
Edgewood Presbyterian Church



Newsletter December 2022

Excerpt from Jesus Calling for Christmas

By Sara Young

When an angel announced My birth to *shepherds living out in the fields near Bethlehem*, he told them: *Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great Joy.* The instruction to not be afraid is repeated in the bible more than any other command. It is a tender, merciful directive—and it is for you! I know how prone to fear you are, and I do not condemn you for it. However, I *do* want to help you break free from this tendency.

Joy is a powerful antidote to fear! And the greater the Joy, the more effective an antidote it is. The angel's announcement to the shepherds was one of *great Joy*. Don't ever lose sight of what amazingly *good news* the gospel is! You repent of your sins and trust Me as Savior. I forgive *all* your sins, changing your ultimate

destination from hell to heaven. Moreover, I give you *Myself*—lavishing My Love upon you, promising you My Presence forever. Take time to ponder the angel's glorious proclamation to the shepherds. *Rejoice in Me*, beloved

Luke 2: 8-10

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

1John 3:1

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!



Session Notes

Thanks to Leslie Hanna, Emily & Jonathan Hanna, and all Edgewood members who participated in the Hanging of the Greens on November 27. It was a wonderful service and a great way to start the Advent season! Also thanks to Jerry Wynn for recording and posting it to our Facebook for others to enjoy.

Our "Hanging of the Greens" service has never been better. It was organized and directed by Leslie Hanna. She had many of our members participate by reading or singing. Two of her children, Emily and Jonathan, provided special music.



November 27, 2022



From Fellowship chairman, Sandy Dull: Thanks to all for a lovely Thanksgiving Luncheon. The food was delicious and the company wonderful. We appreciate all the effort and time spent on preparing the lunch. We had 24 in attendance and hope everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship.

Thanks, Sandy



Thank you for giving to the CUOC Turkey offering in November. A total of \$265 was collected!



Thanks to everyone who participated in the Salvation Army Christmas Angel program this year. This will make for a wonderful Christmas for these children!



December Services

Pastor Terry Pleasants will Preach December 4, with Wilson Weathers playing.

Rev. Beth Olker will be leading us in worship, December 11. *We will observe Holy Communion.* There will also be a congregational meeting to elect two elders, following worship.



Jody McNeill will lead us in worship December 18. We will take the *Joy Gift* offering that Sunday.

Leslie will lead us in a Christmas day worship at 11:00 a.m., with music and singing. (*We will not have Sunday school.*)



December Prayer Families of the Week

- 4 Mary Holder
- 11 Cathy & Anna Johns
- 18 Ronnie Kelly Family
- 25 Jean Lyons



*To everyone celebrating
December Birthdays*

October Treasurer's Report

Receipts \$11,184.00
Disbursements 3,721.60

November Special Offerings:

PW Thank Offering \$275.00
CUOC Turkey Offering \$265.00

Have you noticed our chimes are ringing again!
Thanks to Cameron Himes, Nancy Mead's grandson, who got them playing again!



Advent Wreath Candle Lighters:



- Nov. 27 Nancy & Dave Mead
- Dec. 4 Steve & Kathy Womack
- 11 Teresa Mangum
& Mary Holder
- 18 Patsy & Chip McBryde
- 25 Patricia & Johnny Sellars



The PW coordinating team will meet December 5, at 2:00.

There will be a General meeting and *Christmas party*, Monday, December 12, at 2:00. The refreshment committee will furnish refreshments. Women, please bring a small wrapped gift to put in a box we are making for Drew & Katie Morrison. Such items could be hand cream, snacks, socks, etc.

Ladies we will have an interesting program: Teapot ministries by Cheryl Gilmore.



Hope everyone can come out and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship, learning and fun, along with some very good refreshments.

The special Honorary Life Membership was given to Connie & Jerry Wynn, for their service to Edgewood.



It was a joy and privilege to *present* Jerry and Connie Wynn, the Honorary Life Membership certificate, pin and cross. They are devoted to their Lord through service to Edgewood and its members.

The following is a commentary from Jerry Wynn about his and Connie's coming to Edgewood and their ministry.

Communications Committee Ministry to Edgewood Presbyterian Church

In mid-2015, Sally Hayes asked Connie Wynn to help her create attractive bulletin board displays at the church. Connie in turn asked Jerry to use his computer skills to assist with some of the displays. On Sally's invitation, they began regular attendance at Edgewood and joined the church in December 2015. Continuing work with the bulletin boards, they began posting pictures of current church activities. The pictures generated many compliments from our members and visitors, thus enticing them to expand their activity.

Jerry became an elder in January 2017. Initially, he was assigned to work with Steve Womack on the Missions Committee. While he volunteered a few

hours each week at CUOC for missions, he was increasing his effort working with Connie, posting pictures of Sunday services and other church activities. He was also beginning to contribute printed materials for yard sales and special events.

In late 2017, Jerry asked the session to approve the creation of a “Communications Committee” to be responsible for maintaining the bulletin boards, posting schedules of church events, and printing signs and sign-up sheets for special occasions. The committee would also provide some bulletin covers and occasional inserts. It would support all committees by printing any materials they requested.

Over the years, the committee’s responsibilities expanded - contributing to the newsletter, maintaining the church Facebook page, creating and maintaining the church website, recording videos, and increasing printing services for all the church committees. In support of the Presbyterian Women, the committee prints custom Mother’s Day and Father’s Day cards for distribution to our members. They develop and print over 1500 cards each year for distribution to long-term care facilities celebrating Valentine’s Day, Easter, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Fall season, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The distribution of these cards publicizes the Edgewood Church name.

To accomplish these projects, they try to attend every special event to take

pictures. They attempt to capture activities that may be newsworthy, including major property repairs and renovation, and behind-the-scenes work such as preparation for special events. They do this to inform everyone of some of the work required to keep the church building functional and make special events successful. Often, those who just attend Sunday services don’t comprehend the effort required to make these things possible. They also publicize significant recognition of members for outside activities. Jean McSwain preserves the pictures in notebooks to accumulate history of the church activities.

Jerry and Connie are very much a team in accomplishing these tasks. While Jerry provides the technical skill, Connie is responsible for taking most of the pictures that are posted on the bulletin boards. She is advisor, proofreader, and critic of every item we publish. She is responsible for making the bulletin boards attractive.

In summary, in 5-years, this committee has grown from inception into a significant mission, using today’s technology to bring our church into the digital age. Through our Facebook page, our website, and circulation of cards, this committee has increased the exposure of the Edgewood name in the community. Jerry & Connie Wynn



We have a lot of talent in our midst!

The Session voted to going back to passing the offering plate each Sunday, as you will see in the bulletin. If you would like to serve as usher, please let one of the elders know. Thanks.



If you have not turned in your tithe or pledge card for 2023, please give it to Patricia Sellars. We thank all those who have given their time, talents and money to Edgewood in 2022!

The counters for December are Sandy Dull and Patsy McBryde.

Isaiah 9:6

For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.


 May
 the
 spirit of
Love,
 the beauty
 of **Hope**
 and the blessings
 of **Peace,**
 be your gifts this
Christmas
Season!

