

JOIN US IN PERSON THIS SUNDAY.

SERVICES AT 8:30 & 11:00 AM.



EATON FIRST CHURCH OF GOD | AUGUST 2020

CHURCH BUILDING IS OPEN THIS SUNDAY

We are so thankful as a church that we are able to meet together again in person on Sunday for worship. We closed our building last week out of an abundance of caution after a person who had been in the building during the week tested positive for Covid. There have been no new cases associated with our church, so after consulting with the Health Department and sanitizing the building, we are cleared to have services in our sanctuary again.

Please note:

- Sunday morning worship times—8:30 am & 11:00 am
- Sunday School at 9:45am. All classes are practicing social distancing. Due to low attendance in the children's classes, some are being combined—signs are posted outside the rooms.
- Children's Church is available for ages PreK through 3rd grade.
- We are asking everyone to wear a mask and practice social distancing in the church building. There will be empty pews between rows with usher-guided seating/dismissal. The sanctuary will be sanitized between services.
- The nursery will not be staffed, but will be available for families to use during services if needed.
- Offering plates will not be passed but will be available for you to use on your way in or out of the sanctuary.
- We will continue to offer online services on our Facebook and website for those hesitant or unable to attend in person.



COVID-19 Plan

In the event that a staff member or congregant/visitor of E1COG is diagnosed with COVID-19 the following steps shall be taken:

1. The individual should notify the Preble County Dept of Health 937.472.0087
2. The individual should notify the church office 937.456.4681
3. If individual had attended church in the past 10 days, an email should be sent to the church members notifying them that a person has been diagnosed with Covid-19.
4. Carter Cleaning will be called and a deep sanitation of the church will be completed.
5. Staff/Congregants will be asked to remain home for quarantined protocol that is recommended by the Dept. of Health.
6. Quarantine requirements for church services/activities will be determined & communicated by the PCHD.

THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR AARON

Every day for breakfast I have four scrambled eggs. I'm a person who loves stability and order; no matter what the day brings I've already got breakfast figured out. These are not comfortable times for people who like stability and order. Whether it is the church, workplace, or school system every week seems to bring something new. While I cannot tell you what our church services will look like two months from now, I can say with confidence that the most important things will remain unshaken. God still reigns over the church and all creation. The tomb is still empty and our victory is assured. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. And, God willing, I will still be having four eggs for breakfast.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER NEEDS DONATIONS

Due to Covid-19, their donations have been very low. I've listed below what they need (**bolded items are needed the most**).

- Laundry detergent
- Disinfectant wipes
- Bleach
- Dryer sheets
- Twin size sheets (**new**)
- Pillow cases (**new**)
- Pillows (**new**)
- Twin size comforters/
blankets (**new**)
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Floor cleaner
- Multi-purpose cleaner
- Febreze/odor elimination
spray
- Washing machine cleaner
- Sippy cups/toddler drink cups
- Brooms
- Mop buckets
- Kleenex
- Pots and pans
- Baking dishes
- Kitchen storage contain-
ers
- Laundry baskets
- Adult and children's
hangers
- Dish sponges
- Paper plates
- Women's/children's
(boys/girls) underwear of
all sizes
- Boys and girls socks (all
ages)
- Lamps/lighting for bed-
rooms (floor lamps)
- Ice trays
- Drink pitchers

They also take all new personal hygiene and cleaning supplies. If you have any of the above items and they are gently used (pots, pans, laundry basket, etc.), they are able to take them but please mark as being used so they will know. Please put all donations in the marked container in the Commons and they will be dropped off at the Violence Shelter.

MINISTRY BOARD MOMENT

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now springs forth, do you not perceive it?"

For our church, August brings a new pastor and new opportunities to serve the church and the community. Please pray for Pastor Aaron and his wife Sara and their children as they accumulate and adjust to all the "new" that God has brought them to. Pray for our teachers, students, administrators, coaches and parents as school starts back and looks very different than any other beginning school year. We are all experiencing a new way of living; but Isaiah 43 is such a great chapter to read when anxious feelings about the new we are experiencing begin to weigh on us. This chapter reminds us what God has done for His people and that He is the one and only God! We are looking forward to what God is "springing forth" and we hope you are too.

In Christ's Love,
The Ministry Board

INSTALLATION SERVICE

On Sunday, August 23, 2020, Pastor Aaron will be commissioned as the Senior Pastor of Eaton First Church of God. Please plan to join us for this special service!

MEET THE BABY SHOWER

All the ladies are invited to join us on Saturday, August 8 @ 2pm at the church for a "Meet the Baby" shower where we will get to meet Pastor Liisa & Jeremy's little Emerson Mae Erskine. We are asking everyone to please wear a mask and maintain social distancing during the shower. Pastor Liisa has requested there be no gifts—just come join us for some yummy food, fellowship and a peek at an adorable baby!

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Celebrate Recovery will begin regathering at 7:00 PM, Thursday, July 16th, at Eaton First Church of the Nazarene. 201 E. Lexington Rd. Eaton, OH 45320 for more info contact John or Becky Reece @ 937-300-8663. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered, 12 step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, pain or addiction of any kind.



EATON FIRST KIDS

Hello Eaton First Kids families! This year has certainly been a trying time for our families and our ministries here at church. Thinking through how to continue to do ministry effectively in this particular time of Covid-19, though challenging, has also created valuable opportunities for us. In looking ahead to our fall season starting the first week of September I am excited

to announce that we will be going back to our bag 'o' fun ministry. As the majority of our families with children are still most comfortable not being in church right now it is vitally important that we stay connected and provide resources for at home studies.

In light of how quickly things change it is very difficult to make long term plans but I am working to remain flexible so that we can do what is best for the health and safety of our kids and families. Don't forget to check in at our Eaton First Kids Facebook page for up to date information on what is happening here in our Children's Ministry. As circumstances change and as I am able to work towards adding more activities I will post all info to the Facebook page, as well as, send out email updates.

Please know that during this time of uncertainty I am praying for each one of you: for strength, wisdom, patience, peace and for God's presence to envelop you each and everyday. Know that you are deeply loved here at the Eaton First Church of God!!

PROMOTIONS

At this time we are not moving up our 6th grade students. They will remain in our children's ministry. We will have a small Sunday school promotion August 30th during Sunday school in room 104-106 for our students that will be moving up into new classes.

BREEZE

With Breeze you can quickly and easily look up contact information for others in our Church family? You can use Breeze on your computer or download the app on your phone. If you aren't using Breeze already, go to: <https://e1cog.breezechms.com> and click "create account". Use the email address that the church has on file for you to make an account. If we don't have an email address for you—contact the church office and we'll get you signed up!



EATON FIRST students

PARENTS COMMUNICATION

Parents, please make sure you are connected our our Student Ministry Facebook page and group. We also have regular weekly update emails every week and text updates with important information. If you need assistance with

any of these forms of communication, please see Pastor Jerry.

HOUSE GROUPS

As we look forward to fall and back to school time, we are looking through an entirely different lens this year. Everything is going to look a little different as we navigate the changing world around us. As we have been planning for our students this fall, we want to take any precautions we can for our students and parents to feel safe as we gather. We also believe that relationships and connection are essential for our students. Our plan for the fall and much of this next year is to focus on House Groups. We are going to start with having a Middle School House Group and a High School House Group on Sunday evenings. We will announce times and locations at a later date, but we believe these smaller environments will allow us to maintain connection with our students in a safe way. For those that are not yet ready to join us in person or maybe just can't be there in person, we will also offer an Online Group. We will have a lot more information to come, but we are excited for the opportunity to try new things this year.

6TH GRADERS THIS YEAR

This year, in light of all the difficult transitions and change our students are having to face, we are putting on hold moving our 6th graders into the student ministry. We will spend this year planning and dreaming how to best minister to this age group in the future, however they will remain with the kids ministry this year. While we are officially not promoting 6th graders into the student ministry, they are welcome to join the Middle School House Group on Sunday evenings if parents choose to participate.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

With so much around us changing from day to day, it's hard to plan for upcoming activities, especially our trips. We hope to include more in the future, but much of our plans are on hold right now. We do know that our State Youth Convention for this year has been cancelled, but we are looking forward to other opportunities later this year. We also hope to be able to participate in the rescheduled International Youth Convention in Orlando, FL next summer. Make sure to watch for updates as we move a little down the road and are able to better plan.

GET CONNECTED

Connection is so very important! Find a class or group below that interests you—and give them a try.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School classes are starting up July 5.

20 Something | Rm 202 | led by Rick & Becky McCollum. Join us as we look at college/young adult studies on Christian life in the real world.

Boundaries | Gym | led by Randy Bryant
Join us as we look at the book of Job, and find there is more to the story than suffering and patience.

Common Ground | Room 200 | Led by Matt/Izzy Roberts and Bob/Mindy Brower. Join us as we study various topics that impact our daily lives.

Growing in God's Word | Room 102 | Studying: The book of Acts, led by Phyllis Martin.

Men's Sunday School | Room 206 | What it means to be a man in a world full of extremes

Messiah's Misfits | Room 204 | Studying: Jesus' parables, led by Bryan Scholl.

Search for Significance | Rm 103 | Studying a video series "The Chosen", an excellent look at Jesus and the disciples, led by Lynn Morey

Women's Class | Online | Studying: The Miracles of Jesus. All ladies are invited!

ADULT SMALL GROUPS

Mondays | 7p at home of Rick/Becky McCollum (405 Rebecca Dr., W. Alex.) | This group discusses the weekly Dig Deeper questions with scripture.

Tuesdays | 6a in the Commons | This men's group uses weekly Study Guide.

Wednesdays | 6:30p in Room 102 | This group is on break until the fall, led by Joel Eck

Thursdays | 6:30p at home of Gerald/Carolyn Scholl (519 E. Wadsworth) | This group will start up in a few weeks and will be studying the book of Revelations, led by Carolyn Scholl.

Sundays | 6p in Room 104-106 | This group is studying the book of James, led by Pastor Jerry Reynolds.

rightnow MEDIA

With all of us practicing social distancing—RightNow Media is a great way to access over 20,000 discipleship videos for kids, youth, and adults.

Have you signed up yet for RightNow Media? If not, here's what it provides:

- Kids can watch safe and biblically based videos at home or on the go!
- Adults and youth can find relevant videos, devotionals, and training resources that can be accessed from your tv, tablet, or smartphone.
- If you are a teacher or leader you can access countless bible studies and teaching materials.

Sign up today! It's free and a gift to you from our Church: Go to www.e1cog.com and click on connect and then sign up here or go to the church app.

MISSIONS

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Gift cards can be purchased/ordered in the commons after Sunday School. Purchases benefit missions.

LOVE PACKAGES

To donate Bibles, books, CD's, videos, etc. to send overseas, leave items in the container in the commons.

BIRTHRIGHT OF EATON

You can help by donating your money, time or new/used baby clothes up to 24 months. Stop in @ 212 E. High St. for a tour or to drop off donations.

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GIVING FOR LAST MONTH

	AM Attn. (in bldg.)	Offering	Building Fund	Faith Promise
July Online		8,513.95	360.00	285.00
July 5	137	6,536.80	414.00	431.00
July 12	133	5,220.65	1,664.00	197.00
July 19	109	3,273.50	256.50	186.00
July 26	165	6,051.00	244.00	418.00

Average Weekly Offering: \$ 7,398.98

Average Weekly Offering Needed: \$ 10,009.00

August 2020

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