



## The Diaconate: Five Essential Truths in Five(ish) Months (5 of 5)

Through 2025 I have committed to reserving newsletter cover articles for the subject of the church office of deacon. Last year, 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 Spirit. Those offices are Elders and Deacons. Deacons are essential for the life of a healthy church.

### Encouraging Our Deacons

The Apostle Paul, after outlining the qualifications for deacons in 1 Timothy 3, offers a remarkable promise: "For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus" ([1 Timothy 3:13](#)). The work of the Diaconate is often done in the shadows—setting up, serving, cleaning up, comforting the lonely, and resolving tension quietly. It's not glamorous work. Yet Scripture affirms that the Lord sees, calls the church to notice, and the faithful deacon will be richly rewarded with respect from others and boldness in their walk with Christ. The Greek phrase rendered "great confidence" evokes a holy courage—an emboldened, seasoned faith forged in the fire of humble service.

This promise dignifies the work of deacons. It reminds us that "behind-the-scenes" faithfulness is often the very engine of church health. When deacons carry burdens, they help elders shepherd the flock without distraction. When they model sacrificial compassion, they embody the heart of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve. The church should honor this calling. In a world where influence is measured in visibility, Scripture reverses that standard: the lowly servant will be lifted up ([Matthew 23:12](#)).

So how can we encourage our Deacons? Take initiative. A well-timed thank-you card, a small gift, a public word of appreciation or honor, or even an offer to help with their duties can be wind in their sails. Better yet, include them in your prayers, and let them know you're doing so. As Proverbs says, "a word in season, how good it is!" ([Proverbs 15:23](#)). Let's cultivate a culture of gratitude and encouragement in our church family—a community where deacons are honored and treasured.

## ELDERS

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

## DEACONS

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

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

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 - Wyatt Maxwell	10 - Kim Freyermuth	24 - Zach Krueger
1 - Matthew Youck	12 - Mary Kennedy	26 - Joyce O'Hare
2 - Logan Schelker	12 - Michelle Krueger	28 - Josh Adams
3 - Emily Flickinger	12 - Emma Pearson	29 - Amanda Fuhr
3 - Steve Thompson	14 - Dewey Flemming	29 - Travis Ryser
4 - Norman Dunlap	16 - Jackson Parchert	29 - JR Thomas
4 - Hadley Weinert	19 - Edna Bingman	30 - Jim Mueller
5 - Dana Johnson	20 - Joydene Koresko	31 - Cassie Fuhr
5 - Andrew Pearson	20 - Larry Pithan	31 - Jimmy Johnson
6 - Todd Stegmiller	22 - Grace Gierlus	
7 - Richard Landi	24 - Cade Fuhr	



### MONDAY MEDITATION

Each week on Monday morning (that's the goal, anyway!), Pastor Zach is sending out an email with the subject "Monday Meditation". In it, he summarizes the sermon from Sunday, lists a few key takeaways, and provides several practical applications.

We pray that you will find these to be a helpful tool in your study of God's Word and for deeper study of the sermon text.

### AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

1 - Chris & Clarissa Stark  
7 - Donald & Michelle Krueger  
13 - Tom & Connie Huntley  
17 - Phil & Dana Fuhr  
23 - Mel & Pat Block  
23 - Larry & Lone Hesch  
23 - Nathan & Amy Oak  
24 - Steve & Teresa Morrison

### GREETERS FOR AUGUST

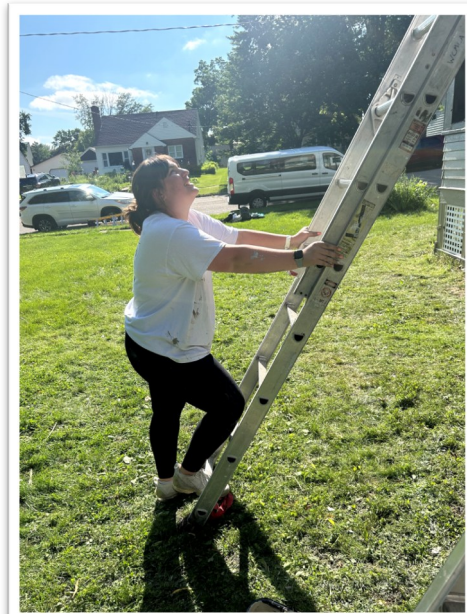
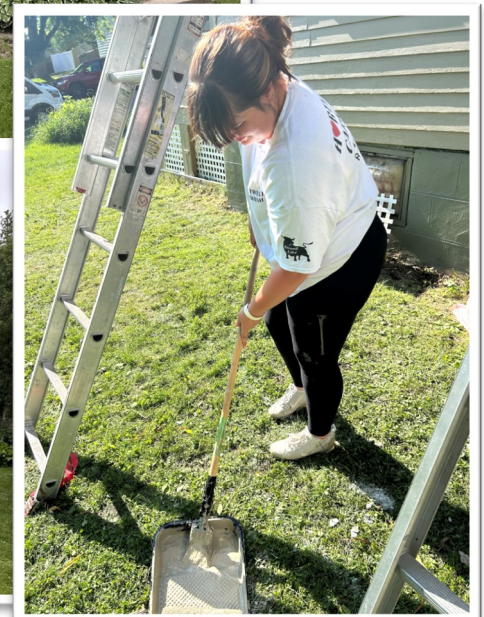
Sunday, Aug. 3 - James & Rikki Hetzler  
Sunday, Aug. 10 - Denis & Shelly Doonan  
Sunday, Aug. 17 - Judy Bote & Cami, Emma, & Molly III  
Sunday, Aug. 24 - Dan & Kim Zampogna  
Sunday, Aug. 31 - Steve & Amy Ryser

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August





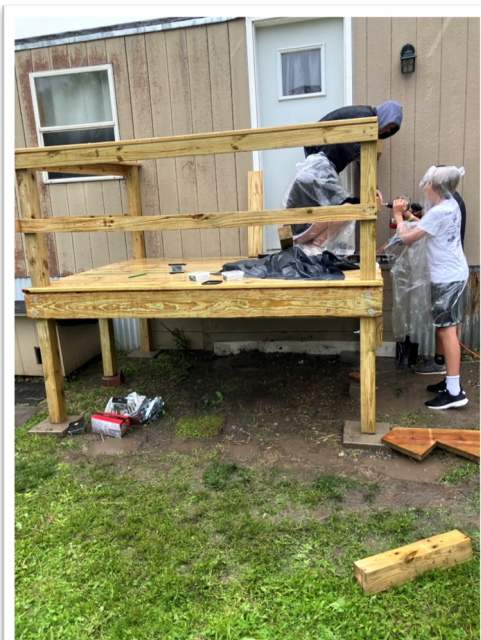
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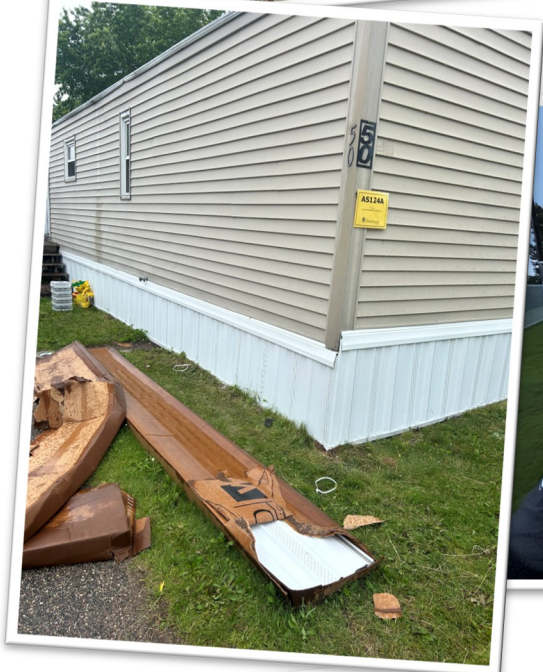


















# SESSION

June 24, 2025, at 7pm

**Location:** Basement

**Present:** TE Zach Hopkins and REs Jim Mueller, Mic Penry, Kevin Oak, Kim Freyermuth, and Steve Wagamon. Absent (Excused) RE Todd Stegmiller. A quorum was present.

It was M/S/C to approve RE Penry to serve as Clerk Pro-Tempore for this meeting. TE Hopkins acted as moderator of the meeting. Zach opened the meeting with prayer and then read from Luke 12:35-48. The Elders prayed for individual members from their respective shepherding groups for the month of June. For continuing education, the Session reviewed and discussed ch.6 of *The Whole Christ* by Sinclair Ferguson.

**Approval/Amendment of Docket:** It was M/S/C to approve the docket.

**Approval of Minutes:** It was M/S/C to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2025, Session meeting.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Zach's Report:** TE Hopkins reported on members with health concerns and prayer needs. He received a meeting in the office with Noah Fender and called upon Lori Meier and Scott Nelson. He also attended the 45th General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

## **Old Business:**

- The Elders will have a joint meeting with the Deacons on August 10, 2025, at 11:30am following worship.
- The 45th General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church was held June 17-19 in Northville, MI at Ward Church. TE Hopkins attended and reported on several key items, including the disposition of the Assembly related to three overtures sent up from the EEPC Session to Rivers & Lakes Presbytery, and then to the General Assembly. All three were adopted. It was remarked how wonderful it is to have a positive influence in the national church.
- Two new communion trays were purchased. This will allow for the elimination of trash cans during the distribution of the Lord's Supper.

## **New Business:**

- Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 21-25, 2025. The last planning meeting is June 29, 2025, at 11:30am.
- The annual Ice Cream Social is scheduled for August 10, 2025.
- Plans for a late summer/early fall Men's Discipleship Groups were discussed. The Elders are soliciting men for leadership of these groups.
- TE Hopkins reported on a Summer Membership Matters class. There are at least two prospective adult members, with one needing to be baptized. Subsequent approval of that baptism and reception for active membership will be acted upon following successful completion of their classes and elder interviews.
- M/S/C to approve the Facility Use Request from Brandee Neece for Caroline's graduation open house on May 23, 2026.



## SESSION (Cont. from p. 8)

- Next Communion will be held 7/6/25. The next Stated Session meeting is 7/29/25. M/S/C to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm. Motion Carried.

Teaching Elder Zach Hopkins closed the meeting with prayer.

RE Mic Penry, Clerk Pro-Tem



## TRUSTEES

Date: 7-13-25

**Present:** Mel Block, Aaron Ehm, Jeff Fuhr, Darren Hall, Colby Mueller, Cindy Oak, Larry Pithan, Bill Sloan, JR Thomas, Treasurer Barb Freyermuth, Elder Kim Freyermuth.

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

Minutes for June meeting reviewed.

Treasurer's report for June reviewed and approved.

### **Old Business:**

- Attic and other storerooms have been cleaned. Dumpster will be removed this week.
- Replacement of concrete stoop at south entrance will be scheduled when contractor becomes available.
- Possible new bathrooms on second floor of SS building on hold pending other projects.
- Light fixture for balcony stairs pending.
- Light fixture for south door will be investigated as drywall work is completed.
- Youth group has agreed to help paint the garage.
- Drywall work is complete and painting underway.

### **New Business:**

- Trustees reviewed list of work needed after completion of drywall painting. Will schedule one or two work sessions.
- Rockridge School has approved our request to extend the church parking lot. Trustees will continue to work on getting a written agreement.
- Received a request to install a ceiling fan for the balcony as this area can become very warm.
- After the meeting, Trustees spent time reviewing work needed to complete drywall project.

Mel closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan





## JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Summer is a full and fruitful season at YouthHope! We're two-thirds of the way through Camp, and summer programs have been running strong at each of our Centers. A special highlight was a missions team from Washington, IA who led a vibrant VBS for our Rock Island kids - filled with memory verses, energetic worship, and powerful Gospel truth. Watching the kids jump and sing to worship songs, many for the first time, was a beautiful reminder of how the mission of YouthHope comes alive every day. Most of the youth we serve aren't familiar with church culture of Scripture, but this summer, more than ever, we're seeing them grow into disciples of Christ.

Kids today face constant pressure from social media and the overwhelming noise of our culture. That's why the need for hope and truth is greater than ever - and our mission is meeting the moment. Through Camp, our Centers, and Outreach, we're walking alongside youth in authentic relationships and pointing them to the love of Jesus.

We need you more than ever. Thank you for giving, volunteering, and partnering with us in the Gospel. Your time and generosity make this ministry possible, and we are so grateful for you as we build the Kingdom of God together.

Gratefully,

Esther Joy King, Executive Director

Click [HERE](#) to read the entire YouthHope July Report.

### Volunteer Orientation and Training!

#### Volunteer Orientation & Training Dates:

8/20 - 12pm at Moline Youth Center

8/21 - 5:30pm at Rock Island Youth Center

8/23 - 10am at Davenport Youth Center

8/25 - 3pm Held at Moline Youth Center

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## TINY PILLS = RUINED LIVES (Click [HERE](#) for the entire Summer Newsletter)



Please let me take a moment to update you on some new research regarding the abortion pill and two important legal matters that impact all who care about the value of every life.

The Ethics & Public Policy Center just released new research regarding the dangers of the abortion pill. This group examined the insurance claim records of 865,727 women who had an abortion pill abortion from 2017 – 2023. Records indicate that **11% of women who used the abortion pill had serious complications that required an emergency room visit or hospitalization**. These complications included sepsis, infection, or hemorrhaging within 45 days of the mifepristone abortion. This data starkly **contradicts the FDA's repeated false claim** that less than 0.5% of women have serious complications related to the abortion pill. It also shows the **deceitfulness of the abortion industry** that claims that the abortion pill is safer than over-the-counter pain relief medication. This study recommends significant, immediate changes to the manner in which abortion pill medication is made available. We are thankful that **current and well-sourced research demonstrates the truth that abortion harms women – all of the women who are aborted and some of the women who have pill abortions**.

Next, you may have heard that the US District Seventh Circuit Court just issued a long-awaited decision on the Illinois Health Care Right of Conscience Act. Judge Johnston upheld a key provision which has **gutted conscience protections and attempts to require Illinois-based pro-life pregnancy centers to refer for abortion**. A stay and injunction were immediately issued and this finding is being appealed. **Regardless of this latest attempt to force a pro-abortion agenda, Pregnancy Resources will continue to offer life-affirming help, hope, and compassion in the name of Jesus Christ!**

Finally, on May 31, 2025, Illinois HB 3709 passed both the House and Senate and now awaits the governor's signature. This legislation will mandate university campuses to provide, prescribe, and promote the abortion pill as part of their "student health services."

Rest assured, **Pregnancy Resources will never promote abortion as healthcare, and Pregnancy Resources will never encourage or refer for abortion**. Like you, we care about moms, about dads, and about the pre-born. We know that abortion harms women and we know that from the moment of conception every life has intrinsic value. Please join us in making these most current developments a matter of prayer.

**When: Saturday, September 6, 2025**

**Check in anytime from 8:30 - 10:00 am**

**Walk Rally at 9:00 am**

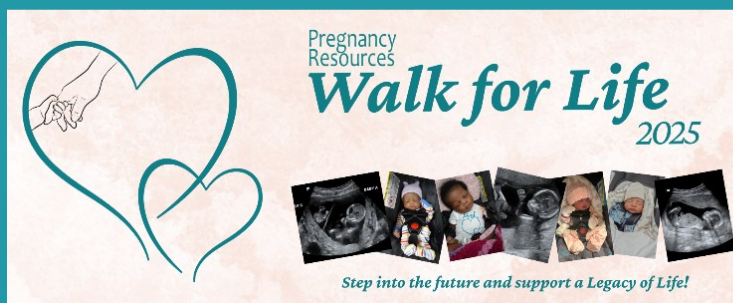
**Walk anytime from 9:15 - 10:30am**

**Where: Ben Butterworth Park - East Shelter**

**5420 Old River Dr., Moline, IL 61265**

Join with like-minded friends and family and step into a Legacy of Life by becoming a pledge-raising walker!

Your pledged support will help provide pregnancy testing with full options education and life-affirming ultrasounds. You can help parents who have recently had a miscarriage with hope and comfort through the Reproductive Loss Program. But that's not all! Your participation will also help parents grow their parenting skills through free parenting classes, and help growing families with diapers, car seats, and more. You can pass on a Legacy of Life to the next generation. Enjoy a two-mile family-friendly walk, river view, treats, and more. Be encouraged as you meet others, helping to share hope! **[Click Here to Register!](#)**



**We love our volunteers!!!**

If you are interested in more information or would like to register, please either click on the image to the right or email [maia@qcpregnancy.org](mailto:maia@qcpregnancy.org)

**Morning Session**  
8:30am - 12:00pm

**Evening Session**  
5:30pm - 9pm  
Dinner provided

July 22 - 23 - (Morning only, **NOTE date change!**)

**Training Dates**  
October 21 - 23





## MCCALLUM SUMMER MUSE

### Purposeful Reconnecting...

**JUNE CONNECTIONS** in Indiana, Michigan, and Ontario. It was enriching to connect our past to the present. God reminded us how He has guided our steps over the years molding us to be his servants in 2025 and beyond. We were reminded that people are created for relationships. And our relationships have blessed us and enabled us to bless others.

### Snap Shots of re-connections:

\*People from the New Life Singers from Mt Pleasant, MI – a Central Michigan University singing group we met where Ed became the director & campus ministry (Christian Education) director in the 80's.

\*Friends in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) from across the county

- ~ The church in Puerto Rico who sent our first donation.
- ~ Sitting again at Ward Church nine years after being commissioned as World Outreach Workers – this time cheering for others who are being sent.
- ~ Thanking three Midwest Presbytery churches who propelled us forward with ITEN.

\*Folks from our neighborhood in Livonia, MI

- ~Neighbors met via a yard sale who asked Ed to perform their wedding.
- ~An Albanian family Nan met at local hair salon. Amazing relationships by merely living missional in the "hood."

\*Generations of cousins and nieces/nephews – plus "grafted in family" our parents had drawn into close friendships. Continuing a long tradition of an extended definition of family.

### What's ahead for the next couple of months

We have a number of writing projects to be completed. This is a never-ending task! Balancing time with involvement with our local bio family, our church family, and neighbors. **Pray for wise use of time.**

World Outreach's tri-annual event, Family Gathering, will take place in July on an island in the Mediterranean. The gathering provides spiritual refreshment plus time to build relationships between workers disbursed in about 30 countries. **Pray for good flights for all, those working on the details prior and during, and for a restorative experience for all.**

September courses: Forgiveness & Reconciliation and using study of I Corinthians to inform preaching. We are working on our replacement team. Rev Dr B. G. from Pennsylvania, a newly commissioned World Outreach worker, will be with us.

November is our final planned trip to S..... A..... The "D" class will be New Testament Survey. We are in conversations with possible pastors who are interested in extending their ministry to global training to join on this trip. Let us know if you are interested in opportunities like this as adjunct instructors. The "H" teaching cohort will complete teaching the final Ministry Leadership Teaching Institute (MLTI) course. We will get to meet the men and be present at their completion ceremony. What joy to fully pass the baton to the "H" church leaders to train their own under the leadership of the local denomination and Bible college.

This summer may the Lord use each of us to bring the joy of knowing Jesus into our various relationships....in our words and actions....in the places we live or visit may we have awareness. Isaiah 43:11 says "I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior." "Lord, here I am, send me." (Isaiah 6:8b)

Let us know how we can be praying for your summer. We love to hear your experiences in sustaining relationships across decades and states/countries.

Ed and Nan McCallum

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**Happy Summer!**

We are in the middle of a heatwave here, which is never a fun experience without air conditioning! June has been a good month though, and I'll highlight some ministry events below. Family-wise, J..... is back with us for the summer! He had a good first year at university and we are happy to have him around again. S.... and A..... had a weekend away with other dads and kids [at a camping event]. A..... looks forward to the weekend all year and loves having the time with her dad and other families she knows from church. (She also loves that they camp with the Christian group A..... C.....- if you haven't heard of them, I would recommend!)

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At a recent Bible study, we were encouraged to think of our prayer requests and how we could pray in light of scripture truths. We had been studying Hebrews, so it was specifically truths from Hebrews. It was a very encouraging thing to do, and has influenced how I think about prayer. And, as we think about what we do here and what fruit we would like to see, we want to be praying like Abraham that we "look forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God" (Hebrews 11:10) That we keep in mind that God is doing the building and the planning and the drawing of nations and people to him, and that we can look forward in confidence and faith to a sure future for us and those God brings. We also are encouraged by you all and your support and your prayers for us and for what happens here, that we are all part of a body of believers that encourages and "stirs one another up" (Heb 10:24). We are grateful for you all and we are praying for you all and your churches!

**Updates on the last month:**

Arts and crafts drop in has continued to have around 10 ladies attending each week. They talk about how they enjoy the time together and being out of the house, and most weeks we have a chance to talk about scripture or what was discussed in the Asha service the day before. **Praise** that this time has gone so well this year, and **pray** for planning over the summer as we figure out how to make the time even better starting again in Sept, including planning in a Bible time at the end, similar to how it happens in ESOL classes.

C..... has had the opportunity to help lead and start a girl's club again, with a month long trial this June, which will hopefully lead to a weekly club starting in Sept. We have had 4 Bengali girls coming each week, and another that wants to come in the autumn. **Pray** that this club can take off and that God can be guiding it.

This week Serge has about 30 people here for LEAP week. They will learn about the religions here and the work that is done here at the Serge church plants. They will be in our area on Wed. and Thurs. and S.... is leading some talks this week as well. **Pray** for S.... as he plans and speaks, and **pray** for our team as they teach and help this group. **Pray** for the group too, as they consider what God may be leading them toward.

ESOL classes finish in a couple weeks. The women's classes have had high numbers all year, and it is also encouraging to see how many will stay for the Bible story at the end. The men's classes are also growing. **Pray** for S.... as he considers how best to visit his pupils and structure classes in the autumn. A fun event was taking an ESOL trip on the cable cars. Everyone enjoyed it and some overcame fears to go up so high in the air. S.... even had one of his students come along and take care of the baby during the trip so that his wife was able to enjoy the time and have a break as well.

Continue to **pray** for our team as we discuss and pray about Bible translation. We have spent this month praying and talking and are still working on best outcomes. **Pray** we can continue to love and understand each other well and also glorify God in our decisions. **Pray** for S.... and the elders as they lead during this time.

Upcoming events this summer:

**July 9** - L..... graduates from university! **Praise** with us that she has finished her degree and pray for her decisions over future plans.

**July 12** - We are having an Asha church day away! We will go to a nearby beach and spend the morning doing



some teaching/learning and then spend the afternoon in fellowship at the beach. Please **pray** for the time and for growth in community and in understanding of who God is.

**July 22-28** - Our family is at EPC World Outreach Family Gathering- this happens every 3 years and we are looking forward to the time of rest and worship and connecting and learning with friends. **Pray** for all the travel involved in this. We are aware that for many it is a much harder journey than it is for us, and **pray** for all that are attending - for restoration and encouragement in work.

**July 27-Aug 3** - Our local church has their Holiday club outreach (basically like VBS) that we are involved in helping with. **Pray** for lots of local kids to attend and to hear about Jesus.

**Aug 30** - We are having an Asha sponsored beach trip. This is usually well attended by families from ESOL classes and Asha attenders and includes good chances to talk while on the train and a lot of good memories at the beach. For many in the city, they don't get a chance to get out to the coast, so this is a well-remembered event. Please **pray** for those that come and for good convos about Jesus during the time.

School lets out July 18 and then there are about 6 weeks of summer break. Most of our regular events during the week will stop over the summer. Be **praying** for our team as they rest and have time away with family, and also for chances to make connections in our neighborhoods while everyone around us slows down some too.

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

## M & S

Dear friends,

This summer has held both losses and consolations. **Consolation: The comfort received after a loss or disappointment.**

One of the unexpected events of the summer came in the form of a bulging disc towards my spinal nerve in my (M...) lower back. Ouch! After an Emergency Room visit on Memorial Day, I've been trying to recover by non-invasive means: meds, PT, Chiropractic, and rest. All to no avail. I'm now scheduled for surgery July 28<sup>th</sup>, if insurance approves the treatment plan. **Please pray for this approval.**

I'm grateful that I have found a comfortable position which allows me to stay in touch with ministry friends and colleagues. They sure are busy! And it makes me much more empathetic to those who live under chronic pain and immobility.

I'm also very grateful for visits to Gateway Church (Findlay, OH) and the Presbytery of the Central Carolinas before this BIG bump in the road. I continue to experience the goodness of God within our partnerships and give Him thanks for folks who want to reach the nations.

**A loss** I felt greatly was missing this year's EPC General Assembly. Two new families were commissioned there for ITEN service.

**The consolation?** S.... filled in for me and the ITEN team members who were there worked so well together, I was hardly missed. They are such a great bunch of colleagues!

**Another significant loss** was 2 days before we were set to travel to Egypt (all 16 members of our family!) - the Egyptian Internal Security refused the entry they had granted to me a year ago because of the Israel-Iran war. It was a huge disappointment for us all; I wouldn't have been mobile even if we'd made the trip. So, we're hoping they reverse this decision and allow us back in next year. **We'd appreciate prayer for that opportunity to come again quickly.**

But, **the consolation?** Our wonderful kids arranged a getaway in Long Beach, WA, for a week. We played games,



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(Cont. from p. 14) kayaked (well not M...), roamed the beach, and ate LOTS of chips and yummy food. Check out the photo of that special time below. :)

And one more **great loss** for me: Our ITEN team has a retreat in C..... July 19-22. We only meet every three years all together. As the Director of this group of precious people, I will have to miss that. After that retreat, all of the EPC World Outreach global workers will come together in the same spot for a week long conference. It also occurs every three years. So many people I wanted to talk with face-to-face, but the Lord has said no to this as well.

The consolation? Our ITEN team is going to gather, and S.... will once again represent us both with them. I will get to stay with our daughter and her husband and their family until S.... returns. ***Please pray for His hand of blessing on ITEN and WO colleagues and friends.***

One last important item is that S.... is dealing with some medical emergencies in her family. She tried just this week to get to the south to visit family, but couldn't get through her connections in Dallas and after 36 hours, returned home. ***Pray for her wisdom and comfort.***

Though the summer has been replete with surprise losses, the Holy Spirit has been present, speaking to us, encouraging us, giving us hope and, at times, challenging us. We have experienced the consolation- the comfort- and closeness of the Spirit.

We are grateful for your partnership. As I look forward to increased mobility in the early Fall, we also count on the Lord's consolation for disappointments and challenges.


#### Join us in giving thanks:



- Good medical care and a surgery date to mend a bulging disc.
- Recent training and church planting opportunities for the ITEN team in C..... & S..... A....
- The S..... L..... partners are leading their own training in August!
- The V..... are leading a cohort of trainees for the first time.
- **NEW FREE ONLINE ITEN courses** that are the ITEN baseline for theological training of partner leaders! Interested? sign up for a password for access to them : <https://itenglobal.org/>

#### Join us in praying:


- July 19-22: A fruitful ITEN retreat
- July 22-28: World Outreach Family Gathering
- July 28: Back surgery for M... pending insurance approval
- August: Rev. A and Rev. T are training in S..... L.... with their own people.
- October: Planning and preparation for N.... training in October,
- November: Reconfiguring of a potential partnership in B..... with a visit in November.
- Prayer and financial partners for the G..... and M..... --new ITEN team members (photos below).

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Meals are available for a suggested donation of \$4 to anyone 60+ years or with a disability. If you are new to the program, you need to call 309-788-6335 the day before to request your meal.

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

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



## THE HUBER FAMILY - GA was great! And we're off on our next adventure today! (Click on the image for all the pics!)

In our last update we asked for prayers as we traveled to GA and sought to care well for relationships with 4 different groups of people. As always, the Holy Spirit showed up and worked things for His glory and our good. THANK YOU for your prayers! They kept us going through a busy week with very little sleep!

Our kids: we've had challenges in the past with childcare at General Assembly, but we're so grateful to the staff at Ward church who put on "Camp GA" for the kids. They loved every second of getting to play with other WO kids, volunteers' kids and pastors' kids who were there. Three weeks later they're still laughing about inside jokes and singing worship songs they learned. They also really enjoyed the game room in the basement of our Airbnb!

Young adults: we had 9 alumni of our Mission Cohort come to help us share about WO at GA. 5 of them stayed with us at our Airbnb and we had deep and hilarious conversations until the wee hours of the morning. On Thursday they led a panel discussion at lunch titled "Why does missions need young adults?" Watching them take ownership and share their hearts with the people in attendance was definitely a highlight for us.

Newly commissioned workers: our primary role with World Outreach is that of "field mobilizers," meaning that we walk with people who are discerning a call to go overseas. This year we had 17(!) people who were appointed as WO Global Workers and commissioned at this year's General Assembly. We had the privilege of introducing them to church leaders during the Wednesday night dinner. We're always so encouraged and inspired by the variety of ways God calls and equips people for a specific ministry that's so unique to each one. It was a joy to be with them in person and welcome them into our WO family.

"Pipeline": We also took advantage of this large gathering of our denomination and WO to connect in person with 8 people who are in various stages of applying to join World Outreach. We were able to introduce them to coworkers who could share with them about specific places and ministry platforms. Our hope is that the experience was helpful and clarified some things for them as they continue their process. We look forward to reconnecting with them in the second half of August and hearing what God has revealed to them as far as their next steps.

We hope that you are encouraged by the work God is doing! This is a unique calling and role that God has us in. The fruit of it is relationships, and your prayers and financial support are the reason we are able to freely pour into these people. Thank you!

We took a couple of days on the way home to visit Lake Michigan and Indiana Sand Dunes National Park. It was too hot to do much hiking, but we LOVED swimming and getting our 10th Junior Ranger badges!

### What's next?

After a couple of very busy weeks at home (Swim lessons! Camping and canoeing! Our anniversary!) we are all packed up and back in the van. This time we are headed to Chicago where we will fly out on Sunday, the 20th to meet up with all of our WO missionaries in the Mediterranean for a week-long retreat that happens every 3-4 years. We are so excited to see many friends, including some that we haven't seen since they launched to the field.

We'd appreciate your continued prayer support! Getting our whole family across the ocean is no small feat and this week we've already encountered ear infections, sore throats, and a tweaked neck for Jesse. Please pray for health and safety as we travel! And that we would continue to trust God with our days, surrendering to Him all the things we can't control. Pray that this would be a really sweet time of community with our organization.

Again, thank you!







# EDGINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## TREASURER'S REPORT JUNE 2025



	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	End. Balance
General Fund	\$ 98,306.89	\$ 18,724.27	\$ 12,378.80	\$ 104,652.36
Education Fund (Jahn)	\$ 15,708.52	\$ 135.38		\$ 15,843.90
Building Fund	\$ 163,080.23	\$ 969.59	\$ 17,159.26	\$ 146,890.56
	Checking	58,026.51	969.59	17,159.26
	CD	105,053.72	-	41,836.84
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Youth Group	\$ 14,446.38	\$ 3,588.00	\$ 4,740.18	\$ 13,294.20
	\$ 291,542.02			\$ 280,681.02

### June 2025 MONTHLY REVIEW - General Fund

#### Receipts - June 2025

Pledges	18,621.30
Interest Income - General Fund	12.97
Per Member Asking	40.00
Basement Rent	50.00

\$ 18,724.27

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#### Expenditures - June 2025

##### Administrative

\$ 3,843.69

ABS (copier rental)	362.19	31.1%
AT&T - Phone for elevator	243.63	
Cemetery Upkeep	600.00	
Computers: Hdw, Sftw and Apps	101.99	
Jeanne Hayes (Custodian)	519.08	
Johnson Controls		
Lisa Bowman (Office Manager)	1,084.97	
Kone (elevator)		
MidAmerican Energy	564.00	
Millenium Waste	70.58	
Office Supplies	37.21	
Repairs & Maintenance - general		
Reytel - Internet	120.56	
Shipping/Postage	25.25	
Taxes / FICA / Penalty	114.23	

##### Discipleship (Internal)

\$ 8,635.11

Children's Director	393.25	69.8%
Continuing Education		
Deacon Expense		
EPC General Assembly	738.84	
EPC (health)		
Events		
Fidelity (pension)	1,084.98	
Flowers		
Housing Allowance	4,000.00	
Meals		
Mileage		
Music		
Pastor Salary	2,782.08	
Presbytery Expense	(420.00)	
Pulpit Supply		
Resource Materials		
Sunday School	(100.00)	
Worship Supplies	155.96	

##### Mission (external)

\$ (100.00)

Mission - International		-0.8%
Mission - US	(100.00)	
Mission - Local		

#### TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 12,378.80

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#### NET OPERATING INCOME

\$ 6,345.47

#### INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL

Mission monies included in general fund of \$17,871.08 and Assistance Fund of \$4,483.46



## 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!

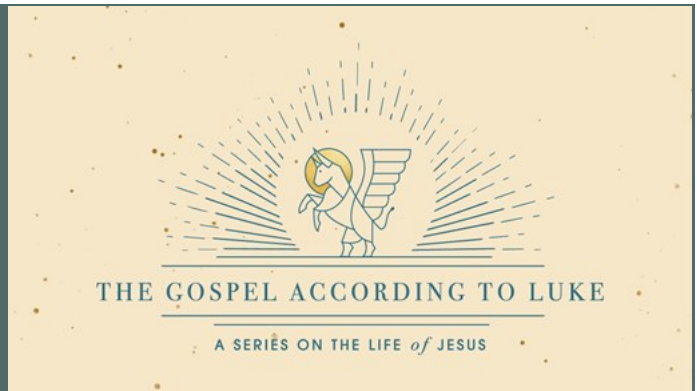
Sunday, August 3rd - [Luke 13:18-21](#)

Sunday, August 10th - [Luke 13:22-30](#)

Sunday, August 17th - [Luke 13:31-35](#)

Sunday, August 24th - [Luke 14:1-6](#)

Sunday, August 31st - [Luke 14:7-24](#)



## 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.

## 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.



Click on the image for the digital link

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.



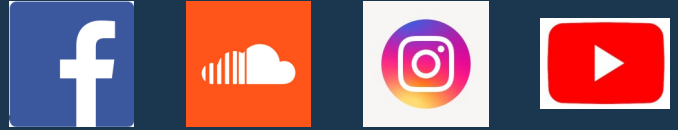
## OUR SOCIAL ACCOUNTS



## FOLLOW US ON ALL OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS!

Just scan the QR codes to go directly to each one of our accounts on the various platforms or search for us on the ones you use. Text & icons below are linked.

[Facebook link](#)  
[Soundcloud link](#)  
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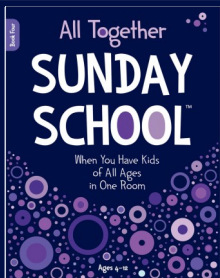


Have you ever been intrigued by the prophetic books of the Old Testament?

The Adult Sunday School class "The Prophets Agree" will survey the prophetic witness of the Old Testament. Each class will feature the historical and biblical context for each prophet and a summary of their message. God spoke through prophets in the course of history and their words are still relevant to us today. Please join us as we grow in our knowledge of God's Word.



*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

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

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

We are looking for volunteers to help the teachers each week. There is a signup sheet in the sanctuary foyer.

The High School Students are encouraged to join the Adult Sunday School Class.

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





## CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Summer Sunday School has been so much fun so far! Thank you to our Sunday School Teachers for their continued work for the children of our church. Thank you to members of the congregation for joining us in class to help!



### COMING SOON

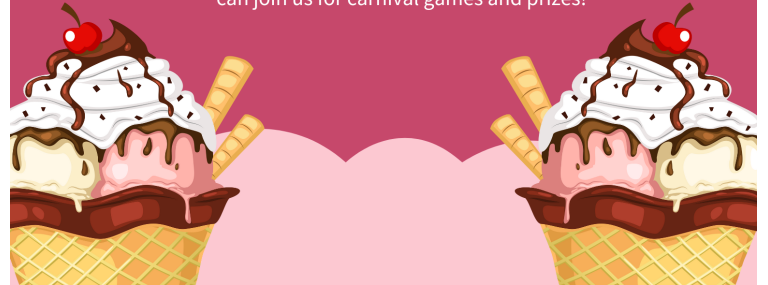
Acolyte Training for children 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up. More details on date and time will be coming soon!

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL & CARNIVAL

Let us cook dinner for you! Come enjoy dinner with us at Edgington EPC! Homemade ice cream will be the perfect dessert!

**Sunday, August 10 4:00-7:00**

After you are done enjoying homemade ice cream, you can join us for carnival games and prizes!



## Women's Prayer & Fellowship

Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm

We hope you will join us!

### WOMEN'S PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

All women are welcome to attend every week or when they feel a need to be closer. We are using the "Monday Meditations" that Pastor Zach is sending out as a guide.

We will meet every Wednesday night for fellowship, devotion, and prayers and we hope you will join us!

### QUILTING

NO QUILTING THIS MONTH

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

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

*Hope to see you there!*



GET YOUR AUGUST COPY OF  
THE TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL



LOCATED ON A TABLE IN THE SANCTUARY FOYER

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

Don't Miss the  
**DEADLINE!**

ALL submissions for the September 2025 Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER than Wednesday, August 20th or they may not be included in 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!*

## FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

There will be a food pantry distribution on Saturday, August 2nd from 9-11am. We will pack for the families on Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, starting at 9am.

We could use donations of soup, canned pasta, canned meat, fruit, and juice.

If you know of anyone who needs help with food, please let the EEPC office know, and we will be sure to add them to our list. ***Thank you to all who support us!***



Dewey & Shirley Flemming, Mic & Sue Penry, Jim Schaubroeck, Marlin & Darcy Krueger, & Jim & Teresa Balmer



## FOOT CLINIC

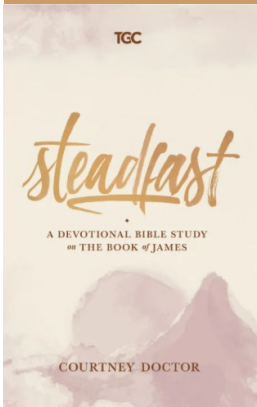
Next Clinic: Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9am

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.



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Our **Fall Bible Study** will be going through, *Steadfast*, A Devotional Bible Study on the Book of James, by Courtney Doctor.

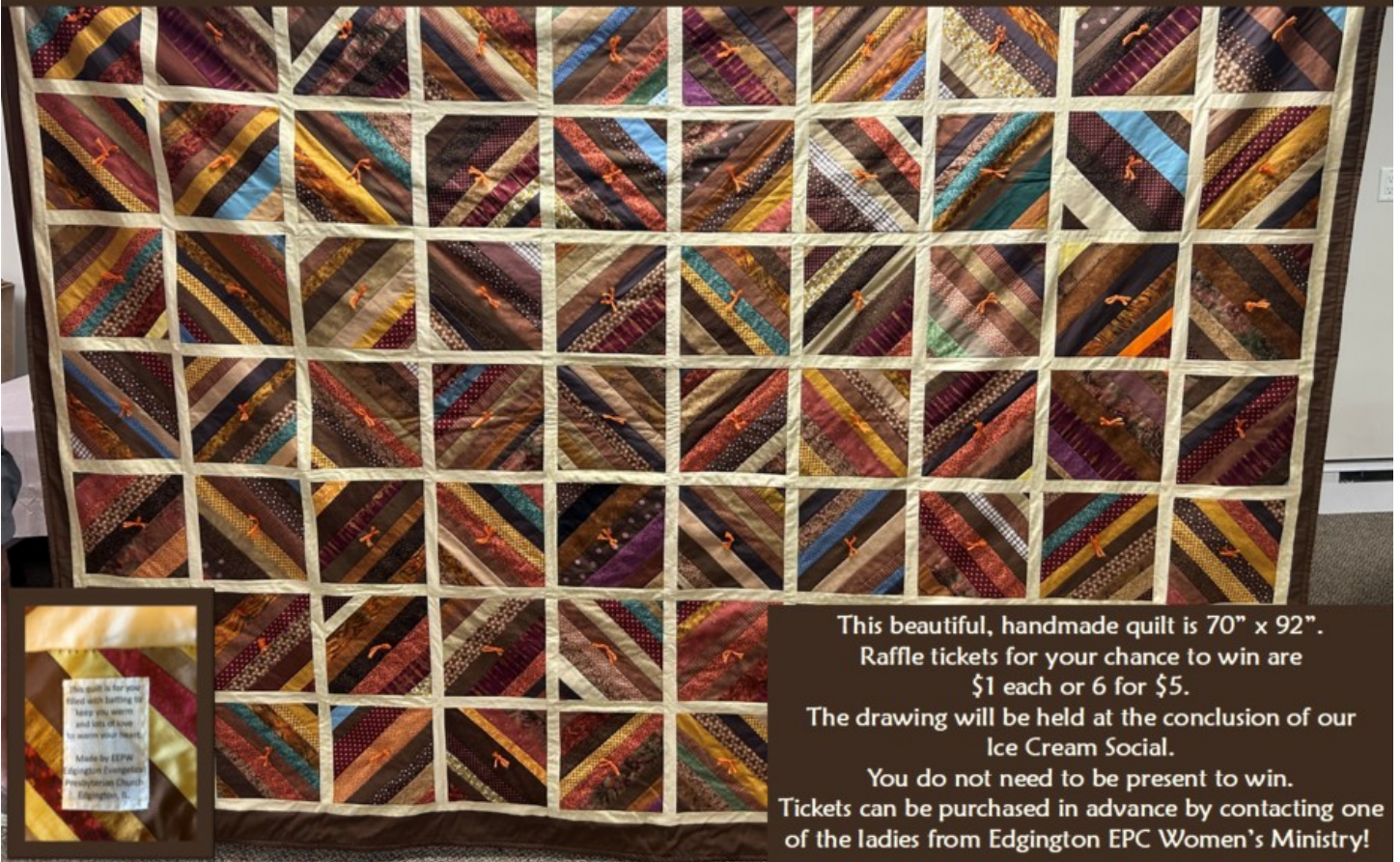


*Faithfulness regardless of our circumstances. That's what it means to be steadfast. But in a world where so much can undermine our faith or pull us off track, steadfastness is often a rare and elusive trait.*

*James longs for his readers to be steadfast. His letter meets us in our suffering and sickness, our trials and temptations, our wealth and poverty, our ups and downs. He confronts our sin, our speech, and our pride. He encourages believers to have a more resilient and concrete faith: not just to hear the word, but to do it. He calls us to persevere in truth in a world of lies, to see that God's steadfast love is ultimately the source of our steadfast faith.*

The study will begin the week of September 15th and will finish the week of November 3rd. We are keeping the Tuesday mornings at 10am and Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm formats to offer some flexibility in your schedules.

# QUILT RAFFLE



This beautiful, handmade quilt is 70" x 92".

Raffle tickets for your chance to win are  
\$1 each or 6 for \$5.

The drawing will be held at the conclusion of our  
Ice Cream Social.

You do not need to be present to win.  
Tickets can be purchased in advance by contacting one  
of the ladies from Edgington EPC Women's Ministry!



We hope to see you there!





## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Edgington EPC Basement  
Sunday, August 10th, 4 - 7pm  
SOCIAL ON SUNDAY, PREP ON FRI. & SAT.



Here is the schedule leading up to the Social itself:

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

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

**\*Friday, August 8th at 3:00pm:**

- Crank the ice cream

**\*Saturday, August 9th at 8:30am:**

- Mix the potato salad
- Get the beans ready

**\*Sunday, August 10th at 2:30pm:**

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

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

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

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

## EDGINGTON EPC EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

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

Once you have filled out the form submit it to the office by **NO LATER than AUGUST 20th**. Session will review your request at their August meeting the next evening.

### REQUIREMENTS:

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



# Small act.

# Big impact.

**Edgington Presbyterian Church**

**Saturday, September 20th**

**13228 140th St. W.**

**Taylor Ridge, IL 61284**

**7 - 10:30am**

To book your appointment, call  
Kay Amy at 309-791-2296 or  
email Melody VanOteghem at  
[mjvano57@gmail.com](mailto:mjvano57@gmail.com).





# AUGUST 2025



Sunday School 9am  
Worship Service 10am

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27 B/P Checks	28 Meal Site	29 Meal Site Session Mtg., 7pm	30 Meal Site	31 Meal Site	1 Meal Site Food Pantry Packing, 9am	2 Food Pantry Distribution, 9-11am
3 Food Pantry Sunday Basement Reserved Youth Group, 5:30pm	4 Meal Site	5 Meal Site	6 Meal Site	7 Meal Site	8 Mix Ice Cream, 8:30am Churn Ice Cream, 3pm	9 Mix Potato Salad & Beans, 8:30am Basement Reserved
10 B/P Checks Elder/Deacon Mtg., 11:15am Ice Cream Social, 4-7pm	11 Meal Site	12 Meal Site	13 Meal Site	14 Meal Site	15 Meal Site	16
17 Christian Ed., Mtg., 11:30am Youth Group, 5:30pm	18 Foot Clinic Meal Site <div>Lisa out-of-office</div>	19 Meal Site Mission Comm. Mtg., 6:30pm	20 Meal Site Trustees Mtg., 7pm	21 Meal Site	22 Meal Site	23
24 B/P Checks Youth Group, 5:30pm	25 Meal Site	26 Meal Site Session Mtg., 7pm	27 Meal Site	28 Meal Site	29 Meal Site	30
31 Promotion Sunday Youth Group, 5:30pm	1 <i>Labor Day</i> NO Meal Site	2 Meal Site	3 Meal Site	4 Meal Site	5 Meal Site	6

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**DEADLINE**