

Edgewood Presbyterian Church



Newsletter—May 2023

SOMEONE ELSE

Derived from a devotion by [April Cyr](#)

From - Exodus 4:13 But Moses said, "Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else." (NIV)

We have all read about how reluctant Moses was to do God's bidding. Getting people to volunteer in church for leadership or ministry roles can be just as hard. Some folks feel as if they're not good enough; others think they have too much going on to be effective, while others hope that someone else will step forward to do the work. Year in and year out, volunteers are needed to continue Christ's mission, but it seems lately that more folks don't feel called to work for God.

Moses didn't want to respond to do God's work. He felt it was a mistake and that someone else more qualified could do it. But God doesn't make mistakes and He personally sought out Moses for the task. No matter how inadequate or reluctant Moses felt, God would not be refused. Moses was the right person, so God wasn't going to take 'no' for an answer.

Perhaps you've been asked to do something special in our church or have been invited to consider a leadership role in our congregation. Maybe you feel unqualified or overstretched, so you would like to say 'no,' and have someone else fulfill the call. However, before you reject the invitation, honestly ask yourself this question: "Is this something that God wants me to do?" If it is, then no matter how inadequate or how burdened you feel, know this: **God does**

not make mistakes and He will help you to fulfill the role.

Point to ponder:

What can we do for our church? What is God presently asking us to undertake and accomplish?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, Your ministry and mission continue in our congregations, in our communities, and around the world. You call on Christian people to be part of Your work on Earth. Help us to hear Your invitation and cheerfully accept what You need us to do. In Your Holy Name, we pray. Amen.

VBS

If the article above spoke to you, here is a chance for you to help. Stephanie volunteered to organize Bible School. **She will need lots of helpers/volunteers.** The dates are **July 26, 27 and 28.** It will be from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In lieu of a meal, this year, a light snack and drink will be served.

May Worship Duties

Head Usher: Jonathan Webster
Announcements: Jean McSwain

Worship Leaders & Music

- 7 – CRE Gracie Williams & Wilson Weathers
- 14 – Steve Womack & Leslie Hanna
 - *PW Birthday offering; Mother's Day
- 21 – Rev. Laura Lupton & Leslie Hanna
 - *Covered dish lunch to celebrate veterans
- 28 – Gary Moore & Susan Thomas

Presbyterian Women

The Coordinating Team will meet May 1, at 2:00.

The Circle will meet May 8 at 2:00.

Janet McNeill will lead us in session 6 in the Study Guide. Recommended reading is Chapter 22 of the in the Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi. Come on out ladies for fellowship & learning!

The PW gave a memorial gift to the church in memory of **Ruby Creed**.



Thank you Joyce for delivering our April 16 worship message. You did a great job.

Edgewood Presbyterian Women



April 10, 2023

Presbyterian Women held their annual meeting April 10. In addition to having their program and refreshments, the slate of officers to serve in 2023-2024 were presented. New officers will be installed August 12.



*Happy Birthday
to all who are
celebrating birthdays
this month!*

Fellowship Committee

As a church, we plan to celebrate our veterans by having a luncheon on Sunday, May 21, from 12:00 till 2:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited.

We ask that anyone who can, to please bring a dish to share. There will be signup sheets at both entrances to the church. Everything will be appreciated.

Property and Grounds

The floor in the Fellowship Hall will be striped and refinished Thursday, May 11. Please avoid that room on that day. If you would like to volunteer to help move the furniture on the day before or on the day after, see Johnny.

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

May Prayer Families of the Week

- 7 Barbara Rosser
- 14 Johnny, Trish & Stephanie Sellars
- 21 Rusty, Beth & Brooke Singer
- 28 Gerald & Anne Thomas

March Treasurer’s Report

Receipts \$5833
Disbursements . . \$7267

Missions

Collection for **One Great Hour of Sharing** - \$474.00

Communications Committee

Don’t forget to check our bulletin boards. We post new pictures each week.

We also post our worship service on Facebook every Sunday night. So, if you didn’t attend our service, it is available for you to watch later.

We are open to any suggestions you may have to make the bulletin boards more interesting. You may even consider contributing something yourself.

New Addresses

Ronnie Kelly and Christy have moved into a new house at 408 Troy Drive, Sanford, NC 27332

Jimmy and Jeannie Williams’ daughter, Rachael Williams has moved to the mountains. Her new address is 110 Fred Sparks Road, Bakersville, NC 28705.

Celebrating our mothers on Mother's Day

We will honor our mothers in the month of May. Mothers typically have the greatest influence on our behavior during our childhood. They often delivered invaluable advice. Here is some I remember—Jerry.

Always do your best.
Treat others as you would want to be treated.
Always keep your word.
Life is not always fair.
Hard work never hurt anybody.
Idle hands are the devil's workshop.
Never ask anyone else to do something you are not willing to do yourself.

She also said:
This is going to hurt me more that it will hurt you.
Who licked the red off your candy?
Shut the door. Were you born in a barn?
If your friends jumped off a cliff, would you?
Money does not grow on trees.
When I was your age. . . .
Because I said so!

And, from *ERMA BOMBECK* : "When your mother asks, 'Do you want a piece of advice?' it is a mere formality. It doesn't matter if you answer yes or no. You're going to get it anyway."



Decorating the Cross for Easter Service

April 9, 2023



He is risen!



Thanks to all who contributed to the decoration of the Easter Cross.

Easter Celebration

Christian Education Committee

As Rev. Adkins, a former minister at Edgewood, would say, "I was providentially hindered" from being a part of preparing and hosting the Children's Easter Party held on April 2.

I would like to thank the committee for their dedication and taking charge of preparing and holding the Easter Party. From the pictures taken, you can see it was a great time for all. The committee did a great job.

Our next meeting will be June 25 at 10:30 in the Library.

Thanks again. I appreciate you all.
Jean



Decorating Crosses

April 2, 2021



Collecting the Eggs

April 2, 2023



April 2, 2023



CUOC

Our church not only makes cash and food donations to CUOC, but several of our members and their family members donate many hours serving people in our area who are in need. **Connie, Nancy, and Dave** work several hours each Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the food distribution area at CUOC. **Beth and Brooke, Mary Lee and her girls** work there occasionally. **Kim** often volunteers when she is not teaching.

CUOC still needs food donations, especially cereal, juice (large size), grape jelly (in plastic containers), canned meat, canned fruit, dry pasta/noodles, pasta sauce, spaghetti noodles, and rice.



Brooke and Beth volunteering



Connie and granddaughter (Carsyn) at CUOC



The Byrds volunteering

A photograph of an Elvis impersonator in a black suit and red scarf performing on a stage. Two women are seated at a table in the foreground, watching him. A sign for Stephen Freeman is visible in the background.

Stephen Freeman
"Echoes of a Legend"

Two volunteers from Edgewood "awed" by Elvis.

Christians United Outreach Center
Witness, Ministry, Celebration, Outreach
2614 S. 17th Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
918-682-7474

Elvis entertained the CUOC volunteers at their annual banquet.

March 24, 2023