

## A CHAPTER CLOSING; A NEW ONE BEGINS

**W**e are always looking for ways to improve what we are doing. Such is life. And such is life here at 8445. We as a staff have seen that our newsletter, for the most part, simply duplicates information that is shared in other places. The bulletin, the Happenings and our constant contact emails all include the same information.

So we thought, how could we use the resources expended for the newsletter in a way that contributes to the furtherance of our mission of engaging every person to become a passionate follower of Jesus Christ?

We found that we are missing two pieces. First, we don't have a good general information booklet to hand to first-time guests. Second, we want to find better ways to get redemptive stories out since we can only have a few testimonies shared at a time in our services.

Therefore, this will be the last Life at 8445 Newsletter. We are going to develop and produce a new Welcome brochure for our first-time visitors. We will also produce a quarterly celebration piece that will be handed out after services and made available at the Welcome Center that will include stories of redemption from the most recent three months. We will be asking for your stories to include in that piece.

These two moves will help us grow and be more effective in our mission. Please submit your stories on the Friendship Cards or by e-mailing them to [info@easternhillschurch.org](mailto:info@easternhillschurch.org) so we can share them. God is on the move here and we want to encourage each other by testifying to His grace.

Broken before Him,

*Pastor Pat*

## WEEKEND COMMUNITY HOUR

On Saturday, February 4 and Sunday, February 5, we invite everyone in the congregation to bring a snack food in a disposable container and leave on the café counter in the Atrium. We will provide the coffee. Enjoy some added fellowship after the services.

## SUPER BOWL PARTY

(Grades 6-12)

Sunday, February 5, 6 pm in The Underground. Come out and join us for the Bills next Super bowl Victory!... well maybe not. We are having a Super Bowl blow-out with the game shown on four big screens, tons of food and lots of friends hanging out. We'll see you at 6 pm, kick-off is at 6:30 pm so don't be late!



## 2012 SWEETHEART BANQUET

Friday, February 10 from 6:30 pm - 11 pm at Salvatore's Italian Gardens. Join us for a fun evening of dinner, dancing, and Christian speaker and humorist, Ann Palmer, who is our featured guest. Tickets (\$55/couple) are available at the Resource Center. For more information, contact Julie Fischione at [jfischione@easternhillschurch.org](mailto:jfischione@easternhillschurch.org) or 688-7165, ext. 110.

## "SERVING HEARTS" MINISTRY

Saturday, February 11, 9 am - noon. Join your church family the second Saturday of each month in serving our community. Arrive at church at 9 am and choose from a variety of service opportunities that have been prepared in advance. Then go be the hands and feet of Jesus. Please contact Karen Dwyer at 984-7402 for more information.

## "THE BASH" 2012

"The Bash" is for all Leadership of all Next Generation Ministries—coaches, small group leaders, tech people, worship leaders, assistants, bin buddies, registration people, etc. Join us Thursday, February 16 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm in the Multiplex for a night of competition, craziness, food, dessert (a special prize) and lots of love for what you do. Bring your "A" game and reserve your spot. RSVP to Rose Vohwinkel (688-7165, ext. 159) or Danielle King (688-7165, ext. 147) by Monday, February 13.

# eastern hills preschool

Karen Spencer, Director

## TURNING TWO?

Is your child turning two by September 1, 2012? Eastern Hills Preschool provides a wonderful opportunity for mom's and their two-year olds to explore learning together in a fun, dynamic, stimulating environment that is guided by a creative, warm and devoted teacher. Don't miss this enriching experience! For additional information, contact Janelle Jones at 688-2883.

## "LUNCH AND LEARN"

Bring a playmate and "Lunch and Learn." Have your play-date at Eastern Hills Playschool. We provide the learning opportunities, fun, and lunch! Some of our special themes include Playtime Pizzeria, I Am Special, and Lunch and Letters. Letter A day is sure to include Apples and Alphabet pasta! Call 961-9586 for information and reservations.

## CELEBRATING 25 YEARS!

Eastern Hills Preschool is celebrating our 25th Anniversary. Enrollment for 2012-2013 begins Monday, March 5. For additional information, contact Janelle Jones at 688-2883.

# college/young adults



Pastor Justin Jones



**IGNITE:** meets every Wednesday at 7:30 pm in The Underground.

On January 1, ten of those in IGNITE: embarked on a journey that would change many people's lives and hearts. On New Year's Day we started our long eighteen-hour trip down to Atlanta, GA. We made it there on January 2 and got ready to join 42,000 other college-age students for the Passion Conference. It was held at the Georgia Dome and had a ton of amazing worship leaders and preachers there. Some of our favorites were Chris Tomlin, Matt Redman, Francis Chan, and John Piper.

I really respected this conference because you could tell from beginning to end that they weren't trying to sell something like many conferences do. They were simply there to spread passion for Jesus. We would wake up every morning around 7 am and not get back to the hotel until 1 or 2 am the next morning. It was a crazy schedule, but we were so excited by the things we were seeing and hearing that it didn't matter.

We loved some of the ways they chose to worship God:

starting the conference by just reading the Word of God for an hour, having all 42,000 of us pray out loud at the same time for different things, choosing to have us stand for an entire service as we listened to them read the book of Ephesians (because they believe the Bible speaks for itself), and many other things.

One thing that Passion is known for is raising money to end injustice. This year's focus was human trafficking and they put the challenge out there to raise \$1 million dollars for the sake of those who are trafficked around the world. Our group did the math and didn't know if we would make it. But God raised up many people and not only did we raise \$1 million, we actually raised a total of \$3.4 million including a gift from some generous older adults. CNN did a story on it: <http://thecnnfreedomproject.blogs.cnn.com/2012/01/05/college-kids-vow-to-end-slavery/>.

It was an amazing experience! So if you see someone from IGNITE: ask them if they went to Passion and if they did, ask them what God spoke to them about while they were there.

## SAY "THANK YOU" TO YOUR CHILD'S LEADER!

Would you like to bless those that are helping your child find and grow in Christ? Parents, show your appreciation for the leaders in the Next Generation Ministries by dropping off desserts on Thursday, February 16 from 8 am to 6:15 pm at the reception desk or Multiplex. We are also looking for people to help set up, serve and clean up at our event that evening. To sign up to bring a dessert or serve, go to the KidzPark check-in desk on the weekends or contact Rose Vohwinkel (688-7165, ext. 159) or Danielle King (688-7165, ext. 147) during the week.

## KIDZPARK

(Sunday Worship for Infant - 4 years)

This month, we will teach our preschoolers to "Love... God with all your heart," (Matthew 22:37, NIV). Learn this truth along with your children as you partner with us to help your child get a first impression of their Heavenly Father that made them, loves them, and wants to be their friend forever.

## UPSTREET

(Sunday Worship for K - 3rd Grade)  
& 45<sup>TH</sup> STREET CAFÉ

(Sunday Worship for 4th & 5th Graders)

Stop and think about someone you really admire. Are you thinking of someone? Whether that person is a teacher, coach, friend or family member, he or she is valuable to you. You recognize that this person is important because what they do impacts your life. But did you know that everyone is valuable? That's right. Your mailman, your babysitter and your neighbor—they are all valuable. And it's our job to help everyone feel like they are valuable. If Jesus thought it was important to honor everyone, then we should follow His example.

## FAMILY FUSION

(for Kids K - 5th Grade and Parents)

Friday, February 24 from 6 pm – 8 pm in the West Atrium and Multiplex. The cost is \$3/person and includes pizza, drinks, dessert, and activities for the family. Pizza and games are followed by the Family Fusion production at 7 pm in the Multiplex. To pre-register your family for meals, go to [easternhillschurch.org](http://easternhillschurch.org), the Eastern Hills Resource Center or call the Next Generation Department at 688-7165.

## NEXT GENERATION COMMUNION

Sunday, February 26, 10:20 - 10:50 am in the Multiplex. Parents and students who have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior take communion together.

## LASERTRON LOCK-IN

(Grades 6-12)

Meet us at Lasertron for an overnight lock-in from Friday, March 16 – Saturday, March 17! Tickets must be pre-purchased through Student Ministries for \$40 and a permission form must be turned in for each student attending. Each ticket is good for unlimited Laser Tag, Cyber Sport and soft drinks as well as five selections of Pizza, Nachos, Hot Pretzels or arcade tokens. Contact Rachel Olinski at [rolinski@easternhillschurch.org](mailto:rolinski@easternhillschurch.org) or 688-7165, ext. 151 for more information.

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE NOW

Have you been waiting for the perfect service opportunity to find you? That probably won't happen. But, if you are looking for your place to serve, it may be on The Next Generation Ministry Team. Teens to adults are needed! Our ministry is held together by passionate volunteers who love Christ, but we need more. We need all types of leaders for all age groups (from infants to students).

Coach: act as a greeter and support person; Small group leaders and assistants (we provide curriculum and supplies ahead of time for you); Storytellers, hosts, actors tell the Bible story and interact with the kids; Tech support (we will train you); Worship: lead kids in meaningful worship.

Everyone has a gift that can be used for Christ. Let's see if Next Gen is the place to use it. So step out of your comfort zone (even a little). Contact Rose Vohwinkel (688-7165, ext. 159) or Melissa Hartwig (688-7165, ext. 102) and we can figure out where to use your gifts.



Find us on facebook at  
[facebook.com/nextgenministry](https://facebook.com/nextgenministry)

# women

Robin Schara, Director

## ESSENCE

Fridays from 9:30-11:30 am in the Greenfield Theatre. Meet friends and spend valuable time growing in your faith journey as these great speakers share eternal truths. February 3: "Love and Respect" Julie Fischione, Director of Marriage Ministry  
February 10: "Parenting Beyond your Capacity" Donna Zangara, Director of Next Generation Ministries  
February 17: "My life with Christ" Kari Broad  
February 24: "What is Conviction?" Colleen Friedman  
For more info, e-mail [essence@easternhillschurch.org](mailto:essence@easternhillschurch.org)

## INSPIRE

There is room for you on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm in the Greenfield Theatre for the "Study of Christ: God's Perfect Servant" as revealed in the Gospel of Mark. Mark tells the story

of the life of Christ, One who found great value and satisfaction in serving God. This study is a wonderful way to approach Easter as you discover the new truths about Jesus. For more info, e-mail [inspire@easternhillschurch.org](mailto:inspire@easternhillschurch.org).

## SECRET PRAYER PALS BRUNCH AND LITTLE SECRET PRAYER PALS

(for young girls ages 6 - 18)

Saturday, February 4, 10 am - noon in The Living Room. Women of all ages are invited to be a part of our Secret Prayer Pals Ministry. Women commit to pray for another woman every day during the year. Secretly, be an encouragement through prayer, cards and notes. Attend the annual celebration to receive a prayer pal for 2012. If you already have a Secret Pal for 2011 that person will be revealed to you at the Brunch. For more information, e-mail [secretpals@easternhillschurch.org](mailto:secretpals@easternhillschurch.org).

# eastern hills men



Pastor Mike Dwyer, Director

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

WITH PASTOR MIKE DWYER

On Saturday, February 18, 7:45 am in the East Atrium (please note room change) join us for a delicious breakfast and great worship. We will be concluding our ENGAGE series with Pastor Mike speaking on Everyone Equipped. Cost \$5 person.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST WITH PASTOR PAT JONES

On Saturday, March 17, 7:45 am in the East Atrium (please note room change) come for worship, a full breakfast, and a challenging message from Pastor Pat Jones on how to take your faith to the next level. Cost \$5 person.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST IN APRIL AND MAY

I am excited to advise you that in April the men of Eastern Hills will be joining the Men's Breakfast at the Chapel. It is on Saturday, April 14 from 8 am - 9:30 am. Then in turn we will be hosting the men of the Chapel here at EHWC on Saturday, May 19 (7:45 am in the Multiplex). Please be praying for this exchange!

## SWEETHEART BANQUET

February is a time when our thoughts turn to romance and I am urging that we support our Marriage Ministry by surprising our sweethearts with tickets for the Sweetheart Banquet (February 10, 2012 from 6:30 pm - 11 pm). For more details, contact Julie Fischione at 688-7165, ext. 110.

## CONTINUE TO "DO GOOD"

We have many places to continue to "Do Good." One opportunity will be with the new "Serving Hearts" Ministry which will be kicking off Saturday, February 11 at 9 am in the East Atrium. You will be able to serve the community for a couple of hours once a month at one of seven ministry opportunities. "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

I am looking forward to several upcoming events including a Daddy/Daughter banquet, Winter Fun Carnival and a showing of "Courageous" the movie. On March 2 & 3 there will be a Men's "Mantime" Conference held at the Adams Mark hotel in downtown Buffalo. Visit [mantimeconferences.com](http://mantimeconferences.com) for more information.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Winter Picnic

Join us Monday, February 13 at noon in the Greenfield Theatre for a Winter Picnic. The theme is "Celebrating Our American Heritage" (President's month). Please sign up for a dish to pass at the Information Wall. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided.

### Spring Pot Luck Supper

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 25, 5:30 pm for a Spring Pot Luck Supper in the Multiplex. The theme is "New Life" and our special guests are "The Four Counts" barbershop quartet. Please watch the bulletin for more details.

YOUNG AT HEART BIBLE STUDIES  
SUNDAY MORNINGS at 7:45 am in the Greenfield Theatre. This class is taught by Pastor Dave Hill.

MONDAY MORNINGS: Join us on the 2nd and 4th Monday (February 13 & 27) at 10 am in the Greenfield Theatre for a Bible study taught by Pastor Dick Bennett.

# marriage

Julie Fischione, Coordinator

## WISDOM FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

"But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness." Galatians 5:22 (NLT)

Take an honest look, how do you respond to your spouse? Are you...

- ☉ Showing love?
- ☉ Bringing joy to my marriage?
- ☉ Creating peace or discontent?
- ☉ Patient?
- ☉ Showing kindness?
- ☉ A reflection of goodness?
- ☉ Faithful in all areas of your marriage?

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## RECOMMENDED READING

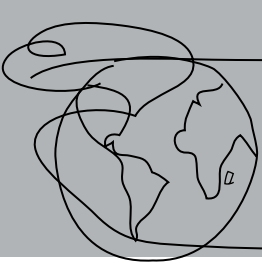
"Real Marriage: The Truth about Sex, Friendship & Life Together" by Mark Driscoll

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## "WEEKEND TO REMEMBER"

These getaway weekends from Dennis & Barbara Rainey are meant to strengthen your relationship no matter what state it is in: good, great, or needs help. This spring there are two in our area, one in March/April in Cleveland and one in Niagara Falls (U.S.) in May. A group discount of 50% for registration costs (\$159 savings) is available for our church. Brochures are at the Information Wall or contact Julie Fischione at [jfischione@easternhillschurch.org](mailto:jfischione@easternhillschurch.org) or 688-7165, ext. 110.



# global missions

Robin Schara, Director

## UPCOMING MISSION TRIP TO CELEBRATE THE COMPLETION OF MARAMBAJANE, MOZAMBIQUE PROJECT

Praise God that we have successfully completed our three year project with Marambajane!! This is a small village of 4,640 people located near the Limpopo flood plains. By the hand of Almighty God we were able to reach our goal of \$300,000 to complete this project. Here is what has been accomplished so far:

- Several trainings were conducted for 120 farmers to learn a new method of farming that helps bring sustainable profitability for future generations.
- 14 caregivers and 2 health advisors have been trained to deliver HIV/AIDS prevention education, care, treatment and support. 621 individuals have been trained about HIV.
- 28 volunteers formed Mother Support Groups to

discuss the 1,100 orphans in that area. 201 orphans have been supported through provisions of health, education and food support.

- 8 wells were drilled to provide clean water and water committees were formed to monitor maintenance and proper operation of the wells.
- 4.8 tons of maize was harvested despite the heavy rains that hindered much of the production last year.
- Plus much more!!

World Hope International has invited a team to go to this village March 15 - March 22, 2012 (cost: \$3,650/person) to celebrate the completion of this project. The team will be putting together a celebration event, visiting the orphans, the gardens and some of the wells. We welcome you to be part of this team and be part of the celebration. For more information, contact Global Missions at [globalmissions@easternhillchurch.org](mailto:globalmissions@easternhillchurch.org) or 688-7165.

# small groups

Pastor Kimberly Gladden, Director

## GET ON BOARD!

For our Church-wide Small Group Campaign

We are excited about this year's Small Group Campaign and invite you to get involved. Leaders and participants are invited to be a part of this six-week study February 19 - March 31. The Bible speaks much about the importance of gaining wisdom and understanding, and that is just what will be imparted in our upcoming study. This year, we will be using a DVD based study by Andy Stanley titled, "Guardrails: Avoiding Regret in Your Life."

Andy Stanley says "It's all about avoiding regret" [Guardrails]: a system designed to keep vehicles from straying into dangerous or off-limit areas. They're everywhere, but they don't really get much attention... until somebody hits one. And then, more often than not, it is a lifesaver.

Ever wonder what it would be like to have guardrails

in other areas of your life-areas where culture baits us to the edge of disaster and then chastises us when we step across the line? Friendships. Finances. Marriage. Maybe our greatest regrets could have been avoided if we had established guardrails.

In this six-week church experience, we will challenge you to stop flirting with disaster and establish some personal guardrails.

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEADING A GROUP?

We need about 25 new group leaders. For more information, contact Julie Fischione in the Small Group Office at [jfischione@easternhillchurch.org](mailto:jfischione@easternhillchurch.org) or 688-7165, ext. 110.



## BABY DEDICATION SERVICE

Here at Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church, we choose to dedicate children to God following the Biblical pattern, where even our Lord Jesus was brought to the Temple by his parents: "...Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord...)" We see baby dedication as an act of identification with Christ, where parents present their child to our Lord with the intention of seeing to it that he or she grow in wisdom and knowledge of Jesus until the day that child accepts Christ as personal Savior. We incorporate our baby dedications into our Sunday services and have a time set aside every other month for this special event. Our next baby dedication weekend will be Sunday, February 19. If you are interested in dedicating your child, we ask that you attend a 30-minute class on Sunday, February 12 at 12:30 pm in the KidzPark Gathering Room. Please contact Dawn Waggoner ([dwaggoner@easternhillschurch.org](mailto:dwaggoner@easternhillschurch.org) or 688-7165, ext. 101) by February 9 to sign up for the class and Dedication Service.

## NAMES NEEDED FOR LOCAL BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

The Local Board of Administration of EHC is receiving suggestions of covenant members to place on our 2012-2013 church board. EHC members can fill out recommendation forms found at the Welcome Center. Only Covenant members can be recommended. Please return a completed recommendation form to the church office by February 26, 2012. In addition to the recommendation form, you can pick up a list of Covenant members to choose from at the Welcome Center.

## FIRST IMPRESSIONS MEETING

The biblical term for hospitality, in the Greek language, is philoxenia. It literally means love of strangers. We are in the process of reviewing how we here at EHC do our "First Impressions" Ministry. Won't you consider joining our team and helping us to make everyone who enters our church feel welcome and at home? We are holding a meeting on Sunday, March 4 at 12:45 pm in the Greenfield Theatre with all our First Impressions teams. All those

who are part or desire to be a part of this wonderful work are asked to join us. If you have any questions or wish to discuss these ministry opportunities, contact Pastor Mike Dwyer at 688-7165, ext. 129.

## ANNUAL COMMUNITY INTERFAITH PASSOVER SEDER

Thursday, March 29, 5:30 - 8:30 pm at Temple Beth Zion (805 Delaware Avenue in Buffalo). Cost: \$25/person and includes full Seder dinner. Participate in the joyous retelling of the story of Exodus – a people's escape from slavery – and partake of the traditional Jewish "Seder" meal and ceremony with people from many faiths and origins. For reservations, please call the Jewish Federation of Greater Buffalo at 886-7750 or e-mail [labate@jfedbflo.com](mailto:labate@jfedbflo.com).

## TIM HAWKINS COMEDY CONCERT

The WNY District of the Wesleyan Church is hosting Tim Hawkins in Concert on Friday, April 20, 7:30 pm in the Eastern Hills Sanctuary. General Admission tickets are \$19/advance or \$25/door. Visit [wnydistrict.com](http://wnydistrict.com) to purchase tickets or call 888-780-1116. Proceeds will benefit the Haiti Rebuilding Project.

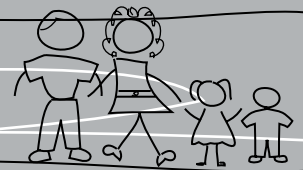
## EASTERN HILLS CAFÉ

During the week, come and enjoy lunch at the Eastern Hills Café which is open Monday – Friday from 11 am – 1 pm. To pre-order your lunch, call Tom Dossett at 573-6398.

## CHURCH CLOSINGS AND CANCELLATIONS

For EHC closings due to weather, listen to WBEN 930 AM radio or WGRZ TV, Channel 2 News. Check out our website at [easternhillschurch.org](http://easternhillschurch.org) or call the church office at 688-7165.

# family happenings



## BAPTIZED

CONGRATULATIONS TO  
Jeffrey Poulin who was baptized January 15, 2012

## NEW ARRIVALS

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Matthew & Cindy Burger on the birth of their son,  
Evan Matthew, born November 8, 2011  
Stephen & Christina Nelson on the birth of their daughter,  
Georgia Anne, born April 10, 2011

## NEW MEMBERS

The following attenders recently became members of Eastern  
Hills Church and we celebrate with them:  
Joseph & Sharon Dunmire of North Tonawanda  
Rebecca Sherry of Clarence Center



## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Would you like us to recognize a loved one or friend serving in the military through prayer and weekend Power Point displays? Please contact Peggy Farrington at 688-7165, ext. 127 for more information.

# money matters

## YOUR GIVING

Your Weekly Giving Makes A Difference

Total General Fund Giving 6/1/2011 - 12/31/2011\*:

Actual  
\$ 1,437,925

Budget  
\$ 1,437,129

Missions Giving 6/1/2011 - 12/31/2011\*:

\$ 126,183

\$ 92,565

*\*Our fiscal year for the General Fund is June 1 through May 31. The Missions budget year runs from November through October, in conjunction with our annual Missions Conference.*

Isn't it amazing the way God works! Think about it won't you. This church, because of your generous giving, has been able to complete its pledge to our friends in Mozambique. To complete that kind of a campaign, \$300,000 in three years, is amazing! To additionally have had enough overflow to bless a young missionary couple returning to this country to attend a grandparents funeral and to also help several other missionaries, is a great testimony about the heart of our community. We thank God for you often. Thank you for your loving hearts!

Over \$43,088 has been received for designated Missions giving. These gifts have blessed Morris Liana in Myanmar, Disaster Relief, Soles4Souls, The Gideons, Buffalo City Mission, Operation Christmas Child and Mozambique. We continue to thank God for your generous heart of giving. (Please note that these funds are given over and above regular missions donations.)

For more information on how your giving can make a difference, please contact Anieta Hopper at 688-7165, ext. 103 or [ahopper@easternhillschurch.org](mailto:ahopper@easternhillschurch.org).

**ONLINE GIVING** We praise God for the many that are taking advantage of our "Online Giving" which is available on our website: [easternhillschurch.org](http://easternhillschurch.org).