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Christmas in Our Hearts

Prevent us, O Lord, from spending Christmas foolishly. Remind us that we celebrate Christ's birth, not our own desires.

Keep us from becoming disappointed, angry or hurt when things do not go as we hoped. Help us to be gracious and mature in our thoughts, words and actions.

Above all, stir within us a deep love for You and for others, so that the joy and warmth of Christmas may remain with us not only during this season, but throughout the days to come.

In the name of the Christ child, amen.

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December Worship SCHEDULE





Date	Service	Theme/Message
Dec. 6	8:00 am & 10:30 am	**Second Sunday of Advent – "The Promise Comes to Pass"** "Impossible to Possible" – Isaiah 42:1-9, Philippians 4:10-13, Luke 1:26-38 Pastor George Jensen, speaking
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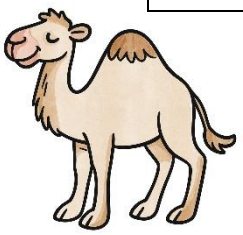






SUNDAYS - 9:15 AM



7:00 PM (No Meetings December 23 or 30)



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





Paper Bag Luminarias

Light the way for family and friends while celebrating the birth of Jesus.





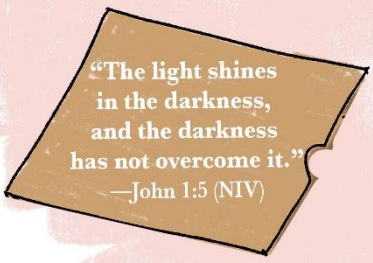
What you need:

- Pencil
- Brown or white paper lunch bags
- Hole punch or pushpin
- Cardboard
- Sand
- Battery-operated LED tea lights
- Optional: markers, crayons, stickers, or stencils



What you do:

1. Draw a Christmas design or word on each bag, such as a star, manger, heart, or "JOY."
2. Place cardboard inside the bag. With adult supervision, punch holes along your design.
3. Add about two inches of sand and place an LED tea light inside.
4. Set the bags along your walkway, porch, or patio. Turn on the lights at dusk and enjoy!





Christmas Riddles

Read the riddles below. Do you know the answers?

1) In a stable I was filled with hay
And became a bed where a baby lay.
What am I?
Luke 2:7

2) Our voices loud were heard on high!
The shepherds were frightened when we filled the sky!
Who are we?
Luke 2:9-13

3) I was shining in the Bethlehem sky that night.
The Magi followed my light so bright!
What am I?
Matthew 2:2

4) We watched our sheep in the night so still;
Then angels praised God and woke up our hill!
Who are we?
Luke 2:8

5) I was at Mary's side for the special birth
And raised the child as his "father on Earth."
Who am I?
Luke 2:16

6) "My heart in song to God I lift"
Said the young mother of God's special gift.
Who am I?
Luke 1:46-55

7) A baby boy, the Promised One!
A gift from God, His beloved Son!
Who am I?
Matthew 1:18

8) The city of David, the little town,
Where the Baby was born and the star shone down.
What am I?
Luke 2:4

9) From the East we traveled far.
We found the child by the light of the star.
Who are we?
Matthew 2:1

Answers: manger, angels, star, shepherds, Joseph, Mary, Jesus, Bethlehem, wise men



DEVOTIONS
for Spiritual Growth

(Continued from page 1.)



Making Room for What Matters

Julie Reynolds of Snohomish, Washington, tells of one Advent season when all her young children came down with chickenpox. Everything planned was put on hold or forgotten altogether. They missed many church and community activities, as well as gatherings with family and friends.

But Julie discovered something during that unexpected pause: she had time to enjoy being with her children. They were well enough to take part in family activities that the usual Christmas rush might have prevented.

She read Christmas stories to them. Using blankets, walking sticks, and other objects, the children reenacted the story of the Holy Family traveling to Bethlehem. Together, they discovered the joy of family fellowship and spent time reflecting on the meaning of Christmas.

Julie recalled other Christmases when she had been so busy shopping, decorating, cooking, and running about that she missed Jesus. She said, "I completely missed celebrating the joy of His birth in my own heart. And the emptiness I have felt at those times brought a sorrow and regret deep in my soul."

No more! Now she deliberately schedules "open days" on her calendar, especially during Advent. These are days for waiting upon God, praying, listening, and enjoying His peace. They are also days for truly being with her family, strengthening their bonds and nurturing their relationships. Today, she looks back with gratitude on the lesson she learned during that Advent years ago.

Jesus, the Anointed One

In biblical times, a man was often identified by his father's name. The Hebrew word "ben" means "son of," so Jesus might have been called Jesus ben Joseph—Jesus, son of Joseph. But he was more than the people around Him understood: he was the Christ.

The word "Christ" means "the Anointed One." In biblical times, kings of Israel were anointed with oil as a sign of their calling and authority. When Samuel anointed Saul, he poured oil on his head (see 1 Samuel 10:1, NKJV).

The early church proclaimed Jesus as God's Anointed One—Lord, Savior, and King. The New Testament affirms his kingship in passages such as Acts 17:7 and Revelation 17:14 (NKJV). His resurrection revealed his victory over sin and death. As Peter declared, "This Jesus God has raised up. ... God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:32, 36, NKJV).

At Christmas, we celebrate the birth of this promised Savior, the King of kings. With joyful hearts, we join in the familiar words: "Hark! the herald angels sing, 'Glory to the newborn King!'"

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"The Promise Comes to Pass" Advent and Christmas Season 2026

Built around the powerful biblical phrase "And it came to pass," this inspiring Advent and Christmas sermon and worship series explores how God's promises are fulfilled through Christ.

Sunday, November 29, 2026 – 8:00 & 10:30 AM
"Fear to Hope" – Isaiah 11:1-9, Romans 8:18-25, Luke 3:1-9: In this world, there is much to bring us dread, but in Christ we have the certain hope of a new life.

Sunday, December 6, 2026 – 8:00 & 10:30 AM
"Impossible to Possible" – Isaiah 42:1-9, Philippians 4:10-13, Luke 1:26-38: Many things in life seem impossible, but Christ proves that all things are possible.

Sunday, December 13, 2026 – 8:00 & 10:30 AM
"Sadness to Gladness" – Isaiah 42:10-16, Philippians 4:4-9, Luke 1:39-55: Christ helps us to emerge from our losses to experience true joy in his presence.

Sunday, December 20, 2026 – 8:00 & 10:30 AM
"Desperation to Deliverance" – Isaiah 9:1-7, Galatians 4:1-6, Matthew 1:18-25: We who have longed to be rescued from the hardships of the world are delivered from them through Christ.

Thursday, December 24, 2026 – 7:00 PM
"A Child is Born" – Micah 5:2-5, Philippians 2:1-8, Luke 2:1-20: The birth of Christ has come to pass, as prophesied from long ago.

Sunday, December 27, 2026 – 8:00 & 10:30 AM
"All the World Rejoices" – Isaiah 55:1-13, Romans 13:11-12, John 1:1-14: Great things will come to pass for all the world through the Word Made Flesh.



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.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS MONTH:

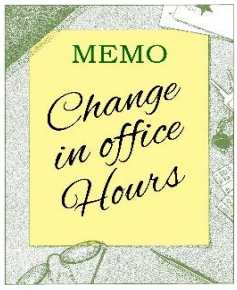
FRIDAY, DEC. 4, and THURSDAYS, DEC. 10, 17, 24, 31 from 10-3.

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 DECEMBER



Please Note:



Pastor Sandi Baney, Director of Discipleship, remains on vacation up **through December 7**. During this time period, all discipleship and Christian Education ministry-related questions should be directed to a Navigators Team member.

Marilyn Zahora, Church Secretary, is on vacation **through December 5**. Office hours will be held on **Friday, December 4 from 10-3**.

Amy Kreiger, Administrative Assistant, will be on vacation **December 9** and **December 21-22**. On these days, please contact Pastor George Jensen with Prayer Chain prayer requests.

Men's Ministry Breakfast

Saturday, December 5
8:00 am - 9:00 am
Fellowship Hall

For more information, contact Dan Marrow.

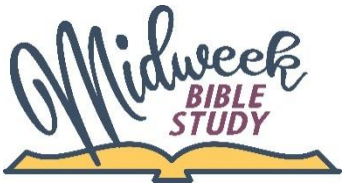


COME ON OUT TO OUR SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICES



Prayer Services continue to 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 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.

WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY



The Wednesday evening **Adult Bible Study** is facilitated by Pastor Sandi Baney. The title is "GOD's Will done GOD's Way, so GOD Gets the Glory." We are looking 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.



A SUPPORT GROUP IS AVAILABLE AT ECOG!

MONDAYS at 6:00 pm

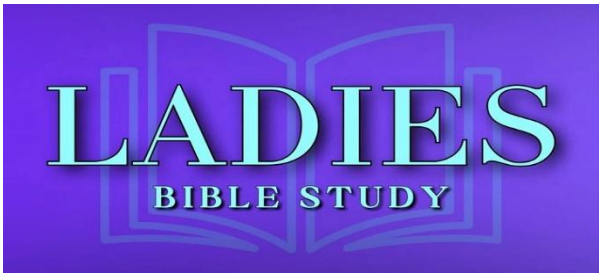
Are you struggling with grief, fear, anger, worry, a poor self-image, a lack of hope, resentment, a grudge, an addiction or various hurts? If so, you may want to consider checking out the Christ-Centered Support Group that is meeting at ECOG most Monday evenings at 6:00 pm. Romans 12:4-5 states, "For 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.



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.*



TUESDAYS
10:00 AM

THE PROMISE OF HEAVEN
BIBLE study by David Jeremiah.

This is video/discussion format and is an exciting and informative study about our future eternal home.

We meet 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.

Parents' Day Out/Children's Ministry Christmas Party:



Parents, do you need time to shop for Christmas, wrap presents, go out to lunch, or take a nap during the busy holiday season? Children, do you want to do crafts, play games, hear Bible stories, eat lunch, get a gift, and attend a birthday party for Jesus? We know just the thing for parents and children...

All children through 6th grade are invited to join us on **Saturday, December 5th from 10 am to 2 pm** in the Fellowship Hall for this exciting day. Invite your friends to join the fun, but please sign up at "Sign-up Central" by November 29.

Coffee House
will Return in 2027

There will be no Coffee House in December. However, Coffee House will return in 2027! Check our website or the January issue of "The Sonshine News" for updates.





It's time to order poinsettias. The poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary for morning services on December 20 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 20.

Each poinsettia comes in a 6" pot and costs $7.00. Order forms have been placed in family mailboxes and extras are on the tables in the Living Room and Lobby. If you would like to place a poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone special to you, please complete the order form and place it, along with the proper amount of money, in an envelope. Envelopes are located in the back of the pews.

Deadline for ordering is <u>Wednesday, December 9th</u>.



Please check your family mailbox for your Advent Letter. If you are a regular attender and do not have a mailbox, the letter was mailed to your home. Our Christmas Offering this year will support New Hope Ministries and Samaritan's Purse.

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

Christmas Eve--December 24 @ 7:00 PM



Please join us at Enola First Church of God for our Christmas Eve Service on Thursday, December 24 @ 7:00 PM. Following our Advent theme, "The Promise Comes to Pass", the pastor's meditation will be "A Child is Born". There will be carols, special music, Scriptures, and our traditional service of candle lighting. Everyone is welcome!

An updated list of ECOG "Shut-ins" has been added to the table in the Living Room. Feel free to take one and bless a Shut-in with a card, call or visit this holiday season!





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!







CHRISTMAS CAROLING AROUND THE CIRCLE

Thursday December 3 @ 6:30 PM

You are invited to join with other folks from ECOG to go CHRISTMAS CAROLING around Sherwood Circle on December 3, 2026 at 6:30 PM. In addition to caroling, we will present a small gift to each household. This ministry is being sponsored and led by our Lifesavers Evangelism Team. So, come on out December 3 and let's see where God directs us and spread the Gospel along with some Christmas Joy!

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.

Merry Christmas
and
Have a Safe & Happy
New Year!



TEXAS ROADHOUSE

DINE TO DONATE!
FUNDRAISING NIGHT



Support
Pharos Academy

DECEMBER 7, 2026

3PM – 11PM

(717) 730-7427

1101 Lower Allen Drive

Camp Hill, PA

15%
DONATION NIGHT

Support Pharos Academy by presenting this flyer to the Camp Hill, PA location and Texas Roadhouse will donate 15% of your total food purchases to Pharos Academy!

HELP SUPPORT
Pharos Academy





CHURCH-WIDE ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

EVENTS AND SERVICES

DATE	TIME & EVENT
Sunday, November 29	**First Sunday in Advent** Worship Services 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM: The Promise Comes to Pass "Fear to Hope" – Isaiah 11:1-9, Romans 8:18-25, Luke 3:1-9 Pastor George Jensen, speaking
Sunday, December 6	**Second Sunday in Advent** Worship Services 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM: The Promise Comes to Pass "Impossible to Possible" – Isaiah 42:1-9, Philippians 4:10-13, Luke 1:26-38 Pastor George Jensen, speaking
Sunday, December 13	**Third Sunday in Advent** Worship Services 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM: The Promise Comes to Pass "Sadness to Gladness" – Isaiah 42:10-16, Philippians 4:4-9, Luke 1:39-55 10:30 AM – Children's Christmas Program in addition to the message Pastor George Jensen, speaking
Sunday, December 20	**Fourth Sunday in Advent** Worship Services 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM: The Promise Comes to Pass "Desperation to Deliverance" – Isaiah 9:1-7, Galatians 4:1-6, Matthew 1:18-25 Pastor George Jensen, speaking
Thursday, December 24	**Christmas Eve** Candlelight Worship Service 7:00 PM: The Promise Comes to Pass "A Child is Born" – Micah 5:2-5, Philippians 2:1-8, Luke 2:1-20 Pastor George Jensen, speaking
Sunday, December 27	**First Sundy after Christmas** Worship Services 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM: The Promise Comes to Pass "All the World Rejoices" – Isaiah 55:1-13, Romans 13:11-12, John 1:1-14 Pastor George Jensen, speaking



Next screening: DECEMBER 27

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



December 6, 2026 / 12:00 pm

If you are a member of the Enola First Church of God, please plan on attending.

"ANNOUNCING A CHRISTMAS ALLELUIA"

Women's Christmas Dinner at Camp YoliJwa

Thursday, December 10 at 6:00 pm

For those who signed up. Remember to be an angel and bring a cash gift for Angel Tree Kids (children of incarcerated parents) to attend a Christian camp at little to no cost."

See Amy Kreiger with any questions.



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!

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.

iServ



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The 2027 calendar will be available soon.
The cost is $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.

Pharos Academy
A Christian Classical Hybrid Microschool

PHAROS ACADEMY UPDATE – NOVEMBER 2026

Following the recent Launch Task Force meeting on November 16, the Pharos Academy Launch Team is delighted to share some upcoming community events and plans for the future as we continue our mission of offering hope to local families.

Classroom Highlights & Spring Semester Plans

Our current school year is going very well. Our new six-week *Nocturnal Wonders* class has been wonderfully received, and our Latin class recently welcomed another new student. Our teaching team along with those who were willing to teach this fall enjoyed a wonderful fellowship lunch recently to connect and share ideas for the school.

Looking ahead to the Spring Semester, we are preparing to launch *Pilgrim's Progress for Kids*, *Introduction to Drawing & Painting* (which already has its first enrolled student), and potentially two additional six-week workshop classes. We are also exploring the possibility of hosting English tutoring sessions on-site and offering student evaluations at the church to better serve and connect with local families.

Support Pharos Academy: Upcoming Fundraisers

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation and community, Pharos Academy reported a strong fund balance of $22,623.86 as of October 31. If you would like to support the school this season, there are several great ways to get involved:

- **Dine and Donate Night (December 7):** Mark your calendars for a Dine and Donate event at the Camp Hill Texas Roadhouse. Because of the tremendous success of our recent gift card fundraiser—which raised $322.50—Texas Roadhouse is generously donating 15% of proceeds from this event to Pharos Academy. Flyers are available in church mailboxes and on the information tables.
- **Sunday Morning Pharos Table:** Stop by the Pharos Table on Sunday mornings to browse handmade jewelry generously donated for our fundraising efforts, or to purchase homemade pies.
- **Weis Markets School Program:** Thank you to everyone participating in the Weis Markets rewards program. It has been a huge success, and flyers remain available if you haven't signed up yet. Remember, those who signed up last year must sign up again for this year.
- **Online Giving:** Our online Vanco donation page is officially up and running for anyone wishing to give electronically. (Please note: We are currently resolving a minor technical glitch with user sign-ins, so thank you for your patience as we get that smoothed out!)

Looking Ahead: Workshops, Open Enrollment, and Spreading the Word

Our leadership team is hard at work laying the groundwork for a bright future:

- **Free Homeschooling Workshops:** We are planning a series of free Thursday evening workshops for local homeschooling parents. Planned topics include *Homeschooling High School*, *Homeschool Law*, discovering your teaching style, and general parent encouragement.

Light snacks and beverages will be provided, along with free childcare for families who request it during registration.

- **2027–2028 School Year:** Planning is already underway for the 2027–2028 academic calendar, budget, and a potential Open House, with the goal of opening registration by March 1.
- **Help Us Share the News:** Brand-new Pharos Academy business cards are now available on the church information tables. Please grab a few to keep in your wallet and hand out to friends, neighbors, or families who might be interested in learning more about our microschool! We are also working with church leadership on permanent signage and yard signs to help raise awareness in our community.

Finally, we want to extend a heartfelt public "thank you" to Cohick and Associates, our accounting firm, and Wyatt Saint, our web servant. They have partnered with us by giving us discounted and donated services. As the Christmas season approaches, we are also grateful for the generous donation of gift cards to bless our active teachers alongside our annual Christmas cards to Pharos families and staff. Thank you for your continued prayers and support as Pharos Academy grows. Our next task force meeting will take place on January 25, 2027, at 6:00 PM.

ECOG HOSTS THE UPPER WEST SHORE MINISTERIUM'S COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE





On Sunday Evening November 15, the Upper West Shore Ecumenical Ministerium recently gathered at ECOG for its annual Community Thanksgiving Service, bringing together local congregations for an evening of worship, generosity, and fellowship.

Author and songwriter Julie Nevel presented an uplifting, Gospel-centered concert. During the service, Joanne Fortney from New Hope Ministries shared an encouraging update on the Enola Center. In support of their ongoing outreach, attendees gave a special offering and donated non-perishable food items to help local families in need. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the annual Christian Service Award to Jeff and Phyllis Achenbach of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, honoring their dedicated, regular volunteer work to their church and with New Hope Ministries. Following the service, ECOG's Connectors Team hosted a reception where guests lingered for over an hour to catch up and connect. It was a wonderful blessing to unite as a Christian community in worship and give thanks to God together.

Puzzle!

FOLLOW THE STAR

Start at Clue 1. Choose the correct answer, record its star letter, and follow its number.

1	The Wise Men came from the:	East — J — go to 4	West — P — go to 2
2	Herod asked when the _____ appeared.	angel — T — go to 3	star — S — go to 5
3	Warned in a dream, they returned:	another way — S — Finish	to Herod — D — go to 4
4	The prophecy pointed to:	Nazareth — R — go to 5	Bethlehem — E — go to 2
5	They found the child in a:	house — U — go to 3	stable — M — go to 1

Who did they find?
Matthew 2:1–12 ____ ____ ____ ____ ____

Answer: Jesus

Bible Quiz



The New Testament describes Jesus Christ as **"Lord of lords and King of kings."** In which book of the Bible is this title found?

A. Revelation
B. Acts
C. Colossians
D. Matthew

Answer: A. Revelation (See Revelation 17:14)







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

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Sharing Christ's love by meeting human needs

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.

SNOW & INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS
WINTER 2026-2027

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 2026-2027 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.*



NOTE FROM THE TREASURER REGARDING PHAROS DONATIONS:

Pharos Academy has been granted its 501(c)(3) Federal exemption status and is a fully functioning, independent entity! Therefore, your **donations for Pharos Academy should now be made out to the school**, not the church. Pharos Academy has a direct link to Vanco on its website (pharosacademy.net), however if you prefer to continue your giving through Vanco as it is currently set up, the money will be moved to Pharos Academy monthly from the church. You are asked, however, if you are writing a check to please change to Pharos Academy instead of the church. THANK YOU for the faithful financial support you have given Pharos Academy. You are so appreciated!

YOUR GIVING MATTERS

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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

General Fund Status		
October 2026		Year to Date
Income	$25,934.00	$304,714.00
Expenses	$30,063.00	$303,201.00

WEEKLY OFFERINGS SUMMARY

DATE	OFFERING	BUILDING FUND
10-25-26	$5,723.78	$68.00
11-01-26	$6,833.00	$148.00
11-08-26	$4,884.23	$173.00
11-15-26	$7,635.44	$65.00
11-22-26	$4,225.00	$126.00

CAMP NEWS

UPDATE DEC. 2026

WINTER RETREATS

Attention Campers!
Learn about God, see summer friends, and enjoy winter activities at one of our winter retreats! Registration is open!

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

WINTER PICNIC



Sunday, February 7
3-7 PM
Join us for our annual Winter Picnic! Bring a dish to share and dress according to the theme! Check our social media or website for more information.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

April 30-May 2
Age: Post High School - 30
This is a wonderful opportunity for all young adults! Participants will enjoy times of worship, Bible study, breakout sessions, fellowship, and more! Register will open soon online!

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

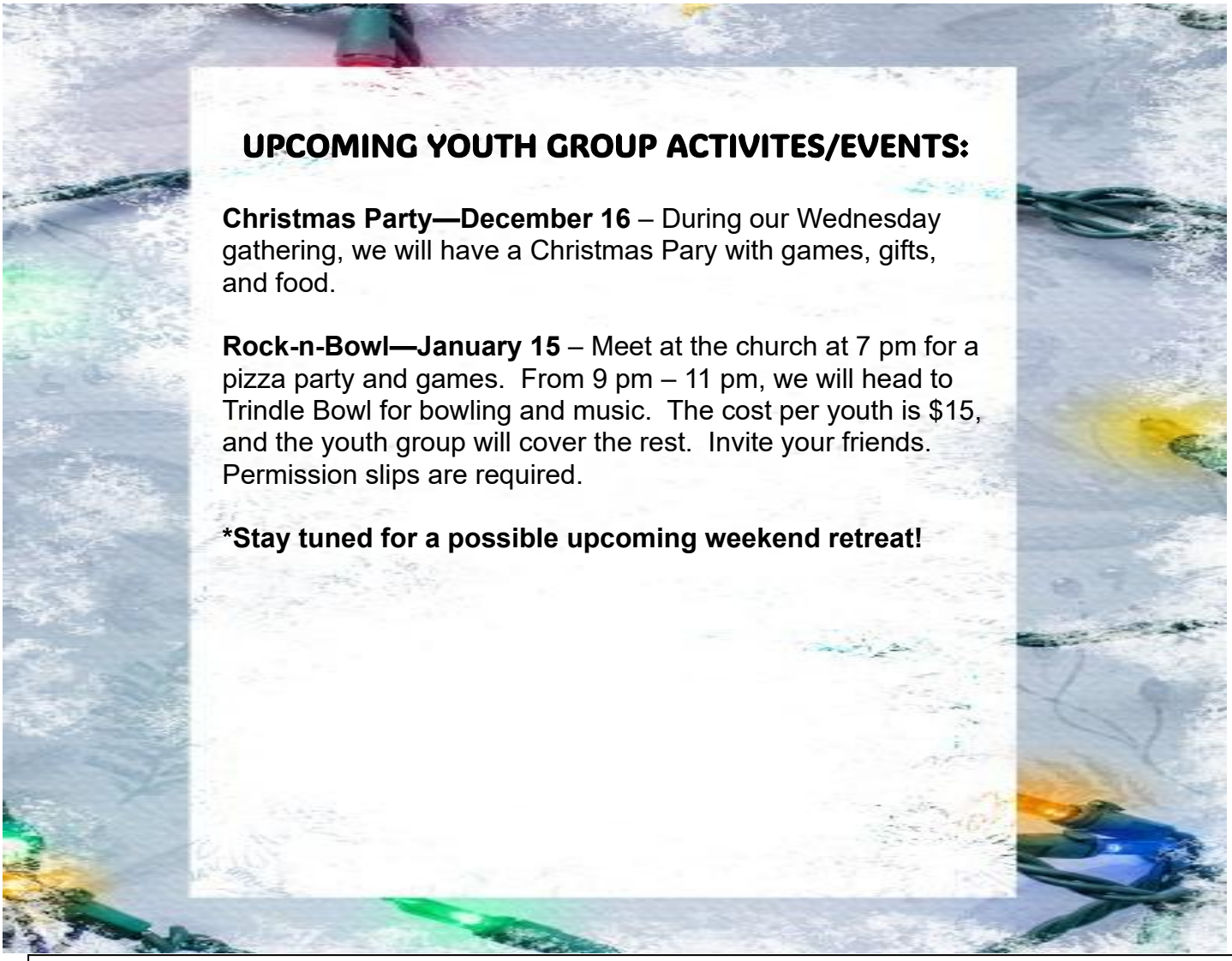
Facebook: Doubling Gap Center, Camp YoliJwa
Instagram: campyolijwa

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 of 7th to 12th graders that meet 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 ACTIVITES/EVENTS:

Christmas Party—December 16 – During our Wednesday gathering, we will have a Christmas Pary with games, gifts, and food.

Rock-n-Bowl—January 15 – Meet at the church at 7 pm for a pizza party and games. From 9 pm – 11 pm, we will head to Trindle Bowl for bowling and music. The cost per youth is $15, and the youth group will cover the rest. Invite your friends. Permission slips are required.

***Stay tuned for a possible upcoming weekend retreat!**

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.







DECEMBER Birthdays

1	Charlye Ingram
2	Marie Sheaffer
5	Jennifer Chilson
6	Betty Meik
7	Deb Dodson
8	Debbie Filler
9	Amy Kreiger
14	Deb Miller
16	Andy McConnell
20	Tammy Brown
20	Dane Whitaker
22	Kim Jones
27	Jan Madden
30	Julia Imboden

December anniversaries

31	Nate & Lauren Cook
31	Don & Linda Morgan



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