



SEPTEMBER 2026

EATON FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

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UPCOMING

KIDS MINISTRY PARENT MEETING

If you have a child from newborn through 6th grade, we would love for you to join us after the worship service in the sanctuary on Sunday, **August 30!** The Children's Team is excited about several upcoming changes and want to share them with you. Come hear what's ahead!

FAMILY FUN - KIDS & YOUTH BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Wednesday, September 2 | 6:00-7:30 PM

Kick off the new school year with an evening of family fun! Enjoy inflatables, yard games, delicious food, and plenty of activities for everyone. Join us for dinner and stay for the fun! All children are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend.

This year, our Wednesday Night Kids will meet **once a month thru December** instead of weekly. Each time partnering with our Youth Ministry for a special event. **Don't miss our very first theme night!**

KEENAGER'S BREAKFAST | Tuesday, September 1 @ 9a

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST | Saturday, September 5

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

COFFEE IN THE COMMONS!

Starting **Sunday, September 6th** after service, we will be kicking off a special time of coffee, cookies and fellowship for our church family - happening the first Sunday of every month! Don't rush out after service - stay and enjoy a different cookie and coffee flavor EACH month!

NURSING HOME MINISTRY | Sunday, September 13

All are invited to join us as we worship with those at Maple Gardens Nursing Home (515 S. Maple St., Eaton) at 2pm.

PROMOTION SUNDAY

Sunday School promotions will be **Sunday, September 13th** in the sanctuary at 9:00am. Following our promotion celebration, kids will grab a donut in the commons and join their new teachers in their new classrooms!

WOW SMALL GROUP | Widows or Widowers

Sunday, September 13 at 12:30pm. Meet in our church east-end parking lot to carpool to Rob's Restaurant and plan to be at Brookville Theater about 2:30pm for the play for those that have paid for a ticket. Feel free to join us for both, or just one. Contact Shirley Clark 937.733.2628 with questions/comments.

BACKYARD SERVICE

Join us as we gather together on **September 13th @ 6pm** at Jason & Shannon Chappel's home (4789 Ozias Rd., Eaton). Bring lawn chairs and a dish to share for a fellowship time before the service. **Note:** If the service is cancelled due to weather, a notice will be put on the church's Facebook and an email sent out.

PORK FESTIVAL PARADE | September 19

We are jumping in the Pork Festival Parade this year with a float to promote all of our Wednesday Night happenings! If you want to join us, please see Allie or sign up on the sheet in the Commons.

CHURCH-WIDE SPIRITUAL GIFT TESTING

Do you feel a stirring in your heart to get more involved in church, but aren't quite sure how or where to volunteer? The Bible gives the perfect instructions for how to use your God-given gifts and talents, so let's dive in together and learn more about how to serve God better and how important it is to use the gifts He gave us. We will meet together on **Sunday night, September 27th at 6pm** to take a Spiritual Gifts test and then learn how to get plugged in. You don't want to miss this.

SENIOR ADULT FALL FEAST DEADLINE 9/6

Tuesday, September 29 @ noon at Der Dutchman in Plain City, OH. Cost is \$29 per person. Sign up at the Resource Center by September 6. Checks should be made out to Eaton First Church of God and put in the church offering.

WORSHIP NEWS

Our Worship Choir rehearsals have moved from 7 to 6:30 on Wednesday nights. We'd love to have you join us. Even if you can only commit to a season (i.e. Christmas... wink wink...) don't let that stop you from singing with us! See Matthew if you have any questions.

EATON FIRST KIDS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CHANGES

Our Children's Ministry is excited to kick off a new season this fall! Here are some of the changes coming soon:

1. **Sunday School:** Class ages have been adjusted to create more balanced class sizes.
2. **Wednesday Night Kids:** To start the year, kids will meet one Wednesday each month for a special themed event involving our youth group. The first event will be our Back-To-School Bash on 9/2. Come join us!
3. **Children's Church:** Beginning 9/13, kids will remain in the worship service at the start of church and then be dismissed to Children's Church during the service.

We encourage all parents to attend our Parent Meeting on August 30, where these changes will be explained in greater detail and questions can be answered. We are incredibly grateful for our Children's Ministry Team and the many hours of time, and dedication they invest to help our ministry thrive. Team members include: Shelby Bryant, Nancy Clark, Sarah Hays, Mindy Jones, and Anna McCollum.

CHILDREN'S VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are seeking volunteers for our Nursery, Toddlers, and Children's Church ministries during Sunday morning service.

- **Nursery & Toddlers:** Spend an hour playing and caring for children while their parents attend service. This is a low-commitment way to serve with a big impact!
- **Children's Church:** Teach children (ages 4 through 6th grade) using a simple, prepared lesson.

Interested? Email the church office (office@e1cog.com) or stop by the Welcome Center and complete an interest form. We'd love to have you join us!

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AUGUST GIVING/ATTENDANCE:

	AM Attn.	Offering	Bldg/Reno Fund	Faith Promise
Aug. Online		\$5,627.00	\$60.00	\$574.00
8/2/26	192	6,050.61	9.00	151.00
8/9/26	179	11,871.00	109.00	206.00
8/16/26	181	4,619.81	79.00	267.00
8/23/26	169	6,420.00	34.00	691.00

Average Weekly Offering: \$8,647.11

Average Weekly Offering Needed 2026: \$8,056.00

EATON FIRST YOUTH

YOUTH BIBLE STUDIES

We're back starting on September 2nd! Join us at the Back to School Bash for a fun time hanging out with our entire church family! We will then meet **weekly** for Bible Study in the Youth Room from 6-7:30pm, complete with games, food, worship and small group discussions! Girl's and Guy's Bible Studies will be back on Sunday, October 4th! Think about who you want to invite and bring them!

YOUTH RAFTING/KAYAKING TRIP

YOUTH! We are heading to Rivers Edge in Waynesville on September 20th at 12pm to take a float together down the river! Bring your swim stuff and friends, with money for dinner after! Make sure you sign up at the top of the stairs or RSVP on our TeamReach app!

YOUTH FUNDRAISER

The Youth Group will be hosting a fundraiser at Skyline Chili on Monday, September 14th! Be on the lookout for a flyer to bring to the restaurant and from that, a certain portion of the proceeds will be given toward our Student's Accounts! Thank you Church for all the many ways you support our students - you are such a blessing!

YOUTH WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

It's that time of year again! If you would like to provide a meal for our Youth Group during our Wednesday Night Bible Study, please see the sign-up sheet in the Commons! If you would like to help but don't like to cook, donations are also accepted and appreciated! Thank you for helping out in this way and for blessing our group!

COMMUNITY

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.

SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH

The Preble County Food Bank has served 5,494 people so far in 2026, which is a 10% increase over last year. The need is great in Preble County. We can help by "Stocking the Pantry". Our church has been asked to donate **cereal, spaghetti sauce and dish soap**. Please put all donations in the bin in the Commons by **September 9th**.