



Church *matters*

EAST GLENVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH - SUMMER 2017

ELDERS CORNER

Grace and Truth – what comes to your mind when you hear these two words? Are they unrelated, complementary, or contradictory? We value each of these; we are thankful for both God’s grace and God’s truth. But have you ever thought about these two words in relationship to one another? Here’s what the Bible says about grace and truth in John chapter 1:

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

We see from this passage that Jesus fully embodies both grace and truth. This was clearly demonstrated in his ministry when, for example, Jesus responds to the religious leaders who want to stone the woman caught in adultery in John chapter 7. Jesus demonstrates grace by not condemning the woman for her sin and by persuading the religious leaders to show mercy. But Jesus also demonstrates truth by telling her to go and sin no more – he called out the sin with gentleness and grace.

We, like Christ, are called to embody both grace and truth. Not one at the exclusion of the other; we are to embody both in tension with one another. If we don’t do this and instead respond to situations with grace and not truth or vice versa, we send the wrong message. For example, if someone hurts you and you choose to respond with grace and no truth, the person may think that what they’ve done is acceptable; the grace that you’ve shown ceases to be grace in a way. On the other hand, responding with truth and no grace communicates judgement; the “truth” that you’ve communicated ceases to be truth. In neither extreme do we communicate unconditional love. In the economy of God and in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ, grace and truth are inextricably linked.

As we seek to know the gospel, let’s learn more of how Jesus embodies grace and truth. As we seek to share our gospel story, let’s think about how we’ve been impacted by the grace and truth that came through Christ. As we take the gospel to our friends, neighbors, families, and coworkers, let it be with grace and truth.

For more in-depth study on this topic, consider reading *The Grace and Truth Paradox* by Randy Alcorn as part of your summer reading.

Yours truly (and graciously),
Don Kraines

WORSHIP MINISTRIES NEWS & NOTES

Answered prayer!

We are so thankful for the Lord's provision of several new members on both the Media Team and the Sound Team! Both of these ministries were facing a serious crisis of personnel and the Lord has answered prayer! Please pray for these new team members as they train and become familiar with the processes involved.

Media Team

If you have any type of media that needs to be included in the service on a given week please send it to Gina in the office. She needs to have it by Thursday at the latest to have it included in that Sunday's service through the Media Team's Dropbox site. Last minute additions given to the team on Sunday morning will not be able to be utilized.

Worship Team

Our Worship Team is in need of guitar players, electric, bass, and acoustic players who have some experience playing with a band. If you possess these skills, and would like to serve the Lord through worship, please speak to or contact Sandie Wanamaker at worship@egcchurch.org, or speak to any member of the Worship Team. People with other instrumental/vocal skills who are interested are also encouraged to contact Sandie.



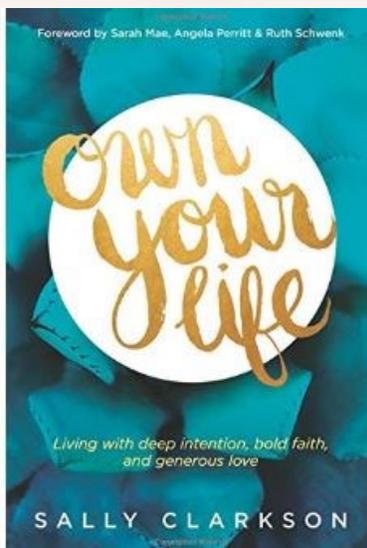
SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

Beginning June 18th, Worship will begin at 9:00am. Stay tuned for more information on Summer Sunday School Classes. Worship will return to 10:30am on Kick-Off Sunday (September 10th)

Mark Your Calendars

- June 3rd - Men's Breakfast
- June 4th - VBS Volunteer Meeting
- June 11th - Celebration Sunday
Youth Bonfire
- June 15th - VBS Crew Leader Meeting
- June 16th - 17th - Preschool Garage
Sale
- June 18th - Summer Worship Hours
- June 18th - No Youth Group
- June 21st - Women's Summer
Bible Study Begins
- June 26th - 30th - VBS
- July 2nd - No Youth Group
- July 9th - Youth Slip n Slide
- August 11th - Newsletter Deadline
- August 13th - Church Camping Trip
- September 9th - Men's Breakfast
- September 10th - Kick-Off Sunday
and Picnic

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Ladies Summer Bible Study

Ladies, we start our Summer Bible Study on Wednesday, June 21st at 6:30pm in one of the Sunday School Rooms.

Come spend time with friends around the table as we grow in KNOWING - what we believe SHARING- what we believe TAKING - what we believe and being prepared for opportunities to share it!! If you have any questions, see Lori Meguin or Camille Levy.

Fall seems very far away, but as you move through your summer into making plans for September, we encourage you to include one of our Women's Bible Studies in your plans.

Our pastors and elders are challenging us to know God in our head and hearts and bible study is crucial for this. We will let you know what the exact details are in August, but there will be a variety of bible-based, warm and friendly groups waiting to welcome you!

MEN'S MINISTRY

Our Wednesday night Men's Bible Study will continue to meet each week throughout the Summer months. We will meet starting at 7:00 pm in our normal room in the CE wing.

There will be no Men's breakfast in either July or August.

We will be holding Men's breakfasts these months :

Saturday, September 9th
Saturday, November 4th
Saturday, December 2nd

Plan to come a few minutes early for coffee and fellowship. Breakfast is served promptly at 8:30 am. We can always use additional hands if you feel led to assist; Bill Harrison and the gang are generally there to start preparing things by 7:00 am.

We will be hosting another Men's Retreat this Fall!!! The Retreat will be held at the Camp-of-the-Woods conference center in Speculator, NY.



The Retreat will start Friday evening, October 6th and finish up Sunday afternoon, October 8th.

The price for the Retreat will be \$175 and it covers 2 nights lodging and 5 meals. Please plan ahead, mark your calendars and join us. This is a wonderful chance for us to fellowship, spend time in God's creation away from the regular stresses of life, and to learn more about His love for us as we review His holy scriptures.

Full or partial scholarships are available so please do not let the cost prohibit your participation.

May God richly bless you this day.
Adrian Perregaux

ONLINE GIVING IS HERE!!

"The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

God has called us to be generous in every way; with our time, talents and treasure, for His glory. I am happy to report that, due to your faithfulness, we are at 112% of our Year to Date Income budget, which is good news indeed. But we are going into the summer season when many of us head out of town to the beach and the lakes, and won't be here every Sunday. The church budget traditionally suffers at this time of year.

So this is a perfect time for us to announce that we have a new online giving option that will go live shortly. Among the ways that we will be able to keep up with our tithes throughout the year, will be a giving option on our website and Facebook page, as well as a mobile phone app that we can use to give with our smartphones! This will be in addition to our Automated giving option that we have already, whereby you can opt to have your tithe deducted regularly from your bank account.

The fact of the matter is that many of us don't carry our checkbook with us everyday, but we do carry our cellphones. And, while many feel strongly that they want to place their tithe and offering into the basket each week, as an act of worship, others prefer the convenience of knowing their tithe will be given regardless of where they happen to be on any Sunday. Our goal is to offer each person the ability to give as God has prompted them.

If you would like to download the App on your phone, it is called '**EasyTithe**'. You can start using it now if you want. Just enter the zip code 12302 to find East Glensville Church and set up your account. Alternatively, you can go to www.easytithe.com/egcc and sign up there.

If you would like to get setup to have your tithe deducted from your bank automatically, please ask the office for the form to complete, or email EGCCfinance@gmail.com.

"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need." Malachi 3:10

In His Service,
Jim Fischer

THE DIACONATE

Scholarships

Another school year is winding down, and that means we will have young people graduating and heading off to college. We have received 7 scholarship applications and will be presenting the scholarships on Celebration Sunday, June 11th.

Celebration Sunday

Please join us for our annual Celebration Sunday picnic following the church service on June 11th. We will provide hot dogs, dessert and drinks. Please bring a dish/salad to share. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

School Supply Collection

The backpack collection ministry takes place in August. Backpacks and school supplies will be donated to the City Mission and also to children in the church neighborhood. Please watch the church bulletin for more information.

Help Wanted

Would you like to share the love and compassion of Christ with others? There are many opportunities to serve the Lord even if you don't feel you are a teacher or have an ounce of musical ability. Helping the Hospitality Committee with set-up or clean-up for a lunch or function, making a visit to a member living alone or shut-in, doing a little handyman work for someone in need, making a meal for a family in need, watering church flowers, making coffee on Sunday mornings, providing a ride, being a greeter or usher are just a few of the ministries where the Diaconate would welcome your help.

Flag Day Parade

Help represent EGCC at the BH-BL Community Flag day parade on June 8th. We need volunteers to pack bags of candy with flyers; and we need people to walk in the parade with our float to hand out the bags. If you would like to help, see Pastor Phil or Mike Brown.

Greetings from the Board of Missions!

We thank God for a successful Missions weekend during the 6th and 7th of May. We hope all of you who participated were blessed by events and encouraged to think about how you can help in mission projects both local and abroad.

Some up-coming events to note on your calendar:

July 16 - Matt Paschall, one of our supported missionaries working in Budapest, Hungary with United World Mission, will be in town and we hope he can preach for us that Sunday.

Also, over the summer months there will be several opportunities to join the Youth Group in their missionary outreach to our community. We hope and pray that each of these will provide an avenue for others to see Christ in us.

Our next Mission event will be on October the 22nd. More details about that will be forth coming in the months ahead. We hope everyone has a safe and blessed summertime.

Bruce Cooper
Missions Board Chair

YOUTH GROUP

We are having a few large youth events this summer as well as a few service projects! Besides that, the youth calendar is pretty open, allowing more time for spontaneous picnics, hikes and skipping through the puddles to occur.

Here are the activities that we will be doing for Sunday evening youth group. Please make note of time and/ or day changes**

June

4 - Jackie Singer Baby Party (5:45p-7:30pm). Bring a friend. This will be gross and silly!

11 - Bonfire (7p-8:30pm)

18 - No youth group - take your dad out for ice cream (... or coffee)

24/25 - Vacation Bible School set up (Saturday and/ OR Sunday)

25-30 - Vacation Bible School - please consider serving (Contact Susan Perregaux)

July

2 - No youth group - 4th of July weekend

9 - Slip n' Slide at the church (4p-6pm). Bring a snack and friend to share. Boys bring salty snacks. Girls bring sweet snacks

16 - No youth group

22 - *SATURDAY*, Service Project, 9a-3pm, we will be picking up trash along the road and helping to clean the BH fire department

30 - No youth group

August

5/6 - sleeping over at the church (more details to follow). Bring a tent, a friend, snack to share and some camouflaje :)

12/13 - No youth group - church wide camping trip

19 - *SATURDAY*, Service project, 8a-2pm (tentatively), we will be painting the Lita House. Please bring a paint brush, a friend and a snack to share.

27 - No youth group

See you this summer!!
Jared and the youth team!

PRESCHOOL GARAGE SALE

Our annual garage sale will take place on June 16th and 17th at 9 Saratoga Drive.

We are looking for donations of children's clothes, household items, plants, and baked goods to sell.

Donated items can be dropped off at Linda Wachtel's house.

All proceeds from the sale benefit our Christian Preschool.

How can you support EGCC's Vacation Bible School program this summer?

Leadership Needs:

Adult Crew Leader - adult to lead grade level group of children through activities

Adult Bible story presenter – share Bible story in fun, interactive way with kids

Photographer - take candid photos and handle individual kid photos on Tuesday

Material Needs for Decorating:

1 inch styrofoam balls (25)

blue cellophane wrapping paper

4 in. PVC pipe, 4 in curved PVC connectors

foam board / insulation board-4x8 sheets of 2 inches

foam board scraps

duct tape

*Items can be placed in church office in June, marked for VBS

SNACK DONATIONS:

fruit

Cheese/crackers

coffee cake

muffins/bagels

veggies/dip

pretzels/chips

MAKER FUN FACTORY

Register children now!

June 26-30, 2017

9am-noon

EGCC

Contact: Susan Perregaux 384-7296





When: June 26 - June 30, 2017 **9 am to noon**

Where: East Glensville Community Church

What: Music, Activities, Lessons, Games & Snacks!

Who: Students entering Kindergarten - entering 7th gr.

Last year at Cave Quest kids explored the rock solid foundation of Jesus' love.

At Maker Fun Factory kids discover they're created by God and built for a purpose!



June 9th - deadline for registration. Drop off/mail form to:

EGCC, 335 Saratoga Road, Glensville, NY 12302

Space is limited! Be sure to register ASAP

Registration cannot be guaranteed at the door.

Confirmation of your registration will be sent after 6/9

We request a donation of \$15 per child or a maximum of \$40 per family.



Name _____ Grade completed 6/2017 _____ M/F _____ Allergy _____

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*If your child has a food allergy, please bring your own snack

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____ Phone Number _____

Parent/Guardian E-mail address _____

Where do you attend church? _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone Number _____

I'm (parent/guardian) interested in "Coffee and Connection" during VBS, 9—10:30am YES / NO

of children _____ x \$15 per child = \$ _____ (max. of \$40 for registration)

Total Amount \$ _____ Cash or Check written to EGCC

Registration Deadline is Wednesday, June 9th!