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# Edgewood Presbyterian Church

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## Newsletter January 2022

### Pastor's page

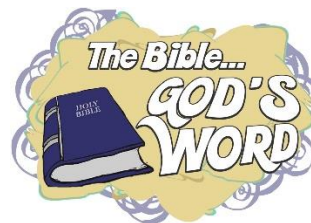
A few years ago, the New Year started off rather uniquely for a "nameless" woman in Laingsburg, Michigan. She heard "angry, accented voices" coming from her living room. Fearing her husband was being held hostage by terrorists, she hid in a bathroom closet and whispered to the police on her cell phone. Sheriff's deputies and a state trooper surrounded the house as the woman stayed on the phone line. They entered the house with guns drawn only to find a man sitting on the couch watching TV - alone! Police graciously did not release the woman's name.

At least she was partially right - TV, and many other pastimes, do hold us "hostage." So often we can find ourselves involved in things that do nothing but spend time. There is nothing wrong with enjoying our favorite TV shows, doing a hobby, or something else to help pass the time. But there are times when we just disconnect our brains and let time slip away. When we let time go like that, we lose a very precious thing.

If you find you are one who watches time slip by, I'd like to invite you to try an experiment. When you find yourself disconnecting, turn to the Bible. Read through the New Testament first. If keeping a Bible handy doesn't work, add a Bible app to your phone. *You Version* is the app I use. It is free (my favorite price), and it offers verses of the day, devotionals, and study guides. If reading on that tiny screen is hard, it even has an option to have the verses read to you. I'm not trying to sell you an app, but I want to encourage you to get deeper into the scriptures. Try memorizing a verse each week.

Let 2022 be the *year of the Bible* for you.

Wishing You Abundant Life in Christ,  
Chad





*Dear Edgewood Congregation,  
I want to express my deep  
thanks for the incredibly  
gracious and generous gift you  
gave me for Christmas. Thank  
you for your thoughtfulness.  
It is a blessing to be leading  
the Edgewood Church. I pray  
that 2022 would be an  
amazing year for each of you,  
and for the Church.*

*Chad*



The Christmas Eve Service was with lessons, carols, and Communion.

### **Session Notes**

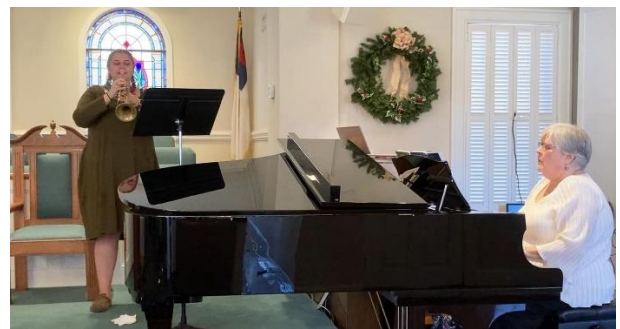
We will have the ordination and installation of elected Elders for the class of 2024, on Sunday, January 16. They are Teresa Mangum, Johnny Sellars and Jon Wester. We thank them for being willing to serve Edgewood in this capacity.

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

There will be officer training for new and returning elders on Saturday, January 22, at Mt. Pisgah Church 9:00-12:00.

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.



Cameron Owle played the trumpet, along with Jeanne Anderson on the piano Sunday December 26. What beautiful music graced our sanctuary!



The PW coordinating team will meet Monday, January 3, at 2:00. Patsy McBryde has the devotion.

The circle will meet Monday, January 10, at 11:00.

The women enjoyed a Christmas Party with refreshments and entertainment watching Mark Lowrey's Christmas show, Monday December 13. Everyone brought items to share with the men's & women's homeless mission. Rev. Chad Neal kindly delivered them on Tuesday (two boxes & a bag full of needed items for their mission).

### Helen & Dawn's Christmas Luncheon

A fun time of fellowship, at a luncheon given by Helen, Dawn & Shannon.



*Thank you Helen and Dawn  
for hosting the Christmas  
party for the Edgewood  
Women at Dawn's house.  
December 17, 2021*



The decorations were beautiful, the food was delicious, and the fellowship was great! Thanks Helen for the Christmas Bells and inviting us for a fun time, which was had by all.





## Celebration Lunch in honor of

### Helen and Harold Weathers

Helen retired from being *Treasurer of Edgewood in November, after 58 years.* On December 5, the congregation celebrated Helen and Harold with a luncheon in the fellowship hall. They were also given a plaque, gifts, flowers and cards in appreciation of their time and talents they have shared over the years serving their Lord and Edgewood. The church deeply appreciates and loves them for everything they mean to us.



The Christmas Joy Gift  
Offering was: \$252.00

Thanks to all of you who gave  
to this and to the Salvation  
Army Angels Christmas gifts.  
You make a difference in the  
lives of others!

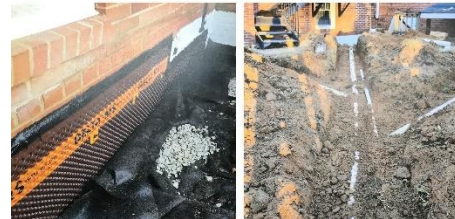


Thanks Steve for delivering the gifts to all the little girls & boys!



Solving the water seepage problem in the basement hallway. Thanks Trish and Johnny!

Nov. 30- Dec. 2, 2021



Thanks Johnny & Patricia and your Property & Grounds committee for fixing the church's water problems and many other projects in 2021!

Thanks Patricia Sellars for taking on the job of Treasurer for Edgewood!

Isaiah 43: 18-19

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland."

Psalms 118:24

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!