

The Diaconate: Five Essential Truths in Five Months

Starting this month and for the next four I plan to commit the newsletter cover articles to the subject of the church office of deacon. In the last quarter of 2024, the Session determined that the Diaconate would be a major concentration of our interest and training, not only among Church Officers, but across the whole church family.

Deacons are essential to the Church. They are one of two specific offices provided to the people of God as the gifts of the Ascended Christ. By the absence of His Heavenly Session where He reigns upon Heaven's Throne, Jesus presents to His body two orders of officers to mediate His presence and authority and service by the empowerment of His Sprit. Those offices are Elders and Deacons. It is to the detriment of a Church that we fail to give adequate attention to this essential office of Deacon. It is even worse if the attention we give is only by our own wisdom and our bibles closed.

A Deacon is a Shock Absorber

The early Church was faced with a great challenge that sought to disrupt their fellowship. Acts 6 recounts the details, not only of the establishment of the Diaconate, but the deeper problem that prompted the Apostles to call our servants to bless the body. If you read the first six verses of Acts 6, it wasn't merely a culinary issue, it was an issue of unity where threats of fracture among ethnic lines were at stake. Greek widows were being overlooked for the needs of the Jewish widows. The answer: servants to attend to the needs of the body to make sure that nobody is overlooked.

Certainly, a smooth ride is the ideal, but we know that our vehicles still need shock absorbers. A shock absorber doesn't amplify vibrations, it absorbs and dampens them to ensure a smoother ride. In the same way, deacons identify and respond to the bumps and vibrations that might jostle and break apart the congregation to strengthen the unity of the people. In other words, a good deacon doesn't love problems or drama; they are not unaware of them, but instead of relishing that which could tear apart the church, they love solutions to problems and the chance to diffuse tensions to provide a smooth journey. In the same way, peace and the absence of conflict in the church are ideal, but we also know it's just not the reality when you assemble that many sinners in one place. That's why God gave the Church a shock absorbing office – the deacon.

In one sense of course, every member needs to have something of a "conflict radar" and seek to bring peace to the body. But it is especially the deacons of the church who work to promote and maintain that peace among the people of God.

Let's give thanks for the shock absorbers in our vehicles and in our church.

ELDERS

Kim Freyermuth Jim Mueller Kevin Oak Mic Penry **Todd Stegmiller** Steve Wagamon

DEACONS

Dorothy Rursch - Chair Kay Amy Mitch Anderson Angie Freyermuth **Connie Huntley Tom Huntley** Melody VanOteghem **Deb Wagamon**

TRUSTEES

Mel Block - Chair Larry Pithan - Secretary Ken Benningfield Aaron Ehm Jeff Fuhr Phil Fuhr **Colby Mueller** Cindy Oak Bill Sloan JR Thomas

FEBRUARY

ANNIVERSARIES

21 - JR & Regina Thomas

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Kris Olin
- 4 Chris Elliot
- 5 Judge Fuhr
- 5 Debra Wagamon
- 8 Steve Ryser
- 10 Josey Stegmiller
- 10 Rick VanOteghem
- 11 Patrick Shovar
- 15 Ione Hesch

and show the

- 16 Stacey Anderson
- 18 Cindy Thompson
- 20 Robert Crawford

- 20 Karrie Fuhr
- 20 Klay Goodnight
- 20 MaryAnn Vroman
- 24 Trenton Pearson
- 25 Kristen Adams
- 25 Shawn Terrill
- 27 Nathan Flickinger
- 27 Lincoln Fuhr
- 27 Hillary Terrill
- 27 Liam Youck
- 27 Kim Zampogna

I want express my thankfulness to each and every one of you who took a moment to lift my dad in prayer over the past few weeks. I am very blessed to be surrounded by so many prayer warriors! Also many thanks to each of you who reached out and asked how he was doing or tried to help us understand what was happening. God has been very kind &

GREETERS FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 9th - Nathan Flickinger & Jim Johnson

Sunday, February 16th - Molly Cook & Deanna Parchert

Sunday, February 2nd - Dewey & Shirley Flemming

Sunday, February 23rd - Jim & Teresa Balmer

merciful - my Dad is really doing great!

With love & gratitude, Lisa Bowman

ADDRESS CORRECTION!



It has been brought to my attention that I left a zero out of Judy Bote's address in the last couple of newsletters welcoming our new members.

Her correct address is: **Judy Bote** 1330 42nd St. W. Milan, IL 61264

Sorry about that! ~ Lisa

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CALLED SESSION MEETING

January 16, 2024, at 3:30pm

Location: Church Conference Room

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

Pastor Zach will act as moderator of the meeting. Zach opened the meeting with prayer and read from Psalm 127: 1-2.

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

Annual Meeting Documents:

- Agenda: The Session reviewed the draft Agenda for the Annual Meeting. Motion was made and seconded to approve with minor edits. Motion carried.
- Session Report: Zach asked for input from the Ruling Elders on content for this section. Jim and Mic will work on "The Work of the Session", Keith and Patrick will work on "Ruling Elder Reflections", and Todd will work on "Looking Ahead to 2025". Our reports should be submitted to the office by end of day Tuesday, January 21st.
- Membership Summary: The Session reviewed this report. Motion was made and seconded to approve this report. Motion carried.
- Election of Officers/Leaders: Session reviewed this report. Motion was made and seconded to approve this report with minor edits. Motion carried.

Release of 2025 Percentage of Income (POI) Payments:

• Zach presented the Session with the calculations of POI payments for 2025 (\$2,500 to Rivers and Lakes Presbytery and \$2,500 to General Assembly). Motion was made and seconded to approve these payments and instruct the Treasurer to make them. Motion carried.

Commissioners to 40th RLP:

• A motion was made and seconded to appoint Mic Penry and Kevin Oak to accompany Zach and serve as Commissioners at the 40th RLP on January 24th and 25th. Motion carried. Cade Reimers will also be attending as an observer.

New Officers:

- Zach has scheduled the following dates for Officer Training: Feb 2nd, Feb 16th and Feb 23rd.
- Installation Date for Deacons and Elders is scheduled for March 2nd.
- All new officers/ leaders may begin working with their groups after the annual meeting.
- Onboarding new Session Members: They are invited to the January 28th meeting for a Baton Handoff. A Saturday meeting in February will be scheduled.

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Proposal for Overtures to RLP:

SESSION

 Zach reviewed his ideas on creating three overtures to RLP concerning amendments to Rules of Assembly Operation (ROA) at GA. These overtures would address allowing for electronic voting, requiring the publishing of overtures properly received, and allow for overtures rejected by Presbytery to be presented to the GA. A motion was made and seconded to instruct Zach to draft these overtures and present them at the upcoming RLP. Motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:50pm. Motion Carried.

Teaching Elder Zach Hopkins closed the meeting with prayer.

Keith Wilson, Clerk of Session

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Edgington EPC Greeters Instructions

- **Thank you** so much for giving of yourself this morning and showing warm hospitality to all those who enter in today!
- As you are greeting each person, if there is someone unfamiliar to you, please be sure to introduce yourself, and ask them if they are a first time guest or relative newcomer to our church. If that is the case, please ask them to fill out one of the "Welcome" cards located in the pews, if they haven't already, point out the coat closet, let them know that their presence with us today is most welcome, and if they have any other questions, please feel free to ask you. If you are unable to answer some of their questions please direct them to one of our Session or Trustee members.
- As a reminder, you will also be ushering today. Please be sure to have another couple lined up to help you with this.
- After ushering quietly go upstairs and get a head count for attendance. Please include infants in your count.
- Please be sure to record the attendance and weather in the little red book located here on the table, or on the window ledge.
- If you enjoy serving in this manner please be sure to let one of the Deacons know, so they can put you on the list regularly.

Thank you again for showing hospitality this morning! Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Romans 12:13

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Hebrews 13:2



GREETERS & USHERS

Thank you for your willingness to serve!

This little sign/placard is on the table with the bulletins each service, so that if you are new to greeting or uncertain as to what your responsibilities are, you can easily reference it.

The small, red, Deacon's book for recording attendance and weather is located on the same table, usually on top of the bulletins before you start, to help remind you to record attendance.

If you ever have any questions about greeting and/or are interested in greeting, please reach out to one of the Deacons. They are all listed in the newsletter each month at the top of the page following Pastor Zach's cover letter.

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January 12, 2025

Present: Kay Amy, Jim & Teresa Balmer, Tom and Connie Huntley, Marlin & Darcy Krueger, Dorothy Rursch, Melody VanOteghem, Teresa Weber, Mic Penry, and Session Rep, Pat Shovar

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Minutes from the October meeting were read.

Nov-Dec Activities: 22 calls/visits/cards to shut-ins,

62 additional calls/visits/cards includes: 0 baby, 8 baptism, 2 anniversary, 12 get well, 5 sympathy, 18 birthday, 6 thinking of you, 11 welcome new members, 1 meal One member would now like to be added to the "Thinking of You" list.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Fall Finals Care Packages for College Students:
 - Ten unused dollars will be returned to the church treasurer.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Outgoing Deacons:** Jim and Teresa Balmer, Marlin and Darcy Krueger, and Teresa Weber were thanked for serving as Deacons for the past three years.
- Welcomed New Deacons: Kay Amy, Tom and Connie Huntley, and Melody VanOteghem were introduced as new Deacons.
- **Officer Elections:** Angie Freyermuth volunteered to serve as President. Dorothy Rursch volunteered to serve as Secretary.
- **Spring Blood Drive:** Scheduled for March 15th, 2025. The drive has been pushed back two weeks to accommodate the new Deacon rep in charge.
 - Impact Life will be contacted on January 13th to provide the name of the new Deacon representative.
 - It was suggested two Deacons coordinate the drive and the process be reviewed with them, such as number of inserts, bulletins and the portal.
 - Suggestion was made that each Deacon recruit five donors so it is not such an overwhelming task.
 - Impact Life will provide a list of previous donors.
 - Details and committee assignments will be discussed at the next Deacon meeting which will be held on February 23rd.
- Cards: A new Deacon rep was selected for sending cards during the upcoming year.
 - The current process was explained and it was noted that Get Well cards need to be replenished.
 - A list of anniversaries and birthdays can be obtained from the office. Cards are sent for 25th anniversaries and every 5 years after that. Starting with a 50th anniversary, cards are sent every year. Birthday cards are sent for 65th birthdays and then every year starting at age 70.
 - When cards and stamps are purchased, the receipts should be given to the church treasurer for reimbursement.

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- **Directory:** The need for a directory booklet that could be purchased by members was brought up.
 - Questioned whether the App can be printed out as a PDF.
- Shut in /Eyes on You Lists: The Shut In and Eyes on You lists were explained to the new Deacons.
 - Each Deacon will be assigned two members from the lists to uplift throughout the year.
 - Lists were updated in January, 2025.
- **Greeters:** February '25 Kruegers March '25 Dorothy R. April '25 Dorothy R.
 - A list of monthly greeters should be sent to the office by the 15th of the previous month so there is time to include in the weekly bulletins and the monthly newsletter.
 - Discussion was held to include our Junior/Senior High young adults as greeters and encourage younger children to assist their parents in taking up offering as a method of inclusion.
- Next Meeting: Tentatively scheduled for February 23, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.

The meeting concluded with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa Weber

SAVE THE DATES!

Sundays, March 23rd, 30th, & April 6th at 11:30am New Member Reception April 13th

This class is offered to anyone seeking more information about Edgington EPC; what it means to be a church member, our denomination, what we stand for, and much more. If you have been attending for

"Membership Matters"





Adult New Member Registration

awhile, but not yet committed to membership, you're encouraged to check this out! If you are looking to join, you definitely want to mark your calendar!

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



January 23, 2025

The Mission Committee met on January 21st, 2025. Those attending were: Jim Johnson, Eric and Kelly Moel, and Lori Meier.

Jim opened the meeting in prayer, reading from Matthew 28: 16-20

Old Business:

- Minutes: November minutes were approved as written. There was no December meeting.
- **Review ministry updates:** Newsletters and emails. Jim will make sure the committee member's emails are up to date. This will confirm everyone is getting the mission updates.
- **School Supplies:** Jim is having Bailey Johnson contact Brandee to find out the needs of the schools. When she has the needs, Jim will message the team so we can plan shopping.
- **Coat Drive:** We are going to meet at 6pm before the next committee meeting to go over the items we have and make a list. We are also going to put a reminder in the monthly church newsletter in the spring as we transition from winter to spring/summer clothes.

New Business:

- **Annual Meeting:** Nancy Engstrom will give the Annual Meeting Update.
- **Individual Commitments:** We are going to assign one member to each of our mission partners. This way we can each give a quick update based on their emails.
- **Kairos:** We decided not to participate in the 9 week Kairos Zoom class meeting. Jim is going to contact Saul Huber for a book recommendation for our committee instead.
- Youth Hope: Eric will give a quick reminder about Youth Hope's trivia night on February 1st at church on Sunday, January 26th.
- **Banquet Dates:** Pregnancy Resources' banquet is Thursday ,March 27th and YouthHope's banquet is Thursday, April 17th.

Next meeting – Tuesday, February 18th at 6pm.

Jim closed the meeting in prayer





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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR UPCOMING EVENTS





You invest in educating, inspiring, and supporting women and men in unplanned pregnancies to find the strength to choose LIFE. With your support, you seek to **heal the whole woman** through our services, not simply to leave her alone in her choice. You seek to stand in for the wounded relationship, an absent parent, or a broken family. You have stepped in and offered a *Legacy of LIFE*, embracing her, Dad, and their little one. Your intentional sharing of the truth with countless people has a profound impact. You may not have seen their faces, but you have extended hope and life to moms and dads wrestling with their next steps for the past 35 years, offering a legacy that can lead to eternal *LIFE*!

During this momentous year, join with friends and family, and be encouraged that your Legacy will be felt for many years!

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

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 cribs Used bottles

Used Bottle Nipples Used Pacifiers Used Breast Pumps

THANK YOU FOR HELPING CHANGE LIVES THIS YEAR!

Grateful to Partner with You in Prayer in 2025!

This year we are diving deeper into a culture of prayer and gratitude! Thank you for your faithful prayers! We will be sending weekly prayer updates to you with praise reports and specific prayer requests.

We are expecting 2025 to be an amazing and powerful year of ministry!

PRAISE REPORTS

- EVERY YouthHope student received a Bible during our Christmas Parties! And the kids were so thrilled! Here are a couple quotes from the kids:
- I am going to bring this Bible to School!
- I can't wait to read this on my way to basketball!
- I get to keep this?! Wow! I am going to read to my sister!
- We met and exceeded our Year-End Matching Challenge! Praise God!
- TWO new staff are joining our Team this month!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Dear Lord, we ask for your wisdom, guidance and direction for all the growth opportunities before us this year. Please lead us, make our paths straight and give our Board and Executive Team vision and discernment through the decisions and opportunities before us! Please be with us every step!
- Heavenly Father, we ask for the right teammates to be drawn to this ministry! Please fill every open position so we can reach even more lives for Your Kingdom! We ask for the right candidates to be magnetized and drawn to YouthHope! Please protect them and remove any barriers or hindrances from their paths to YouthHope.
- Father God, we ask for you to be in our midst! We ask for more of your presence! We invite you into each of our locations, to dwell, reign and have sovereign authority! Help us to see YOU moving. We invite YOUR will be done and your kingdom come!
- Jehovah-Rapha, we ask you heal all our staff, volunteers and donors who are struggling with sickness! We need your healing and wholeness! Protect us from illness, infirmity, accidents, and injuries so that we can continue to passionately and persistently pursue at-risk youth! Help us bring healing to others and be a source of HOPE for all around us.

We ask all this in Jesus' mighty name! Amen!

We are so grateful for your partnership in prayer! Thank you and God bless you!

With love and appreciation,

All of us at YouthHope (Click <u>HERE</u> for the full January Report)



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! (Click the image for the link to register)

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!



THE HUBER FAMILY (Click <u>HERE</u> to link to their site)

A PRAYER REQUEST FOR THE END OF THE YEAR

Early on Sunday, December 29th, we will get our kids out of their beds, load them into a big, borrowed van, and begin a 3-day sprint from Illinois to Fremont, California. Our current Mission Cohort, MC6, is gathering there for a week-long winter retreat from January 1-6. Our aim is to enjoy spending time



together in-person, to learn more about working in a cross-cultural setting, to share the love of Jesus with refugees, and to eat delicious Afghan food. We are excited to have the opportunity to bring our kids along on a short-term trip for the first time. It's an answer to prayer that our kids get to participate in our work in this way. They'll have the opportunity to play soccer with some Afghan refugee kids and serve and learn alongside our cohort students. Our plan is to take our time on the way back, visiting some national parks along the way.

We'd love your prayers as we undertake this adventure. Please pray:

- For our three long days in the van.
- For wisdom about when to stop and safety on the road (there are chances of snow in Utah on the way out).
- For safe flights for everyone else traveling to the retreat (4 other leaders, 10 participants).
- For flexibility as our plans inevitably change.
- That we would all be open to the Holy Spirit's leading and have boldness to follow.
- For everyone on the trip: Andrea, Shawn, Cate Rivers, Saul, Jesse, Zuri, Sam, Salem, Zola, Sidon, Rob, Iris, Jewel, Emma, Hannah, Jenna, Johnny, Micah, Peter, Trystan, and Caleb.
- For the logistics of food and sleep as we are hosted by Centerville Presbyterian Church.
- That we would be the fragrance of Christ to everyone we meet.
- That the cohort students and our kids would see God in a new way during this time.
- That our house and pets would be ok while we're gone (no water in the basement, please God!).
- That we would grow closer as a family and make meaningful memories.

Thanks for supporting us in this way! We look forward to sharing stories of all that God has done during this trip.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We made it to California! The kids were amazing, the weather was perfect, God definitely answered prayers.

Some of the kids highlights were playing in snow between Reno and Sacramento, hiking at Rye Patch State Recreation Area in Nevada, winning the animal game 2/3 days, and seeing the sunrise over the mountains.

Thanks for your continued prayers for our time with the Mission Cohort this week. We also have some little ones who are coughing and could use some rest and healing.

We're praying God's peace and felt-presence with you in the coming year.

Burdsall's Serge

Happy New Year!

We were met with a bit of a shock on January 2nd. We got an email saying our landlord had sold the flat and we would need to move in a couple months. Housing in London is very difficult to find, and even more

For safety reasons we are not linking the full report and pictures. 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.

difficult to find in a short amount of time. Our immediate fear was that we wouldn't find a new place in time. The secondary fear in my heart related to A...... and school. I had looked at secondary school options this fall and knew we were currently in a good location for good schools. I didn't want to lose that. We also felt a lot of grief. This is the home we have lived in for 5 years and through Covid. Our teammates are nearby and we love the area.

Then, miraculously, within 24 hours, we had a new place! The church we attend Sunday mornings owns a flat that they had been advertising internally for a few months. They were just about to open it to general public rental when we messaged and they said we could have it. The flat is very different to the one we are in now - one floor, no garden or balcony (but across the road from a park) and high up. It is in Mile End, which is overall a more multicultural area, but looking at census data, our immediate area will still be highly Bengali. We've been told that many in the church have been praying for the flat and for who would move in there, and we see a lot of opportunities for outreach in the area. The local shop owners are friendly. I have been helping already with a youth club that meets in a community center under our new building, and there is a mosque a block away that has been open in the past to interfaith discussions. And, this location actually puts A...... in a better location for secondary schools!

We have been seeing the positives and seeing how God is at work in this situation. However, it is still a shock and a sadness and a lot of work to pack up and move! It also means we will be much further from A......'s current school - half hour bus ride instead of 15 minute walk.

Please pray for us this month. We plan to move on Feb 1. **Pray** for the packing and the logistics involved, and **pray** for us as we say goodbye to Poplar. **Pray** for A....., especially, she doesn't really remember the move from the US, and we are moving further from her friends on our team, so this feels big to her. Also, **pray** for our new neighbors and for God to use us in this new place.

Thank you! Will write a more detailed update next month! And thank you for all the extra support over Christmastime!

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



EDGINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT DECEMBER 2024

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General Fund	\$	107,426.29	\$	38,358.88	\$	33,453.31	\$	112,331.86
Education Fund	\$	15,549.58	\$	178.66	\$	-	\$	15,728.24
Building Fund (see below)	\$	193,317.33	\$	10,206.63	\$	38,748.00	\$	164,775.96
Youth Group	<u>\$</u> \$	15,180.03 331,473.23	<u>\$</u> \$	60.00	<u>\$</u> \$	184.70	<u>\$</u> \$	15,055.33
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December 2024 MONTHLY REVIEW	- Genera	<u>l Fund</u>						
Receipts - December 2024								
Pledges				37,903.71				
Interest Income - General Fund				15.17				
Per Member Asking				440.00				
					\$	38,358.88	\$	-
Expenditures - December 2024								
Administrative					\$	4,558.57		
ABS (copier rental)				99.79		13.6%		
AT&T - Phone for elevator				244.85				
Cemetery Upkeep								
Computers: Hdw, Sftw and Apps				94.99				
Insurance								
Jeanne Hayes (Custodian)				677.77				
Johnson Controls								
Lisa Bowman (Office Manager)				1,030.13				
Kone (elevator)								
Memberships & Subscriptions				165.00				
MidAmerican Energy				444.00				
Millenium Waste				70.58				
Office Supplies Repairs & Maintenance - general				52.28 1,434.34				
Reytel - Internet				120.19				
Shipping/Postage				120.13				
Taxes / FICA / Penalty				124.65				
Discipleship (Internal)				124.00	\$	11,477.74		
Children's Director				393.25	•	34.3%		
Continuing Education				1,206.75				
Deacon Expense				522.07				
EPC General Assembly								
EPC (health)				26.48				
Events				106.52				
Fidelity (pension)				1,038.28				
Flowers				463.00				
Housing Allowance				3,762.60				
Meals Mileage				265.10				
Music								
Pastor Salary				2,782.12				
Presbytery Expense				520.48				
Pulpit Supply								
Resource Materials				391.09				
Sunday School				-				
Worship Supplies				-	¢	47 447 00		
Mission (external) Mission - International			\$	6 275 00	\$	17,417.00 52.1%		
Mission - International Mission - US			φ	6,375.00 3,950.00		52.1%		
Mission - Local				7,092.00				
TOTAL EXPENSES				,	\$	33,453.31		
						100.0%		
NET OPERATING INCOME					\$	4,905.57		

INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL

Mission monies included in general fund of \$4,377.54 and Assistance Fund of \$4,483.46 through December

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EDGINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT DECEMBER 2024

December 2024 - Building Fund Detail

Beginning Balance - December Receipts	\$ 193,317.33
ERC Refunds	\$ 8,741.95
Investment Income	1,195.26
Checking Interest	6.60
Money Market Interest	262.82
	10,206.63
Expenditures	
ADB Construction	29,809.00
Crawford Company	8,939.00
	38,748.00

Ending Balance - December

\$ 164,775.96



FOOT CLINIC Next Clinic: Monday, February 17th,

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.



Donation of \$4,000 paid for exterior painting in December

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!

Your 2025 Deacon team includes: Kay Amy, Mitch Anderson, Angie Freyermuth, Tom & Connie Huntley, Dorothy Rursch, Melody VanOteghem, & Deb Wagamon.



CURRENT SERMON SERIES

Pastor Zach continues preaching through The Gospel According to Luke. Please join us each week! We look forward to seeing you and diving deep into God's Word together!

Sunday, February 2nd - <u>Luke 11:5-13</u> Sunday, February 9th - RE Mic Penry preaching Sunday, February 16th - <u>Luke 11:14-28</u> Sunday, February 23rd - <u>Luke 11:29-36</u>

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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,

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DAILY BIBLE READING FROM AN HISTORICAL APPROACH

Have you ever wondered what it would have been like to read the Old Testament in ancient Israel? Or, the New Testament as the books were written? In this plan, the order of the Old Testament readings is very similar to Israel's Hebrew Bible, progressing from Law to Prophets to Writings. The New Testament ordering is based upon research regarding the order in which the books were authored. Although this research is not conclusive, it may offer helpful insights to your Bible reading.



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A SERIES ON THE LIFE of JESUS

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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 an historical reading plan from Blue Letter Bible. It is a 1-year reading plan and you can start at any time. The new year is always a great time to start fresh!

If reading through the entire Bible in one year seems like an insurmountable challenge, just mark off each reading as you complete it and then move to the next. Each day progresses you through the books in the order they are believed to be written in and once you reach number 365, you will have done it!

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.

Hard copies are located on the table in the sanctuary foyer and on the next 2 pages.



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Daily Bible Reading Program *Historical Plan*

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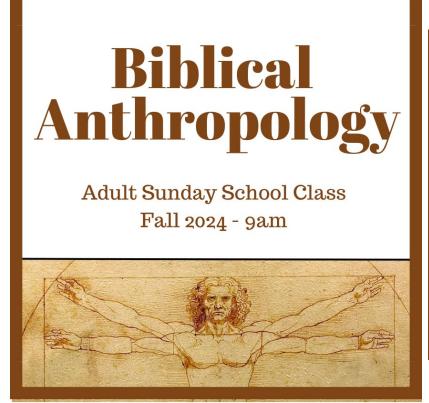
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Pastor Zach is on Facebook Live every Sunday morning at 10am for our Lord's Day Worship Service .



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.



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/winter 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!

Each month we will highlight various Sunday School class happenings & would like to include pictures of the children, but need parents to sign waiver forms before that can happen. If you are a parent, please be sure to ask to sign a waiver when you drop off your kids to class next week.

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Sunday School starts at 9:00



<u>Classroom Spotlight: 4th-5th Grade</u>

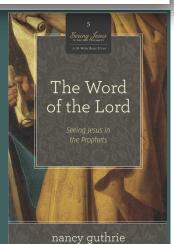
The class just finished a unit on trusting God. We trust God because He is always there, He loves and cares for us, He forgives our sins, and He provides for our salvation through His son. Our new unit is "Listening to Jesus." Jesus is our teacher and He teaches us about Himself, God, and ourselves. We hope you will join us each Sunday!



WOMEN'S MINISTRY WINTER BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 10am & Wednesdays at 6:30pm Beginning February 4th & ending April 9th

The Women's Ministry has decided to wrap up the "Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament" series by Nancy Guthrie this winter with her final book of the series, "The Word of the Lord: Seeing Jesus in the Prophets".



Video description of study series available at link if

We will follow the Tuesday morning at 10 and the Wednesday evening at 6:30 schedule to offer the same lesson twice a week in an effort to make it more convenient your busy lives. This is a ten week study which will begin February 4th and end April 9th, which is the week before Palm Sunday.

Please come and enjoy the fellowship with other women whom desire to know you click on the image more about the amazing Word of God! To order a book, please contact the church office. The cost is \$14.00 and can be paid the first night of the study or in advance to Kathy Stegmiller, Treasurer of Women's Ministry. Questions? Contact Kathy Stegmiller or Beth Flickinger.

"We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth."

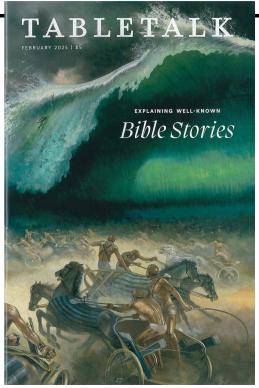
(John 1:45)

In the Old Testament, God spoke to his people through prophets - men specially called to speak God's Word to his people. The New Testament makes it clear that such prophets, whether chastising or comforting, testified to Israel's final redemption and ultimate hope: Jesus the Messiah. Over ten weeks of guided personal Bible study, relevant teaching, and group discussion, Bible teacher Nancy Guthrie will help you see the person and work of Christ in:

- Hosea's willingness to redeem his unfaithful bride from slavery
- Isaiah's divine King and suffering Servant, who will be punished for his people
- Daniel's stone, not hewn by human hands, that will crush every human kingdom
- Ezekiel's vision of a city where we will enjoy Jesus's presence forever

Gain a fresh perspective on the message of the Old Testament prophets, a broader understanding of Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture, and much more when you join Nancy on this incredible journey to see Jesus in the Old Testament!

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

ALL submissions for the March 2025 Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER than Wednesday,**



February 12th the newsletter. Please note the earlier date due to the short month and the way the days fall on the calendar for the month

Thank you for your cooperation!

~ Lisa Bowman, Office Manager

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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, February 20th, 9am

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

Even if you don't know how to sew, but can operate a pair of scissors and/ or an iron, we would love to have you! If we can increase our production, we will be able to bless even more people in the community.

Hope to see you there!

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To book your appointment, call Kay Amy at (309) 791-2296, email Melody VanOteghem at mjvano57@gmail.com, or scan the QR code. Last day to be eligible: 1/18/25





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