

April 2017

Covenant Connection

Newsletter of the
**EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH
OF WHITEHALL**
Serving Christ for over 130 years

900 South Warner, Whitehall, MI 49461
(231) 894-4271
www.eccwhitehall.org
Sunday Services: 9:00 & 10:45am

GRACE TALKS

ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS

A SERMON SERIES FOLLOWING CHRIST'S JOURNEY TO THE CROSS



*More people, more like Jesus,
Loving God and loving others.*

Children's Ministries

Today is the first day of spring! The sun is shining! I've seen robins and I'm starting to think about summer programming! This summer our exciting new VBS alternative is going to be held July 9 through July 13. Come to the April congregational meeting on April

24 for the Great Reveal of this amazing program!
You are going to want to be involved!



Mark your calendar for April 23. We are having a Power Up Family Experience on that day. If you have children in Power Up, they will be bringing you an invitation to a Power Up Open House. You will go to class with them, then go to the Large Group gathering. After that you can go into the second half of the morning service. This is a way for you to see what your child does on Sunday mornings. It will also show you what our volunteers do each week. If you do not have children in the program but are interested in seeing what we do in Children's Ministries, you are invited to come check it out. We are excited about what God is doing in our children each week. Come and see!

Awana is finished until next October. Thank you so much to Jon and Melissa Erickson and their team for all their hard work!

Have a wonderful and blessed Easter. He is risen!

Terri Means, Director of Children's Ministries

Children's Ministries Team

Stephanie Ash
Darci Christensen
Autumn Johnson
Terri Means
Kristy Roberge

NURSERY

Infants-age 2

We offer a safe, loving environment!

Pagers are available.

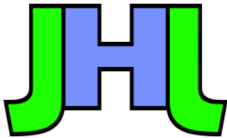
Please be mindful that we are not equipped to have children over 2 years of age in the nursery.



Youth Events

Junior High League

Grades 6-8



Wednesdays

6:30-8pm

@ ECC!

**Plus....open gym starts at
5:30pm on most Wednesdays!**

Games, food, fun!



Watch "Jr. High League" on
Facebook for any updates or
changes and details to
come.....

Questions? Contact Chuck Connell
at 894-4271 or 215-5814.

JUNIOR HIGH BREAKFAST CLUB

SUNDAYS, 9-10:15AM

Grades 6-8

Breakfast of Champions!

Food, fun, good news from God's Word and
more.....Join us and invite a friend, too!

Questions? Contact Chuck Connell at
894-4271, 215-5814 or
cconnell@eccwhitehall.org.



Hi-League

Grades 9-12

Wednesdays, 7:30-9pm

Watch for updates/changes
on Facebook:

"World's Best Youth Group"



Questions? Contact Craig Smith at
894-4271, 215-7075 or
csmith@eccwhitehall.org.



**No Breakfast
Club on
Sunday, April 2.**

**No Junior High or
Hi-League on
Wednesday, April 5.**

**We will resume activities
on April 12!**

Happy Spring Break!

Missions Task Force

Muskegon Pregnancy Services has served the Muskegon County region for over 30 years. We are a non-profit women's health organization that helps women facing an unplanned pregnancy, in the time of crisis when a life or death decision of abortion is made. We are supported by "Everyday Heroes as volunteers, partner donors, churches, and businesses, who partner with MPS to extend the gift of HOPE.

Our BestOptions services are free of charge to the women in our community and include:

- Free Pregnancy test and confirming ultrasound. (over 90% will choose life if they see and ultrasound
- Mentoring for women in the LifePlan as well as the fathers, to earn baby bucks for baby supplies
- NEW 2017 - Free STD testing and treatment for women. Muskegon ranks 3rd in the State for STD diseases!
- NEW 2017 - We are offering to church youth groups a Pizza Party with a 30 minute education and preventative presentation regarding (SRA) Sexual Risk Avoidance = Abstinence and God's design for marriage. We believe that education and preventative programs are key to reaching the next generation.

You Can Be an Everyday Hero, too! Call 231-726-2677!

www.muskegonpregnancyservices.org

MTF Supported Ministries

These are the missionaries and ministries selected by the MTF to support financially and in prayer for 2017. Watch for Mission Moments from some of these folks in 2017!

Jared & Hannah Baker—France*
Paul & Allie Beeghly—Thailand
Randy Bevis—Thailand*
Nick & Chelsea Dombrowski—Intervarsity
Jochy & Tammi Hernandez—Dominican Rep.*
Pratim & Vanita Masih—India
Jeff & Abbie Nelson—Guatemala*
Bob & Suzanne Scott—South Africa
Dave & Daphne Smith—India
Alex & Amanda Velasco—Merge*

Bridge to Life
Congo Jesus Film Project
Covenant Merge Ministries*
LoveINC—Muskegon
M.A.D. House Ministries/Muskegon
Patzicia Church in Guatemala
Muskegon Pregnancy Services
Muskegon Rescue Mission
Western Michigan Teen Challenge
White Lake YFC—Ian Kennedy
*Covenant Missionaries

BASE CAMP 2.0!



**MONTAGUE AREA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
EDUCATION IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION



WHITEHALL
DISTRICT SCHOOLS

BASE CAMP 2.0

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

12:30-4PM

This is “ROUND 2” of our partnership with Montague & Whitehall Schools in an effort to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. What an opportunity!!

This is a church-wide service project taking place immediately after 2nd service on Sunday, April 30. There are job sites at each of the Montague & Whitehall School Districts. We will report to the job site, eat a quick lunch, and then get to working on the projects they have for us! Join in the fun—there are lots of opportunities for YOU!

Sign up for your desired job site at Guest Services!

Questions? Contact Craig Smith—csmith@eccwhitehall.org, 215-7075 or 894-4271.

Dates to remember.....



Monday, April 24
7:00pm

WORK CAMP 2017

JUNE 19-23



Showing God's Love & Grace in a
Practical Way
THAT WHITE LAKE MIGHT
SEE JESUS!

Registration forms are available at
Guest Services.

ECC Calendar of Events

April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 & 10:45am Worship NO BREAKFAST CLUB!	3	4 CQ II @ Linda Wood's 7020 Durham, Whitehall 6-9pm	5 NO JR. OR SR HIGH YOUTH GROUPS SPRING BREAK.....	6	7	8
9 9:00 & 10:45am Worship	10 Covenant Quilters I 1-4pm @ Lifehouse	11	12 Junior High@ ECC 6:30-80m Hi-League@ ECC 7:30-9pm	13	14 Good Friday Service—7pm	15
16 9:00 & 10:45am Easter Worship Celebration!	17	18	19 Junior High@ ECC 6:30-80m Hi-League@ ECC 7:30-9pm	20	21	22
23 9:00 & 10:45am Worship Power Up Family Experience during both services!	24 Covenant Quilters I 1-4pm @ Lifehouse Congregational Meeting—7pm	25 CQ II @ Linda Wood's 7020 Durham, Whitehall 6-9pm	26 Junior High@ ECC 6:30-80m Hi-League@ ECC 7:30-9pm	27	28	29
30 9:00 & 10:45am Worship BASE CAMP 2.0 12:30-4pm						

Ascend White Lake 2017



EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH
Whitehall, Michigan

CURRENT SIGNUPS:

- ◆ **Anchor Program**—sign up on your communication card.
- ◆ **BASE CAMP 2.0**—sign up at Guest Services.
- ◆ **WORK CAMP**—signup sheets are included in the weekly bulletin and are available at Guest Services.

If you have questions about any of these events or signups, please contact Craig directly at csmith@eccwhitehall.org, 231-215-7075 or 894-4271.

Tentative Schedule

SUMMIT 1 | SUNDAY, JAN 22ND - MHS AUDITORIUM

ANCHOR PROGRAM | INITIATION TBD

BASECAMP 2.0 | SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH - WPS-MAPS

SUMMIT 2 | MAY, 2017

WORKCAMP | JUNE 19-23, 2017 --COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL

BASECAMP 3.0 | SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH - WPS-MAPS

SUMMIT 3 | SEPTEMBER, 2017

ANCHOR PROGRAM | RESTART TBD

SUMMIT 4 | NOVEMBER, 2017

Life Groups

Life groups are underway! Use the contact information provided below, or If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Justin @ 894-4271.

DAY	TIME	CONTACT	PHONE	Sermon Study	Bible Study	Topic Study
Sunday (every other)	1:00pm	Todd & Jennifer Jensen	312-218-4997	X		
Sunday (every other)	1:00pm	Craig & Michelle Smith	215-7075	X		
Sunday	5:00pm	Tom & Kristine Beeghly	981-5017	X		
Sunday	5:00pm	Bob & Michelle Murphy	893-1458		X	
Sunday	5pm	Ian & Stacey Kennedy	894-2565			X
Sunday	6:00pm	Nate Baker Scott Breuker	670-1829 893-1749	X		
Sunday	6:30pm	Paul & Darci Christensen	893-0326			X
Monday	9:30-11am	Molly Morin—Ladies Study @ Church	893-1463			X
Monday	6pm	Justin Porath	894-4271		X	
Tuesday	1:00pm	Carol Rood—Ladies' Study	766-9137	X		
Tuesday	6:30-8pm	Mike & Bobbi Friend—Marriage study @ Lifehouse during AWANA	893-1183			x
Tuesday	7pm	Steve Green—Men's Study	286-6280	X		
Wednesday	7pm	Dick & Cheryl Smith	894-9363	X		
Wednesday	7pm	Matt & Kristy Roberge	894-0638	X		X
Thursday	3:30pm	Barb Pulaski	894-8022	X		
Thursday	7pm	Bruce & Jan Potter	893-6820			X

Connections Life Group Serving

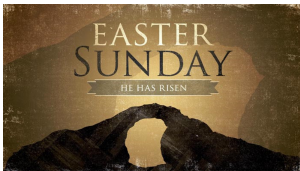
	1ST SERVICE	2ND SERVICE
APRIL 2		
APRIL 9	CHRISTENSEN	ROBERGE
APRIL 16	GREEN	DICK SMITH
APRIL 23	MURPHY	HOGLUND/CLARK
APRIL 30	YOUTH	YOUTH

Highlighted areas above are opportunities to serve! If you are not part of a life group and would like to serve in this ministry, there are definitely opportunities for you! Questions? Contact Justin Porath at 773-888-3730 or jporath@eccwhitehall.org.

Easter Week Opportunities!

April 14—Good Friday Service—7:00pm

Join us for a time of reflection and focus and hear more "Grace Talks" from scripture.



April 16—Easter Worship Celebration

9am & 10:45am

Please join us to celebrate our RISEN SAVIOR!
We are expecting large numbers for this Sunday, so please consider coming to 1st service, carpooling, making room for others!

Volunteers are needed for our Easter Worship services!

How can you help?

Connections Ministry: Parking Lot Attendants & Greeters, contact Pastor Justin at jporath@eccwhitehall.org.

Refreshment Servers & Treat Makers, sign up at Guest Services, or contact Jodi Stratton at jodistratton@yahoo.com.

See your bulletin for more information!



Helping Others....

RECYCLE FOR SIGHT! DO YOU
HAVE GENTLY USED
EYEGLASSES THAT YOU ARE
ABLE TO donate?



The Lions Club has a program
to recycle eyeglasses for the needy!
Volunteers prepare the glasses for their
new owner. Please drop off your donated
glasses to the bin under the Guest
Services cabinet.
Thank you for making a difference!

WHITE LAKE
FOOD
PANTRY



We continue to
collect non-perishable food items for
the Lebanon Lutheran Food Pantry.
Please drop your donations off at
Guest Services, marked "food
pantry", or you can
drop them off right at Lebanon
Lutheran Church.

BENEVOLENCE FUND—If you would like to contribute to
this fund, please place your donation in the envelope
found in the pew, mark "Benevolence" and place it in
the offering plate. This fund assists people from our church body and the
community who are in need. Thank you for giving to others!

Benevolence

Bridge To Life Marriage Class

The Heart and Soul of a Real Marriage is a 12-week lesson study that takes a couple
on a journey of looking at what is going on below the surface in their marriage. We all
carry baggage into our marriages that hinder our ability to meet each other's needs.
Couples will learn how to help, rather than hurt each other. The series runs for 12 weeks,
and participants can begin at any point of the 12 weeks.

The series begins on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 from 7-9pm.

Bridge To Life, 17194 VanWagoner Road, Spring Lake, MI

Instructors: Doug Moorhead

For more information or to pre-register, contact us at:

616-846-1051, ext. 0 or bridge2life@hotmail.com.



2017 Leadership & Ministry Teams

2017 LEADERSHIP TEAM

Paul Christensen, Chairman—894-4629
Bill Price, Vice Chairman—616-401-1128
Brent Brower, Secretary—616-607-6084
John Rupert, Treasurer—893-4071
Pastor Tom Beeghly, Member—215-3802
David Holly, Member—329-9911
Todd Jensen, Member—312-203-9247
Brian Rood, Member—766-9137
Dick Smith, Member—894-9363
Questions? Please don't hesitate to contact
one of our Leadership Team members.

2017 MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

Adult Ministries—Justin Porath—894-4271
Bldg. & Grounds—Ray Morse—670-0165
Children's Ministries—Terri Means—894-6531
Care—Justin Porath—894-4271
Connect—Justin Porath—894-4271
Finance & Stewardship—John Rupert—893-4071
Missions—Lee Dickinson—894-2572
Ministry Care Team—Bill Price—616-401-1128
Technology—Brian Rood—766-9137
Worship—Craig Smith—215-7075
Youth — Craig Smith— 215-7075

Unity Festival Tickets!

UNITY FESTIVAL—AUGUST 9, 10, 11 & 12, 2017

Heritage Landing, Muskegon!

Church ticket sales will start here at ECC in mid-April. Watch your bulletin for more information on how to order your passes from Amy in the office.

Cost:

1 day pass—\$25

3 day pass—\$45

Family Pass—\$175

(parents and members of household ages 6-18)



Welcome New Members!

Kathleen English
Bobby & Anita Gordon
Nate & Jade McMackin
Nick & Crystal Pruett
Mark & Marcia White



Covenant Quilters

Quilt Kits - - We are wrapping up this project so if you have kits you're working on, please complete them by the end of May. There will more kits available at a later date.



CQI will meet Mondays, April 10 and 24 at the Life House, 1 - 4:00 pm.

Questions? Contact Lee Dickinson, 231-894-2572/jerlee68@gmail.com or Barb Pulaski, 231-894-8022.

CQII will meet Tuesdays, April 4 and 25 at Linda's Lab, 7020 Durham, 6 - 9:00 pm - PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGES.

Questions, contact Linda Wood, 231-292-1143/linbobwood@aol.com.

ECC Cares...

Did you know that you can recommend candidates for various care needs right on our website?

Funeral help, meals, visitation, automotive assistance, encouragement cards, and emergency financial assistance (benevolence) are all ECC teams waiting to love and care for our congregation.

Help us by recommending a candidate at: eccwhitehall.org/ministries/care/