
Edgewood Presbyterian Church



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Pastor's page

Ask yourself, what's really important in my life? There can be many answers to that question. You might say love, or wisdom, or family. Or my husband, wife or children. Financial security, wealth, friendships, peace of mind, salvation, or all of the above as well as many other things might be on your list.

Once you've settled on your answer, the next question is simple: How do I obtain and hold on to whatever is really important to me? Maybe you intend to try as hard as you can to be a good person, or husband, wife or parent; maybe you will spend quality time with the people who are important to you; maybe you will save and invest carefully; maybe you will go to church weekly and pray daily. Maybe you will do all of these things—and more. All of them take time—time today and time in the future. They take energy and attention. The truth is whatever we want; whatever we do...all takes time and energy, and usually money. The old saying tells us you make time for what is important to you. And it is true! People say I wish I had time to

do this or that. We all have the same amount of time; we do what we choose to do. We use our time as we choose. The same is true of our money. Other than paying for necessities, the rest of our funds are spent on what we choose to spend it on. No matter how much we have, we will always want more.

The wonderful part of choosing to give, is that we are resisting the lure of stuff. We choose to be generous, and declare that money is not our god. In our decision to give our money to God, we declare that our money does not control us. We reject greed and materialism for faithfulness and discipleship. Our faithful stewardship not only supports the work of God in our church, community, and in the world, but it also declares our independence from material goods. Jesus said, "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." (Matthew 6:24)

This year our theme for our Stewardship time is *Responding to God's*

Goodness. Think for a moment about how richly you have been blessed. Think of the goodness and faithfulness of God, even in the midst of difficult times. We are indeed blessed again and again. This year, as you consider your giving for 2022, remember God's goodness. By sharing together, we build the ministries which can bless others, so they also can know the goodness of our God. Wishing You Abundant Life in Christ,
Chad



World Communion Sunday

Celebrated October 3

Dear Edgewood Church members and friends,

Cindy and I want to thank you for the cards and the gift card to Biscuitville. It is such a blessing to be serving among you at Edgewood. I truly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Chad

Session Notes

The next stated session meeting will be December 2, at 11:00.

Our congregational nominating committee will be meeting soon get 3 nominees for Elder.

There will be no community Thanksgiving service this year, but we will focus on Thanksgiving during our November 21st worship service.

We will take up a special offering on *November 14*, for the PW annual Thank Offering. And on *November 21*, we will take up a special offering for the *CUOC Turkeys*. This will also be the *Stewardship dedication Sunday*, so *remember to bring your 2022 pledge cards*

The first Sunday of Advent will be November 28. We will celebrate with Hanging of the Greens and lighting of the first Advent candle.

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 PW coordinating team will meet
Monday, November 1, at 2:00.

The circle will meet Monday, November 8,
at 11:00. Jeanne Anderson will have our
lesson 3 on Rahab.



When fall comes our thoughts turn to things of warmth and comfort, as time seems to slow in anticipation of winter's cold and blustery days ahead. It reminds us that it is a time of gathering and sharing, a time to pause and think of the wonderful spring God gave us, to see and experience new beginnings, and to watch as they matured through the summer months.

Our inner being feels the need to stop and say "Thank You Lord" for the wonderful seasons we have enjoyed.

It also is a time that we Christians think of as a time to renew our faith,

and with that comes our desire to carry on God's work and purpose. To that end we re-dedicate ourselves to prayer and study of God's Word. As we do this, we ask ourselves am I doing all I can to tell of God's Love and Mercy. Am I doing enough financially so that God's love will be seen by more people?

As stewardship season approaches, these are the very things we need to ask ourselves.

The Stewardship Committee wants you to know that you are doing an outstanding job as stewards of his world and his gifts. Please continue, and as we have dedication Sunday November 21, your support of your gifts and time will be greatly appreciated. (Please take time to fill out the enclosed pledge card for 2022 and bring with you on Sunday, the 21st)

Yours in His Service,

Mary Holder, Chair of Stewardship and Finance Committee

2 Corinthians 9: 6b-7: whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8) And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.



First Presbyterian Church hosted this event. It was a beautiful morning of worship out in God’s creation. A wonderful message was preached by Daniel Owens, and beautiful singing lead by David Almond.

Kylie Wester leading the Call to Worship



Happy Birthday.....we celebrate you!

Salvation Army Angel Tree

Steve Womack, Mission Chairperson, will have 12 angels ready to be adopted by anyone, or any Sunday school class. They will be located in the Narthex.

Property and Grounds Committee

Johnny and Patricia Sellars are doing a great job of keeping our church maintained and working well. They have had the ceilings repaired in three rooms on the 2nd floor. The session has also given the go ahead to have some repairs and waterproofing done around the basement hallway area. So the committee will be getting quotes for that work soon.

Also, thanks to Brooke & Beth Singer for keeping our church building so clean! A clean and sanitized house of worship is so important, especially now days.



With
Deepest
Sympathy...

.....to the following members who lost loved ones this past month: The Dowdy Family in the passing of Doris Dowdy (October 5); Jimmy Williams and family on the passing of his father Franklin Williams (October 22). We also extend our sympathy to Pat Marion and her family on the passing of Esteen Thomas. They all had a long and fruitful life and we are thankful for their witness to the risen Lord.



Remembering our members who have passed since last November: Nolan Dahl, Willa Holder, and Doris

Dowdy. May God bless their family and friends and hold them near to Him.

In Loving Remembrance,
Edgewood