



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

Asking for feedback can be a risky thing with a new haircut or outfit. We may say "What do you think?", but what we mean is "tell me you like it". If that's what I mean when I ask for feedback in ministry, I would be better off not asking. The bond of peace that we pursue in the church is strong enough to handle differing voices, especially as we seek God's wisdom in important or difficult matters. That said, I would prefer not to spend my time answering critiques of my hair style or hand movements (the pulpit is really there to keep me from waving my hands around too much). Constructive criticism is a gift when the goal is to glorify God and build the church. There are times when the best, most loving thing you can do is step forward and disagree.

Just don't do it at the business meeting.

(The above statement was a joke)

UPCOMING

SERVICE TIME CHANGE

9:00 AM – Sunday School

10:00 AM – Morning Worship

This format will continue through the November 9th where, during our Annual Business Meeting, the church will decide whether to continue with this schedule moving forward. Let's come worship together!

WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP

A group is meeting on Wednesdays in Room 103 from 10a-11a to pray for the ministries of the church. The group is led by Jerry Reynolds and all are welcome!

MEN'S BREAKFAST | Saturday, November 1 | 7:30am

Meet in the church's gym for great food & fellowship!

KEENAGER'S BREAKFAST | Tuesday, Nov. 4 | 9am

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

NURSING HOME MINISTRY | November 9 | 2pm

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

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING | Nov. 9 | 6pm

Make plans to attend as we review the annual report, budget, and vote on the ballot. Materials available in commons Nov. 2.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD OPPORTUNITIES

1. **Pack your own shoebox:** Boxes available in Commons. Return boxes by **Nov. 9th**.
2. **Donate time or money:** If you'd like to donate money for shoebox shipping, mark your offering "OCC shipping".
 - ♦ **Nov. 5th** from 10a-2p - Shoebox prep for packing party in room 103. Lunch provided.
 - ♦ **Nov. 11th** from 10a-2p - Packing party set-up in gym. Lunch provided.
3. **Donations needed:** crayons, markers, colored pencils, small notebooks, scissors and small stuff animals. Put donations in the designated box in the commons.

WOW SMALL GROUP | Widows or Widowers

Saturday, Nov. 22 @ noon. Meet in our church's commons area to enjoy a carry-in lunch and games together. Please bring food to share and your own drink. Call or text Shirley Clark 937.733.2628 if you have questions. Looking forward to our fellowship together.

BABY DEDICATION

There will be a baby dedication during the service on November 23rd. If you would like to have your baby/child dedicated please see Pastor Aaron or Tania.

WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRY NEEDS

Christmas is coming!!!! That means Matthew needs some help with a few simple things:

- Help decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday, November 22, at 12:30pm. All help is appreciated!
- Need Advent Readers/Candle Lighters for Sunday mornings starting November 30.
- Ushers/greeters for the Christmas musical on Dec. 12, 13 & 14.

Please let Matthew know if you'd like to help with any of these needs! Exciting things happening in our Worship Arts Ministry! Thank you for all your support and prayers.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

This year's musical is titled, "Because of Bethlehem". Once again, we have written the script in-house and we have set it to a wonderful brand-new collection choral, "Come Adore", by Jay Rouse, who is well known in the Church of God and beyond. We are so excited to share this with you all and our community this year on December 12th & 13th @ 7pm and December 14th @ 2:30pm.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDS

At Christmas, gifts are all around us, but we know the holiday isn't about the toys—it's about the joy of Jesus' birth. We might experience joy from opening up gifts, but God gives us even greater joy through Jesus. In this 5-week series, kids will learn all about the joy Jesus brought into the world. They'll learn that Jesus is the savior God promised, how God sent Jesus at the perfect time, that everyone is invited to worship Jesus because Jesus brings joy to the world, and what it means to say Jesus is God's greatest gift. If you haven't yet, plan to join us on Wednesday nights! Our Wednesday night program is for any kids ages 3-6th grade and meets from 6:30pm-7:30pm in room 104-108.

*MEMORY VERSE: "My soul glorifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."
— Luke 1:46-47 (NIV)*

Christmas Musical Rehearsal: Be aware that Wednesday nights are when our kids are rehearsing for the Christmas musical "Because of Bethlehem". It is important to have them here to learn the music if you want them to participate. We would love for all of our kids to be a part of this wonderful ministry experience!

OCC Packing Party: Nov. 12th our youth and kids will be packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Plan to have them participate in this wonderful outreach event from 6:30pm-7:30pm!

No Wednesday Night: Nov. 26th there will be no Wednesday night kids programming due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Weather Policy: With the weather turning colder be mindful that during inclement weather, our Wednesday night program will follow what the Eaton Community Schools do. If they cancel school on a Wednesday we will cancel as well. If weather arrives later in the day and it becomes necessary to cancel Wednesday evening, it will be posted on the church Facebook page as well as communicated by email.

GET CONNECTED @ elcog.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.

OCTOBER GIVING/ATTENDANCE:

	AM Attn.	Offering	Bldg/Reno Fund	Faith Promise
Oct. Online		\$4,977.00	\$50.00	\$400.00
10/5/25	164	8,349.00	288.00	232.00
10/12/25	162	8,144.00	204.00	598.00
10/19/25	173	4,898.00	283.00	702.00
10/26/25	180	4,923.75	68.00	572.00

Average Weekly Offering: \$ 7,822.94

Average Weekly Offering Needed 2025: \$7,949

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 an open heart for Jesus.

*We will not be having Bible Study on Wednesday, November 26th.

GUY'S & GIRL'S BIBLE STUDY

Guys & girl's Bible study (7th - 12th grade) at 6pm every Sunday for dinner and fellowship. Bring your Bible, appetite & a friend!

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

YOUTH FALL RETREAT

Mark your calendar for our Fall Retreat! We're heading to Houston Woods from November 14th-16th for a time of growing closer as a group and in our relationships with Jesus. If you are interested in going, grab an information packet in the youth room or see Allie or Tania for more details! We'd love to have you all there!

COMMUNITY NEWS

HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR

The **Holiday Craft Bazaar** is being held at the Preble County Council on Aging Senior Center on **Saturday, November 8, 2025 from 9:00am - 4:00pm**. Among a variety of vendors, Kenn Barton will be selling his books (devotional, theological, inspirational, and poetical). Stop by to pick up a gift for Christmas and get an autographed copy!
PCCOA 800 East St. Clair Street, Eaton, OH 45320
937-456-4947 - www.PrebleSeniorCenter.org

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

The 30th Annual Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner at Brunner Arena (Preble County Fairgrounds) on **Thursday, November 27, 2025 from 12:00pm until 2:00pm**. An in-person event. Reservations for delivered meals must be made by November 14th. Volunteer to help serve or come enjoy the fellowship. 937-456-2800

FOOD DRIVE FOR CHRISTMAS

The Preble County Food Bank is collecting food to provide a Christmas meal to families in need. To help, you can donate any of the items from the shopping list needed for a family. **Please put donations in the Commons or drop off at the Once Around Shop Food Bank by November 30.** List for one family: instant potatoes, 2 cans of corn and green beans, stuffing mix, boxed cakes/brownies, coffee, tea, cocoa, juice, flour, vegetable oil, breakfast items (pancake mix, syrup, oatmeal), cream of mushroom soup, spices (chili powder, all-spice, garlic salt, salt, pepper, etc.), sugar, brown sugar, chicken broth.