



APRIL NEWSLETTER

EASTER SCHEDULE

March 29 - Palm Sunday Egg Hunt

Join us for Palm Sunday service and then stay for our Easter Egg Hunt! We will have a free lunch (from Topsy Hog) before we let the kids loose to hunt eggs. It will be a great event to start out holy week and to invite family and friends. Hope to see you there!

Maunder Thursday—Thursday, April 2 @ 6:30 pm

This is a special service of feetwashing & communion.

Easter Sunday — April 5 at 10:00 am

Jesus is alive! It's not just that Jesus returned to life, He promised a new vitality for everyone who would trust in Him. A life filled with meaning and purpose is found in following Jesus.

Who in your circle of family and friends needs to experience this hope and life? Make a point to personally invite someone to join you this Easter Season!

UPCOMING

EGG YOUR YARD YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Order your candy filled eggs to be hidden in your yard for Easter morning. Let our "bunnies" do the work with all proceeds benefiting our E1 students. 30 eggs-\$25, 50 eggs-\$45; 70 eggs - \$65. See a youth or visit our table in the commons. **Orders & payments due by Sunday, March 29.**

MEN'S BREAKFAST | Saturday, April 4

For all men - 7:30am in the gym for great food & fellowship!

KEENAGER'S BREAKFAST | Tuesday, April 7 @ 9am

All senior retirees meet for breakfast at Bob Evans in Eaton.

NURSING HOME MINISTRY | Sunday, April 12

All are invited to join us as we worship with those at Greenbriar Nursing Home (501 W. Lexington Rd., Eaton) at 1:30pm.

WOW SMALL GROUP | Widows or Widowers

Saturday, April 18th at noon meet in our church's east-end parking lot to carpool to Rob's Restaurant in Brookville, Ohio. Afterwards we will meet in our church's commons area for games. If you'd like, bring snacks to share and your own drink.

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

In the aftermath of WW2, Hungary experienced the highest period of inflation ever recorded. At one point the price of goods was doubling every 15 hours. This eventually led to the printing of a one sextillion pengó note; that's a one with 26 zeroes after it. During this time, any cash you held on to would be worthless by the end of the day, so it was spent as quickly as possible.

Is there any worldly treasure that the same won't happen to eventually? What is the value of gold to a person one minute after death? Less than a half-pengó note. The Bible has much to say about sound investments and being wise with our finances, but that's only part of the picture. Part of what enables radical generosity is the awareness that gripped the writer of Ecclesiastes.

"As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand." -Ecclesiastes 5:15

"Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God." -Ecclesiastes 5:18-19

SENIOR ADULT SPRING FLING | Tues, April 21 @ noon
Der Dutchman in Plain City, OH. Cost is \$28 per person. Speaker will be Melissa Pratt and worship by Nathan Stewart. Sign up at the Resource Center by April 12. Checks made out to Eaton First Church of God and put in offering.

CARRY-IN LUNCHEON

Join us after morning worship on Sunday, April 26th for a carry-in lunch in the gym. Bring a dish or two to share, and enjoy a time of great fellowship together!

FAITH PROMISE SUNDAY

In March we learned more about the missionaries supported through Faith Promise, and over \$24,000 has already been committed. Commitment cards are available at the Welcome Center if you'd like to participate.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDS

Plan to join us Wednesdays in April from 6:30p-7:30p for kids worship and a Bible story! Our Wednesday night program is for kids ages 3 (must be potty trained) - 6th grade.

There will be no Wednesday night kids program on April 1, 2026 due to spring break!

Our last Wednesday night for this school year is April 29th. Be sure to sign up for VBS and we will see you in the Fall!

VBS IS COMING!!!

Our Rainforest Falls VBS is coming!! Mark your calendars for June 14-18th from 6-8:30pm. Start praying now for God to show you how you can serve alongside us for the biggest ministry event of the summer!!



There will be a bin in the commons to collect plastic rectangle table coverings in different shades of green, pink, and orange.

Starting Sunday April 12th there will be a table set up for our Adopt a Prop campaign! Be sure to stop by if you are interested in helping us make props and decorations that you can work on at home. We've made it easy and they can be brought in as you finish them up until June 8th of our VBS decorating week! Our VBS team is looking forward to working with you!!

Mondays

- **6:30-7:30pm Virtual Mom's Bible Study.** If you'd like to join or have any questions, contact Shelby Bryant at (937) 733-8387.
- **7p at home of Rick/Becky McCollum** (405 Rebecca Dr., W. Alex.) | Studying the sermon notes from the week before. For more information, contact Becky (becky_mccollum@hotmail.com).

Wednesdays

- **10a in Room 103-105** | Group that meets to pray for the ministries of the church, led by Jerry Reynolds.
- **5p in Room 103-105** | Currently studying the book of Jonah. For more information contact Joel Eck (joeldeck77@gmail.com).

Sundays

- **5p in Room 104-106** | Currently finishing a study on Joseph. For more information, contact Murray Mann (bmmann@earthlink.net).

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH

We meet every Wednesday from 6-7:30p, where we share a meal, worship, play games and go through a lesson together. Bring your Bible, a friend and open heart for Jesus. **NOTE:** Wednesday nights will not meet on April 1 and will be ending for the summer on April 29th, but don't worry, we will keep your summer busy and keep meeting together as a family!

SMALL GROUPS

Guys & girl's Bible study (7th - 12th grade) at 6pm every Sunday for dinner and fellowship. Bring your Bible, appetite & a friend! **NOTE:** No study on 4/5 due to Easter.

- Guys meet at Hays' house (6664 Paddock Rd., Eaton)
- Girls meet at Tania's house (320 Lutheran Dr., Eaton).

EGG MY YARD

YOUTH be here on Sat., April 4th at 6pm in the gym to get everything ready to go out and hide Easter eggs! Be sure to dress for the weather and ready to get in stealth mode!

CHECK OUT THESE BOOKS!

Our very own Kenn Barton has written six books, including journals, devotionals, poetry, and prayer collections. Visit his website at www.Barton-Books.com to explore his work and purchase copies. You can also browse sample books at the Welcome Center in the Commons.

LOVE PACKAGES

Love Packages need donations of Christian materials to send overseas. See container in Commons for list of what they need.

FOOD BANK NEEDING DONATIONS

Food Needed: Spaghetti sauce; canned protein (chicken, beef, tuna, beans, beef stew, chili); breakfast foods (cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, granola bars); canned soups. Please put all donations in the marked box in the Commons.

MARCH GIVING/ATTENDANCE:

	AM Attn.	Offering	Bldg/Reno Fund	Faith Promise
Mar. Online		\$4,326.00		\$405.00
3/1/26	165	4,648.25	89.00	272.00
3/8/26	168	6,383.00	184.00	711.00
3/15/26	172	6,606.19	154.00	1,669.00
3/22/26	190	6,410.00	339.00	626.00

Average Weekly Offering: \$ 7,093.36
 Average Weekly Offering Needed 2026: \$8,056