



# Church *matters*

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## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Sunday, April 9th	10:30am	Palm Sunday Worship
Thursday, April 13th	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Communion Service
Sunday, April 16th	~6:15am 9:00am 9:30am 10:30am	Sonrise Service Easter Brunch Easter Egg Hunt Easter Worship Celebration

### EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

We will be accepting donations toward flowers to decorate our sanctuary for Easter Sunday (\$20). Envelopes will be in the pews March 26th - April 9th. Please note if you are giving in honor or remembrance of someone.

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- March 4th - Men's Breakfast
- March 7th - Servant Leadership Council Meeting
- March 11th - Preschool Open House
- March 11th - Women's Ministry Fashion Show
- March 18th - Trustee Work Day
- March 24th - SPARK
- March 24th & 25th - New Member Class
- March 31st - Special Church Dinner
- April 1st - Men's Breakfast
- April 2nd - Rollerskating
- April 12th - No Wednesday Night Program
- April 13th - Maundy Thursday Communion Service
- April 16th - Easter Celebrations (See Page 1)
- April 19th - No Wednesday Night Program
- April 28th - 30th - Women's Retreat
- May 5th - SPARK
- May 6th - Men's Breakfast
- May 6th - 7th - Missions Weekend
- May 12th - Summer Newsletter Deadline
- May 17th - Last Wednesday Night Program until September



By Elder Tom Bischoff

## ELDERS

As we have been working on the Vision / Mission statement for the church, going through Ephesians in the morning worship, working on overseeing "care groups" and talking with individuals in the church, there is a hymn that comes to mind. Meditate on these words with me, bask in the glory, love, and grace of God, and let us renew our vigor to love God, love others and help them know and follow Jesus.

I love thy Kingdom, Lord,  
The house of thine abode,  
The church our blest Redeemer saved  
With his own precious blood.

I love thy church, O God:  
Her walls before thee stand,  
Dear as the apple of thine eye,  
And graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall,  
For her my prayers ascend;  
To her my cares and toils be giv'n,  
Till toils and cares shall end.  
Beyond my highest joy  
I prize her heav'nly ways,  
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,  
Her hymns of love and praise.

Jesus, thou Friend Divine,  
Our Saviour and our King,  
Thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe  
Shall great deliv'rance bring.

Sure as thy truth shall last,  
To Zion shall be giv'n  
The brightest glories earth can yield,  
And brighter bliss of heav'n.

## SPECIAL CHURCH DINNER

Mark your calendars now for an exciting dinner presented by the Church Elders on Friday, March 31st in Buchanan Hall. More details soon!!

# STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

As members together of the Body of Christ, each of us has the privilege and responsibility to utilize our unique talents and abilities to help sustain and build the body here at EGCC and around the world. We are called upon to be stewards of all that God has entrusted us with. We are caretakers for our Master until He returns, and we should continually be striving to be found worthy of the trust placed in us. Have you ever taken an “inventory” of all that God has given you to be a steward of? It can be a humbling exercise. We like to think of ourselves as owners –of our bodies, our homes and belongings, our bank accounts, our kids, our choice about how to spend our time, and on and on- but we really are deceiving ourselves if we get caught up in that worldly thinking. The early church didn’t suffer from that delusion.

*"And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. {2} Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. {3} For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, {4} they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints." (2 Corinthians 8:1-4)*

These folks were so impacted by God’s grace and the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives that they “urgently pleaded...for the privilege of sharing in this service...” in spite of their own “severe trial” and “extreme poverty”. And they did it willingly, “Entirely on their own”!

When’s the last time you or I urgently pleaded for the privilege to serve someone else or to give time, money or our talents to a cause? Is the grace of God touching your heart in such a way that you feel compelled to do more? It’s an old truism, we can never out-give God. But we should never do so out of a feeling of guilt. You can be sure though, that if God has placed it on your heart to stretch your faith and give more, then he will provide the means, and he will honor your willingness to trust Him with a greater measure of all that he has already given you.

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever Amen.”  
(Ephesians 3:20-21)

Elder, Jim Fischer

# NEW MEMBER CLASS

This special class is designed for those wishing to know more about the church and what it means to belong as members. No commitment is assumed for this informational class, although options will be presented for those involved for what they might do next in their faith-walk. Friday, March 24th, 6:30-8:30pm (dinner will be served) and Saturday, March 25th, 9:00am - 12:00pm (breakfast will be served). Childcare will be available. Please R.S.V.P. to [office@egcchurch.org](mailto:office@egcchurch.org) or call 399-3151 if you are interested in attending.

# MEN'S MINISTRY

Our Wednesday night Men's Bible Study will continue to meet each week. We meet starting at 7:00 pm after dinner has completed in the CE wing. We will not meet either of the following weeks :

Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> [All men are encouraged to participate in the Maundy Thursday worship]  
Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> [School Vacation Week]

We will be holding Men's breakfasts each of the following months :

Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>  
Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

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 a 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 6<sup>th</sup> and finish up Sunday afternoon, October 8<sup>th</sup>. The price for the Retreat will be \$175 and it covers 2 nights lodging and 5 meals. Please plan ahead to join us as this is a wonderful chance for us to fellowship, spend time in God's creation [Adirondack mountain region] and to learn more about 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

## FRONT LINE MINISTRY

Front Line Ministry will hold a training seminar on March 11th 9am - 10:30am in Classroom 4. All are invited to attend to see how you can participate in a ministry that serves the needs of visitors and assists them in choosing to serve the Lord here. at East Glenville.

We are a friendly church. We also need to become a welcoming church spending time with visitors and getting to know them and how best we can serve them as a church. Thanks!!

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES PRESENTS:

### Hidden Treasures of Hope & Special Fashion Show

Saturday, March 11th at 1:00pm  
Suggested donation: \$10

Women and young girls are suffering all over the world. Many are living in seemingly hopeless situations. Come and see how we can help to bring hope and spiritual encouragement through Women of Hope - Project Hannah.

Sign-up February 26 and March 5 in the Narthex. Questions? Vina Kaczmarczyk or Lori Meguin

## WOMEN'S RETREAT

Our April 28-30th Retreat at Camp of the Woods is soon approaching. Please come and join us for an exciting time of fellowship with the Lord, each other, and the beautiful outdoors that He has made. Our topic this year is, A woman God can use. Come join us and see how God can use you.

The cost is \$180 for 3-4 women per room and \$195 for 2 women per room. And, there is a \$20 discount per registration for a mother and teen. We welcome women 16 years of age and older. Partial scholarships are, also, available. Please contact Lori Meguin, with any scholarship questions.

The first deposit of \$80 is due on March 1st. The remainder is due by Sunday, April 16th.

There is a box in the back of the church for your registration forms.

If you have any further questions, please contact Sharon Nazzaro at 399-6382 or [senazzaro@gmail.com](mailto:senazzaro@gmail.com)

## DORCAS SOCIETY

The Dorcas Society is still in need of your help. We'd still like you to join us on Tuesdays, from 10:30am to 2:30pm. We also could use any donations of fabric, notions, batting, etc. for our many projects, when you do your spring cleaning. Please remember, we break in late May, for the summer. We still do the Lord's work, but not at the church, per say. Any questions, contact Carol Versocki, Linda Girardi, Henrietta Baziluk, Nancyjane Batten, Heather Chevalier, or Linda Marek.

Thank you!

# MISSIONS

Some things to mark on your calendar for 2017:

1. Our Missions Weekend – May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Featuring John Bernard, one of our missionaries since 1989. He currently is working, along with Melinda his wife, in United World Mission (UWM). They have served as missionaries in Spain for four years and they have been involved with planting churches in the Middle East in areas where there are existing evangelical outreaches. Currently, John is serving as president of United World Mission, and as such, he travels often to Asia. On Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> of May John will be talking to the Sunday School and preaching during the church service. After the service there will be a reception held in the court yard weather permitting. He is expected to discuss important issues like spiritual warfare, especially in connection with his mission work, and the importance of local mission work. Further details will be posted as we get closer to the date.
2. Coming this summer various local short term mission opportunities. Our Youth Pastor, Pastor Jared, is working on arranging several youth mission events that will benefit local groups like; Youth for Christ, City Mission, as well as members of our town, the East Glenville community. All are invited to join in these events (about one a month during the summertime) to show the love of Jesus through our actions and support for our local community.

# DIACONATE

## What is the Diaconate Board?

The Diaconate Board consists of Deacons and Deaconesses who share spiritual ministry responsibilities assigned it by the congregation and Elder Board. Their charge is to promote the physical well-being of the congregation, support its worship, and minister to those outside the congregation whom the Lord may direct to us for help. The Diaconate shall give its foremost attention to assisting those of our congregation who are widows, fatherless, poor, needy, sick, friendless, or distressed. (EGCC 2012 By-Laws)

The Diaconate oversees many ministries in our church, and depends on the faithful service of many from our congregation. Some of the areas that Diaconate oversees are: communion, prayer chain, meals to sick and needy, ushers, greeters, cards, flowers, visitation, transportation, scholarship fund, benevolence gifts, serving at City Mission and Baptist Health Nursing Home, Hospitality Committee, tract ministry, shoebox ministry, baby bottle collection, holiday food drive, backpack drive, Junior Diaconate and Celebration Sunday picnic.

1 Peter 4:10 says: Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

We thank those that faithfully serve in the Diaconate ministries. If you would like to serve on any of the ministries listed above, we welcome you.

Your Diaconate Team,  
Don Sweet, Robin Daly, Holly Britton, Linda Marek, Brenda Mills (Chairman), Pastor Phil (Overseer)

## Junior Diaconate

The Junior Diaconate is a ministry for children 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade who are interested in serving God by serving others. The JD team fills that pew racks each Sunday and tidies up the pews, pick-ups communion cups each month and helps to refill the trays for the following month. Special projects are done a few times each year that include baking cookies for shut-ins and a Mother's Day mini pie sale to raise money for those with a need. Last year we were able to bless the Crum family and the Summer Missions team with the pie sale proceeds.

We will have another mini pie sale for Mother's Day this year. Information will be in the bulletin in April.

If your child is interested in serving on the JD team, please have them contact Kristina or Brenda Mills.

# TRUSTEE CORNER

On behalf of the 2017 Trustee Board, I am writing to ask for the help of every member of EGCC.

But before I ask for your help, I would like to extend my thanks to the four faithful men who recently completed their terms on the Trustee Board, Bob Edwards, Ray Kaczmarczyk, Steve Levy, and Dave Willig. These men devoted many hours of their own time to maintain and improve our facilities. Thank you guys for a job well done.

The mission of the Trustee Board is to help create a safe, comfortable, and inviting place to all who walk through our doors. We aim to do this by not only maintaining the current facility, but also by looking for ways to improve the facility while minimizing cost. The Trustee Board's purpose is not to do all of this ourselves (which we cannot do for a facility of this size), but to serve as facilitators in order to accomplish the work that must be done. This is where we need your help. I have listed some specific ideas for your consideration.

First, and foremost, make it a priority to attend the church workdays scheduled during the year. We have these periodic workdays as there are many things that we can accomplish around the church ourselves, therefore conserving our precious dollars, which allows these funds to be used for other things. We have jobs scheduled that can be accomplished by any age, and any skill level. Stay tuned to the bulletin for the next scheduled workday!

When you use the facility please make it comfortable for your meeting by adjusting the thermostat and using the lighting you need. However, when your meeting is done please take the time to ensure that the heat is turned back down and the lights are off. Energy costs consume a significant part of the Trustee budget.

Lastly, the Trustee Board has several short-term projects (e.g., pricing out a new snowblower, developing a long-range maintenance plan) that we would like some with. Contact one of the Trustee Board members (John Ferguson, Will Gideon, Andrei Squires, or Brian Sweet) if you can help us out.

By the way, the record for attendance at a church workday is 42. I think we can beat that this year!

Will Gideon for the Trustee Board.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Community Outreach is inviting everyone to participate in the Burnt Hills/Ballston Lake Merchant's Flag Day Parade June 8th. We will prepare our float on June 3rd at Mike Brown's home. We need volunteers to prepare bags of candy to pass out. We need volunteers to ride the float and help pass out the candy. For more information, please contact pastor Phil. Thanks!!

## CE BOARD

Calling all teachers or those interested in serving!

The Christian Ed Board is putting together a workshop that aims to:

- review the goals of christian education for our church
- train teachers on how to meet those goals
- inspire teachers with fresh ideas and techniques

If you are currently teaching at EGCC, or if you wish to in the future, please join us for this interactive workshop! It will take place in April. Look for a specific date in the upcoming weeks. We hope to see you there!

## EGCC PRESCHOOL

Applications are available for the 2017-2018 school year.

Three Year Olds: 2 & 3 Day Classes

Four Year Olds: 3 & 4 Day Classes

For an application, more information or to arrange a visit, please call us at 518-280-7865; email [preschool@egcchurch.org](mailto:preschool@egcchurch.org) or visit [www.egcchurch.org](http://www.egcchurch.org).

## Garage Sale

Our annual fundraiser Garage Sale will be in June. We can start taking donations after Easter. Please contact the preschool or Heather Chevalier for the best days, times and location fro drop-off.

Thank you for your support!

## YOUTH

Hello church family! ... Wow. This year is flying! Below you will see what the youth is doing the next few months. We are excited to be switching up the schedule and dividing up Junior and Senior High. We will be keeping this schedule through the spring and summer, unless otherwise noted. Please be in continue prayer for this.

We are also in need of snacks. If you are able to spare a bag of chips/ pretzels and/ or cookies or even drink mix, we would love you forever . We get hungry.

Some of the big events that are coming up are as follows:

March 5th, tye-dye and ice cream party. Students bring something to tye-dye (socks, shirts, etc) and a topping to share for sundaes and we will provide the dye & the ice cream

April 2nd, roller skating at Rollarama (see next page). Following roller-skating, we will be grabbing dinner together as a youth group. Please bring \$ for roller skating and dinner.

May 14th, movie night at the church. Boys bring something salty and girls bring something sweet to share. 5:45pm-7:30pm

June 11th, Bon-fire & Games. Location TBD. S'mores will be provided. Please bring your favorite snack to share.

Thank you parents! It is a joy to come alongside you!  
Jared

## ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

The Diaconate Board is now accepting applications for the **2017 Terry O'Donnell Memorial Scholarship**. Applications will be available in the foyer or in the Church Office. Application deadline is May 1st. Scholarships will be awarded on Celebration Sunday (June 11th).



**VBS 2017**  
**June 26th – 30th**  
**9am-noon at EGCC**

Adults and teens, please prayerfully consider how you can volunteer for VBS! There are several leadership positions to fill. Each provides the opportunity to impact children with the Word of God. Contact Susan Perregaux, 384-7296 or [children@egcchurch.org](mailto:children@egcchurch.org)

**Maker Fun Factory VBS 2017** is full of bright, vibrant colors, dynamic decorations, and gadgets and gizmos aplenty. Transform your church into an interactive workshop where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God. Spark creativity with interactive decoration and experiences!

On May 1st there will be a link to the VBS registration form on the church website.

VBS volunteer information meetings will be after church at noon on Sunday May 21 and Sunday June 4th.



Spirit Powered Activities Reaching Kids  
Children in grades Pre K-5th

**Friday March 24th, 6:30-8pm**  
Cave Quest Day 4  
Jesus gives us love!

**Friday May 19th, 6:30-8pm**  
Maker Fun Factory Preview  
"Created by God, built for a purpose!"

Bible Point, Bible story, games, music  
and snack!  
Come and bring a friend! \$1 per child  
donation requested.  
Contact Susan Perregaux (384-7296).

**ROLLERSKATING  
AT ROLLARAMA**



Sunday, April 2nd 4:30-6:30pm  
EGCC Families and Friends  
Please join us for a private event  
with Christian music!  
\$7 per person, includes skate rental  
(non-skaters no charge)  
Adults and kids welcome!

2710 Hamburg St., Schenectady  
Contact Susan Perregaux, 384-7296