

Church *matters*

EAST GLENVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH | FALL 2017



“What’s The Point?”

This is a great question for us to answer in the church today; “What’s the point? Why do we meet? Why do we draw ourselves up in community? Why make all the sacrifices of commitment? Why bother arising from our most precious time and drive to a place and worship? These are all great questions we should ask ourselves instead of blindly like a heard of Lemurs hurls ourselves over the church cliff.

The answer to every one of these questions lies in the heart of what we believe about Jesus! It really does come to this, do we believe Jesus is weighty enough to follow? By weighty we speak of authority, glory, position, worth! Are these attributes regarding Jesus enough to cause the inconvenience of covenant community (church body life?) If we are to look at this strictly from human terms we certainly have several examples of this kind of devotion. If the corporate president should fly in and ask us to appear at work one hour earlier than the norm every week just to meet and have a cup of coffee with some of his favorite employees for company fellowship, well we would find ourselves honored and please to be part of such a favored group. Should a celebrity, or VIP request our time to help volunteer for most any charitable task our calendars would clear for such an opportunity to be seen with this person doing good. The reason for such eagerness to connect is directly related to the weight these persons have in our minds, even if by practicality we are strangers to them. So by comparison our beliefs’ regarding an audience with Jesus and the participation in His work is directly related regarding the weight He displaces in our hearts. When Jesus says come and follow me it is not a mere invitation for a cup of coffee, but rather a command to leave our ordinary based on the weight of the one commanding.

When we hear Clergy, bible teachers and such ask the question; Jesus has given His all is one or two hours a week too much to give Him? We ask a question never found in the heart of Jesus. Jesus never settles for an hour or two, but nothing short of a whole live. The examples of “leave your nets and follow me,” “sell all that you have and follow me,” all invitations that communicate, based on the authority of the one who commands, come to where you are commanded! What must it say in regards to our respect of Jesus authority verses our readiness for celebrity associations when we are eager for one and ambivalent towards the other.

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WHAT'S THE POINT

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When the Apostle Andrew after the resurrection of Jesus was evangelizing in modern day Greece he found himself at odds with Governor. Andrew was enlightening the pagan culture with the gospel and Greek temples were beginning to become church communities. When Andrew was threatened by the authorities to cease the gospel proclamations or face crucifixion upon a cross, Andrew's response was "I would not have preached the honor and glory of the cross, if I had feared death upon the cross." How is Andrew with such confidence in building Christ church in Greek communities? The answer is found in his response when walking to his death on the very cross he was threatened with,; " O cross, most welcomed and longed looked for! I come with a willing mind, joyfully and desirously, I come to you, being the scholar (disciple) of Him who did hang on you: because I have always been your lover, and have coveted to embrace you." When it came time for Andrew to commit to the inconvenience of the cross he knew the answer to "What's the Point?" For Andrew the point was anything Jesus wants I will embrace joyfully for His glory. The answer to what's the point is Jesus! Jesus is not just a weighty character; Jesus is who brings weight to everything! The reason the church is of such great importance is because it is of such great importance to Jesus. He calls it His Bride, His Body, His beloved. We've heard her called hypocrite, angry, judgmental, etc. Therefore, it is a great question (What's the point?) for all to answer in regards to the church but the answer will determine what one thinks about Jesus.

Pastor Brad



Elder's Corner

This year the Elders and Pastor Brad have been working and praying to discern God's direction for East Glenville Church for the months and years ahead. We've witnessed His faithfulness as work on our vision that was begun with Pastor Jim has been advanced and clarified, under Pastor Brad. At the 'Fresh Start' banquet this past winter we introduced the "Know, Share, Take" vision which was well received. We continue to work on designing programs, and reevaluating the way we "do church" in light of this vision.

At recent Elder Board meetings it has become increasingly clear to us that with all the changes being considered and implemented, stability in leadership would better help us to achieve the vision God is providing. One of the visions we have for our church is the concept of "generational mentoring" where the Senior Pastor is able to work with an Assistant Pastor to help them grow toward moving into the Senior Pastor role at a future date. Obviously this is something that will mean a sustained commitment from both individuals. With this in mind, and to continue the many positive things that are happening here, we have asked Pastor Brad and Leigh to stay on for a minimum of two years. Praise God, they have agreed!

Going forward, we will continue to build on the vision, and at the appropriate time we can begin a search for the man who God would have fill that role. Pastor Jared has committed to stay on in his role through the Summer of 2018, which is also a cause for praise.

Over the coming months, the Elders will continue the work of building out this vision of "generational mentoring". There is much work to do to bring it to fruition, but we know our God is faithful and will provide just what we need, in His time. Our task (all of us) is to be constant in prayer, and faithful to the work He gives us, as we seek to bring Him Glory in His church and our community. Please keep us in your prayers, and please also ask God where he would have you step up to help in advancing His Kingdom here in East Glenville.

Jim Fischer, for the Elder Board

KICKOFF SUNDAY BBQ AND COMMUNITY FESTIVAL!



WHAT: BBQ and Festival with Pony Rides, Bounce House, Games and Fellowship

WHEN: September 10, 2017

TIME: 12:30 – 3:00pm

WHERE: Church grounds

WHY: To reach out in love and faith to our congregation and the greater community

GUESTS/MEMBERS: We expect approximately 300 people

What is needed:

Please bring 2 dishes to share: 1 side and 1 dessert
*Sign up sheets for many tasks are posted in the church lobby or you can now sign up at:
<http://signup.com/login/entry/757022436421310062>

Questions?

Contact Shelley Cull 440.537.5641 or cullshelley@gmail.com - texts welcome

Have you tried the online giving option yet?? Several people have signed up and are using it regularly. Others use it occasionally. As a reminder, you can download the 'EasyTithe' App for your smartphone, or you can go online to our website and click on the 'Online Giving' link. It is truly easy to use.

Why are we offering electronic giving? Here are some interesting statistics from ShareFaith:

- 74% of Americans say they write no more than one check per month.
- 61% of people under 24 never write checks.
- 60% of Americans over 66 make contributions via the web.



These numbers will only continue to grow, and it is important for the church to provide the resources that people use already in their financial lives. Online giving is part of that.

You can also sign up for automated giving without using the electronic version. If desired, you can fill out a form to have the church automatically draw funds from your bank account weekly, semi-monthly or monthly. Many use this for their mortgages, cable bills, etc. and it is a very convenient way to stay current with your giving, automatically. Please ask Gina in the office for a form to fill out if you would like to participate.

Finally, please know that we believe in being cheerful givers, not giving out of compulsion, guilt or fear. God looks at the heart. He wants us to put all our trust in Him, not in things of the world. He owns it all anyway, so he doesn't need 'our' stuff. He wants us to open our hands to freely give and receive as we learn to trust in Him, not ourselves. Malachi 3:10 states: *'Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,' says the Lord Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.'*



Vision Statement

EGCC Worship Ministry is seeking to express the gospel through all of the arts for the glory of Jesus and knowledge of His truth and grace. Through our first fruits, we will offer harmonious and supporting genres for the proclamation of God's word and the engagement of His people. For God's glory alone!

'Wednesday Worship'

Our Worship Ministries are comprised of a deeply committed group of vocal and instrumental musicians and sound and media technicians who love worshipping God and serving together. Our purpose is to help EGCC worship in an inspiring and God glorifying way. -We also have fun doing it!

The EGCC Choir and Worship Team serve Sunday mornings in the worship service. This year we'll be joining together to prepare each week during "Wednesday Worship" where we'll rehearse and grow as musicians, and deepen our relationships with God and each other through prayer and rich fellowship. Each participant has some musical skill and a heartfelt desire to worship God. The Choir rehearses 7:00–8:30 pm, and the Worship Team will join the choir at 8:00 pm, and continue on to finish at 9:15 pm. From time to time the Orchestra Ensemble will join us as well.

If you love to sing God's praises and are looking for a meaningful way to serve him here at EGCC we invite you to join us for Wednesday Worship at 7:00 pm on September 13 to see what it's all about! The Choir is open to all in Grade 9 – Adult. You will find a great group of people who love each other, enjoy singing God's praises together, and support one another in prayer.

The Worship Team is open to experienced vocalists and instrumentalists. We are especially in need of bass and electric guitar players and are also looking for someone who plays the banjo or mandolin.

For more information contact Sandie Wanamaker at worship@egcchurch.org.

Getty Music Worship Conference 2017: Sing!

The inaugural Getty Music Global Conference on worship, the arts, and congregational singing with a hymn-sing at the Grand Ole Opry House! The conference will be held in Nashville TN on **September 18 -20**. This conference exists to help pastors, leaders and musicians build a Biblical understanding and creative vision for the congregational singing in their churches. Bringing together speakers and artists from many traditions and walks of life, our desire is to encourage churches towards a deeper, more dynamic view of theology, artistry and mission in congregational singing.

A note from Sandie... I'm delighted that Peggy Traester and I will be traveling to this conference next month to sit under the teaching and music of the Getty team of world musicians, pastors, teachers, and worship leaders. We're looking forward to being a part of the conference choir, and to bringing back a wealth of teaching and resources for our church!



CHILDREN'S CHOIR MINISTRY "PRAISE GANG"

We will be launching a brand new year of our kid's choir ministry, beginning Wednesday, September 13th. Boys and girls who are entering Kindergarten, and up to and including 8th grade, are encouraged to join us. You may have one or two who are this age living under your own roof. Great! But, don't stop there. Please feel free to invite children of friends or neighbors who may presently be outside of our church. Our rehearsals are a creative and meaningful way to introduce them to God's love and goodness! A unique outreach opportunity.

Praise Gang will sing one time each month as part of the Sunday morning worship service and will also participate in special musical events of the church. We rehearse every Wednesday evening from 6:45 to 7:45 in the preschool wing of the church. The children enjoy the time we spend together~ singing, praying, building godly relationships, and having fun! Our goal is to teach and lead boys and girls into a lifestyle of praise and worship as they grow in their knowledge of Jesus, the One who gives them a reason to sing!

Please call or text Melisa Olson at 435. 5836 for more information.



ORCHESTRA

Musicians who would like to serve God using their instrumental talents are welcome to join us one Sunday a month as well as special occasions. If you have had 3 or more years experience, we encourage you to contact Donna Dowling (Donnadmusic@gmail.com). Shake that summer dust off of those instruments and lets Glorify God together!



LIVING NATIVITY

Hello East Glenville Community Church,

My name is Tom Bird and if you do not know me, I am one of the guys who stands up on the platform singing and playing guitar on the worship team. If I haven't had the pleasure of meeting you and you are reading this, I say hello and nice to meet you! If you already know me, well..... one thing you will know is that I love to be around my brothers and sisters in Christ laughing and having fun while gathered in his name.

With that said, I am writing this to tell you about a great opportunity to be involved in what will be a great production of the Birth of Jesus this upcoming December 2017. Pastor Brad would like to put together a production both inside and outside of the church to bring the community in and our church community together. Pastor Brad has, for some reason I am still wondering, asked me to head up the task of putting his vision into reality! No better time than the present to start this process; so that is why you are reading this today.

We will need so many different talents for this production and anyone can participate. Can you sing or play an instrument? Did you answer no? Well guess what it doesn't matter!! We want this to be a great opportunity for our whole church to come together for Gods kingdom. We want to draw the outside community into our church to meet Jesus Christ and get to know him so they can love him as we do! What better way then to come together as a church family and welcome all.

We will need the following and I know I will be missing some things:

Musicians, Sound, Media, Actors, Builders (Sets), Costume and Props, Greeters, Parking Attendants, Electricians, Servers, Muscles for Set-up and breakdown and many more I am probably forgetting. So, as you can see, you most likely have the ability to fit into one of these categories with ease!

Please pray about being a part of this wonderful vision that Pastor has for our church family and keep an eye out for a "Story Board Meeting" that will happen in September. I will make sure that it is posted in the bulletin after we set a date! Can't wait to get started putting this together and working with my church family! Teens, this means you too!!

Thanks EGCC!!
Tom Bird

ARE YOU A "DOER?" FOR CHRIST?

Pastor Tim Challies shares words that are an encouragement and a challenge as we begin our fall ministries...



We tend to associate the highest godliness with the humblest service. Jesus proved his holiness when he stooped to wash the filthy feet of his disciples. He proved his submission to God when he willingly faced the unjust suffering of the cross. In both cases, it is what Jesus did that displayed his godly character. This is the heart of what Christians refer to as servant-leadership, of displaying the highest kind of leadership through the lowest acts of service.

Successful Christian churches and ministries are dependent upon people who are willing to serve. They thrive when people humble themselves to carry out whatever tasks need to be done. The high-powered lawyer and the struggling small business owner unite when they step into the church and serve shoulder-to-shoulder to brew the coffee and mop the floors. Their actions prove them to be leaders in godly character.

Our churches need loads of doers, people who are willing to do what needs to be done, regardless of whether that task is high or low, visible or unseen. In fact, every Christian should approach every area of life with a deep desire and willingness to do. No task is too low for one who has been saved by the one "who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:6-8).

Submitted by Donna Williams

EGCC FALL ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

This fall we will offer 4 classes. In keeping with our vision ...
“Loving God, Loving people and helping them to know and follow Jesus” and ...Know, Share, Take, .. we are offering the following to further our abilities to know the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our hearts and minds:

- Pastor Brad will be presenting the “Authentic Journey”
- Geoff Switts will be presenting “Kingdom Living”
(see more below)
- Will Gideon will be presenting “The Apostle’s Creed” (6 wks)
- Tom Bischoff will be presenting “The Gospel of John” (6 wks)

Come join us on Sunday Morning at 9AM each Sunday starting September 10th and continuing throughout the year. Stay tuned for class locations ... bring a Bible and notebook ... take notes.

KINGDOM LIVING FALL 2017

The Case for Antioch: A Biblical Model for a Transformational Church

The story of the church at Antioch is an inspiring drama, a model of a transformational church in the first century for the church in the twenty-first century. Antioch is an ancient model for the future church. This church, composed of transformed people, transformed its community, the Mediterranean region, and the world as we know it. We are fortunate to have an extensive biblical record of its beginning and early years of growth, along with examples of how it handled doctrinal debates, personality conflicts, and practical matters of church life, Christian devotion, and missionary outreach. This record provides a case study for starting and growing transformational churches. What a remarkable story! We have a detailed account of this amazing congregation—the first predominantly Gentile church—from its birth through its role in launching the gospel toward Rome (then the most important city in the Mediterranean world). This ancient city, the fertile ground from which this remarkable church emerged, was the perfect place (particularly considering our world today) for the first Gentile church to flourish. What makes this church’s story so applicable to the twenty-first century? What about Antioch’s setting predicated the possibility of developing a transformational church in our secular, irreligious world? We’re about to find out.

This Sunday School class is led by Geoff and Kim Switts and will meet at 9:00 am in Classroom B2. Our first class will be on Kick-off Sunday, September 10th. See you there!



Fall is here! This means that we as the youth are hitting the ground running and have some great events planned this year! Please take a moment to mark your calendar for the following events:

(1) Sunday School. We have Jr high (6th-8th) and Sr high (9th-12th) Sunday School every week starting at 9am. We will be going deeper into the Word, while challenging and strengthening our walks with Christ

(2) Youth Group. We meet every Sunday night in Buchanan Hall from 5:45pm-7:30pm, unless otherwise noted. We begin with open gym at 5:45pm and start with a silly game at 6:15pm followed by a lesson and grade appropriate small groups

(3) Youth Kick-Off. September 10th, 4p-6pm at the church. ****Winning teams pie Pastor Jared in the face!**** Slip n' slide. Fire. Obstacle course. Food ... Please bring the following: yourself, a friend, extra clothes, towel, and your favorite candy

(4) Woods Games. October 8th-9th. Cost of event is \$20. First 30 to sign up are guaranteed a long sleeve t-shirt! The event will be an outside event so please bring warm clothes, sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, a friend, Bible, pen, & a snack to share. Prize for whoever brings the most friends! All will be held at the Seiz's home. Please inquire per address. ****Also, sign ups for Woods Games will be available at the kick off****

(5) November 19th. Sunday Service Project. Please keep an open eye for details and time changes.

(6) December 17th. Youth Christmas Party. More details to follow.

Jared



SPARK

"Spirit Powered Activities
Reaching Kids"
Children in Pre K – 5th
Buchanan Hall

Friday, October 20th, 6:30 - 8:00pm

Theme is Maker Fun Factory Day 1
"God made you."

Friday November 18th, 6:30 - 8:00pm

Theme is Maker Fun Factory Day 2
"God is good for you."

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



Family & Friends at Ellms Farm is on Friday,
September 29th from 4-6 pm. Cost is \$8 per
person. Includes play area and corn maze. All are
Welcome!!!! For more information, contact Linda
Wachtel at 518-399-4508 or
kwachtel@nycap.rr.com.

EAST GLENVILLE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

Another exciting year, another group of students and families. This school year we have 26 3 year olds and 29 4 year olds, all being greeted by enthusiastic, loving Christian women. We love meeting these new little ones and sharing the good news of Christ with them and their families. We prepare them with academic basics for their future schooling and Christian values they will need in the years ahead.

New this year: We are hoping to offer a new 2 year old class. It will be on Monday and/or Friday for 1 1/2 hours. It will offer play time, a Bible story, finger plays, songs and a simple craft. A starting date has not been determined yet, as we are in need of people to teach and assist in this program.

Prayer request: Please pray for substitutes in our regular classes and for people to work in the new 2 year old program. If you or someone you know, including home schooled teens, are interested, please contact us at 518-280-7865 or email - preschool@egcchurch.org.



**Saturday, October 28th
2:00 - 4:00pm**

Let's transform our parking lot with decorated vehicles into a place where parents bring their kids for safe, wholesome trick or treating in a family friendly environment!

This is a **Halloween alternative and discourages imagery** of witches, ghosts, skeletons, jack-o-lanterns, bats, zombies and such. Each vehicle will distribute a candy or non-candy item (your choice) to kids. This an opportunity to be **faithful witnesses in our community** and reach out to families, inviting them to visit our church!!

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect..." 1 Peter 3:15

Cars/trucks can be theme decorated with Bible stories, children's stories, holidays (Easter, Christmas), etc.

Include scripture verses!

Ideas Include:

Noah's Ark
Apple Orchard
Pumpkin Patch
Sesame Street
Fairy Tales / Nursery Rhymes
Barnyard
Jungle / Rainforest
Star Wars / Wizard of Oz
Legos / Candyland
Fireman / Fire Engine
Kingdom / Castle / Knights
Slumber Party
Construction Zone

**Watch Sunday bulletin for sign up information
Support for other tasks needed too!**

**Contact: Susan Perregaux
children@egcchurch.org
384-7296 or cell (518) 956-4250**

DIACONATE BOARD

When our joy is rooted in Jesus, then joy is found in serving Him and loving others. The Diaconate Board oversees many ministries within the Church that serve and care for others. Would you like to share your Jesus joy with others? We have needs for many volunteers for ministries including: coffee ministry, meals, card ministry, rides/transportation, greeters, ushers, hospitality etc.

Many thanks to Peggy Ann Crouse who joyfully sent cards month after month to those that were ill, had lost loved ones, births and birthdays. She is retiring from this ministry so we will be looking for someone that would like to serve the Lord by remembering and encouraging others by mailing cards.

In September we will need volunteers to help with Kick-off Sunday. October 1st the Shoebox Ministry begins with boxes due back on October 29th. November is the annual food drive to help those in need.

Need some more joy, want to share the joy you have in Jesus? – then please consider volunteering in one or more of our ministries.

Brenda Mills, Chairman

JUNIOR DIACONATE

The Junior Diaconate is a ministry for children 3rd – 12th 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. This year we used the pie proceeds to purchase oodles of school supplies to help children in need.

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



(Missing from photos - Dana Resue)



MISSIONS BOARD

Greetings from the Board of Missions we hope that everyone is have a wonderful summertime. The Mission Board has been busy during the summer having our meetings and making plans for the Fall season:

First, Betsy Gideon presented a 5 minute synopsis of her mission trip affiliated with her college church to the EGCC congregation during the service on Sunday, August 20th.

Second, we will be having an introduction to our plans for the Fall Mission event the Sunday, the 22nd of October. We have the privilege of having Gordon and Sara Williams visit with us to share about God's work in their lives as they serve with The Seed Company, a part of Wycliffe Bible Translators. Gordon is the Area Director of Field Programs in Asia focusing on the islands of Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines. He travels frequently, coordinating and developing translation projects for national peoples in regions without scripture in their own language. They are located in Wisconsin.

The proposed schedule is as follows:

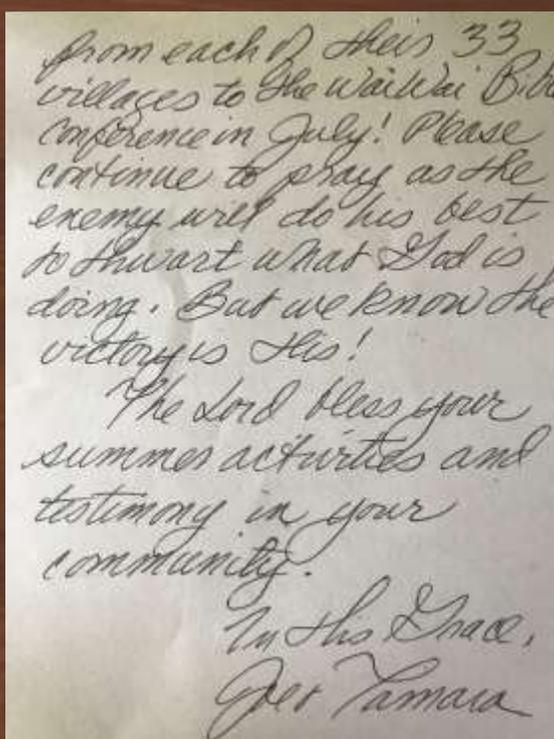
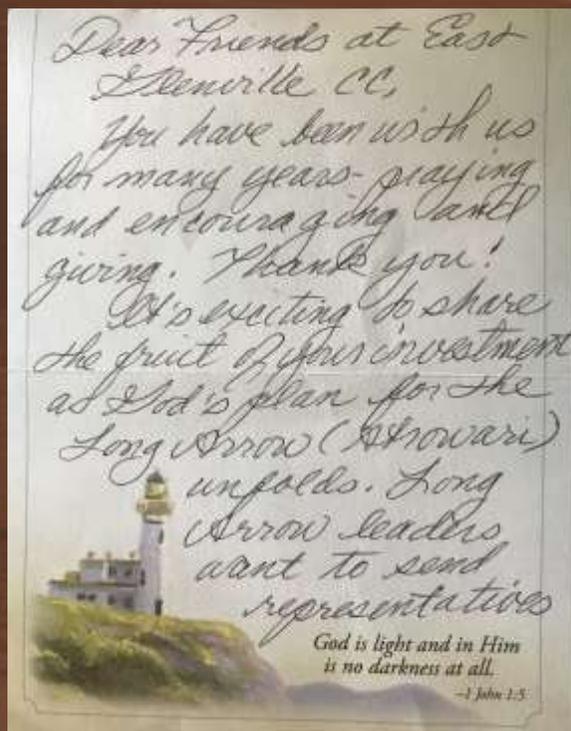
For Sunday School on the 22nd Sara Williams will share her testimony with a combined class of the Junior – High School Students and the Kingdom Living class. While Gordon, will be speaking on "Missions Today" with the rest of the adult Sunday School classes. After Sunday School Gordon will be preaching during the Sunday service. Finally, during the evening (7:00 -8:30 p.m.) of the 22nd we plan for an informal meeting, in Buchanan Hall, with Gordon and Sara over some refreshments to be provided. This will be a time of fellowship with our missionaries and to hear about some experiences from the mission field as well as discussion about the missionary perspective.

We hope that you will all mark your calendars for the special time and join us as we learn more about how God is moving in our world.

Looking ahead to next year (2018) the Mission Board is thinking about an short-term mission trip, Lord willing, for adults to another country

For all these above events please look for further information and updates as we move into the coming Fall season.

Yours in Christ,
The Mission Board



Letter from
EGCC supported
Missionaries Joe
and Tamara Hill

MEN'S MINISTRY

We have enjoyed a time of studying the Psalms during our Wednesday night Men's Bible Study throughout the Summer months. We will resume our standard 7:00 pm starting time on Wednesday, September 13th. Please consider joining us for the Fall season.

We will be holding Men's Breakfasts in September, November & December.

*We will not be holding a Men's Breakfast in September
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 with either preparing the meal or clean-up; Bill Harrison and the gang are generally there to start 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, October 8th after Lunch.

The price for the Retreat will be \$175 and it covers 2 nights lodging and 5 meals. Please plan ahead, mark your calendars now 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

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

There is a wonderful assortment of studies to choose from this fall. All of them focus on the Word of God in a casual setting where fellowship is encouraged and prayer is vital. We hope to see you at one of them soon!

Young Mom's Class

Wednesday morning at 9:15-11:00, babysitting provided. Contact Katie Fischer 885-9576

In Grace Based Discipline, learn how to: Stay calm, even when you're staring down the barrel of a loaded toddler
Customize your discipline to your child's unique personality, age and needs

Set rules based on God's priorities, not yours Apply consequences that really work

"Parents face a crazy paradox," says author Karis Kimmel Murray. "We love our kids exactly as they are, but we also love them too much to let them stay that way!" Disciplining kids is tough . . . even on a good day. We just want the 140-character version of what we should do when our kids' behavior scrapes the enamel off our sanity. With humor and down-to-earth practicality, Karis shares stories of trial and triumph straight from the trenches of parenting. From the first page, Karis gives desperate parents a reliable recipe for peace, boundaries, and effective discipline.

All Things New by Kelly Minter

Join us Wednesday nights (7:00-8:30) or Thursday mornings (9:30-11:00) during the fall months for this new study on 2 Corinthians. Kelly, a young author, speaker and songwriter, uses 30-minute videos, discussion questions, music and even recipes to help us live the timely truths in

Paul's letter. workbooks are \$15.

Questions- contact Donna Williams 399-2319



The Character of God

Sarah Dreisbach teaches this study, which meets in various homes, on alternate Friday mornings. For more details call her at 882-5116.

Later this fall Nancy Snyder will begin a study on the book of Ruth on Thursday afternoons.

Pray for Nancy as she recuperates from foot surgery.

THANK YOU!

We had a wonderful "Fashion Show" (O, but so much more.) on March 11th crafted by a team of EGCC ladies. Surely all the attendees will agree that it was the best ladies event so far. So much work must have been expended for all the pieces to come together. BEST OF ALL: TWR Women of Hope/Project Hannah theme. This is a ministry that needs us to get involved. Thank you all who planned and executed this wonderful event.

Our Lord was there with us. Amen!
- Ann Van Wie

FLANNELGRAPH

Flannelgraph Ministry has rested all summer and we are ready to resume the LORD's Work in September. This is an exciting Ministry. Just think that something so simple can have such an impact on so many. Teaching about God where He is unknown in places like Bangladesh, Kenya, Morocco, Canada, Mexico and Saratoga Springs, NY. All these places and many more have received the packages. These packages include scenes painted with brushes, sponges and water soluble paint by our own church members and volunteers from several other local churches. Other work includes backing and cutting figures that tell the stories. Other people trace the scenes on the flannel. Are you all confused? Good! Please come and visit us. Bring a sandwich and enjoy lunch. Pastor Phil Sears presents interesting information regarding mission work in foreign countries with prayer.

OK! Here's the agenda: We meet on Tuesdays in classrooms 3 and 4 at 10 AM and usually finish at 2 PM with, as described above, lunch (always some goodies). Please come and visit, have lunch, stay, come back or all. Watch for more info regarding starting date in the Sunday bulletin. Or call Ann VanWie on 518 399-5328 or email a.vanwie@verizon.net.

DORCAS

Ladies of the Church: Remember Dorcas is starting up this fall and we'd love to have you join us if you can sew, knit or crochet, we can use you! Contact Carol Versocki at 399-7897 or 882-9717. We meet on Tuesdays from 10am -2:30pm. More info to follow in bulletin!

FALL EVENTS

- Sept 10th - Kick-Off Sunday
- Youth Group Kick-Off
- Sept 13th- Wednesday Night Program Begins (Dinner, Bible Study and more)
- Sept 29th - Ellm's Farm
- Sept 30th - Worship Team Kick-Off
- Oct 1st - Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Begins
- Oct 3rd - Servant Leader Council Meeting
- Oct 6th - 8th - Men's Retreat
- Oct 8th - 9th - Youth Woods Games
- Oct 13th - Winter Church Matters Deadline
- Oct 20th - SPARK
- Oct 22nd - Fall Missions Day
- Oct 24th - Budget Meeting
- Oct 28th - Trunk or Treat
- Oct 29th - End of Shoebox Collection
- Nov 4th - Men's Breakfast
- Nov 5th - Thanksgiving Ingathering Collection Begins
- Nov 11th - Trustee Work Day
- Nov 17th - 18th - Membership Class - SPARK
- Nov 19th - Youth Group Service Project
- Nov 22nd - Thanksgiving Eve Service