



spring

INTO NEW LIFE

COMMUNITY NEWS
EATON FIRST CHURCH OF GOD | MAY 2019

Spring into New Life!

With flowers blooming and everything coming to life, it's easy to feel a sense of change and rebirth happening all around us. Spring is that time of year that's associated with renewal and the hope of new life. Here's four pathways to bring new life into your spiritual journey:

This Spring be more **OPEN** to God's Spirit

- Ephesians 1:13 reminds us, "When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit." This Spring make yourself more open and available to the Holy Spirit so that your life is filled with the power and presence of God.

This Spring be more **ENGAGED** in God's Word

- 2 Timothy 3:16 tells us, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, correcting and training in righteousness, so that all God's people may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." This Spring get into God's Word. Challenge yourself to consistently read and reflect on God's Word on a daily basis.

This Spring be more **ACCOUNTABLE** for your faith

- George Barna in his book *Growing True Disciples*

says, "True discipleship demands that an individual constantly strives to live in harmony with God's laws and commands. It is not enough just to know those admonitions; a disciple is devoted to carrying them out consistently and wholeheartedly." This Spring find someone (or several) to begin meeting together for the purpose of encouraging and strengthening each other's faith.

This Spring **PRAY** for persons far from God

- Again George Barna gives us good insight into spiritual growth by saying: "We are God's ambassadors in the world. We are not called to retreat or to live in isolation, but to be a light in the darkness." This Spring commit yourself to intentionally pray for friends and family who do not know the love and salvation of Jesus. Pray that God will you in helping to reach them.

Want to learn more about how to grow spiritually? Pick up a **SPRING DEVOTIONAL**, it contains further information about these four pathways of growth. Even better, gather a couple of friends or family and start a "T-Group" and do these pathways together.

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SENIOR ADULTS SPRING FLING

Thursday, May 2 @ Der Dutchman in Plain City, Ohio. If you've registered, please be at the church by 9:45a.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, May 4 | 7:30a

Be part of this great breakfast and time of sharing.

KEENAGER'S BREAKFAST

Tuesday, May 7 | 9:00am | Bob Evans in Eaton

All of our senior retirees are invited to come join us for breakfast.

NURSING HOME MINISTRY

Sunday, May 12 @ 2:30 at Greenbriar Nursing Center in Eaton. All are welcome to join us in this ministry.

WEDNESDAY DINNERS | 5:30 - 6:15 pm

The cost is \$2.50 per person; \$10 max per family.

4/24—Taco Bar

Starting in May, the Wednesday meals are on Summer Break.

THANK YOU KITCHEN CREW!

Ministry is not simply an "activity." It is a response to the call to become involved in what God is doing in us, through us, and around us. We have a wonderful group of people who faithfully minister each Wednesday night for our Wednesday night meals. *Thanks to these who've served this year: Trish Rhea, Missy Duffie, Sharon Howard, Curtis & Kristi Falldorf, Debbie Parker, Rhonda Pennington, Niki Richardson, Murray & Barbi Mann, John & Mary Matteucci, Carol Avery, Heidi Ballinger, Joyce Shimp, Tom Ersted, Casey & Cheyenne Abner.*

WOMEN OF JOY CONFERENCE

August 16-17 in Indianapolis, IN

Concert by MercyMe; Speakers—Jennie Allen, Margaret Feinberg, Karen Kingsbury & Angela Thomas Pharr. Total cost for conference & hotel will be \$170. Deadline for sign-up and payment is June 2nd. Sign up online, at the Welcome Center or see Amy Gevedon (336-4233 or geve5amy@gmail.com).

GRIEFSHARE GROUP

Wednesdays @ 6:30p in Room 109 until May 15

Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent, but you will find encouragement, comfort and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member, or friend in a GriefShare Group.

Join us on Wednesdays @ 6:30pm in Room 109. Any questions, call Lynn/Rosalind Morey (765-962-7020)

GRADUATION SUNDAY - May 19

Are you or someone in your family graduating this year from high school, college, graduate school, etc.? Please let the Church office know as we prepare for Graduation Sunday. Also, all high school seniors - please turn a senior picture in to the church office, along with a note stating your future plans and where you are graduating from by May 15.

BLOOD DRIVE IN HONOR OF VINCENT JONES

The church is hosting a blood drive in honor of Vincent Jones on Saturday, June 22 from 8:30 - 12:30p in the Family Life Center. Sign up on the church app, at www.donortime.com or call the church office at 456.4681.

STOCKSLAGER'S VOUCHERS

The youth group are selling \$10 Stockslager's vouchers. See a youth to place your order today.

ALL CHURCH YARD SALE

On July 18-19 the Missions Team will be having a yard sale in the gym to benefit missions. As you are spring cleaning, set aside items to donate. Help will be needed—if you are able to help, please contact Ros Morey (landrmorey@msn.com or 765-962-7020).

IMPACT 2019: Sunday, May 5

The Bible calls us to reach outside the boundaries of the church walls to make an impact for Christ in the world. We are called to *actively* take a stand to proclaim Christ, meet needs, touch lives, be involved, and reach people in our community!

Join us on Sunday, May 5 as we partner with other Eaton churches to IMPACT our community and be the hands and feet of Jesus.

We'll meet at the Preble County Fairgrounds for worship and fellowship before breaking out into groups to complete various service projects around the city.

SCHEDULE:

8:30 – Coffee & Fellowship

9:00 – Worship at the Fairgrounds (there will be no worship service at the church)

9:30 – Service Projects

Noon – Lunch & Celebration

It's not too late to sign up at our website (e1cog.com/sign-up), the church app, or the Resource Center Sign-Up Table.

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GET CONNECTED

Adult Sunday School

Boundaries | Ross Brown, Paul Beck & Terry Falldorf, Leaders | Rm 205

Feel free to join the group as we learn from each other about how and how much God loves each of us.

Common Ground | Matt/Izzy Roberts & Bob/Mindy Brower, Leaders | Room 200

Join us as we study "Love, Sex and Lasting Relationships". In this 10-part DVD series, you'll discover God's way for finding love, staying in love, and growing in intimacy for a lifetime.

Growing in God's Word | Phyllis Martin, Leader | Rm 102

Studying: The gospel of Mark

Men's Sunday School | Room 206

Studying: What it means to be a man: God's design for us in a world full of extremes

Messiah's Misfits | Bryan Scholl, Leader | Room 204

Studying: Angels.

Search for Significance | Lynn Morey, Leader | Rm 103

Studying: Sanctification and living a life of holiness.

Women's Class | Amy Gevedon, Leader | Rm 207

Studying: The Daniel Plan. All ladies are invited!

Adult Small Groups

Mondays | 7p in Room 105-107

This group is studying the book of Numbers.

Facilitator: Joey Williams

Tuesdays | 6a in the Commons

This men's group uses our Spring Devotional. Great way to start the day!

Wednesdays | 6:30p in Room 102

This group is studying Ephesians. Facilitator: Joel Eck
After May 8 will be on summer break.

Thursdays | 6:30p

Home of Gerald & Carolyn Scholl (519 E. Wadsworth)
This group is studying the book of Ezekiel. All are welcome! Facilitator: Carolyn Scholl

Sundays | 6p | Group on break until May 19

Home of Murray & Barbi Mann (161 Harry Circle, Eaton)
Our group is following the Sunday morning Sermon Series. All are welcome to join us. Facilitator: Jerry Reynolds

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.

WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRY

Our choir season is winding down, but there are many other ways to get involved in the worship at E1COG!

Worship Band

If you play piano, guitar, bass, drums, or keyboard, this is the ministry for you! We are in need of new musicians to join our worship band rotation. All skill levels welcome, talk to Liisa if you're interested.

Tech Team

If you love working behind-the-scenes, have good attention to detail, and have an interest in technology, the tech team is a great way to get plugged into the worship at E1COG. We need more team members to run our sound board and our multimedia projection. No experience is necessary, we can train you!

Other Arts

If you are a visual artist, graphic designer, actor, dancer, great public speaker, or just someone who loves the arts, let's talk about how your skills and interests can help lead our congregation in worship!

If you are interested in using your gifts in worship, contact Pastor Liisa (liisa@e1cog.com) about getting plugged in. We'd love to have you join our team!

May Dates to Remember:

5/5 – Choir singing, no featured song

5/12 – Choir singing "Back to Life"

5/26 – Choir singing, no featured song

5/29 – Worship Arts Ministry End-of-Year Party!

ATTENDANCE & GIVING FOR LAST MONTH

	S.S. Attn.	A.M. Attn.	Offering	Building Fund	Faith Promise
March Online Offerings			\$2,165.00	\$50.00	\$20.00
3/31	104	224	9,431.25	921.50	763.00
4/7	97	204	9,276.00	500.00	429.00
4/14	121	261	11,211.67	1,143.00	616.00

Average Weekly Offering: \$ 10,694.64

Average Offering Needed: \$ 9,944.81



EATON FIRST KIDS

Background checks/ Screenings

If you are still interested in being screened to help with children and youth there will be another opportunity on Wednesday May 1st in room 103 at 6:30p. Please see Tania Minton for details.



VBS- Are you ready to ROAR?

June 23-27 6p-8:30p

Watch for our VBS display in May to check out our donation list and how you can sign-up to help! We look forward to working with you in the coming month in preparation for VBS. We couldn't do this ministry without you!! Registration begins online at

e1cog.com on May 1st.

Wednesday Night Kids

We may be on summer break for Wednesday nights but make sure you visit the Resource Center in the commons and the Eaton First Kids Facebook page to keep up with your God Times study and Parent Cues. I will also be posting other fun activities for your family to enjoy over break! #staypluggedin

Children's Check in

Our Children's check in center is up and running. We invite you to stop by in the commons to get your child(rens) tag when you arrive at church. After checking them in you will get a tag with a number to be checked wherever you are picking up your child. Thank you for helping us to make this a safer environment for all kids coming through our doors!

CAMP MARENGO 2019

June 7-8	Family Camp - \$35
June 9-15	Senior High Camp (grades 9-12) - \$270
June 16-21	Junior High Camp (grades 7-8) - \$240
June 23-28	Intermediate Camp (grades 5-6) - \$240
June 23-28	Specialty Camps (grades 7-12) - \$270 (Adventure Camp, Performing Arts Camp)
June 30-July 5	Elementary Camp (Grades 1-4) - \$240 Full or half week (\$170)

Summer camp registration is open at campmarengo.com. Students must register directly through the website. There is a sign-up in the commons at church for a \$30 scholarship, transportation, and if youth account funds are needed.

Student Ministries

Graduates Sunday & Graduation Banquet

Graduates and families, don't miss out on these two special events just for you on Sunday, May 19th! During our morning services, we want to recognize this huge milestone for our graduates and celebrate their accomplishments. We will also hold our Graduation Banquet for lunch that same day following the second service. Parents, please RSVP with how many will be in attendance. We hope you will plan to join us that day!

Camp signup

Don't forget to sign up for camp at www.campmarengo.com. You can find registration information and dates for camps on the website. There is a signup sheet at the Resource Center for those going to camp. Students must be signed up to receive the \$30 scholarship and for transportation to and from camp.

Small Group Summer

While we are taking a break from Wednesday and Sunday evening activities beginning in May, we will be planning a lot of activities for our small groups during the summer. Make sure to check in to our student ministry facebook page for updates.

2019 GRADUATES

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Connor Bradley—TVS
James Howard—Eaton
Adam Minton—Eaton
Aaron Scholl—Eaton
Megan Smith—Northeastern
Maley Tinstman—Eaton
Wesley VanZant—TVS

COLLEGE GRADUATES

- Charis Grubbs, Bachelor's Degree in Political Science & Public Relations from Anderson University
- Andy Newport, Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Ohio Wesleyan

OPEN HOUSES

- Aaron Scholl—Saturday, May 18 | Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony @ 2p in Sanctuary with Open House from 3-5p in the gym
- Maley Tinstman—Friday, May 31 | 6-9p | Lakengren Marina, 869 Lakengren Dr.
- Connor Bradley—Sunday, June 2 | 2-6p | West Alexandria American Legion (1477 SR 503)
- Megan Smith—Sunday, June 2 | 2-5p | Gym
- James Howard—Friday, June 7 | 5-8p | Gym
- Adam Minton—Saturday, June 8 | 2-5p | Gym
- Wesley VanZant—Sunday, June 9 | Noon-4p | Gym

April / May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
21 EASTER 8:30a Worship Gathering 9:45a SundaySchool 11a Worship Gathering	22 6:30p Small Group	23 6a Men's Bible Study	24 5:30-6:15p Meal 6:30p Kid K-motion 6:30p 501 Midweek 6:30p GriefShare Group 6:30p Small Group 7p Choir Rehearsal	25 6:30p Small Group	26	27
28 8:30a Worship Gathering 9:45a SundaySchool 11a Worship Gathering 4p All Teams Meeting 5-7p Student Sunday Nights	29 6:30p Small Group	30 6a Men's Bible Study	1 6:30p GriefShare Group 6:30p Background Screening in room 103 6:30p Small Group 7p Choir Rehearsal	2 6:30p Small Group	3	4 7:30a Men's Breakfast
5 IMPACT SUNDAY 9a Worship Service at Fairgrounds	6 6:30p Small Group	7 6a Men's Bible Study 9a Keenager's Breakfast	8 6:30p GriefShare Group 6:30p Small Group 7p Choir Rehearsal	9 6:30p Small Group	10	11
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