



## Reflecting God's Light

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**We serve as a Lighthouse of God to guide people to salvation in Jesus Christ. Worship, love, encouragement, and biblical teaching are the foundation by which we prepare people to face the storms of life.**

### DEVOTIONS

for Spiritual Growth



### What's your November?

For Davey Blackburn, a pastor in Indiana, one particular month has brought “the highest of highs and the lowest of lows.” He was born in November, moved to a new church in November 2011 and learned he’d be a father in November 2013. But two years later, in November 2015, Blackburn’s wife and unborn second child were murdered during a home invasion.

Despite that painful tragedy, the pastor determined not to “let the enemy have a claim over November” or “steal the many beautiful memories I once held” about it. Since then, his church’s worship team recorded an album one November, he proposed to his second wife another November, launched a new ministry one November and welcomed another child the following November.

That journey, Blackburn says, is evidence of God’s faithfulness to replace a spirit of despair with a garment of praise (see Isaiah 61:3). And it’s an important reminder for the holiday season, with all its memories and traditions. Just as God wants to heal and restore, Blackburn writes, “Your [deceased] loved one would not want your ‘November’ to haunt your memory forever.”

Blackburn, author of the forthcoming book *Nothing Is Wasted*, says everyone has a November but can choose what to do with it. Instead of letting your November haunt, you can let God use it to heal.

—Stephanie Martin

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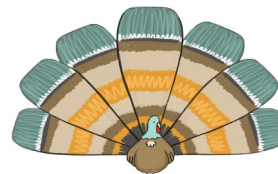
# Worship SCHEDULE



| Date    | Service            | Theme/Message  |
|---------|--------------------|--|
| Nov. 3  | 8:00 am & 10:30 am | <b>It's Time to Put Down Roots</b><br>"Your Holy Role in Your Home" - Colossians 3:18-4:1<br><i>Remain Rooted 4: Fulfill Your God-given Role at Home</i><br>Pastor George Jensen speaking            |
| Nov. 10 | 8:00 am & 10:30 am | <b>It's Time to Put Down Roots</b><br>"Your Holy Role Outside Your Home" - Colossians 4:2-5<br><i>Remain Rooted 5: Fulfill Your God-given Role Outside the Home</i><br>Pastor George Jensen speaking |
| Nov. 17 | 8:00 am & 10:30 am | <b>Thanksgiving Sunday / Teacher Appreciation Sunday</b><br>"No, Thank You?" - Habakkuk 3:17-19<br>Pastor George Jensen speaking   |
| Nov. 24 | 8:00 am & 10:30 am | <b>It's Time to Put Down Roots</b><br>"Role Models Who Remained Rooted" - Colossians 4:6-18<br><i>A Farewell to Colossians</i><br>Pastor George Jensen speaking                                      |



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



GIVE THANKS



**7:00 PM (NO MEETINGS ON NOVEMBER 22)**

| WHAT?                    | WHO?  | WHERE?                    |
|--------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| <b>Adult Bible Study</b> | "The Revelation of Jesus Christ" - Led by Pastor Craig Debinski   | Room #4 and Facebook Live |
| <b>412 Youth</b>         | Youth - Grades 7-12   | Room #3                   |
| <b>Kids' Klub</b>        | A children's ministry with separate groups for <b>PreK &amp; Early Elementary</b> (age 3-Gr. 2) and <b>Older Elementary</b> (Gr. 3-6) | Fellowship Hall           |



Handicrafts can spark appreciation for simple items. Weave this basket as a gift.



#### What you need:

- Paper plate
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Yarn (different colors)

#### What you do:

1. In the center of the plate, trace something round. Draw 9 lines (evenly spaced) from the circle to the plate's edge.
2. Cut along each line, stopping at the center circle. Trim more of the plate off so the cuts make a gradual V shape.
3. Fold the plate's sides upward to form basket sides. Keep these upright as you weave a bowl-shaped basket.
4. Begin weaving a length of yarn at the circle's base. Hold the end of the yarn in place as you spread the length over and under each side of the plate.
5. Switch colors to make a pattern. Keep the yarn tight as you weave up the sides.
6. To finish, bend down any remaining paper. Leave a tail of yarn and tuck it under a woven portion. Share your craft with a friend!

# PUZZLE

## THANKS-FILLED GIVING

The virtues of gratefulness and generosity are connected. When we're truly thankful for all God provides, we want to sow generous seeds in other people's lives. What will be the harvest?

*Directions: Solve the clues associated with each picture. Then write the words in the correct spaces to complete 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV.*

This becomes a plant \_\_\_\_\_



Willing to give \_\_\_\_\_

The result of planting seeds \_\_\_\_\_



The act of gratitude \_\_\_\_\_

Food made from wheat \_\_\_\_\_



Now he who supplies \_\_\_\_\_ to the sower and \_\_\_\_\_ for food will also



supply and increase your store of \_\_\_\_\_ and will enlarge the \_\_\_\_\_



of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be

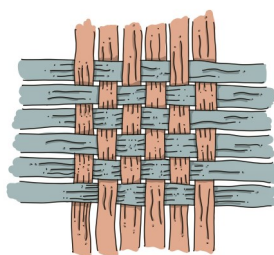
\_\_\_\_\_ on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result



in \_\_\_\_\_ to God. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV



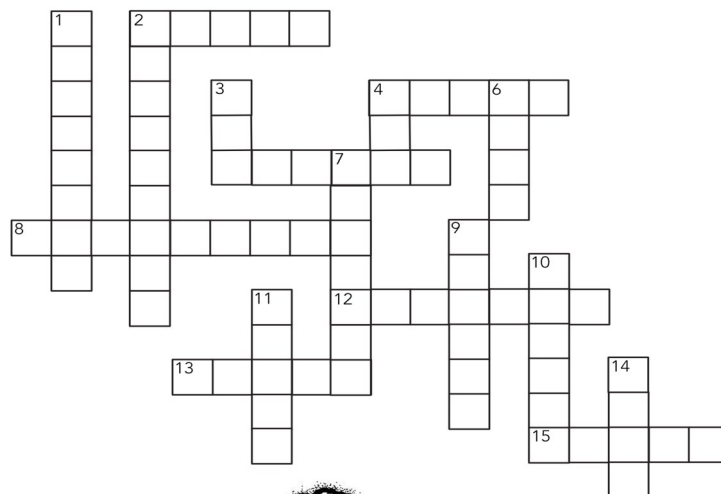
Answers: seed, bread, harvest, generous, thankful, giving







# Puzzle!



## ACROSS

2. cause of Job's trouble
4. twinkling, heavenly lights
6. the Shuhite, a friend (2:11)
8. creature of the deep (41:1)
12. the Temanite, a friend (2:11)
13. sores
15. Job had 7,000

## DOWN

1. the One who ever lives (19:25)
2. affliction
3. had seven sons
4. ocean
5. precipitation
7. Job had 500
9. the Naamathite, a friend (2:11)
10. Job had 3,000
11. Job's fourth friend (32:2)
12. Job had 500 yoke

Answers: Across 2. Satan, 4. stars, 6. Bildad, 8. Leviathan, 12. Eliphaz, 13. boils, 15. sheep.  
Down 1. Redeemer, 2. suffering, 3. Job, 4. sea, 5. rain, 7. donkeys, 9. Zophar, 10. camels, 11. Eliphaz, 12. oxen

A CHRIST-CENTERED  
**Christmas**  
ADVENT READING PLAN

Explore the true meaning of Christmas as you travel through God's Word. Discover God's promises he fulfilled through the birth of His only Son, the **KING OF KINGS**.

|                       |                       |                          |                     |                     |                       |                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1<br>Isaiah 7:14      | 2<br>Isaiah 9:6-7     | 3<br>Malachi 3:1         | 4<br>Micah 5:2-4    | 5<br>Luke 1:5-7     | 6<br>Luke 1:10-15     | 7<br>Luke 1:18-22     | 8<br>Luke 1:24-25 |
| 14<br>Luke 2:15-20    | 13<br>Luke 2:8-14     | 12<br>Luke 2:6-7         | 11<br>Luke 2:1-5    | 10<br>Luke 1:30-33  | 9<br>Luke 1:26-29     | 21<br>Romans 15:13    |                   |
| 15<br>Matthew 1:18-21 | 16<br>Matthew 1:22-25 | 17<br>Matthew 2:1-3      | 18<br>Matthew 2:4-6 | 19<br>Matthew 2:7-9 | 20<br>Matthew 2:10-12 | 22<br>Galatians 4:4-5 |                   |
|                       |                       | 23<br>Philippians 2:8-11 | 24<br>James 1:16-18 | 25<br>John 3:16     |                       |                       |                   |

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?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

**Fill in the blank:**  
“Rejoice always, pray continually,  
give \_\_\_\_\_ in all circumstances;  
for this is God's will for you  
in Christ Jesus.”

A. alms  
B. praise  
C. thanks  
D. offerings

IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

Answer: C (See 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NV)





## DEVOTIONS

for Spiritual Growth



### Ascending Thanks

Thy mighty hand o'er all the land  
hath still been open to bestow  
those blessings which our wants demand  
from heaven, whence all blessings flow.

Thou hast, with ever watchful eye,  
looked down on us with holy care,  
and from thy storehouse in the sky  
hast scattered plenty everywhere.

Then lift we up our songs of praise  
to thee, O Father, good and kind;  
to thee we consecrate our days;  
be thine the temple of each mind.

With incense sweet our thanks ascend;  
before thy works our powers pall;  
though we should strive years without end,  
we could not thank thee for them all.

**REJOICE**  
ALWAYS,  
**PRAY**  
CONTINUALLY,  
**GIVE THANKS**  
**IN ALL**  
CIRCUMSTANCES.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV

—Excerpts from “A Thanksgiving Poem,” Paul Laurence Dunbar

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### Take time to recharge

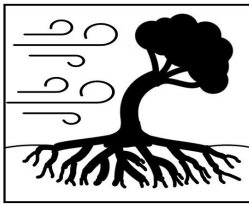
“Then Jesus said, ‘Let’s go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile.’ He said this because there were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his apostles didn’t even have time to eat” (Mark 6:31, NLT). Can you relate? Especially during the holidays, we’re “coming and going” so much that we often run out of steam.

As an introvert, I learned an important lesson while navigating a busy graduation season for my son. I was happy to host a celebration for family and friends, but about 20 minutes into the party, fatigue clouded my spirit. My social battery was empty and desperately needed charging.

I sought out my cousin — who “gets” me — and admitted I needed a break. He kindly replied, “Then go into another room and just be. We’ve got things covered.” I was heard and assured that it was okay to press pause. Even Jesus and his disciples sought privacy and rest.

In what ways do you need a break today? Even if you’re an extrovert, how can you care for your whole self during the holiday rush? Pay attention and give yourself permission to proactively recharge your battery.

—Janna Firestone



## COLOSSIANS: IT'S TIME TO PUT DOWN ROOTS

In November, Pastor Jensen will conclude the message series, "It's Time to Put Down Roots" based on the book of Colossians. Below is a list of the remaining themes, message titles and passages that we will explore in this series.

### Remain Rooted 3: Put on the New Self

"Please Put This On" – Colossians 3:10-17

### Remain Rooted 4: Fulfill Your God-given Role at Home

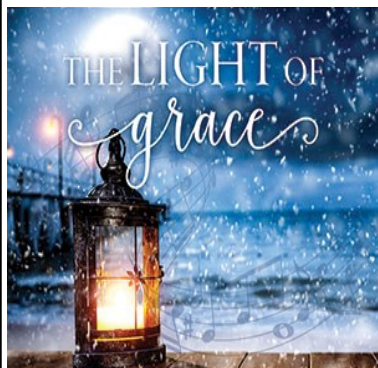
"Your Holy Role in Your Home" – Colossians 3:18-4:1

### Remain Rooted 5: Fulfill Your God-given Role Outside the Home

"Your Holy Role Outside Your Home" – Colossians 4:2-5

### A Farewell to Colossians

"Role Models Who Remained Rooted" – Colossians 4:6-18



## "The Light of Grace" Advent and Christmas Season 2023

This Advent and Christmas, our message series will be "The Light of Grace" commemorating the 250th anniversary of the hymn "Amazing Grace." We celebrate that Jesus is the Light of the World who shines on us with his amazing grace. We are reminded that Jesus makes his grace known through the undeserved gifts of hope, peace, joy and love—gifts revealed in special ways in the lives of Zechariah, Isaiah, Elizabeth, the Shepherds and Mary.

### Sunday, December 3, 2023 – 8:00 & 10:30 AM

"Hope: Zechariah" – Isaiah 51:1-5; Romans 5:1-5; Luke 1:67-79: In his old age, after years of waiting and not giving up hope, Zechariah is blessed with a son, John the Baptist, who prepared the way for the Light of Grace, Jesus.

### Sunday, December 17, 2023 – 8:00 & 10:30 AM

"Peace: Isaiah" – Isaiah 9:1-7; Colossians 1:13-20; John 14:25-27: Isaiah announces to an unsettled people that relief is coming soon through the Prince of Peace, the Son of God, the Light of Grace.

### Sunday, December 24, 2023 – 8:00 & 10:30 AM

"Joy: Elizabeth" – Isaiah 35:1-10; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 1:39-45: The boy in Elizabeth's womb leaps for joy, and so does she when Mary arrives, carrying the little Lord Jesus inside her. The Light of Grace is soon to come.

### Sunday, December 24, 2023 – 7:00 PM

"Glory: Shepherds" – Isaiah 7:10-14; 2 Corinthians 4:5-6; Luke 2:1-7: On Christmas Eve, we celebrate that the true Light of Grace has come. Jesus Christ graces us with his life as a little baby boy. We welcome the Savior in this service as we go with the shepherds to greet God's amazing grace in a manger and bring glory to him by spreading the word of his birth.

### Sunday, December 31, 2023 – 8:00 & 10:30 AM

"Love: Mary" – Isaiah 54:7-10; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 1:46-55: The mother of the Light of Grace sings a love song to the Lord for his undeserved favor toward her and toward all the world.



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



## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

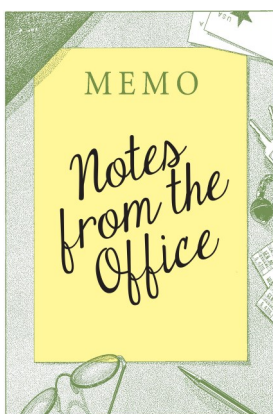
### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS at 7 PM

**Leader: Pastor Craig Debinski**

Pastor Craig leads our Wednesday Night Bible Study on the Book of Revelation. We will continue learning about the Second Coming of Christ, and the future Battle of Jesus & His army in the Valley of Armagedón against the Antichrist & his coalition of humanistic, world powers. The New Heaven & the New Earth is still yet future. Read ahead and get ready to explore what God declared that He's going to do on Earth, in Heaven and beyond.

#### 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.



## STAFF TIME AWAY IN OCTOBER

*Please plan accordingly*

- ⇒ **Jill Kilker**, Director of Children & Youth Ministries, will be on vacation from **Thursday, November 9 thru Thursday, November 16.**
- ⇒ **Sandi Baney**, Director of Discipleship, will be on vacation from **Monday, November 20 thru Monday, December 4.**
- ⇒ **Marilyn Zahora**, Church Secretary, will be on vacation **Monday, November 26 thru Friday, November 30.**





# VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST CELEBRATION

NOVEMBER 4, 2023, 9AM – 11AM  
Enola First Church of God

***FREE EVENT FOR EVERYONE***

*A free will offering will be taken with all  
proceeds going to PA Wounded Warriors.*

***RSVP BY SUNDAY OCTOBER 29, 2023  
TO: CRYSTAL HAMMOND***

***717-557-1842***





There will NOT be a  
**Men's Ministry Breakfast**

in November. Our next meeting will be:

**Saturday, December 2**

**8:00 am - 9:00 am**

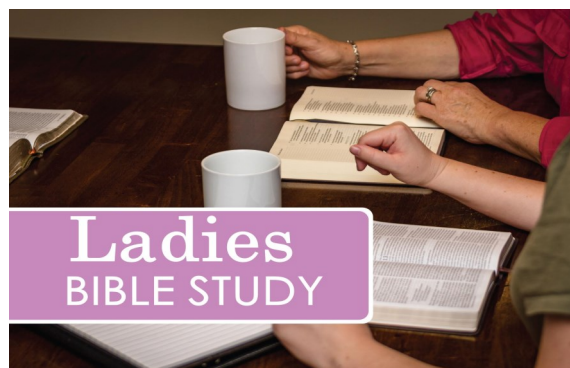
**Fellowship Hall**

*For more information, contact Dan Marrow or Pastor Joe Castanos.*

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

**TUESDAYS at 10:00 AM**

**Lower Level Fellowship Hall**



Current Study:

### **ENCOURAGING OTHERS**

### **STRENGTHENING THE ART OF CARING**

*As we as God's people live out our faith in this world, we need advice, challenge, and encouragement to persevere. Sometimes we need a reminder that we can be "Spiritual Cheerleaders" for other believers. These studies give models from scripture for encouraging others and building them up in their faith, showing that as we support others, the blessings of encouragement comes back to us.*

**ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!**

**Any questions, please call Kay Liddick at 717-732-5064  
OR Email her at [denkaylid@msn.com](mailto:denkaylid@msn.com).**



~ Daylight Saving Time Ends ~

**Sunday, November 5**

Remember to set your clocks back one hour on  
Saturday night, November 4.



**November 7 is Election Day!**

*Due to ECOG being a polling place, the  
Lower Level will be off-limits all day  
past the office door.*

*Please plan accordingly.*



**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:  
THURSDAYS, 10-3**

The Office will be closed on Thanksgiving  
Day, November 24. Office hours that  
week will be 10-3 on Wednesday,  
November 23. **Have a Safe & Happy  
Thanksgiving!**

www.CreativeCertificates.com

## Teacher Appreciation Sunday

All Teachers will be recognized and thanked at the 8:00 and  
10:30 AM Services on **November 19, 2023.**

Thanks, Teachers!







## Operation Christmas Child

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

This year, families and individuals may participate by packing their own shoebox and/or donating items to fill the shoeboxes that **the children/youth will pack on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, during Wednesday Night Kids' Klub.** People can also pack shoeboxes virtually for a cost of \$25. This year we do not need empty shoeboxes! We will be using shoeboxes received from Operation Christmas Child.

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

Please place filled shoeboxes and/or gifts in the designated boxes located in the Living Room on the Upper Level and in the Fellowship Hall on the Lower Level. All filled shoeboxes and gifts are to be here at the church **by Sunday, November 5, 2023.**

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

Thank you for your generosity!





## HARVEST HOME DINNER



This year's Harvest Home Dinner is scheduled for **November 19, 2023 @ 5:00 PM**. Children 5 years and under will eat free, children 6-12 years will eat for \$3.00 per child, and persons age 13 and older will eat for \$5.00 per person. The Connectors Team needs help from the congregation for this year's Harvest Home Dinner to move forward. Sign-up sheets will be posted to solicit help in the following areas:

- 1) Carve turkeys on November 18 at 3 pm.
- 2) Helping with clean-up after the dinner on Sunday, November 19.

**Sign-up sheets will be posted at "Sign-Up Central" in October up through November 5.**

The Connectors Team will provide roasted turkeys, baked hams, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, rolls, cranberry sauce and drinks. There is a food board at "Sign-Up Central" for the congregation to sign up to bring a side dish (as has been our custom in the past). Please consider signing up to help carve turkeys or clean up after the dinner so that we can hold and enjoy Harvest Home in 2023!



## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

**Date:** Sunday, November 19, 2023

**Time:** 3:00 pm

**Place:** West Shore Church of the Brethren

**Speaker:** Pastor Keith Nonemaker

**Presentations:** Presentation of the "Community Service Award"

**Sponsored By:** The Upper West Shore Ecumenical Ministerium



Feel free to bring monetary offerings and non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry at New Hope Ministries.



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

**WHEN:** November 20

**TIME:** 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**WHERE:** Fellowship Hall, Room #4

**WHO:** All Women and young ladies' grades 7-12

Ladies, are you looking for an evening Bible study, coffee with a light snack, and fellowship with other Christian women from our church? Well look no more! Join our monthly gatherings currently doing a Rick Warren study. The acronym S.I.S.T.E.R.S. stands for SUPPORT, INSPIRE, SERVE, TEACH, ENCOURAGE, RESPECT AND SHARE.

This month we will gather and pack care packages for our college students. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Crystal Hammond at 717-557-1842 and don't forget to bring a friend!

### **SNOW & INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS WINTER 2023-2024**

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](http://www.enolacog.com), [www.abc27.com](http://www.abc27.com), [www.local21news.com](http://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 2023-2024 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.*







**Join us for the Christmas version of this game!**

**Pastor George Jensen will serve as  
game show host for the evening.**

**November 24, 2023  
7:00 - 8:30 pm**

**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.***

***[www.enolacog.com/coffee-house](http://www.enolacog.com/coffee-house)***



## Prayer, Fasting and Casting a Vision - UPDATE

by Pastor Jensen

The Administrative Board and the Vision Task Force continue to work together to dialogue about where God may be leading our congregation. The leadership identified these areas as initiatives that God may be calling us to pursue. These include 1) remodeling and expanding the Kitchen, 2) enhancing security measures during public events and 3) implementing some sort of alternative education program for parents who are looking for options beyond the public school system. On October 15, we put out a survey given to us by The Samuel School, a Christian micro-school that uses the facilities of the Swatara Church of God, a sister church in the Eastern Regional Conference of the Churches of God. The purpose of the survey is to measure the interest that exists in our congregation regarding supporting and sending students to a potential ECOG-based Christian School. If you have not taken the survey, we encourage you to do so. Simply go to our website, [www.enolacog.com](http://www.enolacog.com) and hit the button, "Samuel School Survey." We will report the results of the survey to the congregation in the near future.

### Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

to support the 412 Youth Mission Trip

**November 25, 2023**

**8:00 am - 11:00 am**

#### Menu

Pancakes, Sausage Patties, Fruit & Juice/Coffee

**Tickets: \$10 (11 yrs.-adult), \$5 (10 yrs. & under)**

Tickets are being sold in the Living Room near the elevator before and after worship services or see a 412 Youth member or leader.

Proceeds will support the 412 Youth Mission trip to the Navajo region in July. Come support our youth as they serve you!





## UPCOMING CHURCH-WIDE ADVENT CHRISTMAS EVENTS & SERVICES

| DATE                                    | TIME & EVENT  |
|---|---|
| <b>Sunday,<br/>December 3</b>           | <b>First Sunday in Advent</b> Worship Services<br>8:00 AM & 10:30 AM: <i>The Light of Grace</i><br>"Hope: Zechariah"<br>–Isaiah 51:1-5; Romans 5:1-5; Luke 1:67-69  |
| <b>Sunday,<br/>December 10</b>          | <b>Second Sunday in Advent</b> Worship Services<br>8:00 AM – "That First Christmas: Haughty or Humble?" – Phil. 2:5-11<br>10:30 AM – The Children's Christmas Program<br>11:45 AM – Meet 'n Mingle Brunch |
| <b>Sunday,<br/>December 17</b>          | <b>Third Sunday in Advent</b> Worship Services<br>8:00 AM & 10:30 AM: <i>The Light of Grace</i><br>"Peace: Isaiah"  |
| <b>Sunday,<br/>December 24<br/>(AM)</b> | <b>Fourth Sunday in Advent</b> Worship Services<br>8:00 AM & 10:30 AM: <i>The Light of Grace</i><br>"Joy: Elizabeth"  |
| <b>Sunday,<br/>December 24<br/>(PM)</b> | <b>Christmas Eve</b> Candlelight Worship Service<br>7:00 PM: <i>The Light of Grace</i><br>"Glory: Shepherds"  |
| <b>Sunday,<br/>December 31</b>          | <b>First Sunday after Christmas</b> Worship Services<br>8:00 AM & 10:30 AM: <i>The Light of Grace</i><br>"Love: Mary"<br>–Isaiah 54:7-10; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 1:46-55                                   |





## Newsletter Deadline



Help us make this YOUR newsletter! People like to see events being planned and also hear about things that have

happened. Please submit any articles to Marilyn, the Church Secretary via email at [mzahora@enolacog.com](mailto:mzahora@enolacog.com), **by the 15th of each month.** Thank you!



## Missionary for a Day

There will be no organized Missionary for a day this Fall. But do not fear; you can still volunteer. You can sign up online at [www.unto.com](http://www.unto.com). Select "get involved" from the drop down menu. Then select "volunteer". It will take you to the registration page. Please note if you volunteered during the June project you do not need the liability form. So gather your friends and family and serve this Fall.



Any questions see Joe or Pat Castanos.

## Annual



**December 3, 2023 / 11:45 am**

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

*Thank You*

**THANK YOU** for your support of Feed My Starving Children through the Back-to-School Fundraiser event. The additional funds will go far in feeding more children in need. The church raised \$1,849 which will feed over 17 children one meal a day for a year. Your support to the Feed My Starving Children event is greatly appreciated!

# Children's Ministry

## UPCOMING *Events*

**December 2 / 10-2**

Parents' Day Out/Children's  
Ministry Christmas Party

**December 2 / 2-4**

Christmas Musical Rehearsal

**December 9 / 9-11:30 (Sanctuary)**

Children's Christmas Musical  
Dress Rehearsal

**December 10**

Children's Christmas Musical

SAVE THE DATE

The next  
**Meet & Mingle  
Luncheon**

will be on

**December 10**

and will be

"Breakfast for Lunch".

Watch for details in the  
next edition of The  
Sonshine News!

## ATTENTION LADIES ~

As the days grow shorter and darker, we look forward to the annual Women's Christmas event at Doubling Gap! A "Fa La La La La Christmas" will be held

**Thursday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m.** The cost is \$18,

and there is space for 6 women from the church to attend. Please see the sign-up sheet at "Sign-Up Central". Checks should be made payable to Enola First Church of God and given to Amy Kreiger. If you will attend, please contribute an item for the Carlisle Area Family Life Center (receiving blanket, baby board book, onesie [newborn, 0-3 mo.], rattle/toy, or monetary donation). The last date for signing up is Sunday, November 19.





## PRAYER SERVICES

Prayer services are scheduled to continue Sunday evenings in October. 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 [www.enolacog.com](http://www.enolacog.com) 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)

## ~ Sanctuary Flowers ~

There are several dates left in 2023!

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.



## Meals Ministry Available

The Lamplighters are pleased to offer a Meals Ministry. Thanks to all of our volunteers who make this possible! We appreciate your willingness to help our church members in need! If you would like to volunteer, please sign up at “Sign-Up Central”.



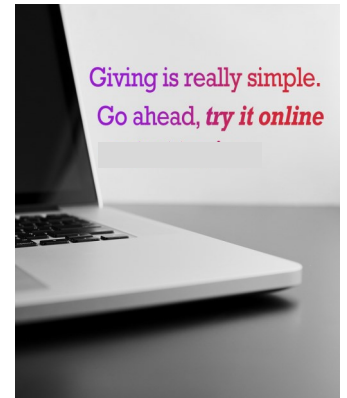
If you are ill, recovering from a surgery or debilitating illness, or other challenging circumstance, please contact the church office at 717-732-4253 to request this service. We will reach out and schedule your meal delivery. This will likely be every other day for a set period of time. If you are ill with a contagious condition like Covid or Flu, we will need to leave food in a safe manner at the door. **A request form can be downloaded from our website at [enolacog.com/meals-ministry](http://enolacog.com/meals-ministry).** For more detailed information, please contact Pat Watson at 717-979-0219 (text or call) or email [pwatson4@verizon.net](mailto:pwatson4@verizon.net).



## 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.



### 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.



### Next screenings: Oct. 29 & Nov. 26

Blood Pressure Screenings are typically held on the last Sunday of each month in the Upper Room immediately after the 8am service and at 10:15am. If any healthcare professionals or students are interested in helping, please see or contact Pat Watson at [pwatson4@verizon.net](mailto:pwatson4@verizon.net).

## WEEKLY OFFERINGS SUMMARY

| DATE     | OFFERING   | BUILDING FUND |
|----------|------------|---------------|
| 09/24/23 | \$3,361.00 | \$2.00        |
| 10/01/23 | \$9,286.46 | \$169.00      |
| 10/08/23 | \$5,296.00 | \$87.00       |
| 10/15/23 | \$5,613.99 | \$12.00       |
| 10/22/23 | \$3,740.00 | \$230.00      |



| General Fund Status |             |              |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------|
| September 2023      |             | Year to Date |
| Income              | \$24,533.00 | \$245,129.00 |
| Expenses            | \$26,343.00 | \$256,245.00 |



## CAMP YOLIJWA UPDATE

**The DGC Appreciation Banquet**  
for all 2023 Volunteers  
will be held on  
**November 18**

You should have received an invitation in the mail.  
RSVP is required by November 13!

### Youth Winter Retreats

Now is the time to sign up for YoliJwa's December retreats. Weekends available for grades 3-12. Dates are as follows:

| <u>Retreat</u>        | <u>Grade</u> | <u>Dates</u>   |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Junior Blast          | 3-5          | December 1-3   |
| Junior High Breakaway | 6-8          | December 8-10  |
| Senior High Bash      | 9-12         | December 15-16 |

### Camp's Annual

#### WINTER PICNIC—FEBRUARY 4

**Games - Open Gym - Winter Sports!**

**Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Meat and drink are provided.**

**Dress up for the theme and enjoy a great winter day at YoliJwa! Theme and more details to come. Visit: [www.campyolijwa.org](http://www.campyolijwa.org)**

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



## 412 YOUTH NEWS

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

### MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY:

**July 20-27, 2024—Youth Mission Trip to Hooghan Nizhoni, NM!** A \$100 (non-refundable) deposit, the permission slip, and the application was due on October 22, 2023.

### UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

**October 28 —Fields of Adventure.** Cost is \$10 per youth plus money for a fast-food dinner on the way home (Arby's, Wendy's, or McDonald's), meet at church at 2 p.m.

**November 25, 2023—Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser** from 8 am to 11 am. The youth will be required to be there earlier for set up and stay later for clean up.

**January 28, 2024—Chili Sale Fundraiser.** The youth should be available to prepare on January 27. Chili can be bought to eat at the church or as quarts to go. Corn bread will also be served. Youth will take orders closer to the time.

**March 16, 2024 at 9 a.m.--Sandwich Making** in the Fellowship Hall

**March 17, 2024 — Sandwich Orders can be picked up** after first service, Sunday school, or second service.

**June 29th:** (Fellowship Hall)

**1-3 p.m.--Boot Camp Training** (Mandatory for all of those participating in the mission trip)

**3 p.m.--Mission Trip Parents' Meeting**

**Sunday, August 4, 2024 — Mission Trip Recap Services and Reunion Lunch.**

*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.*



# NOVEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries.



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Daphne McConnell  
Randy Watson
- 8 Teagan Zarcone
- 9 Dutch Reed
- 12 Jaxon Baker
- 14 Nicole Kline
- 18 Tori Hall  
Kay Putt
- 26 Shana Hosmer
- 29 Jeffery Lynch
- 30 Sandy Gates



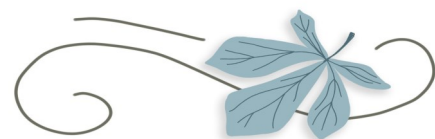
## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 Kevin & Dawn Little
- 15 Greg & Nancy Lackey
- 26 Dan & Cindy Marrow



### NOTE:

If you have any birthdays or anniversaries that we may have missed or if your birthday or anniversary is incorrect, please notify Marilyn Zahora at 717-732-4253 or via e-mail at [mzahora@enolacog.com](mailto:mzahora@enolacog.com). Thank you!



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