6pm	21 Quilting, 9am Meal Site	22 Meal Site	23
24 B/P Checks Youth Group, 5:30pm	25 Meal Site	26 Meal Site Session Mtg., 7pm	27 Meal Site	28 	29 NO Meal Site	30