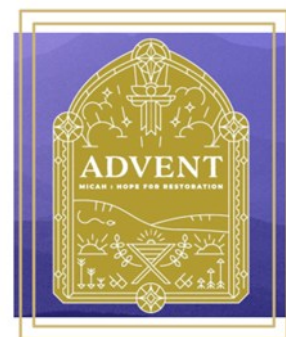




Beloved in Christ,

As the year draws to a close, we find ourselves approaching one of the most treasured times in the Christian calendar: Advent. This season of waiting and expectation invites us to fix our eyes on the promises of God fulfilled in Jesus Christ, our Savior and King. It is a time to slow down, reflect, and rejoice in the hope that only He can bring.

This year, our Advent sermon series, "Micah: Hope for Restoration," will guide us through the words of the prophet Micah. Though written in a time of judgment and uncertainty, Micah's message rings with a beautiful promise of renewal and restoration through the coming Messiah. As we open God's Word together, we will be reminded of the sure hope we have in Christ—the One who came, who is with us, and who will come again to make all things new.



Each Sunday during Advent, our worship services will include special elements to deepen our celebration. The Advent wreath will help us mark the weeks leading to Christmas, and our children's ministry will be offering special contributions that promise to be both delightful and meaningful. These gatherings will be a wonderful opportunity to pause amid the busyness of the season and be refreshed by the presence of God and the fellowship of His people.



I also want to extend a heartfelt invitation to our Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols at 5pm. This beautiful service will recount the story of redemption through Scripture and song, culminating in the joyous celebration of Christ's birth. It's a perfect occasion to invite your friends, family, and holiday guests to join us for worship. Let's fill the sanctuary with the sounds of hope and the warmth of Christian love as we celebrate together.

As we prepare our hearts for Advent, I am filled with gratitude for each of you. It is a joy to walk this journey of faith as a church family, and this season is a reminder of the incredible gift it is to belong to the people of God. Let us lean into the hope and restoration offered to us in Christ, rejoicing in His first coming and longing for His glorious return.

May the peace of Christ guard your hearts in this sacred season. I look forward to worshiping with you throughout Advent and celebrating the birth of our Savior together.

Your Pastor & Friend,



## ELDERS

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

## DEACONS

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

## TRUSTEES

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

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Drew Hall	13 - Andrea Schafman	22 - Tara Johnson
1 - Dorothy Oak	14 - Melody VanOteghem	24 - Chris Stark
5 - Kathleen Fuhr	15 - Jason Flickinger	25 - Hannah Oak
6 - Denise Rursch	15 - Gianna Johnson	25 - Elisabeth Tomlin
7 - Donnie Neece	16 - Jett Fuhr	26 - Karyl Parrish
8 - Kinley Fuhr	16 - Dylan Peterson	28 - Aaron Ehm
8 - Kelly Moel	19 - Shay Lemon	30 - Caelen Fuhr
8 - Matt Tomlin	20 - Sharon Orr	
13 - Addi Maxwell	22 - Charlie Fuhr	



I would like to extend a heart-  
full thank you for your prayers,  
your warmth, and your  
welcome arms. Edgington EPC  
is truly a gift from God to help  
me through my hardest time. I am most  
grateful for you, the church, and for Pastor  
Zach for his compassionate guidance.



Thank you,  
Nikki Madison

### DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

4 - Jason & Cami III  
17 - Nathan & Lyndsey Flickinger  
22 - Keith & Debra Wilson  
29 - Zach & Mackenzie Hopkins  
29 - Andrew & Katie Pearson

### GREETERS FOR DECEMBER

Sunday, December 1st - Kevin & Cindy Oak  
Sunday, December 8th - Jeff & Kathy Fuhr  
Sunday, December 15th - Jim Johnson & Zach Krueger  
Sunday, December 22nd - Marlin & Darcy Krueger  
Tuesday, December 24th - Dana, Bailey, Rachel, & Gia Johnson  
Sunday, December 29th - Dewey & Shirley Flemming



## TO OUR NEWEST FAMILY MEMBERS!

We are so thankful to God for our newest members and look forward to seeing how God grows them and uses them for His glory here at Edgington EPC and in our community.

welcome



(from left to right)

### **Rick & Melody VanOteghem**

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### **Trayton Hazen**

### **Zachary Smith**

### **Kaycee Price**



October 29, 2024, at 7pm

**Location:** Church Conference Room

**Present:** TE Zach Hopkins and RE's Jim Mueller, Mic Penry, and Todd Stegmiller.

Absent (Excused) Keith Wilson and Patrick Shovar. A quorum is present.

It was M/S/C to appoint RE Penry as Clerk Pro-Tem. Pastor Zach acted as moderator of the meeting. Zach opened the meeting with prayer and read from Psalm 87. The Elders prayed for individual members of the congregation. The Session reviewed and discussed ch.1 of *The Whole Christ*.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the September 24th, 2024 Session Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Zach's Report:** TE Hopkins reported on members with health concerns and prayer needs. He received meetings in the office, over lunch, at home, or in the hospital with: Jake & Amanda F., Mark Drake & Esther Joy King, Pam P., Matt Y., Nikki M., James & Rikki H., Melody V.; Ken K., Luella D.; Mary W., Sally F. Additionally, he participated in: RLP CC, 42nd RLP Meeting, High School Membership Meeting, Christian Ed. Meeting, Called RLP Meeting, RLP Pastors Cohort, Trustees Meeting, RLP Admin Comm for PPC, Aurora visit, Wagamon Graveside, Membership Class (x3), Preaching Lab, TE Durham Ordination, Trunk-or-Treat, RLP JC Meeting.

#### **Old Business:**

- Reports from the 42nd meeting of RLP were discussed.
- The Harvest Party and Trunk-or-Treat events were reviewed.
- Plans for Advent 2024 were reviewed: preaching through Micah, 12/24 - 5pm Lessons & Carols
- A 2025 Sabbatical remains in planning and discussion stages. More public information will begin in December with a full discussion at the 2024 Annual Meeting.

#### **New Business:**

- M/S/C to approve the Facility Use Request from Brandee Neece for the Rockridge FCA Leadership meeting on 11/10/24 at 6pm. Cade is aware, and this will not conflict with the Youth Ministry.
- TE Hopkins reported on Fall Membership Matters class. The class dates have all been completed and a total of 20 new members are planned for 11/3/24 including 7 baptisms. It was M/S/C to approve the Fall 2024 new member class for membership. It was M/S/C to approve the candidates that require baptisms. It was further M/S/C to approve the baptism of Vinny Zampogna on 11/17/24 after Kim Zampogna joins on 11/3/24.
- It was M/S/C to approve a resolution of gratitude from the Session for the new communion tables.
- Development for the 2025 Officer/Leader Nomination was discussed. The current roster of the committees was reviewed.
- RE Mueller and RE Stegmiller will work with TE Hopkins and Barb Freyermuth to schedule a 2025 budget planning meeting.



- The Huber Family will be visiting 11/17/24. They will lead Adult Sunday School, provide a ministry update during the morning service, have lunch with the Mission Team, and possibly visit with the youth group that evening.
- It was M/S/C to approve vacation for TE Hopkins from 11/18-25/24. Coverage for Sunday the 24th was also discussed.
- It was M/S/C to approve the 2024 Annual Meeting – 1/16/25 – following worship and lunch.
- Next Communion will be held 11/3/24. The next Stated Session meeting is 11/26/24. M/S/C to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 PM. Motion Carried.

Teaching Elder Zach Hopkins closed the meeting with prayer.

RE Mic Penry, Clerk Pro-Tem

We deeply appreciate everyone's care and concern for our granddaughter, Jojo. After undergoing two brain surgeries in Chicago and a third in Memphis, her seizures have stopped. Once she has fully recovered from the surgery, they will return to St. Jude for scans and to finalize a treatment plan, which may include chemotherapy or other options. We're hopeful that treatment can be administered closer to home in the Chicago area. Jojo is doing well, attending preschool most mornings. Although there have been some ups and downs since she came home, she remains a happy and resilient little three-year old.

We are also grateful for the prayers, thoughts, and cards we have received as Debbie recovers from fracturing her wrist.

Thank you all for your overwhelming love, support, and prayers during these times. Youth kindness has truly made a difference, and we feel so blessed to be part of such a caring church family.

With love and gratitude,  
Keith and Debbie Wilson



## ATTENTION COMMITTEE LEADERS OF EDGINGTON EPC

Deadline for reports to be turned in: Fri., Jan. 17th

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 26<sup>th</sup>, following the worship service & lunch.**

October 20, 2024

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

Dorothy opened the meeting with a prayer and read Bible verses from Psalms 25:4-5.

Minutes from the August meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

**Sept-Aug Activities:** 18 calls/visits/cards to shut-ins

36 additional calls/visits/cards: 1 baby, 1 baptism, 7 anniversary, 7 get well, 2 sympathy, 16 birthday, 2 thinking of you, 0 meals

Note: Birthday cards are sent to those who are 70 years of age or more.

Anniversary cards are sent to couples who are married 25 years and then every 5 years. After 50 years of marriage cards will be sent annually.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Deacons will host the new member reception in November.
- Fall Blood Drive: We had a successful fall blood drive on September 14! A total of 35 units of blood were collected. (25 whole blood and 10 double red)
- Fall Coat Drive: The duties of the coat drive have been transferred to the Mission Committee. It will be held in conjunction with the October 26<sup>th</sup> Food Pantry distribution.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- New Member Reception will be held on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Planning the reception for potentially 16 new members.
- Fall Finals Care Packages for college students will be distributed during Thanksgiving break.
- Spring Blood Drive: The Spring blood drive has been moved back two weeks to March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025; this will allow the new blood drive coordinator time to prepare for the blood drive.
- Deacons Term Completed: Jim and Teresa Balmer and Teresa Weber will be completing their term in January 2025. Several new prospects have expressed interest in becoming deacons.

#### **CONCERNS:**

- Discussed a request to help find volunteers that would be willing to play cards (Euchre) with the group that attends the Project NOW meal site. They currently don't have enough people that play cards.
- Reach out to a member's family to check on status of the member.
- Motion was made to adjourn and seconded.

**Next Meeting:** An introductory meeting (for incoming deacons) is scheduled for January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 11:30 a.m.

Dorothy closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Balmer



11-20-24

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

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

Minutes for October meeting reviewed.

Treasurer's report for October reviewed and approved.

**Old Business:**

- Basement carpet has been cleaned.
- Communion tables completed.
- Siding work is complete. Some painting left to do. This will be completed next spring.
- Interior window trim for the Sunday School rooms has been stained. All installation will be completed soon.
- Toilet in one of the Sunday School bathrooms has been replaced.
- Parking lot light replaced.
- Lights for main sign have been replaced.
- New clock installed in the office.
- Trustees approved purchase of new computer for Lisa.
- South concrete stoop project delayed until next spring.
- Trustees approved replacement of the heat pump unit serving office area.

**New Business:**

- Sprayed for bugs following the meeting.
- Changed furnace filters.
- Cleaned de-humidifier filters.
- Discussed future projects including new drywall for SS corridor walls and old basement walls.
- Discussed plan to remove a portion of the choir risers to allow placement of one or two more pews on main floor.
- Discussed plan to potentially move a portion of the removed riser to the balcony to use with the new A/V control desk.
- Ice melt will be placed at exterior doors.
- Discussed possibility to replace water cooler by SS bathrooms.
- Siding on the west gable end of the sanctuary will need to be replaced. Possibly do this work next summer. This area is mostly hidden from view.

Zach closed the meeting with a prayer at 6:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan

November 17, 2024

**Present:** Katie Pearson, Hillary Terrill, Tara Johnson, Beth Flickinger, Kathy Stegmiller, Rachel Johnson

Rachel opened the meeting in prayer.

**New Business:**

- Curriculum was ordered for each classroom
- Lessons and Carols service was discussed
  - December 8th at 5:00pm - the Sunday School group will sing 2 songs
  - They will also sing that morning before Church Service
- During Advent Seasons, older students will be answering a question during Introit.
- A Sunday School newsletter will be made to keep families informed on Sunday School activities
  - Each teacher will send a little bit of information about what is happening in the classrooms to include in the newsletter.


Beth closed the meeting in prayer.

The next meeting date will be decided on after the new year.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Johnson

## FOOD PANTRY UPDATE



On Saturday, October 26th we had a beautiful day to distribute generous boxes of food and necessities to 31 families. All of them were so appreciative. We couldn't do this without community support.

We were so fortunate to have 8 students from 3 different area schools helping with the heavy lifting and packing the meat on Saturday. I give so much credit and appreciation to these students who donate their time to help us. I also want to thank the 14 adults and 1 teen who helped pack on Friday and the 14 adults who helped on Saturday.

We live in a very giving and caring community. We appreciate all the food and monetary donations that enable us to do this and all the prayers. Thank you to all!!

The food pantry staff-

Dewey & Shirley Flemming, Jim & Teresa Balmer, Don & Beth Easterla,  
Marlin & Darcy Krueger, Mic & Sue Penry, and Jim Schaubroeck



November 22, 2024

The Mission Committee met on November 19th, 2024 in the church conference room. Those attending were: Nancy Engstrom, Jim & Bailey Johnson, Eric and Kelly Moel, Cassie Fuhr, and Todd Stegmiller.

Jim opened the meeting in prayer.

**Old Business:**

- **Minutes:** October 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 and distribute after our January 21st meeting,
- **Coat Drive:** We felt a need to create an inventory of what has been donated. We were not able to come up with a date to catalog the coats, pack them away in containers and move them to the attic. We discussed needing to have a plan in place and better communication for next year’s drive.

**New Business:**

- **4th Quarter Commitments:** Voted and approved the 4th quarter payments.

2024 Mission Commitments	Amount Committed
World Outreach (Burdall)	\$2,125.00
World Outreach ITEN (Anderson)	\$2,125.00
World Outreach ITEM (Kuhn)	\$2,125.00
Youth Hope	\$2,312.00
Pregnancy Resources	\$812.00
	\$10,549.00

- **Hurricane Relief:** Deb will follow up with Barb on the amount donated to hurricane relief.
- **Youth Hope:** We will put a sign up sheet in the greeting area for the Youth Hope open house in Moline on December 13th from 6-8pm. We will also communicate the information to the congregation during the next service.
- **Christmas Eve Donation:** We will match the Christmas Eve offering and donate it to Pregnancy Resources.
- **Huber Lunch:** We talked about the great lunch and visit with the Hubers. We are going to follow up with them on a study program they recommended.

Next meeting – January 21st, 2025 at 6:30pm.

Jim closed the meeting in prayer.



## Thank You For Helping Change Lives!

### HUNDREDS OF KIDS AND TEENS ARE BEING INFINITELY IMPACTED BECAUSE OF YOU!

The need in our community is greater than ever. Therefore, the ministry opportunity for YouthHope is greater than ever! We are seeing the Lord's hand at work for each student. More kids and teens are coming to hear about Jesus!

2024 has been a year full of change, opportunity, and preparation! This year, kids and teens have received Jesus as their Savior, been mentored, learned life skills, developed as leaders, discovered interests, and unlocked their potential. Youth found purpose, passion and HOPE for their futures. (Jeremiah 29:11)

In 2024,

- **357 kids and teens** are regularly attending Youth Center Programs *each week*!
- **384 at-risk youth** attended week-long summer camp at Camp Summit!
- **80 kids** participated in after-school arts classes and learned new skills!
- **8,767 individuals** have received groceries and food assistance through YouthHope's Food Pantry!

Your support ensures YouthHope continues pursuing at-risk youth! YOU are helping kids and teens find HOPE in Christ and learn they are valued, important, capable, and loved!

### Will you please prayerfully consider a generous year-end gift to continue reaching kids and teens through YouthHope?



Your gift will be doubled thanks to a matching challenge from some generous donors! Every year-end gift received by December 31st will be matched \$1 to \$1 up to \$50,000! This is an amazing blessing and an incredible opportunity to double your impact at YouthHope!



We thank God for you and your commitment to reach kids and teens and bringing youth Hope! Thank you again and God Bless You!

– Esther Joy King, Executive Director



## YOUTH HOPE UPCOMING EVENTS



### Christmas Open House & Student Showcase December 13 | 6pm @ Moline Center

Come celebrate the Light of the World this Christmas Season! Enjoy CRE8 Studios student performances and art displays, festive treats, and meet the new staff.



### YouthHope Trivia Night February 1 | 5pm Doors Open

Test your knowledge at this fun annual Trivia Night and support the programs at YouthHope! All proceeds benefit after school programs for at-risk youth. Register your team of 8 to secure your spot!



### Annual Fundraising Banquet April 17 | 5pm Doors Open

Help make infinite in our community by partnering with YouthHope! Host a table of 10 guests for dinner, bid on Auction items, and help bring youth HOPE!



## 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.



## FAITHFUL, NOT FRETFUL



Things they are a-changing. The seasons, the economy, and soon our leadership on the local, state, and national level will shift. **It can be easy to begin to wonder or even fret** over what these changes will bring. However, there are a few things that will remain unchanged:

**God is and always will be sovereign**  
**God is and always will be supreme**  
**God does and always will have complete authority**

Jesus said in Matthew 6, “Do not worry about tomorrow, tomorrow will worry about itself.” And so, today instead of worry, we choose to recognize and celebrate what God is doing and how God has been working through Pregnancy Resources in 2024.

In the first 9 months of 2024, more than **4,137 Christ-centered office visits** have been facilitated. During those visits, God made the way for more than **800 significant spiritual discussions**, and the **gospel was presented 18 times!**

From January to September 2024, there were **591 pregnancy test appointments** provided. Your team of nurses facilitated **560 ultrasound appointments** - offering life-affirming help as our culture continues to attack women, families, and the pre-born.

Families needing a little help during these complicated months have received more than **54,528 diapers** and **501 cans of free formula**. There were **623 visits to Bella’s Boutique**, providing seasonally appropriate, free quality clothing options for infants and toddlers. More than **945 class sessions** were offered and **121 families have earned NEW care seats** for their children by participating in classes.

Even as life continues to change and get more complicated, **your faithful prayers and partnership are making the way for life-saving ministry to happen**. We do not know what tomorrow will hold, but we are sure of this: **your Pregnancy Resources team will be faithful to the call the Lord has placed in our heart**. Pregnancy Resources will continue to minister to moms and dads when life hangs in the balance, not just in the weeks and months ahead, but for decades to come!

~ Trisha Wilson, Executive Director

Caitlynn\* visited Bella’s Boutique and got cute clothes for her little boy. She lingered in the waiting room, and a staff member checked in with her. The kindness of the staff was the last thing that broke through Caitlynn’s\* defenses as she held all her emotions in check. Her story and tears began spilling out because someone was listening. She was married, and they had complicated finances. She paused, looked at the staff member, and said, “You know what I need? I need God.”

It’s important to note that Caitlynn\* and her husband were atheists. However, over the past few months, the care you and others have had for Caitlynn\* has been transformative. You met her where she was, physically, emotionally, and spiritually, offering hope and support. As a result, Caitlynn\* has started to recognize her need for God and is now actively seeking information about her first Bible study. In 2024, you have offered the hope of the gospel and now as we walk forward together into 2025, exciting things are happening in the new year.

*\*name changed for confidentiality\**

**Church calendars are under way so please mark these important dates in 2025:**

\*Baby Bottles launch January 2025

\*PRC 101 Volunteer Training - Feb. 18-20

\*Banquet - March 27

\*Taste of Making Life Disciples - May 6, 13, 20, 27

\*PRC 101 Volunteer Training - July 15-17

\*Walk for Life - September 6

\*Taste of Making Life Disciples - Sept. 23, 30, & Oct. 7, 14

\*PRC 101 Volunteer Training - October 21-23



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## Project NOW Community Action Agency



For many years now Edginton 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 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We delivered 203 shoe boxes this morning to the Edgewood Baptist Church in RI! They were thrilled to receive all these boxes. Thank you to everyone for their donations and help packing the boxes. The children who receive these gifts will be so excited but more importantly they will have an opportunity to come to know Jesus as their LORD and Savior! Merry Christmas



## THE HUBER FAMILY

### A couple of weeks ago in Memphis

At the end of October we travelled to Memphis for a few days of time together with our US Team, followed by a few days at the Connecting Mission Leaders conference (CML). Saul's mom, Cindy, came with us to hang out with the kids at the Airbnb while we were in meetings. The days were long, but we're so grateful that we were able to be with our kids at the start and end of each day, and for them to see a little bit of what "work" looks like for us sometimes. (THANK YOU, Cindy!).



WO's US Team!  
We're grateful to be part of this crew.

The highlights for our kids were seeing cotton fields (and getting to pick some off the ground at the rest area), getting to spend time with some dear friends who are currently in the States (instead of in Lebanon), and having a few extras stay (including Mattie! From our first cohort) at our Airbnb for the conference.

Speaking of our friends in Lebanon, Amanda shared a devotion one morning of the summit and emphasized rest. She specifically talked about how many of us work super hard and then try to create small spaces/moments of rest, when really, Jesus calls us (in Matthew 11:28) to work out of a place of rest. HE is our burden bearer and the ultimate fruit producer, so we can rest in Him and the work He is already doing. "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" Psalm 46:10

Just a couple of days later, Jesse was talking to the wife of a mobilization couple from another organization who were about to travel to Egypt after months of a packed schedule. The woman seemed exhausted and not ready for another trip. At the Holy Spirit's prompting, Jesse said to her, "It sounds like you're really good at pouring into other people... what's filling you up?" She immediately teared up and couldn't answer for a while. The next day we got to encourage the couple and connect them with the retreat center we visited in August.

Please hear this, we are NOT rested and put together... our week in Memphis was a fresh reminder to run to Jesus every day as our source. We're not good at it, but in God's merciful offer, we pray we can work from a place of rest. SO, how are you being filled? What rest do you see in your life/work? How can we pray for your burdens?

### We have a 9 year old!

On November 15th, Zuri (our oldest) turned 9 years old. She is so easy for us to celebrate! She brings giggles, excitement, curiosity, thirst for knowledge, leadership, service, and joy to our family. She is an excellent chef and baker, a thoughtful friend, a creative maker, avid reader, letter-writer, author, illustrator, swimmer, soccer player, strong climber, brave adventurer, and caring big sister. We love her willingness to try new things, her care to make people feel welcome, and her hunger for Jesus. She is beautiful, inside and out and we are blessed to be her parents.



We held a fancy tea party with friends the weekend before. During the week she went with her friend, Tilly, to get their ears pierced together. This was her big gift from us and something she's been dreaming about and asking for forever! Finally, we surprised her with lunch with cousins on our way up to a supporting church in Northern Illinois on her actual birthday.

Would you join us in praying Ephesians 1: 15-19 for Zuri this year?

*"That's why, when we heard of the solid trust Zuri has in the Master Jesus and her outpouring of love to all the followers of Jesus, we couldn't stop thanking God for Zuri—every time we prayed, we'd think of Zuri and give thanks. But we do more than thank. We ask—ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make Zuri intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, her eyes focused and clear, so that she can see exactly what it is he is calling her to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers, oh, the utter extravagance of his work in us who trust him—endless energy, boundless strength!" (The Message, modified).*



## THE HUBER FAMILY (Cont. from p. 14)

We took the Kairos course in January 2023, and learned SO much about God's heart for the world and how we can be part of it. We highly recommend this course to everyone who has the time and space to do it!

### Kairos Course

#### God, the Church, and the World

January 15th – March 12th

Wednesdays on Zoom

7:00pm – 9:00pm ET

6:00pm – 8:00pm CT

5:00pm – 7:00pm MT

4:00pm – 6:00pm PT

**Information and Registration at:** <https://www.epcwo.org/kairos/>

**Informational Short Video:** <https://vimeo.com/1031219343?share=copy>



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## M & S

*What a surprise N.... was! Thank you so much for praying with us!*

Did you know that, according to many missiologists, N....has the fastest growing church in the world? I met a N..... brother, James, in the Philippines two years ago. He wrote me after our meeting and our correspondence continued for two years as he kept asking, "Please come and help us train our new pastors." I was reluctant at first, but the more we corresponded, the more I realized James was serious about training pastors. AND, the people groups he lives among correspond perfectly to ITEN's vision. So I arranged a trip in the early Fall.

In God's good providence, N. M., a pastor friend of mine who is currently serving in E....., was able to go with me. N's presence and input made a huge difference for me on this trip. His warmth and excitement, as well as his teaching and pastoral gifts made co-teaching a pleasure. Once again we experienced the wisdom of going in a team of 2. As a result of our time in N..., N.'s missions' calling was confirmed and he plans to join ITEN in 2025, Lord-willing.

In one short trip, we gained a new training site, a new N..... co-laborer and new ITEN colleagues (N and K)! God knew what He was doing when He arranged for me to meet James in the Philippines two years ago. How true that "the heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps."

### A few highlights!

- James is connected with several networks of local, independent churches in West N....
- We trained in two separate locations: N..... and B..... We flew from K..... (the capitol) to N..... From there we took a 4 wheel drive vehicle across the mountains to B.....
- We had approximately 60 trainees in each location. Our preference for ITEN trainings is a maximum of 30, but they just kept coming.
- The majority of the trainees were 1st generation pastors and leaders of Hindu background. They kept repeating that though they've been taught how to lead worship and pray, they've never been taught "theology."
- In both locations, we introduced our ITEN course "Understanding, Applying and Communicating the Bible."

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## M & S (Cont. from p. 15)

- As we led participants through observing, interpreting and applying the first chapter of Jonah, their eyes began to light up. They were seeing how that small book of the Old Testament has a powerful message for Jonah's time and ours. They also saw how it points forward to Jesus.
- The N..... church in this area is quite new. Most of our participants were first generation Hindu background believers. Try to imagine growing up in a culture that never read the Bible and had no Christian presence. These believers are laying foundations for future generations of N..... believers. What an awesome opportunity for us and for ITEN to participate in the formation of their pastors and leaders.

### We give thanks and praise for...

- A solid partnership and good fruit in N.....
- Hopeful anticipation of new ITEN team members. Along with N and his wife, K, others are considering joining ITEN.
- Good ministry travel for ITEN team members. Recent travel includes SE A, the Middle East and Eastern Europe. Team members are resident in Central Asia and Latin America. It is incredible how many places are being impacted by this small team.
- An invitation to preach at Darlington Presbyterian Church (Darlington, SC). The church received us well and encouraged us.

### Join us in prayer for...

- **November 13-17** Mike will be preaching at the mission conference of **Ward Presbyterian near Detroit**. Please join us in prayer that the vision he communicates for mission would be led by the Holy Spirit and the right approach for this new era of growth in the global church.
- ITEN team members have upcoming ministry training in SE A..., C..... A... and Eastern Europe. Please remember all of these using **Colossians 1:9-12** as a model prayer for the ITEN team.
- **February 2025** Planning our next N.... training (projected for February 2025). In the midst of encouraging new growth of the church, we became more aware of the felt-need for theological training that will help orient pastors in scriptural wisdom and servant leadership.

The peace of Christ to you all,

M& S

## B & E

31 October, 2024

Dear friends, thank you for your partnership!

Words from my daily reading: 'And God said to him [Jacob], "I am God Almighty [Hebrew El Shaddai]: be fruitful and multiply.' Our confession: 'I

believe in God the Father Almighty [Greek Pantocrator, 'Ruler of All'], Maker of heaven and earth.' This perspective is so reassuring and uplifting, that our Father is Ruler of All, and everything is in his control.

### New Believers and churches

During a worship service in I....-F..... a few weeks ago, the pastor shared how an unchurched man from the neighboring community randomly dropped by in the past week and had given a 1859 German edition of Luther's Bible to the church. During our service, the pastor held that Bible up and used it to illustrate how God is working through time, even centuries. Then, it was my time to preach, and my message was along that very theme. After I finished, the pastor gave a short altar call. One man quickly came forward, and it was the man who had brought the Bible! He said he was at home and felt a sudden strong urge that he should go to the church. He arrived mid-service when I started preaching (not seeing his Bible presented earlier). He committed his life to the Lord that day. Beautiful! Glory to God!

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**U.....**

I was in U..... for about two weeks in September. I had over 20 events in 8 cities, including lectures in 5 universities and 1 seminary, meetings with 2 government officials, preaching and teaching in several churches, mentoring young leaders, and spending time with professors. I return 6-17 November for my 9th trip to U..... during the full-scale invasion, and this time I will be in both western U..... and eastern U..... When I am not there in person, I am working each week online with U..... and B..... I have so much to report, that I will try to abbreviate and let the pictures do the talking as much as possible. This is an amazingly fruitful season of ministry—all praise to God!

Prof. B..... posted these remarks on their university website news page: ‘Dr. B has succeeded in bringing the good old Oxford spirit to our faculty. The lecturer conducted a dialogue with his audience, encouraged students to ask difficult questions and look for equally difficult answers, gave examples from history relevant to U....., and radiated sincere joy from what he was doing. And everyone present was imbued with his positive mood! We thank Dr. B for his courage and for all the efforts he made to convey something new, important and interesting to our students! We look forward to the next such training meetings!’

H....., U.....: Referring to a point in my lecture, this bright student... asked me during the lecture to elaborate on the difference between Homer’s god of Zeus and the God of Augustine, which I did, having opportunity to explain sin, repentance, and salvation by grace through faith. It was amazing! My U..... pastor friends with me were greatly inspired and could hardly believe such opportunities exist. The university president... was open about faith and providentially was wearing a t-shirt that day that said ‘FREEDOM’ (and my lecture was on Wolan’s theology of freedom). This university produces numerous lawyers, organizational leaders, and members of parliament. I was invited to have a long-term collaborative teaching program relationship with them.

I....-F....., U.....: Lecture in K... D.... University. Notice... the chapel area immediately at the main entrance to the university. University leaders enthusiastically embraced my faith-based academics and invited me to be a Visiting Professor of History. During the lecture... a student asked me sincerely and openly, ‘If a person wanted to seek God today, how would they do that.’ I was free to share about how to cry out to God for salvation and a life with him. What an opportunity!

O....., U.....: With friends, Prof. V. Z. and Prof. D. S., after my lecture at the N..... University of O.... Academy, the oldest university in U..... (founded in 1576 during the Reformation). This university certifies our Christian Open Academy, is a long-time collaborator and support to our reformation movement, and will publish my Wolan book in U..... translation.

Friend and fellow reformation movement leader O. T.... and I enjoyed a lengthy meeting to catch up on all the Lord is doing and plan for my next trip to his city. With V. L., Chair of the K..... Regional Council (like a US state legislature), who is a believer and warmly welcomed further collaboration for work in the region and its universities. Two Baptist Christian leaders (U. and T., former Ukrainian Parliament Members and T. the former Acting President of U..... and former Prime Minister of U.....) have been working with some of the reformation movement leaders to hold prayer breakfasts and meetings with Christian politicians for fellowship and action.

**B.....**

Though I keep our newsletter heading ‘B..... and Beyond’, to be clear, I am presently unable to travel to B..... But I do continue ministry to and with B....., especially those who fled to P.... from authoritarian oppression. ...

## **Family**

E.... continues her wonderful ministry at Tidewater Crisis Pregnancy Center. A recent report showed hundreds of mothers choosing to keep their babies, and so many women are brought nearer to the Lord. E.... and I

enjoyed several trips to see kids, grandkids, and extended family. It was a total delight to have all our children and grandchildren in our home for a few days in September. What joy! Our 7th grandchild is due in December. Our son, Daniel, is engaged to Jill, with an April wedding planned. We are overjoyed and looking forward to these wonderful additions to our family!

**Please pray for...**

- All the leaders we serve
- My U..... trip 6-17 November
- A troubled marriage of a B..... couple dear to us
- New believers and multiplication of leaders in U....., P....., V....., S..... L....., and all ITEN sites

Thank you for supporting us!

B & E

## MCCALLUM NOVEMBER MUSE

**Friends are blessings!** *"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."* Our long time friend, Mark Ingles and Ed coordinated tickets so that Mark drove up to the curb as we walked out of the terminal in Denver. He hopped on his flight and we took his car to the Presbytery of the West meeting. Local friends, Ken and Barb Roberts, extended hospitality filled with laughter and stories. Mark returned the following day for part of the meetings. Mark drove out of his way to Denver Airport so we could fly home on his way to Colorado Springs which was in the opposite direction. After we left for Vn, Mark used our house for his B&B in Phoenix on the way for meetings he had in Brazil.



**Thank all of you for the relationship we enjoy with you!**

The summer in Phoenix has finally ended. We had a full schedule of working on curriculum and travel since mid-May. We experienced God doing amazingly more than we asked or imagined with our four-blitz, back-to-back trips. We are trying to have a slower pace for the end of the year. Our next trip to Vn is early in January.

**Learning from sorrow** - Three dear friends ended their long earthly lives. All were in their 80s or 90s. They each lived full-out for the Lord and were influencers in very different, yet similar ways. They each pointed people to Jesus.

**Janet Hume**, who was the queen of hospitality, an organist, a woman of prayer, of wise counsel, and a fun perspective on aging. With a twinkle in her eye she told us, "At my age I don't buy green bananas." She was a maverick woman who spoke wisdom to all types of people... those sitting in high places and young children.

**Dr. Fritz Phelps**, Physics professor at Central Michigan University, was a dynamic Boy Scout leader, helping boys become Eagle Scouts at far more than the typical rate. He also related to children yearly with his dog themed attire at VBS.

**Sally Foote**, a detail oriented woman with abundant love for her own family, extended family, love to Laotian refugees, and to Russians in Siberia where she served for 25 years. Nan, while researching a people group in Siberia for the Midwest Presbytery, saw how Sally blended into the culture with grace and love.

**Jeremiah 29:11** influenced their way of living. *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

Funerals can help motivate us in how to live our "dash" written between the dates of our birth and death.

**Ecclesiastes 7:2** explains: *"It is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting, for death is the destiny of everyone; the living should take this to heart."* move forward.



## MCCALLUM NOVEMBER MUSE *(Cont. from p. 18)*



Flash cards helped the teaching team in Vn review the themes of each Old Testament book. It had been 3 years since learning this content. The Old Testament Survey course helps see the overarching story of the Old Testament that continues throughout the New Testament. Ed talked through the main ideas and stories and pointed out how they could preach through each book.

We'd be glad share this resource with you....shoot us an email.

Nan led the men through a new version of Evangelism and Mission. The course presents four tools for sharing the gospel: 15 second testimony, 2 Word Story, The 3 Circles, and the Bridge Illustration. They were excited seeing Joshua Project's list of unengaged people groups in their country and prayed for the gospel to move forward.



November 4-9 these men in the Teaching Cohort will teach these 2 courses to MLTI-2 (Ministry Leadership Training Institute) Unlike those in the formal education courses at the Bible College, this equips the 32 students to go home and teach groups around them - usually in teams. Students in the formal Bible School program must wait until they complete all their studies - a dramatic illustration of the difference between formal and non-formal education in getting basic training to those waiting for it more rapidly.

### Things for prayer:

- Mr. P: Local authorities told him that he was no longer allowed to go out of his house (doubling as a church) to tell people about Jesus. They told him that he must sign a document that he would stop doing this. Under duress, he signed it so he could stay in this community trusting God to be at work. Since then, God has been sending people to his door to talk!
- Mr. Di: His attempt to generate money by raising pigs failed and he owes the bank money. His church has become unhappy with his leadership. We don't know the issue.
- Mr. S: Also tried to improve his finances raising pigs. His pigs died as well. He's working in a mine to raise funds, leaving his church without a pastor.
- Mr. V1: While attending class, roof repairs were being done on his church building. Sadly a young man fell off and was taken to hospital. Local officials came and asked critical questions. We have not heard how the man is or the results of meetings with the officials.
- Mr. Du's wife, whom we thought had been attacked by a man with a knife, had actually been hit by another motor bike and lost the tip of her toe (the downside of Google Translate!). While at the hospital, blood work revealed that she has Hep B.

We wish you a wonderful season of Thanksgiving. Our extended AZ family will spend an early weekend up in Flagstaff to celebrate.

We're planning to have a group of internationals join us on Thanksgiving Day for traditional food in a family setting.

Enjoy this Thanksgiving song, ["My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness."](#)

Ed & Nan McCallum

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits-  
 He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.  
 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him;  
 As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Praise the Lord, all His works everywhere in His dominion.

Psalm 103:1, 10-12, 22

As we think about Thanksgiving this month and being grateful and praising God for His goodness and His grace, we also praise God for the blessing that we have through all of you! And we wanted to be sure and express that again! Thank you for your monetary support that enables us to live in L..... with Bengali neighbors, thank you for your messages and your responses, thank you for being so kind in hosting (mainly S....) us this spring and summer, and most of all, thank you for your prayers for us and for the people here in E... L..... It always encourages us to have your partnership in this outreach, and to see how the church really is a global body that can work together as one.

We praise and thank God for you all! And we are praying for you and for your churches:

#### **Some updates and prayer requests:**

Last Sunday at Asha we had communion! This was the first time, and it was encouraging for a few reasons. Even though we meet each week and pray, praise, study scripture, and have fellowship, we had been missing this sacrament, so it was great to feel like a full church now. While our team are all believers, we have many who come weekly that are not at that point yet. Last Sunday we all looked at Matthew 26 and the Last Supper. Through study and discussion it was explained why we take communion and that it is for those who only follow Jesus. When we had communion later, there were two of our regular attenders who took communion! One, on discussion with a teammate, said it is because of only following Jesus! This same person the next day was encouraging that more people need to hear the story and know what we did on Sunday! We rejoice with this decision and with these individuals and how God is working in their hearts. **Please be in prayer** for these individuals, as persecution could be a very real result of what they are choosing. And **pray** for Asha - for God to continue to work through this church, and to protect it as it grows.

Every Friday, S.... and a team of about 3-4 go out to a local market and set up a table with Bibles and books, and also pamphlets about spiritual things. Some people just walk by, some people take a pamphlet, others stop and have conversations, and some others stop to try and argue against them. I asked S.... how many people they talk to at an average book table each week. He said usually there are 5-6 meaningful conversations, 12 shorter convos, 3-6 Bibles given out and 100 flyers passed out! **Pray** for those that are genuinely interested in seeking, not just arguing, and for those that take Bibles.

In the U..... K....., religious education is required, so throughout the year the children learn about Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Judaism, Islam, and Christianity. At Christmas, many are open to Christians running assemblies with lessons on why we celebrate Christmas. As long as we say "Christians believe..." it is alright to share what we do believe about Jesus and the gospel. This year, our local team is going into 7 primary schools (anywhere from 30-100 kids at each school) and Asha is hosting a school coming to our building for an assembly. **Pray** for the kids that hear, that they would understand more of who Jesus is, and **pray** that they might want to come back to Asha for our Christmas event on December 22nd.

With love,

C....., for S.... and the kids

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# EDGINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - Treasurer's Report October 2024

	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	End. Balance
General Fund	\$ 109,294.38	\$ 12,859.49	\$ 26,932.15	\$ 95,221.72
Education Fund	\$ 15,214.25	\$ 217.83		\$ 15,432.08
Building Fund (See Below)	\$ 252,540.75	\$ 1,465.73	\$ 61,482.24	\$ 192,524.24
Youth Group	\$ 18,140.72	\$ 24.54	\$ 300.53	\$ 17,864.73
	\$ 395,190.10	\$ 14,567.59	\$ 88,714.92	\$ 321,042.77

## October 2024 Expenses - Building Fund

ADB Construction (windows & siding)	61,095.16
JR Thomas (communion tables exp)	387.08
	<u>\$ 61,482.24</u>

## October 2024 MONTHLY REVIEW - General Fund

### **Receipts - October 2024**

Pledges	12,845.91
Interest Income - General Fund	13.58
Per Member Asking	-
Basement Rent	-
	<u>\$ 12,859.49</u>

### **Expenditures - October 2024**

#### **Administrative** \$ 6,010.04

ABS (copier rental)	98.67
AT&T - Phone for elevator	243.01
Cemetery Upkeep	300.00
Computers: Hdw, Sftw and Apps	276.59
Insurance	-
Jeanne Hayes (Custodian)	583.97
Johnson Controls	-
Lisa Bowman (Office Manager)	1,106.31
Kone (elevator)	
MidAmerican Energy	444.00
Millenium Waste	64.08
Office Supplies	39.89
Repairs & Maintenance - general	731.74
Reytel - Internet	119.99
Shipping/Postage	-
Taxes / FICA / Penalty	2,001.79

#### **Discipleship (Internal)** \$ 9,323.07

Children's Director	393.25
Continuing Education	-
Deacon Expense	61.28
EPC General Assembly	-
EPC (health)	26.48
Events	74.96
Fidelity (pension)	1,038.28
Flowers	-
Housing Allowance	3,762.52
Meals	104.04
Mileage	241.87
Music	-
Pastor Salary	2,782.08
Presbytery Expense	235.58
Pulpit Supply	388.10
Resource Materials	214.63
Sunday School	-
Worship Supplies	-

#### **Mission (external)** \$ 11,599.00

Mission - International	\$ 7,875.00	43.1%
Mission - US	600.00	
Mission - Local	3,124.00	

#### **TOTAL EXPENSES** \$ 26,932.11

100.0%

#### **NET OPERATING INCOME** \$ (14,072.62)

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

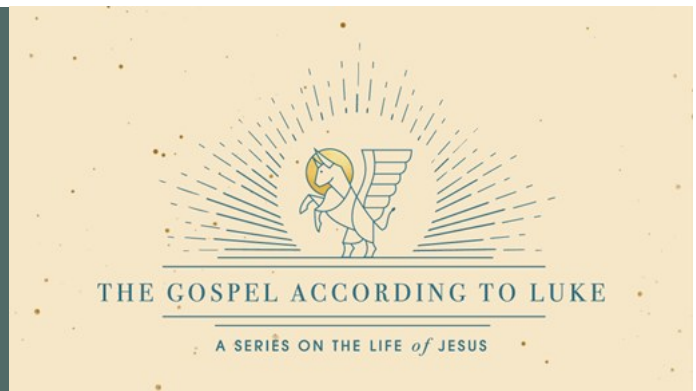
*Mission monies included in general fund of \$5,477.61 and Assistance Fund of \$4,483.46*



## CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Pastor Zach will pause this series until after the first of the year to preach an Advent series on 4 Micah: Hope for Restoration . Please see page 24 for more information & join us for this special series, then return to pick back up in the Book of Luke again in January 2025!

We look forward to seeing you and diving deep into God's Word together!



## 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!*



### 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



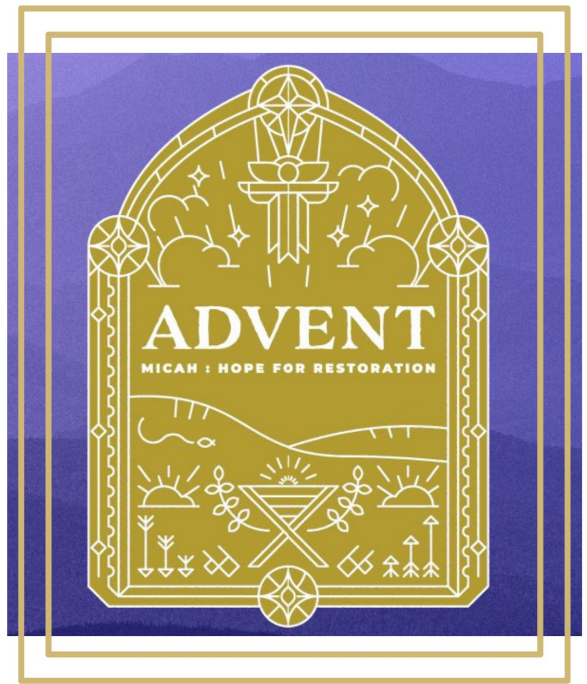
## ADVENT 2024 - Micah: Hope for Restoration

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".



## Christmas & Eve

A SERVICE OF  
LESSONS & CAROLS

FIVE O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

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.**



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY MEETING & OTHER INFO

Wednesday, December 4th, 1pm



On Saturday, November 30th at 9am, we will put up the Christmas decorations in the church sanctuary, and would **LOVE** to have your help!

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!*



### WOMEN'S MINISTRY SOUP LUNCHEON/ FUNDRAISER

Sunday, January 26th,  
Immediately following the  
worship service



The Women's Ministry will provide soup luncheon before congregational meeting. There will be a variety of homemade soups to choose from and all available for a freewill donation.

The Women's Ministry does much work and support behind the scenes for the church, so please stay and support them while filling your bellies with some warm, comfort food!

## ⚡ 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 EEPC Men



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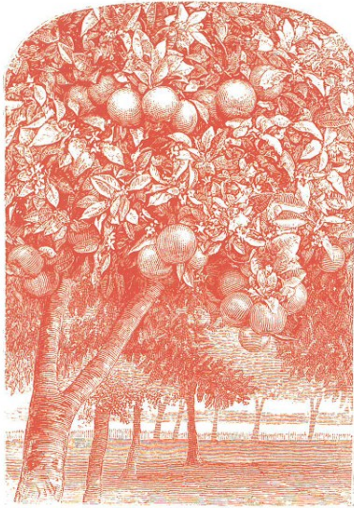
Next Clinic: Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>,  
beginning at 9am

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.

GET YOUR DECEMBER COPY OF  
THE TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL

## TABLETALK

DECEMBER 2024 | \$5



THEMES IN  
GENESIS AND REVELATION

LOCATED ON A TABLE IN THE SANCTUARY FOYER

EVERY SUNDAY (UNLESS NOTED)

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

### EEPC YOUTH GROUP

12.1 - GARGONS

12.8 - COOKIES AND MOVIE  
(LESSONS AND CAROLS)

12.15 - WHITE ELEPHANT

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 January 2025 Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER** than Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Items received after that date may not make it into the newsletter.

*Thank you for your cooperation!*

*~ Lisa Bowman, Office Manager*

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

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

*Thank you so much for your help!*



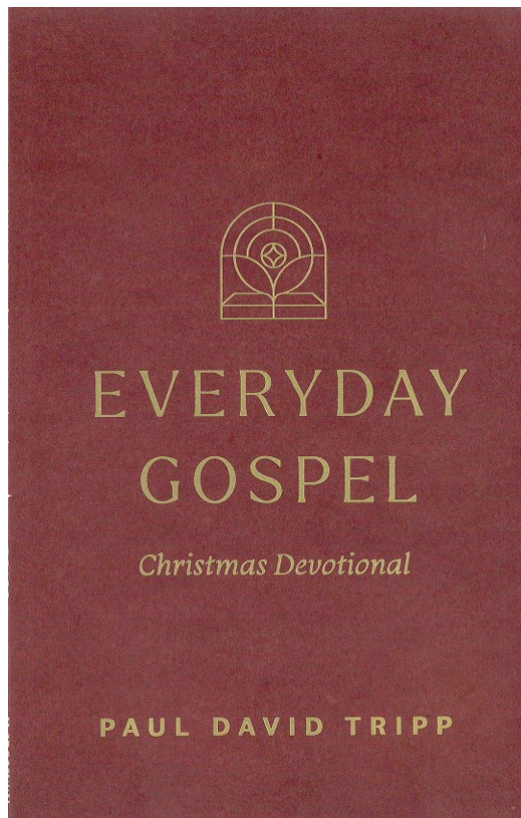
### QUILTING NO QUILTING IN DECEMBER

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!*





## FREE FEATURED RESOURCE FOR CHRISTMAS

We have 50 copies of this Christmas Devotional available in the sanctuary foyer. We ask that you, please, only take one copy per family, since we have a limited supply. You could also receive it as a free download by clicking [HERE](#).

### 25 Free Daily Devotions for December

Do you have a Bible reading plan to follow during the busy Christmas season? This free resource includes 25 daily devotionals by Paul Tripp, paired with a Scripture passage and prayer, to focus your heart on the birth of Jesus from December 1 until Christmas Day.



### 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!*



## MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR USE

Are you aware that the church has a variety of medical equipment available for you to borrow as needed? We pray you never do need it, but life happens & if you need to borrow something, just contact the church office.

Here is the current supply list:

- Bath/Shower Chair
- Commode Safety Rails
- Crutches
- Medical Seats
- Walkers
- Bedside Commode
- Cane & Quad Cane
- Knee Scooter
- Raised toilet Seat
- Walkers w/seats & brakes



# OFFICER NOMINATION



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## QUESTIONS:

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 1st Advent Sunday Food Pantry Sunday Youth Group, 5:30	2 Meal Site	3 Meal Site	4 Meal Site WM Mtg., 1pm Chair Exercises, 4:30pm	5 Meal Site	6 Meal Site	7
8 2nd Advent Sunday B/P Checks Youth Group, 5:30	9 Meal Site	10 Meal Site	11 Meal Site Chair Exercises, 4:30pm	12 Meal Site	13 Meal Site	14
15 3rd Advent Sunday Chili Cook-Off, 3-5pm Youth Group, 5:30	16 Foot Clinic Meal Site Newsletter Items Due	17 Meal Site Mission Comm. Mtg., 6:30pm	18 Meal Site Chair Exercises, 4:30pm Trustees Mtg., 6pm	19 Meal Site	20 Meal Site	21 
22 4th Advent Sunday B/P Checks Youth Group, 5:30	23 Meal Site	24 Christmas Eve Advent NO Meal Site Christmas Eve Service, 5pm	25 Christmas 	26 Meal Site	27 Meal Site	28
29 Youth Group, 5:30	30 Meal Site	31 New Year's Eve NO Meal Site	1 New Year's Day 	2 Meal Site	3 Meal Site	4