
Edgewood Presbyterian Church

Newsletter—October 2023



Learning to Wait

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Have you ever been sitting behind a young child at church who has just a little trouble sitting still? I have seen children do all kinds of things to entertain themselves as they wait for their age group to dismiss for class or get on to whatever it is they like to do best. Some like to draw. Some like to count the lights on the ceiling. Some like to crawl under the pew. One of my favorites is a little girl who sits on her hands after her mother has repeatedly reprimanded her for twirling her hair. Let me see, who does that remind me of?

Yes, children aren't the only ones who have trouble with patience. Adults also seem to be in a hurry, not necessarily always in church, though that does happen at times. Adults are always wanting to move on the next thing and get that done just to be able to get to the next thing, and the next. There is a song that says, "I'm in a hurry and I don't know why." Why are we in such a rush always?

Another area of impatience that adults are experts in is prayer. We pray prayers and give up so easily when they aren't answered when we think they should be answered. God's timing is perfect and we should indeed learn to wait patiently on Him. If necessary draw a

picture in your mind every day of just what the situation or person you have prayed for will look like when God finishes His perfect work. Count the lights shining in your life, the blessings you already have, while you are waiting on the new one you have prayed for. Don't crawl under anything and give up. God is in control. Satan is the one who will have to crawl under our feet and hide. Don't fret, don't worry, don't twirl your hair, just sit patiently with the assurance of God being in complete control. God will step into every situation at just the perfect time and reprimand those who need reprimanding who come against us. God is patient. He waits on each of us to come to Him. He waits on us to worship Him, to pray to Him, to live for Him daily. He doesn't give up on us answering what He has called us to do. He patiently waits. Be still, wait on God. He will answer.

*I've been waiting for awhile now Lord,
how much longer will it be?*

*I've been waiting on all the things that
I have prayed to see.*

*Lord, that prayer I prayed last
week, what about that one?*

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*And the one from yesterday, is that
answer just about done?*

*Waiting is something I have never really
liked to do.*

*Though I know waiting is worthwhile
when I am waiting on you.*

*Lord, one more prayer I hurriedly send
up to you today,*

*Let me learn to patiently wait on you
after I pray.*



October

Prayer Families of the Week

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| 1 | Sandy & Charles Dull |
| 8 | Dale Edwards & Family |
| 15 | Leslie Hanna |
| 22 | Mary Holder |
| 29 | Cathy & Anna Johns |



October Worship Leaders

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| 1 – Terry Pleasants |
| * Cents—Ability Offering |
| 8 – QRE Gracie Williams |
| 15 – Rev. Sue Hudson |
| 22 – Rev. Laura Lupton |
| 29—Rev. David or Katheryn Dudley |
| * Holy Communion |

Head Usher: Johnny Sellars

*Have A Blessed
Birthday*

*To everyone celebrating
October Birthdays*

Treasurer's Report

August 2023

Receipts \$5710

Expenses \$3497

Special Offerings:

Wounded Warriors \$340

BackPack Pals (CUOC) . . \$104

CUOC \$60



CUOC NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

CUOC is a local organization that was created to help people in this area who are struggling financially. Their primary mission is providing food (groceries) to those in need. They rely totally on volunteers for the food distribution. Recently, some of the volunteers have become unable to help. **More volunteers are needed.** There are a variety of tasks to be done—assisting clients with the collection of food, clerical work, loading groceries into cars. Members of Edgewood have been very generous with their time over the years helping at CUOC. If you can spare a few hours each week to help, please see Connie Wynn or Nancy Mead. They can provide more details.

Communications Committee

Check out the bulletin boards in the Fellowship Hall! We posted pictures from the **September 9 Picnic.**

Christian Ed Committee

Special Halloween activities for our kids are being planned. Details will be announced soon.



Missions

On October 1, a special offering for the **Cents-Ability** program will be collected. This program used to be **"Two-Cents-A-Meal"**. This offering is one way that we can support the battle against hunger and poverty. Funds are used to support local hunger ministries, as well as national and international projects through the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who are facing various illnesses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with Your peace. In Jesus' name, Amen!

Fellowship Committee

The Church picnic was a success . We had 23 attendees. The decorating committee did a great job. Everything was nice. Thanks to Johnny for being our Chef and to his helpers, Chip, Dave and Spence. Thanks to everyone

that helped to set up and clean up. Big thanks to Dave for being our BINGO caller. He did a great job. I believe everyone won something and had a good time. Trent was "Grand Champion" with 7 wins!

Lots of pictures at the September 9 picnic are posted in the Fellowship Hall.



There will be an **appreciation luncheon** Sunday October 29 right after preaching in the Fellowship Hall. We will have spaghetti, salad, bread, beverages and desserts. No one needs to bring anything. This luncheon is to give back to our members who have made our church strong and what it is today. We are very lucky to have such a loving and caring congregation. We do a lot to help our members and in our community.

Thank you to everyone for what you do.

Hope to see you and your family at the luncheon.

October 29, 2023

(Immediately after worship service)

Spaghetti Lunch



Member Appreciation

Everything is provided.
Bring only your appetite.

Edgewood Presbyterian Women

The Edgewood Presbyterian Women met Monday, September 11 and began a new lesson series—***"Sacred Encounters"***, The

Power and Presence of Jesus Christ Luke-Acts by Olive Mahabir. Jean McSwain lead the first lesson.



EDGEWOOD PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



The Different Qualities of Men and Women

Women are honest, loyal and forgiving. They are smart, knowing that knowledge is power. But they still know how to use their softer side to make a point.

Women want to do the best for their family, their friends, and themselves. Their hearts break when a friend dies. They have sorrow at the loss of a family member, yet they are strong when they think there is no strength left.

A woman can make a romantic evening unforgettable.

Women drive, fly, walk, run or e-mail you to show how much they care about you.

Women do more than just give birth. They bring joy and hope. They give compassion and ideals. They give moral support to their family and friends. And all they want back is a hug and a smile. The heart of a woman is what makes the world spin.

Men are good at lifting heavy stuff and killing spiders.



Congratulations!



Faye and Willis have a new great-granddaughter. Alice Christine, born September 19, 7Lbs. 7 Oz., 20" long.

Not all *Home Schooling* is confined to home.

Jean shared some of her skill and talent with the Byrd girls, creating pressed flower arrangements.



Halloween Fun

(From a few years ago)



Patsy and Chip



Joyce, Trish, Eugenia