



# 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



### Humble beginnings

True Christian religion does not begin at the highest as all other religions do, but at the lowest. Therefore whenever you are concerned to think and act about your salvation, you must put away all speculations about the Majesty, all thoughts of works, traditions and philosophy — indeed, of the Law of God itself.

And you must run directly to the manger and the mother's womb, embrace this Infant and Virgin's Child in your arms, and look at Him — born, being nursed, growing up, going about in human society, teaching, dying, rising again, ascending above all the heavens, and having authority over all things.

—Martin Luther, *Commentary on Galatians*

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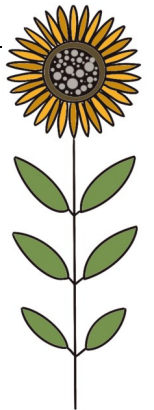
# Worship SCHEDULE



**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**



Date	Service	Theme/Message
Oct. 6	8:00 am & 10:30 am	<b>World-Wide Communion Sunday</b> Meditation: "Lots and Lots of Fellowship!" - 1 John 1:1-10 <i>We will celebrate the Ordinances of Footwashing and the Lord's Supper</i> Pastor George Jensen speaking
Oct. 13	8:00 am & 10:30 am	<b>Amos: A Wake-Up Call From God</b> <b>The Reason for Judgment Against God's People, Israel (ch. 3-4)</b> - They Sinned but Should Have Known Better "There is Absolutely NO Excuse" - Amos 3:1-15 Pastor George Jensen speaking
Oct. 20	8:00 am & 10:30 am	<b>Guest Speaker</b> Message by Pastor Harry Madison
Oct. 27	8:00 am & 10:30 am	<b>Amos: A Wake-Up Call From God</b> <b>The Reason for Judgment Against God's People, Israel (ch. 3-4)</b> - Women Oppressed the Poor and Needy "Cows' Who Were Bullies" - Amos 4:1-3 Pastor George Jensen speaking



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

**WEDNESDAY Night**

**Activities 7:00 PM**



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



Make this craft as a helpful reminder of Jesus' free gift of grace.



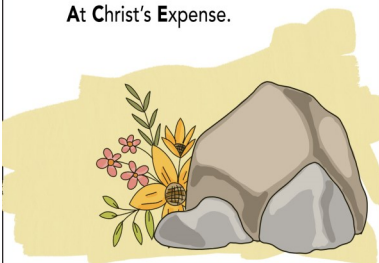
**What you need:**

- Small cardboard box
- Small stones
- Tape
- Wrapping paper and bow
- Permanent marker

**What you do:**

1. Fill the box with small stones to weigh it down. Tape the box securely closed.
2. Wrap the box and add a bow on top.
3. With marker, write a capital letter on each side of the box and the bottom to spell GRACE.
4. Use this as a decoration or paperweight, or give as a gift.
5. Explain GRACE to someone.

For help, use Ephesians 2:8-9 and the acrostic **God's Riches At Christ's Expense**.



## SAVED BY GRACE

Leaders of the early church discussed whether newly converted Gentiles must keep the Law of Moses. How did Peter answer?

*Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks below to complete Acts 15:11, NIV.*



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\_\_\_\_\_." Acts 15:11, NIV



Answer: "No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are." Acts 15:11, NIV



thank  
 you.  
**GOD**



## AMOS: A WAKE-UP CALL FROM GOD

This Fall, Pastor Jensen is presenting a Sunday morning message series at the 8:00 and 10:30 AM Worship Services based on the Book of Amos that will extend into the new year. The book of Amos is relevant to our world today. It offers prophetic warnings against the practices of idolatry, greed and oppression. Amos addresses God's enemies, but he really zeroes in on speaking to God's people, Israel. In our world today, God's enemies and His people, especially His people, need to "wake up" and repent of the wickedness that God abhors and embrace justice and righteousness which are the foundation of His throne. This is the essence of Amos's wake-up call from God. Below is an outline containing the general and specific themes in the book of Amos that we will continue to cover along with message titles and Scripture references.

### Ch. 1-2 – The Calls for Judgment Upon All Peoples

*Calls for Judgment Against God's Enemies*

"I've Had Enough of You People!" – Amos 1:1-2:3

*Calls for Judgment Against God's People, Judah and Israel*

"I've Had Enough of My People!" – Amos 2:4-16

### Ch. 3-4 – The Reason for Judgment Against God's People, Israel

*They Sinned but Should Have Known Better*

"There is Absolutely NO Excuse" – Amos 3:1-15

*Women Oppressed the Poor and Needy*

"Cows' Who Were Bullies" – Amos 4:1-3

*They Practiced a Hollow, Hypocritical Faith*

"Hollow Followers" – Amos 4:4-5

*They Persisted in Evil Despite Being Punished*

"Lesson Learned? No, Lesson Spurned" – Amos 4:6-13

### Ch. 5-6 – The Calls for Israel to Repent (Ch. 5-6)

*Seek the LORD and Live*

"Seek God and Live" – Amos 5:1-12

*Seek Good, Not Evil, and Live*

"Seek the Good and Live" – Amos 5:13-20

*Lose the Hollow Worship and Idolatry and Seek Justice*

"Two Poisons to Purge and One Virtue to Value" – Amos 5:22-26

*Do Not Be at Ease and Arrogant While Sinning*

"That's Not a Good Place to Get Comfy" – Amos 6:1-14

### Ch. 7 – The Calls by the Prophet Himself

*Amos Calls on God to Show Mercy to His People*

"A Request to the LORD for Mercy" – Amos 7:1-9

*Amos Defends Himself Against an Accuser*

"A Rebuke to a Loser for Misleading" – Amos 7:10-17

### Ch. 8-9 – The Nature of the Coming Judgment on Israel

*The Current Conditions Will Come to an End*

"The Status Quo Has to Go" – Amos 8:1-4

*God Will Not Forget the Sins His People Committed*

"You Won't Get Away With it!" – Amos 8:4-10

*God's Word Will Be Absent*

"Not. One. Word." – Amos 8:11-14

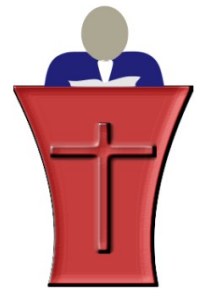
*Devastation and Destruction Will Come*

"What a Mess!" – Amos 9:1-10

### Ch. 9 – The Call for the Restoration of Israel

*God Will Restore His People, Israel*

"In the End, God's Gonna Bless!" – Amos 9:11-15



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

## DEVOTIONS

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### The mess of mercy

The reformer Martin Luther once dreamed that he saw Jesus approaching his door. Luther panicked, seeing that his home was an absolute disaster inside. “How am I going to let the Lord of Life, Jesus Christ, come into a mess like this?” he wondered.

Luther raced to clean up, but the mess only increased. As Jesus knocked, Luther was resigned. “Come on in, if you think you can come into a place like this,” he told Jesus ... only to turn around and see that everything was now in order. All Luther had to do was let Jesus enter.

“Mercy is always a messy business,” writes pastor Daniel Emery Price at 1517.org. That’s true of the Reformation, just as it was when Jesus cleared moneychangers out of the temple. “There will always be those who condemn the mercy because of the mess,” notes Price. “Reformation is always about clearing the path to God’s radical grace.”

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### Rivers of living water

John 7:38 - Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’<sup>1</sup>

A river touches places of which its source knows nothing, and Jesus says if we have received of His fulness, however small the visible measure of our lives, out of us will flow the rivers that will bless to the uttermost parts of the earth. We have nothing to do with the outflow—“This is the work of God that ye *believe*....” God rarely allows a soul to see how great a blessing he is.

A river is victoriously persistent, it overcomes all barriers. For a while it goes steadily on its course, then it comes to an obstacle and for a while it is baulked, but it soon makes a pathway round the obstacle. Or a river will drop out of sight for miles, and presently emerge again broader and grander than ever. You can see God using some lives, but into your life an obstacle has come and you do not seem to be of any use. Keep paying attention to the Source, and God will either take you round the obstacle or remove it. The river of the Spirit of God overcomes all obstacles. Never get your eyes on the obstacle or on the difficulty. The obstacle is a matter of indifference to the river which will flow steadily through you if you remember to keep right at the Source. Never allow anything to come between yourself and Jesus Christ, no emotion, or experience; nothing must keep you from the one great sovereign Source.

Think of the healing and far-flung rivers nursing themselves in our souls! God has been opening up marvelous truths to our minds, and every point He has opened up is an indication of the wider power of the river He will flow through us. If you believe in Jesus, you will find that God has nourished in you mighty torrents of blessing for others.

~ Oswald Chambers

<sup>1</sup> [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#) (Jn 7:38). (2016). Crossway Bibles.



## 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

IS BEGINNING A BRAND NEW SERIES

### INTIMACY WITH GOD

**TUESDAYS AT 10:00AM**  
**FELLOWSHIP HALL**



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**

Any questions?

Please contact Kay Liddick at [denkaylid@msn.com](mailto:denkaylid@msn.com) or 717-732-5064.



## Men's Ministry Breakfast

Our next meeting will be:  
**Saturday, October 5**  
**8:00 am - 9:00 am**  
**Fellowship Hall**

*For more information, contact Dan Marrow.*

### 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.



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

- WHO:** All Ladies in 7th grade and older are welcome
- WHAT:** Bible study and a light breakfast
- WHERE:** In Room #4 of the Fellowship Hall
- WHEN:** Saturday, October 19, 2024, at 9:00 am

Starting the month of October, we are about to embark on a journey of discovery. We will be starting a six-session, video-based study, based on Rick Warren's infamous book, "Purpose Driven Life!" We will discover the answer to life's most fundamental question, "What on Earth Are We Here For?" You were created by God and for God, and until we understand this, life will never make sense. It is only in God that we will discover our origin, our identity, our meaning, our purpose, our significance, and our destiny. Our first lesson is titled "You Matter to God".

So, if you are interested in discovering what you are here on earth for, please join us for a Bible study and a light breakfast, which includes coffee, muffins, and yogurt with fresh fruit. Please sign up at "Sign-up Central", and if you have any questions, please contact Crystal Hammond at 717-557-1842.



## 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.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>

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.

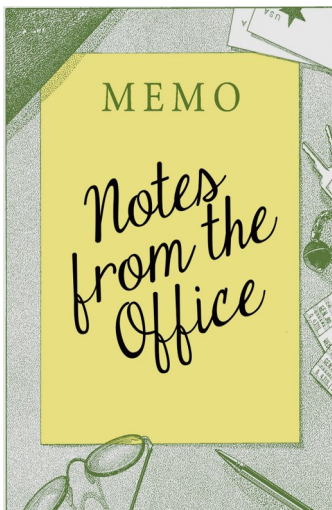
Are you interested? Please approach Pastor Jensen verbally or by writing and he will take it from there!

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

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

## STAFF TIME AWAY IN OCTOBER

Please plan accordingly.




- ⇒ **Jill Kilker**, Director of Children & Youth Ministries, will be on Vacation **September 25 thru October 2.**
- ⇒ **Amy Kreiger**, Administrative Assistant, will be on Vacation **September 26 thru October 2** and again **October 14-16.** During these periods, please direct all prayer requests for ECOG's Prayer Chain to Pastor George Jensen.
- ⇒ **Marilyn Zahora**, Secretary, will be out of town **October 4-8.** During this time period, please direct office-related questions towards another staff member. Marilyn will still be staffing the office every Thursday in October.
- ⇒ **Pastor Jensen**, Lead Pastor, will be on Vacation **October 18-22.** If there is a pastoral need during this time, contact an Elder. Pastor Harry Madison will be speaking at services on Sunday, October 20.



**Bible Quiz**

When Jesus asks a Samaritan woman for a drink, at which site related to the ancient Israelites is he resting?

A. the edge of the Jordan River  
 B. beside the Red Sea  
 C. Jacob's well  
 D. the Pool of Bethsaida



Answer: C (See John 4:6.)

**FAITH** is the bird that feels the **LIGHT** and sings when the dawn is still **dark**.

-Rabindranath Tagore

## “The Sonshine Crew” is Now Meeting Wednesday Evenings This Fall!

In the Fall of 2022, ECOG launched the “Ice Breakers” – a Sunday School class for adults with intellectual disabilities. This has been a very successful ministry. The Navigators (Discipleship) Team gave its blessing to begin a Wednesday Evening ministry for adults with intellectual disabilities. This group has been meeting since September 4. Just as the Sunday School class chose to adopt the name, “Ice Breakers” (their goal is to “break the ice” and make people feel welcome), the Wednesday Evening ministry has adopted the name, “The Sonshine Crew.” The ministry consists of a fine “crew” of folks who want to shine for Jesus. The Sonshine Crew will meet this Fall from 7 to 8pm in the Sanctuary during Wednesday Evening Family Night. Do you know of an adult with intellectual disabilities who would benefit from a Wednesday evening ministry group? If so, tell them about The Sonshine Crew!

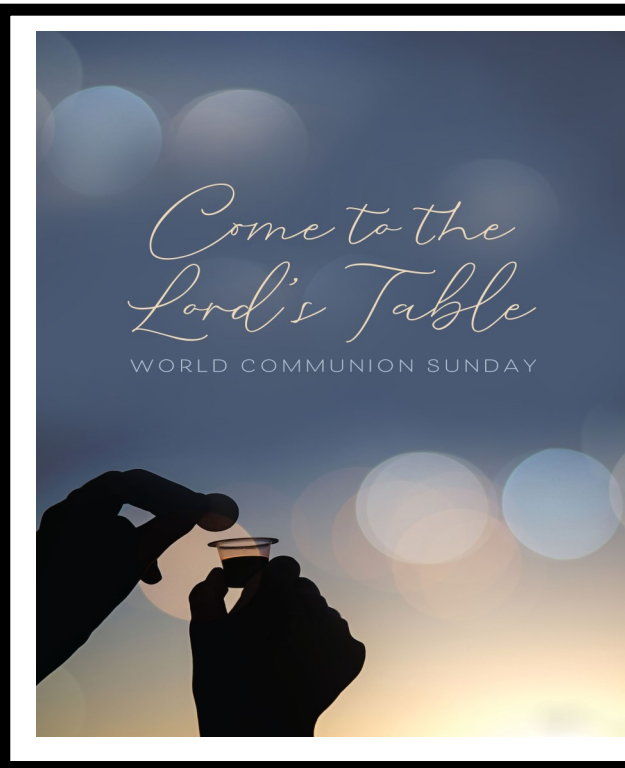


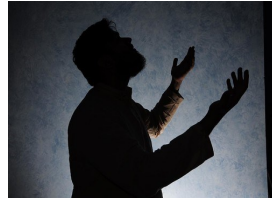
### Ordinance Service

**October 6, 2024**

8:00 am & 10:30 am services

We will celebrate the Ordinances of Footwashing and the Lord’s Supper at both services





## 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.

Members of the Administrative Board and the Vision Task Force recently met with representatives from Noelker and Hull Associates, an architectural firm. As you may recall from last month's article, The Board took formal action to contract with Noelker and Hull to perform a feasibility study on proposed changes to the upper level. These changes include moving the church offices upstairs and freshening the upper level bathrooms, gathering areas and rooms. This summer, they took a tour of our facilities to generate some ideas for us to consider. At the recent meeting, ideas were shared back and forth with Noelker and Hull so that they can provide formal recommendations to the Task Force and the Board. A meeting where those recommendations are shared will be coming in the not-so-distant future.

At its regular meeting on September 12, the Administrative Board gave its blessing to form a Microschool Sub Task Force to work directly with the Vision Task Force. The Sub Task Force will do the "leg work" regarding the formation of a Christian Microschool under the direction of the Vision Task Force and the Administrative Board. Our Director of Children and Youth Ministries, Jill Kilker and I will approach prospective persons to serve on the Sub Task Force.

Regarding the Christian Microschool initiative, I give thanks to the Lord for some individuals who recently approached me about supporting the school initiative by way of estate planning or Pennsylvania's "Educational Improvement Tax Credit" program. You may recall back in January that we hosted two seminars regarding the Tax Credit program. I still have informational packets in case anyone wants to participate in the program or simply find out more information. See me and I will be happy to give you a packet.

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.

## ADVENT Devotions



The Lamplighters are sponsoring Advent Devotionals for our church, ECOG, for the 2024 Advent season. Instead of purchasing a book for those who want to The Lamplighters are sponsoring an Advent Devotionals for our church, ECOG, participate, we thought of asking our church members and church goers including those away at college, our youth and adults to share 2-3 paragraphs regarding this year's theme of *Anticipation*.

As we enter the Advent season, Christians are anticipating the birth of Jesus Christ. Share with your church family an example of how you look forward to Christmas by sharing your thoughts, feelings, family traditions or experiences in writing. Please include a bible verse with your devotion. If you need assistance, please reach out to the Lamplighter's members or to Pastors George and Sandi.

Thank you in advance for your participation of this new collaboration.

The Lamplighters: *Dan Marrow, Pat Watson, Crystal Hammond, Dave and Faith Duskey*

### Examples of Ways to Prepare a Devotional Piece

**The most important:** Pray about the task and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in this process.

Choose scripture and allow the Holy Spirit to work through your thoughts and ideas to develop the devotion with the theme of anticipation. Prophecy: Matthew 1:23, Luke 1:26. Birth of Jesus: Luke 2:11. John the Baptist: Luke 1. Mary visits Elizabeth: Luke 1:30. Shepherds: Luke 2:8. Lamb of God: John 1:29. Wisemen: Matthew 2:1. Trust in the Lord: Proverbs 3:1-12. I am the Vine: John 15:1-17. Word Becomes Flesh: John 1: 1-18. Isaiah 9:2-7. God's Everlasting Love: Romans 8:31-39.

Choose an idea or thought and allow the Holy Spirit to work to develop the devotion. Please tie scripture to your writing.

Choose a Christmas song and incorporate its words into the devotion or how the song affects you. Open your heart to allow His guidance in your writing.

**DEADLINE: Oct. 31, 2024,** please email your devotional to Faith Duskey in a Word document to [daddusk@verizon.net](mailto:daddusk@verizon.net) with "Devotional" as the subject.



# COFFEE HOUSE

**Friday, October 25 at 7:00 PM**

Featuring:

**Jeff Imboden**



*A Freewill  
Offering will  
be received.*



Join us in Fellowship Hall for snacks, beverages, and Christian entertainment in an informal atmosphere! Bring a friend and a favorite snack or food item to share!

## 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](mailto: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!

**\*Please Note: Contact Pastor Jensen with Prayer Requests now through October 2.**



Adult Fellowship  
**FALL FESTIVAL OF MUSIC**  
 Friday, Oct. 4, 2024  
 Doubling Gap Center, Newville, PA

**COST**  
**\$25.00**

The Millers are a nationally known southern gospel group based in Winchester, VA. The Millers travel throughout the United States and Canada, performing at various concert venues and churches. Its members have also performed at Dollywood, The National Quartet Convention, The Ark Encounter, and Silver Dollar City. They have shared the stage with some of the nation's most well-known gospel artists including many from the Gaither Homecoming Videos such as The Nelons, The Martins, The Whisnants, The Isaacs, Ann Downing and others.

The Fall Festival of Music includes the Camp's Chicken BBQ and a special musical program in the afternoon. For 2024 it is -

**THE MILLERS**



This group is excited to share what God has accomplished in their lives, both individually and collectively. Their desire is to communicate the Gospel in a way that the love of Christ would shine through them and emphasize that all are eligible to receive the free gift of salvation. They share that there is hope, grace, mercy, and forgiveness when casting our cares and burdens upon the Lord and trusting Him as Lord and Savior.

*If you go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and type in Miller Music Group and you will be able to hear some of their music videos.*

**Please join us for this very special concert!!**

For information or tickets, see Liz Swope (717-561-0290).

**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!





## PUMPKIN FEST IS COMING!

### CAN YOU HELP?

Pennsboro Pumpkin Fest is coming soon! This community-wide festival sponsored by East Pennsboro Township will be held October 12 and 13 at Adams Ricci Park in Enola. We invite you to join the Lifesavers Ministry Team as we reach outside the walls of our church to share the love of Christ with our community. We will be hosting a booth featuring a mother's nursing area, a baby-changing station, complimentary light refreshments, coloring and simple crafts for children, and Kingdom-focused literature including Gospel tracts, Bibles and information about our church. Are you willing to staff our booth for a two-hour time slot on Saturday or Sunday? If so, sign up at "Sign-Up Central"! We also need help with setting up and tearing down the booth. Set up is Friday, October 11 at 5pm—we will meet at the church to load up and haul everything to Adams Ricci Park for set up. Tear down is Sunday, October 13. If you can help with set up or tear down, sign up at "Sign Up Central". If you have any questions, contact a member of the Lifesavers Team: Mark Ensminger, Keith Gates, Pastor George Jensen and Don Wiers.

#### Sign Up to Help Staff the Booth

**Saturday, October 12, 2023 9:30 am – 5:00 pm**

(serve a two-hour time slot)

**Sunday, October 13, 2023 11:00 am – 5:00 pm**

(serve a two-hour time slot)

#### Sign Up to Set Up or Tear Down

**Set Up Friday, October 11 at 5:00 PM**

**Tear down Sunday, October 13 at 5:00 PM**

*Sign-up sheets are now posted at "Sign-Up Central".*

*Volunteers are welcome!*

### 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.



**VETERANS DAY ¶**

**BREAKFAST ¶**

**CELEBRATION ¶**

**NOVEMBER 2, 2024 @ 9AM ¶**

**Enola First Church of God ¶**

**9 Sherwood Dr. ¶**

**Enola, PA ·17025 ¶**

**·FREE EVENT FOR EVERYONE¶**

*A free-will offering will be taken with all proceeds going to the Enola American Legion Post 751 ¶*

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**PLEASE RSVP BY←**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024,←**

**BY SIGNING UP AT SIGN-UP CENTRAL←**

**OR BY CALLING CRYSTAL HAMMOND←**

**@ ·717-557-1842¶**

**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](mailto:mzahora@enolacog.com), **by the 15th of each month.**





## Operation Christmas Child

We know it's a little early to start thinking about Christmas; but it's actually a great time to start praying over the Operation Christmas Child (OCC) shoebox ministry through Samaritan's Purse. Through this ministry, we are able to be missionaries by showing God's love to needy children throughout the world and spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. We're also able to teach the children here at Enola First Church of God the joy of giving, praying, and having an attitude of gratitude.

This year, families and individuals may participate by packing their own shoebox and/or donating items to fill the shoeboxes that **the children/youth will pack on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, during Wednesday Night Kids' Klub.** People can also pack shoeboxes virtually for a cost of \$25. This year we do not need empty shoeboxes! We will be using shoeboxes received from Operation Christmas Child.

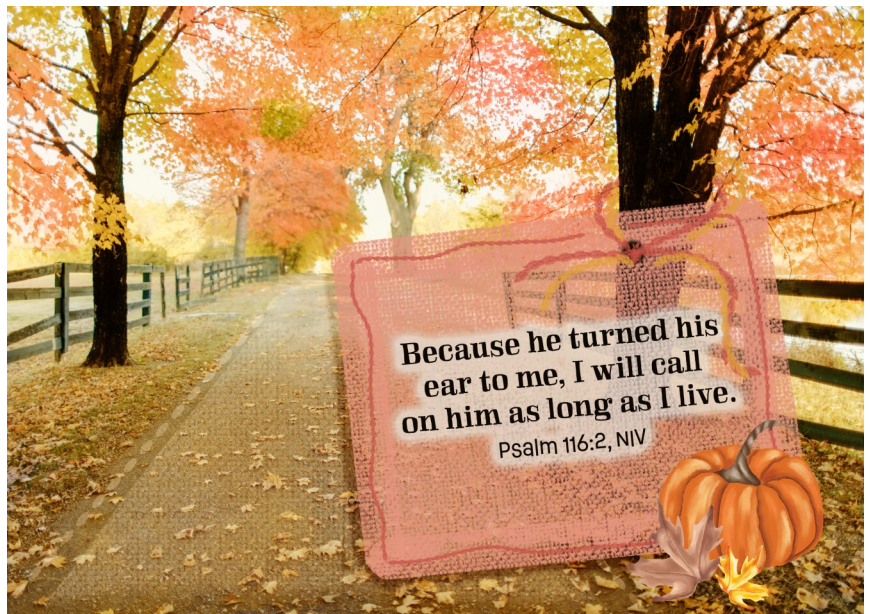
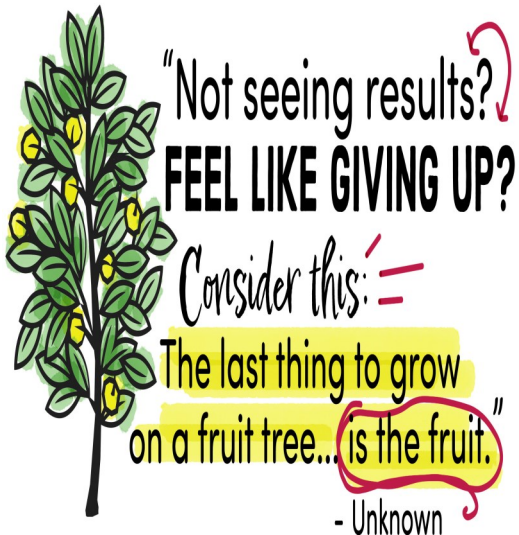


You may also participate by making a donation to help offset the \$10.00 per box shipping cost. Please note that checks should be made payable to "Enola First Church of God" and be sure to indicate in the memo line of the check that the funds are to be used for Operation Christmas Child. The treasurer will then send one check to Samaritan's Purse for all the shoeboxes to be shipped.

Please place filled shoeboxes and/or gifts in the designated boxes located in the Living Room on the Upper Level and in the Fellowship Hall on the Lower Level. All filled shoeboxes and gifts are to be here at the church **by Sunday, November 10, 2024.**

You can obtain further information online at: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Thank you for your generosity!



# HARVEST HOME DINNER



## FALL FEAST

This year's Harvest Home Dinner is tentatively scheduled for **November 24, 2024 @ 5:00 PM**. Children 5 years and under will eat free, children 6 to 12 years will eat for \$3.00 per child, and persons age 13 and older will eat for \$5.00 per person. The Connectors Team needs help from the congregation for this year's Harvest Home Dinner to move forward.

Sign-up sheets will be posted to solicit help in the following areas:

- 1) Carve turkeys on November 23 at 3 pm.
- 2) Helping with clean-up after the dinner on Sunday, November 24.

**Sign-up sheets will be posted at "Sign-Up Central" in October up through November 3.**

**Sign-up sheets for food will be posted November 3. Envelopes for payment will also be available at this time.**

## Sanctuary Flowers

The following dates are left to place flowers in the Sanctuary in 2024:

**October 6, October 20, October 27, November 3, November 10, November 17, November 24, December 8, December 15, and December 29.**



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.

**DID YOU KNOW?...**

Downstairs on the Information Table outside the offices is a **Lost & Found** collection box! If you are missing an earring, key, or any other item, please check this box. (There has been a set of keys in there for a very long time.)

**Chancel Flower Vases**

If you took home a green insert from the Chancel Flower Vase, kindly return it. We are running low. If you find one, please return it to the Secretary by placing it on her desk or on the bottom shelf of the Chancel Flower stand in the Sanctuary. Thank you!



**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](http://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](http://enolacog.com/meals-ministry).** For more detailed information, please contact Pat Watson at 717-979-0219 (text or call) or email [pwatson4@verizon.net](mailto:pwatson4@verizon.net).



**BLOOD PRESSURE**

**Next screening:  
OCT. 27**

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](mailto: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
08-25-24	\$7,199.23	\$439.00
09-01-24	\$9,278.53	\$447.00
09-08-24	\$4,948.00	\$147.00
09-15-24	\$3,973.00	\$12.00
09-22-24	\$2,654.00	\$14.00



General Fund Status		
	August 2024	Year to Date
Income	\$20,572.00	\$207,158.00
Expenses	\$27,765.00	\$216,890.00



# CAMP YOLIJWA UPDATE

## October 2024

### WINTER RETREATS



**CALLING ALL CAMPERS!**  
Learn about God, see summer friends  
& enjoy winter activities!  
Brochures coming in October!

Junior Blast	3rd-5th	Dec. 6-8
Jr. High Breakaway	6th-8th	Dec. 13-15
Sr. High Bash	9th-12th	Dec. 20-21



- [www.campyolijwa.org](http://www.campyolijwa.org)
- Check out DGC's schedule of events!
  - Contact Yolijwa staff.
  - Find current forms and brochures
  - Church promotion & Videos!



### WINTER PICNIC



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February 2nd

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 theme. Stay tuned for more details or contact the camp! [www.campyolijwa.org](http://www.campyolijwa.org)

### CAMP COUNSELORS



It only takes a spark...  
To get a fire going! It is never too early to consider serving as one of over 350 volunteer counselors. Guide a group of 6-7 campers through activities, lead devotions and make an eternal difference! Applications available in February.

Phone: (717) 776-5281 [www.campyolijwa.org](http://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, November 2nd—Fields of Adventure Trip**—We will meet at the church at 2 p.m. to travel to Fields of Adventure in Aspers. We will enjoy an afternoon of a corn maze, hayride, and many other fun Fall activities. The cost for each youth is only \$10, and ziplining and pick-your-own pumpkin are available for an extra charge. Also, please bring money for a fast-food dinner on the way home. Invite your friends. *Permission slips are required.*

**Wednesday, November 13th, 7-8 p.m.**—The youth will assist the children to fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child during our regular youth group meeting.

**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.**



**BIRTHDAYS  
THIS MONTH**

- 1 Karey Ensminger
- 2 Dennis Liddick  
Samantha Whitaker
- 5 Mary Latchford
- 8 Becky Sherman
- 11 Ashley Kline
- 16 Tim McConnell
- 19 Dotty Magaro
- 21 Lisa Lynch
- 23 Sherrie Kauffman
- 24 Kay Liddick
- 25 Shirley Kidman
- 26 Elaina Kilker
- 30 Luke Kilker
- 31 Judy Jensen

**ANNIVERSARIES  
THIS MONTH**

- 6 Charlie & Marilyn Zahora
- 8 Rich & Amy Kreiger
- 9 Karey & Sherry 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@enolacoq.com](mailto:mzahora@enolacoq.com). Thank you!

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