

Edgewood Presbyterian Church

Newsletter—July 2024



A Church to Call Home

At Vacation Bible School this year, two of the daily themes were “Jesus had a home” and “Jesus went to ‘church.’” In the adult lesson, we read about how Joseph, Mary, and Jesus fled from their home in Bethlehem to Egypt to escape the wrath of King Herod. A story about refugees was used to talk about “home.” Matthew 2:13-23 ends with Jesus’ family making a new home in Nazareth. We reflected on what makes a place feel like “home” – comfort, care, support, family.

Then we looked at Luke’s story of the pre-teen Jesus who remained in the temple in Jerusalem when his parents and extended family traveled back to Nazareth after the Passover observance (Luke 2:41-52). When Mary and Joseph realized he wasn’t with their traveling party, they went back to Jerusalem, eventually finding him in the temple. Reminiscent of my experience with pre-teens, Jesus replied to his parents’ anxious questions in a markedly saucy fashion – “did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” We discussed how the temple might have felt like “home” to Jesus and what would make the church feel like home to you, to visitors – comfort, care, support, feeling welcomed as part of the family.

When I’ve talked to various people about Edgewood and their decision to become a member, invariably they mentioned how it felt like home, that they were welcomed into a family. At the June Session Meeting, we talked about the mission, vision, and values of Edgewood. The same themes arose in our discussion. As we look toward

growing and expanding our mission and ministry, this is our strength, what we can and do offer. Being welcoming and hospitable, making visitors (new and returning) feel like part of the family is the work of



the whole church. And I know that you are up to the task! During the past seven months (wow! Time has flown!), you have made Edgewood feel like home to me; you have welcomed me with open arms into the family!

If any of our regular or new visitors are interested in formally joining Edgewood Presbyterian Church as a member, please let me know. I would love to talk to you about it!

In faith, hope, & love,

Sara

Pastor’s Office Hours

Sunday
Monday–Wednesday mornings
Saturday (various times)

919-770-5791 ~ sara.martin@edgewoodpres.org

Vacation July 22-28, 2024



TREASURER'S REPORT

May TOTALS

Receipts	\$8,132
Expenses	\$9,615
Special Offerings:	
Pentecost	\$ 236
Birthday Offering	\$ 249
CUOC	\$ 97

Special Offering

July 7, 2024

First Sunday Offering
CUOC BackPack Pals



July Sermon Topics

7/7/24	"In the Face of Rejection" Ezekiel 2:1-5; Mark 6:1-13
7/14/24	"A Calling in Conflict" Mark 6:14-29; Amos 7:7-15
7/21/24	"In the Shepherd's Care" Jeremiah 23:1-6; Mark 6:30-44
7/28/24	Guest Preacher
8/4/24	"Gifts for Unity" John 6:24-35; Ephesians 4:1-16

You're in our
Prayers

Prayer Family of the Week

July 7	Stephen and Kathie Womack
14	Connie & Jerry Wynn
21	Betty Bullard Family
28	Thesley & Mary Lee Byrd Haley, Meghan, Adelyn

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

**TO EVERYONE
CELEBRATING
JULY BIRTHDAYS.**

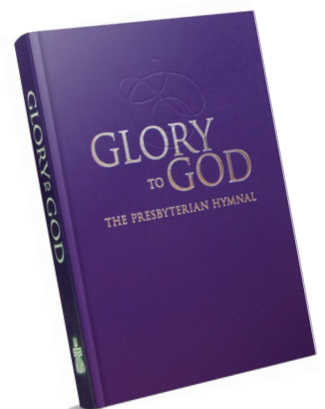
**Head Usher for July
Patsy McBryde**

Worship Committee

Glory to God Sunday and Hymnal Dedication

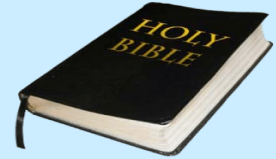
On Sunday, June 30, we had a special service to dedicate our new "Glory to God" hymnals. Our worship service was scripted by Rev. Sara Martin. In her absence, Steve Womack moderated the service. Lauren Poe played piano giving us the opportunity to sing some of our favorite hymns. Several of our members participated in the worship service.

Thank you all for the contributions to purchase the hymnals, and thanks to all who helped with ordering, labeling, and moving the hymnals to the sanctuary and moving the old hymnals out.



Teresa Mangum, Chair

A new Bible Study on Luke's Gospel is scheduled to begin August 13. Details to come.



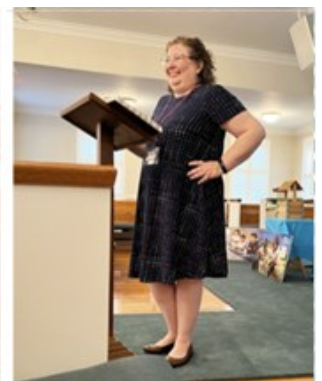
Christian Education Committee

The Christian Education Committee wishes to thank everyone for their participation in the Hometown Nazareth Bible School. We were able to raise \$207 for the Kid to Kid project of furnishing clean water to the children of Honduras.

We all need to work together to encourage our youngsters to attend Sunday school. If you have any ideas on this, please share them. Thanks again for your help in supporting the programs of the church.

Sara lead the adult Bible School Class in some lively and informative discussions.

Jean McSwain, Chair



Missions Committee

We continue to support Christian United Outreach Center (CUOC). Edgewood donated **100 pounds** of food to CUOC in June. Every donation is greatly appreciated.

Steve Womack, Chair



CUOC continues to need more volunteers. A wide variety of jobs are available. See Connie or Nancy for more information.

Property and Grounds Committee

The work under the sanctuary to repair and secure the floor joists has been completed. Also, to prevent moisture build-up, a new layer of plastic was put down. The work was done by ABC Restoration, LLC.

The fire door going into the sanctuary was changed so that it cannot be locked. A new “pull down” handle has been ordered to replace the current door knob to make it easier to open.

Johnny Sellars, Chair

Fellowship Committee

The date for the ice cream social has been changed to **Saturday, July 27, 2:00pm to 4:00pm**. Sign-up sheets will be posted asking volunteers to bring various items. **We need 5 churns of ice cream.**

Future Events

July 27 (New Date!) -
Ice Cream Social



September 14 -
Church Picnic



November 17 -
Thanksgiving Luncheon



Communications Committee

June was a busy month. We developed and printed Fathers Day cards. We posted pictures of our exchange students, our graduates, and several other special events our members participated in outside church activities. Of course, the biggest event during June was Vacation Bible School. We filtered through over 700 photos to assemble the pictures we posted on our bulletin boards. *Check out the board in the Fellowship Hall.*

We continue to post videos of our worship services on Facebook. If you are unable to attend in person, it is a convenient alternative.

We are always interested in activities of our members. If you have an event or achievement you would like to share with others, please let us know. We can post it on a bulletin board or publish it in the newsletter. We welcome your input.

Connie Wynn, Chair

Presbyterian Women

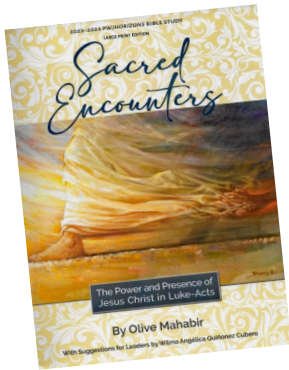
June 3, 2024

Moderator: Teresa Mangum

Devotion: Trish Sellars

Program: Rev. Sara Martin

Food: Teresa Mangum & Barbara Rosser



Coming Events

- 1. Monday, July 8, 1:00PM—PW Planning Retreat—Coordinating Team*
- 2. Saturday, August 10, 11AM—PW Brunch & Installation of Officers
(LADIES, PLEASE JOIN US.)*
- 3. Saturday, August 17—the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina's Annual PW Fall Gathering at Carolina Beach Presbyterian Church*

AAU Gymnastics - National Championships

Daytona Beach, Florida
June 23, 2024



Brooke and Alyssa participated in this event. Both performed well.

Brooke placed -

Vault: 3rd

Beam: 1st

Bars: 1st

Floor: 3rd

Overall: 2nd

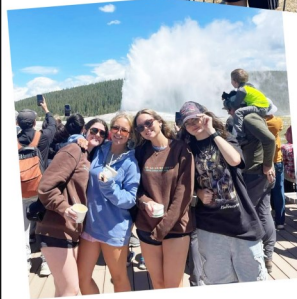
Brooke qualified for the AAU Jr. Olympic Games.

Wyatt

participated in the
"Teens' Camping Tour of the West" June 10 -
July 2 with about
28 other teenagers
and 4 adults.



Teens' Camping Tour of the West



124TH U.S. OPEN



Maggie and Jonathan volunteered
their services at the
U.S. Open Golf Tournament
in Pinehurst, June 10-16, 2024



Congratulations!

Connie and Jerry were
married 60-years ago,
June 28, 1964.

Congratulations Steve Womack!

Certified Emergency Medical Responder

We learned at a Bible Study session that Steve had recently earned a new medical certification, so we asked him to provide details for the newsletter.



I completed a 10-week, 80-hour class which allowed me to sit for the written and practical exams to be a certified First Responder, which is the base level of Emergency Medical Services. The levels are Emergency Medical Responder, EMT, Advanced EMT, and Paramedic. I felt I needed to further my emergency skills to further protect the athletes at Lee County High School that I serve as a Certified/Licensed



Athletic Trainer. I am a believer in life-long learning and anything I can be better prepared for to protect our athletes, I am always looking to improve my skills.

This was one of the most challenging mental and physical endeavors I have ever undertaken. I spent well over 200 hours preparing for the certification practical and written exams.

It was very rewarding to receive a passing grade and certification.

Steve

ECSE EMERGENCY CARE & SAFETY INSTITUTE		AAOS American College of Emergency Physicians ADVANCING EMERGENCY CARE	
EMERGENCY CARE & SAFETY INSTITUTE			
Certificate of Completion			
The Education Center, below, verifies that Steve Womack has successfully completed the knowledge and skill evaluations for the Emergency Care & Safety Institute Course.			
Emergency Medical Responder	May 20, 2024	May 20, 2026	7BWL95YZZVW5
Course Name	Course Completion Date	Recommended Renewal Date	Student Authorization Number
Southern Regional Area Health Education Center	9106787286	Justin Schwartz	7GRHG3ON5Z6X
Education Center	Education Center Phone Number	Instructor Name	Instructor ID Number
justin.schwartz@sr-ahec.org			
Education Center Email	This certificate does not guarantee any future performance or suggest any form of licensure. Skills deteriorate rapidly when not used. Periodic retraining is strongly recommended.		
ECSE EMERGENCY CARE & SAFETY INSTITUTE Course: Emergency Medical Responder Name: Steve Womack The Education Center verifies that the above has successfully completed the knowledge and skill evaluations for the Emergency Care & Safety Institute Course. Course Completion Date May 20, 2024 Recommended Renewal Date May 20, 2026		AAOS American College of Emergency Physicians Student Authorization #: 7BWL95YZZVW5 Education Center: Southern Regional Area Health Education Center Education Center Email: justin.schwartz@sr-ahec.org Education Center Phone #: 9106787286 Instructor Name: Justin Schwartz Instructor ID #: 7GRHG3ON5Z6X The ECSI course meets the most current international consensus guidelines on cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and emergency cardiac care (ECC). To verify course completion, visit www.ECSInstitute.org and enter the above student authorization number. ECSI Phone Number: (800) 71-ORANGE www.ECSInstitute.org	

✂ Cut along the dotted line at the bottom of the certificate and along the dotted lines around the course completion card. Fold the card in half.