

The Edgewood Connection

All for Him

November / December 2009

Youth Activities

Would you believe that it is time for "Operation Christmas Child". This special outreach project demonstrates the love of God in a tangible way through giving and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

The youth are asking for shoeboxes with lids. Items needed to fill the boxes are: **TOYS:** small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, jump ropes etc. **SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** pens, pencils with sharpener, crayons, markers, writing pads, "solar" calculators, etc., **HYGIENE ITEMS:** toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, hair brushes, wash cloths, etc., **MISC:** t-shirts, socks, hats, hair ribbons or clips, toy jewelry, etc. All items must be new.

They will also accept cash donations, postage is \$7.00 per box. The goal the youth hope to reach this year is over **100** boxes!

Help give a child somewhere around this world a special gift, a shoebox full of love.

Donation deadline is November 13, 2009

Thank you,
Ms Nancy

Missions Banquet & Program

On Sunday night October 18th, Edgewood hosted a "Fall Mission Rally" highlighting several of our missionaries.

We had a great turnout . Everyone enjoyed a turkey dinner with all the fixings plus many covered dishes. This helped to make this part of the evening a great success.

The program started with the Mayberry band playing for us. Pastor Yeager representing the ERC Commission on Missions opened the program with information and testimonies by: Ms. Kara Shifler, who had interned in Sweden. She said in an article in The Missionary Signal, Honestly, who thinks of Sweden when they think missions? Our Own Philip Keyser was there during her time there.

Next was Pastor Sam Cunningham, Highspire COG who Pastors in Gamercro, NM. Pastor Nancy Boyer, of Mechanicsburg COG, is serving in Hooghan Nizhoni, NM.

A love offering was received and will be shared equally between the Molgaard's, in Sweden and Avery's in Brazil. We are pleased to say \$3602 was raised to help our missionaries!

PRAYER FOCUS:

Prayer, Back in the Classroom?

For my classroom, the answer is a resounding **YES!!** Not in the way you may be thinking. I have been a science teacher for 17 years. I have had my share of problems with students, and in general handled the problems very succinctly. I have not had many problems with class management at all. As a matter of fact, I have earned a reputation of being mean, because of the way I deal with students in my classroom.

As a fairly new re-devoted Christian, I felt I had to change that image and be more approachable to kids if I wanted to be a good witness for Christ. So I changed my methods a little. I wanted to be more tolerable in the way that I handled discipline, so I prayed about it and found ways that made the kids feel more comfortable in the classroom. It was working well for the first 4 weeks. Then as they say in our business, "the honeymoon was over". I started having some issues, nothing really major, but there were issues. So I tried harder to connect with the students and that worked for all but one student.

One morning in Sunday school, I brought this up as a prayer request because I was at my wits end. So, we discussed the issue I was having and someone brought up that a friend of theirs had a similar situation. That teacher touched the chair and prayed over the chair, as well as the student. So I tried it. The next day, I went into my classroom and stood over the chair of my student, put my hands on it and prayed. I saw the student on my hall duty. I started talking to her, put my hand on her shoulder and prayed while we talked. Glory be to God that student has been a different student ever since that day. We would still have our issues, but nothing like before. Now, the first thing I do every morning when I walk into my classroom is stop and pray before I do anything else. I have not had an issue where I have needed to put my hands on anyone else's chair up to this point and I do not think I will have to.

Before this situation, I always thought prayer was used for when we really needed something. I always thought God was busy doing so many important things, that I should not bother him with "meaningless" everyday things. What this has taught me is that God wants to be a part of our lives all of the time. The more we include him, the stronger the relationship between us and Christ. I find the more I pray during the day, the smoother the day goes. Like I said, I still have some problems, but before I react, I pray. Blessings come, sometimes more than I can count. But try to keep God aware of everything you do everyday. The more you talk to him, the more he will answer. And believe me, you will be amazed at all of the answers and blessings you will receive. Praise God!!!!



Humbly submitted by,

Shawn Carey

"If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." -Matthew 21:22 NIV

"...If God is for us, who can be against us?" -Romans 8:31 NIV

Upcoming Events & Special Dates

November 1st, Sunday 7 pm
Ordinance Service

November 3rd, Tuesday 7:30 pm
Elder's Meeting

November 7th, Saturday 9 am—4 pm
Leadership Retreat Follow-up

November 8th Sunday
Youth Meetings

November 15th, Sunday 5 pm, Meal
6:30 pm Program
"Annual Family Night"

November 19th Thursday 6:30 pm
Young At Heart
Special Speaker on "Changes in Medicare"

November 22nd
"Friends Day"

November 28th
Friday Time to be announced
"Hanging of the Greens"

November 29th
First Sunday of Advent

December 6th
Saturday 6 - 9 pm
"Parents Night Out"

December 6th
Second Sunday of Advent

December 13th
Third Sunday of Advent

December 13th Sunday 7 pm
Christmas Cantata—"There is a Bethlehem"

December 20th
Fourth Sunday of Advent



Edgewood's Mission Statement

Reach out— to those in need

Lead — people to Jesus Christ

Encourage — Christians to devote
themselves to God's plan for their lives

Equip— believers for ministry in the
Frederick area and beyond



This
Christmas season
Celebrate the
birth of Jesus

The Edgewood Connection



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Donald Hanshew

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Philip Keyser

"Family Night" Food, Fun, And Celebrities

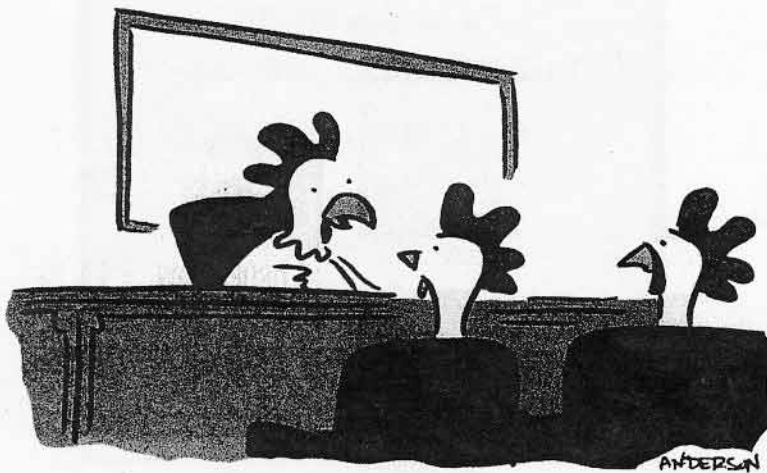
Don't you dare miss our annual Family Night taking place here at Edgewood Church, on **Sunday evening, November 15th**. The evening starts with our big buffet/dinner at 5 pm. PLEASE bring a covered dish.

Then the program will start at 6:30 pm. A fun evening is being planned. Up beat music will be a part of the program and some specials will be played, including our singing pilgrims.

A very special "Celebrity Match Game P.M." will be played with some big time stars on the panel including Rush Limbaugh, Larry, the cable guy, Goldie Hawn, two of the Golden Girls, Betty White and Estelle Getty, plus a surprise guest or two. We also have a surprise Host for the Match Game.

Prizes and drawings will take place.

Our M.C. for this evening of Fun, Food, and Fellowship will be Dallas Summers!!!!!!!!!!!!



"I'm sorry for your loss. Will you want burial, cremation or a light breading?"



Young at Heart

We invite you to a **FREE** informative seminar regarding the changes in Medicare on **November 19th at 6:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall at Church. Our speaker will be Adam Clayton from Bankers Life and Casualty. All family and friends are Welcome to attend!!! There will be refreshments and a Door Prize Raffle.

We want to thank everyone who attended our 4th Annual Chicken Curry Dinner. You made it a great success! The free will offering amounted to \$840. The money raised will go toward gifts for the three families we sponsor at Christmas. It makes us feel good to help others have a great Christmas.

This year we are also helping one of our families, who have had an extra hard time this past year, with a Thanksgiving gift.

THANKS to everyone who has bought a YAH Cookbook! We have raised \$550 that will go towards our Christmas projects and other worthwhile missions. If you need one for a Christmas present, just let us know!

Kids In Church

A little boy was overheard praying:

'Lord, if you can't make me a better little boy, don't worry about it.

I'm having a real good time like I am.'

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

ANNIVERSARIES

MEMORIALS

Nov 1 - All Saint's Day, 7 pm
Ordinance Service.

Nov 3 - Elder's meeting, 7:30 pm.

Nov 7 - Leadership Retreat with
Dr. Earl Mills here at ECOG,
9 am - 4 pm.

Nov 8 - Youth Meeting. Grades 1-5,
5:30-6:30 pm. Grades 6-12, 6-7:30
pm.

Nov 15- Annual "Family Night".

Nov 16 - Council meeting, 7 pm.

Nov 22 - "Friends Day".

Nov 29 - Youth Sunday. First
Sunday in Advent.

Nov 3 - The Ryan Zimmerman's

Nov 12 - The Charles Baugher's, Jr.

Nov 17 - The Don Shoemaker's

Nov 22 - The Ray Hiltner's

Nov 2 - Rudolph Blank

Nov 4 - Ruth Hooper

Nov 5 - Guy McKenzie

Nov 8 - Charles Wiles

Nov 10 - Fred Masser

Nov 16 - Louise Schultz

Nov 19 - Leroy D. Masser

Nov 28 - Bernard Blank

November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Crystal Gieryna Megan Masser Renee Summers	2 Charles Hanshew	3 Glenn Masser	4 Doris Davis Jon Phelps	5 Alyson Beck Russell Crocker Rick Masser Grace Treadwell	6 Ray Hiltner Todd Hiltner Luke Hooper	7 Joseph C. Burdette, Jr. Rachel Fouche Kristen Lair
8	9 Kevin Oakes Andrew Veirtz Mark Watson	10 Heather Jones Pastor Joe Sheedy	11 Annabelle Hanshew Geraldine Mooney	12	13	14 Timothy Korrell Joe Wills
15 David Blank	16	17 Reginald Blank	18 Leroy Wilber Adam Wiles Allen Witmer	19 Jennifer Davis	20 Clark Jones Kevin Masser Carolline Price	21 Kerri Korrell
22 Linda Baugher Kathy Camblin Wayne McKenzie Jaren Morgan	23 Franklin Blank	24	25 Gary Blank	26 Dawn Hiltner	27 Karen Blank Ralph Burdette Joe Price	28 Adam Covell Christine Hooper Abbie Schultz
29 Amy Keyser	30					

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- Dec 1** - Elder's meeting, 7:30 pm
- Dec 5** - "Conspiracy of Kindness", Blanket delivery to the Rescue Mission, 11 am.
- Dec 13** - Choir Cantata & Candlelight service, 7 pm.
- Dec 17**- Young at Heart meeting, 7 pm.
- Dec 20** - Youth Christmas program during Contemporary service, 11 am.
- Dec 21** - Council meeting, 7 pm.

- Dec 2** - The David Crocker's
- Dec 18** - The George Walch's, The Dave Dormer's
- Dec 28** - The Dave Mayo's
- Dec 29** - The Phillip Masser's
- Dec 30** - The Howard Hanshew's

- Dec 1** - Holden Fuste'
- Dec 2** - David Watson
- Dec 5** - Nora Korrell, Teliah Burdette
- Dec 6** - Charles Veirtz
- Dec 7** - Nora McKenzie
- Dec 11** - Jesse Korrell
- Dec 13** - G. Wayne Hawes
- Dec 15** - Helen Blank
- Dec 16** - Foster Hanshew, Frank Korrell, Tommy Watkins
- Dec 17** - Nannie Adams
- Dec 18** - Betty Blank, Caroletta Fulmer
- Dec 25** - Harry Fulmer
- Dec 26** - Melvin Specht

December 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 George Walch	2	3 Michael Cooper Amanda Tolbard	4	5 Rodney Masser Jessica Morgan
6 Jason Morgan	7	8 Emily Oland Squires	9 Jazmyn Anders	10	11 Rosanna Kidd	12 Charles Baugher, Jr.
13	14	15 Nancy Mayo	16 Chet Blank Mark Hawes Matthew Schultz	17	18	19 Bradley Dillon Cook Kelli Summers
20 Pat Blank	21 Bailey Haines	22 Rebecca Fulmer Colin Hooper	23	24 Sandra Burdette Mary G. Fulmer	25 	26 Patsy Korrell
27 Mackenzie Creighton	28 Randy Keyser	29 Dana Blank	30	31 April Cramer		

The Edgewood Choir

will present

"There is a Bethlehem!"

A Christmas Journey of Faith

Arranged by Marty Hamby

Directed by Mary Lou Robertson

Sunday evening December 13, at 7:00 pm

Be sure to mark your calendars and invite your family and friends to this special Christmas Service. A social time with refreshments will be held in the fellowship room following the Candlelight Service.



God's Divine Promise

It happened, oh, so long ago,
One cold and starry night,
A special child named Jesus,
Great joy and understanding
And profound faith in Him -
The Savior God had promised -
To cleanse away our sin.
He changed the world forever
With messages divine,
With hope for all believers
And love for all mankind,
His words are filled with promise
Of the glory yet to be
The day we enter Heaven
And find eternity

Vi B. Chevalier



Conspiracy of Kindness

December Project:

We are adopting the Religious Coalition as our Christmas Project.

(More details in the Church bulletin)

ATTENTION: The monies collected at "Family Night" will be going to support The Religious Coalition.



Rules for Daily Life

BEGIN THE DAY WITH GOD

Kneel down to Him in prayer;
Lift up thy heart to His abode
And seek His love to share.

OPEN THE BOOK OF GOD

And read a portion there;
That it may hallow all thy thoughts,
And sweeten all thy care.

GO THROUGH THE DAY WITH GOD,

What're thy work may be;
Where're thou art— at home, abroad
He still is near to thee.

CONVERSE IN MIND WITH GOD,

Thy spirit heavenward raise;
Acknowledge every good bestowed,
And offer grateful praise.

CONCLUDE THE DAY WITH GOD,

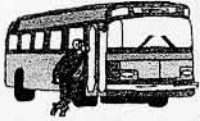
Thy sins to Him confess;
Trust in the Lord's atoning blood,
And plead His righteousness.

LIE DOWN AT NIGHT WITH GOD,

Who gives his servants sleep;
And when thou tread'st the vale of death,
He will thee guard and keep.

This & That

LETS TAKE A TRIP

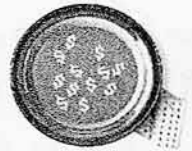


Young at Heart has planed a trip to the American Music Theatre on November 11th to see their Christmas Show. Never to early to get into the Christmas spirit. See Janice Knight if interested and the cost is \$78.

21 members of the church will be traveling to Silver Spring to hear the National Christian Choir. We always have a great time together and the 200 member choir sounds wonderful.

STEWARDSHIP OF RECYCLING AND YOU

How about saving your Campbell Soup Education Labels for us. Margaret Burdette is in charge of collecting these labels that are then sent to New Mexico where they are used by the Navajo Mission to purchase items for their school.



While you're saving—remember to collect Box Tops also. They come on Betty Crocker products, Pillsbury, General Mills cereal, Scotts Products, Zip lock Bags and many more. For a comprehensive list go to boxtops4education.com

RETREAT FOLLOW-UP



On Saturday, November 7th from 9 am -4 pm there will be a Leadership Retreat Follow-up here at the church. Dr. Earl Mills from the Chambersburg Church of God will be leading the get together. All members and their spouses from the Prayer Team, Vision Team and the Church Council are invited to participate.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW SERVICES TIMES

Pastor Joe says he is very pleased with the two services now being held at Edgewood Church of God. He would love for you to come for either the Traditional Service 10am / Contemporary Service at 11 am. The Contemporary service has a band and a Praise Team with a Coffee Café available before service. The Traditional service has organ music, a special anthem by the choir and hymns .



SOUP KITCHEN ITEMS

Grocery items are always need at the Soup Kitchen. Items can be placed in the cloak room in the vestibule at church. Thanks to all who faithful bring their items!



Thanksgiving Day Thoughts

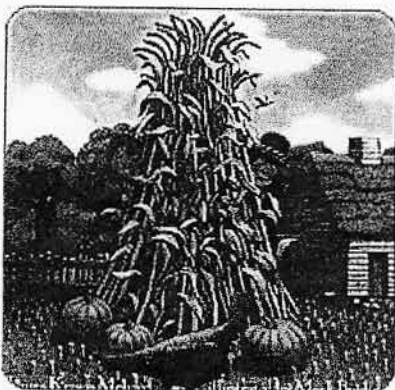
Thanksgiving is the time to feel gratitude to God for all the good things in life. It is a time to acknowledge the good deeds of fellowman and be thankful.

Thanksgiving thoughts are the kind of thoughts we should have all year long. For it is the folks with thankful hearts whose lives are filled with song. We should take the time for kindness to those we hold most dear, and just extend a helping hand to others though-out the year. Let's just set aside some quiet time and share it with a friend. For friendships brings a special joy and pleasure without end. So, may the blessings of this day that I would ask for you, now fill you with Thanksgiving Peace that lasts the whole year though!



May each of you have a
Great Thanksgiving!

- Who does not thank for little, will not thank for much. (Estonian proverb)
- "Thanksgiving Day comes, by statute, once a year", to the honest man it comes as frequently as the heart of gratitude will allow." Edward Sanford Martin
- Thanksgiving, after all is a word of action. W. J. Cameron
- Some people complain because God put thorns on roses, while others praise him for putting roses among thorns." Anonymous
- "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good..." Psalm 100:4, 5a



Without thy sunshine and Thy rain
We could not have the golden grain;
Without Thy love we'd not be fed;
We thank Thee for our daily bread.

Anonymous

Pew Talk

Have you checked out "Café Latte"?
Pastor Joe & Michelle Sheedy, Karen
Daw, Alexander Fusté, Shawn Carey
and Nancy Mayo have decorated
a corner of the Fellowship Hall
to resemble a coffee bar.
You should have seen our
Pastor Joe using that paint brush!!!!

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