



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



Rest for the Soul

Studies show many Americans don't get enough sleep, and the effects can take a toll on both body and mind. Whether it's a packed schedule or restless nights, a lack of rest makes it harder to think clearly, stay focused and care for our overall well-being. Over time, that constant fatigue begins to wear us down.

Our spiritual lives follow a similar rhythm. When we rush from one task to the next without pausing to spend time with God, we can feel just as drained. We need consistent, quiet moments with Him to stay grounded, encouraged and strong in our faith.

Even Jesus made space for this kind of rest. Luke 5:16 tells us that He often withdrew to quiet places to pray. If He needed that time with the Father, how much more do we? When we step away from the noise and listen for God's voice, we find the renewal our souls have been longing for.

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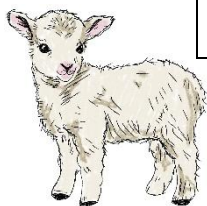
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September

Worship SCHEDULE


**SUNDAY
WORSHIP
SERVICES**


Date	Service	Theme/Message
Sept. 6	8:00 am & 10:30 am	Labor Day Sunday / Guest Speaker Message by Pastor Cheryl Dorman
Sept. 13	8:00 am & 10:30 am	Esther - The Right Time, Place and Reason <i>The Pitfalls of Persia's Prideful King</i> "The Pitfalls of Pride that Tempt the Powerful" - Esther 1:1-22 Pastor George Jensen speaking
Sept. 20	8:00 am & 10:30 am	Esther - The Right Time, Place and Reason <i>Esther Becomes Queen and Mordecai Saves the King</i> "Witness Divine Deliverance through a Dynamic Duo" - Esther 2:1-23 Pastor George Jensen speaking
Sept. 27	8:00 am & 10:30 am	Esther - The Right Time, Place and Reason <i>Haman is Elevated to Power and Decrees Destruction for God's People</i> "An Evil Man Has an Evil Plan That's Quite Grand" - Esther 3:1-15 Pastor George Jensen speaking


**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**
for all ages!

SUNDAYS - 9:15 AM

**WEDNESDAY
EVENING
ACTIVITIES**

RESUME SEPTEMBER 16 (No Meeting on September 2 or 9)

WHAT?	WHO?	WHERE?
Adult Bible Study	"GOD's Will done GOD's Way, so GOD Gets the Glory" - Led by Pastor Sandi Baney	Chapel
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



Kids' Page



A sweet reminder that God is always growing something new, no matter the season. As summer winds down and a new school year begins, remember He is at work in your life, helping you grow in faith, kindness and courage. With His help, you can grow in wisdom, build friendships and shine His love wherever you go.

What you need:

- 2 cups milk
- 1 (4-serving) box chocolate instant pudding mix
- 1 (8 oz.) tub whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (16 oz.) package Oreo cookies, crushed
- 8 (9 oz.) clear plastic cups
- Gummy worms or frogs (optional)



What you do:

1. In a large bowl, whisk together milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes until thickened.
2. Gently fold in the whipped topping.
3. Add a layer of crushed cookies to the bottom of each cup.
4. Spoon pudding mixture on top, filling the cups about $\frac{3}{4}$ full.
5. Sprinkle more crushed cookies on top to look like "dirt."
6. Add gummy worms or frogs for fun.
7. Chill until ready to serve, or enjoy right away.

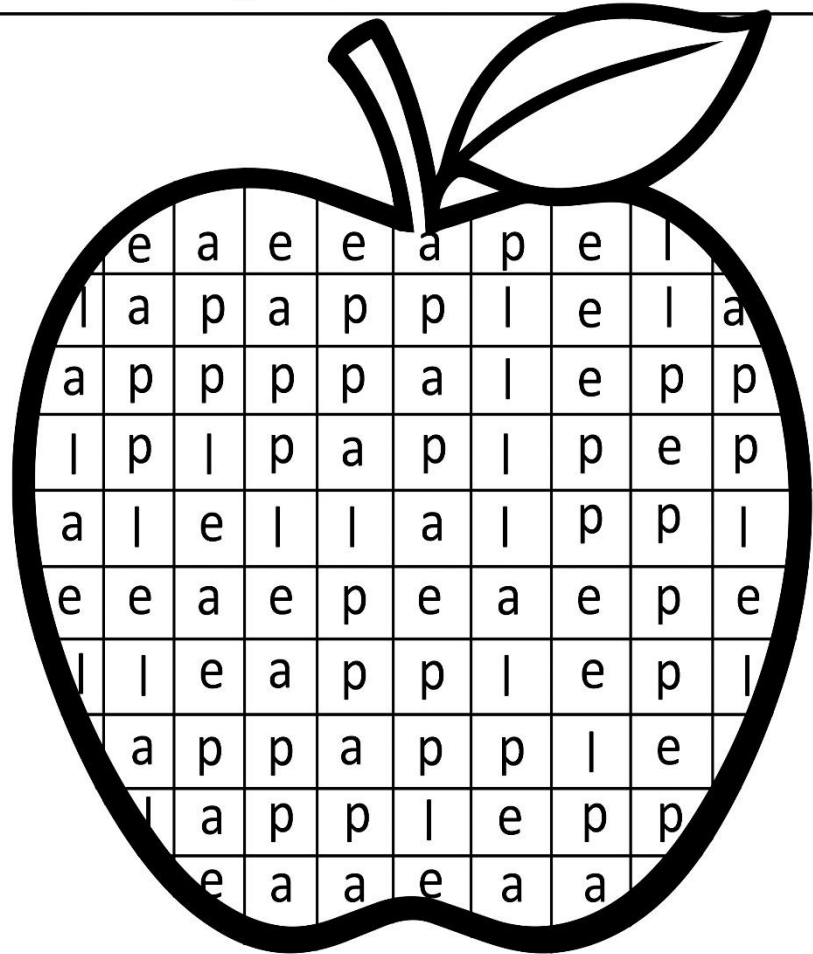
See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not
perceive it? — Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)



Apple of Your Eye

"Apple of your eye" means something very special that you protect. As school starts again, remember what God says in Proverbs 7:2 (NIV): "Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye."

Can you find the word "apple" 12 times in the puzzle?
Look up, down, across, and even backward!



DEVOTIONS

for Spiritual Growth

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Prayer of Remembrance for Patriots Day

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter through every storm, and our eternal home:

We come before You remembering the lives lost on September 11, 2001. Though many years have passed, the sorrow of that day still lingers in the hearts of families, friends and a grieving nation.

Lord, comfort those who continue to carry loss. Grant peace to the brokenhearted, strength to the weary and light to those walking through seasons of grief. Let Your presence bring hope where memories still ache.

Teach us to care for one another with compassion and courage. Help us to be a people who offer kindness to the hurting, encouragement to the discouraged and justice to those who suffer. Stir our hearts to live with mercy, humility and love for our neighbors.

Forgive us when our words are greater than our actions. May we strive each day to reflect the values of faith, unity and grace that honor You and strengthen our communities.

Thank You, Lord, for Your constant care and unfailing mercy. Even in tragedy, You remain our refuge and our hope.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Mind's Storehouse

Benjamin Weir, a missionary in the Middle East, was taken captive by terrorists and held in solitary confinement. Blindfolded and cut off from the outside world, he endured deep isolation with no one to speak to and no sense of where he was.



What could he do? In many ways, all he had was a beating heart and a mind still free to think. To endure the long days, he began drawing from what was stored within him. After his release, he reflected, "I called up my memory bank, things that were stored in my mind."

He recalled Scripture passages he had learned years before. He remembered lines from William Shakespeare, the words of hymns and songs, and the faces of those he loved. He reflected on his work, his family and the steady grace of God throughout his life.

Looking back, he said, "Whatever is in your mind is what you have to draw on."

That truth lingers. What we place in our minds today shapes what we will lean on tomorrow. It invites a simple but important question: What are we storing away? May we fill our thoughts with what is true, pure and life-giving, with the story of Christ and the hope of His saving grace.



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



ESTHER – THE RIGHT TIME, PLACE AND REASON

In September, Pastor Jensen will begin an 11-part message series entitled, “Esther – The Right Time, Place and Reason” based on the book of Esther.

The people of Judah were exiled to Babylon around 587 B.C. Babylon was conquered by the Persian empire in 539 B.C. and the following year, the Persian king (Cyrus the Great) allowed the people of Judah to return home. However, some exiles chose not to return home. The story of Esther involves a group of those who chose not to return home but lived in the Persian capital of Susa. In this historical narrative filled with many twists and turns like a suspenseful novel, one sees the hand of God at work. The Lord uses Esther and her cousin Mordecai to save His people in Persia from annihilation at the hands of the wicked Haman. The key verse in this book consists of Mordecai’s advice to Esther – “If you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father’s house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” (Esther 4:14).

On a literary note, the Book of Esther is divinely crafted into an “inverted parallel structure” which means that it highlights a successive reversal of fortunes. Here are the themes and messages we will share from the book of Esther. Note the reversal of fortunes in this book’s literary structure as presented in the themes and messages we will cover. Note: A-E and E’-A’ emphasize the inverted parallel structure.

A The Pitfalls of Persia’s Prideful King

“The Pitfalls of Pride that Tempt the Powerful” (1:1-22)

B Esther becomes Queen and Mordecai Saves the King

“Witness Divine Deliverance through a Dynamic Duo – Part 1” (2:1-23)

C Haman is Elevated to Power and Decrees the Destruction of God’s people

“An Evil Man Has an Evil Plan That’s Quite Grand” (3:1-15)

D Esther and Mordecai Consider Reversing Haman’s Decree [4:1-17]

“For Such a Time as This, Be Willing” (4:1-17)

E Esther’s First Banquet and Haman Plans Mordecai’s Execution

“Human Intention and Divine Direction – Part 1” (5:1-14)

X THE PIVOT: Haman is Humiliated & Mordecai is Exalted

“What Goes Around Comes Around!” (6:1-14)

E’ Esther’s Second Banquet and Haman Executed Instead of Mordecai

“Human Intention and Divine Direction – Part 2” (7:1-10)

D’ Esther and Mordecai Carry out a Plan to Reverse Haman’s Decree

“For Such a Time as This, Get Going!” (8:1-8)

C’ Mordecai’s Rise to Power and Counter Decree to Save God’s People

“A Godly Man and God’s Saving Plan That is Truly Grand! (8:9-17)

B’ Esther and Mordecai Save the God’s People

“Witness Divine Deliverance through a Dynamic Duo – Part 2” (9:1-19)

A’ The Blessings for God’s Humble Servant, Mordecai

“The Grace of God that Blesses the Godly” (9:20-10:3)

In the 2020’s, we have experienced some unprecedented events in our nation and in our world. I believe God’s people will increasingly need to stand up strong for Him in the face of evil. Could it be that He is calling us to “not be silent” and stand up against evil “for such a time as this?” The Book of Esther demonstrates the gracious sovereign hand of God working through His people as they follow His lead and take a stand for what is right. We hope you can join us this Fall beginning September 13 at the 8:00 and 10:30 AM Worship Services as we dig into this fascinating story of God’s providential protection and His servants’ willingness to serve for such a time as this--at the right time, place and reason.



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 SEPTEMBER

Pastor George Jensen, Lead Pastor, will be on vacation **September 5-7**. 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 Cheryl Dorman will be speaking at the 8:00 and 10:30 AM Worship Services on Sunday, September 6.

Jill Kilker, Director of Children and Youth Ministries will be on vacation **September 14-15**. During this time period, all Youth Ministry questions should be directed to a member of the Youth Services Team and all Children's Ministry questions should be directed to a Navigators Team member.

Amy Kreiger, Administrative Assistant, will be on vacation **September 26 through October 3**. During this time period, all prayer requests for ECOG's Prayer Chain should be directed to Pastor Jensen.



Men's Ministry Breakfast

Saturday, September 5

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Fellowship Hall

For more information, contact Dan Marrow.



A SUPPORT GROUP IS AVAILABLE AT ECOG!

MONDAYS at 6:00 pm

Are you struggling with grief, fear, anger, worry, a poor self-image, a lack of hope, resentment, a grudge, an addiction or various hurts? If so, you may want to consider checking out the Christ-Centered Support Group that is meeting at ECOG most Monday evenings at 6:00 pm. Romans 12:4-5 states, "For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another." The body of Christ is a great place to come to bear one another's burdens. The purpose of the group is to provide understanding, comfort, emotional and spiritual support. Group members support each other through Scripture and personal experience. Group members are not expected to "fix one another." Feel free to come out Monday evenings (as scheduled) or see Dave or Faith Duskey for more information. You are also welcome to contact Pastor Rodger & Cindy Scheuing who are leading the group.



Meet & Mingle LUNCHEON

Meatballs/Meatball Subs and Cold Cut Sandwiches will be served.

Bring a side dish to share as follows:

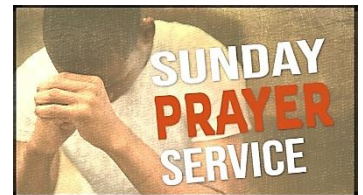
Last Name begins with

A-G: Dessert / H-S: Salad / T-Z: Side Dish

Be sure to label your container to ensure it's return.

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICES WILL BE HELD WEEKLY STARTING 9/13

Sunday evening Prayer Services were held on a monthly basis over the summer. Beginning September 13, Prayer Services will be held weekly on Sunday evenings except on holiday weekends or if there is an alternate church-wide event or service planned on a given Sunday evening. Check with ECOG's calendar to confirm that there is a Prayer Service scheduled for a given Sunday evening. Prayer services take place in person in the Chapel BUT you are welcome to join in online via Zoom. The Zoom link can be found on www.enolacog.com. It is also published weekly on ECOG's Facebook page. Please come out for prayer this Fall on Sunday evenings as we engage in fervent, effectual kingdom-focused seasons of prayer.



On August 2, we were pleased to welcome Mr. Dale Heintzelman from The Gideons International as our guest speaker. Following his impactful presentation, a special offering was collected to support the organization's global Bible-distribution ministry.

Thanks to the exceptional generosity of our congregation, a total of \$836 was raised. These funds will be used directly to purchase and distribute Scriptures worldwide, providing hope and comfort to countless individuals. We extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to this meaningful cause.



Enola First Church of God
9 Sherwood Drive, Enola, PA



SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

7:00 PM

featuring

Jeff Imboden

(Trumpet, Guitar, Vocals)

Join us in Fellowship Hall for Christian entertainment in an informal atmosphere. Feel free to bring a dessert, snack and/or other food item to share. Invite your friends!

A freewill offering will be taken.



In May and June, ECOG partnered with Morning Star Pregnancy Services in Harrisburg by hosting a "Baby Bottle Blessing." Below is a message received from them:

"The church has collected a total of **\$1,317.55** which funds Morning Star's many pregnancy help and life-affirming programs! Praise God and a **BIG thank you** to all of the wonderful family of Enola First Church of God for such compassionate generosity and their continued prayers! We are blessed to partner with you all; it is because of this partnership that Morning Star's ministry is successfully impacting so many families in Central PA."

WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAMS WILL RESUME SEPTEMBER 16

Adult Bible Study, 412 Youth Meetings and Kids' Klub will resume Wednesdays on September 16 at **7:00 pm**. Come out Wednesday evenings this Fall and be blessed!

The **Adult Bible Study** will be facilitated by Pastor Sandi Baney. The title will be "GOD's Will done GOD's Way, so GOD Gets the Glory." We will look at how we can become the person that GOD wants us to be. It is time to stop pleasing people, and to start becoming the person GOD wants us to be. Who or what does GOD want us to become, and what does GOD want us to be doing? We will talk and study together on discerning and doing the will of GOD for our individual lives. Adults, please come out so we can learn together how to know and do GOD's will.



THANK YOU for all the "Christmas In July" donations!

A total of 55 items were brought to New Hope Ministries to support their Christmas Blessings ministry the week before Christmas. What a blessing this will be for our community!



2026 Sanctuary Flowers

Please Note: Flower Prices have increased.

The cost is now \$40.50 per vase.

To place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone on a given Sunday, just sign up on the chart located on the wall in the Living Room (near the elevator). 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.



A patriotic-themed flyer for a Veterans Breakfast. The background features a waving American flag, a bald eagle's head in the upper right, and a golden cross at the top center. At the bottom, there is a plate of breakfast food (pancakes, eggs, and bacon) and a cup of coffee with a star-patterned sleeve. The text is arranged in a central column with various decorative elements like stars and banners.

ENOLA CHURCH OF GOD

★ **10TH ANNUAL** ★

**VETERANS
BREAKFAST**

★ **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026** ★

★ **9:00 AM–11:00 AM** ★

**FELLOWSHIP HALL
9 SHERWOOD DR.
ENOLA, PA 17025**

JOIN US AS WE HONOR THOSE WHO SERVED

RSVP BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026
SIGN UP AT SIGN UP CENTRAL
QUESTIONS? CONTACT CRYSTAL HAMMOND
(717) 557-1842



Pharos Academy Launch Task Force Update – July 20, 2026

The Pharos Academy Microschool Launch Task Force met on Wednesday, July 20, 2026, to review progress and make decisions as the school prepares for its upcoming year.

Fundraising efforts remain active. The 1–100 Envelope Fundraiser will continue to be displayed, with expectations that interest will grow once classes begin. Recent activities included a successful Texas Roadhouse event that raised \$210.69, a Senators game opportunity on July 24, which provided \$4 back for each ticket purchased, and an event at the Chick-fil-A, Lower Allen, on August 19. An additional dine-and-donate event includes another Texas Roadhouse date in November (with a possible bake sale). Other ideas under consideration include a fall sandwich sale and gift-card fundraising, along with ongoing pie sales and potential jewelry donations.

On the facilities side, whiteboards have been received and installed, with approval given to purchase and install one additional board for the preschool room.

Administrative work is moving forward. The federal Form 1023 tax-exemption application is in its final stages of preparation. The Pennsylvania sales tax exemption paperwork has been submitted but is currently on hold pending three months of school operations. Updates were made to the non-employee teacher contract regarding payment timing and missed-class provisions. Draft policies on payments, refunds, and school cancellations were reviewed for inclusion in the handbook. An Excel-based tracking system is being set up for accounting, a dedicated bank account has been established, and online giving options will follow. Website maintenance will transition to a contracted service at \$299 per semester.

School and class preparations are well underway. Seventeen different classes are now posted on the website and may expand further. The school calendar is being finalized, with classes set to begin August 31 for a 28-week year (14 weeks per semester) and no classes currently scheduled on Tuesdays. Teacher clearances (including required state clearances and mandated reporter training) are being addressed, with reimbursement available for costs. Applications have been streamlined for stand-alone classes and updated to include guardian options, custody information, emergency contacts, and questions about the Statement of Faith. Cyber-school students may enroll under the same application and payment process as other students. Teacher biographies and photos are being collected, enrollment interviews will be conducted by phone, and applications plus fees can be handled online (paper checks also accepted). School supplies will be assessed from existing donations and supplemented as needed. A display table will be set up to build interest, an announcement about the classes will be shared, and a social-media advertising campaign (up to 30-mile radius and \$1,000 budget) has been approved.

As of June 30, 2026, PHAROS funds totaled \$19,264.56.

The task force scheduled its next meeting for August 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Progress continues steadily as the microschool approaches its launch on August 31!



Pharos Academy

A Christian Classical Hybrid Microschool

Pharos Academy Launch Task Force Update – August 12, 2026

The Pharos Microschool Launch Task Force continues to move forward with preparations for the school's opening. Here are the latest highlights:

Facilities & Operations

Work continues on facility needs. All whiteboards have been purchased and installed and are ready for classroom use. The Pennsylvania Sales Tax Exemption application has been submitted. It remains on hold until Pharos completes three months of operations, after which a follow-up report will be provided (expected December/January).

Fundraising

Several fundraising efforts are underway or planned.

A recent Senators game fundraiser took place in July; proceeds details are being confirmed.

Homemade pies continue to be available at the Pharos Table (and/or cart) on Sunday mornings.

Handmade jewelry has been donated and will be offered at the Pharos Table on Sundays (securely stored between Sundays).

Another dine-and-donate event at Chick-fil-A was scheduled for August 19.

A Texas Roadhouse fundraiser is planned for November (possibly including a bake sale), along with exploration of a gift-card fundraiser beginning in October.

An R&K Subs fundraiser will be discussed at a future meeting.

Administrative Progress

Federal Form 1023 (tax-exempt application) has been filed. The non-employee teacher contract and school handbook have been updated and finalized (the handbook is available on the website). A bank account has been established, debit cards and checks received, and online giving through Vanco is operational. Funds previously held in the church general fund have been transferred, with a portion placed in a money-market account. Payroll arrangements for the fall months have been set, with longer-term salary discussions planned for later. Approved individuals are in place to handle deposits and account signing.

The new Pharos website is live (with minor refinements still being completed). Everyone is encouraged to visit and explore it.

School & Class Updates

Teacher clearances are being collected (Acts 34, 114, 151, and 168). Existing clearances less than five years old will be accepted, and mandated reporter training is still required. Pharos will reimburse teachers for clearance costs.

There is growing positive interest in the homeschool community. With two applications received so far and just a few weeks until the start date, the Task Force unanimously decided to move forward with opening on August 31—even if it begins as a soft opening with limited classes. Leadership will check in with teachers after August 17 to confirm class viability and explore options such as spring 2027 classes, workshops, or tutoring if needed. Teachers will also be invited to a thank-you gathering to affirm their partnership.



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Parent workshops on various homeschooling topics are being considered as a way to support families and introduce them to Pharos (and the church).

Advertising continues through social media and personal invitations. A sermon on August 30 will share an honest, encouraging update about the school's opening plans and next steps.

Financial Snapshot

As of August 12, total Pharos funds stood at approximately \$18,637. The Task Force remains grateful for the church's support and encouragement. Please continue to pray for the school's launch and share the word with families who may be interested. The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for September 28 at 6:00 p.m.

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LADIES BIBLE STUDY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

HEY LADIES!

Look what's coming on September 15!



THE PROMISE OF HEAVEN

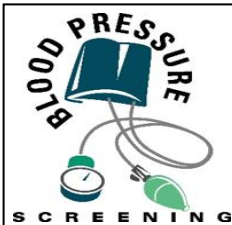
BIBLE study by David Jeremiah.

This DVD/Discussion study will be an exciting and informative study about our future eternal home.

**We will be meeting in the lower level Fellowship Hall
every Tuesday at 10:00 AM.**

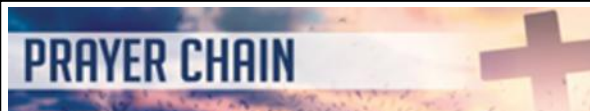
All ladies are welcome to attend.

**Invite your friends. Any questions contact Kay Liddick at
denkaylid@msn.com or 717-732-5064.**



Next screening: **SEPTEMBER 27**

The above Blood Pressure Screening will be held in the Upper Room at 9:00 & 10:15 am. If any health care professionals or students are interested in helping, please contact Pat Watson at pwatson4@verizon.net.



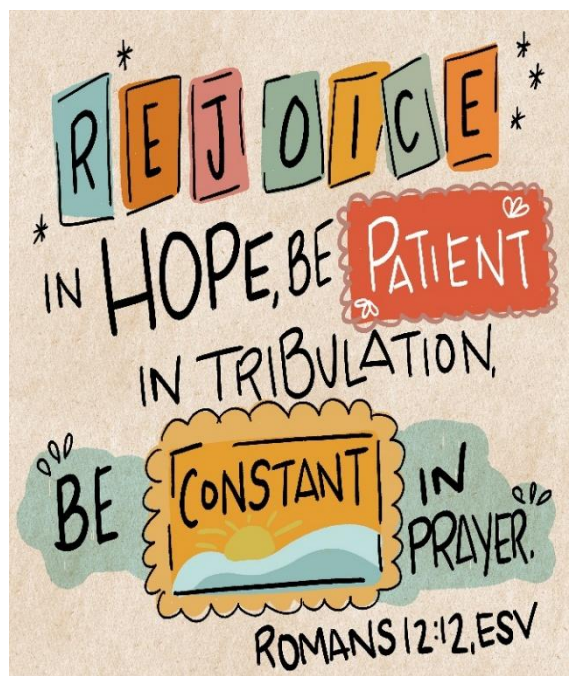
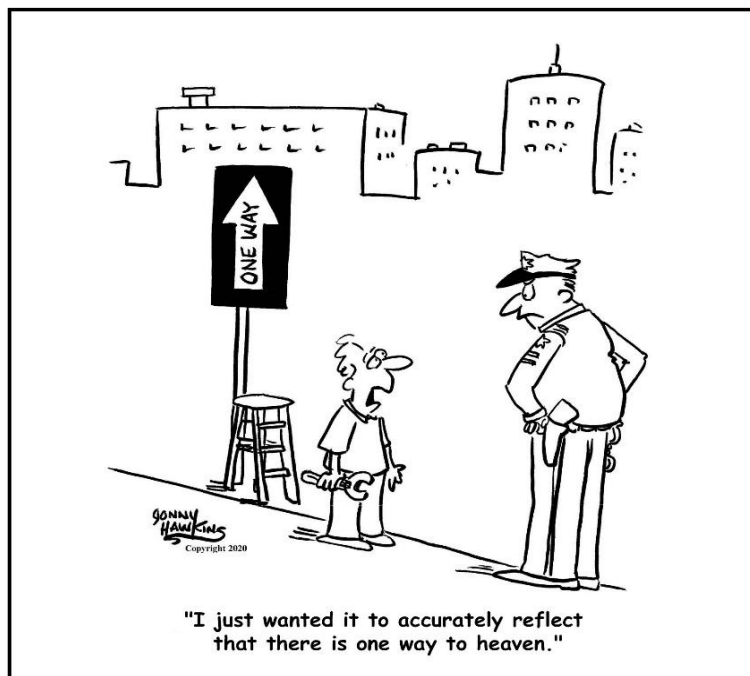
Prayer Chain call? Who to contact and how the process works . . .

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 to be 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!



WEST SHORE GLOBAL REACH PARTNERS FALL RALLY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

at ENOLA FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

Committee meeting: 5:00PM

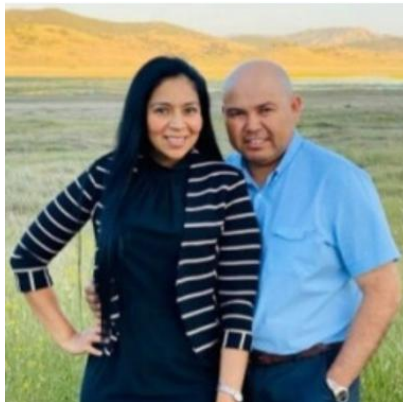
Fellowship w/light refreshments: 6:00PM

Rally: 6:30PM

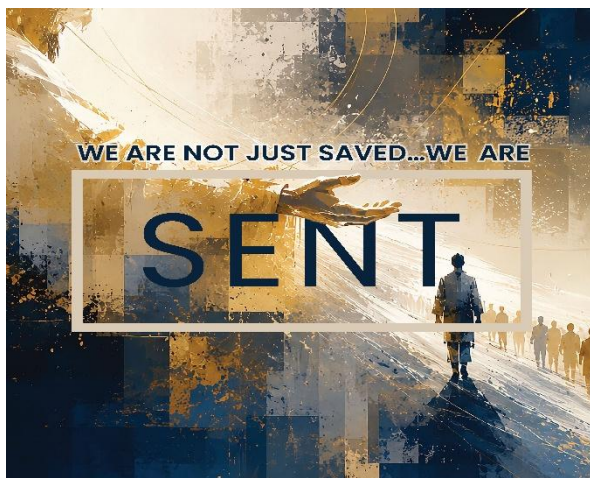
Speaker: Pastor Victor Montalvo, Mexican ministry field leader.

Focus: Renovation of donated industrial building into a large capacity church building in South Central Mexico.

Offering goal: To provide half of the projected cost of \$12,000 - \$15,000 to remodel the building, providing the first church in the community of El Quelititillo.



Victor & Alma Montalvo



New Hope Ministries is in need of Personal Care Items and Household Items!



This can include any of the following items for example:

Toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, shampoo, soap, lotions, conditioner, female sanitary products, hand soap and hand sanitizer, wipes, diapers, baby products, shaving cream and razors, deodorant, brushes and combs, mouth wash, first aid items, Q-tips, scissors, tweezers, and nail clippers. Many government assistance programs do NOT allow for purchase of personal care items, so while your food items are always appreciated, New Hope is asking us to focus on these items.

Drop off any donations at the entrances in the shopping cart! Thank you for your generosity!

NOTE: Food items donated must not be outdated more than one year. Items should be new, unopened, and unused. A taped box will be discarded. We want to provide suitable items for all the New Hope guests.

In Touch Devotional Booklets Will Now Be Distributed at ECOG

The Lifesavers Team is pleased to announce that ECOG is providing In Touch devotional booklets to the congregation. Our Daily Bread will continue to be available as always. However, we will no longer be distributing The Upper Room. This decision was approved unanimously by the Administrative Board. If you would still like to receive The Upper Room, you can access it for free online at www.upperroom.org/devotionals. You may also order print copies by mail by contacting their support team at 800-972-0433 (there is a fee for mailed copies). Please note that In Touch will also provide a limited number of Spanish editions. If you know any Spanish-speaking friends or family members who might benefit from a devotional, please let them know that copies are available at ECOG.



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.

Please remember... to check out the iServe pamphlets and pray for direction as to where God is leading you to serve.

Contact Julia Imboden if you have any questions at juliarose.imboden@gmail.com or 717-798-5207.



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JOIN US AT PUMPKIN FEST OCTOBER 10-11

This fall, East Pennsboro Township will host the Pennsboro Pumpkin Fest on Saturday and Sunday, October 10–11, 2026, at Adams-Ricci Community Park in Enola. Enola First Church of God will be there! Our Lifesavers Ministry Team is staffing an outreach booth to share the love of Christ with our community. Our outreach booth offers:

- A mother's nursing area and baby-changing station
- Complimentary light refreshments
- Coloring pages and simple crafts for children
- Kingdom-focused literature, including Gospel tracts, Bibles, and information about our church



THANK YOU to everyone who signed up to help with set up, tear down and staffing the booth. We give thanks to God (and to you!) that we have enough help this year!

As a reminder to those of you who signed up to help staff the booth, please come during period for which you volunteered. As a reminder, this is when Pumpkin Fest will take place:

- Saturday, October 10, 2026 9:30 am – 5:00 pm
- Sunday, October 11, 2026 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

To those of you helping with set up and tear down, keep these things in mind:

We also need help with setup and teardown:

- Setup: Friday, October 9 at 5:00 PM – Meet at the church to load up and head to the park.
- Teardown: Sunday, October 11 at 5:00 PM at the park (we will tear down and head over to the church).

To everyone else, come to Pumpkin Fest October 10 or 11 and stop in and see us at ECOG's outreach booth!

Meals Ministry



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.

Kidney for Cindy

Have you ever, will you now, would you, if the time presents itself in the future, consider becoming a Living Kidney Donor?

My name is Cindy Marrow, a 25-year plus member of ECOG. Diagnosed with Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) in 2014, I can say with unequivocal doubtlessness the good Lord has not forgotten nor forsaken me as CKD progressed to End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) 2025.

Kidney failure has led to my reliance on a machine to do what damaged kidneys can't do, - keep me alive. Although I am thankful for dialysis, twice weekly treatments have ill effects on the body, and hopeful expectations on any given day have their unpredictability.

My Care Journey with UPMC Transplant Program began 02/2026. A couple of "bumps" caused candidacy concerns with Transplant Care Team but "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." His Will reigns! Approved for placement on the kidney transplant waiting list 06/2026, now I wait. I wait for The Call, return the call within an hour (or forfeit a kidney), and pray for a synchronous transport of the matched kidney, -one that will afford me a life without dialysis and a wellness not had for over a decade.

A deceased kidney donation is a 5-7 year wait with a 5.5-10-year life span. A Living Kidney Donor, though, allows for a shorter time on the waitlist, longer life span, dismisses the chance of serious health problems discounting future candidacy (reevaluated yearly), even death.

Please Call, Email, or use QR Code for more information. If you wish to approach me, I will answer your questions to the best of my knowledge. With gratitude I thank you for your consideration of becoming a Living Kidney Donor and continued specific prayers on my behalf.

Cindy

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Adult Fellowship
FALL FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

Friday Oct. 9, 2026

at Doubling Gap Center, Newville, PA

Cost: \$25.00

The Fall Festival of Music includes the Camp's Chicken BBQ and a special musical program in the afternoon. For 2026 it is...



JEFF STEINBERG

Born with what most folks would call "handicaps," no arms and badly compromised legs, he refused to quit!! Jeff is a true overcover. He continues to accomplish the very things his family & friends insisted, "...he couldn't do, shouldn't do or wouldn't do." He sees his disabilities as assets, not liabilities. For more than 45 years he has traveled the globe with a very special message; that a real handicap is "...anything that keeps me from being or becoming all that I was created to be!" Incorporating humor and song, he teaches that each person has been created wonderfully with potential they never even dreamed possible.

Check out Jeff at Youtube.com and type in Jeff Steinberg Tiny Giant

**Please join us for this very special concert!!
See our church representative, Faith Duskey, for tickets.**



Ladies, we invite you to come join us for a weekend of fun, food and fellowship as we explore the call to "Go!" from Scripture at the annual ERC fall retreat at Doubling Gap Center/Camp YoliJwa in Newville, PA.

Enjoy challenging main sessions, inspiring breakout sessions and fun activities, and be encouraged in your faith with some time away learning and growing with other ladies.

**This weekend was specially designed with you in mind.
All Ladies 9th Grade & Up Are Encouraged to Attend!**

Check out the printable brochure and/or register here:
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/ladies-erc-fall-retreat--2026>



Ways to Give to ECOG

In our ever-changing times, technology progresses with the hope of making things easier. If you are a contributor to Enola First Church of God, there are four ways to give. The bulletin provides you with a QR code to scan which will connect you to the giving page through Vanco, the online giving program we use. You also have the option of “text to give,” which provides you a 10-digit number to text and a category in which to make your gift. Both new options (along with any online giving done through Vanco) require you to set up an account the first time you use them. The bulletin provides the QR code and the text number. These are two separate options for you to use, along with the traditional placement of a gift in an offering plate (during the 8:00 am service, offering plates are on a table at the back of the sanctuary) or giving online from your computer or phone. (Information and instructions about online giving are posted to our website at www.enolacog.com under “giving.”) We hope you find it convenient to use one of the four ways to give. If you have any questions or feedback, please see Amy Kreiger.



WEEKLY OFFERINGS SUMMARY

General Fund Status		
July 2026		Year to Date
Income	\$27,503.00	\$218,007.00
Expenses	\$26,207.00	\$213,178.00

DATE	OFFERING	BUILDING FUND
07-26-26	\$4,737.50	\$48.00
08-02-26	\$4,767.50	\$128.00
08-09-26	\$10,333.00	\$203.00
08-16-26	\$6,886.24	\$108.00
08-23-26	\$3,610.00	\$98.00



UPDATE SEPT. 2026



BIKE TREK

October 2-4

Ages 18+

Enjoy a weekend of biking, camping, Christian fellowship, and discipleship. Brochures are available on our website!

Sunday, October 11

Ages 5-15

Come enjoy this event and a Sunday afternoon of trout fishing in Lake Henrietta. Adult chaperones are required with children. Brochures are available on our website!

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WINTER RETREATS

Attention Campers!

Learn about God, see summer friends, and enjoy winter activities at one of our winter retreats! Brochures coming soon!

Junior Blast - Grades 3-5 - Dec. 4th-6th
Jr. High Breakaway - Grades 6-8 - Dec. 11th-13th
Sr. High Bash - Grades 9-12 - Dec. 18th-19th

Facebook: Doubling Gap Center, Camp YoliJwa
Instagram: campyolijwa

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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

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



412 YOUTH NEWS

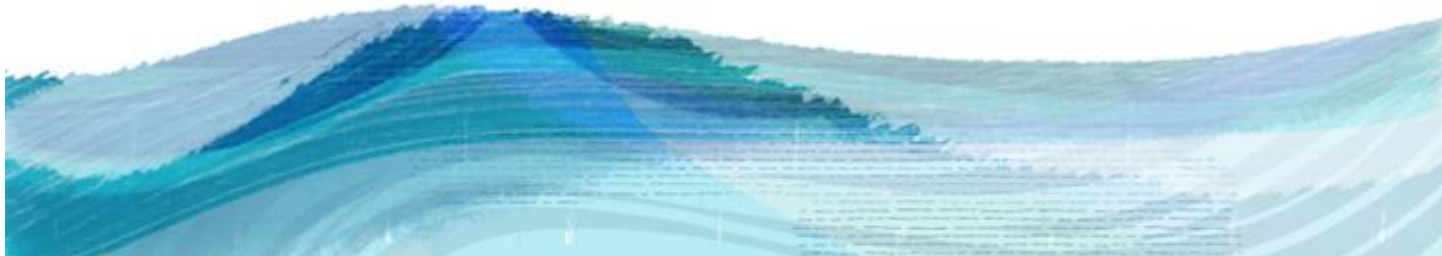
The 412 Youth is a vibrant, active group that meets each Wednesday evening from 7-8 pm, September through May. Invite your friends to join us for lessons, games, snacks, and fellowship. We also meet throughout the year for various activities and exciting events!

UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

Wednesday Night Youth Group Resumes—September 16th--Welcome back to weekly youth group meetings from 7-8 p.m. each Wednesday evening. All 7th-12th graders and their friends are welcome.

Locust Lake and a Visit to Miss Sherrie's House--September 19th--Meet at the church at 10 a.m. to travel to Miss Sherrie's house in the woods, have lunch, enjoy a day at Locust Lake State Park, and eat dinner, before our trip back to the church. Bring your bathing suit, towel, and extra clothes in case we can get in the water. This is a free event, and permission slips are required.

Fields of Adventure Corn Maze Trip--October 17th—We will meet at the church at 1 p.m. (after lunch at home), travel to Aspers, PA, and enjoy an afternoon of a corn maze and many other fall activities. The cost for each youth is \$12 per ticket (The Youth Group will cover the rest). Please bring extra money if you want snacks, pumpkins, or other add-on activities like the zipline or apple slingshot. Also, bring money for a fast-food dinner on the way home. Friends are welcome, and 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, and Jeff Lynch.



1 Shirley Peck
 7 Lori Williams
 8 Jim Leonard
 9 Rachel Gates
 11 Lauren Coover
 11 Liz Dreibelbis
 19 Greg Kauffman
 20 Lauren Cook
 21 Noah Cook
 21 Dick Garbrick
 21 Dick Schaar
 22 Avrie Mostoller
 22 David Rudy
 25 Pam Debinski
 26 Pauline Bittinger
 26 Joe Castanos
 28 Faith Duskey
 29 Dawne Leonard
 30 Susan Gilmore
 30 Rich Kreiger

2 Roger & Lauren Coover
 7 Larry & Debbie Filler
 7 Bobby & Lori Williams
 10 Dennis & Kay Liddick
 15 Ralph & Sandy Mundis
 19 George & Judi Jensen



Please submit all articles to Marilyn, via email at mzahora@enolacog.com, by the 15th of each month.

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