

Reflecting God's Light

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.

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Aflame with faith

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In the Old Testament, fire often symbolizes the presence of God's Spirit. For example, God called to Moses from a burning bush (Exodus 3:2-6) and defeated the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel (1 Kings 18:30-39). In the New Testament, tongues of fire rested atop the believers gathered on Pentecost (Acts 2:3).

Jill Kilker, Director of Children & Youth Ministries

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Some Christians have described a burning or current-like sensation when they encounter God. Methodism founder John Wesley said his heart was "strangely warmed" during worship. After such an encounter, people often feel compelled to share the Good News of Jesus. The flame of faith inside one believer can spark a revival of faith in others. As Charles Spurgeon said, "A burning heart will soon find for itself a flaming tongue."

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Come Date Service Theme/Message	
Morship Apr. 7 8:00 am & "I Will"	
Sunday10:30 amMessage: "I Will Go Ahead of You into Galilee" - Mark 14:27-31	
Worship Pastor George Jensen speaking	
Services Apr. 14 8:00 am & "I Will"	
10:30 am Message: "I Will Continue to Make it Known" – John 17:20-25	
Pastor George Jensen speaking	
Apr. 21 8:00 am & "I Will"	
10:30 am Message: "I will Come Again and Take You to Myse John 14:1-6	elf" -
Pastor George Jensen speaking	
Apr. 28 8:00 am & Palm Sunday	
10:30 am Message: "I Will Build My Church" - Matthew 16:13	3-20



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES SUNDAYS - 9:15 AM





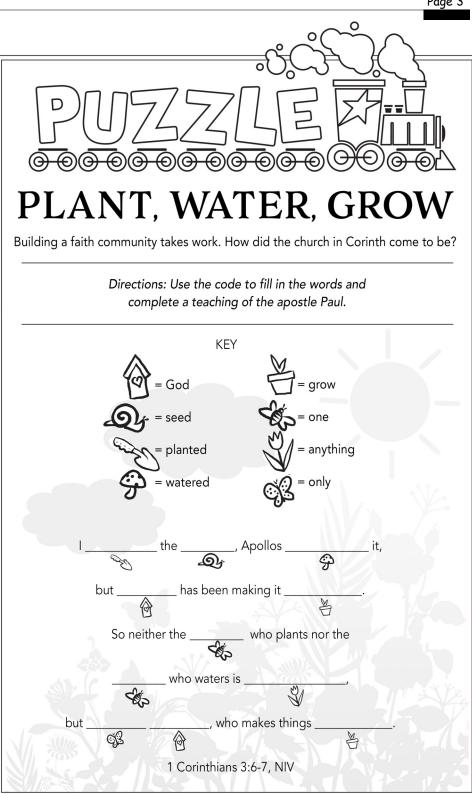
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WHAT?	WHO?	WHERE?	
Adult Bible Study	"The Revelation of Jesus Christ" - Led by Pastor Craig Debinski	Chapel and Facebook Live	
412 Youth	Youth - Grades 7-12	Room #3	
Kids' Klub	A children's ministry with separate groups for PreK & Early Elementary (age 3-Gr. 2) and Older Elementary (Gr. 3-6)	Fellowship Hall	

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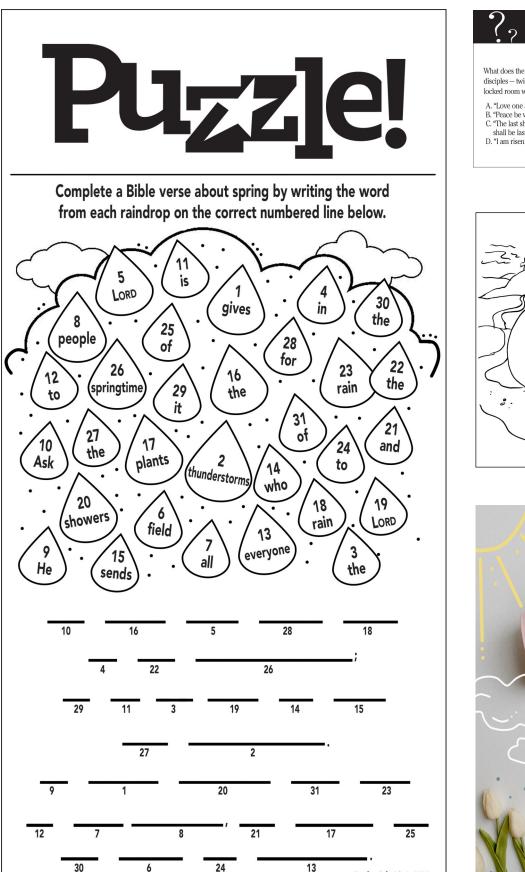






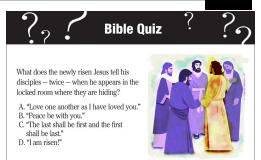
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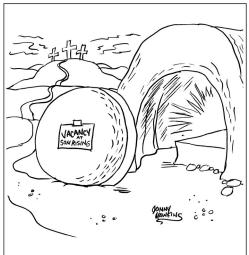


Answer: Ask the Lorp for rain in the springtime; it is the Lorp who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone. Zechariah 10:1, NIV

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Answer: B (See John 20:19, 21.)





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A house united

When President Lincoln declared in 1858, "A house divided against itself cannot stand," he was echoing Jesus. Scribes thought Jesus was casting out demons by Satan's power, so Jesus responded, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ... If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand" (Mark 3:23-25, NIV). There are countless modern examples: Civil wars. Families torn apart. Business partners going separate ways. Even churches splitting.

Jesus used the "house divided" image to point out the nonsense of the scribes' words. It takes someone *other than* the "strong man" (v. 27), or demon, occupying a space to cast that demon out. Evil can't drive out evil. Sin isn't stronger than sin. Hate doesn't solve hate. Violence doesn't end violence. Two wrongs don't make a right.

Jesus came to "bind" evil with goodness, conquer hate with love and teach us the same. Throughout the gospels, Jesus treats *all* people with love — even those who oppose him — so that, in the end, we all will be a house *united* by God's goodness.

You are my witnesses

John White (1924-2002) was a medical missionary, psychiatry professor, church planter and prolific author who wrote about faith and outreach. He refuted the notion that being an effective witness for Christ is akin to being a salesperson. Christians are representing and sharing a person, he said, not touting a product.

"A good witness is like a signpost," he added. "It doesn't matter whether it is old, young, pretty, ugly. It has to point the right direction and be able to be understood. We are witnesses to Christ; we point to him."







In introducing the Model T in October 1908, Henry Ford proclaimed, "**I will** build a motor car for the great multitude."¹ I think it's safe to say that in that case, when Mr. Ford said, "I will" he meant what he said. He kept that promise. Many people boast, "I will do this, or "I will do that," but fail to keep their word. Several years ago, Pastor Jensen did a message series based on Jesus' "I Am" statements ("I am the bread of life, I am the door, I am the light of the world, etc.). He is now working through a new message series based on many of the "I will" statements Jesus made based on the ESV translation of

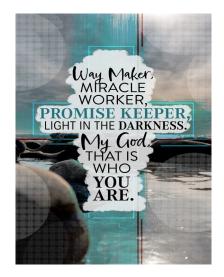
the Bible. Please note: This is series is not an exhaustive coverage of Jesus' "I Will" statements. We can be confident of this: Anytime you read a statement in the Gospels where Jesus said, "I will," you can totally and completely be confident that He will do what He said He will do. Some of Jesus' "I Will" proclamations are based on a condition. Others are negating statements (such as, "I will not" or "I will never"). We will look carefully at the context in which Jesus made these statements. The connection between an "I Will" statement and its context may surprise you in some cases! The series will continue through Easter, Ascension and Pentecost Sundays. Below is the tentative remaining "I Will" series schedule.

Mar. 31 (Easter Sun.) Apr. 7 Apr. 14 Apr 21	"I Will See You Again" "I Will Go Ahead of You into Galilee "I Will Continue to Make it Known" "I will Come Again and Take You to Mysolf"	John 16:16-33 Mark 14:27-31 John 17:20-25 John 14:1-6
Apr. 28 May 1 May 8 May 5	Take You to Myself" "I Will Build My Church "I Will Give You a Mouth and Wisdom "I Will Raise Him Up" "Whatever You Ask in My Name I Will Do it"	Matthew 16:13-20 Luke 21:5-18 - John 6:41-59 John 14:13-14
May 12 (Ascension Sun.) May 19 (Pentecost Sun.)	"I Will Be With You a Little Longer "I Will Ask the Father; I Will Come to You"	John 7:32-52 John 14:15-30

¹ https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/moving-assembly-line-at-ford



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



ADULT BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 7 PM

Leader: Pastor Craig Debinski



The New, 2024 Bible Study is focusing on Revelation 20 – 22 and the topics include: > The Millennial Reign of the King; > The Two Resurrections; >The Great White Throne of Judgment; >The New Jerusalem; >The New Heaven and the New Earth; >The Bride, the Wife of the Lamb; >The Root and Offspring of David; and >The Bright and Morning Star.

Join Pastor Craig at 7:00 PM in the Chapel, on *Facebook Live*; or on our Church's *YouTube* channel, *Sonshine-TV* the day following the Study.

BIBLE STUDY GUIDES ARE AVAILABLE:

All of the Revelation Bible Studies are numbered from 1-20. Copies of the entire series are available and are on display in the Church Living Room. Help yourself, and if there is one missing that you need, let Pastor Craig know. You may text/call him at 570-809-6871. These studies will assist you as you listen to the recorded Bible Study on our church's *Sonshine-TV* Channel, on You Tube.



Men's Ministry Breakfast

Our next meeting will be:

Saturday, April 6 8:00 am - 9:00 am Fellowship Hall

For more information, contact Dan Marrow.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS at 10:00 AM

Lower Level Fellowship Hall

LADIES WE HAVE EXCITING NEWS!

We will be concluding our study on PURSUING CONTENTMENT in mid April. Following this study, Pat Watson will be leading a 4 week study titled TASTE AND SEE

Starting April 16, for four sessions, we will take an unforgettable culinary adventure through the Bible using video and a study from Margaret Feinberg, one of America's beloved Bible teachers. Have you ever thought about how amazing it is that God is a "foodie?" The Psalmist declared, "Taste and see the Lord is good" (Psalm 38:8). Margaret took this invitation literally and embarked on a global culinary and spiritual adventure, descending 410 feet into a salt mine, baking fresh matzo at Yale University, harvesting olives off the Croatian coast, and tasting succulent figs at a premier fig farm. With each person she encountered, she asked, "How do you read the Scriptures in light of what you do every day?" Their answers will change the way you read the Bible…and the way you approach every meal renewing a vibrant faith and unlocking a fruitful life! You are invited to the table! Come check it out!

We are excited to begin this new study in April and to have Pat Watson lead this study. All ladies are invited to attend each Tuesday at 10:00 AM in the lower level of the church. For more information contact Kay Liddick at 717-732-5064 or <u>denkaylid@msn.com</u>

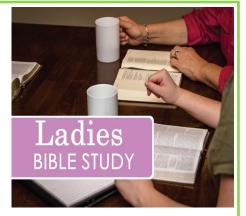
Or

Pat Watson at 717-979-0219 or pwatson4@verizon.net



Easter Tulips

If you placed a tulip(s) in the Sanctuary this Easter you are welcome to take your flower(s) home after services on Easter Sunday, March 31. Please leave the plastic dish that it sits in. Thank you.



SUPPORT ENCOURAGE RESPECT

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

WHEN: April 15
TIME: 7:00 PM
WHERE: Fellowship Hall
WHO: All Women and young ladies' grades 7-12

The S.I.S.T.E.R.S. In Christ will be packing care packages for college students at our meeting on <u>Monday, April 15</u>.

On <u>Monday, April 22</u>, we will be going to the Cracker Barrel in Mechanicsburg at 7:00 PM. Mark Your Calendar!



The acronym S.I.S.T.E.R.S. stands for SUPPORT, INSPIRE, SERVE, TEACH, ENCOURAGE, RESPECT AND SHARE. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Crystal Hammond at 717-557-1842.





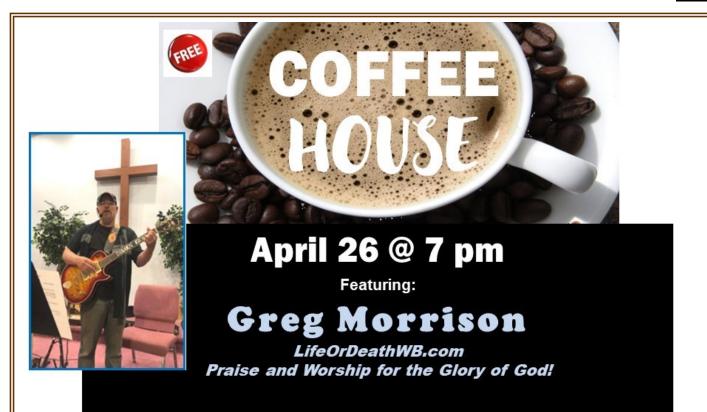
The Children's Ministry would like to thank you for your donations for our Easter Egg Hunt. We had a fabulous Parents' Day Out, with 25 children in attendance. The rain certainly did not keep the children from enjoying a fun egg hunt indoors.

In addition, thank you to the parents, musical helpers, and Maxine Rudy for

helping with our Easter Musical. "He Is Risen." What an honor for the children to be able to share the Jesus' journey through Holy Week and celebrate His resurrection and the eternal life He offers us. Thank you all and praise the Lord that Jesus Paid It all!

Jill Kilker and the Children's Ministry





Join us in Fellowship Hall for snacks, beverages and Christian entertainment in an informal atmosphere. A freewill offering will be received.

www.enolacog.com/coffee-house

Feel free to bring a dessert, snack and/or food item to share. Invite your friends!



Welcome ERC's New Director of Discipleship

We would like to announce that we have a new Director of Discipleship starting in April. Diane Hakes has been a long-time part of, and influence within the Churches of God along with her husband Todd. She has personally raised up many coaches and disciples, who have been able to raise up others in several different organizations. More recently, she has been the chair of our Discipleship Commission, and has been helping identify our next steps as we continue to Discover, Develop, and Deploy Disciples as Jesus Commanded.



Eastern Regional Conference Sessions will take place **April 22-23** at Doubling Gap Center. Please pray for our pastors (George Jensen and Sandi Baney) and our delegates (Keith & Sandy Gates) who will represent ECOG at the sessions.



All Aboard for a Journey Through The Jungle.

Prepare to swing into fun as we head out on the Great Jungle Journey!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 23-27,2024

6:00 pm-8:30 pm

Ages 4 through Grade 6

Registration begins May 6

(online at www.enolacog.com or paper forms available at the church)

Register early and receive a VBS CD or streaming code (one/family)

Adult Fellowship SPRING FLING

Cost is \$15.00 for Lunch & Concert (NO REFUNDS)

May 3, 2024 @ 10 AM

Middletown Church of God 245 West High Street Middletown, PA 17057 Directions: Take PA-283 E to the N. Union St. exit toward Fulling Mill Road and turn right onto N. Union St. (N. Union St. is also Rt. 441.) Follow N. Union St. to W. High St. W. High St. is just a little past Peters Avenue. Turn right onto W. High St. and 245 W. High St. will be on the right.

PROGRAM -

Michael Wayne Smith

Michael is a Christian singer / songwriter from Oak Ridge, TN. He has been traveling in ministry with his family since 2009 proclaiming the love of Christ through his music. Growing up, Michael was influenced by different styles of music, but his primary interest has always been southern / country gospel. This is evident when you hear his songs like "Everything's Fine", "Until The Storm Is Over", or "This Too Shall Pass". As you listen to him sing, you know the songs are coming from the heart of someone who has experienced trials just like anyone else. His latest radio single "My God Can Do Anything" reminds us that in troubled times, we are not to underestimate what God can do! Please plan to come for some food and fun and to hear Michael Wayne Smith. You will experience music that not only lifts your spirit, but will draw you into God's presence. His songs come from his heart and will find their way into yours!



Please give or send your Spring Fling registration, along with your money to our church contact person, Liz Swope, by April 17. Liz will then send all registrations and monies to the treasurer, Larry Welker.

2024 Adult Fellowship MEMBERSHIP

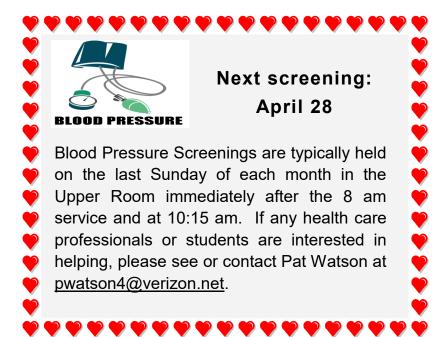
JUST A REMINDER - There are no membership fees for Adult Fellowship. The Spring Fling and Fall Festival of Music (October 4) have a cost and they put out donation containers at all the functions.





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.



New Hope Ministries is in need of toiletries!

This can include any of the following items for example: Toilet paper, shampoo, soap, lotions, conditioner, female sanitary products, toothpaste, tooth brushes, dental floss, hand soap and hand sanitizer, wipes, diapers, baby products, shaving cream and razors, deodorant, brushes



Sharing Christ's love by meeting human needs

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! Thank you for your generosity!



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, <u>by the 15th</u> <u>of each month</u>. Thank you! ÙÌ

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PRAYER SERVICES

Prayer services are scheduled to continue Sunday evenings. They are held in the Chapel for the purpose of praying for the purpose, vision, and ministries of the Enola First Church of God along with the needs of those joining for prayer. On many Sunday evenings, you can join in by Zoom. The ministry is

coordinated by the Elders with various gifted teachers within the church serving as 🛇 devotional leaders at each service. Looking ahead, prayer Services will be held most 🏷 Sunday evenings except for holiday weekends and when other events are scheduled. Log onto our online calendar at <u>www.enolacog.com</u> to see if a Prayer Service will be held on a given Sunday evening. Remember, "the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." (James 5:16)

~ 2024 Sanctuary Flowers ~

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To place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone on a given Sunday, please sign up on the chart located on the wall in the Living **Room (near the elevator).** The cost is \$35.50 per vase. Your payment can then be put in an envelope and dropped in an offering box. The Secretary will order flowers for the Sunday indicated. You are welcome to take them home after that Sunday's services.

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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.

OFFERING PLATE CHANGE

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. The change is being requested by the Administrative Board. 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.

\$383.00

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DATE	OFFERING	BUILDING FUND	
02-25-24	\$14,797.50	\$13.00	

\$9,038.50

\$8,015.50

\$10,270.00

\$5,700.79

03-03-24

03-10-24

03-17-24

03-24-24

WEEKLY OFFERINGS SUMMARY

General Fund Status			
February 2024		Year to Date	
Income	\$23,773.00	\$45,987.00	
Expenses	\$20,748.00	\$51,455.00	

Church FINANCES



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COUNSEL

CAMP YOLIJWA UPDATE April 2024



MISSION TRIP TO CAMP YOLIJWA?

Here's an opportunity to serve the Lord locally. Volunteer for a week as one of 350 persons who serve on YoliJwa's staff. Counselors are needed for every camp week! Applications available at www.campyolijwa.org. Apply today!



Looking for Adventure? Attend one of our Wilderness Camps!

Week long programs for Jr. Hi & Sr. Hi! Come and enjoy a stay in our wilderness cabins along with exciting outdoor programming!

HIKE OR ROCK

WILDERNESS

Hike-N-Rock-R-Thon

Saturday afternoon, May 4 Hike 6 miles or rock 4 hours to support the Camp and you could earn up to a free 2024 week of camp!





Camp HOPE

June 2-7 For intellectually disabled adults (age 16+). Call Camp for a registration brochure. Male & female counselors needed!





June 23-29 Need s'more family time?

Come to camp! Enjoy a time of rest, relaxation and fun!

Programs offered for all ages. Call the Camp for s'more information! Limited spaces available!

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

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



412 YOUTH NEWS

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

UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

Saturday, April 13—Pizza/Roller Skating Party—Meet at the church at noon for a pizza party. We will then head to the Olympic Skating Center for roller skating from 1-3 p.m. The cost of this event is \$11 per youth if you need skate rentals and \$8 per youth if you bring your own skates. Additional snacks are available at the skating rink snack bar if the youth are interested in purchasing. Invite your friends. Please <u>RSVP to Miss Jill by Sunday, April 7th</u>. Permission slips are required.

June 23-27: VBS at ECOG (It is mandatory that all mission team members in the area serve at our VBS. Please contact Miss Dawn to sign-up.)

Saturday, June 29: (Fellowship Hall)

1-3 pm--Boot Camp Training (Mandatory for all of those participating in the mission trip)
 3 pm--Mission Trip Parents' Meeting (Mandatory for the team member and at least one parent)

Sunday, July 14: Commissioning of the Mission Team at the 10:30 service

July 20-27, 2024 — Youth Mission Trip to Hooghan Nizhoni, NM.

Sunday, August 4 — Mission Trip Recap Services and Reunion Lunch (All mission team members in the area must arrive by 7:45 a.m., as we will present at both the 8 a.m. and the 10:30 a.m. services.)

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.



The 412 Youth would like to thank the congregation for the generous support of our Pancake Breakfasts and our sandwich sale. We appreciate you helping with our summer mission trip expenses. God bless you all.





4 Arshad Karamdad Linda Mortensen

Barry Miller



9 Ron & Tammy Brown

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- 7 Paul Kline Jim Baughman
- 14 Tina Weaver
- 20 Greg Mostoller
- 21 Ashly Duskey
- 22 Sandy Reed
- 24 Lizzy Brown Sara Essig



26 Jerry Brown

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