

October 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

Join us for our current sermon series—Sundays, 9am & 10:45am!



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

Children's Ministries

As I write this it still feels like summer. Soon enough fall will be in the air!

What says fall to you? Cool temperatures? Warm sweaters? Crunchy apples? How about Trunk or Treat and volunteering to host a table? Or serving on the organizing team? Or donating massive amounts of candy? **Yes!** Call Theresa Goerbig at 638-9139 or Debi Burr at 578-2836 and tell them how you can help.



Fall also means the beginning of Awana! **Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm, ages Preschool—6th grade!** We start on October 3. Contact Jon Erickson (861-7127) if you can help.

Fall means evaluating Sunday morning Power Up. The new curriculum is going very well. There are still lots of serving opportunities for you there, too. Call me!



As fall ushers in the cold, we begin to think of Christmas! Okay, no, I won't go there yet. But details will be coming about what we will do for a children's program this year. But we won't rush it.

As they say where my parents live near Pigeon Forge, TN, Happy Fall Y'all!

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Children's Ministries Team

*Stephanie Ash
Darci Christensen
Autumn Johnson
Terri Means
Kristy Roberge*

NURSERY

Infants-age 2

We offer a safe, loving environment!

Pages 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
6:30-8:00pm

Date	Food	Game	Speaker
October 4	Pizza Rolls	Omnikin Ball	Paul Christensen
October 11	Mini Corndogs	Can-Can	Troy Love
October 18	Pancake on a stick	Blind Volleyball	Pastor Tom Beeghly
October 25** @ Erickson Farm! 6-9pm	Donuts & Cider	Roof Ball	Troy Love

**Transportation leaves ECC at 5:50pm on October 25.



Watch "Jr. High League" on Facebook for any updates and details!

Questions? Contact:
Chuck Connell—231-215-5814

**JUNIOR HIGH
BREAKFAST CLUB
SUNDAYS, 9-10:15AM
Grades 6-8**



BREAKFAST CLUB

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

Transportation leaves church at
7:00pm!

Date	Location	Food	Game	Speaker
October 4	Smith House	Nachos	Gaga Ball	Pastor Tom Beeghly
October 11	Smith House	Chili Dogs	Corn Hole	Stacy Shepherd
October 18	Smith House	Walking Tacos	Capture the Flag	Bryan Mahan
October 25	Erickson Farm	Donuts & Cider	Roof Ball	Troy Love

Watch for updates/changes on Facebook:
"World's Best Youth Group"



Questions? Contact:
Craig Smith—231-215-7075

**JUNIOR HIGH FALL RETREAT
@ PORTAGE LAKE CAMP
NOVEMBER 17-19
Cost: \$105**



Worship. Speaker. Giant swing.
Archery Tag. Big Games. Crate Stacking....need we say more?
See Chuck for more information!

Missions Task Force

Western Michigan Teen Challenge

Western Michigan Teen Challenge is a ministry that restores broken lives. It was founded by Rev. Phillip McClain in 1969 through a street ministry. When addicts and alcoholics began responding to the gospel message, a live-in program was developed to keep them out of their environment and to provide the opportunity of discipleship. In 1972 a women's live-in facility (68 beds) was opened followed by the men's facility (96 beds) in 1973. These facilities are located on Pontaluna Road outside the city limits of Muskegon.



The purpose of Teen Challenge is to lead each person to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and to be released from an addictive past through faith in the blood of Christ and His redemptive work on the cross. Residents are taught the Word of God and how to apply it into their lives. They are taught how to pray and fellowship with God and what it means to live and walk by faith and the importance of work and church attendance. Personal biblical counseling is provided for each individual in the program. Teen Challenge has a remarkable 86% cure rate!

After graduation, some of the students continue their education in college, work for 180 Teen Challenge centers, work in a career field, or serve with distinction as pastors, church leaders, business people, and highly regarded employees.

Teen Challenge is NOT government funded. It is a non-profit, tax exempt, religious corporation with its own local board of directors. It is supported by contributions from private individuals, families, businesses, and churches. Thank you for being one of our supporters!

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!

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| Jared & Hannah Baker—France* | Bridge to Life |
| Paul & Allie Beeghly—Thailand | Congo Jesus Film Project |
| Randy Bevis—Thailand* | Covenant Merge Ministries* |
| Nick & Chelsea Dombrowski—Intervarsity | LoveINC—Muskegon |
| Jochy & Tammi Hernandez—Dominican Rep.* | M.A.D. House Ministries/Muskegon |
| Pratim & Vanita Masih—India | Patzicia Church in Guatemala |
| Jeff & Abbie Nelson—Guatemala | Muskegon Pregnancy Services |
| Bob & Suzanne Scott—South Africa | Muskegon Rescue Mission |
| Dave & Daphne Smith—India | Western Michigan Teen Challenge |
| Alex & Amanda Velasco—Merge* | White Lake YFC—Ian Kennedy |
| | *Covenant Missionaries |

Covenant Quilters I & II

COVENANT QUILTERS



SOMETHING NEW IS AFIELD!



Covenant Quilters now has a place in the Life House that has a permanent setup for sewing. New tables, oldie-but-goody sewing machines, and all the sewing supplies you'll need. Fabric is already cut and awaiting a sew-er.

CQI - - Join us Monday, October 9, at the Life House, to either tie quilts that are almost finished or work in the new sewing room to start a new quilt. Fabric is ready and waiting. Contact Lee Dickinson, 231-894-2572, jerlee68@gmail.com or Barb Pulaski, 231-894-8022. CQI will be delivering finished quilts to Muskegon area organizations and ministries on October 23. Meet at the Life House at 10:00am.

CQII - - Meets Tuesdays, October 10 and 24, at 7020 Durham, Whitehall; 5-9:00 pm. Linda's Lab has a complete set up for all parts of the process. There is room for you. Contact Linda Wood, 231-292-1143, linbobwood@aol.com

Things you should know...



LOST & FOUND!

We have a LARGE collection of lost & found items around the church. Check the kitchen for your "left behind" platters and storage containers from your snack donations. The lower right cabinet in the wall unit in the Erickson Room also houses two baskets of abandoned items.

Please check these areas out to collect your items!

2017 LEADERSHIP TEAM

Paul Christensen, Chairman—894-4629

Dick Smith, Vice Chairman—894-9363

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

Questions? Please don't hesitate to contact one of our Leadership Team members.

ECC Calendar of Events

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 & 10:45am Worship	2 Men's Basketball HS & older 7pm	3 AWANA—6:30-80pm 3 years—6th grade	4 Junior High @ ECC 6:30-8pm Hi-League 7:30-9pm @ Smith House Bus leaves ECC 7pm!	5	6	7
8 9:00 & 10:45am Worship	9 Covenant Quilters I 1-4pm @ Lifehouse Men's Basketball HS & older 7pm	10 CQ II @ Linda Wood's 7020 Durham, Whitehall 6-9pm AWANA—6:30-80pm 3 years—6th grade	11 Junior High @ ECC 6:30-8pm Hi-League 7:30-9pm @ Smith House Bus leaves ECC 7pm!	12	13	14
15 9:00 & 10:45am Worship	16 Men's Basketball HS & older 7pm	17 AWANA—6:30-80pm 3 years—6th grade	18 Junior High @ ECC 6:30-8pm Hi-League 7:30-9pm @ Smith House Bus leaves ECC 7pm!	19	20	21
22 9:00 & 10:45am Worship	23 Covenant Quilters I 1-4pm @ Lifehouse Men's Basketball HS & older 7pm	24 CQ II @ Linda Wood's 7020 Durham, Whitehall 6-9pm AWANA—6:30-80pm 3 years—6th grade	25 BRIDGE NIGHT!! Junior High 6-9pm Erickson Farm **Bus leaves at 5:50pm! Hi-League 7:30-9pm @ Erickson Farm Bus leaves ECC 7pm!	26	27	28
29 9:00 & 10:45am Worship	30 Men's Basketball HS & older 7pm	31 NO AWANA!  Trunk or Treat 6-8pm @ ECC				

Trunk or Treat



There are a variety of ways we would love for you to be involved:

- Decorate and host a table!
- Donate as much candy as you can.
- Parking lot & greeting team.
- Set up & Tear down.
- Be present to work during the event.

You can sign up on your communication card in your bulletin for the next few weeks.

Questions? Contact Theresa Goerbig (638-9139) or Debi Burr (578-2836).

Opportunities to Serve

Looking for a place to serve here at ECC?

We have a lot of opportunities available through our 9 ministry teams:



Adult Ministries
Building & Grounds
Care
Children's Ministries
Finance & Stewardship

Connect
Missions
Worship Ministry
Youth Ministries

Let us know on your communication card or call the office for more information about any of these teams!

Life Groups

Life groups will be starting up again this month! Use the contact information provided below, or If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Justin @ 894-4271.

DAY / TIME	START DATE	LEADER(S)	CONTACT	LOCATION	STUDY TYPE	STATUS
Sunday (every other)	10/1/17	Craig & Michelle Smith	Craig: (231) 215-7075	Rotating / TBD	Sermon Study	Currently FULL
Sunday 5:00 PM	9/24/17	Tom & Kristine Beeghly	Tom: (231) 215-3802	6486 Terravita Drive, Whitehall	Sermon Study	Currently FULL
Sunday 6:00 PM	10/1/17	Nate Baker & Scott Breuker	Nate: (231) 670-1829 Scott: (231) 893-1749	1540 Anchor Court, Whitehall	Sermon Study	Currently FULL
Sunday 6:30 PM	10/8/17	Paul & Darci Christensen	Paul: (616) 607-6986	Rotating / TBD	Topical	Currently FULL
Sunday 7:00 PM	9/24/17	Carol & Brian Rood Post High School College	Carol: (231) 766-9137	615 E. Lewis St (Lifehouse next door to church)	Sermon / Topical	Currently OPEN
Sunday 5:00 PM	10/8/17	Stephanie Schmiedeknecht	Stephanie: (231) 465-1488	4838 Nestrom, Whitehall	Sermon / Topical	Currently OPEN
Monday 9:30 AM	9/18/17	Molly Morin Ladies Study	Molly: (231) 893-1463	900 S. Warner Street, Whitehall	Book Study	Currently OPEN
Monday 7:00 PM	10/16/17	Justin & Lacy Porath	Justin: (773) 888-3730 Lacy: (269) 251-8703	9180 Dacey St. Montague, MI	Bible Study	Currently FULL
Tuesday 1:00 PM	9/19/17	Carol Rood Ladies' Study	Carol: (231) 766-9137	5337 W. McMillan, Muskegon, 49445	Sermon Study	Currently OPEN
Tuesday 7:00 PM	10/3/17	Steve Green Men's Study	Steve: (231) 286-6280	Rotating / 540 West Holton	Sermon Study	Currently OPEN
Tuesday 6:30 PM	10/10/17	Bobbi Friend	Bobbi: (231) 830-5899	615 E. Lewis St (Lifehouse next	Topical	Currently FULL
Tuesday 7:00 PM	10/4/17	Lee Dickinson	Lee: (231) 894-2572	123 Livingston St., Whitehall	Gospel of Mark (Spanish Speaking)	Currently OPEN

DAY / TIME	START DATE	LEADER(S)	CONTACT	LOCATION	STUDY TYPE	STATUS
Wednesday 7:00 PM	9/27/17	Dick & Cheryl Smith	Cheryl: (231) 894-9363	6076 W. Skeels, Montague	Sermon Study	Currently FULL
Wednesday 7:00 PM	10/4/17	Matt & Kristy Roberge	Kristy: (906) 869-4278 Matt: (231) 894-0638	Rotating / TBD	Topical Sermon	Currently OPEN (2 spots left)
Wednesday 7:00 PM	10/4/17	Charley Hogleund Steve Clark	Charley: (231) 894-6402 Steve Clark: (231) 894-4374	615 E. Lewis St <i>(Lifehouse next door to church)</i>	Topical Sermon	Currently FULL
Wednesday 7:00 PM	9/27/17	Matt & SueEllen Bendelow Brent & Melissa Brower	Matt: (231) 920-0613	900 S. Warner Street, Whitehall <i>(Church)</i>	Topical / Book Study	Currently FULL
Wednesday 8:00 AM	9/27/17	Linda Wood	Linda: (231) 292-1143	7020 Durham Road Whitehall	Book of Ephesians	Currently FULL
Wednesday 7:00 PM	9/20/17	Todd & Jennifer Jensen	Jennifer: (312) 218-4997	Rotating / TBD	Sermon Study	Currently OPEN
Thursday 3:30 PM	10/5/17	Barb Pulaski	Barb: (231) 894-8022	900 S. Warner Street, Whitehall <i>(Church)</i>	Sermon Study	Currently OPEN
Thursday 7:00 PM	10/5/17	Bruce & Jan Potter	Jan: (231) 893-6820	Rotating / TBD	Topical	Currently FULL
Thursday 7:00 PM	10/5/17	Linda Wood	Linda: (231) 292-1143	615 E. Lewis Street <i>(Lifehouse next door to church)</i>	Book of Ephesians	Currently OPEN

Connections Life Group Serving

	1ST SERVICE	2ND SERVICE
OCTOBER 1		CRAIG SMITH
OCTOBER 8	GREEN	ROBERGE
OCTOBER 15	BENDELOW	CHRISTENSEN
OCTOBER 22	SCHMIEDEKNECHT	HOGLEUND
OCTOBER 29	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.

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.

Thank you for giving to others!



Benevolence

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!

WL Habitat for Humanity Pasty Sale!



Fall Pasty Sale
Benefiting the Muskegon County Habitat for Humanity White Lake Area Build

Just \$5.00!
per frozen pasty

*Buy now & enjoy later!
A quick, easy & delicious meal on a busy autumn day!
(Don't forget the ketchup or gravy!)*

Order Now:
At your local church.
Or call John at (231) 894-2543

Order by: October 12, 2017
Pick Up: October 21, 2017
American Legion 803 E Colby ~ Whitehall
9:00 AM—11:00 AM

Muskegon County
Habitat for Humanity *White Lake Area BUILD*



Support the Habitat for Humanity White Lake Area Build!

The order form is at Guest Services, please stop by and support this organization.

Place your order no later than October 12.

Discover ECC Luncheon

Discover ECC Luncheon

At ECC we believe in creating an environment where people are encouraged to meet and follow Jesus. Yet, the reality is it can often be difficult to navigate a new church family and discover where you fit in.



EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH
Whitehall, Michigan

Discover ECC is a free, casual, after-service lunch for those new to ECC and desiring to learn a little more about the church and how to connect and grow. The event will be a fun yet relaxed opportunity to meet the Staff and others exploring the church while also discovering what makes ECC tick. Bring your appetite and your questions and we'll handle the rest!

The Details:

Who can come? If you have been attending ECC for less than a year and are interested in learning more, we invite you to RSVP!

When is it? Sunday, NOVEMBER 5, right after 2nd service.

Where is it? Here at ECC in the Erickson Room.

How do I sign up? You can reserve your spot in a variety of ways. Simply indicate on your communication card, sign up at the Guest Services Desk, e-mail Amy at alove@eccwhitehall.org or by phone at (231) 894-4271.

What about childcare? Free childcare will be provided! Just let us know how many and what ages and we'll have you covered!

ECC Newsletter/Prayer Chain



If you would like to receive the newsletter via e-mail, please contact Amy Love at alove@eccwhitehall.org.

If you are interested in being on our confidential e-mail prayer chain, please contact Amy Love at alove@eccwhitehall.org.



Faith In Action!

AMT and **Care** have teamed up to offer something new, experimental, and yet at the same time incredibly "old school." Inspired by our faith and the incredible grace God has shown us, we want to be a community where it is extremely difficult *not* to be blessed and cared for. But we need your help.



WHAT IS IT?

A magnetic board outside the sanctuary, near the library where individual needs may be posted and met by the ECC community.

WHO IS IT FOR?

Everyone! If you have a need or know of someone in the ECC community that does, simply contact Pastor Justin and we will take care of the rest.

WHAT KIND OF NEEDS CAN BE POSTED?

Pretty much anything you can think of, but here are a few examples. Do you know anyone who needs or needs help with:

- Yard work?
- Small repairs?
- Labor / project work?
- Childcare?
- Transportation?
- Snow removal?
- Grocery Shopping?
- House Cleaning?
- Moving / heavy lifting?
- Tool sharing?
- Tutoring?
- Ride sharing?
- Computer troubleshooting & repair?
- House cleaning?
- Cooking / meals?
- Clothing ?
- Resume help?
- Furniture?
- New baby supplies?
- Dog walking?
- Junk removal?
- Job Leads?
Just to name a few...

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

Text leads or needs to this designated line: **(231) 846-3123**

Or contact Pastor Justin directly at jporath@eccwhitehall.org / [773-888-3730](tel:773-888-3730)