



Reflecting God's Light

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We serve as a Lighthouse of God to guide people to salvation in Jesus Christ. Worship, love, encouragement, and biblical teaching are the foundation by which we prepare people to face the storms of life.

DEVOTIONS

for Spiritual Growth



Our present hope

Christian hope involves more than a sunny, cheerful attitude. It is more than a general kind of optimism. It is more than hope in hope, or faith in faith. Christian hope is tied to the goal of history and the purpose of each person's existence. It is the unshakeable confidence of the sovereignty of God and God's eventual triumph over all the forces that stand against truth, righteousness, faithfulness, love and mercy.

And in the great contest between good and evil, Christian hope declares God as winner. ... Christ is the hope not only in the world to come; he is the hope of the world right now.



—Oswald Bronson

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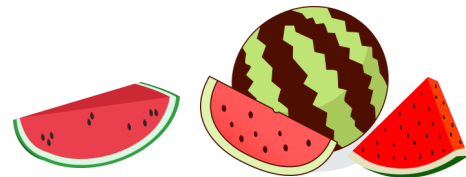
Worship SCHEDULE



Date	Service	Theme/Message
July 7	8:00 am & 10:30 am	Ordinance Service Footwashing Demonstration & The Lord's Supper Meditation: "Look How Far We've Come!" - 2 Timothy 3:1-5 Pastor George Jensen speaking
July 14	8:00 am & 10:30 am	Mission Team Commissioning Sunday Message: "Go Ahead and Get Comfy BUT Pass it Along!" - 2 Corinthians 1:1-7 Pastor George Jensen speaking
July 21	8:00 am & 10:30 am	Church Picnic Message: "Remember To Whom You Belong" - 2 Corinthians 1:21-24 Pastor George Jensen speaking
July 28	8:00 am & 10:30 am	Guest Speaker Speaker to Be Announced



**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
SUNDAYS - 9:15 AM**



WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAMS ARE TAKING A BREAK FOR THE SUMMER

Adult Bible Study, 412 Youth, Meetings and Kids' Klub are taking a break until September. Watch for news in the August edition of The Sonshine News to find out when our Wednesday Evening discipleship ministries will resume.





Why do stars appear to twinkle? Try this experiment to find out!

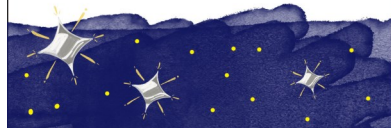
What you need:

- Aluminum foil
- Large glass bowl
- Water
- Flashlight



What you do:

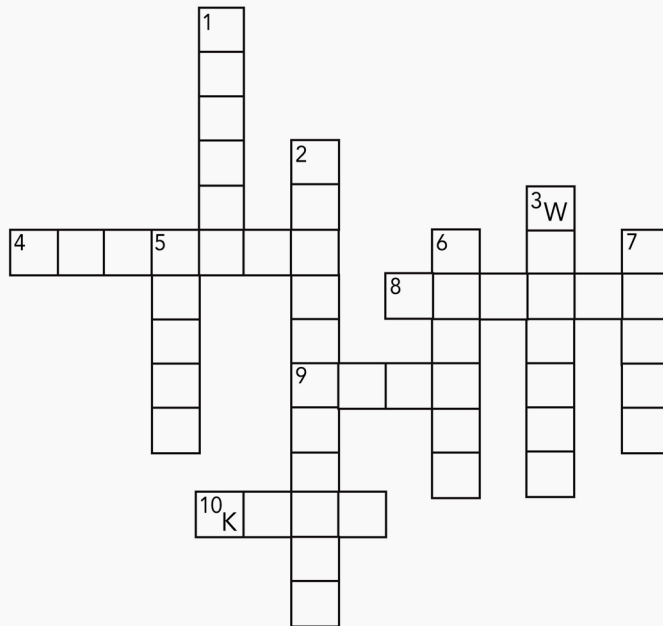
1. Crumple the foil into a ball. Carefully unfold it and lay it flat on the ground.
2. Fill the bowl with water and place it on the foil.
3. Turn off the lights and make the room as dark as possible. Shine the flashlight about 1 foot from the water's undisturbed surface. Light will reflect onto the foil.
4. Then tap your finger on the water's surface. As the water moves, what happens to the light on the foil?
5. This flickering simulates scintillation, which happens when starlight enters Earth's atmosphere. As light passes through layers of gas and water, it refracts and appears to twinkle.



THE WONDER OF STARS

The heavens display evidence of God's great power.
What else does the Bible say about the sky?

Directions: Use the clues and Bible references (all NIV) to complete the crossword.



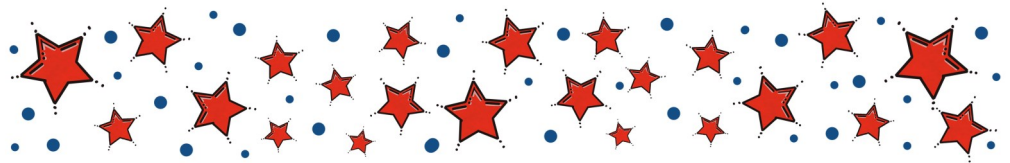
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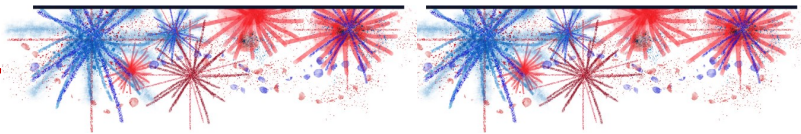
1. The sun, moon and stars do this to God. (Psalm 148:3)
2. God made these as numerous as the stars. (Genesis 26:4)
3. Don't do this to the stars and sky. (Deuteronomy 4:19)
5. What do the heavens declare? (Psalm 19:1)
6. The moon and the stars do this at night. (Psalm 136:9)
7. When we're pure, we do this like the stars. (Philippians 2:15)

ACROSS

4. The heavens are the work of these. (Psalm 8:3)
8. On what day did God create the stars? (Genesis 1:14-19)
9. God calls each star by this. (Isaiah 40:26)
10. A star announced the arrival of him. (Matthew 2:2)

Answers: DOWN: 1. praise, 2. descendants, 3. worship, 5. glory, 6. govern, 7. shine, 8. fingers, 9. name, 10. king





July 4

PRAY FOR THE NATION

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD. PSALM 33:12 (NASB)

Our nation is always in need of prayer. In good times and bad, whether at war or at peace, during seasons of overflowing abundance or great need, it's always important for us to intercede for our country.

Why? First, because our fellow citizens need to accept Jesus as their Savior. If we desire for our nation to be characterized by godly families, wise and capable leaders, and strong communities, then we need to pray our countrymen will enthrone the Lord in their homes and hearts.

Second, we need the Father's favor and protection against threats such as terrorist attacks, natural disasters, epidemics, and economic downturns. If we wish for our country to remain safe, productive, and strong, we will need God's divine provision.

So today, kneel before the Lord, seek His face, repent from your sins, and ask Him to bless the nation. Only the Lord can truly transform our country. And He has promised to do so when we ask according to His will and act in obedience to Him (2 Chronicles 7:14 NASB).

PRAYER:

Lord, today I pray for my country. May my fellow citizens accept You as Savior and may Your name be exalted across this land, amen.

In His presence . . . ask God to heal the nation.

Psalm 33:12 (NKJV) Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, The people He has chosen as His own inheritance.

2 Chronicles 7:14 (NKJV) if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

(From: Every Day in His Presence - 365 Devotions by Charles F. Stanley)



July 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



Bible Quiz

In the final poem of Psalms, what musical instrument is mentioned as a means to praise the Lord?

- A. brass
- B. percussion
- C. strings
- D. woodwinds
- E. all of the above

Answer: E (See Psalm 150:3-5)



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Redeeming 'wasted' time

In *Just Like Jesus*, Max Lucado writes that the average American spends a total of six months waiting at stoplights, eight months opening junk mail, 18 months looking for items we've lost and five years standing in line. All the while, many of us grumble: "What a waste of time! I could be doing something much more important! *Where* are my keys?"



But Lucado suggests that we give these moments to God. Rather than whispering to ourselves, we can speak to God in prayer. "Simple phrases such as 'Thank you, Father,' 'Be sovereign in this hour, O Lord,' 'You are my resting place, Jesus' can turn a commute into a pilgrimage," he writes. "You needn't leave your office or kneel in your kitchen. Just pray where you are. Let the kitchen become a cathedral or the classroom a chapel. Give God your whispering thoughts."

When we do this, "the common becomes uncommon," Lucado adds. What's more, "wasted" time becomes valuable; boring waits become meditative; the lost — your time, if not also your keys — is redeemed.

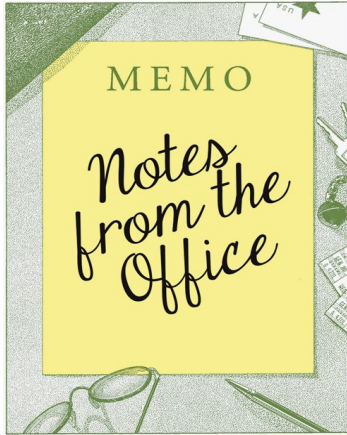
A restful faith

A seminary professor was discussing ways — besides reading — to encounter Scripture. "The idea was to 'experience' it as though we were there," recalls Stan Purdum, then a student. The professor asked students to relax in lounge chairs, close their eyes and imagine they were along the Sea of Galilee as Jesus fed the 5,000. In a soothing voice, he invited participants to smell the lake, feel the breeze on their faces, taste the bread the disciples were distributing and hear Jesus' voice. "Somewhere in that,



I got too comfortable," says Purdum. "Suddenly the exercise was over, and the professor was asking for feedback. The classmate next to me raised his hand and said, 'I was really getting into it until Simon Peter here [pointing at me], started snoring in my ear.'"

The class had a good chuckle, and Purdum gained a new perspective. "Spirituality isn't just something to understand but also something to experience. If nothing else, that day I experienced my faith as very restful!"



STAFF TIME AWAY IN JULY

- ⇒ **Pastor George Jensen**, Lead Pastor, will be on vacation **July 24-31**. During this period, if you need pastoral assistance, simply call the church office and you will be given the name and number of the Elder Contact who will help you. A guest speaker will be speaking at the 8:00 and 10:30 AM Sanctuary Worship Services on Sunday, July 28.
- ⇒ **Pastor Sandi Baney**, Director of Children and Youth Ministries, will be on vacation **July 22-28**.
- ⇒ **Jill Kilker**, Director of Children and Youth Ministries, will be away at a conference **July 14-16** and on our 412 Youth Mission Trip to the Southwest **July 20-27**.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR CHURCH?

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Enola First Church of God? If so, please be aware that all persons who have given satisfactory evidence to the leadership of this church of having been born again through faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are in agreement with The Churches of God, General Conference, Summary Statement of Faith, statements on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality, Sanctity of Human Life and Final Authority for Matters of Faith, Belief, and Conduct are eligible to apply for membership in this church.¹ To apply to become a member, please note that you must make application to the Senior [Lead] Pastor, written or verbal, and the Pastor shall present said application to the Administrative Board. If approved, the applicants must participate in a 'new members' instruction class.²

In a nutshell, all who desire to become members of the Enola First Church of God must have made a genuine profession of faith in Jesus, agree with our Statement of Faith and statements on key issues and be willing to take part in a series of membership classes.

Are you interested? Please approach Pastor Jensen verbally or by writing and he will take it from there!

¹ *The Constitution of the Enola First Church of God – Article IV, Section 1.*

² *The Constitution of the Enola First Church of God – Article IV, Section 2.*





CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: THURSDAYS, 10-3

Our Church Secretary or another designated member of the staff will be present to assist you. You are also welcome to make an appointment with staff members at mutually agreeable times to meet with them.

PLEASE NOTE: The office will be **CLOSED** on Thursday, July 4. Office hours that week will be Wednesday, July 3 from 10-3.

Please plan accordingly.

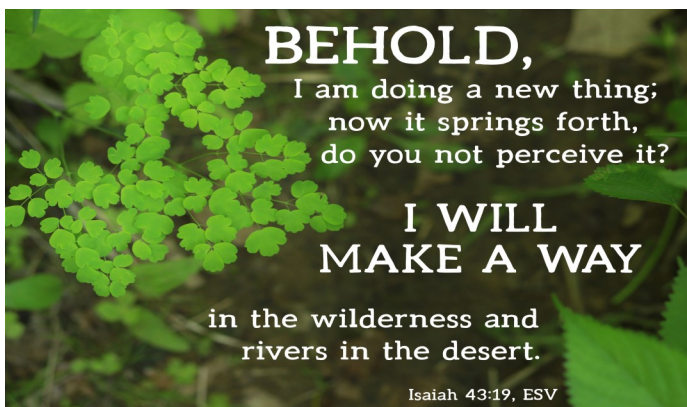
The sermon from a given Sunday will be available on the web by the following Wednesday afternoon. Visit our website at www.enolacog.com, click on the "Message." box at the top of the home page.



Help us make this YOUR newsletter! People like to see events being planned and also hear about things that have happened. Please submit any articles to Marilyn, the Church Secretary via email at mzahora@enolacog.com, **by the 15th of each month.**

ECOG is on Facebook!

Go onto Enola First Church of God's Facebook page and let the world know that you "like" it! By the way, if you're not on Facebook, you can still check out the church's page.





Have you read your Bible lately? Yes? No?

Are you sure how to study your Bible? Yes? No? Maybe?????

Coming to Wednesday evenings this FALL.....

LEARN HOW TO ***STUDY*** THE BIBLE. (why) Proverbs 2:1-6 tells us why – “My child, listen to what I say, and treasure my commands. ²Tune your ears to wisdom and concentrate on understanding. ³Cry out for insight and ask for understanding. ⁴Search for them as you would for silver; seek them like hidden treasures. ⁵Then you will understand what it means to fear the LORD, and you will gain knowledge of God. ⁶For the LORD grants wisdom! From his mouth come knowledge and understanding.”

More information to come in August’s newsletter.



Men’s Ministry Breakfast

Our next meeting will be:

Saturday, July 6

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Fellowship Hall

For more information, contact Dan Marrow.



ORDINANCE SERVICE

JULY 7

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Please plan to attend as we partake of the Lord’s Supper. There will also be a Feet-washing demonstration at both services.

Enola First Church of God Will Host “GOOD NEWS DAY CAMP”

Every summer, Child Evangelism Fellowship of Cumberland County sponsors “Good News Day Camps” at various locations throughout the county. This year, as we have in several past years, our church will host one of these camps. It will be held July 8-12 from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Good News Day Camp is a ministry designed to introduce the Gospel of Jesus Christ to children who have completed kindergarten up through sixth grade. This is an excellent opportunity to reach children with the good news of Jesus. Spread the word to unsaved friends and co-workers. Registration brochures are available at ECOG. Check out the FAQ (frequently asked questions) listed below.

What? Good News Day Camp

Where? Enola First Church of God

When? July 8-12 from 9:30am-3:00pm

Who can come? Girls and boys, who have completed kindergarten through those who have completed sixth grade.

How much? \$20.00 per child



Support New Hope Ministries and Celebrate Christmas in July!



New Hope Ministries has asked us to focus on gifts for TEENS.

Beginning June 30, please take one or more stars ornaments from the tree at the church. Purchase the item with a teen focus. Attach the ornament to the gift. (Please do not wrap the gift.) Place the gift in the bins provided upstairs and downstairs at the church. Thank you so much for your support.

Please contact Julia Imboden (717-798-5207) or juliarose.imboden@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Children's Ministry Pool Party

Saturday, July 13th from 12 pm-4 pm


All children and Children's Ministry volunteers are invited to the Jensens' house for a pizza lunch and pool party! We hope to see you there!



Please RSVP to Miss Jill by July 7th (717-497-0896) or sign-up at Sign-Up Central.

Next screening: **JULY 28**

Blood Pressure Screenings are typically held on the last Sunday of each month in the Upper Room immediately after the 8 am service and at 10:15 am. If any health care professionals or students are interested in helping, please see or contact Pat Watson at pwatson4@verizon.net.



BLOOD PRESSURE

National Night Out

at Adam's Ricci Park

August 6, 2024, 6-8pm



The East Pennsboro Police Department is hosting "National Night Out" August 6, 2024 at Adams Ricci Park in Enola from 6-8pm. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. Come to National Night Out to meet our local first-responders, sample free food, gather "trinkets" and favors from various community organizations and catch up with other folks in the community. Remember, this event is FREE! ECOG's Lifesavers (Evangelism) Team will have an outreach booth at this year's National Night Out. So, come on out to National Night Out for a great time and pray for the Lifesavers Team as they use this opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus at the outreach booth.

CHURCH picnic

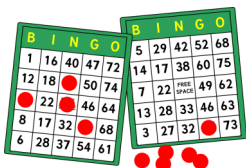


July 21, 2024

11:45 am

(after the late worship service)

Come join us for a time of food, fun, and fellowship. We will have our worship services at the normal times (8:00 am and 10:30 am) but no Sunday School. At 11:45 am, we will have our all-church picnic. As we have done in the past, everyone is invited to dress casually at the services and the picnic to avoid the hassle of going back home to change outfits between events. There will be a waterslide, games and bingo. Bring a table game to play after lunch if you wish. Hamburgers, hotdogs and sausages will be provided by the church. Each family is asked to bring a dish to share. A sign up sheet will be available soon at "Sign-Up Central" in the Living Room where you can select a food item that you would like to bring. We'll see you at the picnic!



COFFEE HOUSE

Friday, July 26 at 7:00 PM

Featuring:

Floyd Foster

<https://floydfosterfehr.com>

Join us in Fellowship Hall for Christian entertainment in an informal atmosphere! Refreshments will be served. A Freewill Offering will be received.

Bring a friend and your favorite dessert or food item to share.

For a schedule of upcoming Coffee Houses throughout 2024, check our website at www.enolacog.com/coffee-house.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
2024**

“Hey!, Hey!, Hey!”...

Sadly, Jungle Jam VBS is over so it's time to give an update & thank all of you... A HUGE thank you to EVERYONE who helped this year, which includes the following: those of you who moved furniture, tables and chairs; those who ironed on all those decals (Becky Sherman); those who took food items to New Hope (Jeff & Julia); those who worked Registration; to my Nurse, who comforted all those “little ones”; to my “Mc’s”; to those who were Crew Leaders & Site Leaders; to Pastor Jensen who stepped into help ALL week; to my A/V Tech, who made it all sound great; to my photographer, who captured ALL the memories of the week--We made an Awesome team! And ESPECIALLY to the 35 Travelers (kids) who attended nightly! The Lord blessed us with Strength, Patience, Grace, Protection & mostly good weather all week. There was 1 profession of faith (Hooray!); please keep her in your prayers. We collected 280 food items for New Hope Ministries & raised \$900.00 for Mercy Ships – hospital ships with an international faith-based mission to bring hope and healing to the world's forgotten poor (www.mercyships.org). Great job All, for a successful epic River cruise!!!! Until next year!!!! Dawn

ADULT FELLOWSHIP CAMP

Doubling Gap Center, Newville PA

Monday through Friday
August 12 - 16, 2024

The theme is - ROOTED

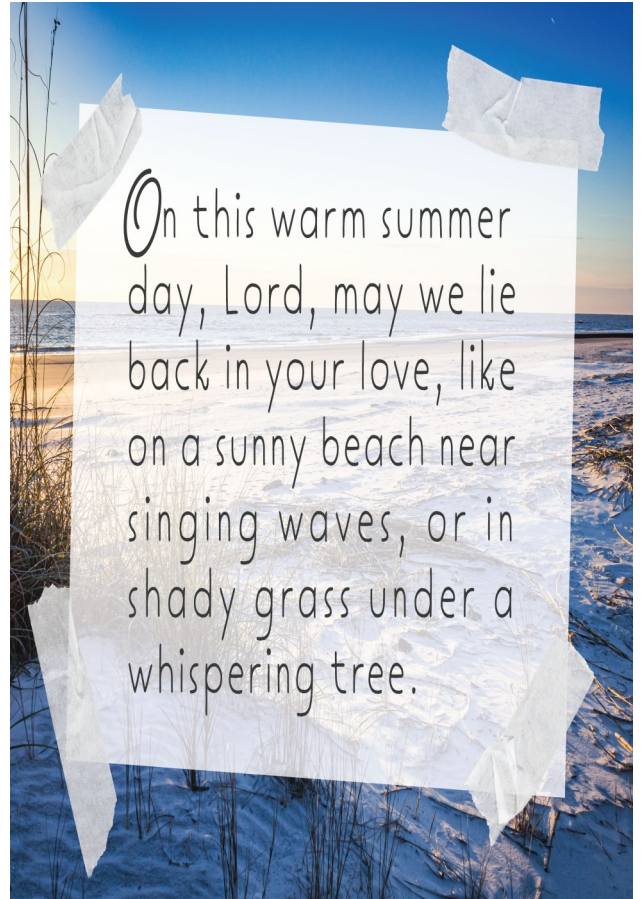
Colossians 2:6-7

6As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, 7rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

Cost - \$174.00

(Discounted prices for RVs & Part Time Campers. Call 717-512-4560 or 717-433-2150 for details.)

Registration Forms are on the Camp Bulletin Board in the Lower Level of the church or you may register online at campyolijwa.org.



Mark Your Calendar!

Ladies ERC Fall Retreat

"Stepping Out With Jesus"

September 20-22, 2024

Kay Dekalb Smith, Featured Speaker

Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him. Colossians 2:6

at Camp YoliJwa, Doubling Gap Center, 1550 Doubling Gap Rd. Newville, PA



~ Sanctuary Flowers ~



Plenty of dates are left in 2024 to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone on a given Sunday! Please **sign up on the chart located on the wall in the Living Room (near the elevator)**. The cost is **\$35.50 per vase**. Your payment can then be put in an envelope and dropped in an offering box. The Secretary will order flowers for the Sunday indicated. You are welcome to take them home after that Sunday's services.

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICES WILL PAUSE FOR THE SUMMER



Sunday evening Prayer Services will take a break over the summer. Watch for news in the August edition of The Sonshine News for an update regarding ECOG's prayer ministries.

Meals Ministry Available

The Lamplighters are pleased to offer a Meals Ministry. Thanks to all of our volunteers who make this possible! We appreciate your willingness to help our church members in need! If you would like to volunteer, please sign up at "Sign-Up Central".



If you are ill, recovering from a surgery or debilitating illness, or other challenging circumstance, please contact the church office at 717-732-4253 to request this service. We will reach out and schedule your meal delivery. This will likely be every other day for a set period of time. If you are ill with a contagious condition like Covid or Flu, we will need to leave food in a safe manner at the door. **A request form can be downloaded from our website at enolacog.com/meals-ministry**. For more detailed information, please contact Pat Watson at 717-979-0219 (text or call) or email pwatson4@verizon.net.

OFFERING PLATES

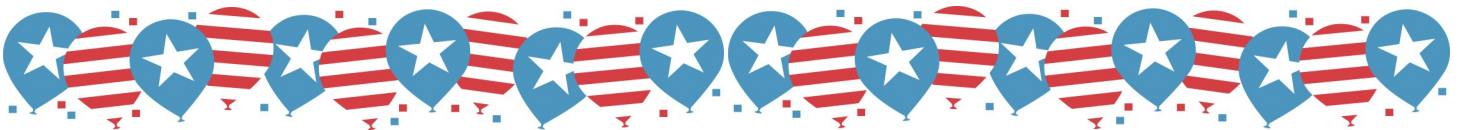
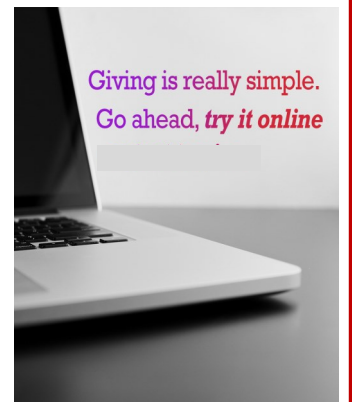
Please be aware that those of you who place money in the offering plates at the back of the sanctuary during the Sunday school hour will need to either place it in one of the metal wall boxes in the entry way (upstairs and downstairs) or hold it until the greeters arrive for the 10:30 service. The offering plates will be turned upside down to remind you to place it in one of the metal wall boxes. The greeters will turn the plates over to receive offering. Thank you!



Online Tithing is Available

More and more of our members are using online bill paying these days instead of traditional check writing. To support this trend, our Stewards team made possible the availability of tithing using an Internet application or a mobile device via Vanco.

Information and instructions about online giving has been posted to our Enola COG website. Questions on online tithing can be directed to our Treasurer, Amy Kreiger. Thank you.



WEEKLY OFFERINGS SUMMARY

DATE	OFFERING	BUILDING FUND
05-26-24	\$5,897.00	\$115.00
06-02-24	\$5,388.50	\$275.00
06-09-24	\$5,106.00	\$30.00
06-16-24	\$3,348.00	\$10.00
06-23-24	\$4,691.69	\$32.00



General Fund Status		
	May 2024	Year to Date
Income	\$29,362.00	\$134,222.00
Expenses	\$28,961.00	\$137,155.00



CAMP YOLIJWA UPDATE

July 2024

4th Grade CAMP

July 28-August 1
Campers entering 4th grade
This 4-night program continues the progression for our young campers to experience all YoliJwa has to offer!



MOTHER DAUGHTER CAMP!

MOTHER/DAUGHTER
Join us for this special camp designed for girls in grades K-2 to come with their mother or a significant woman in their life and enjoy a glimpse of a week of Camp! Dates are August 4-5



3rd Grade CAMP

August 2-4
Campers entering 3rd grade
Don't miss this great weekend opportunity for 1st-time campers!



ADULT FELLOWSHIP

ADULT FELLOWSHIP CAMP
August 12-16
Age 50 and older
Are you 50+ and miss your days as a summer camper! Come to Adult Fellowship Camp! Great program and GREAT ACTIVITIES. Don't miss out!



7th Grade WILDERNESS

Spend a week in the great outdoors! This program is the first opportunity to spend a week in our cabins and introduces many of the wilderness camp basics!



Phone: (717) 776-5281 www.campyolijwa.org

For more information or a brochure, visit our Camp YoliJwa Bulletin Board located in the Fellowship Hall in the Lower Level of the Church.



412 YOUTH NEWS

The 412 Youth is a vibrant, active group that meets each **Wednesday evening from 7-8 pm**, September through May. We also meet throughout the year for various activities and exciting events!
Bring your friends!



UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

Saturday, June 29: (Fellowship Hall)

1-3 pm--Boot Camp Training (Mandatory for all of those participating in the mission trip)

3 pm--Mission Trip Parents' Meeting (Mandatory for the team member and at least one parent)

Sunday, July 14: Commissioning of the Mission Team at the 10:30 service

July 20-27, 2024 — Youth Mission Trip to Hooghan Nizhoni, NM.

Sunday, August 4 — Mission Trip Recap Services and Reunion Lunch (All mission team members in the area must arrive by 7:45 a.m., as we will present at both the 8 a.m. and the 10:30 a.m. services.)

Saturday, August 17 — **412 Youth Pool Party**—All youth are invited to meet at the church at 12 p.m. on Saturday, August 17th for a pizza lunch in the fellowship hall. After lunch, we will head over to the Jensens' for an afternoon of swimming. We will return to the church for pick-up at 4:15 p.m. Permission slips are required.



All youth and parents are encouraged to see one of the Youth Service Team members if you have questions. They are: Joe & Jill Kilker, Sherrie Kauffman, Elizabeth Dreibelbis and Diana Bridges.

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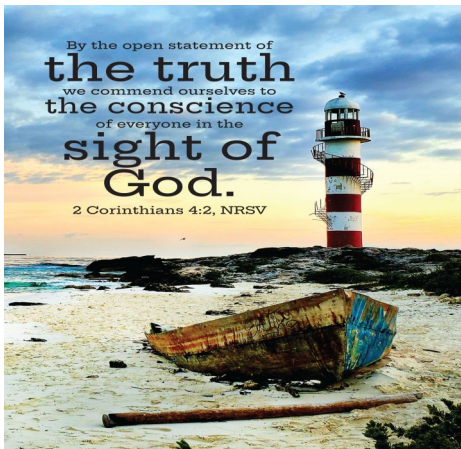
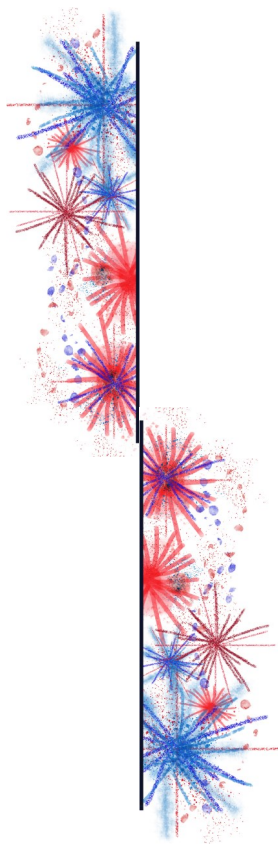
Birthdays and Anniversaries

JULY Birthdays

- 12 Owen Mostoller
- 14 Jill Freeman
- 14 Greg Lackey
- 14 Kevin Little
- 16 Diana Bridges
- 24 Brandon Kline
- 25 Jason Kline
- 25 Donny Wiers

JULY Anniversaries

- 4 Bill & Linda Mortensen
- 11 Joe & Jill Kilker
- 23 Mark & Stacie Ensminger



NOTE:
 If you have any birthdays or anniversaries that we may have missed or if your birthday or anniversary is incorrect, please notify Marilyn Zahora at 717-732-4253 or via e-mail at mzahora@enolacog.com.

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