



LIFE TOGETHER IN THE PEWS

I recently came across an article lamenting the trend of moving away from traditional church pews toward individual chairs. Before you yawn or wonder why I'm reading such things, there is a lesson here about the church and the way our worship space shapes us.

One of the great blessings of our congregation is that we gather each Lord's Day in pews. At first glance, this may seem like a small detail - the furniture in our sanctuary - but it is far more than that. Our pews quietly teach us something profound about who we are as the People of God.



Pews Teach Togetherness

When we sit together in pews, we sit among the saints. We remember those who once sat beside us and welcome new faces who now join the congregation. In the pews, we share experiences: whether noticing a child doodling or crawling on the floor to another row, someone nodding off, or the worn pages of Bibles and hymnals that have been read and sung for decades. The cushions may wear out and be replaced, but the sturdy pews themselves speak to the continuity and strength of our life together.

Our space prioritizes corporate proximity over personal comfort. Pews place us side by side, shoulder to shoulder, reminding us that worship is not merely a private experience, it is a unified witness. They teach us that the Christian life is not meant to be lived in isolation but in communion with one another.

Pews Form Spiritual Unity

Pews create formative proximity. Their design communicates a simple yet profound truth: we are here together, in the Lord's house, before His throne of grace. It is from these varied pews that we engage in the dialogue of worship with our Covenant God. He calls us, and we stand to receive the invitation, saying, "Our help comes from the LORD."

We sing together, lifting our voices not only to the Lord but also to affirm truth to one another. We listen together, hearing God's Word proclaimed. We pray together, uniting our gratitude and petitions with a corporate "amen." Our pews reinforce the corporate nature of worship; we don't simply sit together, we believe, confess, and celebrate *together* as the people of God.

So, the next time you slide into a pew on Sunday morning, remember it is more than wood and padding. It is a testament to our unity in Christ, a space where we share life, faith, burdens, and joy as the family of God.

ELDERS

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

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Dorothy Rursch - Secretary
Kay Amy
Mitch Anderson
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Tom Huntley
Melody VanOteghem
Deb Wagamon

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Jake Maxwell	20 - Phyllis Strafford
4 - Kai Docherty	21 - Daxon Fischer
4 - Rikki Hetzler	23 - Walker Anderson
6 - Nancy Engstrom	23 - Dana Fuhr
6 - Janet Schmidt	24 - Steve Morrison
8 - Rylee Miller	25 - Carrie Reimers
8 - Peggy Shovar	26 - Mitch Anderson
10 - Blaze Gayer	27 - Jim Reimers
12 - Debbie Wilson	28 - Terry Johnson
14 - Kaycee Price	29 - Bailey Johnson
16 - Sue Penry	29 - Dillon Weckerly
17 - Neil Morrison	30 - Kenzie Reimers
18 - Emmi Youck	31 - Mel Block



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.

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

2 - Robbyn & Jennifer Ransdell
4 - Marion & Dorothy Oak
6 - John & Pam Fuhr
6 - Mic & Sue Penry
10 - Darren & Tonya Hall
10 - Neil & Amy Morrison
10 - Patrick & Peggy Shovar
12 - Conte & Judy Bingman
12 - Merle & Lori Meier
12 - Jason & Heather Parchert
13 - Don & Beth Easterla
17 - Richard & Deb Landi
18 - Isaac & Stacey Anderson
18 - Mitch & Sue Miller
23 - Jeff & Deb Thomas
31 - Jon & Nita Darland

GREETERS FOR OCTOBER

Sunday, October 5th - The Harper Family
Sunday, October 12th - Marvin & Peggy Weiss
Sunday, October 19th - EEPCC Youth Group
Sunday, October 26th - EEPCC Sunday School Kids

SESSION

August 26, 2025, at 7pm

Location: Church Conference Room

Present: TE Zach Hopkins and RE's Jim Mueller, Mic Penry, Todd Stegmiller, Steve Wagamon, and Kevin Oak. Excused- Kim Freyermuth. Observers: Nathan and Lyndsey Flickinger. A quorum is present.

Pastor Zach acted as moderator of the meeting and opened with prayer. Scripture reading was led by Nathan and Lyndsey sharing what the high school youth group is studying. We read from Proverbs 21-23. *The Whole Christ*, Chapter 8 was reviewed and discussed, then the Elders prayed for individual members of the congregation.

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 July 29, 2025, Session Meeting.

Correspondence: None

Zach's Report: The Session reviewed and discussed activities over the previous month.

Old Business:

- It was M/S/C to approve Gianna Johnson's education scholarship request
- Discussion and review of the Summer Membership Class examination process.
- Discussion of the Caminul Felix Event that took place August 21, 2025.
- Committee Reports:
- It was M/S/C to approve committee minutes submitted: 8/10/2025 Deacons, 8/17/25 Christian Ed., 8/19/25 Mission Committee, and 8/20/25 Trustees

New Business:

Ministry

- Men's ministry overview and plan were reviewed. Jason Parchert and Jason Flickinger will dually lead this study. Kickoff is planned for August 24, 2025, at 5:00pm in the church basement. First meeting is planned for September 3rd or 6th.
- Promotion Sunday is planned for August 31st, 2025.
- Fishing derby is planned for September 7th, 2025.
- Harvest Party is planned for Oct. 12th, 2025-Men will be cooking protein, families to bring a dish to pass.
- 2025-2026 Communicant Class schedule reviewed. Parent meeting Oct. 5th. Class begins October 19th.
- FUPC Moline pulpit swap – September 28th.
- Fall Membership Class Sept. 14, 21, 28. Elder interview and examination Oct. 5th. Received Oct. 12th.

ADMINISTRATION

- It was M/S/C to accept the 1.25% POI increase requested by Rivers and Lakes Presbytery.
- 45th RLP Meeting is planned for 9-25 and 9-26 in Blomkest, MN.
- It was M/S/C that RE Mic Penry and RE Todd Stegmiller represent EEPC as delegates. Jim Johnson will also be attending as an observer.



- Zach in Orlando Sept. 14 - 18 for GA Ad Interim & Ministerial Committees meetings.
- Our strategic planning survey from 2018 was reviewed. It was discussed that an updated Strategic Planning analysis should be conducted with the congregation's thoughts and input at a future date TBD.
- Two weeks of pulpit supply were requested upon the expected birth of Baby Hopkins anticipated End of October or beginning of November.

It was M/S/C to adjourn the meeting at 9:30pm. TE Hopkins closed the meeting with prayer.

RE Todd Stegmiller, Clerk of Session



OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

For 13 years now Edgington EPC has been blessed to have Pastor Zach preaching, teaching, ministering, and shepherding us. He takes his role VERY seriously, yet has fun and can bring it down to a child's level, as is witnessed each Sunday with the thundering sound of so many children's feet running to the front to hear what he has to share with them. What a joy it is to see and hear little hearts being led to a greater understanding of the Lord! What a privilege it is for us to have such solid, biblical teaching from a man so passionate for Christ and His Word being faithfully taught!

Pastor Zach's responsibilities go much further than his flock here at Edgington EPC, yet his commitment to us is always first and foremost. He holds positions on our denomination's regional (Rivers and Lakes Presbytery) and national (Evangelical Presbyterian Church) governing bodies. We are very thankful for him in these roles, as it benefits us to have his faithful, steady mind and heart at these levels of governance, making sure we stay the course at every level.

Ministry and the high calling of God to pastor His church can be very heavy at times and the position does not have office hours. The expectations from us can be high, but more importantly, the expectations from God are high. There is weightiness in rightly dividing and sharing God's Word accurately and articulately. There is weightiness in trying to meet everyone right where they are and be with them through the joys and trials that come along in their lives. There is weightiness in being a physician to the soul, and we want Pastor Zach to know how much we appreciate all the prayer, time, effort, heart, mind, soul, and strength that he puts into the shepherding that he does here. We want him to know that we do not take him for granted and that he is loved.

With all that in mind, would you please keep Pastor Zach in your prayers? Would you lift he and his family to the Lord regularly? Would you also maybe consider sending a note or card or some other thoughtful expression of gratitude to him for his ministry here at Edgington? Little kindnesses such as these can go such a long way in lifting the spirit, putting a smile on one's face, and encouraging the soul to continue pressing forward toward the upward call.

October, being designated as a month to specifically recognize our pastors, gives us a wonderful reminder to let Pastor Zach know just how much we appreciate him.

Your Edgington EPC Session, Kim Freyermuth, Jim Mueller, Kevin Oak, Mic Penry, Todd Stegmiller, and Steve Wagamon

Date: 9-16-25

Present: Mel Block, Aaron Ehm, Jeff Fuhr, Phil Fuhr, 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 August meeting reviewed.

Treasurer's report for August reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

- Gable wall siding completed
- Ruts in yard filled and seeded
- North SS door painted
- New drywall painted
- Video monitors installed for church calendar and SS bulletin board
- New trim in SS wing nearly complete
- Projects currently on hold
 - Shed painting
 - Light on steps to balcony
 - Replace stoop at south door
 - Ceiling fan for balcony
 - SS attic exhaust fan
 - South door light

New Business:

- Working with school to finalize agreement for additional parking. Will leave as grass for now.
- Flagpole needs to be straightened
- Reviewed bids for basement carpet cleaning. Approved bid from Boone. Will ask WM to cover cost.
- Recent power surge caused following damage:
 - Control transformers in all 6 HVAC units failed. Have been replaced.
 - Kitchen microwave failed. Being replaced
 - Power supply for south doorbell failed. Has been replaced.
 - Power strips in office failed. Have been replaced.
 - Electrical pencil sharpener and stapler failed. Being replaced.
 - Phase converter for elevator failed. Waiting on parts.
 - Fire alarm monitoring failed. Waiting for service.

Mel closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan



Date: September 14, 2025

Present: Kay Amy, Mitch Anderson, Angela Freyermuth, Tom and Connie Huntley, Dorothy Rursch, Deb Wagamon, Melody VanOteghem, and Session Rep. Mic Penry

Mic opened with prayer.

Old Business:

- We met with the Elders and Pastor Zach on August 10, 2025, and went over *Gospel Training for Deacons*, Chapter 5. Reviewed Session and Deacons roles and our opportunities to work together with Shepherd process of our membership.
- Shut-in/Eyes on You List: Henry Wood is home and is gaining his strength back.
- Cards: Connie has sent out several cards for August and has taken care of several already for September.
- Greeters: November and December assigned to Kay.

New Business:

- Blood Drive: Has been changed to the Edgington Fire Station on September 20th, due to the electrical damage done to the church elevator. Hours will stay the same and we will notify the people who are registered to donate.
- Meal Trains: They are available for members needing support during various life events and challenging times.
- Project Now: There are some changes coming with Project Now. We are currently monitoring the situation, to determine if any additional support is needed.
- New Member Reception: October 12th, 2025.
- Ideas for a craft night were discussed and will be shared with Session for approval.

Next meeting scheduled for Sunday, October 19, 2025, at 11:30 after church service.

Deb closed meeting with a prayer.

Respectively submitted,

Dorothy B. Rursch



NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

Sunday, October 12th immediately following worship

Please plan to stay and join us in the church basement as we welcome our new church family members following the worship service.

We have so many new faces in our congregation! This would be a wonderful opportunity to introduce yourself to someone you have not had the chance to meet yet and spend a little time getting to know each other!

September 3, 2025

There were eight ladies in attendance.

Kathy Stegmiller conducted the meeting in Sue Miller's absence. Cindy Oak answered the call to take notes.

Old/Ongoing News:

- The devotionals for Father's Day were considered a good idea, and we are going to purchase 50-55 next year, hoping to have enough for everyone.
- The fall Bible Study seems to be of interest, so we ordered 5 more books in addition to the original 25.

Mission Update:

- Dalton and Kendall Oak who lost home to fire.
- Next Food Pantry Distribution is November 8 (packing 7th).

To Grow:

- Leave meetings on Wednesday for now and send out a group text to remind ladies of the meetings in the future.

To Serve:

- We are setting up and tearing down the buffet line for the Harvest Party.
- Sharon Orr is getting Christmas candy for shut-ins.
- Christmas Decorating date: November 23rd at 5:30pm and asking youth group to help.
- Kathy is asking Angie Freyermuth about a design for textiles (T-shirts, hoodies, hats, etc.). There was mention of using the Christian Ed. Logo and Cindy volunteered to get some ideas from Zach. Consideration was given to selling them at the Harvest Party, hoping to have delivery by Christmas.
- We need to keep Marvin and Peggy Weiss in our prayers, as they will be traveling to Mayo Clinic.
- Someone mentioned needing booster seats in the basement. Cindy Oak is donating one and if it gets used, we may purchase another for future events.

Teresa Balmer made a delicious Eclair dessert!



September 23, 2025

The Mission Committee met on September 15, 2025. Those attending were: Jim and Bailey Johnson, Gia Johnson, Kelly Moel, Lori Meier, Cassie Fuhr, and Steve Wagamon.

Jim opened the meeting in prayer.

Old Business:

- Review ministry updates: Newsletters and emails.
- Coat Drive: All items were inventoried. We will get together on November 7th to separate the items for the coat drive on November 8th. Jim will work with Lisa to give a Missions update to the congregation.

New Business:

- Quarterly Commitments: The 4th quarter commitments were discussed, voted on and approved.

<u>2025 Mission Commitments</u>	<u>Amount Committed</u>
World Outreach (Burdall)	\$2,125.00
World Outreach ITEN (Anderson)	\$2,125.00
World outreach ITEM (Kuhn)	\$2,125.00
World Outreach (Huber)	\$1,050.00
Youth Hope	\$2,312.00
Pregnancy Resources	\$812.00
	\$10,549.00

- Bruce Anderson Visit: Bruce Anderson is expected to visit us on October 12th and we plan to take him to lunch.
- Next meeting – Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 6:30 pm.

Jim closed the meeting in prayer.



SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

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

We are serving more at-risk children and teens by focusing our current capacities, amplifying outreach and serving now in Davenport!

YouthHope is blessed and healthy, and the board has tasked me with growing our organization! We are continuing programs for junior high students, and as we hire more staff in Davenport, we will be able to serve ages K-12 in Iowa.

At YouthHope, we encourage, equip, and empower at-risk kids and teens by investing in kids through skill development. Every week, I teach leadership classes, while financial literacy is also taught through the Summit Buck economy.

Transportation is a vital part of our growth as a ministry. Through this, we can passionately and persistently pursue Jesus together and invite others to experience His goodness and faithfulness. I am amazed daily with the people God has brought to our ministry for such a time as this! God's faithfulness and goodness is apparent through and through, and we praise Him for using us to reach kids, teens, and our community for His Kingdom.

Will you join us this year as we pursue more kids? Please commit to partnering with us throughout the year in prayer support! Thank you for being part of bringing your HOPE!

With deep appreciation,
Esther Joy King, Executive Director



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YouthHope
BENEFIT CONCERT
A night of music, fun and worship with Scott Schaefer and Andrew Sandry
SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER 2025
@ bridge cities church, bettendorf **7:00 PM**
doors open at 6:30PM
\$20
get your ticket

REACH THE NEXT GENERATION TRAINING & OUTREACH - October 18th (Click [HERE](#) to register)

Join YouthHope staff and Ministry leader John Tosch (serving since 1970) for a free training, lunch, and family outreach at our Fall Party! Put your new skills into action - reaching kids for Christ!

CAMP SUMMIT BIRTHDAY PARTY - November 15th

Celebrate the 25th year at Camp Summit at this Open House! We will be sharing stories of lives changed and transformed at camp since 2001! Come for dinner, take a tour, enjoy camp treats, and hear testimonies!

THIS WASN'T THE PLAN

(Click [HERE](#) for the entire 3rd Quarter Newsletter)



This wasn't the plan. Karla* didn't think she'd ever be able to get pregnant, so she was shocked when her home pregnancy test was positive. The thought of being a parent brought with it a rush of shame, guilt, and fear. Karla could only think of her mental health struggles, her past mistakes and poor lifestyle choices, and her abusive ex-boyfriend. **When Karla told him she was pregnant, he suggested she get an abortion.**

It was a cold winter day when Karla came to PR for a pregnancy test with her head down and tears in her eyes. How could she afford a child? How could she keep her baby healthy when she needed to stay on her mental health medications for her own health? **She believed abortion was her only option.** During her first appointment, a PR nurse strongly encouraged Karla to call her doctor and see if her medications were safe for pregnancy. A week later, at Karla's ultrasound appt, **I was able to introduce Karla to her 6 week old baby with a heartbeat. Karla and her mom wept tears of joy at the sight of the baby.** Karla also shared the news that her doctor had approved her medications as safe for pregnancy. As winter turned to spring, we were not able to contact Karla. Spring turned to summer and we continued to pray that Karla had chosen life.

Recently, as I was getting ready to start my normal shift, I was asked to come to the front desk. To my surprise, Karla, with a popped-out belly, was waiting. She had a huge smile on her face, tears in eyes, and a bouquet of flowers. Karla had come to let me know how influential I had been during her crisis. She then shared that **at Pregnancy Resources she had found hope and strength to choose life and parent her son, who was due in 20 days!** I will always remember how God used me to plant seeds of confidence in Karla. Thank you for helping me help Karla choose life for her son.

**Name changed for confidentiality*

~ Nurse Becca Mesmer



Have you ever been scared in the middle of the night, wishing you had someone to talk to about your situation? **Now, thanks to your faithful support, vulnerable moms can schedule an appointment online after hours!** Pregnancy Resources is part of Option Line, a national hotline that helps moms find life-affirming pregnancy centers in their area. **This means that when a mom feels most vulnerable, she has a voice offering instant life-affirming support.** We have already received multiple appointments from our new online submission form and chat conversations. I look forward to sharing these stories with you in the future!

They say a picture is worth 1000 words... Rather than just sharing statistics with you, I thought you might like to see the faces of the families you have helped over the past few months. You have helped to provide a safe place where women and men receive biblically compassionate, medically accurate answers to the very tough questions they are asking about abortion and more.

Many felt confused, overwhelmed, anxious, pressured, or trapped. Fear and uncertainty abounded in their minds and hearts. You stepped in and spoke life to the situation! Now, rather than embracing a legacy of death, these families have a Legacy of LIFE!

Thanks to your faithful support in the past 2 1/2 months,

* 25 women changed their minds and chose LIFE!

* 46 babies were born!

* 550+ parents were helped with diapers, formula, infant/toddler clothes, maternity clothes, New Baby Gift Bags, and car seats!

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

Morning Session

8:30am - 12:00pm

Evening Session

5:30pm - 9pm

Dinner provided

Training Dates

October 21 - 23, morning or evening sessions available

THE HUBER FAMILY - Sidon is FOUR! *(Click on the bottom image for all the pics!)*

Oh how we love this crazy kid. As you can tell from these pictures, he makes us smile and laugh a lot. He is witty, silly, sweet, wild, and smart. He loves his siblings, running fast, and ice cream. He's a true youngest child: determined to keep up with everyone else and believing that he's the biggest, fastest, strongest, etc. This year he will be starting soccer and joining into our homeschool with some preschool activities. We are excited to watch him continuing to grow.



He's also currently in a really hard season with his emotions and accepting correction—giving us reasons to run to the Lord in prayer daily. Being 4 is hard! If you think of him, would you pray for him? That he would find peace in Jesus and be willing to accept our help and that we would have patience and be able to give him tools when he needs them. Thanks.

We celebrated his birthday with a joint party with his cousin Ayla. She's a year younger and they are best friends, despite living 2 hours apart. It was a joy to have all the cousins together for a day of play, swimming, homemade pizza, laughter and ice cream!



FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

Saturday, November 8th., 9-11am – Packing on Friday, November 7th, 9am

We would like to express our appreciation to all those who donate food, money, and time to help us with this mission outreach. Community support is so important to us as we couldn't do this without you!



Donations of nonperishables are always welcome. Some of the things we always need are pasta, chunky soups, canned fruit, canned meats, canned pasta, soup, paper products, pasta sauce, ingredients for chili, Jello, pudding, cake mixes, pancake mixes, saltine and graham crackers, and juice. THANK YOU!!

As always, if you know of someone in need of food, you can contact the church office and Lisa will let us know so we can pack food for them. We don't just help folks at distribution time. We are on call whenever there is a need. **Our next distribution date is Sat., November 8th.** We will pack on the 7th.

Wishing God's blessings to all, Dewey & Shirley Flemming, Don & Beth Easterla, Mic & Sue Penry, Jim Schaubroeck, Marlin & Darcy Krueger, & Jim & Teresa Balmer

FALL COAT DRIVE

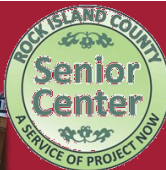
The deacons are collecting gently used coats, hats, mittens, and scarves to help those in need in our community.



Coats can be dropped off at the Edgington Evangelical Presbyterian Church. All sizes are needed, but especially children's sizes. **The distribution date will be Saturday, November 8th** in conjunction with the Fall Food Pantry Distribution mentioned above.

If you have questions, or would like to recommend someone to receive a coat, please contact the church office at 309-795-1713.

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Project NOW
Community Action Agency



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

Meals are available for a suggested donation of \$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.

EDGINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | TREASURER'S REPORT AUGUST 2025

	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	End. Balance	s/b per QB
General Fund	\$ 91,598.27	\$ 23,386.68	\$ 13,228.26	\$ 101,756.69	\$ 101,756.69
Education Fund	15,574.49	160.05	-	15,734.54	15,734.54
Building Fund (see below)	132,976.82	1,073.05	642.06	133,407.81	133,407.81
<i>Checking</i>	26,891.16	1,073.05	642.06	27,322.15	27,322.15
<i>Money Market</i>	106,085.66	-	-	106,085.66	106,085.66
Youth Group	13,294.20	3,642.00	407.77	16,528.43	16,528.43
	\$ 253,443.78	\$ 28,261.78	\$ 14,278.09	\$ 267,427.47	\$ 267,427.47

August 2025 MONTHLY REVIEW - General Fund

Receipts - August 2025

Pledges	23,349.18		
Interest Income - General Fund	12.50		
Per Member Asking	-		
Basement Rent	25.00		
	\$ 23,386.68	\$	-

Expenditures - August 2025

Administrative **\$ 3,673.66**

ABS (copier rental)	128.89	27.8%
AT&T - Phone for elevator	244.41	
Cemetery Upkeep	600.00	
Computers: Hdw, Sftw and Apps	101.99	
Jeanne Hayes (Custodian)	583.97	
Johnson Controls	-	
Lisa Bowman (Office Manager)	1,027.08	
Kone (elevator)	-	
MidAmerican Energy	564.00	
Millenium Waste	70.58	
Office Supplies		
Repairs & Maintenance - general	16.78	
Reytel - Internet	121.01	
Shipping/Postage	69.32	
Taxes / FICA / Penalty	145.63	

Discipleship (Internal) **\$ 9,376.51**

Children's Director	393.25	70.9%
Continuing Education	508.04	
Deacon Expense	119.90	
EPC General Assembly		
EPC (health)	48.54	
Events		
Fidelity (pension)	1,084.98	
Flowers		
Housing Allowance	4,000.00	
Meals	65.18	
Mileage	187.60	
Music		
Pastor Salary	2,782.08	
Presbytery Expense		
Pulpit Supply		
Resource Materials	55.16	
Sunday School	131.78	
Worship Supplies		

Mission (external) **\$ 178.09**

Mission - International		1.3%
Mission - US		
Mission - Local	178.09	

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$ 13,228.26** **\$ -**
100.0%

NET OPERATING INCOME **\$ 10,158.42**

INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL

Mission monies included in general fund of \$16,227.97 and Assistance Fund of \$4,483.46



EDGINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT AUGUST 2025

August 2025 - Building Fund Detail

Beginning Balance	\$	132,976.82
Receipts		
Investment Income		1,070.77
Checking Interest		2.28
Money Market Interest		-
		<u>1,073.05</u>
Expenditures		
Sherwin Williams		-
Lowe's		37.95
Millennium Waste		450.00
JR Thomas		154.11
		<u>642.06</u>
Ending Balance	\$	133,407.81

CHAIR EXERCISES

Thursdays at 4:30pm



Deanna Parchert leads a chair exercise class every Thursday at 4:30pm unless otherwise noted.

EVERYONE is welcome to attend! There is fun music to get you motivated & lots of laughter as you stretch and exercise those muscles!

"Come, Follow Me" Mark 1:17

MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

Weekly Small Group Meetings
September - November



Wednesday - 9/3 - 6:30pm
Saturday - 9/6 - 7:00am

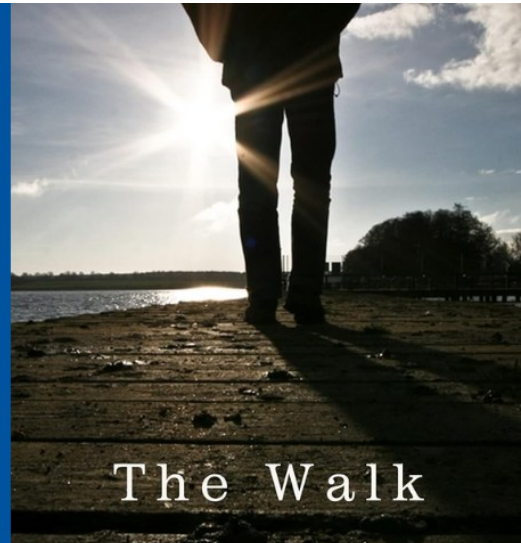


Groups Meet for 13 Weeks
Starting in September



Meet at the Church
Bring: Bible, "The Walk," Notebook

It's never too late!
Join us!



The Walk



CURRENT SERMON SERIES

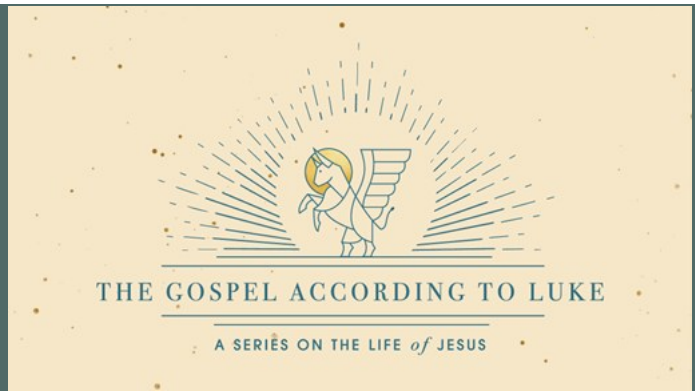
Pastor Zach continues preaching through *The Gospel According to Luke*. Please join us each week! We look forward to seeing you and diving deep into God's Word together!

Sunday, October 5th - [Luke 15:11-32](#) (Part 2)

Sunday, October 12th - Guest - Rev. Dr. Bruce Anderson

Sunday, October 19th - [Luke 15:11-32](#) (Part 3)

Sunday, October 26th - [Luke 16:1-13](#)



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.



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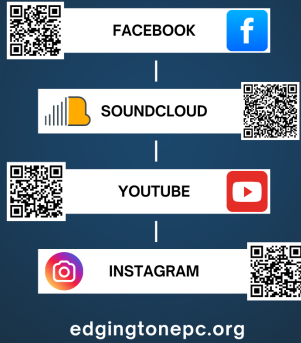
Each year Pastor Zach provides a new reading plan to help equip you to spend time reading through God's Word. This year he has chosen an historical reading plan from Blue Letter Bible. It is a 1-year reading plan and you can start at any time. The new year is always a great time to start fresh!

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.

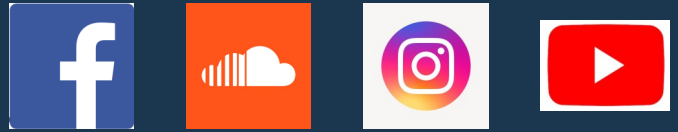
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Have you ever been intrigued by the prophetic books of the Old Testament?

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.

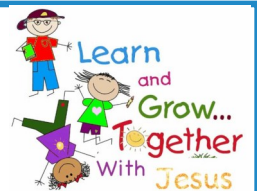


We meet every Lord's Day morning at 9am in the church basement. Please join us!



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Every Sunday morning at 9am



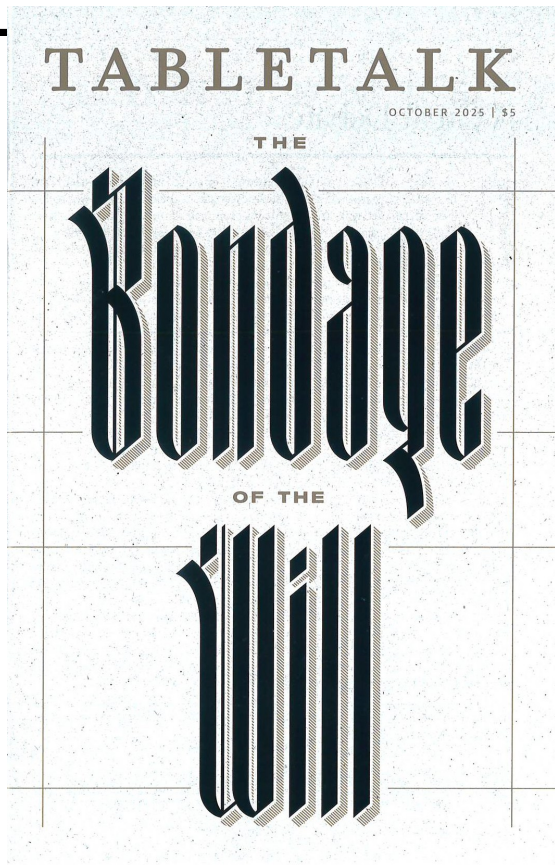
Toddler	- Hillary Terrill & Kortney Geirlus
Pre-K	- Beth Flickinger
1st-2nd	- Katie Pearson & Sue Miller
3rd-5th	- Kathy Stegmiller
Junior High	- Tara Johnson
Senior High	- Nathan & Lyndsey Flickinger



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!

GET YOUR OCTOBER 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 November 2025 Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER than Wednesday, October 15th** 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 and let me know. I will be happy to make arrangements for it to be received by whatever means works best.

The newsletter is distributed via email and postal service. It is also posted to our Facebook page and website: edgingtonepc.org.

Thank you so much for your help!

EVERY SUNDAY (UNLESS NOTED)

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

EEPC YOUTH GROUP

10.5 - FOOD OLYMPICS

10.12 - HARVEST PARTY

10.19 - PUMPKIN CARVING

10.26 - TRUNK OR TREAT

FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS

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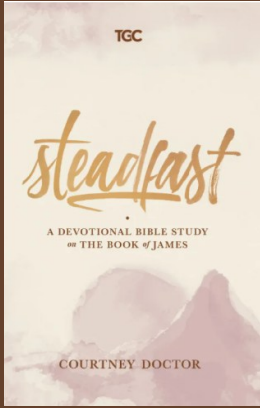
309.373.2488



WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Our **Fall Bible Study**, *Steadfast*, A Devotional Bible Study on the Book of James, by Courtney Doctor began September 16/17, and we have a great group of women participating. If you haven't made it to a class yet, that's okay! We hope you will still come when you can! Tuesdays at 10am or Wednesdays at 6:30pm.



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.

QUILTING

Thursday, October 16th, 9am-Noon

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!



FOOT CLINIC

Next Clinic: Monday, October 20th, 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 PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Wednesdays at 5:30pm

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

We are continuing to meet but have changed the time to 5:30pm, one hour prior to the Women's Bible Study. We hope you will join us!



Harvest Party

OCTOBER 12TH 4-7 PM @ EEPCC

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

PICNIC GAMES BOUNCE HOUSES 'SMORES
HAYRACK RIDES






Mark Your Calendar




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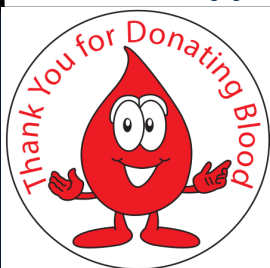
If you would like to have a space in the parking lot
please reserve your spot TODAY!

Church Office: 309.795.1713

We hope to see you there!



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FALL BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who took the time to donate at our Fall Blood Drive!

Your generous donations made such an Impact! We saw 21 donors, and with the help of double red donations, we collected 27 units - OUTSTANDING! This will go on to improve or save the lives of up to 105 patients!

This shows the importance of mobile blood drives and the impact it can make in our community.

Thank you for making a difference by donating blood and giving the gift of life.

Blessings, Kay Amy & Melody VanOteghem



YOUTH GROUP

A small shoebox can have a big impact.

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

IDEAS FOR ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN THE BOX:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

The deadline for dropping off donations & the pizza packing party is Sunday, November 16th.



YOUTH COMMUNICANT'S CLASS

If your 7th, 8th, or 9th grade child is interested in joining the church, please keep Sunday evenings from 5:30 - 7pm open starting October 5th. There is a parent meeting that evening and student classes will begin on Sunday, October 19th.

Parent's of eligible children should have already received a letter in the mail with all the information. If

you did not, and your child is interested, please contact the church office at 309-795-1713 or edgingtonepc@gmail.com.

Parent's, please scan the QR Code above and register your child(ren). If you are viewing this with your phone you can click [HERE](#).



Communicants Class Registration

OCTOBER 2025



Sunday School 9am
Worship Service 10am

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28 B/P Checks Membership Matters, 11:30am Youth Group, 5:30pm	29 Meal Site	30 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am Session Mtg., 7pm	1 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm Men's Discipleship Group, 6:30pm	2 Meal Site Chair Exercises, 4:30pm	3 Meal Site	4 Men's Discipleship Group, 7am
5 Food Pantry Sunday Membership Matters, 11:30am CC Parent Mtg., 5:30pm Youth Group, 5:30pm	6 Meal Site	7 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am	8 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm Men's Discipleship Group, 6:30pm	9 Meal Site Chair Exercises, 4:30pm	10 Meal Site	11 Men's Discipleship Group, 7am
12 B/P Checks New Member Reception Harvest Party, 4-7pm	13 <small>Columbus Day</small> NO Meal Site	14 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am	15 <small>Meal Site</small> Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm Men's Discipleship Group, 6:30pm Trustees' Mtg., 7pm	16 Meal Site Quilting, 9am Chair Exercises, 4:30pm	17 Meal Site	18 Men's Discipleship Group, 7am
19 Communicant's Class, 5:30pm Youth Group, 5:30pm	20 Foot Clinic Meal Site	21 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am Mission Comm. Mtg., 6:30pm	22 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm Men's Discipleship Group, 6:30pm	23 Meal Site Chair Exercises, 4:30pm	24 Meal Site	25 Men's Discipleship Group, 7am
26 B/P Checks Trunk or Treat, 4 - 5:30pm	27 Meal Site	28 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 10am Session Mtg., 7pm	29 Meal Site Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm Men's Discipleship Group, 6:30pm	30 Meal Site Chair Exercises, 4:30pm	31 Meal Site	1 Men's Discipleship Group, 7am