

The Pouring out of the Holy Spirit

Isaiah 44:3-5 – “For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.”

Pastor's Message

This past Sunday (from when I'm writing this article), we had Sergey Brosov with us from Chosen People Ministry. He spoke about the prophecies in the Old Testament Scriptures for the coming of the Messiah – and specifically outlined how Joseph in Genesis shows the pattern of the Suffering Servant Messiah that pointed to the suffering and then exaltation of Jesus the Messiah. I commend his message, and you can find it on Youtube here: <https://www.youtube.com/live/RSP2wln2dbU?si=yZl6wRgBtrPjSPXs>. The prophecies about how God will send a Messiah as the Redeemer and Savior are key to our faith.

God's plan of salvation includes not just the sending of His Son but also the imparting of His Spirit upon those who put their faith in Christ. The OT Scriptures foretell a coming day when God will pour out the Holy Spirit upon His People, and these prophecies are central to the gospel message. In this article I want to specifically consider the connection between water imagery and the “pouring out” of God's Spirit. Let's consider three explicit promises of the sending of the Holy Spirit. First, in Ezekiel 36:25-27, the Lord states He will give us a new heart and put His Spirit within us. The Holy Spirit is the indwelling Presence of God living within a person, in their inner being. God's Presence in our life reshapes a person from the inside out, so as to give them a new heart. Water is the basic cleansing element, and so this passage connects water and Spirit. There is a component of spiritual cleansing, “I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness.” It is the Holy Spirit that applies the redemption and forgiveness of Christ to an

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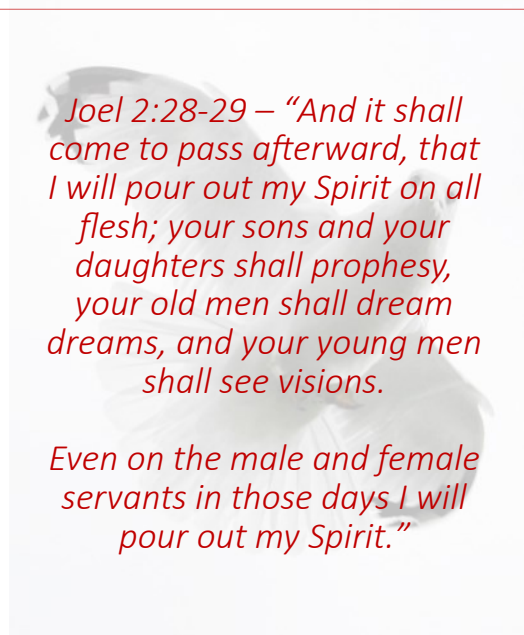
individual person. He cleanses us from our sinfulness and begins the work of purifying our heart.

Isaiah 44 speaks of a different purpose for water, to quench our thirst. The passage prophecies to the Jewish people that one day God will pour out His Spirit on their descendants. The emphasis here is not on cleansing but an in-filling of God's Presence that satisfies our inner thirst. Jesus makes the same offer to the Samaritan woman in John 4, when he says He can offer Living Water that will well up from within and bring eternal life. We were made to know and be known by God, but because of sin we have been alienated from our Creator. The Spirit can quench the thirst we have for God, by bringing us into His very Presence. This will satisfy like nothing else this world has to offer.

The most important of the Holy Spirit prophecies is Joel 2, and while the passage does not specifically use the word water, it twice speaks of the Spirit being poured out in

the manner of water. The impartation of the Holy Spirit will not be in dribs and drabs but will be poured out generously. This was true on Pentecost Day in Acts 2, where all the disciples,

men and women, were gathered and praying, and suddenly they receive the Holy Spirit as it is poured out upon them. Under the power and presence of the Spirit they all begin to exuberantly proclaim the Word of God, and in various languages. When God gives His Spirit to individuals who put their faith in Christ, He is not stingy, but gives the fullness of His Presence. Water being poured out is the word picture that God has chosen to give in His Word for



Joel 2:28-29 – “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit.”

what it would be like when the Holy Spirit is given. We have three water-related words: Cleansing, Quenching, and Pouring. Have you experienced the cleansing of the Holy Spirit as He brings newness of life within you? Have you received the Living Water that has welled up from within so that your spiritual thirst is satisfied? Have you been overcome by the awesome sense of God's Holiness and Love as the Spirit brings you into His Presence?

***Rejoicing in Him,
--Pastor Mitch***

Spring/Easter Sermon Plan – Living Water

The messages are out of the gospel of John, and will expound upon the idea that Jesus came to offer people Living Water that will satisfy our souls and bring us into eternal life. When we get to Easter Sunday – we will jump ahead to John 11, where Jesus brings Lazarus back to life as a prequel of His own Resurrection. * Note that all of this is subject to change due to weather, illness, natural disaster, acts of terrorism, acts of God, or the whims of Mitch.

March 30	John 3:13-21	As Moses Lifted up the Serpent
April 6	John 3:22-36	He Must Increase
April 13	John 4:1-26	The Woman at the Well
April 20	John 11	Resurrection Prequel
April 27	John 4:27- 54	Are the Fields Ripe?
May 4	John 5	The Lame Man + the Bridge
May 11	John 6	Moses vs. Jesus
May 18	<i>Youth Sunday</i>	
May 25	John 6/7	Misunderstanding Jesus
June 1	John 6	Receiving the Bread
June 8	John 8	Set Free
June 15	John 9	Blindness
June 22	John 10	The Promises of Psalm 23

Notes from Pastor Mitch

Summer Worship Hours

For July & August we are planning to follow the pattern we had last year and hold Summer Worship at 9:30am.



Wednesday Fellowship Dinners Ending on May 14th with Group Gathering and Discussion.

No dinner or studies the Wednesday before Easter; instead you are encouraged to come for the Maundy Thursday Worship at 7pm – The Path to the Cross. We finish up with the Fellowship Dinners on May 14th (until the Fall). After the dinner on May 14th, Pastor Mitch will lead a large-group gathering and discussion on Discipleship and Direction at EGCC.



Senior Care Informational Seminar

April 3rd at 1:00 - 2:30pm

In the United States, 12,000 people a day are turning 65 years. Every day our population is aging.

Here at East Glendale Community Church we want to offer support to our seniors. We will be offering a free informational seminar, "What is my next step?" You may need assistance in your current housing situation, but you don't know where to start. Care Patrol is a local business here in the Capital district that provides senior care options, based on your care needs and quality of life you are looking for. These services are available at no cost. They provide one on one consultations in person, in your home. They also work with aide services for seniors that need help in their homes.

Lisa McLane from Care Patrol and Joe Mulone from The Property Shop will be offering a free informational seminar here at EGCC on April 3rd at 1:00pm - 2:30pm.

This no cost seminar is for you to learn about available options and to ask questions you may have about your current or future needs and living situation. Anyone is welcome to attend and there is a signup sheet in the back of the church. You can also get in touch with Joe Mulone at 518-813-6514 if you have any questions.



PRAISE GANG

Praise Gang will meet on April 23rd, April 30th and May 7th, and end after May 7th. We are planning to sing for Mother's Day and that will be the last time for the school year.

NO PRAISE GANG Practice on April 2nd, April 9th and April 16th.

- Karen Feurer

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

True North VBS
June 30th-July 3rd



TRUE NORTH

TREK WITH US ON THE ULTIMATE ALASKAN ADVENTURE

TRUSTING JESUS IN A WILD WORLD

Vacation Bible School
9 am - Noon
For kids entering K-7th Grades
Contact Susan Williams at
children@egcchurch.org

DIACONATE

Graduating Seniors can pick up an application for Scholarship from the office. If qualified you can submit application back to Ian Hastie.

FINANCIAL
PEACE UNIVERSITY

\$99 for course materials
To register text Mark Shaver
at 518-698-3470 or email
Margaret Shaver at
margaretkshaver@gmail.com
Each Wednesday, April 2-June 4
6:15 - 8:00 pm



Mother's Day
Praise Gang Singing
May 11th



We are collecting
donations for
Easter flowers.
Starting March 30,
envelopes are in the Foyer
Due by April 13th

We are looking for
someone to head up the
greeting card ministry.
Contact Cindi Phillips for further information.



Easter Flowers

Name: _____
Amount: _____ (\$20)
In Honor of: _____



JOIN US AS WE
CELEBRATE

Holy Week



- Palm Sunday Worship Service4/13, 10:30 am
- Maundy Thursday Service.....4/17, 7:00 pm
- Easter Egg Hunt & Family Breakfast4/20, 9:30 am
- Easter Worship Service4/20, 10:30 am

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

What's Been Happening

Over Winter Break, we had a fantastic KidVenture Family Game Day with 35 children, 8 parents, and 15+ volunteers! We talked with the children about happiness, which is temporary, vs. deep-down-in-our-hearts God-given joy. The kids played board games, memorized Scripture, played Bible book bingo, and won tickets for 15-minute video game time slots. Thank you to Jeremy Westervelt for providing and moving in and out the many arcade games and to all of our other wonderful volunteers for helping make this day a great success!

Our annual rollerskating party was a blast! We had 51 skaters in addition to many others who attended.

We had a well-attended Junior Church teacher appreciation and brainstorming meeting with wonderful ideas! A few of these ideas have been implemented already, such as:

1. Because of the low numbers in Sunday school and the high numbers of students in Junior Church, we want to make sure that we are covering a lot in Junior Church. It is now much more than fun centered around a Bible story and prayer—it is Bible literacy, scripture memory, worship, the habit of bringing our Bibles to church, etc.
2. Each child has a Bible and a take-home bag and prayer/memory verse journal.
3. A point system will be developed to reward children for bringing the backpack with the Bible and journal, looking up Scripture verses, memorizing Scripture, and going above and beyond. Iron-on patches have been made for the bags as part of the reward system.
4. The two classes will no longer be combined for the Bible story video and discussion to minimize the disruption to learning.
5. A newsletter has been developed for parents and will be published at the beginning of each unit. In addition, a weekly take-home sheet will be handed out to inform parents of what was taught, the memory verse, and other notes.

Coming Up:

KidVenture: The Easter Story is being planned for April 11, the Friday night before Spring Break. We will have 12 stations, each featuring part of the Biblical Easter story. Each will have an object lesson with active participation by the children. There will also be a scavenger egg hunt to help with the telling of the story.

Resurrection Egg Hunt: On Easter Sunday morning, we will have a short devotional followed by a scavenger/egg hunt. The devotional will talk about egg colors and how they can represent aspects of Jesus' character.

True North VBS: Jesus is our True North! VBS will be June 30-July 3. Because July 4 is on Friday, the VBS will be only 4 days. We are actively recruiting volunteers, preparing print materials, and making props to transform our building into an Alaskan wilderness, complete with Northern Lights! Please see Susan W if you're interested in helping out. We will have a kickoff pot-luck on May 4 after worship to show you more of what VBS will be like and to work on props together.




Families,
please join us
for breakfast
at 9:30 am.

**JOIN AS
WE CELEBRATE
RESURRECTION
SUNDAY: Jesus'
Gift to the World**

**EASTER
EGG HUNT**

**Sunday, April 20th, 2025
9:45 am**

Thank You

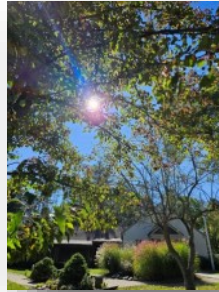
...for supporting Children's Ministry, helping me to love on our kids and their families, and encouraging me in so many ways!

--Susan Williams
Children's Ministry Director

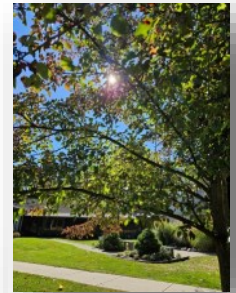
NOTES FROM THE TRUSTEES



Working on getting estimates for two more HVAC units to be installed the Spring.



The chimney on the roof is being evaluated.



Currently evaluating the Lighting at the Route 50 entrance.



Started to talk to the Town of Glenville about a new sign at Route 50.

FROM THE MISSION BOARD

Special Prayers as the Paschals move from Budapest to Bologna Italy! They will continue to serve with Mesa Global (previously United World Mission). Prayers for their finding a home and a car and realize the full impact of serving the only true God among refugees both Christian believers and the Muslim seekers.

The Mission board encourages you to walk through the Hall of Missions and view updated photos with brief bios for seven of our supported Missionaries!

- NancyJane Batten for the Mission Board



THE EASTER STORY

FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH, 6:30-8:00 PM

Children's Night Out

For children in K-5th grade

RSVP: children@egcchurch.org or

(518)-399-3151

Kids will learn the Gospel story in a fun and exciting way!

Snacks will be provided

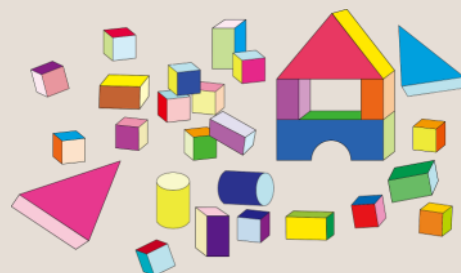
EAST GLENVILLE PRESCHOOL

The weather is getting warmer, and East Glenville Christian Preschool is looking forward to Spring.

During April, we are excited to be learning about Jesus and the resurrection. Soon we will begin getting ready for our end of the year programs. The last day for our 2 year old class is May 30. The 3 year old class last day is June 10

and the 4/5 year old class will end on June 12th.

We recently had two Open Houses for the 2025-2026 school year with a good turn out. At this time, we do still have availability in our 2, 3, and 4/5 year old classes including our enhanced classes. The application for next year can be found online. If you have any questions



or are interested in a visit, please contact the preschool at 518-280-7865 or preschool@egcchurch.org

WISHING EVERYONE A BLESSED SPRING!

*Mandy Westervelt
Preschool Director*

"Call to Commit" Capital Campaign Giving Update

We are now into our second year of giving towards our goal of \$300,000. If you made a pledge, please remember to give towards it, and you are certainly welcome to make a gift even if you did not make a pledge. In the coming weeks you will be hearing about our latest projects.

And thank you to all who give!

ELDER'S
CORNERLet's work together to
strengthen one other.*-Robert Stewart for the Elders*

God's call to service can come at unexpected times, to unsuspecting people. We see many records in God's Word where men were reluctant to heed that call. Moses didn't think his speech was good enough to lead the Children of Israel to the Promised Land. Gideon did not see himself as the "mighty man of valor" that God saw him to be. Jonah did not feel the Ninevites were worthy to hear the Word of God. These are but three examples. However, these all were successful in their call with God's strengthening ability. Jesus Christ did not want to go through with His mission. He wanted the cup to pass from Him. Yet, He stepped up to the cross and paid the ultimate price for our salvation. As Mark stated, "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45, ESV).

God extends a call to service to us as well. The Apostle Paul tells us, "So then, while we have opportunity, let's do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith" (Galatians 6:10, NASB). The household of faith is the family of God—the Body of Christ to which we all belong when we believe.

"As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the multifaceted grace of God. Whoever speaks *is to do so as one who is speaking* actual words of God; whoever serves *is to do so as one who is serving* by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 4:10-11, NASB)

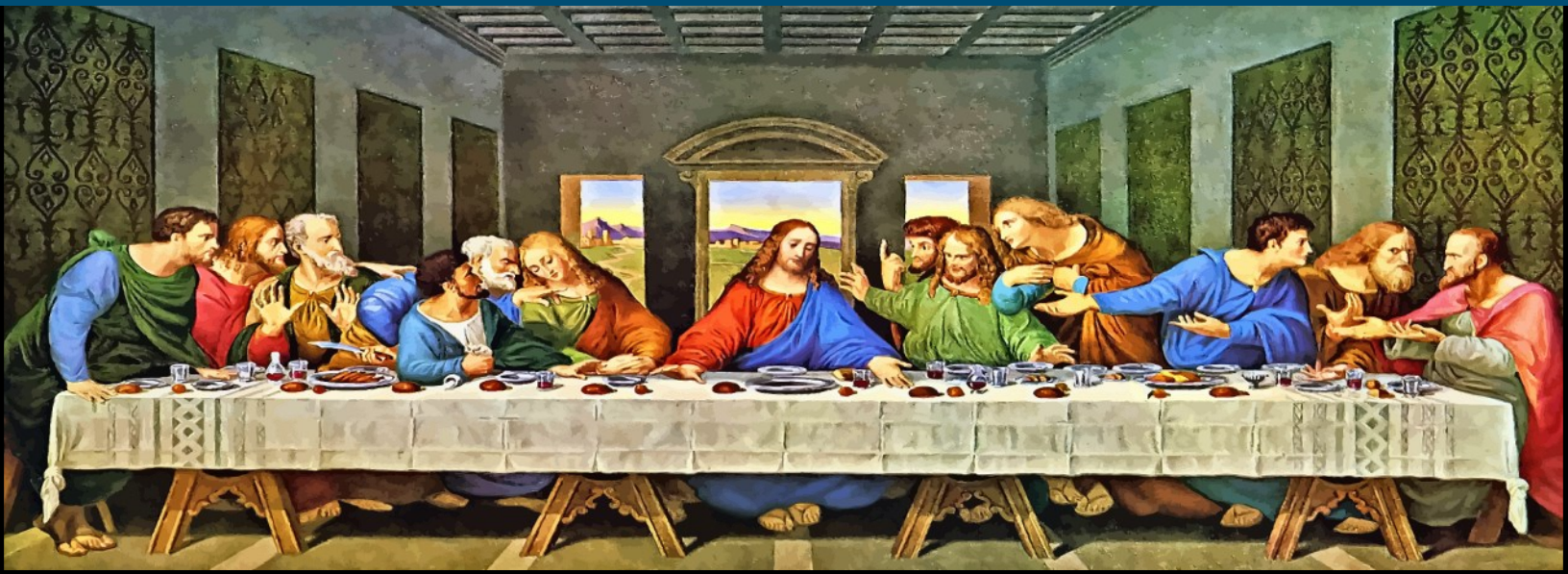
The special gift is the gift of Holy Spirit which is to be manifested for the common good (1 Corinthians 12:7). We are also given natural talents and abilities which we can employ to bless the household. Are you good with young children? Volunteer in the nursery. Can you cook? Help out in the kitchen preparing the Wednesday evening meals. Are you able to teach? Sign up to teach Sunday School. If you are approached to serve on a board, give the invitation serious consideration.

We as Elders are also liaisons to other boards and ministry teams here at EGCC. The one thing we hear often is the need for volunteers. Heed the call of God, and consider helping out for the benefit of the entire congregation. Let's work together to strengthen one other.

**KEEP A
LOOK OUT!**

Coming Sunday, May 4th

True North VBS Kickoff Party!



Maundy Thursday Service “The Path to the Cross”

Thursday, April 17th @ 7 pm, Buchanan Hall

Maundy Thursday is the remembrance of the final night of Jesus prior to the crucifixion. On Maundy Thursday Jesus shared a final meal with his disciples. They sat around a table and ate bread and drank wine and talked and prayed together. Then Jesus would be abandoned as He began the journey to the cross.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE

As we enter into the Spring season, we are pleased to announce the start of a new adult Sunday school class taught by Will Gideon. He shared the following summary of his class as follows: "This year our theme verse for Sunday School is 1 Timothy 4:8-10, which says in part that physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things. But how exactly do we grow in godliness?"

An adult Sunday School class will begin on March 30th and run for 10 weeks (no Sunday School on Easter) that will explore the topic of growing in godliness. The class will be an introduction to spiritual

formation and will be based on a book entitled 'Practicing the Way' by John Mark Comer. Each week there will be a 25 minute video followed by a time of discussion. There will also be homework each week as we put into practice what we are learning." This class will take place in classroom B.

Additionally, the Kingdom Living class recently began a new study covering the topic of grief. Geoff Switts continues to

teach this class, intended for parents of young children through high school age. He describes the study as follows: "Life is painful. Its unique challenges, difficulties, bumps, and bruises can leave us lost and drowning in their wake. But Jesus said, "In this world you will have tribulations . . ." He did not say we *might* have troubles and difficulties, but we will. In this Bible study, Dr. Tony Evans

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Women's Ministry

Learning and Living out the Gospel in Every Relationship

Our team believes that standing side by side with our sisters in Christ... worshipping, praying, and hearing biblical truths draws us closer to the Lord and each other. It's why we encourage weekly attendance of Sunday worship, finding ways to serve, and attending one of our Bible studies. And it's why we plan meaningful events like Ordinary Offerings and a weekend retreat, but also simple gatherings to just connect and have fun!

It has been with joy, prayer, intention, (and a lot of hard work!), that we planned for our women at the start of 2025.

Our three Ordinary Offerings events were faithfully and capably led by our own June Schuldt, Michelle Kraines and Jess Munn.

And our women showed up! We averaged more than 30 *multi generational* women who deepened their relationships with the Lord and each other, praise God! You haven't seen the last of these events!

We look forward to our ladies retreat at Sacandaga Bible Conference ! 58 ladies will come together the first weekend in April to hear the dynamic and timely teaching of Angela Burtis. Singing. Learning. Laughing. Sharing. Growing. Physically removed from the distractions of life.

For the months of May, June, July, and August, we will offer women some casual opportunities to connect. Keep your eyes and ears open for a farmer's market outing, our May 5th Book Club meeting, a progressive supper, and more!

Let's keep growing and connecting....in Christ Jesus.

WORSHIP NOTES



We will be singing a new hymn in worship in the coming weeks just released by Keith & Kristyn Getty, Matt Boswell & Matt Papa. This hymn "**Christus Victor (Amen)**" is an anthem proclaiming Christ's triumph over sin and death, filling us with assurance of His eternal reign of heaven and earth and calls us to join in a chorus of praise. Let us join in that chorus! - Chantelle Moon, Director of Worship Ministries

Calling all vocalists! We are gathering up our **Worship Choir** again in preparation for **Easter Sunday**, April 20th. Rehearsals are planned for Sundays following the worship service, April 6th & April 13th for about 30-45 minutes. Join us in celebrating our Risen Savior through music and song! Please reach out to Chantelle Moon (worship@egcchurch.org) if you would like to join us.



Preparing music for Easter.
**OPEN WORSHIP
TEAM REHEARSAL**

All are welcome!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE

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offers spiritual principles for facing such pain and hurt and support for those who are doing their best to support them from a biblical perspective. Love and happiness are on the other side if we learn how to walk through the hurt with both peace and joy.

Session Topics:

1. Coming to the Comforter
2. Discovering the Treasure Within
3. The Greatness of Grace
4. Healing Through Humility
5. Come Get Your Rest
6. Turning Bitter to Sweet

All youth Sunday school classes (Pre-K through High School) will continue to run through June 1st as well. We conclude this school year with our annual Celebration Sunday event on June 8th, which begins at 9:00AM in Buchanan Hall. You can expect a delicious breakfast and a short program where we will recognize our dedicated teachers and devoted students.

Please consider joining us for a class and/or for Celebration Sunday. We would love to see you!

Additionally, we are in need of more nursery adult and youth volunteers. In this role, you would be asked to help our youngest churchgoers in the nursery approximately once every five weeks. We would provide you with a brief training, and believe me, you will not regret spending your time with these little sweeties. If you are interested, please see Sherri Benner or Becky Blais for more information.

We always appreciate your prayers for our teachers and volunteers.

In God's Grace,

Becky Blais (on behalf of the CE Board)



Hospitality Team

Hospitality team is looking for new members. Help would be needed for hosting church activities, ex: gatherings, potlucks, celebrations, etc. Please see Brenda Mills or Cindi Phillips

Have duplicate hammers, screwdrivers, levels, or any other tools that could be used for the EGCC kitchen tool box? Please leave on kitchen counter. Thanks.

YOUTH GROUP

This year has been flying by doing cool things like rock climbing, winter camp at Sacandaga Bible Conference, arcade night and more! In the upcoming months we plan on doing a lot more cool things like laser tag soon, and then nerf wars and a ton of fun things going into the summer! Most importantly we're looking forward to continuing to learn the Bible and grow closer as a little church family out here at youth group. We've been able to have an awesome time, so we're praying it'll all continue!



-Jan Hastie



Calendar of Events

Wednesday	April 2-June 4	6:30 - 8:00 pm	Financial Peace University Class
Thursday	April 3	9:30-11:00 am	Ladies Bible Study - Book of Ruth
Thursday	April 3	1:00-2:30 pm	Senior Care Informational Seminar
Thursday	April 3	6:30 - 8:30 pm	Youth Group
Friday-Sunday	April 4-6		Women's Ministry Retreat
Tuesday	April 8	7:00 - 8:00 pm	CE Board Meeting
Wednesday	April 9	5:45 - 8:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner and Programs
Thursday	April 10	6:30 - 8:30 pm	Youth Group
Thursday	April 10	9:30-11:00 am	Ladies Bible Study - Book of Ruth
Friday	April 11	6:30 - 8:00 pm	KidVenture - Easter Story
Sunday-Saturday	April 14-18		Spring Break-No Dinner, Studies, Programs or Groups
Sunday	April 13		Palm Sunday
Thursday	April 17	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Maundy Thursday - "The Path to the Cross"
Friday	April 18		Good Friday
Sunday	April 20		Easter Egg Hunt / Easter Sunday Worship Service
Wednesday	April 23	5:45 - 8:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner and Programs
Thursday	April 24	6:30 - 8:30 pm	Youth Group
Thursday	April 24	9:30-11:00 am	Ladies Bible Study - Book of Ruth
Wednesday	April 30	5:45 - 8:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner and Programs
Sunday	May 4	Noon	VBS Kickoff Party
Sunday	May 11		Mother's Day
Tuesday	May 13	7:00-8:00 pm	CE Board Meeting
Wednesday	May 14	5:45 - 8:00 pm	Last Fellowship Dinner and Discussion
Thursday	April 24	9:30-11:00 am	Ladies Bible Study - Book of Ruth
Sunday	May 18		Youth Sunday
Sunday	May 18	Noon	VBS Volunteer Meeting
Friday	May 30	6-8:30 pm	Sandie Wanamaker Piano Recital
Sunday	June 1	Noon	VBS Volunteer Meeting
Tuesday	June 10	7:00 - 8:00 pm	CE Board Meeting
Tuesday-Friday	June 10-13		Preschool Graduations
Tuesday	June 11	6:30 pm	VBS Crew Leader Meeting
Monday	June 30-July 3		VBS Week
Tuesday	June 24		Primary Elections
Sunday	July 6	9:30 am	Early Service Starts
Tuesday	June 10	7:00 - 8:00 pm	CE Board Meeting
Sunday	June 15		Father's Day
Wednesday	July 2	6:00 pm	VBS Family Picnic



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