



# Church *matters*

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER | EGCC | SUMMER 2018

Greetings to the Church at EGCC,

I am writing this note to share my perspective and encourage us all. As we go into the summer months there is excitement and feeling of renewal as the days get longer and we see the lawns and trees turning greener around us. This can be compared to the spirit of excitement and renewal I observe Sunday and throughout the week here at EGCC.

As I listened and observed the Youth sharing their stories while leading us in worship, I was encouraged to hear how they were turning to Jesus, as they traveled through the valleys in life.

I have been blessed to hear of new people joining us in worship and then joining us in serving one another alongside ministry teams and boards.

We came together with rakes and brooms to care for our property.

As we come together and support the youth ministry by approving a search for a new fulltime Youth Leader.

We participated in the Missions Weekend and saw numbers of people sign up with interest to embark on a short term missions project to Cuba where they will share the Gospel story with those who have not heard Jesus name.

I see teams of volunteers work together to prepare for the arrival of children during the VBS week, where they will hear of Jesus love for them. This year we have included a picnic dinner where we can meet and encourage parents and families. As EGCC church, please join in meeting these people.

I see a spirit of excitement as the Women's Ministry Leadership is surveying the women of EGCC to determine needs and areas to minister in.

Just as the lawns and trees need nourishment and water to transform into the lush greens we see today, we the church body and followers of Christ need nourishment to be transformed in our walk with him. Let us move into the summer season with prayer that God will use us with the special gifts and talents he has given. Let us dig deeper into his word to understand HIS Love for us and the way we are to show it to one another.

We will be blessed! God will be glorified! Philipians 2:13

For God is working in you giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

For the Elder Board

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## OLD FASHIONED HYMN SING & PRAYER SERVICE

On Sunday evening July 8, at 7pm, we will be holding an Old Fashioned Hymn Sing and Prayer Service in the Sanctuary. This will be a time devoted to singing

some of the great old hymns of the faith along with some of your favorites as well as giving some time to prayer for our church. We will also hear some of the song stories behind the hymns.

In order to help our musicians be prepared we are asking that if you have two or three favorites you'd like to sing you submit them to the worship office via email ([worship@egcchurch.org](mailto:worship@egcchurch.org)) by June 30 at the latest. Although we won't be able to sing them all we will do our best to accommodate your requests. Please feel free to invite friends, co-workers, and family who would enjoy this to join us!

Looking forward to a great time of singing and worship together!

Joyfully,  
Sandie

## STAY CONNECTED THIS SUMMER

Sunday School for all ages will take place through June, July and August, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. followed by our Worship Service at 10:30am. Come learn, grow and enjoy fellowship as we continue on the journey to become equipped to know, share and take the gospel out into our communities. Don't let the learning stop this summer!

## CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Join us June 10 in Buchanan Hall to recognize our Sunday School students and teachers. Continental Breakfast at 9 a.m. followed by awards, Scripture Memory and class promotions. Learn more about the exciting things taking place in our Sunday School program and help us set the stage for a great year ahead. Then, join us for our annual Celebration Sunday picnic following the church service. We will provide hot dogs and drinks. Please bring a dish/salad to share. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

## SUMMER FAMILY FUN NIGHTS!

Our entire church family is encouraged to join us for fun and fellowship this summer on Thursday nights. Please mark your calendars:

**July 12th** - 6:30 Old fashioned relay races - random teams of young & old will compete, and then we will Build-your-own Ice Cream Sundaes

**July 26th** - 6:00 BBQ & Yard games - dinner - \$2 per person, bring your favorite yard game (bocce, ladderball, cornhole, badminton etc)

**August 9th** - 6:30 Drive "In" Movie Night - in the gym, bring blanket, lawn chair, wear pjs. Popcorn & concession stand will be open.

**August 23rd** - 6:00 - Subs & Board games - dinner - \$2 per person, bring your favorite board game.

Note: in the case of rain, the July activities may be switched with an indoor August activity.

If you would like to help with any of these activities, please see Brenda Mills or Cindi Phillips.

## JUNIOR CHURCH MINISTRY

Do you have a passion for nurturing and teaching children between Kindergarten and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade? **Junior church** is a part of God's mission to 'tell the next generation' about Him. They are a part of journeying with them as the **church** explores faith – In the near future they will grow to be the leaders of the Church. The EGCC Junior Church Team is recruiting for the next semester. The Junior Church Ministry provides our children with a safe environment where they learn from a set Sunday School Curriculum. Point of contact is Felipe Moon at felipe.c.moon@gmail.com



## MEDICAL SUPPORT TEAM MINISTRY

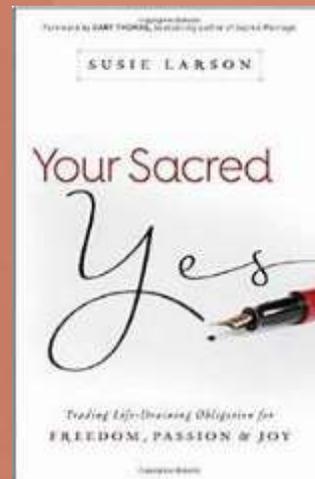
Do you have a passion for people and are an experienced medical care provider?

The EGCC Medical Support Team is recruiting for next semester. The medical support team is responsible for providing the following: Immediate medical care prior to the arrival of emergency responders, first aid and assistance in the event of minor accidents or illnesses, and an increased level of comfort and assurance to the church family and to guests. Point of contact is Felipe Moon at felipe.c.moon@gmail.com

## LADIES SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

We are looking forward to the lazy days of Summer and it always includes picking up a good book to read. Our ladies will be getting together in a more relaxed setting of sharing, praying and encouraging each other this summer over a book by Susie Larson called *Your Sacred Yes*. We will start our first meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

In the Youth Room. If you need a book or have questions contact Lori Meguin .



## TRUSTEES

Dear Church Family,

Your Trustees are praising God for all the support we have received at our two church work days.

As I observed all the participants, it warmed my heart to see all our brothers and sisters working with such detail to making our church both inside and out beautiful.

We really appreciate all the suggestions we have received from a number of you, as we always welcome your input.

Project suggestions are also welcomed. It is our pleasure to serve the Lord at EGCC.

Serving HIM ..  
Your Trustees.  
Ephesians 4:16

## **DIACONATE**

The Diaconate Board derives its title from the Greek work diakonos meaning servant. The Diaconate Board is made up of Deacons and Deaconesses, whose charge is to promote the physical well being of the congregation and its worship. The Diaconate gives it foremost attention to assisting those in our congregation who are widows, fatherless, poor, needy, sick, friendless or distressed. The Board oversees many ministries in our church.

Ephesians 4:12 says that Christ himself gave us pastors and teachers to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we reach unity in the faith. As we grow in Christ, it is a natural progression to want to honor Him and show our thankfulness to Him by serving Him and others. There are many ways to serve in our Church.

We are currently looking for a few people to serve as substitute ushers. Ushers serve for a month, 3 times a year. The substitute would just serve when an Usher is absent. We are also looking for some people to help on the Hospitality Committee, which entails helping to set-up and clean-up after picnics, dinners and special events. Have some extra time? How about joining the visitation team and visiting some of our saints. You do not need special talents to serve the Lord, just a willing heart. Serving together is also a great way to connect with others!

Brenda Mills, Diaconate Chairman

## **JUNIOR DIACONATE**

The Junior Diaconate is looking for children 3rd grade and up to join their team. This is a great way to teach your children about serving the Lord. The JD team helps pick up communion cups once a month, and fills the pew racks with card, pens, and envelopes. A few times a year, the JD team does special events and service projects. Please let Susan Williams know if your child would like to be a part of this ministry.

## **HOSPITALITY**

The Hospitality Team has scheduled some fun family events this summer, including a Movie Night, Make a Sundae & Relay Race competitions, Board games night, BBQ and Yard games night. There will be fun for our entire church family, young and old! Watch the bulletin for more specific information as the dates get closer. If you would like to volunteer to help, please see Brenda Mills or Cindi Phillips.

## **UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION**

As a church, we have been communicating more via email and it is vital that we have the correct information for everyone. Please fill out the insert that you will find in the bulletin on 6/3 & 6/10 regarding your contact info and place them in the offering basket. If you believe we already have you info, please take a moment to fill it out so that we can make sure everything is correct. Thank you!!

## **MISSION CONFERENCE WEEKEND RECAP MAY 18th - 20th**

Dave Gibson and Mark Fortney were our featured speakers from East-West mission agency committed to bringing the gospel message to the unreached and lost.

Approximately 30 EGCC family attended the Friday night potluck. Both men gave an overview of East-West ministries and their focus upon short term mission trips which evangelize. Areas of their involvement include Cuba, India and Nepal to name a few.

Saturday morning breakfast attendees though few in number were privileged again to hear both Dave and Mark give a more detailed view of what a short term mission trip might entail. Encouragement to send a team from EGCC was given birth. A film evidencing the use of God of a recent believer in reaching a Cuban family was shown.

Such was a very realistic and highly meaningful look at what these short term missionaries, trained by East West could do in extending the Kingdom for Jesus Christ. One could sense a spirit of anticipation at the prospect!

Sunday worship was highlighted by a motivating sermon by Dave citing Jesus Himself as He called His disciples in Matthew 4:19 where Jesus says "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men"... take away: follow, form you, fishermen... as key to the mission of East West ministries.

Currently there are 25 EGCC names on lists of those either interested in a trip or committed to one. EGCC will be in close contact with East West via Skype and other means to allow for more definite planning strategies. To send a team to Cuba, which would be well trained and equipped to share the gospel to those who have never heard it, is pulse pounding and awaiting further Godly direction. Please pray for God's leading as EGCC hears the call to commit!

Excited at the prospect and praising God for bringing Dave and Mark to challenge us, Nancyjane Batten, for the EGCC Mission Board

## **EAST GLENVILLE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL UPDATE:**

**Garage Sale:** Our annual garage sale was very successful, making \$1050!! Thank all of you for your donations and prayers. Special thanks to Ann, Henrietta, Louise and Ken for their dedicated help each year. The proceeds are used for the bounces at our class picnics, scholarships and extra expenses incurred during the year.

**Classes:** This past February we started a class for two year olds. It was very successful and we will offer it again next school year. Carol Bradley and Emma Squires taught the class. We still have openings in our 2 and 3 day three year old classes and our 3 and 4 day four year old classes.

If you know anyone interested, please have them call the school 518-280-7865, Linda Wachtel 518-399-4508 or email us - [preschool@egcchurch.org](mailto:preschool@egcchurch.org).

Thank you for your continued prayers for the school, the preschool families and the staff. We really appreciate it!!

## EGCC Quarterly Financial Update

1/1/18 - 3/31/18

Tithe & Offering Income:	\$105,729.65	-4.3% from 3/31/2017
Total Income:	\$115,734.03	-3.6% from 3/31/2017
Total Expense	\$117,129.16	+5.7% from 3/31/2017

### **Balances**

Checking Accounts:	\$100,196.56	+26.1% from 3/31/2017
Savings Accounts:	\$244,415.37	+19.5% from 3/31/2017
Mortgage:	\$214,965.43	-20.0% from 3/31/2017

### **Overview**

Giving is down slightly compared to the first Quarter of 2017. Expenses were up, though most of that can be accounted for by one-time budgeted items that were spent early in the year.

As you can see, our cash position is much improved over where we were one year ago. We continue to pay extra each month on the mortgage with budgeted funds as well as extra that comes in through your Designated giving. It's exciting to watch that number get smaller and know we are getting closer to having it paid off.

This is just a brief synopsis of where we stand through the first quarter. As always, if you have specific questions, or want to see more details, please reach out to me and I will gladly get you the information you want. My email is [EGCCFinance@gmail.com](mailto:EGCCFinance@gmail.com), or you can call me at 518-365-0405.

### **A Special Appeal!**

Our dedicated team of counters could use some help. Would you consider helping out one Sunday per month? We will train you and make sure you are partnered with an experienced counter. Please prayerfully consider joining our team!

In His Service,  
***Jim Fischer***

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- June 3rd at 12pm - VBS Volunteer Meeting
- June 5th 7pm - Servant Leadership Council Meeting
  - June 7th - Flag Day Parade
  - June 9th at 8:30am - Men's Breakfast
  - June 10th - Celebration Sunday
- June 13th at 7pm - VBS Crew Leader Meeting
  - June 23rd at 9am - VBS Set Up
- June 24th at 5pm - Youth Group Cookout at the Bender's House (Jr, Sr High & grads) Bring \$5, a snack to share & your favorite yard game
  - June 25th to 29th - VBS
  - July 8th at 7pm - Hymn Sing
- July 12th at 6:30pm - Relay Races Build-Your-Own Sundaes
  - July 26th at 6:00pm - BBQ & Yard Games
- July 7th at 8am - Youth Group Community Cleanup
- July 15th at 5pm - Youth Group Pool Party at the Wachtel's House Jr & Sr High - bring a snack to share
  - July 27th August 9th at 6:30pm - Drive "In" Movie Night
  - August 5th at 12pm - Youth Group Slip N' Slide at EGCC Jr, Sr High & Grads - Bring \$5, snack to share, 1 piece bathing suit, towel & favorite yard game
- August 10th to 12th - Sacandaga Camping Weekend  
\*See Cindi Phillips for more details
  - August 17th - Fall Church Matters Deadline
  - August 23rd at 6:00pm - Subs & Board Games
  - September 9th - Kick Off Sunday



**VBS 2018 June 25 – 29**  
**9am-noon at EGCC**

Adults and teens, please prayerfully consider volunteering for VBS !

Each position provides the opportunity to impact children with the Word of God.

**Shipwrecked VBS 2018** is where kids discover how Jesus rescues us through life's storms.

It's filled with cool Bible songs, tropical treats, Bible adventures, creative games and hands-on crafts that help faith flow into real life!

**REGISTER CHILDREN NOW!**

Look for a link to the VBS registration form on [www.egcchurch.org](http://www.egcchurch.org)

VBS volunteer meeting will be **after church at noon** on Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Join us in the Burnt Hills Flag Day Parade, Thursday June 7th, support the EGCC float!

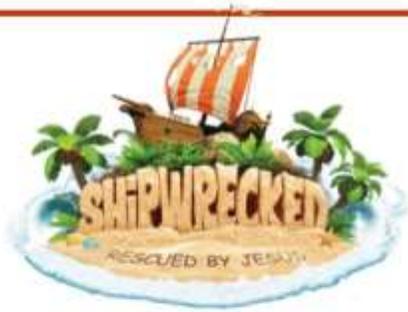
Crew leader Meeting is Wednesday June 13th at 7:00pm

Saturday June 23rd is Decorating and Set-Up in sanctuary from 9am-1pm

Contact Susan Perregaux, 384-7296 or [children@egcchurch.org](mailto:children@egcchurch.org)

**Donations needed for kitchen/snacks:**

Goldfish crackers - standard cheese flavor, vanilla pudding cups,  
Vanilla wafer cookies, freeze pop bundles, fruit, coffee cake, muffins/bagels, cheese/crackers,  
veggies/dip, pretzels/chips, brownies/cookies



**When:** June 25 - June 29, 2018 **9 am to noon**

**Where:** East Glenville Community Church

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

**Who:** Students *entering* Kindergarten - *entering* 7th gr.

**At Shipwrecked kids discover how Jesus rescues us in life's storms.**

June 8th - registration deadline. Drop off/mail form to:  
**EGCC, 335 Saratoga Road, Glenville, NY 12302**  
Church phone: (518)399-3151 Email: office@egcchurch.org  
www.EGCCCHURCH.org

**Family Program with Picnic to follow—Thursday June 28th, 6:00pm**



Space is limited! Be sure to enroll ASAP.  
Walk-in registration not guaranteed.  
Registration confirmation will be sent after 6/8

**No registration fee. Donations accepted.**  
Checks to "EGCC"



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade completed 6/2018 \_\_\_ 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 & Connection**" during VBS, 9-10:30am: **YES / NO**

My family interested in Thurs June 28, **6:30pm Picnic** after children sing in program: **YES / NO**

**VBS Registration Deadline is Friday, June 8th!**

**-Shipwrecked-**