



NOVEMBER 2026

Eaton First Church of God

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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

I want to take a minute to share with you how ministry happens at the church, using the Wednesday night meals as an example. A few months ago Missy came to me with a plan. This is my favorite sort of conversation, the kind where someone says "We should do X, and I'm willing to lead it". We talked through the goal she was aiming for, what needed to be done, and how we would get there. Sometimes I connect people with additional resources and support, but Missy had already worked through the logistics and organized a core volunteer team. Between her, the staff, and the kidmin team, we saw an opportunity. If we are already preparing a meal, why not time it to match with the monthly family events the kidmin team was planning? The result has been an incredible sense of fellowship while young families mingle with volunteers and people from the community. This is the church at its best, God bringing together a variety of talents and gifts as we serve one another. What is God calling you to? Let's talk

UPCOMING

COFFEE IN THE COMMONS

Join us **Sunday, November 1st** after service for a special time of coffee, cookies and fellowship - happening the first Sunday of every month so don't rush out after service.

KEENAGER'S BREAKFAST | Tuesday, November 3 @ 9am

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

FAMILY FUN - OCC PACKING PARTY

On **Wednesday, Nov. 4th from 6-7:30pm**, our kids & youth will be packing shoeboxes to be sent around the world for Operation Christmas Child. Afterwards everyone will enjoy a sundae bar! Be sure and be here for this night of service.

****Come at 5:30pm and enjoy Spaghetti & Salad Bar**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS | Wednesday, Nov. 4 @ 5:30p

Join us the 1st Wednesday of every month in the gym for dinner! Donations are welcome, but not required. ALL are welcome - pass the word! Menu: **Nov. 4 - Spaghetti & Salad Bar**

MEN'S BREAKFAST | Saturday, November 7

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

NURSING HOME MINISTRY | November 8 @ 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 | Sunday, November 8 @ 6pm

Make plans to attend as we review the annual report, budget and vote on the ballot. Materials will be available in the commons starting November 1.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT | Thursday, November 12 from 6-7:30pm

Join us for a night of games & snacks! Bring your family's favorite games and activities to share and we will fellowship together!

WOW SMALL GROUP (Widows or Widowers)

Saturday, Nov. 14 @ Noon in the commons. It will be a lunch carry-in to share - bring your own drink. Games, fun and fellowship. If you have a special game, you are welcome to bring it to play. Questions or comments contact Charlene (937.336.9450)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD OPPORTUNITIES

Ways you can be involved in OCC:

- **OCC packing party prep day** will be Wednesday, Nov. 4 @ 10am with lunch provided. All help is appreciated.
- Pack your own shoebox: Pick up a box in the commons and return it filled with goodies by **November 15**.
- Building a shoebox online: Go to samaritanspurse.org and follow the links. For \$30 you can build & send a box.
- Donate money to help pay shipping for OCC Packing Party.

EATON FIRST KIDS

FAMILY FUN - OCC PACKING PARTY

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CHRISTMAS MUSICAL REHEARSAL

If you have a child who wants to sing in the Kids Choir (Pre-K and Elementary age) for the program, we will start our practices every Wednesday in November starting at 6:30. Please see Matthew with any questions!

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Family Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 2 from 6-7:30pm! There will be lots of Christmas fun. More details coming. Mark the date down now and plan to join us!

WORSHIP ARTS

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

This year's program is called "Our Joy Has Come." Script by Rhianna Trader and music by Bradley Knight. The dates are Friday, Dec. 11 at 7pm, Saturday, Dec. 12, at 7pm, and Sunday, Dec. 13 at 10am. If you have a child who wants to sing in the Kids Choir (Pre-K and Elementary age) for the program, we will practice every Wednesday in November starting at 6:30. Please see Matthew with any questions!

CHRISTMAS NEEDS

- Help decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday, November 21, at 12:30pm.
 - Advent Readers/Candle Lighters for Sunday mornings starting November 29.
 - Ushers/greeters for the musical on Dec. 11, 12 & 13.
- Please let Matthew know if you'd like to help with any of these needs! Exciting things happening in our Worship Arts Ministry!

OCTOBER GIVING/ATTENDANCE

	AM Attn	Offering	Bldg/Reno	F.P.
Oct. Online		\$5,550.00	\$60.00	\$596.00
10/4/26	176	7,026.00	203.00	762.00
10/11/26	142	6,761.71		395.00
10/18/26	179	3,243.00	84.00	141.00
10/25/26	152	3,512.00	79.00	431.00

Average Weekly Offering: \$6,523.18

Average Weekly Offering Needed 2026: \$8,056.00

EATON FIRST YOUTH

YOUTH FALL RETREAT! [November 6-8]

Be in prayer for our students and leaders who will be heading to Bear Branch, KY for a fall retreat! We will be doing some service projects and spending time together in the nature God created. We can't wait to tell you all about it! Students: please make sure you have all online forms and permission slips signed, and be in the gym on Friday, November 6th at 4pm ready to go!

GUYS & GIRLS BIBLE STUDY: FRIENDSGIVING

We will be having a Friendsgiving at Donald & Sarah Hays' home (6664 Paddock Rd.) on Sunday, November 22 @ 6pm! Stay tuned for details!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

There will not be Youth Bible Study on Wednesday, November 25th due to Thanksgiving. Take this time to be with your family and remember all the blessings God has given you!

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

PREBLE COUNTY FOOD BANK ADOPT A SHELF

- Our church is adopting "**The Breakfast Shelf**" for November & December to help families in need. We have committed to donating **300 items each month (cereal, oatmeal or pancake mix)**. Please put donations in the marked box in the commons.
- **Milk Money Fundraiser:** the food bank cannot keep up with the need for milk. Please consider donating to The Common Good (114 N. Cherry St., Eaton) or plan to shop on Sat., Nov. 21 from 9:30-1pm. All \$ will go in the milk fund.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

31st Annual Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner at Bruner Arena (Preble County Fairgrounds) on Thursday, Nov. 26, 2026 from 12:00pm until 2:00pm. An in-person event. Reservations for delivered meals must be made by Nov. 15th. Volunteer to help serve or come enjoy the fellowship. 937-456-2800.

LOVE PACKAGES

Love Packages need donations of Christian materials to send overseas. See the container in the Commons for the list of what they accept.

SPONSORING FAMILIES FOR CHRISTMAS

As we celebrate the Christmas season, our church is partnering with the Preble County Domestic Violence Shelter to bless families in our community. In mid-November, you can pick up a tag in the commons that includes gift ideas and info about a child or family member. Thank you for helping us share hope, kindness, and generosity with those who need it this Christmas.