

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR AARON

As we announced this morning will start a special six week focus on unity and prayer. The theme of these weeks will be what it means to be united in the body of Christ, and how we are to move together.

As part of this emphasis, **starting Sunday, October 5th** we will have a single service with new service times:

Sunday School @ 9am
Sunday Morning Worship @ 10am

While we are to pray without ceasing, there is great value in setting aside times of particular focus.

At the end of the six weeks at the annual business meeting (November 9) the church will decide whether to continue on with this format moving forward.

UPCOMING

KEENAGER'S BREAKFAST | Tuesday, Sept. 2 | 9am

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST | Saturday, September 6 | 7:30am

Plan to join our men for great food & fellowship!

WOW SMALL GROUP | Widows or Widowers

Mystery Trip. Meet at our church 5pm (not 5:30pm) on Tues., Sept. 9. Carpooling, leaving 5:30p from east-end parking lot into Eaton area. Bring a packed lunch with 5 items & water in cooler. Dress for any weather, will be outside. Wear comfortable clothes/shoes. Very minimal walking. If inclement weather, will be game night at church. If questions call/text Charlene 937.336.9450 or Shirley 937.733.2628.

SENIOR ADULT FALL FEAST DEADLINE 9/7

Tuesday, September 30 @ noon at Der Dutchman in Plain City, OH. Cost is \$29 per person. The speaker is Rev. Dr. Claude Robold and worship will be led by Richard Humphreys. Sign up at the Resource Center by September 7. Checks should be made out to Eaton First Church of God and put in the church offering.

NURSING HOME MINISTRY | September 14 | 2:00pm

All are invited to join us as we worship with those at Maple Gardens Nursing Home (515 S. Maple St., Eaton).

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BAKE SALE

Sunday, September 21st during Sunday School. All funds will be used to purchase items for the shoebox packing party. All baked donations are greatly appreciated!! Please drop baked goods off in a disposable container.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP DINNERS

Our Youth Wednesday Night Bible Study will be starting the first week of September! If you would like to prepare a meal for our youth group, please see the sign-up sheet in the commons. Or, if you would like to donate money toward the meal, please contact the church office! Thank you so much for taking such good care of our kids!

ALL-CHURCH CARRY IN

Join us on Sunday, September 28 after 2nd service (around noon) in the gym for a church-wide carry-in dinner. Bring a dish or two to share and join us for a time of good food and fellowship!

WORSHIP NEWS

FALL HYMN SING & FELLOWSHIP

Join us on Sunday, September 14 at 6pm as we sing together some great Church of God hymns. Afterward, we will move to the Commons for some snacks and fellowship. Bring a dessert or snack to share! See Matthew if you have any questions.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL 2025

Our Christmas program, "Because of Bethlehem," is rapidly approaching. It will be the weekend of December 12, 13, & 14. I am really excited that, for the 4th year running, we have written the script in-house and, this year, we have set it to a beautiful new choral collection by Jay Rouse. We do need some volunteers for speaking roles - one of those are singing roles. We will need greeters/ushers, tech folks, stage hands, etc. And we will always take more singers in the choir. If you are interested, please see Matthew, Pastor Aaron, or Rhianna Trader!



**EATON FIRST
KIDS**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDS STARTING !

Mark your calendars for September 3, 2025 and plan to join us for Wednesday nights this fall! Our Wednesday night program is for kids 3-6th grade. You can register your child at e1cog.com.

This month join us as we discuss when Jesus left earth, he left his followers with the Great Commission and the question, "What's next?" In the book of Acts, we see Jesus' followers following his lead to solve the puzzle of what the Church should become and how the good news of Jesus could be shared. Hope to see you there!!

CHANGES IN CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Be sure to note the new service times for October! Sunday school at 9am and morning service in the sanctuary at 10am. Children's Church will now run the entire morning service time, starting @ 10am.

At this time we will be implementing a new check-in system for our kids. There will be a check-in kiosk in the Narthex and also one as you come to the Children's education hallway. Be sure to check your kids in before drop off for Sunday school or Children's Church. As we begin in October, Children ages 3-5th grade and are potty trained, will go directly to room 104-106 for Children's church after you have checked them in at either kiosk and can be picked up at the close of Sunday morning services.

GET CONNECTED @ e1cog.com

Small groups and Sunday classes offer an opportunity to study the Bible in a smaller, more discussion-based setting. Check our website for more information.

AUGUST GIVING/ATTENDANCE:

	AM Attn.	Offering	Bldg/Reno Fund	Faith Promise
Aug. Online		\$6,794.00	\$120.00	\$480.00
8/3/25		7,186.00	164.00	289.00
8/10/25		6,376.00	54.00	1,416.00
8/17/25		5,235.40	184.00	452.00
8/24/25		2,822.28	289.00	156.00

Average Weekly Offering: \$ 7,103.42

Average Weekly Offering Needed 2025: \$7,949



**EATON FIRST
students**

GUY'S & GIRL'S BIBLE STUDY

Guys & girl's Bible study (7th - 12th grade) will resume on Sunday September 7th! We will meet at 6pm every Sunday night for dinner and a fun time of fellowship, all while growing closer to Jesus! Guys will meet at Donald's house (6664 Paddock Rd., Eaton) and girls will meet at Allie's house (124 W. Oak St., W. Alex.). Bring your Bible, an appetite & a friend!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Youth Bible Study is coming back on September 3rd! We will meet every week on Wednesday night from 6-7:30, where we'll share a meal, worship, play games and go through a lesson together. Bring your Bible, a friend and an open heart for Jesus. See you there!

COMMUNITY NEEDS/NEWS

Please put all donations in the appropriate marked container in the Commons.

- Love Packages need donations of Christian materials to send overseas. See container in Commons for list of what they need.
- The food bank is in need of canned vegetables. Please put donations in the container in the commons or go to Walmart.com/sparkgood and search for "The Common Good" and you can see their needs and have items shipped directly to them
- <https://hitfoundation.org/resource-newsletter>. Use this link to download a newsletter listing all the available resources to help individuals in the county.

PYRMONT UPDATE

After one year our cooperative effort to replant the Pyrmont Church of God has sadly come to an end. This was a mutual decision by the congregation, pastor Kevin, and the supporting churches.

From the start, I have thought of this project as a type of experimental treatment for a dying patient. A church of a dozen or so people over the age of 70 faces immense challenges, and change is hard. Even when experimental treatments don't prove effective, the goal is to learn through the process for the benefit of the next patient. The efforts at Pyrmont have been part of a larger network of CHOG pastors in Southwest Ohio dedicated to planting or restarting churches. This work will continue, and we look forward to sharing our church's role in future projects.