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EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
"TO GLORIFY GOD & ENJOY HIM FOREVER"

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SONGS OF THE KING: THE JOY OF SINGING AT CHRISTMAS

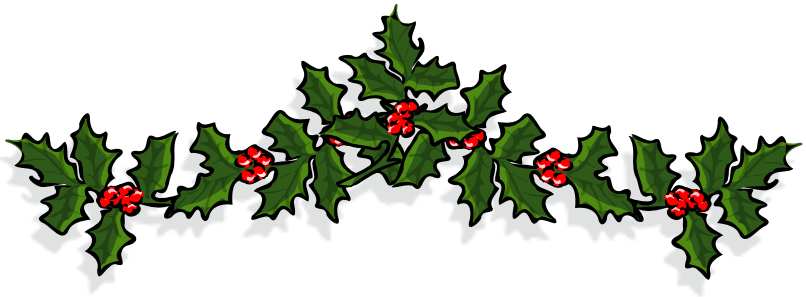
One of my favorite things about the Christmas season is the music! I love nearly all of it—from Handel's Messiah and the magnificent hymns of Advent and Christmas, to the silly and familiar songs about snowmen, sleigh bells, and reindeer. There is something wonderful about the way these familiar melodies awaken memories of Christmases past and fill our homes with warmth and cheer. But as much as I enjoy the nostalgia of Christmas music, there is something far more precious about the songs we sing as Christians: they tell us the truth.

Consider just how much theology we sing at Christmas! We confess the mystery of the incarnation: "Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th'incarnate Deity!" We celebrate the purpose of Christ's coming: "Born that man no more may die, born to raise the sons of earth." We rejoice in the reconciliation accomplished by our Savior: "Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" These are not merely sentimental songs about a baby in a manger. They are magnificent declarations of the Gospel! When we sing them together, we are rehearsing the promises of God, proclaiming the riches of His grace, and teaching one another the wonderful works of our Redeemer.

This Advent, our sermon series, *Songs of the King: Christ in the Psalms*, will take us even further back into the songbook of God's people. Long before the angels announced the birth of Christ in Bethlehem, the Holy Spirit had given Israel songs anticipating the coming Messiah. In Psalm 2, we meet the Son-King enthroned over the nations. In Psalm 45, we behold the Bridegroom-King who loves His bride. In Psalm 72, we anticipate the Righteous King whose reign brings justice and blessing to the ends of the earth. And in Psalm 110, we encounter the Priest-King, who reigns forever and intercedes for His people. These ancient songs find their fulfillment in Jesus Christ. The child born in Bethlehem is none other than the King of glory!

One of the great joys of belonging to the Church is that we do not sing alone. We join our voices with generations of faithful Christians who have sung these same truths, and even now our earthly praises anticipate the great heavenly chorus gathered around the throne of the Lamb. So, this Christmas, sing heartily! Sing in your homes, sing with your families, and especially sing with the gathered Church. Let these wonderful songs fill your hearts and minds with the truth of God's redeeming love. For we have every reason to sing: Our King has come, our King is reigning, and our King shall come again!

Merry Christmas!



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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Thursdays at 6:30pm



If you love to worship God through song, please join our Christmas Choir!
Rehearsals will be every Thursday at 6:30pm until Christmas Eve.
Any questions, please contact Regina Thomas.

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.

DECEMBER GREETERS

Sunday, December 6th - Tyson & Angie Freyermuth Family
Sunday, December 13th - Shawn & Hillary Terrill Family
Sunday, December 20th - Mic and Sue Penry
Thursday, December 24th - Jason & Beth Flickinger Family
Sunday, December 27th - Sunday School Children



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welcome

TO OUR NEWEST FAMILY MEMBERS!

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



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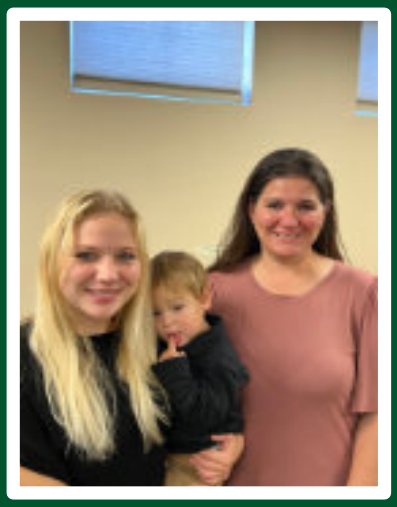

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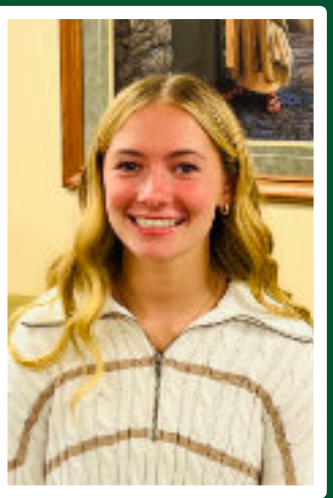

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SESSION

October 27, 2026, at 7pm

Location: Church "Old Basement"- Called meeting

Present: TE Hopkins, REs Flickinger, Parchert, Mueller, Wilson, Penry, Oak, Freyermuth, Wagamon, and Stegmiller. A quorum is present.

- Pastor Zach acted as moderator of the meeting.
- Zach opened with prayer and the reading of Psalm 116:15
- Continuing Education-Chapter 1 of the Westminster Confession of Faith
- 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: September meeting was reviewed and approved.

Correspondence: None

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

Old Business:

- RE Parchert met with group (2x) to review after-school ministry. Next meeting 11/3. Will provide update to congregation during minute for mission on 10/18/2026.
- RE Oak update: Mid-American did not approve the bill for electrical failures.
- Reflection of new members and baptisms in previous month. These members will be added to shepherding list.
- Preaching Lab 2027-No Update

Committee Reports:

- It was M/S/C to approve committee minutes submitted:

REPORTS	MINISTRY / ELDER	DATES	KEY ITEMS
	Clerk/Todd		
	Deacons/Steve		
	Trustees/Kim		
	Mission/Mic & Jason F.	N/A	YouthHope update
	Christian Ed./Jim & Jason P.		Christmas program planned for 12-6
	Personnel/Keith & Kevin	N/A	"Pastoral 360"sent out 10-21

New Business:

1. **MINISTRY**
   a. Men's Ministry – Discipleship Groups update. Men's breakfast 11/14-7am.

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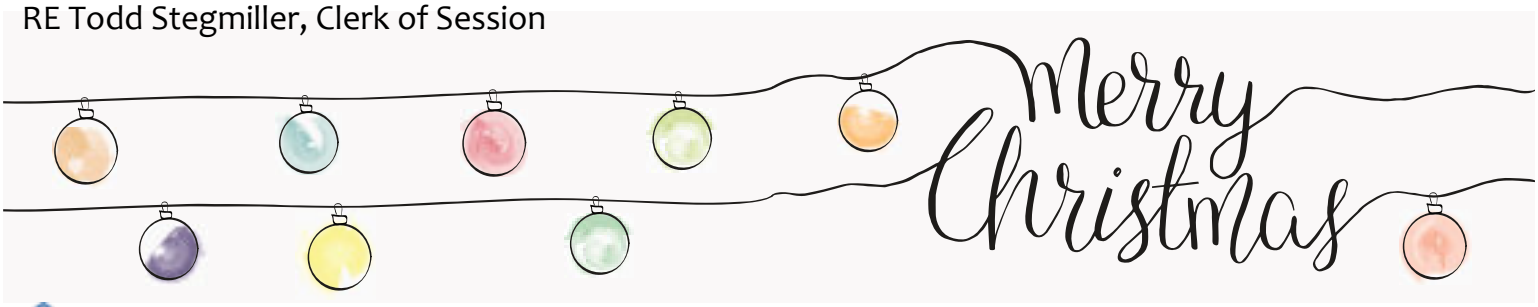
2. **ADMINISTRATION**
   a. RE Jason Flickinger to review Safety in Education Policy and provide recommendations to group.
   b. TE Hopkins will be preaching in Dubuque on 11/15/2026. Darren Hall has agreed to preach. REs to review content on 11/8/2026
   c. 2027 Nominating Committee REs Jason and Todd
   d. RE Kevin Oak, Jim Mueller, and Jason Flickinger to review 2027 budget
   e. 49th RLP hosting Details-1/22-1/23/2027

Next meeting planned for 11/24/26.

TE Hopkins closed in prayer at 9:19pm.

RE Todd Stegmiller, Clerk of Session



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

November 15, 2026

Location: Conference Room

Present: Kathy, Beth, Hillary, Tara, Rachel, Lyndsey, Nathan

Nathan opened the meeting in prayer.

Curriculum:

- One teacher had a curriculum order.

Children's Ministry Events:

- The Christmas Program was finalized, and everyone is looking forward to seeing the program come together!
- The kids will participate in the Thanksgiving service by reciting Psalm 100 before Kid's Kirk.
- There will be no Sunday School on December 27 or January 3. Classes will resume on January 10.

Beth closed the meeting in prayer.

Next Meeting: TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Johnson

DEACONS

October and November 2026

Key Ministry Initiatives & Events

CPR Training Session: We had 12 people attend the " Hands-On CPR" training on November 7th, 2026. It was a great success with wonderful questions and participation. Paula Rath from Trinity & Sherrard Fire covered hands-on CPR for all ages, how to work an AED, and choking.

CPR Certification Class: The deacons will be hosting a CPR certification class on January 16th from 8am - 12pm. Cost is $60. This would be a great class for those who plan to help with Sunday school, Bible camp and the after-school program. A sign up sheet will be placed on the table in the entryway.

"Paint & Praise" Christmas Workshop: On November 15, 2026 the deacons hosted 16 people for a seasonal ornament-painting workshop. It was an afternoon of creativity and fellowship. The event raised $240 dollars for the deacons community fund.

Spring 2027 Event Planning: Music on the Lawn: Initial planning is underway for a Sunday early-evening community gathering in Spring 2027. The committee is actively selecting a date and organizing a lineup of Christian music performers.

Operational & Service Logistics

Usher and Greeter Volunteer Schedulers:

- January/February 2027: Kay
- March / April 2027: Mitch
- May/June 2027:Melody
- July/August 2027: Huntley
- Sept/Oct: Dorothy
- Nov/Dec 2027: Angie

Upcoming Meetings

- December 13, 2026



NEED A HAND OR ENCOURAGEMENT? ASK A DEACON!

The Deacons' charge is to care for the church body. You may already know that we provide delicious treats to celebrate new members, but did you know that we are ready to serve in other ways too?

Here are some of the ways a Deacon can help out:

- Visit shut-ins (including those who are temporarily unable to make it to worship) to provide cheer and recordings of the sermon.
- Deliver meals to those who are injured, ill, or have experienced a loss.
- Visit widows(ers) to comfort and provide company
- Send cards to recognize milestone birthdays and anniversaries, and express condolences
- Organize transportation to doctor's appointments (please give advance notice)

Please, if you or someone you know could benefit in one of these areas, please let a Deacon know right away. We try to anticipate needs, but we are only human, and need help with knowing needs!

Your 2026 Deacon team includes: Kay Amy Mitch Anderson, Angie Freyermuth, Tom & Connie Huntley, Dorothy Rursch, & Melody VanOteghem

Call Us

TRUSTEES

Date: 11-18-26

Present: Mel Block, Aaron Ehm, Cindy Oak, Larry Pithan, Elder Kim Freyermuth, Treasurer Barb Freyermuth.

Mel opened the meeting with prayer at 6pm

Minutes for October meeting reviewed.

Treasurer's report for October reviewed and approved. Proposed 2027 budget reviewed and discussed.

Old Business:

- Three attic ventilation fans have been installed for the SS attic. Still need to complete electrical wiring
- Yard cleanup completed
- Concrete replacement at office door still pending. Waiting on return call from contractor.
- New Christian flag has been installed
- Ice melt totes placed at doors
- Have contacted East Moline Glass and will purchase new weather stripping for entry doors.

New Business:

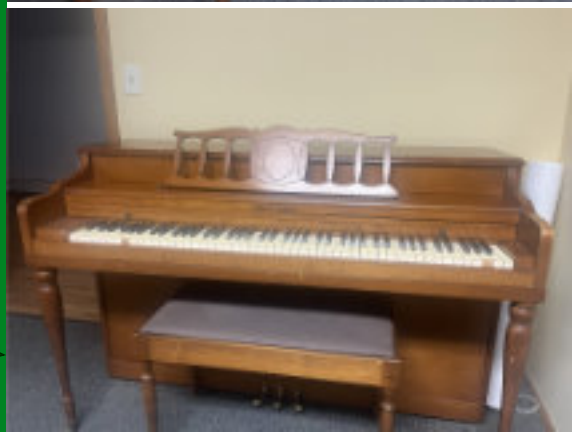
- Lisa has been having problems with lock on the exterior office door. Will continue to monitor.
- Discussed winter sidewalk snow removal. Looking for volunteers to help with this.
- Tom Kiddoo has donated two new freezers for the food pantry. They have been placed in the basement. Still need to remove old freezers in the garage.
- Trustees made contact with the school district inquiring about purchase of some land for a future pavilion
- Need to check hot water baseboard units on second floor – need to bleed air from the lines.

Mel closed the meeting with prayer at 6:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pithan





FREE PIANO

The Trustees of the church are offering this piano for free to anyone that is willing to move it on their own to a good home. It has a few exterior blemishes, but works well and has been beautifully maintained by Jon Laird for many years. They are hoping that it may perhaps find a home with a young person who is interested in taking lessons, but did not yet have a piano.

The piano is currently located in the Sunday School room on the main floor by the staircase headed to the second floor if you would like to take a closer look at it.

HUNDREDS OF KIDS AND TEENS ARE FINDING HOPE BECAUSE OF YOU!

The need in our community is greater than ever. Children and teens form low-income families are facing food insecurity, poverty-related stress uncertainty, and a growing sense of hopelessness. Many are searching for something every young person deserves: a SAFE place to belong, a positive MENTOR, and opportunities to discover purpose, value, and HOPE!

That's where YOU make a difference!

Kids like Alina and Lily are est friends and love coming to YouthHope! They have found caring mentors, fun activities, guaranteed meals, and opportunities to learn how much Jesus loves them, has a plan for their lives, and offers HOPE for their futures!

We first met Maria, Alina's mom, at our Food Pantry. She was going through a tough season. She received food, prayer, and encouragement. Maria learned her daughter could join YouthHope! Now, BOTH her daughter and her daughter's best friend attend YouthHope! PLUS, Maria started going to church and volunteering with us!

Because of you, their lives have been transformed!

2026 has been an amazing year! Lives have been changed, families are being strengthened, and kids and teens have discovered the love and HOPE of Jesus. We have an incredible opportunity to make an even greater impact for the coming year!

2026 YEAR-END MATCHING CHALLENGE: $75,000!

GIVE HOPE. DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!

Will you please help us meet this matching challenge with a Year-End Gift?

Your gift will be DOUBLED! Every $1 becomes $2!

LOOK WHAT GOD HAS DONE THROUGH YOUR GENEROSITY IN 2026!

- 472 at-risk youth experienced a life-changing week at Camp Summit!
- 288 kids, teens, and adults accepted Christ this year at YouthHope!
- 2,148 individuals received food assistance through our Food Pantries.
- Teens are being mentored, guided, and prepared for successful futures!

Every number is an example of a life CHANGED, a family SUPPORTED, and an opportunity to discover purpose, belonging, and HOPE. In 2027, we plant to reach more kids, partner with new schools, and serve more families in need.

YOU CAN HELP BRING HOPE AND DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!

We have an extraordinary opportunity to reach even more children, teens and families through a $75,000 Year-End Matching Challenge!

Thanks to the generosity of several donors, EVERY gift received by December 31st will be matched dollar for dollar, up to $75,000! Praise God for His faithful provision!

That means your $50 gift becomes $100. Your $100 gift becomes $200. Your $500 gift becomes $1,000!

Will you prayerfully consider making a generous year-end gift today?

Your generosity helps ensure that YouthHope can continue providing meals safe places, enriching experiences, caring relationships, and the opportunity for kids and teens to discover HOPE in Jesus. Together, we will reach more kids and teens, and transform more lives with the HOPE of Christ!

Thank you for believing in the potential of our kids and teens, investing in the next generation, and partnering with us to make an eternal difference. We are incredibly grateful for you!

With gratitude and appreciation,

– Esther Joy King, Executive Director

GIVE BY DECEMBER 31ST TO DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!

TRIVIA NIGHT
February 6, 2027
Register your team here!

MAKING A WAY THROUGH SEASONS OF CHANGE

There's something special about the changing of seasons. As summer fades to fall, **we welcome cooler days, changing leaves, and anticipation for what the months ahead will bring.** For many of us, this season brings excitement—fall gatherings, holidays on the horizon, and opportunities to make new memories with family and friends.

But for many of the moms and dads who walk through our doors, this season brings a very different feeling**. Instead of anticipation, there may be uncertainty, fear, or even dread about what lies ahead.** An unexpected pregnancy, financial hardship, unemployment, an unstable home, or difficult relationships can make the future feel overwhelming.

This is where Making a Way becomes more than a theme—it becomes an opportunity to serve.

As the seasons change, **we are grateful for the opportunity to be a steady presence for families whose lives may feel anything but steady.** A package of diapers or can of formula can ease a financial burden. Infant and toddler clothing and other essential baby items can provide something a family needs right now, while reminding them they are not alone.

Behind every one of these moments is a community of people who choose to make a difference. **Your generosity helps make a way when the way forward is difficult to see.** Thank you for helping Pregnancy Resources walk alongside families through seasons of uncertainty and toward a future filled with greater hope.

Because of you, families facing uncertain circumstances are finding compassionate care, practical resources, and the reminder that they do not have to face the future alone. Your support helps us provide a listening ear, life-affirming medical care, diapers and formula, clothing, car seats, grocery assistance, and so much more.

As we enjoy the beauty and promise of a new season, we are grateful that you are part of this ministry. **Together, we are making a way—one family, one decision, and one life at a time.**

Donate Maternity & Baby Items

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

Maternity & baby items we love getting:

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

Because of safety issues, we cannot accept: used car seats, used cribs, used bottles, used bottle nipples or pacifiers, or new or used breast pumps.



Scan or click on the QR Code to go to our Amazon wishlist.

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	Beg. Balance	Receipts	Disbursement	End. Balance
General Fund	$ 83,931.54	$ 17,468.81	$ 29,398.08	$ 72,002.27
Education Fund	16,212.40	240.51	-	$ 16,452.91
Building Fund*	130,947.16	2,610.17	18,823.75	114,733.58
Checking	*30,947.16*	*1,610.39*	*18,823.75*	*13,733.80*
CD	*100,000.00*	*999.78*	-	*100,999.78*
Youth Group**	24,543.94	-	3,975.08	20,568.86
	$ 255,635.04	$ 20,319.49	$ 52,196.91	$ 223,757.62

** $18,600 paid to DECCO for fire alarm system upgrade*

*** $3,100 paid to Group Mission first payment for 2027 trip.*

October 2026 MONTHLY REVIEW - General Fund

Receipts - October 2026			
Pledges	17,217.70		
Interest Income - General Fund	11.11		
Per Member Asking	240.00		
		$ 17,468.81	$ -
Expenditures - October 2026			
Administrative		***$ 7,110.30***	
ABS (copier rental)	219.96	*24.2%*	
Cemetery Upkeep	450.00		
Computers: Hdw, Sftw and Apps	365.41		
Insurance			
Jeanne Hayes (Custodian)	595.00		
Lisa Bowman (Office Manager)	1,790.86		
Kone (elevator)			
MidAmerican Energy /Edgington Water	625.00		
Waste Management	83.30		
Office Supplies & Printing/Photocopying	234.78		
Repairs & Maintenance - general	56.15		
Reytel - Internet / Phone	152.68		
Shipping/Postage	164.00		
Taxes / FICA / Penalty	2,373.16		
Discipleship (Internal)		***$ 10,172.16***	
Children's Director	393.25	*34.6%*	
Continuing Education	469.93		
Deacon Expense			
EPC General Assembly			
EPC (health)	24.27		
Events	288.48		
Fidelity (pension)	1,114.15		
Housing Allowance	4,291.66		
Meals			
Mileage	86.64		
Pastor Salary	2,782.08		
Presbytery Expense	236.70		
Pulpit Supply			
Resource Materials	420.00		
Sunday School			
Worship Supplies/Music/Flowers	65.00		
Mission (external)		***$ 12,115.62***	
Mission - International	$ 6,375.00	*41.2%*	
Mission - US	2,250.00		
Mission - Local	3,490.62		
Mercy Benevolence	-		
TOTAL EXPENSES		**$ 29,398.08**	$ -
		100.0%	
NET OPERATING INCOME		**$ (11,929.27)**	
INCLUDED IN GENERAL FUND TOTAL			

Mission monies committed within general fund as of end of month is $21,300; and Mercy Benevolence Fund of $5,516

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES



From the deep roots of God's covenant promises to Abraham, through the generations of Isaac and Jacob, we have been tracing the unfolding story of God's faithfulness in Genesis. Now the story takes us from the land of promise to the land of Egypt, where the colorful coat, the dreams of stars and sheaves, and the abundance of grain all become part of God's mysterious providence. Beginning in January 2027, join us for our new sermon series, ***God Meant It for Good: The Joseph Narrative***, as we follow Joseph from betrayal and suffering to exaltation and reconciliation, discovering how God sovereignly accomplishes His good purposes even through the evil intentions of men. Together, we will behold the faithfulness of our covenant-keeping God, who preserves His people and advances His promises through every unexpected turn.

Sunday, Jan. 3rd - Guest speaker
Sunday, Jan. 10th - Guest speaker
Sunday, Jan. 17th - Genesis 35:9-15, "The Promise That Cannot Fail"
Sunday, Jan. 24th - Genesis 37:1-11, "The Dreamer and the Promise"
Sunday, Jan. 31st - Genesis 37:12-26, "Into the Pit"

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)

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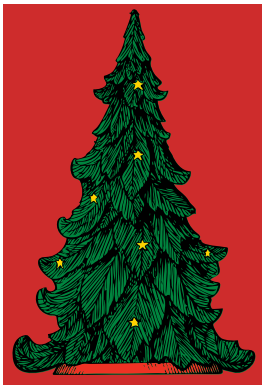


ANGEL TREE

The Women's Ministry has put up an "Angel Tree" in the sanctuary foyer. We would like to bless the Hawk family with funds to pay for their daughter, Molly, to fly home from college for Christmas. Any money above and beyond the cost of airfare would go to help them with repair costs to their van that collided with a deer.
Please take a "Boarding Pass" from the tree. There are diffent dollar amounts. You may take more than one. Write out your check and place it in an envelope from the pew & write "Angel Tree" next to the "Other" box.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE



On November 14th, we had a successful distribution to 31 families consisting of 60 Adults, 8 Teens, and 22 Children. We were surprised that numbers hadn't grown from the August distribution considering the economy at this time. We had 2 families come after the August distribution.

When we packed on Friday, November 13th there were 14 people who helped and 1 was from another church. Fortunately everyone who helped was very patient as they waited for carts to be filled! On Saturday when we distributed, we had 10 adults helping plus 6 high school students. What a blessing the high school students were as they helped load the carts and cars on Saturday.

We were blessed by the donation of 2 upright freezers to put in the basement for the food pantry and the donation of turkeys for the food baskets! We are making good use of the new freezers!

We would like to express our appreciation to all those who donated food, money, or 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 non-perishables 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, pancake mixes, saltine and graham crackers, and juice.

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.

Food Pantry Staff - Jim & Teresa Balmer, Don & Beth Easterla, Dewey & Shirley Flemming John & Pam Fuhr, Marlin & Darcy Krueger, Donnie & Brandee Neece, and Mic & Sue Penry



PROJECT NOW
COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

SENIOR MEAL SITE

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

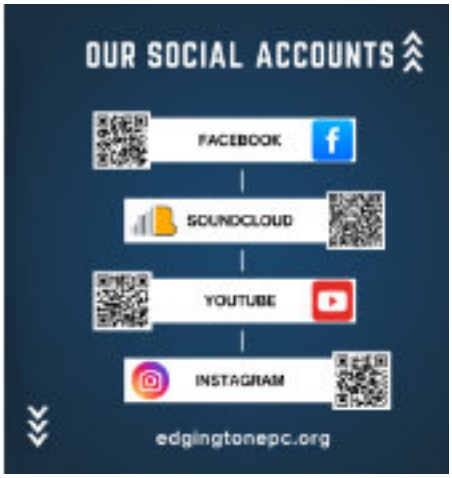


Meals are available for a suggested donation of $4 to anyone 60+ years or with a disability. If you are new to the program, you need to call 309-788-6335 the day before to request your meal.

Those who attend regularly come early to play cards and enjoy each other's company for a little longer than just during the 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,



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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This Fall, our Adult Sunday School class began a practical study called "How to Read Your Bible."
This class focuses on helping Christian believers read Scripture with greater confidence and understanding. Each week we are learning one clear principle for reading the Bible well; principles like: paying attention to context, genre, the Bible's unified story, how the Old and New Testaments fit together, and how all Scripture points us to Christ. We are leaving plenty of room for discussion and practice together.
Whether you are new to serious Bible study or have been reading Scripture for many years, this class is designed to help you hear God's Word more faithfully and apply it more wisely.



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

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

kidsministry

Every Sunday morning at 9am

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

GREAT COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS

show me Jesus

so what?

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!

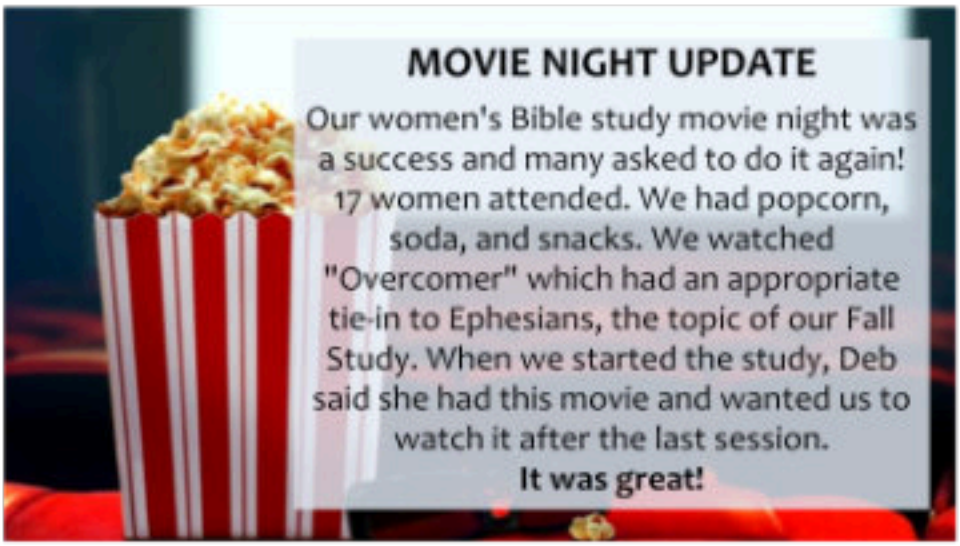


WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Wednesday, December 2nd, 1pm

All women are invited to the last quarterly Women's Ministry meeting at 1pm on Wednesday December 2, 2026 in the church basement dining area. Sue Miller will be the hostess. Meetings last about an hour and a half which includes our snack and fellowship time. If you cannot attend but want to suggest something that the ladies of your church could be doing to honor God, please call Sue Miller or drop a note in the women's ministry mailbox outside the office door!

A **BIG thanks** to all who are participating in our Praying Pals program! The feedback has been encouraging! God bless all of you!



MOVIE NIGHT UPDATE

Our women's Bible study movie night was a success and many asked to do it again! 17 women attended. We had popcorn, soda, and snacks. We watched "Overcomer" which had an appropriate tie-in to Ephesians, the topic of our Fall Study. When we started the study, Deb said she had this movie and wanted us to watch it after the last session.

It was great!



CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Dear Congregation,

Please, please plug into the joy and the work of decorating our physical church home for Christmas. Yes, it's work for your body, but it will fill your heart with joy! You will look at the sanctuary differently and as always, feel blessed by your service to our Lord Jesus!

Saturday November 28th at 9 am. (We are usually done in 2- 2 1/2 hrs)



QUILTING

No quilting in December

We had 11 women at our quilting group in November! It was wonderful!

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 DECEMBER COPY OF THE *TABLETALK DEVOTIONAL*



LOCATED ON A TABLE IN THE SANCTUARY FOYER

WOMEN'S MINISTRY SOUP LUNCHEON/ FUNDRAISER

Sun. January 31st, immediately following the worship service, prior to Congregational Meeting

WOMEN'S MINISTRY
GROW
SERVE
REACH

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

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





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

ALL submissions for the January 2027 Newsletter must be in by **NO LATER than Tuesday, December 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.

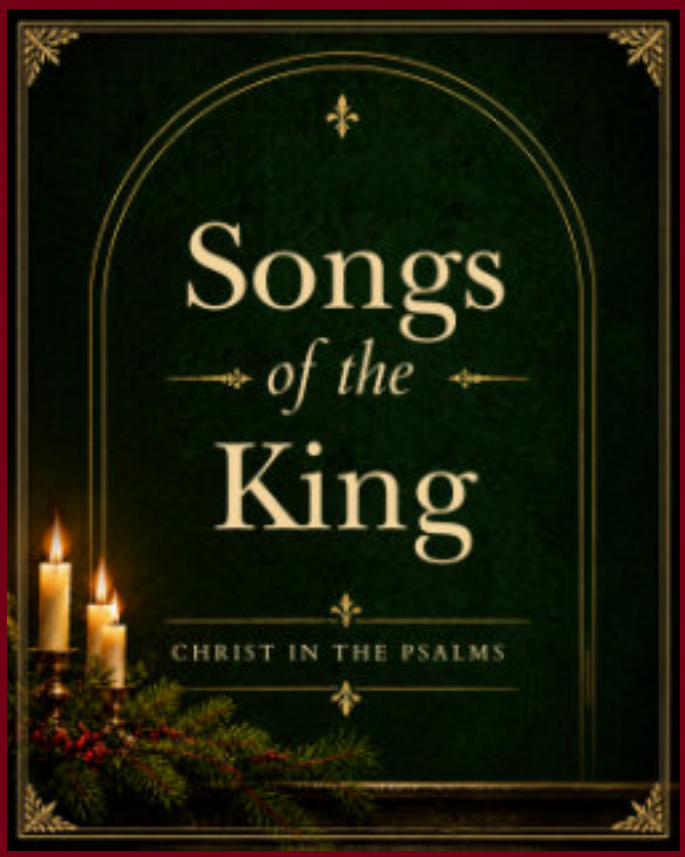
The newsletter is distributed via email and postal service. It is also posted to our Facebook page and website: edgingtonepc.org

Thank you so much for your help!

Advent Scripture Passages

11.29 - Psalm 2 - "The Son-King"
12.6 - Psalm 45 - "The Bridgegroom-King"
12.13 - Psalm 72 - "The Righteous King of the Nations"
12.20 - Psalm 110 - "The Priest-King"
12.24 - Psalm 98 - "The Salvation God Has Revealed"
12.27 - Psalm 96 - "The King We Proclaim and Await"





ADVENT 2026 - Songs of the King: Christ in the Psalms

This Advent season join us for Songs of the King: Christ in the Psalms, as we discover how the ancient songs of Israel anticipate the coming of Jesus Christ, our promised King.

From longing and expectation to joy and triumph, we'll see how the Psalms five voice to the hope of God's people - a hope wonderfully fulfilled in the birth of our Savior.

We look forward to worshiping the Lord with you this Advent Season!

We hope you will join us for our special Christmas Eve Worship Service filled with the joy, wonder, and music that celebrates Christ's first coming.





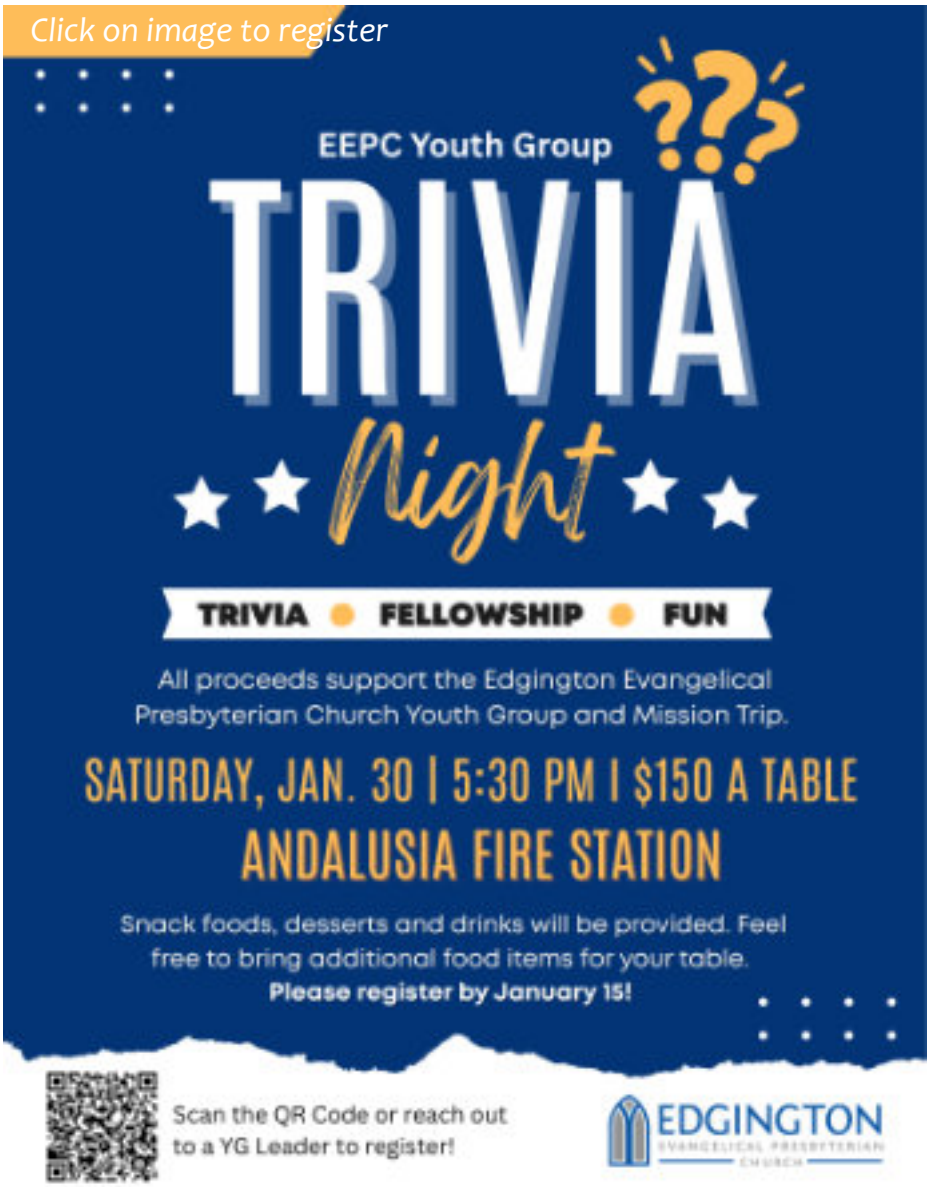
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

RIVERS & LAKES PRESBYTERY

49th STATED MEETING

Edgington EPC will be hosting the 49th Stated Meeting of the Rivers & Lakes Presbytery, our regional presbytery, January 22-23, 2027.

We are looking forward to hosting this meeting & would love to see many of you in attendance for the Friday evening service at 7pm.



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"TO GLORIFY GOD & ENJOY HIM FOREVER"

ANNUAL REPORT 2026

ATTENTION COMMITTEE LEADERS OF EDGINGTON EPC

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

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

The Annual Congregational Meeting is Sunday, January 31st, immediately following the Women's Ministry's Fundraising Luncheon. (See more info about that on p. 15)

CPR & FIRST AID CERTIFICATION

Empower Yourself with Life-Saving Certification

Cost: $60

Saturday
January 16, 2027

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

EEPC basement



What You'll Learn

- First Aid Principles
- CPR Certification skills
- Emergency Action Steps

Register for the Event:
Add your information to the sign up sheet laying on the table in Church foyer

DECEMBER 2026



Sunday School 9am
Worship Service 10am

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
29 *1st Advent Sunday* Food Pantry Sunday Youth Group, 5:30pm	30 Meal Site	1 Meal Site	2 Meal Site WM Mtg., 1pm	3 Meal Site Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm	4 Meal Site	5
6 *2nd Advent Sunday* Food Pantry Sunday Children's Christmas Program, 9am Youth Group, 5:30pm	7 Meal Site	8 Meal Site	9 Meal Site	10 Meal Site Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm	11 Meal Site	12
13 *3rd Advent Sunday* B/P Checks Deacons' Mtg., 11:30am Youth Group, 5:30pm	14 Meal Site	15 Meal Site Mission Comm. Mtg., 6:30pm Newsletter Items Due (earlier than normal due to holiday)	16 Meal Site Trustees' Mtg., 6pm	17 Meal Site Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm	18 Meal Site	19
20 *4th Advent Sunday* Youth Group, 5:30pm	21 *Winter Begins* Foot Clinic Meal Site	22 Meal Site	23 Meal Site	24 *Christmas Eve* NO Meal Site Christmas Eve Service, 5pm	25 *Christmas* 	26
27 B/P Checks	28 Meal Site	29 Meal Site Session Mtg., 7pm???	30 Meal Site Session Mtg., 7pm	31 *New Year's Eve* Meal Site	1 	2