



# Church matters

## FALL 2019

Quarterly Newsletter of East Glenville Community Church



East Glenville  
Community Church

## ELDERS CORNER

*"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body though many are one body, so it is with Christ." (1 Corinthians 12:12)*

**K**nowing who we are in Christ and how to live out our identity is important, not just as individuals but as a congregation.

Our church has continued to work through clarification of vision, mission and strategies. While the progress isn't always steady, we are moving forward over time by God's grace. Here's a snapshot of a few overall areas of emphasis as we enter the Fall of 2019.

Please join with the elders in praying that God will be glorified through these efforts and His will accomplished. Some of what follows may re-emphasize the elders' lunch presentation on August 4th. You will be hearing more specifics in the future through a new monthly elders' bulletin and other communications.

### SOUND DOCTRINE

The elders, led by Pastor Brad, have been meeting regularly to examine and discuss issues of Biblically sound doctrine — based on, but not limited to, the EGCC Statement of Faith in our Constitution. It is our intent to re-affirm core areas and to commit all church-wide teaching and study in this direction (2 Timothy 1:13-14).

### SHEPHERDING

Efforts are being made to identify "gaps" in ministry within our church and to focus efforts within those areas of need where we may be falling short. For example,

recent discussions within the Elder Board have sought ways to serve and encourage widows in our fellowship (Isaiah 1:17).

### OUTREACH

Building relationships to spread the gospel is an ongoing priority. As related by our short term mission team in its recent report, a missional church needs to have a holistic view of outreach — worldwide, nationally, regionally and locally. Finding creative ways to minister in our community is a priority (Acts 1:8).

### SERVICE

The church exists not just as a place to receive blessing, but also as a place to serve as we grow closer to Christ. The upcoming Ministry Fair on September 15 will present varied opportunities for those in our body looking for a niche to serve the Lord while serving others (Colossians 3: 23-24).

### FELLOWSHIP

It is our hope that each person will find at least one small group to join within our church, whether a Life Group, Bible Study or other regular Christian fellowship opportunity. Strong groups strengthen the overall church (Matthew 18:20).

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The elders recognize that active and vital programs for kids of all ages are the foundation of a healthy and growing church. Personnel decisions, as approved by the congregation, have added hours to our staff positions for

both children's and teen youth ministries. This represents a positive investment in the future of our church and the lives of our young people (Proverbs 22:6).

### PRAYER

We will continue to provide opportunities for corporate prayer such as evening prayer services and greater emphasis of the prayer chain, but we also commit to try to build a greater culture of continuous prayer throughout the church. As the most important piece of all, we recognize that prayer is fundamental to all of the above efforts (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

With thanks for each unique individual we represent and serve, as we strive to work together.

In His Service,  
(For the Elders) Eric Habel

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*"Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God for I will yet praise Him my savior and my God." ~ Psalm 42:5*

I realize with each passing day that there are things in this life I'm only going to get a glimpse of — things like the way a sunset is supposed to look like without broken eyes or a broken sky, or the way I love sunlight shimmering off the water.

As I gaze upon the aquatic canvas, I sense I'm caught up in a mosaic of God's sparkling glory. There are times I'm keenly aware of moments of resonance with all that is surrounding me.

From time to time I have a sense of authenticity and relating without walls of protection or pretense, only a heart unclouded by insecurity. I get moments of forgetting that unbridled joy is only reserved for a place where sin has not tainted enjoyment's experience with distrusts and bonds.

**I can see the way life is supposed to be in my heart's eye, and for a fleeting moment, I know peace vaulted with joy!**

But I can see bliss from a distance. I can see the way life is supposed to be in my heart's eye, and for the fleeting moment, I know peace vaulted with joy!

Unfortunately these glimpses are what they are — just peeks of what is supposed to be, and then the distractions come. Quickly the roar of fallen reality shocks the heart's eye back out of focus. Thirst of a dry and

# Pastor's Pen

## Glimpses of the Renewed



dusty land causes dehydration's awakening and we find ourselves drawn back into the dimness of the world's tears. We quickly retreat from being unguarded back into the fortresses walled in by hurts and disappointments. And so we come to the place of the Psalmist, "Why are you downcast O my soul? Why so disturbed within me?"

When I think about what the Psalmist is lamenting — his thirst, pain, and memories of gladness, it is no mystery why he has come into the bewilderment of his life in downheartedness. How can we look

for. Our song crescendos into this hope, residing in our God who has made us for a perfect destiny.

He has made us for the moment of every fiber of our being living in eternal, blissful relaxation — but not just life without tension and frustration, also life with delight and complete meaning. Every implication of our creation will explode with all that is meant to be right with us, our senses, emotions, speech, and our relationships. Everything will be as it is supposed to be! Therefore tears turn into immaculate praise, questions into full answers, faith into fulfillment and



at our worldly realities in light of the glimpses of what our lives were meant to be and not question the condition of our hearts, our lives and our circumstances?

In those moments of shalom-like vision somewhere in the recess of our heart's palate, we taste and see that the Lord is good and we are meant to enjoy good beyond its fullest! We feel there is something more — there is something better I was meant for! So we harmonize with the Psalmist and his reasonable question "Why am I down?"

God's grace allows us to see that our moments of sense are a glimpse of a more perfect reality we were made

deep will finally meet Deep! It is for this we are breathing and will continue with perpetual inhaling of holy air. God is more than what I could long for in my current condition. God is greater than any definition of personal that I currently possess.

What I dimly see and feel now can only be grasped with transformed eyes able to absorb glory. The sunset I gaze, unbending legs to dance and the hope of undiluted love are all in store beyond their current limits in the hope of God!

To be the magnet of God's powerful affections and his unending attentions realized... I've seen those moments  
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# Wednesday Night *ALIVE*

STARTING SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

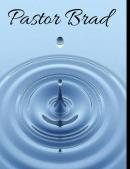
## Something for the whole family

"Loving God, loving people, and helping them to know and follow Jesus." This is the vision statement for our church. This Fall, as we continue to live out that vision, we are offering an all-inclusive, family-friendly evening to encourage us as we create community and grow in our faith.

Plan to join us (and invite a friend!) You won't even need to make dinner. But you will need to sign up by 12 noon on Tuesday *each week* via Connection Card, an online sign-up linked to our website, or by contacting the church office.

Come join us on Wednesday evenings beginning Sept 18th for one of the following:

- **Financial Peace University**  
How to manage your money wisely, facilitated by Ted and Karen Feurer
- **"Going Deeper"**  
Sermon study for men and women with Pastor Brad
- **Parenting Class**  
DVD by pastor and author Paul Tripp with in-class facilitators
- **Youth Group for Middle and High School Students**  
with Youth Director Nick Feliciano
- **Worship Choir Rehearsal**  
In the sanctuary with Sandie Wanamaker
- **Praise Gang Rehearsal**  
In the preschool wing with Melisa Olson

<p><b>6:15 — 6:45 PM</b></p>  <p><b>Dinner will be served.</b> <b>Eat with your church family!</b> <b>\$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family max</b></p>	<p><b>6:45 — 8:15 PM</b></p>  <p><b>Programs</b></p>				
 <p><b>FINANCIAL PEACE University</b> <b>FINANCES</b></p>	 <p><b>Pastor Brad</b> <b>GOING DEEPER</b></p>	 <p><b>PARENTING</b></p>	 <p><b>YOUTH GROUP</b></p>	 <p><b>PRAISE GANG</b></p>	 <p><b>CHOIR</b></p>

**SIGN UP required weekly for dinner**

**SIGN UP required for Financial Peace University**

*(there is a cost for materials, with options available)*

Childcare will be offered at the conclusion of dinner for children ages four and under, and after the conclusion of Praise Gang at 7:45 until 8:15 PM when the evening program ends.

## PRAISE GANG is alive!

We'll be kicking off our kid's choir ministry in just a few short weeks on Wednesday, Sept. 18th! Boys and girls who are entering Kindergarten, up to and including 8th grade, are invited to join our weekly rehearsals, held in the preschool wing of the church from 6:45 to 7:45.

Praise Gang is a unique music ministry which gives kids the opportunity to serve their church family through their participation in the worship service, as well as building on their choral and musical skills. Did you know that being involved in worship ministry early can encourage involvement as teenagers and then continue into adulthood? Best of all, the boys and girls grow in their relationship with God and with their friends through prayer and the singing of Scripture-based songs. We're always looking for new members! Call or text Melisa Olson at 518-435-5836 with any questions or to let her know that your child will be returning.

# Being missional abroad and at home

**P**raise God for a successful Short Term Missions Trip to Cuba in July! We could NOT have accomplished this endeavor without the love, prayer and financial support of the EGCC Community and we are humbly indebted. This evangelistic boot camp was an incredible experience for Steve, Heather, Brian, Joylyn, Kristen and myself. Along with 5 others that joined us from across the country, our Cuban

the spiritual victory. The Cuban hospitality was extremely generous and they were very grateful we had come. Despite their circumstances, these people had the joy of the Lord inside of them and urgently desired to share it with those around them. It convicted us of how much more we need to be doing on the home front. We want to keep that fire burning! In 2019, we have been fortunate enough to welcome several missionaries serving in the



translators, and local church members, we witnessed to over 300 people in private homes and had over 200 indications for Christ. It was incredible to see Cuban hearts yearn for our Lord and Savior.

We met with people who knew nothing about Jesus, some who attended church as children, people who had turned away, and people who practiced Santería (a religious hybrid that combines African idol worship with colonial Catholicism). While we were there, we participated in a very powerful ceremony where the mother of a local church member surrendered her physical idols and they were smashed and burned as we prayed and sang in celebration of

US and abroad that are supported by EGCC. As we have expressed to them, it is encouraging to see how our prayers and financial support are used to spread the Gospel message to so many people who need to hear it. Being a

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missionary can be an isolating experience and one that takes strong faith and steadfastness. So we appreciate their obedience to God's call.

The Missions Board has been thoughtfully and prayerfully considering where to focus our energies for the greatest impact going forward, while remaining aligned with the Church's leadership and their desire to



engage more meaningfully with our surrounding community of believers and unbelievers. During the upcoming Ministry Fair, we welcome questions you may have about the trip, about what specific missions EGCC is supporting abroad and locally, and what our vision is for the future. We would love to include new people in a short-term project or on our board. If you feel your heart stirring towards missions and outreach, I am confident we can find a way you can get involved that fits your schedule.

We believe that God has a greater vision and purpose for EGCC and we need to continue to step forward into that divine appointment. If we follow His leading, we will enjoy the fruit of partnering with Christ and seeing God's greatness and goodness firsthand. But, like a trip to a physical destination, if we don't get our tickets and ready ourselves, we will miss out on the experience. Let us all present a united front as brothers and sisters in God's family, casting aside differences, and coming together for the singular goal of sharing the freedom that is found in Jesus Christ.

Caroline Bardwell,  
Missions Board Chair



# LIFE GROUPS and Lone Rangers

A popular Christian talk show host often reminds callers that “there’s no such thing as a Lone Ranger Christian.” It’s his well-worn response to the common question of whether church is really necessary. Invariably the caller was insisting that faith was a personal matter between an individual and God — because community life could be messy and inconvenient. Besides, isn’t commitment to the church legalistic?

Few of us would agree that our faith is a solo practice. But how many have been subtly swept along by cultural currents that encourage individualism, consumer-driven church participation and (politely) keeping our brothers and sisters at arm’s length?

In short, have we considered that in Christ we’ve not only been called to the Gospel Message but also into Gospel Community?

Have we thought about the blessing of knowing and being known by others as we express the grace and truth that we’ve received?

And have we reminded ourselves that there’s a corporate aspect of discipleship where “face-to-face” and “life-on-life” encounters over time are one of God’s primary methods to shape and mature us?

As we strive for an environment of healthy Christian community at EGCC and encourage a disciple-making culture, we are renewing

our investment in small groups, which we call LIFE GROUPS.

They will re-launch this fall, “re-visioned” with new opportunities for participation, new support for leaders and a common theme to start, one that will prepare our Body to have a healthy stride for our upcoming leadership transition.

What is a LIFE GROUP? It’s a purposeful gathering designed to create an environment for discipleship based on three core values: The Bible, Community and Mission.

## BIBLE

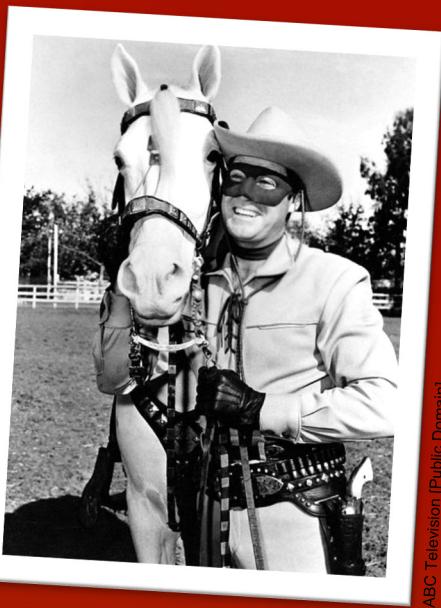
In a Life Group, God’s Word is taught and applied. (But it’s more than a Bible Study). It’s pressing into Scripture in community so we might be better equipped to mine the Bible for its treasure and be transformed to respond in faith to life’s circumstances.

## COMMUNITY

Growth, care and relationships take place. (But it’s more than a social gathering). It’s mutual care, life-on-life, with the goal of sharpening and encouraging one another toward Christian maturity.

## MISSIONS

Life Groups take the gospel into our community. (But it’s more than scheduling missional activities). It’s about developing



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God’s heart for the lost and acting in obedience based on the relationships, influence and privileges we’ve been given.

Find out more at the Ministry Connection on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> after worship. You will have a chance to ask questions and sign up for a Life Group. Groups will re-launch in late September.

The Christian Life is tough to walk through alone. Come find community in a LIFE GROUP.

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For information on Life Groups, contact Brian Stuart in the Church Office at 518.399.3151 or [office@egccchurch.org](mailto:office@egccchurch.org)



# SERVE

FROM THE  
DIACONATE

**R**ecently someone asked me why there is a new ambulance tax in Charlton. The answer is simple. The Ambulance Corps, which used to be operated by volunteers, can no longer find any volunteers. Now they must pay staffers, so the payroll costs have to be raised by taxes. The lack of volunteers can also be seen at Volunteer Fire Companies and many other organizations.

In today's busy society, fewer people see the importance of committing their time to organizations and serving their country and community. Today's youth are brought up in the "me generation" which keeps them busy with all kinds of extracurricular sports and activities, none of which are a bad thing... but are they being taught to commit to something for the good of others?

Sadly, churches are facing the same lack of commitment to service. The saying is that 20% of the people do 80% of the work, and many times, those 20% get burned out from the heavy load. However, we are commanded in scripture numerous times to be servants of Christ.

In John 12:26, Jesus said "Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me." 1<sup>st</sup> 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."

Being "Jesus" centered rather than "Me" centered should be our goal. What better way can we demonstrate our love and

appreciation to Christ for the grace he has offered us, than to serve Him. Parents, are you modeling Christian service to our next generation? If we are not, we cannot expect them to rise up to be committed servers. Older folks, do you ever feel that there is no need for your hands and hearts and wisdom? Truth is, many of us long for "godly grandparents in the faith" who we can glean Godly wisdom from.

We have so many opportunities to serve in our church that no matter your level of talent or physical ability, we need you. Can you hold a baby,

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read a book to a child, write a card of encouragement or well wishes, wash dishes after a meal, set up tables or chairs, help on the video team, teach a class, visit a shut-in, help on church clean-up day? There are many more opportunities as well. Children are encouraged to help serve on the Junior Diaconate whose primary duties are communion cup clean up and filling pew supplies.

Let's take advantage of opportunities to serve our church together.

Brenda Mills  
Chairman, Diaconate

Get CONNECTED  
SEPT. 15th

MINISTRY CONNECTION  
BUCHANAN HALL, AFTER WORSHIP  
Find your place to plug in!

## LUNCHEON

The Diaconate Ministry will host a luncheon at noon, September 28<sup>th</sup> for those who have lost a spouse. We want this group to realize that they are not alone and are an important part of our congregation. There will be a catered meal with guest speaker Carol Potochny, daughter of Pat Schoenberger. See Pastor Phil for information or to attend.

## Dorcias and Flannelgraph

Ministries will resume on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Contact Carol Versocki for more information.



## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

We have a group of ladies in our church who make plastic canvas crosses 3" x 2 " covered with yarn. Samaritan's Purse shoebox ministry will take as many of these as we can make by the end of October.

We are looking for additional volunteers to help make these crosses as symbols of hope for the recipients of the shoe boxes.

Also, donations of yarn, large eye tapestry needles and or money would be appreciated. For further details contact Pastor Phil or Bonita Sears. Thanks in Advance and God bless!



## Women's Bible Studies

**YOUNG MOMS** will meet on Wednesday mornings 9:30-11:15, beginning in mid-September. Katie Fischer leads the study of books of interest to those with small children. Babysitting is provided.

**THURSDAY MORNING** group will be doing Entrusted, a study of 2 Timothy by Beth Moore. They meet from 9:30-11:00 beginning September 12. Study books are \$15.

**THURSDAY AFTERNOONS**, Pastor Phil Sears will be leading an overview of the Bible at 1pm beginning September 26.

These studies are held at the church and are open to all. Please feel free to stop by and check one out at any time. Come once or come often. Bring a friend!

Questions? Contact Donna Williams at [gadwilly@verizon.net](mailto:gadwilly@verizon.net)





MEN'S RETREAT — SEPT. 20-22  
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# Come Alive!

Women's Ministry is excited to embark on a monthly series that will concentrate on topics that will help us lift our eyes to Christ and invite Him to do a new thing in our hearts! It is our hope that you can mark your calendars for the year and make this commitment to our Lord and each other so that we can increase our hunger for Him in our daily lives.

Each Come Alive gathering is on a Tuesday evening: Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Nov. 19, Jan. 28, Feb. 25, March 24, April 28 and May 19. All start at 6:55 pm and end by 8:10 pm in the EGCC sanctuary. These special evenings will include worship, teaching and prayer. Please invite other women in your lives to join us!

Make sure you follow us on Facebook, as EGCC Women's Ministry, for events, updates and encouragement. See us at the Ministry Fair after service on September 15 to meet the leadership team and explore how we can meet your needs. We have more in the works and will share details when they are in place.



## Trunk OR Treat

FAMILY | FOOD | FUN

Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>  
2:00 - 4:00 pm

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

Each vehicle will distribute a candy or non-candy item to kids. It's a Halloween **alternative** and **discourages** scary imagery ghosts, skeletons, monsters, devils, etc.

Take part and be **faithful witnesses in our community**. Invite neighbors and friends to bring their children.

Event is open to the public.

Cars/trucks can be decorated using popular themes such as beach, Legos, harvest/farm, Bible stories, Disney movies, etc.

**Scripture verses can be included too!**

Sign-up in foyer or online starting Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>

For more information and to sign up contact Susan Perregaux 518-399-3151 or email: [children@egccchurch.org](mailto:children@egccchurch.org)



At East Glenville Community Church, we host events so that we might **MINISTER** to the community and **WELCOME** individuals and families to our campus that they might ultimately **HEAR** and **RECEIVE THE GOSPEL**.



AN INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE

Friday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>  
and Saturday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 - 9:00 pm  
A Living Walk Through Bethlehem

We will be looking for volunteers to help the community experience Christmas in a new way.

Imagine a visit to Jesus' birthplace, where you experience what life was like when Jesus was born. The streets and market place feature different stations such as bread making, a working wood shop, a potter's shed and, among other things, a living nativity with Joseph, Mary and baby Jesus.

It will feature costumed characters from Biblical times who will welcome families, in hope that they will be reminded of the true meaning of the season.

Participation is needed to make this event a success. Please pray on this to see where God will use you. More information will follow.

If interested, email [jmulone@verizon.net](mailto:jmulone@verizon.net)

Thank you,  
Joe and Leea Mulone



## PRESCHOOL NEWS



East Glenville Christian Preschool Classes will begin soon for the 2019-2020 school year and we are all looking forward to meeting our new students and families.

We currently have a few openings in our 2-year-old, 3-year-old and 4-year-old classes. The 2's meet on Monday and/or Friday from 9:15 to 10:45. We offer a two and three-day 3-year-old class. They meet on Monday, Tuesday and optionally Wednesday. There is a three and four-day 4-year-old class, which meets on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with an optional Tuesday.

All 3 and 4-year-old classes are from 9:00 to 11:30 am. Each class has a time for free play, non-denominational Bible story and prayer, Circle Time learning the alphabet, numbers, colors, shapes, etc., a snack and craft or activity at the end of the day.

If you or someone you know is interested or have questions, contact us at 518-280-7865, email [preschool@egccchurch.org](mailto:preschool@egccchurch.org) or go to [www.egccchurch.org](http://www.egccchurch.org)

DON'T FORGET TO SUPPORT OUR OCT. 5 VENDOR AND CRAFT FAIR. FOR VENDOR INFORMATION, CALL 518-280-7865.



## FINANCE MATTERS

**D**id you know there are several ways to give to EGCC? In addition to placing your offering in the plate on Sundays, you can

- Give through automated payments from your bank. Ask for an ACH Deduction Form from the Church Office.
- Give a one time or recurring gift securely online through EasyTithe at [www.easytithe.com/egcc](http://www.easytithe.com/egcc)
- Give via the EasyTithe mobile app, available for download from Google Play or the App Store

Go to [www.egccchurch.org/giving](http://www.egccchurch.org/giving) to learn more or to sign up for electronic giving.

**Rooted**  
Growing in Christ  
COLOSSIANS 2:7

**YOUTH MINISTRIES**

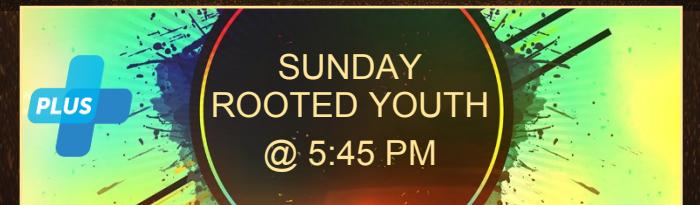
This year our youth will experience what it means to be rooted in God's Word. We look forward to digging deep into the Word of God on our Wednesday Night programs while having fun relatable activities to go along with the lessons.

Lessons will include practical themes that we can take home and apply to our lives — in our relationships and as a body.

The theme of being rooted in what it means to be a Christian and live for Christ is taken from the Colossians 2 passage about being rooted and built up in Him.

Our desire for the students is to be strongly rooted in God's Word and in the truth of His scripture.

### WEDNESDAYS @ 6:15 PM



See Youth Director Nick Feliciano for more information about activities for middle school and high school students.

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**O**ur Worship Team is a group of deeply committed vocal and instrumental musicians and sound and media techs who love worshiping God and serving together.

Our purpose is to help EGCC worship in an inspiring and God exalting way.

We also have a lot of fun! Right now we are preparing for a new season and welcoming new members.

We'd love to have you join us!



## Choir

If you love to praise the Lord in song, we invite you to come and see what we're all about! Musical training is not required. The most important qualification is having a heart for Christ centered, God glorifying worship! Along with learning songs of praise, the choir supports and cares for one another through prayer and fellowship each week. If you're new to the church, it's a great way to get to know people. Our Fall Kick-Off will be at 6:45 pm on September 18 in the sanctuary. Choir rehearsals are part of Wednesday Night Alive and go from 6:45–8:15 pm. We would love to see you there!

## Worship Team

The EGCC Worship Team is a group of dedicated and committed musicians who come together weekly on Thursday nights to prepare to lead our Sunday morning worship. If you play the cello, banjo, or mandolin we would be especially excited to have you join us! Currently we could also use more drummers, guitar and keyboard

players, and vocalists who have been gifted by the Lord to lead. The team also grows through monthly studies and times of prayer and fellowship. It is open to experienced musicians by audition.

## Tech Team

It takes a great volunteer team of sound, lighting, and media technicians working together to produce our worship services and support the various events at East Glenville. If you have skill or aptitude in sound, lighting or media this is a great opportunity to serve! Training and mentoring are provided.

## Videography

This fall we will be using a video camera to record and enhance our service. If you have any experience in videography we would love to talk to you about being part of our team!

If you would like more information or have any questions about any of these opportunities please [contact Sandie Wanamaker at worship@egccchurch.org](mailto:worship@egccchurch.org) or 518-932-3286.

## Reasons We Sing!

- Singing takes Sunday truths into Monday.
- Singing sustains you in every season of life.
- Singing reminds you of what God has done in your life.
- Singing keeps your mind on eternity.



## SPECIAL SERVICES

**Sunday Sept. 29**, 6:30 pm  
Church wide Prayer Service led by Pastor Brad and the elders with a focus on healing

**Tuesday, Nov. 26**, 7:00 pm  
Thanksgiving Service



## Children's Ministry Update

### SPARK - Saturday from 6-8pm!

"Spirit Powered Activities Reaching Kids"  
Open to kids in Kindergarten - 5th grade

Light dinner will be offered to kids at 6pm  
RSVP is required.

#### Save the dates!

**Saturday September 7, 2019**

(Parents also invited  
for pizza with Pastor Brad)

**Saturday October 26, 2019**

**Saturday November 23, 2019**

SPARK activities will be based on Zoofari,  
a fun follow-up program based on ROAR VBS.

Kids discover even when life is wild,  
God is good!

Music, games, Bible story and project  
are included. Bring a friend!

**N**ew to EGCC? Want to learn more about our church or deepen your commitment? Then the Elders invite YOU to attend the "NEXT STEP CLASS." Join us Sunday mornings for four weeks starting October 20th. Continental breakfast and childcare provided. Stay tuned for details.



A Christian Parenting Newsletter will be provided monthly to families. Relevant information published by GROUP is designed to help parents focus on guiding their children's spiritual growth. Current EGCC events will be added to keep parents informed of what's happening at our church.



### VBS Missions Collection

**O**ur Vacation Bible School students and families contributed \$550 to a missions collection in July 2019 to provide support for Topaza Orphanage and Mananjary Orphanage in Madagascar.

The orphanages are home to many children from infants to students in high school. We pray that these orphaned children will know God is at work in their lives and that they are deeply loved by Jesus. Our VBS program is blessed to receive photos of the children with items purchased by the donated funds.



### Family & Friends at Ellms Farm

Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 4 - 6 pm

Cost is \$8 per person

2 years old and under are free

Youth are invited too!

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where vocal perfection resonates upon the glass until its obliteration into shattered pieces. At the moment just as the glass births its freedom from confinement, should it know feeling, I'm sure its heart would shout "I'm bursting into ecstasy!"

There is where God will continually keep us forever suspended at that moment of ecstasy — where the song He has placed in our hearts will sing nothing better than "I am in ecstasy!" Here fallen realities have plummeted from view never to be experienced again. This is the holding of everything healed forever. The times in this life of a familiar smell or taste will be completed in the aroma of Christ and the bon appetit of the Father.

Since our Father is perfection, does it not make sense we are born of perfection by His Spirit? And if born of His perfection, isn't the whole-cloth reality of those moments we feel of shalom peeks of what we are made for? Therefore, my heart does not dwell in the downcast, but in the hope of God. You and I are made for better than this and every once in a while God gives a glimpse. Enjoy the view for as long as it lasts, but understand it's the view's perfection-everlasting that is to come.

~ Pastor Brad

## SEARCH TEAM UPDATE

The Senior Pastor Search Team comprised of Greg Bandy, Ron Benner, Brittany Bird, Tom Dreisbach, Catherine Gideon, Don Kraines and Brenda Mills convened in early June, organized itself, and started the search process.

A congregational survey was developed and distributed to update our church demographic information and gather feedback



## Join us this fall for Sunday School

Where do families, adults and children of all ages and stages of faith explore the Bible together with gifted teachers? In our Sunday School classes that encourage discovery, discussion and application of God's principles through the study of His Word.

### Children's Classes

This fall, our young children will continue with a curriculum that helps them see the Bible as more than a collection of stories but as one big story about Jesus. It's a narrative that continues from Genesis to Revelation, centered on God's plan for redemption. Older children study how God's plan is revealed in Scripture as well, with a particular focus on issues facing today's

culture. Classes for junior high and senior high school students help participants read and apply the Bible, grow in their relationship with God and recognize this relationship as vital so it shapes every decision as they move toward adulthood.

### Adult Classes

Our Adult Sunday School program offers options that provide opportunities geared to different interests and learning styles.

- "Living and Loving for God's Glory" 1 Corinthians with Tom Bischoff
- "Growing in Intimacy with God"
- "The Pursuit of Holiness"

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regarding our desired characteristics and preferences for our future pastor. The results of the congregational survey were compiled and, with prayerful consideration, the search team made adjustments to the senior pastor position description to reflect the survey results.

The updated position description was reviewed by the elders. In parallel, the search team identified a number of seminaries through which the position description can be posted to solicit applications from interested candidates.

The position description has been posted and once a sufficient pool of resumes has accumulated (anticipated in the early-September timeframe), the search team will begin the process of evaluating potential candidates.

Please pray for wisdom and discernment as the search team moves forward with the search process!

### SEPTEMBER

- 7<sup>th</sup> SPARK
- 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday School Kickoff
- 14<sup>th</sup> Trustee Workday
- 15<sup>th</sup> Ministry Connection after Worship Service
- 18<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Night ALIVE! Starts, 6:15 - 8:15 PM
- 20<sup>th</sup> Men's Retreat (Fri - Sun)
- 24<sup>th</sup> Women's "Come Alive"
- 27<sup>th</sup> Family & Friends at Ellms Farm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Widows Luncheon
- 29<sup>th</sup> Prayer Service, 6:30 PM

### OCTOBER

- 1<sup>st</sup> Servant Leader Council
- 5<sup>th</sup> Preschool Craft Fair
- 12<sup>th</sup> Trustee Workday
- 19<sup>th</sup> Trunk or Treat
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Women's "Come Alive"
- 26<sup>th</sup> Women's Cardmaking
- 26<sup>th</sup> SPARK

### NOVEMBER

- 19<sup>th</sup> Women's "Come Alive"
- 23<sup>rd</sup> SPARK
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Youth Serve Thanksgiving Meal to Seniors
- 26<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Service