



Reflecting God's Light

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The SonShine News

Enola First Church of God

DEVOTIONS

for Spiritual Growth



Sharing our Easter inheritance

After David Clarke's mother died in a cycling accident, she left him \$125,000. Inspired by how his mom had lived, he decided to share that inheritance with his community. Clarke chose four organizations that assist people in poverty, those with special needs and others. Liverpool (U.K.) Kids Plant to Plate received one-fourth of the money to teach urban kids about food growth and preparation. Team Oasis, which provides free meals and positive opportunities to disadvantaged families, also received 25% of the funds, as did two other nonprofits.

Through Jesus' death and resurrection, we too have an inheritance (see Colossians 1:12). Because we did nothing to earn this abundant love and life — and because God teaches us to serve and care for others — we look for ways to share it.

Unlike Clarke's monetary windfall, however, our gifts of salvation, grace, joy, love and blessing never run out. In fact, the more we share Jesus' love through word and deed, the more we experience it ourselves. As Clarke keeps his mom's spirit alive by following her example, so we, as Easter people, make the Spirit of God known far and wide.

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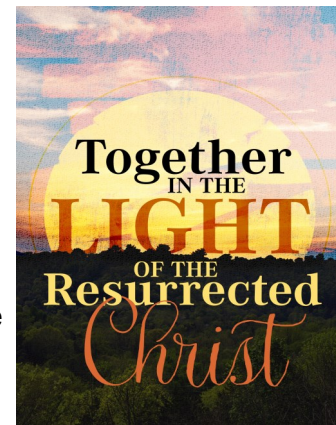
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Worship SCHEDULE



Date	Service	Theme/Message
Apr. 6	8:00 am & 10:30 am	ORDINANCE SERVICE Meditation: "One Thing Leads to Another" - Ephesians 2:8-10 <i>We will celebrate the Ordinances of Footwashing and the Lord's Supper</i> Pastor George Jensen speaking
Apr. 13	8:00 am & 10:30 am	PALM SUNDAY Losers Are Finders "Lose Your Pass" - Philippians 3:1-11 Pastor George Jensen speaking
Apr. 20	8:00 am & 10:30 am	EASTER SUNDAY Guest Speaker Pastor Harry Madison speaking
Apr. 27	8:00 am & 10:30 am	Losers Are Finders "Lose Your Priorities" - Mark 12:28-34 Pastor George Jensen speaking



Sunday School

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
SUNDAYS - 9:15 AM



HAPPY
Easter

WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES



7:00 PM



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



OUR EASTER GIFT

Thanks to Easter, what wonderful gift does God give us?

Directions: Start at the given letter, move one space in the direction each arrow points. Write the last letter in each sequence in the spaces provided. Then write those answers in order on the blanks below to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.

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F	G	H	I	J
K	L	M	N	O
P	Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X	Y

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Praise be to the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ!

In his great mercy he has given us

_____ into a living hope through the
resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NIV

Answer: new birth





SERMON SERIES

LOSERS ARE FINDERS

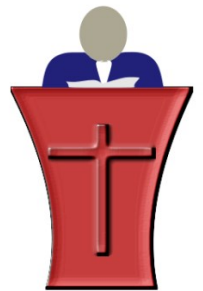

In April, Pastor Jensen will continue the thematic message series at the 8:00 and 10:30 AM Worship Services entitled, "Losers Are Finders." This series focuses on the biblical principle of "surrender" based on Jesus' words in Matthew 16:25 – "For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." As Christians,

we should strive to totally surrender every part of our lives to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. There are many things we try to hold back or keep. Surrendering our lives to Christ involves LOSING those very same things. As we strive to do that, we will FIND a richer, deeper and more fulfilling life in Christ. Below is an outline of the remaining messages we will cover in this series. Just in case anyone is leery of this message series because it encourages us to be "losers," just remember this: In Christ, when you strive to be a loser, you find a more abundant life in Him which makes you a winner!

"Lose Your Pass" – Philippians 3:1-11

"Lose Your Priorities" – Mark 12:28-34

"Lose Your Purpose" – Genesis 12:1-5

Online Sermons

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



Easter Tulip Orders

We will be taking orders for Easter Tulips again this year! Order forms have been placed in family mailboxes. Please fill it out (print clearly) and put it in an envelope along with your payment. It can then be placed in the offering plate. You are welcome to take your flower(s) home after services on Easter Sunday, April 20. Extra order forms are located on the table in the Living Room.

DEADLINE to order:

Wednesday, APRIL 9, 2025

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The blessing of fellowship

Between the death of Christ and the Last Day it is only by gracious anticipation of the last things that Christians are privileged to live in invisible fellowship with other Christians. It is by the grace of God that a congregation is permitted to gather visibly in this world to share God's Word and sacrament. Not all Christians receive this blessing. The imprisoned, the sick, the scattered lonely, the proclaimers of the Gospel in heathen lands stand alone. They know that visible fellowship is a blessing.

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Creation care

Sir Robert Baden-Powell, who founded the Boy Scouts, asked troop members to "leave this world a little better than you found it." For Christians, that aim is rooted in Scripture.

Using a Bible-like parable, biology professor Michael Duncan writes: "Imagine you owned a property and rented it out to tenants for a period of time. Upon move-in, the tenants found the place clean and in perfect working order. As the owner of the property, it is your desire to see that the tenants regard the condition of the property and live in such a way that does not destroy the house. This is the mindset that we should adopt as tenants living on the earth."

Almost five centuries ago, John Calvin encouraged creation care too. "The earth was given to man, with this condition, that he should occupy himself in its cultivation," he wrote. "Let him who possesses a field, so partake of its yearly fruits, that he may not suffer the ground to be injured by his negligence, but let him endeavor to hand it down to posterity as he received it, or even better cultivated. Moreover, that this economy, and this diligence, with respect to those good things which God has given us to enjoy, may flourish among us; let everyone regard himself as the steward of God in all things which he possesses."

A Lamplighter Devotion:

The Power of His Word

The word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18 (NASB)

Have you experienced the power of God's Word in your life? Have you seen how the Father uses it to sustain your soul and transform your life? It's not only when He heals a disease or provides for your needs in a supernatural way that He's active on your behalf. Often the greatest miracles He does involve breaking you free of strongholds and destructive behaviors.

However, realize that God releases His miraculous truth in your life not only to liberate you but also as a testimony to those who don't know Him. Your unsaved loved ones see the Savior's power in your life and it inspires them to believe in Jesus and be saved.

So as you spend time in Scripture and faithfully testify of God's love, look for ways He exhibits His power in your life. Ask the Father to use you mightily as His representative to those around you. And then watch as He uses His Word to work miraculously through you.

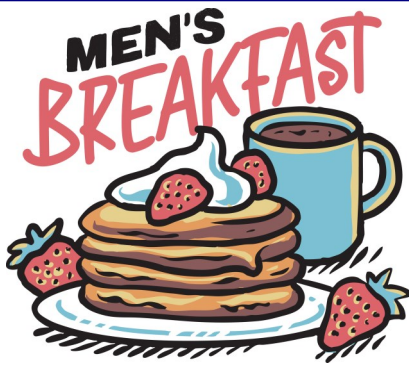
PRAYER:

Jesus, use Your Word powerfully in my life and help me be a faithful witness of Your saving love, amen.

In His presence . . . allow His Word to work powerfully.

1 Corinthians 1:18–19 (NKJV) For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent."

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



Men's Ministry Breakfast

Our next meeting will be:

Saturday, April 5

8:00 am - 9:00 am

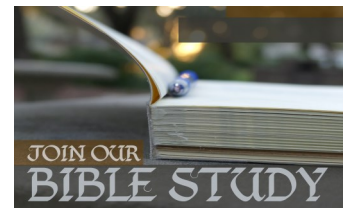
Fellowship Hall

For more information, contact Dan Marrow.

ADULT WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 7 pm

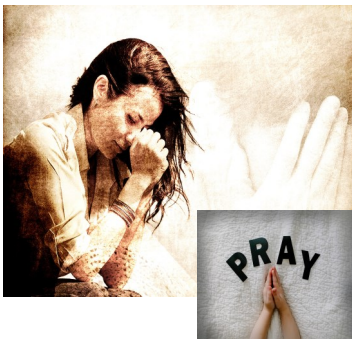
Leader: Dan Marrow



I can remember being in a Bible Study, answering questions designed by some famous theologian, and wondering, where did he/she come up with this question and, how did they expect us to understand it? That dynamic created a frustration that triggered thoughts of, "Do I really want to continue getting anxious doing something that is supposed to help me find peace?" I remember having a strong desire to know more about the Bible and how to research topics that interests me.

It is essential for every Christian to know how to study the Bible to find and understand more and more about God and His plan for the world He created, and how each of us fits into his plan. One should be able to dig into God's Word to gather and gain all the riches the Bible contains. I often combine two of my favorite verses that motivates me to grab a cognitive shovel and dig into the Word of God: Ps 119:105- Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path... and 1 Peter 1:13a – "Prepare your mind for action...".

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



SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICES

7:00 PM

Feel free to join us in the Chapel or on Zoom. The Zoom link will be provided on www.enolacog.com and our Church Facebook page. We hope you will join us for fervent, effectual prayer Sunday evenings this Fall as we pray for revival, the mission and vision of our church and other prayer concerns.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

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



WALK IN THE LIGHT

Centuries ago, the apostle John wrote to new believers to instruct them in how to live Godly lives. Today, John's words still hold truth and power as we struggle and triumph in our desire to "WALK IN THE LIGHT" with God and others. 1. 2. 3. JOHN: HOW SHOULD A CHRISTIAN LIVE? Invites us to grow in maturity as God's children while we learn more about what it means to live a radically transformed life.

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME.

Any questions?

Please contact Kay Liddick at denkaylid@msn.com or 717-732-5064.



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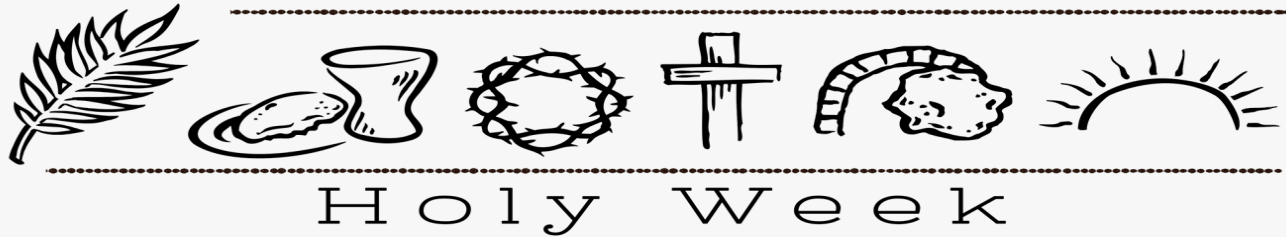
**WHAT: PUTTING TOGETHER CARE
PACKAGES FOR OUR COLLEGE
STUDENTS**

WHERE: ECOG FELLOWSHIP HALL, RM 4

WHEN: MONDAY, APRIL 21 AT 6PM

Please join us on Monday, April 21 at 6:00 PM in Room 4 (Lower Level) to assemble care packages for our college students. Our goal is to keep our young adults connected to their home church.

Looking Ahead to

**Palm Sunday: April 13, 2025**8:00 am – Early Worship9:15 am – Sunday School10:30 am – Late Worship with a Children’s “Palm Processional”**Maundy Thursday: April 17, 2025**7:00 pm – Maundy Thursday Sacrificial Supper (dessert bun and water) with Holy Week prayers, Communion and Footwashing.**Good Friday: April 18, 2025**8:30 am – Community Good Friday Breakfast at River of God Church in Enola.
Gather at 8:30am; breakfast served at 9:00 am**Easter Sunday: April 20, 2025**8:00 am – Early Worship9:15 am – Sunday School10:30 am – Late Worship

ECOG OFFERS MINISTRY TO ADULTS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES!

Did you know that ECOG offers two ministries to adults with intellectual disabilities? Here is what we have to offer:

“The Ice Breakers Class” – A Sunday School class which meets at 9:15 AM every Sunday morning in Room #5 on the Lower Level. The Ice Breakers’ goal is to “break the ice” and make people feel welcome. Class sessions include singing, a Bible lesson, coloring and storytelling.

“The Sonshine Crew” – A Fellowship Group which meets in the Sanctuary at 7:00 PM on Wednesday evenings throughout the school year. The Sonshine Crew consists of a fine “crew” of folks who want to shine for Jesus. Group activities include karaoke, worship, Bible skits, a Bible lesson review, and a Bible quiz time.

Do you know of an adult with intellectual disabilities who would benefit from one or both of these ministries? If so, tell them about what we have to offer and invite them to ECOG! We want to meet them!

MICROSCHOOL LAUNCH SUB TASK FORCE UPDATE

by Pastor Jensen

The Administrative Board and the Vision Task Force have identified three initiatives that we believe God is calling us to pursue. These include 1) remodeling and expanding the Kitchen, 2) enhancing security measures during public events and 3) implementing a Christian Micro-school for parents who are looking for options beyond the public school system.

Initiative #3 above continues to be primary focus the Administrative Board and the Vision Task Force. The bulk of the effort given to this area of focus has been carried out by a Microschool Launch Sub Task Force. Please feel free to check prior editions of [The Sonshine News](#) for previous updates.

As we reported to you before, the goal is to start a hybrid Christian classical microschool where students receive instruction both in school at ECOG from teachers and at home from parents. At this point, the plan is to have students spend two days per school week in class and the other three at home. We also established that for the first year, we will welcome students in grades K-6. In the future, we hope to expand that welcome to other grades. While students are in school, multiple grades may be grouped together while subject matter is adjusted accordingly. This model of education has proved to be effective. The tentative date for opening is September 2 of this year.

The million-dollar question out there is, "What is the school's name?" We are delighted to announce that the school's name will be, "Pharos Academy." Please see the article, "Pharos Academy" on p. 11 of this edition of [The Sonshine News](#) to learn why this is the ideal name for our school. You can also go to www.Pharosacademy.net or the Facebook page, "Pharos Academy" for more information about Pharos Academy.

To anyone out there who is interested in helping to promote Pharos Academy or simply find out more information, we invite you to come to a luncheon on Sunday, April 13 at 11:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall. See the article, "[Microschool Promoter and Info Luncheon](#)" on p. 16. The lunch will be provided by ECOG's Connectors Team (thank you, Connectors!) and members of the Launch Sub Task Force will give a brief presentation. If you have questions, this will be your opportunity to have them answered in a group setting. Speaking of "promoters," we are looking for people at ECOG who would be willing to speak to others about Pharos Academy (including friends and businesses passionate about Christian education). We will soon be opening enrollment but at this time, we are looking for partners to help support this ministry through prayers, volunteering and financial support.

One of the reasons we are seeking financial support has to do with paying for legal services. Prior to opening Pharos Academy, it must be incorporated as a Limited Liability Company (LLC) and designated as a 501c3 non-profit corporation. The school will also need to have by-laws and procedures drafted that are compliant with Pennsylvania law. And there are other "legal beagle" matters that need to happen between now and September. At this point, the plan is to retain the services of McKenna-Snyder, LLC, a law firm based in Exton, PA that specializes in education legal services in Pennsylvania. They are willing to help us with all these legal matters.

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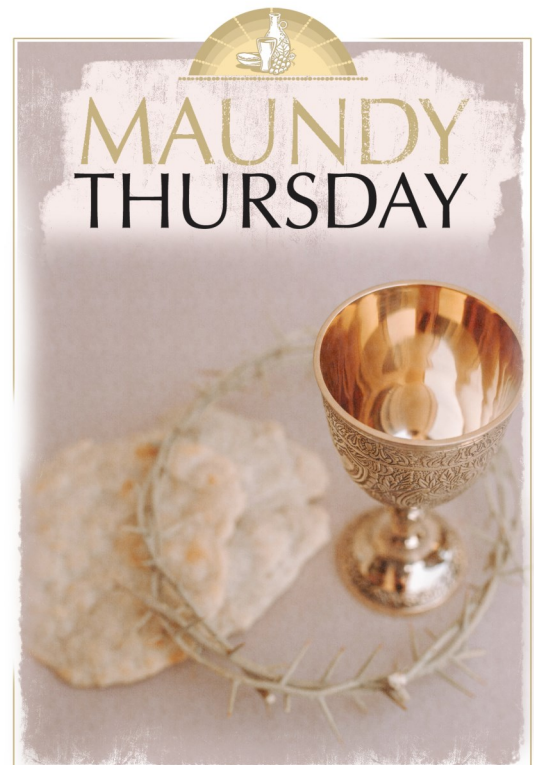
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Speaking of financial support, we want to thank everyone from ECOG who has been generous to the microschool initiative thus far. We want to thank everyone who contributed to the Coffee House offering on February 28 (the entire offering went to support the school). We are grateful that the Administrative Board designated the 2025 Easter Offering to go towards the microschool (you will soon be receiving your Easter letter). We also appreciate that the Administrative Board is open to other creative ways to raise funds for this initiative. We trust that God will provide; we continue to pray that He will open and close doors according to His sovereign will.

Until the Promoter and Info Luncheon on April 13, if you have any questions, please feel free to direct them to any member of the sub task force which includes, Jeff Imboden, Julia Imboden, Pastor George Jensen, Jill Kilker and Kathy Liddick.

Maundy Thursday Sacrificial Supper

The Thursday of Holy Week (the week preceding Easter) is called "Maundy Thursday" and occurs on **April 17** this year. It is the day we commemorate Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples. At **7:00 PM** on Maundy Thursday, we will be having a "Sacrificial Supper" similar to a sacrificial breakfast. The "supper" will consist of a hot cross bun and bottle of water. Therefore, we recommend you eat a "real" supper at home if you're looking for a hearty meal! The service will be held in the Fellowship Hall with participants seated at round tables. We will engage in a time of quiet contemplation and reading (to be provided) while we enjoy the hot cross buns and water. Then, we will go into a season of guided prayer where pre-selected participants will read prayers corresponding to Holy Week Events starting with Palm Sunday and ending with Holy Saturday. Following the prayer corresponding to Wednesday, we will celebrate the Ordinance of Feetwashing in Room 1 (for men) and Room 4 (for women). We will gather again at our tables for the Thursday prayer and to celebrate the Lord's Supper. A big "thanks" goes out to our Magnifiers Team for designing this unique, meaningful Maundy Thursday experience. We also want to thank our Administrative Board members for agreeing to prepare the Feetwashing areas and Communion elements. And we thank you ahead of time for coming to this Maundy Thursday experience to pray, celebrate the ordinances, remember the great sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to be blessed.



Pharos Academy: What Does “Pharos” Mean?

By Pastor Jensen

The Microschool Launch Sub Task Force gave the name “Pharos Academy” to the hybrid Christian classical microschool that will tentatively open at ECOG on September 1 (see the article in this edition of The Sonshine News, “Microschool Launch Sub Task Force Update on p. 9-10). Pharos Academy derives its name from the Greek word “pharos” (φάρος). The Lighthouse of Alexandria, Egypt, one of the Seven Wonders of the World stood on the island of Pharos in the harbor of Alexandria and is said to have been more than 350 feet (110 meters) high; the only taller man-made structures at the time would have been the pyramids of Giza. It was a technological triumph and is the archetype of all lighthouses since (Source: [Encyclopedia Britannica](#)). The lighthouse was built around 300 B.C. and was still standing until the 12th century A.D.



A drawing of the Pharos of Alexandria by German archaeologist Prof. H. Thiersch (1909). Source: Public Domain

The Greek word “pharos” spans both the Classical and Koine Greek periods, evolving in meaning over time. During the Classical era (500–323 BCE), it referred to a “plough.” By the Koine era (323 BCE–600 CE), however, “pharos” had come to mean “lighthouse,” a shift linked to the iconic Lighthouse of Alexandria on Pharos Island.

Pharos Academy also draws its name from two core inspirations. First, we aim to shine as a beacon among educational institutions, collaborating with parents to deliver a classical education marked by excellence, much like a lighthouse guides through the dark. Second, we connect to the Koine Greek era, the language of the New Testament. While “pharos” doesn’t appear in the New Testament or the Septuagint—the Greek translation of the Old Testament—the New Testament introduces Apollos, a native of Alexandria, Egypt. Historical records confirm the Lighthouse of Alexandria stood during Apollos’ lifetime. In Acts 18:24–28, Apollos is described as an eloquent speaker who boldly taught about Jesus in the Ephesus synagogue, though initially he knew only John’s baptism. Priscilla and Aquila refined his understanding, deepening his grasp of God’s way. Later, in Achaia, he strengthened believers and skillfully proved from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

Through Pharos Academy, we will aspire to nurture every student in the same spirit as Apollos, fostering growth in grace and knowledge and teaching them to “honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks” for a reason for the hope that lies within them (1 Peter 3:15).

Finally, if you’re wondering, “does any of this connect with ECOG?” The answer is a resounding, “Yes!” Our purpose as a church is to “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.” As a lighthouse (or “pharos”) of God, we are delighted to offer Pharos Academy to families this Fall, God willing!



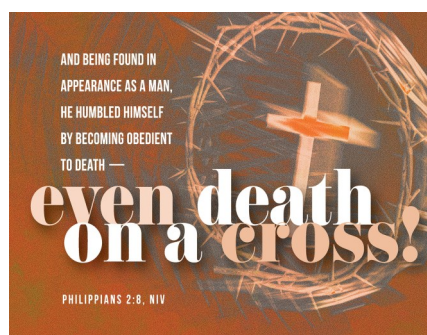
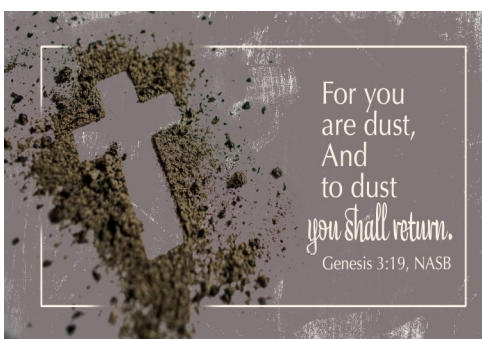
UPPER WEST SHORE ECUMENICAL MINISTERIUM REMAINING GATHERINGS FOR LENT 2025

All Christians are invited to gather at noon on the Wednesdays in Lent to enjoy a light lunch and hear from our community's church leaders regarding the theme of "Faith Stories" focusing on biblical characters of great faith from Old and New Testament passages. A suggested donation of \$5 will be collected by each host church. Our series concludes on Good Friday, April 18 as we gather for breakfast at River of God Church (time to be announced). A free-will offering will be received to defray the cost of the meal. Here is the schedule for the remaining 2025 gatherings.

Wednesday, April 2 @ Enola First Church of God, 9 Sherwood Drive, Enola
Mary, Martha, Lazarus and Jesus' impending death.
Speaker: Pastor George Jensen

Wednesday, April 9 @ Wertzville Diner, 743 Wertzville Road, Enola
Matthew 12:38-42 – Jonah and his connection to Christ's passion.
Speaker: Pastor Keith Nonemaker

Friday, April 18 @ River of God Church, 747 Wertzville Road, Enola.
Community Good Friday Breakfast on We will gather at 8:30 AM,
serve breakfast at 9:00 AM followed by a brief Good Friday worship service.





April 25 @ 7 pm

Featuring:

Greg Morrison

*of Life or Death Worship Band
Praise and Worship for the Glory of God!*

Coffee, tea and cold beverages will be served. Feel free to bring a dessert, snack or other food item to share. Invite your friends!

A Freewill Offering will be received.

***For a schedule of upcoming Coffee Houses throughout 2025
visit our website at www.enolacog.com/coffee-house***



**BLOOD PRESSURE****Next screening: APRIL 27**

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



Eastern Regional Conference Sessions will take place **March 31–April 1** at Doubling Gap Center. Please pray for our pastors and staff (George Jensen, Sandi Baney, and Jill Kilker) and our delegates (Heidi Bupp and Nancy Lackey) who will represent ECOG at the sessions.



Saturday, April 5
10 am – 2 pm

**Parents' Day Out
&
Children's Ministry
Easter Party**

**All children, ages 3-6th grade
are invited.**

Parents, would you like a few hours to go out to eat, shop, or relax? We are happy to give you some time off.

Children, would you like to hear Bible stories, do crafts, play games, enjoy snacks, have lunch, and participate in an Easter egg hunt? We are going to have a great time together.

For those who signed up at "Sign-Up Central" by March 30th. Contact Jill Kilker or a YST member with questions.

**Donations
Needed**

In order to prepare for the egg hunt, the Children's Ministry is asking for donations of individually wrapped candy, and small toys/prizes. Look for a box both upstairs and downstairs inside the doors for you to place donations. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

STAFF TIME AWAY IN APRIL

Pastor Sandi Baney, Director of Discipleship Ministries, will be away:

March 31-April 1 – Eastern Regional Conference in session

Pastor George Jensen, Lead Pastor, will be away:

March 31-April 1 – Eastern Regional Conference in session

April 7-10 – another conference

April 18-21 – on vacation



Jill Kilker, Director of Children and Youth Ministries, will be away:

March 31-April 1 – Eastern Regional Conference in session

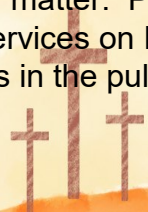
April 7-10 – another conference

WHOA! Is the Lead Pastor Really Going to Be on Vacation Easter Sunday?



The answer to the question in this article's title is, "Yes" (seriously, it is, "Yes"). It may seem strange for the pastor of a church to go on vacation over Easter weekend, so some explanation is surely in order. Pastor George and Judi Jensen's niece (Judi's brother's daughter) is getting married on Saturday, April 19 during the evening hours in Charleston, SC. Obviously, pastor and Judi

were invited to the wedding along with other family members. After prayerful consideration, Pastor Jensen asked the Administrative Board if it would be permissible for him to attend the wedding with Judi and other family members knowing that it meant he would have to be absent from worship on Easter Sunday, April 20. In lieu of the unusual circumstances, the Board unanimously approved Pastor Jensen's request and allowed him to use part of his contracted vacation time to go to the wedding. Judi's parents and sister were hoping that Pastor and Judi could drive them to SC in their minivan. They agreed to do so. Pastor Jensen considered leaving right after the wedding Saturday evening to drive back to Pennsylvania to be present for the Easter worship services at ECOG on Sunday. However, by doing some quick calculations, he discovered that if he left Charleston, SC right after the wedding on Saturday evening, he would have to drive all night long and arrive just in time for the 8:00 AM Service without any sleep and assuming no traffic problems. Pastor and Judi truly regret having to be away from their church family on Easter Sunday. They appreciate the church family's grace and understanding in this unusual matter. Pastor Harry Madison has graciously agreed to speak at the 8:00 and 10:30 AM services on Easter Sunday. When you see him, please thank him for filling in. Regardless of who is in the pulpit at ECOG on Easter Sunday, we celebrate that "Christ is risen; He is risen indeed!"



Microschool Promoter and Info Luncheon

You are invited!!

Sunday April 13, 2025 @ 11:45 AM

Enola First Church of God Fellowship Hall

You are invited to a free luncheon on April 13 at 11:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall to learn more about Pharos Academy, the hybrid Christian classical microschool coming to ECOG this Fall (see the article, "Microschool Launch Sub Task Force" on p. 9-10). Since this is a ministry of our church, we hope that everyone will come! We will have people from the Microschool Launch Task Force available to answer your questions. We will welcome the help of anyone willing to promote this initiative among friends and businesses. Find out more about how you can be a prayer warrior for this exciting ministry! Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Please sign up at "Sign Up Central" so that we can inform our Connectors Team who will be providing the meal.

Mark Your Calendar!

Adult Fellowship

SPRING FLING

Luncheon & Concert

May 9, 2025 @ 10 AM

Doubling Gap Center

\$20/pp

Entertainment:

Tim Beitzel, Gospel Singer

There will be tickets to purchase.
More info in the May newsletter.
See Liz Swope with questions.

ECOG is on Facebook!

Go onto Enola First Church of God's Facebook page and let the world know that you "like" it! By the way, if you're not on Facebook, you can still check out the church's page.



**Thank
You!**

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





Howdy Partners! Grab your bandanas, dust off your boots, and get ready for a grand old time in the Wild West!!!

Join us as we gallop through the Wonder-filled West, where you will learn about the grandest wonder of all —Jesus Christ!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 22-26, 2025

6:00 pm-8:30 pm

Ages 4 through Grade 6

Registration begins May 5th

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

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

ALBRIGHT LIFE CENTER

Living Independence for the Elderly

Local Program Offers Seniors an Alternative to Nursing Facility

The Lamplighters recently met with Mary Lynn Hawk, a representative from Albright Life Center to hear about an alternative for seniors who want to stay in their home versus going to a nursing home. Their program called LIFE (Living Independence for the Elderly) is for those with Medicare, Medicaid, or both or you can also pay privately. To qualify for the program you must:

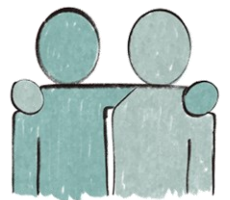
- Be 55 or older
- Live in the service area of a LIFE organization (this local office covers Cumberland and Perry Counties)
- Need a nursing home level of care (as certified by the state)
- Be able to live safely in the community with help from LIFE

The program covers all the care and services covered by Medicare and Medicaid if authorized by a health care team who will make an assessment. This includes medications, assistance with daily living, social services, transport to the LIFE center (on Good Hope Rd.) for activities or medical appointments, and much more! If interested, there are pamphlets on the table in the living room or for more information or for a tour of the center, contact Mary Lynn Hawk at (717) 557-6181.

A SUPPORT GROUP IS AVAILABLE AT ECOG!

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 on Monday evenings. 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 to individuals who struggle with any hurt, habits or unresolved issues. All of this takes place within a Christian atmosphere. Group members support each other through Scripture and personal experience. Group members are not expected to "fix one another."

Feel free to come out any Monday evening or see Dave or Faith Duskey for more information. You are also welcome to contact Pastor Rodger & Cindy Scheuing from the Marysville Church of God who are leading the group.



PRAYER CHAIN



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

As fellow believers, we have the incredible opportunity to pray for each other. When you take your concerns to the Lord but also want your church family to join you in prayer, you simply need to contact Amy Kreiger to start the process of more prayer. Amy first sends an email (how the majority of the prayer chain is reached) which is also received by Liz Swope who then contacts those that prefer a phone call. You may reach Amy via email at akreiger@enolacog.com, call her home at 717-728-4522, or text her at 717-329-1646. She will send the email as soon as she can, which may be later that day or the next day, depending on when you send the request. If there is an emergency or time sensitive request, please send her a text message.

If you're reading this notice and didn't realize we had a prayer chain and would like to be part of the praying community, please contact Amy Kreiger at one of the above options about being added to the list.

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!

Sanctuary Flowers



The 2025 Flower Chart is available on the wall in the Living Room! You can 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). **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.

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.

Newsletter Deadline

Help us make this YOUR newsletter! People like to see events being planned and also hear about things that have happened. Please submit any articles to Marilyn, the Church Secretary via email at

mzahora@enolacog.com

by the 15th of each month.

OFFERING PLATES

Please be aware that those of you who place money in the offering plates at the back of the sanctuary during the Sunday school hour will need to either place it in one of the metal wall boxes in the entry way (upstairs and downstairs) or hold it until the greeters arrive for the 10:30 service. The offering plates will be turned upside down to remind you to place it in one of the metal wall boxes. The greeters will turn the plates over to receive offering. Thank you!



Online Tithing is Available

More and more of our members are using online bill paying these days instead of traditional check writing. To support this trend, our Stewards team made possible the availability of tithing using an Internet application or a mobile device via Vanco.

Information and instructions about online giving has been posted to our Enola COG website. Questions on online tithing can be directed to our Treasurer, Amy Kreiger. Thank you.



WEEKLY OFFERINGS SUMMARY

DATE	OFFERING	BUILDING
02-23-25	\$5,326.94	\$68.00
03-02-25	\$5,486.00	\$183.00
03-09-25	\$7,138.00	\$120.00
03-16-25	\$5,542.22	\$48.00
03-23-25	\$8,436.00	\$524.00

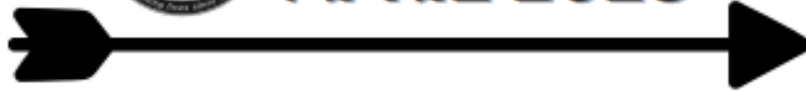


General Fund Status

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February 2025		Year to Date
Income	\$21,703.00	\$46,458.00
Expenses	\$24,776.00	\$51,375.00



UPDATE APRIL 2025



COUNSEL

Counseling at Camp is a great way to serve locally! Counselors are needed for every Camp week! Applications are available on our website. Apply today!

Saturday, May 10

Want to earn a free week of Camp this summer? Hike 6 miles or rock for 4 hours to support the ministry here at Camp! Find more info on how to participate on our website!

HIKE-N-ROCK- R-THON



CAMP HOPE

June 1-6

A unique camp for intellectually disabled adults (age 16+). Call Camp for a registration brochure. Male & female counselors needed!

Saturday, June 7

1-5PM

Bounce Houses - Pool
Hayrides - Camp Activities
Craft Sale - Live Music

And as always... Camp's famous Chicken BBQ!

OPEN HOUSE



FAMILY CAMP

June 22-28

Come enjoy Camp as a family! Our Family Camp is a time of rest, relaxation, fellowship, fun, and worship. Programs are offered for all ages. Register your family today! Limited spaces available!

Phone: (717) 776-5281

Website: www.campyolijwa.org



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:

April 12th--hiking event at Detweiler Park... We will meet at the church at 1 p.m. The youth group will buy ice cream at 3B's on the way home. If it rains, we will cancel.

Summer Activities:

June activity—**Vacation Bible School: June 22-26** from 6:00 pm-8:30 pm.

July Activity—**Possible Beach Retreat: July 15, 16, 17**—If available, we will go to Bethany Beach Center. More info. coming soon.

August Activity—**Pool Party at the Jensen's house**

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, Diana Bridges, and Jeff Lynch.



04 Arshad Karamdad

09 Ron & Tammy Brown

04 Linda Mortensen

06 Barry Miller

07 Jim Baughman

07 Paul Kline

10 Olivia Cook

17 Paula Wiers

20 Greg Mostoller

21 Ashly Duskey

22 Sandy Reed

24 Lizzy Brown

24 Sara Essig



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