
Edgewood Presbyterian Church



Newsletter December 2021

Pastor's page

A group of students was asked to list what they thought were the present Seven Wonders of the World. Though there was some disagreement, the following got the most votes:

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids
2. Taj Mahal
3. Grand Canyon
4. Panama Canal
5. The Eiffel Tower
6. St. Peter's Basilica
7. China's Great Wall

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one quiet student hadn't turned in her paper yet, so she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many." The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help." The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the Seven Wonders of the World are: to see, to taste, to touch, to hear," She hesitated a little, and then added, "to feel, to laugh, and to love."

As the quiet student reminds us, the greatest things are not necessarily the largest or most impressive. The greatest gift we have ever been given came wrapped in rags and lying in a manger. The greatest gift we can give is the gift of ourselves. As you make your preparations for Christmas, remember to share the most important things -- Your time, your attention, your love, and the good news of a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

10 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: 11 to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. (Luke 2:10-11)*

Wishing You a Wondrous Advent and Christmas, Chad





On December 5, we will hold a box lunch in honor of Harold and Helen Weathers.

In November, Helen stepped down as church treasurer. The Weathers have faithfully served Edgewood Presbyterian Church for over 58 years as the treasurer. We are so very grateful for their diligence, dedication and unwavering service to our Lord, Jesus Christ and to our congregation. We hope you join us in celebrating this wonderful couple!



Session Notes

The nominating committee will present three names at the congregational meeting on Sunday December 5, for election of 3 elders for the class of 2024: Teresa Mangum, Johnny Sellars, and Jon Wester.

We will have a Christmas Eve candle light Service at 7:00 pm this year, with

communion and singing of two carols (with masks).

The next stated Session meeting will be *January 16, at 2:00.*

The Session will have a retreat on *Saturday, January 29, at 11:00-3:00.* Lunch will be provided by Teresa Mangum. Thanks Teresa!

The Session has called an Annual Congregational Corporation meeting for Sunday, *January 30,* following worship. Also that Sunday we will have ordination and installation of officers.



The PW coordinating team will meet Monday, December 6, at 2:00. Trish Sellars has our devotion.

The circle will meet Monday, December 13, at 11:00 for our Christmas gathering. The refreshment committee will provide refreshments.

Ladies please bring a toiletry item, hats, gloves, socks, etc., for the women's & men's outreach mission.

The Edgewood Presbyterian Women gave a donation of \$200 to the Bread of Life Mission; \$300 to Family Promise; and provided 4 Salvation Army angels wish lists.

The annual Thank Offering total was \$328.00. Thanks to all those who gave.



The beautiful Christmas tree and poinsettia were featured in the hanging of the greens program.

Thanks Decorating Committee for dressing out our church for Advent Season! It is beautiful upstairs and downstairs!

Missions

CUOC Turkey offering was \$237.00

All 12 Salvation Army angels were taken. Thanks for all who gave generously to make the children's Christmas bright. Steve will pick them up and deliver them Monday December 6.



Jeanne Anderson and Maggie Womack added beautiful music to our Hanging of the greens service, as well as Liesl and Jim Owle, November 28.



It's impossible to count the stars in the sky as it is to count the blessings God bestows. This Advent, take some time to go outside at night and stargaze. Imagine the hope Abraham felt as God pointed his attention to the heavens and promised him a long line of descendants. What blessing has God shown you this past year? What blessing is God preparing you for this Advent?

God of uncountable blessings, your stars remind us of all we have been given and all that is still yet to come. Your promise to care for and protect us, our children and our children's children, illuminates the night sky with beauty and hope. In this season of Advent, we turn our eyes heavenward with Abraham to marvel at your faithfulness and praise you for all you provide. Amen.

(by: Teri Ott)



Come, Lord Jesus. Be our source of light by day and by night. Amen



*With
Deepest
Sympathy...*

To the family of *Peggy Palmer*.
She joined the church triumphant
November 18. We will miss her voice in the
Edgewood Choir.

Also our sympathy goes out to the family
of *Sarah Dahl*, who passed into the church
triumphant on December 2. She didn't want
any service held for her, like her husband,
Nolan, who passed in December last year.