



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.

The SonShine News

Enola First Church of God

DEVOTIONS for Spiritual Growth



The Incarnation

At the center of Christmas is Jesus, both fully God and fully man. "In Bethlehem, humility and glory in their extremes were joined," wrote pastor R.G. Lee (1886-1978). When Jesus came to earth, Lee explained, he descended:

- from the heights of glory to the depths of shame,
- from the wonders of heaven to the wickedness of earth,
- from exaltation to humiliation,
- from the throne to the tree,
- from dignity to debasement,
- from worship to wrath,
- from the halls of heaven to the nails of earth,
- from the coronation to the curse,
- from the glory place to the gory place!

"Born in a stable! Cradled in a cattle trough! Wrapped in swaddling clothes of poverty!" Lee wrote. "No room for him who made all rooms! [No] place for him who made and knows all places! Oh, deep humiliation of the Creator — born of the creature, woman! But in his descent was the dawn of mercy. Because we cannot ascend to him, he descends to us."



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DECEMBER

Worship SCHEDULE



Date	Service	Theme/Message
Dec. 1	8:00 am & 10:30 am	First Sunday in Advent: "The Word Made Flesh" - Part 1 "The Bread of Life" - Exodus 16:1-17, Colossians 3:15-17, John 6:27-35 Pastor George Jensen speaking
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Dec. 15	8:00 am & 10:30 am	Third Sunday in Advent 8:00 AM - Message by Pastor Jensen 10:30 AM - The Children's Christmas Program
Dec. 22	8:00 am & 10:30 am	Fourth Sunday in Advent: "The Word Made Flesh" - Part 3 "The Light of the World" - Exodus 13:21-22, 2 Corinthians 4:5-7, Matthew 5:14-16 Pastor George Jensen speaking
Dec. 29	8:00 am & 10:30 am	First Sunday after Christmas: "The Word Made Flesh" - Part 4 "Crowned with Glory" - Psalm 97:1-12, Philippians 2:5-11, John 1:14-18 Pastor Bradley Moore speaking

Sunday School



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



WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

7:00 PM

(NO MEETINGS ON 12/25 OR 1/1)

WHAT?	WHO?	WHERE?
Adult Bible Study	"Tools and Resources to assist in Bible Study" - Led by Pastor Dan Marrow	Chapel and Facebook Live
The Sonshine Crew	Adults with Intellectual Disabilities	Sanctuary
412 Youth	Youth - Grades 7-12	Room #3
Kids' Klub	A children's ministry with separate groups for PreK & Early Elementary (age 3-Gr. 2) and Older Elementary (Gr. 3-6)	Fellowship Hall



wonderful counselor
Everlasting Father
Prince of Peace
Mighty God

Prophecy Tree

Make this Christmas craft to display special names for Jesus.

What you need:

- Large wooden craft stick
- Small green wooden craft sticks
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Bible
- Permanent marker
- Craft glue
- Optional: star stickers or craft jewels

What you do:

1. Place the large stick on a table vertically, like a tree trunk.
2. Cut the green sticks into pieces that measure 4", 3½", 3" and 2½".
3. On each green stick, write a name for Jesus from Isaiah 9:6 — Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Write small or ask an adult for help.)
4. Use a dot of glue to attach each green stick to the large stick, like tree branches.
5. Decorate your Christmas tree with stickers or jewels.



CLUES ABOUT CHRISTMAS

The Old Testament contains many details about Jesus' birth. Can you uncover what Isaiah prophesied?

Directions: Use the code to write the letters and complete Isaiah 9:6-7, NIV.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
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For to us a _____ is _____, to us a _____
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And he will be called Wonderful _____,
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_____ God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the
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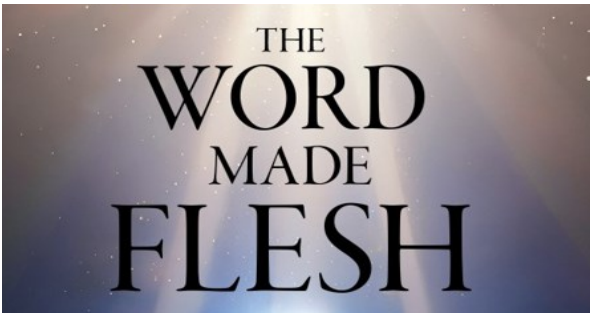
He will reign on David's _____ and over his _____,
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establishing and upholding it with _____ and righteousness
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from that time on and _____ . *Isaiah 9:6-7, NIV*
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Answers: child, born, son, given, throne, kingdom, justice, forever, end, throne, kingdom, justice, forever, end, throne, kingdom, justice, forever





“The Word Made Flesh” Advent and Christmas Season 2024

In this worship series for Advent and Christmas, we are reminded that Jesus came to us in the flesh and revealed his divine nature to us in physical substances we experience on earth. The Scripture-based theme for the entire series is “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14).

Sunday, December 1, 2024 – 8:00 & 10:30 AM

“The Bread of Life” – Exodus 16:1-17, Colossians 3:15-17, John 6:27-35: Jesus is born in Bethlehem, the House of Bread, to nourish and strengthen us in our faith and feed us with his Word of truth to fill our lives.

Sunday, December 8, 2024 – 8:00 & 10:30 AM

“The Rock of Ages” – Isaiah 51:1-3, 1 Corinthians 10:1-14, Matthew 7:24-26: Jesus is our rock, a solid foundation on which to build a life of joy.

Sunday, December 22, 2024 – 8:00 & 10:30 AM

“The Light of the World” – Exodus 13:21-22, 2 Corinthians 4:5-7, Matthew 5:14-16: Jesus brightens our lives through his birth, dispelling the darkness of sin to bring forgiveness to light.

Tuesday, December 24, 2024 – 7:00 PM

“Born in a Manger” – Isaiah 9:6-7, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:1-20: We celebrate and ponder the humble birth of Jesus as he rests in a manger bed of straw though he is the Son of God.

Sunday, December 29, 2024 – 8:00 & 10:30 AM

“Crowned with Glory” – Psalm 97:1-12, Philippians 2:5-11, John 1:14-18: We rejoice that the little Lord Jesus, asleep in the hay, is our King of Kings forevermore.



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

The Office will be closed on December 26. Office hours that week will be **10-3 on Friday, December 27.**
Have a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!



DEVOTIONS

for Spiritual Growth

(Continued from page 1.)



Look Upon Love

Let us then meditate upon the Nativity just as we see it happening in our own babies. I would not have you contemplate the deity of Christ, the majesty of Christ, but rather his flesh. Look upon the baby Jesus. Divinity may terrify people. Inexpressible majesty will crush them. That is why God took on our human flesh and blood, that God should not terrify us but rather that with love and favor God would console and comfort us.

—Martin Luther

A Lamplighter Devotion: **GOD IS WITH YOU**

“They shall call His name Immanuel,” which translated means, “God with us.” [MATTHEW 1:23](#) (NASB1995)

This Christmas, consider this amazing truth: the indescribably awesome, infinite Lord of all that exists took on a form like yours and walked the earth so He could know what it is like to be you ([Hebrews 2:17](#)).

Consider the love He exhibited on your behalf as He “emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and . . . humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross” ([Philippians 2:7–8](#)). Not only that, but He gave you His own Holy Spirit to counsel and comfort you in every situation you ever encounter.

Friend, you are never, ever alone or helpless. God Himself is with you. Regardless of where you are or what you experience, you are absolutely assured of His wonderful and loving presence.

This is the amazing gift of joy that the Savior gives you—He unfailingly accompanies, empowers, equips, and encourages you through every moment and circumstance of life. So keep your heart set on Him and rejoice in the great gift He’s given you!

PRAYER: Jesus, thank You for being with me regardless of what I face. What a gift You are. To You be all the glory, honor, and praise! Amen.

In His presence . . . rejoice that He’s with you.

[Matthew 1:18–25](#) (NKJV1982) Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. ²⁰ But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. ²¹ And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.” ²² So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: ²³ “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.” ²⁴ Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, ²⁵ and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

[Hebrews 2:14–18](#) (NKJV1982) Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. ¹⁶ For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

[Philippians 2:5–11](#) (NKJV1982) Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. ⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

**ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

DECEMBER 1, 2024



The Annual Congregational Meeting of the Enola First Church of God will take place on Sunday, December 1, 2024 at 11:45 AM in accordance with the constitution of the Enola First Church of God. The Board President will preside over the meeting in the Sanctuary as is custom. All covenant members of the Enola First Church of God are eligible to vote and encouraged to attend. The Annual Reports, a Sample Ballot and the 2025 Proposed Budget are available in hard copy form on a table in the Living Room. The meeting agenda will include approving the minutes from last year's meeting, the approval of the 2025 Budget, the election of deacons, deaconesses and Conference delegates, the affirmation of elders, and other matters that may warrant action.



It's time to order poinsettias. The poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary for morning services on December 22 and may be taken home on December 24 after the Christmas Eve Service at 7 pm. If you cannot attend Christmas Eve, you may take them home after one of the morning worship services on December 22.

Each poinsettia comes in a 6" pot and costs \$7.00. If you would like to place a poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone special to you, please complete the order form placed in your mailbox and place it, along with the proper amount of money, in an envelope. Envelopes are located in the back of the pews. Extra order forms are on the table in the Living Room.

Deadline for ordering is Wednesday, December 4th.

ADULT WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 7 pm

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...".

Come learn the tools and resources for study that will assist you to gain increasing knowledge of our Lord and Savior, which will enhance your relationship with Him and increase your faith.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

INTIMACY WITH GOD

TUESDAYS AT 10:00AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL



We will not be meeting on December 24 or December 31. Have a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year! We will resume meeting on January 7.

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

THANK YOU, BONNIE AND SHERRIE!



A BIG
Thanks!

Dedication. Devotion. Commitment. These are words that reflect the hearts of Bonnie Young and Sherrie Kauffman in their 20+ years of serving as the church's financial secretaries. Every week (typically Monday) they would give their time and energy to meet at the church, pray over the offerings and their care of them, count the monies from Sunday, and take it to two credit unions. Rarely a week was missed by either of them (and probably never both of them at the same time) due to their commitment to the Lord and the church. They are finally hanging up their calculators, as a new crew of financial secretaries move into position in January. Bonnie and Sherrie served quietly but with complete dedication. The Administrative Board offers their deepest thanks and a heartfelt "well done" to these two wonderful women. Please join the Board in thanking them for their service to us all. We appreciate all that you have done, Bonnie and Sherrie!

Administrative Board President, Barry Miller—Thank you!

Every month for 8 years, Barry Miller has served as the Board President and faithfully led the Administrative Board in their meetings. He probably missed no more than 5 meetings in all that time. He has led and served well. He has been a Deacon (assisting with decision making regarding the Deacon's Fund as well as other tasks) even longer than he has served as President. However, as President he has had the difficult decision of making "the call" on snowy winter Sunday mornings, receiving numerous emails and phone calls with questions only the Board President can answer, and preparing each month to manage and lead a meeting. Sometimes a phone call right after the meeting was necessary, and his evening would stretch a little longer. Barry joyfully and willingly served, and the Administrative Board appreciates his dedication and time spent serving well. He will finish his time of service at the December Board meeting. Thank you, Barry, for being an excellent President. It is time for you to take the meeting off your calendar and find something else to do the second Tuesday of each month! Thank you, Sir!!



Men's Ministry Breakfast

Our next meeting will be:

Saturday, December 7

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Fellowship Hall

For more information, contact Dan Marrow.

Parents . . . Do you need a break to Christmas shop, wrap presents, decorate, go out to lunch, or even take a nap?

children . . . do you want to learn about the nativity, have story time, enjoy snacks, play games, make a craft, and celebrate Christmas with your church friends?



We have just the thing for both parents and children!

Parents' Day Out / Children's Ministry Christmas Party

Who: All children, Age 3 yrs. old through 6th grade

When: Saturday, December 7th, 10 am—2 pm

Where: In the Fellowship Hall

*****Sign up at "Sign-Up Central" by December 1st. For more information, contact our Director of Children & Youth Ministries, Jill Kilker at 717-497-0896.**





Prayer, Fasting and Casting a Vision - UPDATE

by Pastor Jensen

As a reminder, 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.

As I reported in November, the Administrative Board tasked one of its members to work on #2 above. He has taken information provided to the Board from the Lamplighters Team and is drafting a security plan proposal.

At its November meeting, the Administrative Board approved the names of six people to serve on the Microschool Sub Task Force. The Task Force will tentatively have its first meeting in December. Modified facilities plans from Noelker and Hull Associates, the architectural firm with whom we are consulting, should be ready soon for presentation. Both the Sub Task Force and the presentation of the plans fall under the purview of #3 above.

As you can see, this update is brief, and I wouldn't be surprised if next month's is brief as well. The holidays tend to slow down works that are in progress. Nonetheless, 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.

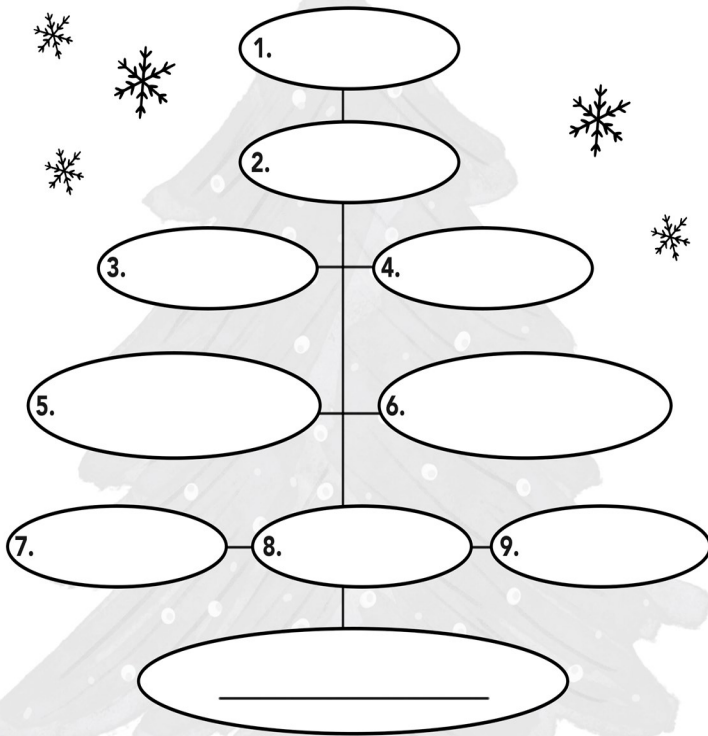


Please check your family mailbox for your "Advent Letter". If you are a regular attender and don't have a mailbox, the letter was mailed to your home. Our Christmas Offering this year will support two causes: First, we are supporting Samaritan's Purse who continue to provide for those who have lost so much in the recent hurricanes. Secondly, we are supporting the restoration costs of the World War II Memorial at the Enola American Legion.

Note: Extra giving envelopes, as well as extra letters, can be found on the table in the Living Room.

Puzzle!

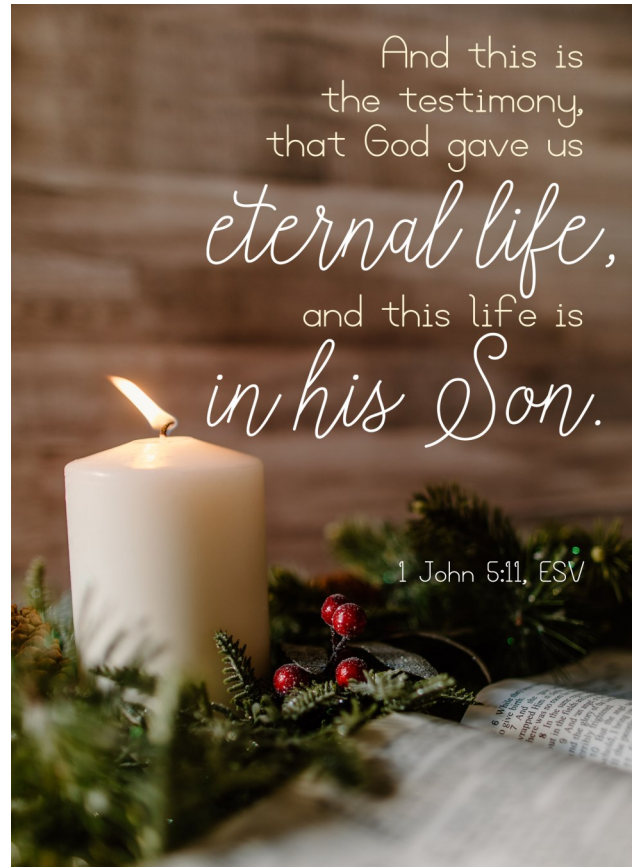
Write the answer to each clue in the correct circle.
Then jot down the first letter of each answer and unscramble those letters to form a word about this season. Write that answer at the bottom of the tree.



CLUES

1. You trim this at Christmas.
2. One who governs
3. The first word of a popular carol, it means "Listen!"
4. You burn this to make the air sweet.
5. "For unto us is born this day a _____ ..."
6. She was betrothed to Joseph.
7. Shepherds heard them sing.
8. A Christmas song
9. 'Tis the _____ to be jolly!"

Answers: 1. tree, 2. ruler, 3. hark, 4. incense, 5. Savior, 6. Mary, 7. angels, 8. carol, 9. season; Christmas



Bible Quiz

Who was governor of Syria when Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem for a mandated registration, or census?

- A. Theophilus
- B. Herod Antipas
- C. Pontius Pilate
- D. Quirinius

Answer: D (See Luke 2:1-7)

PRAYER CHAIN

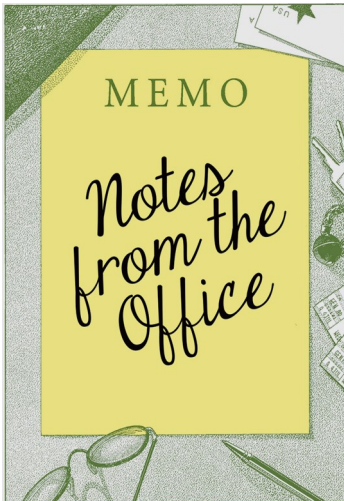
Prayer Chain call? Who to contact and how the process works . . .

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.

STAFF TIME AWAY IN DECEMBER

Please plan accordingly.



- ⇒ **Sandi Baney**, Director of Discipleship Ministries, will be on vacation from **November 25 through December 9**.
- ⇒ **Marilyn Zahora**, Secretary, will be on vacation **December 3-10**. The church office will be staffed by other staff members on Thursday, December 5
- ⇒ **Amy Kreiger**, Administrative Assistant, will be on vacation **December 23-24**. During this period, please direct all prayer requests for ECOG's Prayer Chain to Pastor George Jensen.
- ⇒ **George Jensen**, Lead Pastor, will be on vacation **December 28-January 1**. Please contact the Elders if you have a pastoral need during this time. Pastor Bradley Moore will speak at the 8:00 and 10:30 AM Worship Services on December 29.

Share
THE
joy
OF
Christmas





**UPCOMING
CHURCH-WIDE ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS
EVENTS AND SERVICES**

DATE	TIME & EVENT
Sunday, December 1	First Sunday in Advent Worship Services 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM: The Word Made Flesh “The Bread of Life” - Exodus 16:1-17, Colossians 3:15-17, John 6:27-35 Pastor George Jensen, speaking
Sunday, December 8	Second Sunday in Advent Worship Services 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM: The Word Made Flesh “The Rock of Ages”_- Isaiah 51:1-3, 1 Corinthians 10:1-14, Matthew 7:24-26 Pastor George Jensen, speaking 11:45 AM – Meet ‘n Mingle Brunch
Sunday, December 15	Third Sunday in Advent Worship Services 8:00 AM – Message by Pastor Jensen 10:30 AM – The Children’s Christmas Program
Sunday, December 22	Fourth Sunday in Advent Worship Services 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM: The Word Made Flesh “The Light of the World” - Exodus 13:21-22, 2 Corinthians 4:5-7, Matthew 5:14-16 Pastor George Jensen, speaking
Tuesday, December 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service 7:00 PM: The Word Made Flesh “Born in a Manger” - Isaiah 9:6-7, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:1-20 Pastor George Jensen, speaking
Sunday, December 29	First Sunday after Christmas Worship Services 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM: <i>The Light of Grace</i> “Crowned with Glory” - Psalm 97:1-12, Philippians 2:5-11, John 1:14-18 Pastor Brad Moore, speaking





Meet & Mingle
LUNCHEON



Join us on
December 8
immediately following the late
worship service at
11:45 AM
for a
Meet & Mingle Luncheon

Barbecue & drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share (casserole, salad, dessert, etc.). *Remember to put your name on your dish to ensure it's return.*



CHILDREN'S

CHRISTMAS



PROGRAM

DECEMBER 15

10:30 AM

Children's Christmas Program
"Joy Story"

Join us for this special service!



S.I.S.T.E.R.S. IN CHRIST

WHEN: *Monday, December 16*

TIME: **5:00 PM**

WHERE: *Cracker Barrel, Mechanicsburg*

WHO: *All Women and young ladies' grades 7-12*

This month, we will meet for dinner at:

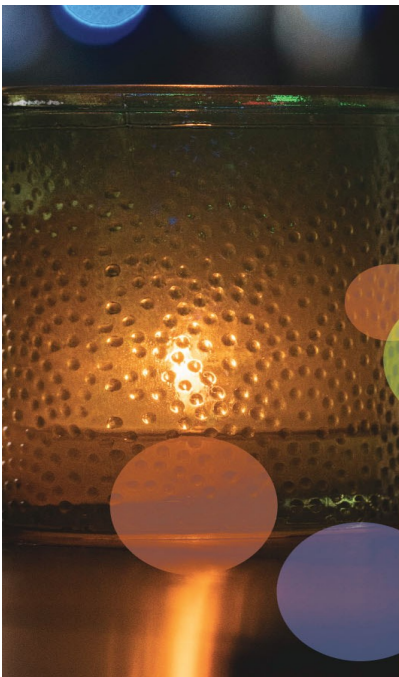
Cracker Barrel
395 Cumberland Pkwy.
Mechanicsburg



Newsletter Deadline



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.**



“A LIGHT-FILLED CHRISTMAS”

Women’s Christmas event at Doubling Gap Center

Thursday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m.

For those who previously signed up. The cost is \$18. If you signed up but haven't paid yet, a check made payable to Enola First Church of God can be given to Amy Kreiger. Please remember to bring an item for the Carlisle Salvation Army (*deodorant, body wash, shampoo, or conditioner*).

Children's Christmas Tree



The children of Enola First Church of God have made Christian Symbol Christmas ornaments called Chrismons and will place them on the Children's Christmas tree in the living room outside the sanctuary. Chrismons are a type of Christmas tree decoration found in many churches using symbols that represent biblical concepts that are recognized by believers.

The Christian symbols on the tree include the crown, a symbol for the kingship of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords (1 Timothy 6:15), the five pointed Epiphany star, which represents the star that guided the Magi to Jesus; the dove, the symbol for the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:10); the fish, a secret sign used by early Christians to designate themselves as believers in Jesus; the lamb, a symbol that Jesus was the Lamb of God and also that He is the Shepherd and we are His flock; and the cross, a symbol of Christ's sacrifice for our sins, bringing forgiveness and salvation.

All of the children hope you enjoy their tree of Chrismons made to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Happy Birthday Jesus!

Sanctuary Flowers

The following dates are still open to place flowers in the Sanctuary in 2024: **December 8, December 15, and December 29.**

The new 2025 flower chart will be available soon!

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.

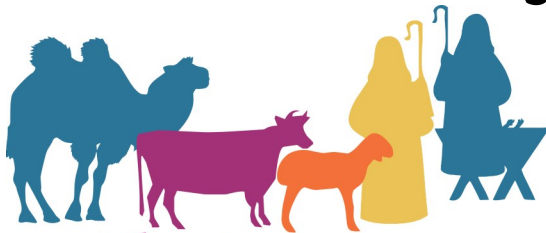




Christmas Eve – December 24 @ 7:00 PM

Please join us at Enola First Church of God for our Christmas Eve Service on Tuesday, December 24 @ 7:00 PM. Following our Advent and Christmas theme, “The Word Made Flesh,” the pastor’s meditation will be “Born in a Manger.” There will be carols, special music, Scriptures, and our traditional service of candle lighting. Everyone is welcome!

Children’s Ministry



Christmas Rehearsals

December 7th/2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Mandatory Children's Musical Rehearsal

We will meet in the Sanctuary at 2 p.m. to run through the show. All involved must attend.

Parents can pick up their children upstairs at 4 p.m. (Those children attending both the Parents' Day Out and the Rehearsal can just stay from 10-4.)

December 14th, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Mandatory Children's Musical Dress Rehearsal

We will meet at 1 p.m. In the sanctuary for this mandatory dress rehearsal.

December 15

Children’s Christmas Program

All participants should meet in the Upper Room at 9 a.m. to run through the musical during the Sunday School hour. We will perform at the 10:30 a.m. church service. Invite your friends and family!

SNOW & INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS WINTER 2024-2025



Below is a list of information sources to find out if a service or church event is cancelled due to snow or inclement weather. Please note: Every effort will be made to announce Sunday morning cancellations by 6:00 am.

TELEVISION – CBS-21

INTERNET - www.enolacog.com, www.abc27.com, www.local21news.com.

TELEPHONE – 732-4253 (listen for a message)

FACEBOOK – ECOG Enola First Church of God Facebook page

*Note: In rare instances, a Sunday-morning cancellation may occur after 6:00 am. **You may sign up at “Sign Up Central” to be notified of post-6:00 AM cancellations by telephone.** Even if you signed up for post-6:00 AM phone calls in a previous year, you must do so again for the 2024-2025 winter season. Please be aware that such phone calls will only be made for post-6:00 AM Sunday morning cancellations. Phone calls will NOT be issued for Sunday morning cancellations occurring before 6:00 AM.*

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.



Thank You!

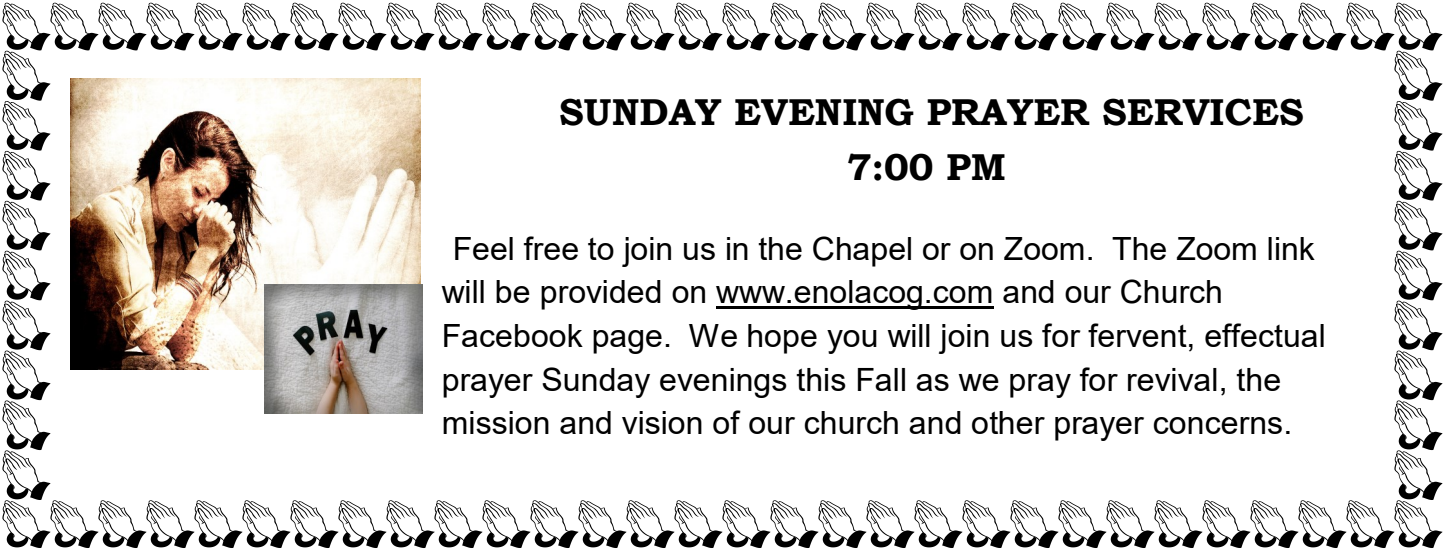
Thank you to our generous donors who have been helping supply personal care items to “New Hope Ministries! The need is still great for these items! This can include any of the following items for example: Wipes, diapers, toilet paper, shampoo, soap, lotions, conditioner, female sanitary products, toothpaste, tooth brushes, dental floss, hand soap and hand sanitizer, baby products, shaving cream and razors, deodorant, brushes and combs, mouth wash, first aid items, Q-tips, scissors, tweezers, and nail clippers. Drop off any items at the lower entrance in the shopping cart or upstairs in the living room cart! Thank you again for your generosity!



Coffee House

will Return in 2025

There will be no Coffee House in December. However, Coffee House will return in 2025! Check our website or the January issue of "The Sonshine News" for updates.



SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICES

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.



BLOOD PRESSURE

**Next screening:
DEC. 29**

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.



*Giving is really simple.
Go ahead, try it online*

WEEKLY OFFERINGS SUMMARY

DATE	OFFERING	BUILDING FUND
10-27-24	\$2,866.00	\$55.00
11-03-24	\$10,948.00	\$107.00
11-10-24	\$7,758.83	\$207.00
11-17-24	\$4,031.17	\$15.00



General Fund Status		
	October 2024	Year to Date
Income	\$28,015.00	\$261,611.00
Expenses	\$31,360.00	\$286,329.00



Camp YoliJwa Update

December 2024

WINTER RETREATS

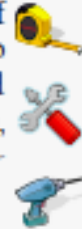


Now is the time to sign up for YoliJwa's December retreats. Weekends available for grades 3-12. Dates are as follows:

<u>Retreat</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Jr. Blast	3-5	Dec. 6-8
Jr. Hi. Breakaway	6-8	Dec. 13-15
Sr. Hi. Bash	9-12	Dec. 20-21

DAY WORKERS

Looking to help the Camp during the off-season? Weekday volunteers needed to help with various projects around Camp. If you are interested & available, contact Camp at (717) 776-5281 or director@campyolijwa.org. Bring a friend!

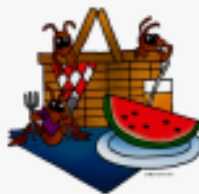


CAMP LEADERS WORKSHOP



Are you part of a 'Core Staff' group for one of our YoliJwa Camps? If so, mark **January 25** on your calendar for this year's Camp Leaders' Workshop. Contact your camp director for more info!

WINTER PICNIC



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Sunday, February 2 ♦ 3-7 p.m.
 Games ♦ Open gym ♦ Winter sports
 Bring a side dish or dessert to share at the supper. Meat & drink provided by the Camp. Join in the spirit by dressing for the winter theme. Stay tuned for theme details or contact the camp! (717)-776-5281

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

We are excited to offer a retreat opportunity for anyone post high school to 30 years old! Participants will enjoy times of worship, Bible study, breakout sessions, fellowship, and more! We'll see you February 14-16!



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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:

Friday, December 27, 2024, 7- 11:15 pm—Pizza Party/Rock-N-Roll Bowl--We will meet at the church at 7 pm for a pizza party. We will then head to Trindle Bowl for Rock-N-Roll Bowl from 9-11 pm. We will return to the church for pick-up at 11:15 pm. The cost is \$10/youth with the YST covering the rest. Please invite your friends but sign up in the youth room or with Miss Jill by December 26th. *Permission slips are required.*

January 31-February 2, 2025—Youth Retreat at Sandy Cove--We will meet at the church at 4 pm on Friday, January 31. Cost of \$100 is due by December 4th. *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, and Diana Bridges.



DECEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 1 Charlye Ingram
- 2 Violet Bollinger
- 6 Betty Meik
- 7 Deb Dodson
- 8 Debbie Filler
- 9 Amy Kreiger
- 14 Deb Miller
- 16 Andy McConnell
- 20 Tammy Brown
Dane Whitaker
- 27 Jan Madden
- 31 Linda Duck

- 31 Don & Linda Morgan
- 31 Nate & Lauren Cook

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@enolacoq.com.
 Thank you!

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