

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.



Following Christ

To have faith in Christ means, of course, trying to do all that he says. There would be no sense in saying you trusted a person if you would not take his advice. Thus, if you have really handed yourself over to [Christ], it must follow that you are trying to obey him.



But trying in a new way, a less worried way. Not doing these things in order to be saved, but because he has begun to save you already. Not hoping to get to heaven as a reward for your actions, but inevitably wanting to act in a certain way because a first faint gleam of heaven is already inside you.

—C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

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	Sunday
1.	Worship Services

1	Date	Service	Theme/Message	
1	Aug. 4	8:00 am &	412 Youth Mission Trip Presentation	
)		10:30 am	Messages, Testimonies and Mission Trip Recap by 412 Youth	
,	Aug. 11	8:00 am &	Guest Speaker	
		10:30 am	Pastor Harry Madison speaking	
7	Aug. 18	ug. 18 8:00 am & The Commander's Order		
		10:30 am	A First Look at the Great Commandment	
			"Love God" - Mark 12:28-34 Pastor George Jensen speaking	
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Aug 25 8:00 am & The Commander's Order 10:30 am A Second Look at the Great Commandment "Love People" - Mark 12:28-34 Pastor George Jensen speaking		The Commander's Order		
		10:30 am		
			Pastor George Jensen speaking	







SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES SUNDAYS - 9:15 AM



WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAMS WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

Adult Bible Study, 412 Youth Meetings, and Kids' Klub will resume Wednesdays early in **September at 7:00 pm**. The Adult Bible Study will be facilitated by Dan Marrow (see page 7). Come out Wednesday evenings this Fall and be blessed!





You don't have to visit the beach to make a sandcastle. Make fluffy "moon sand" to build fun structures.

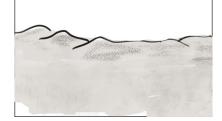
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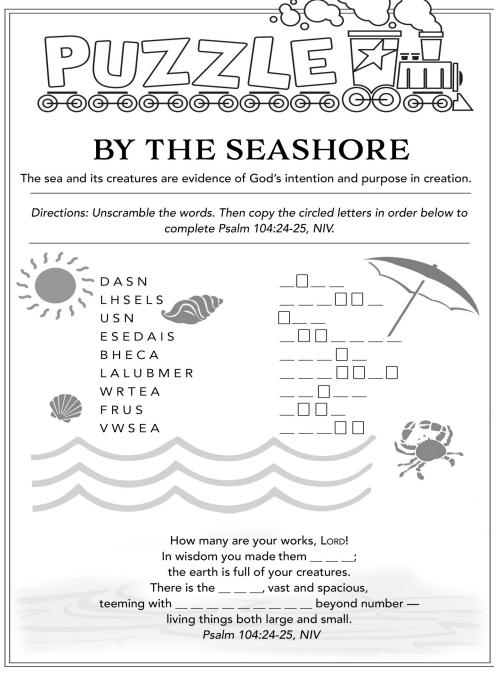
- Large bowl
- Wooden spoon
- 8 cups flour
- 1 cup baby oil



What you do:

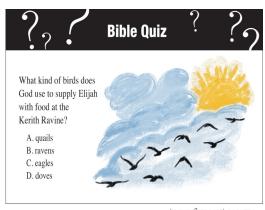
- Measure flour into the large bowl.
 Add baby oil.
- Mix thoroughly until all the oil is combined and the texture is consistent. If needed, use your hands to knead the mixture.
- The sand is ready when it sticks together to form a ball when pressed in your hands.
- Use sand toys and molds to create a sandcastle. Store sand in an airtight container for up to two weeks.





Answers: sand, shells, sun, seaside, beach, umbrella, water, surf, waves; all, sea, creatures







THE COMMANDER'S ORDER

In August, Pastor Jensen will be presenting a two-week mini-series of messages entitled, "The Commander's Order." This series is based on Mark 12:28-24 which has been referred to as "The Great Commandment" (it is also found in Matthew 22:36-40). These messages will be presented at the 8:00 and 10:30 AM Worship Services on August 18 and August 25. If you want to know what our Commander (the Lord Jesus) has deemed to be the most important priorities for us as His followers, join us in August to find out!

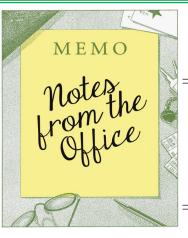
The sermon from a given Sunday will be available on the web by the following Wednesday afternoon. Visit our website at www.enolacog.com, click on the "Message." box at the top of the home page.





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.



STAFF TIME AWAY IN AUGUST

- ⇒ Pastor George Jensen, Lead Pastor, is on vacation August 7-12. 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. Pastor Harry Madison will be speaking at the 8:00 and 10:30 AM Sanctuary Worship Services on Sunday, August 11.
- ⇒ Jill Kilker, Director of Children and Youth Ministries, will be on vacation August 5-11. Please plan accordingly.



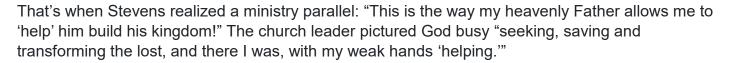
Help us make this YOUR newsletter! People like to see events being planned and also hear about things that have happened. Please submit any articles to Marilyn, the Church Secretary via email at mzahora@enolacog.com, by the 15th of each month.



Co-Laborors with Christ

Rusty Stevens, a ministry leader in Virginia, described trying to finish mowing the lawn before dinnertime. His 6-year-old son darted in front of him and grabbed the mower handle. But when Stevens stopped pushing, the mower soon stopped.

The busy dad fought the urge to tell his son to get out of his way and instead offered to help. Stevens began pushing again, leaning over and walking awkwardly to accommodate his eager assistant. Although the mowing commenced, it was slow-going and not as efficient as the solo effort.



Although God surely can tackle all the work of ministry and evangelism alone, he "chooses to stoop gracefully to allow me to co-labor with him," said Stevens. What a blessing and privilege that God lets us work alongside him!

Where we live

[Christians] do not live in themselves but in Christ and their neighbor, or else they are not Christian. They live in Christ through faith and in the neighbor through love. Through faith they are caught up beyond themselves into God; likewise, through love they fall down beneath themselves into the neighbor — remaining nevertheless always in God and God's love.

—Martin Luther, The Freedom of a Christian

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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.







Men's Ministry Breakfast

Our next meeting will be:

Saturday, August 3 8:00 am - 9:00 am Fellowship Hall

For more information, contact Dan Marrow.

National Night Out at Adam's Ricci Park

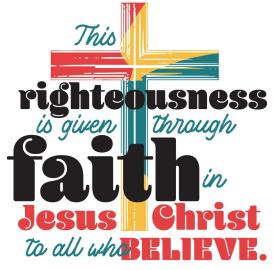
August 6, 2024, 6-8pm



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.







ROMANS 3:22. NIV



ADULT WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

resumes in early September at 7 pm (Start date TBD)

Leader: Dan Marrow

I can remember being in a Bible Study, answering questions designed by some famous theologian, and wondering, where did he/she come up with this question and, how did they expect us to understand it? That dynamic created a frustration that triggered thoughts of, "Do I really want to continue getting anxious doing something that is supposed to help me find peace". I remember having a strong desire to know more about the Bible and how to research topics that interests me.

It is essential for every Christian to know how to study the Bible to find and understand more and more about God and His plan for the world He created, and how each of us fits into his plan. One should be able to dig into God's Word to gather and gain all the riches the Bible contains. I often combine two of my favorite verses that motivates me to grab a cognitive shovel and dig into the Word of God: Ps 119:105- Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path... and 1 Peter 1:13a – "Prepare your mind for action...".

Starting this Fall in Wednesday Night Adult Bible study, we will learn the tools and resources for study that will assist us to gain increasing knowledge of our Lord and Savior, which will enhance our relationship with Him and increase our faith.

So, come join us for the Wednesday Night Bible Study beginning this fall.



First Day of School for the East Pennsboro School District is August 21. Please drive safely and obey all bus and school zone laws. Thank you!



Free Coffee House

Friday, August 23 7:00 PM



The entertainment will be

Michael Welch

ridgeviewproductions.com

Join us in Fellowship Hall.
Coffee, tea, and other cold
beverages will be provided.
Bring a friend and your favorite
snack or food item to share!

A Freewill Offering will be received.

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



SEPTEMBER 8 10:30 am

We encourage you to come! Your financial and prayer support of this life-changing ministry is much appreciated. New Life for Girls is currently in the middle of a big building project. Come hear about it!

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. 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.



LOOKING AHEAD: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Enola First Church of God is participating in Back to Church Sunday on Sunday, September 8. See the "Who, What, When, Where and Why" of Back to Church Sunday below.

WHO: Everyone – Especially those who call Enola First Church of God their home church.

WHAT: Enola First Church of God invites those who have "gotten out of the groove" church-wise and the "DONE with Church" crowd to rediscover their church family on Back to Church Sunday.

WHEN: September 8th - 8:00 and 10:30 am. Also, please plan to join us for lunch at 11:45 am at our Meet 'n Mingle Luncheon. Meet and greet and enjoy a delicious lunch!

WHERE: 9 Sherwood Drive, Enola, PA 17025

WHY: Some folks have gotten out of the habit of coming to church. If that describes you, this year's Back to Church Sunday is for you! We would be delighted to see you for Worship, Sunday School, or lunch (or all three!) and say, "Welcome back!"

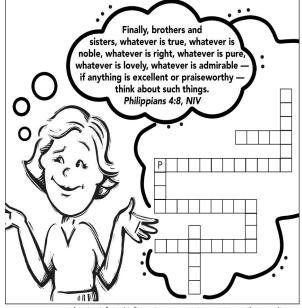




Match each word in Column 1 to its synonym in Column 2.

Then use the words from Column 2 to complete the boxes below.

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2
correct	excellent
commendable	lovely
extremely good	noble
having high moral principles	admirable
deserving respect	pure
pleasant	praiseworth
real	true
wholesome	right



Maich Answers: correct - right, commendable - praiseworthy, extremely good - excellent, having high moral principles noble, deserving respect - admirable, pleasant - lovely, real - true, wholesome - pure; Horizonals Answers (top to bottom): noble, praiseworthy, excellent, admirable; Vertical Answers (left to right); pure, right, true, lovely









Prayer, Fasting and Casting a Vision - UPDATE

by Pastor Jensen

The Administrative Board and the Vision Task Force continue to work together to dialogue about where God may be leading our congregation. The leadership identified these areas as initiatives that God may be calling us to pursue. These include 1) remodeling and expanding the Kitchen, 2) enhancing security measures during public events and 3) implementing some sort of alternative education program such as a Christian Micro-school for parents who are looking for options beyond the public school system.

At its regular meeting on July 9, the Administrative Board took action to move forward with a feasibility study that will look at possible changes to the Upper Level including "freshening up" the Lobby and Living Room, moving the Church Office to the current Chapel and updating The Upper Room as a small counseling/pastoral care meeting room. The funds to pay for this study will be taken from the Building Fund.

Please continue to be in prayer asking God to guide us so that we will go forward according to His will and purpose. Pray that He will open and shut doors accordingly.



ERC MISSIONS UPDATE

The Spring Missions Rally offering generated almost \$4,500 to complete the sum needed for its purchase. Below are pictures of the new Cataract (Phaco) machine and the staff.



Our Fall Rally will be September 15th at New Cumberland First Church of God.

More information about the rally and our offering goal(s) will be available in August. Please mark your calendars!



PRAYER CHAIN



Prayer Chain call? Who to contact and how the process works . . .

As fellow believers, we have the incredible opportunity to pray for each other. When you take your concerns to the Lord but also want your church family to join you in prayer, you simply need to contact Amy Kreiger to start the process of more prayer. Amy first sends an email (how the majority of the prayer chain is reached) which is also received by Liz Swope who then contacts those that prefer a phone call. You may reach Amy via email at akreiger@enolacog.com, call her home at 717-728-4522, or text her at 717-329-1646. She will send the email as soon as she can, which may be later that day or the next day, depending on when you send the request. If there is an emergency or time sensitive request, please send her a text message.

If you're reading this notice and didn't realize we had a prayer chain and would like to be part of the praying community, please contact Amy Kreiger at one of the above options about being added to the list.

Thank you for sharing your burdens, concerns, and praises with your church family. We can support and care for each other through the amazing power of prayer!







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In May and June, ECOG partnered with Morning Star Pregnancy Services in Harrisburg by hosting a "Baby Bottle Blessing."

We contributed \$1,584.54 through the baby bottle blessings. Thank you for supporting this very worthwhile ministry that is striving to create a culture of life.

SEPTEMBER IS ALMOST HERE!

WILL BE STARTING A BRAND NEW SERIES

INTIMACY WITH GOD

STARTING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24



You've known the love of a parent, the closeness of a friend, or the intimacy of a spouse. But is it possible to experience an even deeper relationship with someone you've never seen?

In this revision of a classic bestseller, Cynthia Heald shows you how to turn the Bible's most expressive book ----Psalms----into an intimate place to meet with God one on one. You'll discover the keys to becoming more honest and vulnerable before God as you witness the psalmists' struggles and triumphs. And you'll make fresh personal observations with the help of the quotes from classic Christian authors and thinkers. INTIMACY WITH GOD will help you say along with David, "O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you."

All ladies are invited to attend Tuesday Mornings at 10:00AM in the Lower Level Fellowship Hall.

Any questions? Feel free to contact Kay Liddick.

Email: denkaylid@msn.com

or

Text or call 717-732-5064



ADULT FELLOWSHIP CAMP

Doubling Gap Center, Newville, PA

Mo nday through Friday August 12-16, 2024



Cost—\$174.00

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

Adult Fellowship Camp is open to everyo ne 50 and o Ider. Pastor Larry and Luella Hale are your hosts for an excit ing, fun-filled week of ac t ivit ies, praise and worship, Bible Study, crafts, games, good food and great fellowship.

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.

Registrat io n forms are o n th e camp bullet in board in th e lower level of th e church or visit www.campyo lijwa.org.



~ 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.

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SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICES WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

We have taken a break from Sunday evening Prayer Services over the summer. Prayer Services will resume Sunday, September 8 at 7:00 PM. Feel free to join us in the Chapel or on Zoom. The Zoom link will be provided on www.enolacog.com and our Church Facebook page. We hope you will join us for fervent, effectual prayer Sunday evenings this Fall as we pray for revival, the mission and vision of our church and other prayer concerns.

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.



Next screening: AUGUST 25

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.

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
06-23-24	\$4,691.69	\$32.00
06-30-24	\$3,764.00	\$61.00
07-07-24	\$8,261.00	\$872.00
07-14-24	\$10,866.00	\$87.00
07-21-24	\$2,708.00	\$339.00



General Fund Status		
June 2024		Year to Date
Income	\$23,293.00	\$157,515.00
Expenses	\$24,774.00	\$161,929.00

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CAMP YOLIJWA UPDATE August 2024

CHECK US OUT!

www.campyolijwa.org

- Check out upcoming events!
- Contact the Camp for information.
- Check out photos from the summer!
- See church promotion & videos!





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! New dates and NEW ACTIVITIES.

FISHING DERBY



GONE FISHIN'S

October 6th Ages 5-15

Come enjoy this DGC event and an afternoon of trout fishing in

Lake Henrietta. At least one chaperone per child is required. Registrations will be available in August.





Sept. 27-29

Attention adults! Join YoliJwa's offsite bike trek. Plan to bike between 25-30 miles each day, tent camp and enjoy lots of fellowship. For more information and a registration form, contact the Camp.



ERC Women's Retreat

Doubling Gap Center September 20-22



Come for a time of spiritual refreshment and friendship! Contact your church's Women's Ministries representative for details.

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!





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.





- 1 Bobby Williams Reagan Zarcone
- 3 Roger Coover
- 8 Sherry Ensminger Judy Zarker
- 13 Bill Mortensen
- 14 Jesse Gates
- 19 Cindy Mostoller
- 20 Kelly Zarcone
- 21 Daisy Kramer
- 22 George Jensen Joe Kilker
- 26 Lois Knaby
- 30 Kathy Liddick



- 8 David & Maxine Rudy
- 14 Randy & Pat Watson
- 15 Jim & Dawne Leonard
- 22 Don & Joyce Edmiston
- 26 Don & Dawn Bowersox

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.

Thank you!

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