



~GETTING TO KNOW YOU~

*"Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains!
For the Lord comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones."*

ISAIAH 49:13 NIV

For God. For you.

Will's Words of Wisdom

Hi church,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas! I'm looking forward to the New Year with great anticipation. I've seen God work through individuals and groups within this church in so many different ways throughout 2025 and I expect Him to continue. Keep close to Jesus!

Now, along with God's work in your lives, I've also (and unfortunately) seen many of you wear yourselves down to the bone. You've run yourself ragged. You're physically drained. You're emotionally exhausted. You're on the brink of burn out. *Why do we do this?* Well, we have things to do. We've piled our plates high. We have goals to accomplish, schedules to satisfy, and plans to execute. Maybe we spend so much time on the go or focusing on the needs of others, that we forget that we need to stop, rest, and refuel. Maybe we're so action-oriented and task-driven, the only thing that could slow us down is if something literally and physically held us back or got in our path.

A few months ago, I read a news article about an interesting event that took place in the city of Puyallup, Washington. One morning in May, while commuters were heading to work, a majestic and beautiful bald eagle casually landed in the middle of a busy highway. Yes, right there, during the height of rush hour traffic, this eagle decided to just plop down on the road for some rest and relaxation.

As you would imagine, the sight of the big bird in the road (a bird that can weigh up to fourteen pounds and have a wingspan of seven feet) effectively slowed everyone who was in a hurry, down to snail's pace. Online traffic cameras captured the scene, which went viral, as the impressive eagle just stood calmly in the middle of the road while cars tried their best to slowly maneuver around it.

By the end, the Washington State Patrol was dispatched and safely removed the eagle from the middle of the highway, and thankfully, no one was hurt. A crazy experience for those involved, for sure. It's not every day American's national symbol (and my favorite football team) literally stands in the path of the morning commute.

I'm not plopping an eagle down, but I'm dropping a new sermon series into the path of your life. On January 4th, we're stepping into a series entitled **The Heaviness of Hurry**. As I described above, hurry is often a burden of our own making and a weight that can grow to cause intense pressure on our hearts, our homes, and our hope. Church, let me remind you that Jesus offers another way of living.

This series is my invitation for us all (as individuals and as a church) to rediscover the slow and quiet path of Jesus. His yoke is easy and His burden is light. Hopefully, together, we'll learn to let go of some of **the heaviness of hurry** and walk in the gentle, restful rhythms of God's grace.

Grace, peace, and love,
Pastor Will



Meet the newest members of East 40 Leadership:

Dixon Stratton (Elder)

Dixon is married to Misty. He enjoys his full-time job, as well as raising some beef cattle. He likes to camp, hunt, work out, and run OCR races. He and Misty have two daughters: Payton and Seneca.

He was a freshman in college in 2001 when he committed his life to Christ. Dixon and Misty were searching for a church in 2013 when they visited East 40. He enjoys serving in the men's ministry, sound booth, and building planning, and has helped with the youth in the past. He is looking forward to helping in many other areas.



Aaron Bates (Deacon)

Aaron grew up in New Concord and currently lives in Norwich with his wife, Logan, and kids, Hayden (8) and Peyton (5).

He attended College Drive Presbyterian Church in New Concord with his family as a youth and was baptized there. He was a believer at a young age, but he felt as if he finally started to mature and understand his faith when he was in college, living on his own.

Aaron's wife's family has attended East 40 for many years, so once they married and moved to the area, they started attending East 40. He currently participates in leading communion meditation and also leads the singing once a month for the first service. He has found himself in a variety of leadership positions over the years and feels that God is calling him to become more involved in the leadership here at East 40.

Jesse Daubert (Deacon)

Jesse, father of 4, has been married for 13 years to Jenny. For a career, he owns a business as a Consultant that conducts Commercial Real Estate Due Diligence. He was raised in the Mohican area of Ohio (Loudonville, OH) and loves everything outdoors (hiking, camping, hunting, fishing).

He was born and raised Catholic, but his family fell away in his pre-teen years. It wasn't until God put Jenny into his life that she led him back into church in his early 20s. He was baptized as a baby, but made the choice as an adult to be baptized again. He has been in Youth Ministry for 9-10 years.

East 40 was the church down the road, and we had a few friends who attended. In search of a better-fit community for their family, they chose to start attending East 40 three years ago. He has been helping with the Youth Group at E40 since they began attending.

Jim Deitrick (Deacon)

Jim is married to his wife Diane (married 1988) and has daughters Michelle Stevenson & Misty Johnson. He is the oldest of 4 sons of Lewis B. & Nancy C. Deitrick, born in 1961. So he's a boomer. Born and raised in Duncan Falls, Muskingum County, Ohio.

He was raised a Methodist, and has attended 1st Baptist Church, Athens, Friendship Baptist Church, New Concord. He was baptized at Maranatha Bible Church, Zanesville, OH, around 1982.

He assumed God created through evolution until college (Marietta College class of '84), where his studies led him to conclude that something was not right with this.

He started attending E40 about 2003. His daughter, Misty Johnson's grandma Mohr attended, so we started. He is currently in rotation for the Video booth. He is a small group leader/participant in the Sunday after church group.

He sees the study of Creation (vs evolution) as a great faith builder, and enjoys the Creation as a testament to the creativity of God. He has been to the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter. "That's all I have to say about that." - Forrest Gump

TJ Hall (Deacon)

TJ has been married to my wife, Krissi, for 17 years. Their children are Jason, who graduated from John Glenn this year and is enrolled at Ohio University, majoring in education, and Ellie, a sophomore at John Glenn and is active in the youth group, band, and archery.

His faith was instilled in him by his grandparents, who were instrumental in his mentorship as he grew up. He was baptized in 1995. He and his family have been attending E40 for the last 9 years since moving into the area. During that time, he has been involved with the Youth Group, Middle/High school Sunday school, E40 Recreation ministry, Sound, Communion, and the Men's ministry. His wife has been heavily involved in the Youth ministries, VBS, Video, and the Women's ministry. His children have also been involved in Youth ministries, Younglife, VBS, and Communion. They continue to look forward to serving the needs of the church.

Wade McGee (Deacon)

Wade is married to Marah. They have three kids named Owen, Olivia, and Leo.

He has been attending East 40 since he was born. He was baptized by his grandfather when I was 8.

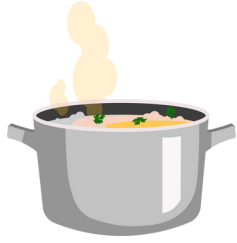
Currently, Wade serves as the second services worship leader. He also helps with the youth group on Sunday nights and occasionally leads communion meditation.

Richard Newsom (Deacon)

Richard is married to Alea. They have five children. He is a licensed independent social worker. Before social work, he was a youth minister for over 15 years. He grew up in a church of Christ in McConnelsville, Ohio. He was baptized when he was young. He and his family came to East 40 right before 2020. They are involved with the children and youth ministries.

He is passionate about teaching young people and others about Christ.

Soup Recipes



During the cold month of January, hoping some soup warms your body and some scriptures warm your soul.

January is typically one of the coldest and dreariest months of the year. Being sad and blue is a real thing. Since January is also National Soup Month, it might help us overcome some of those winter blues. By taking the time to make a soup from scratch and sprinkling in some scripture, we keep our body, mind, and soul engaged. Try starting a soup and let it simmer for several hours.

As it simmers, flip open your Bible and start reading where it falls open, or read some of your favorite scriptures.

Whatever soup you decide to make and whatever scripture you decide to read ... you will most assuredly warm your body and your soul!



Ezekiel 34:11-12

Proverbs 3:5-6

Psalms 119:76

My Son's Favorite: Chicken and Noodles

When I told my son that I had not received any soup recipes for the newsletter, he suggested I add his favorite food. I hope it makes sense, I don't usually follow a recipe.

Ezekiel 36:9

Small Roaster Chicken

½ stick of butter

Salt/Pepper to taste

1 tsp of celery salt

1 Tbls of sage

Psalms 23:1-2

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Place in a stockpot, cover with water, and let slow cook until the chicken is done, creating your own broth. While the chicken is slowly cooking: Make the noodles.

2 cups flour

2 tsp salt

3 egg yolks

1 whole egg

Water or Milk - 3-4 Tbls

Psalms 86:15

Philippians 4:6-7

In a large bowl, mix flour and salt together. (Don't forget the salt. You can use a little less if your diet requires. But you need some.)

Make a hole in the middle of the flour. Add the egg yolks and egg.

Mix with a fork until well

incorporated; it will be crumbly.

Add liquid (I like milk, but water is good too.) Mix until the dough holds together. Divide into 3-4 equal parts. Roll out into thin sheets and cut into strips. Let the strips lie out on a towel until the broth is ready.

Psalms 119:50

When chicken is cooked all the way through, remove the chicken from the pot and place it in a dish to cool a little. Be careful, the meat will fall from the bones. (Be sure you scoop out any bones or fat from the broth.) Bring the broth to a boil. Place the noodles in the broth and cook for about 20 minutes, stirring often to prevent them from sticking.

John 16:22

Deuteronomy 31:8

While noodles are cooking, and the chicken has cooled, pull the chicken off the bones.

When noodles have cooked completely, add the chicken. Let simmer together for a bit.

1 Peter 5:7

Enjoy!

Joshua 1:9

John 14:27

For a heartier soup:

You can add chopped onion, celery, and/or carrots. (I would cook them till soft in a little butter and seasoning.)

Psalms 42:8

You can also add some fresh or frozen veggies of your choice for chicken vegetable soup..

You can substitute leftover turkey or rotisserie chicken and use canned/boxed broth or stock and ready made noodles!

Unscramble the Letters to "Make" Soup?

LNOOUBIL _____

HBORT _____

KCNHIEC _____

OLNOED _____

BLVETEAG _____

OTOAPT _____

OTOATM _____

IHLIC _____

NEBA _____

CHFNR NONOI _____

SROMMOUH _____

MLAC ODREWHC _____

GEG PROD _____

OCOCBRIL DRADECH _____

ILATANI ING DWED _____

STOBREL QIBSUE _____

TLSPi EAP _____

NONESTRMIE _____

LILTNE _____

MARNE OODELN _____

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

And that is what we are!"

1 JOHN 3:1 NIV

What do ducks put in their soup? Quackers.



BROUILLON, BROTH, CHICKEN, NOODLE, VEGGETABLE, POTATO, TOMATO, CHILI, BEAN, FRENCH ONION, MUSHROOM, CLAM CHOWDER, EGG DROP, BROCCOLI CHEDDAR, ITALIAN MEATBALL, LOBSTER BISQUE, SPLIT PEA, MINESTRONE, LENTIL, RAMEN NOODLE



KIDS

KELSEY HURSEY
CHILDREN'S MINISTER

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." MATTHEW 19:14 NIV

E40 KIDS PROGRAMMING

TO RESUME:

Sunday Evening

January 4, 2026

6:00 - 7:15

My mom makes the best soup ... it takes my broth away.

Thank you to all of the families who participated in the Christmas Program this year! There is nothing greater than seeing the youngest in our congregation celebrate the story of the birth of our Savior.



YOUTH

JESSE DAUBERT
YOUTH MINISTER

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." PROVERBS 22:6 NIV



GLOW
TUBING AT
SNOW TRAILS

**FAMILY &
STUDENT EVENT**

JANUARY 18, 2026 5PM-7PM
RSVP & \$ DUE BY DECEMBER 14, 2025
RSVP USING THE QR CODE OR
IN THE WELCOME CENTER.
COST \$38 PP (OBSERVERS ARE FREE)



Student Lock-In

**January 23-24, 2026
7pm-7am**

See Jesse for more details.

Have you ever wondered when a 24 hour cafe starts selling the soup of the day??



OUTREACH

"Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock."

1 PETER 5:2-3 NIV



Student Care Packages

We're sending a small January care package with treats and encouragement to those College Students who are returning to their campuses.

➡ Sign them up in the lobby

How can you Help? Help Us Bless Our Students

✨ Donations appreciated

✨ Sign-up & giving info in the lobby

Thank you for supporting our students!

For more information on how you can get involved, please contact:
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A supermarket did not have any soups ... they were all out of stock.

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Dixon Stratton

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Jesse Daubert

Jim Deitrick

TJ Hall

Ty Hursey

Wade McGee

Richard Newsom

Adam Pattison

Adam Steer

Sing praises to the Lord, as we ring in the New Year



NEW YEAR'S EVE *Worship Night*

7PM

Food, games, fellowship, and worship
Bring an appetizer or snack to share



Men's Fellowship Breakfast SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 9:00AM

PLACE TO BE DETERMINED

All men are welcome!

See Dave Monlux with any questions.



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"Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,
 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."
 LUKE 2:13-14 NIV

SUNDAY MORNINGS

8:30 AM ~ Traditional Worship Service
 10:00 AM ~ Contemporary Worship Service, and Online
 10:00 AM ~ Children's Morning Programming

Potluck for:

January College Student Care Package
 Sunday, Jan 18, 2026

January



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Women-Bibles & Breakfast- at the Church-9:30 AM Men-Breakfast- Place TBD-9:00 AM
4 E40 KIDS and YOUTH Resuming 6:00 PM	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 YOUTH Snow Trails Glow Tubing Care Packages	19 Martin Luther King Day	20	21	22	23 YOUTH Lock-In 7PM to 7AM	24
25 Leadership Meeting 12 PM	26	27	28	29	30	31

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6	7 Women-Bibles & Breakfast- at the Church-9:30 AM Men-Breakfast- Place TBD-9:00 AM
8 Super Bowl LX 	9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day 
15	16 President's Day	17	18	19	20	21
22 Leadership Meeting 12 PM	23	24	25	26	27	28

"The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you;
 in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."

ZEPHANIAH 3:17 NIV

I bought a warehouse full of soup ... now I'm a bouillon-aire.

*"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him,
who have been called according to his purpose."*

ROMANS 8:28 NIV

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Mallory Spohn January 2
Christie McGee January 3
Andy Dusing January 4
Isabella Wilson January 4
Carol Bollinger January 5
Reese Mann January 8
Dave Deitrick January 10
Cohen Parker January 12
Troy Alexander January 13
Huxley Killiany January 13
Kreslyn Null January 14
Kathy McClelland January 15
Joey Dusing January 16
Brock Leachman January 16
Chasity Jenkins January 16
Sarah Tysinger January 20
Harrison Sutphen January 21
Joe Spragg January 22
Morgan Bash January 24
Adam Steer January 24
Joe Snider January 28
Hannah Chaney January 28
Kaitlyn Huey January 28
Logan Bates January 30

Rob and Nicole Arnold January 7, 2012



*"If they obey and serve him, they will spend the rest of their days in prosperity
and their years in contentment."*

JOB 36:11 NIV

Our Beliefs

We believe in the one true God;

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

We believe in God the Father, Creator of all things visible and invisible.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, the eternal Word of God, and the on Savior. We believe Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus was fully human and fully divine; the Word made flesh. We believe that Jesus lived a perfect life, without sin, but suffered and was crucified as a atonement for sin. We believe that Jesus rose again bodily from the dead on the third day, ascended into Heaven where He sits at the right hand of God, and will one day return in victory to establish a new creation where He will rule forever.

We believe in the Holy Spirit. The Spirit lives inside every Christian and helps us in our weakness, intercedes for us in prayer, convicts us of our sins, and empowers us to live a fruitful, Christian life.

We believe in the Bible; God's Word.

We believe that God inspired the original writings for Scripture and that those writings were without error.

We believe that the Bible is the final authority of all matters of faith, truth, morality, and Christian living.

We believe in the Gospel; the Good News of Salvation.

We believe that mankind willingly sinned against God and is therefore lost and without hope apart from Jesus Christ.

We believe that God was not satisfied with being separated from those created in His image, so He offers forgiveness for sins through the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ.

We believe that salvation is given when one puts their life under Christ's rule, repents of their sins, and confesses Christ, and that the Bible commands every believer in Christ to be baptized by immersion.

We believe that those who have received salvation are sent into the world to proclaim the Gospel and to love and serve the world like Jesus did.

We believe in the Church; the Body of Christ.

We believe that the Church of Jesus Christ consists of all Christians everywhere and is organized into local assemblies, called churches.

We believe that the bible teaches that every Christian should be an active member of a local church.

We believe that the elders of the local church are the overseers of its affairs and the shepherds of its members; that they are the final interpretive authority of the Bible's meaning and application for the church; and that they are responsible for the oversight, instruction, edification, discipline, and restoration of church members.

We believe that all Christians belong to the body of Christ and are called to regularly meet for fellowship, worship, teaching, and the taking of the Lord's Supper. We believe that Christians are also called to use their natural abilities and spiritual gifts for the building up of one another as everyone promotes unity under the name of Jesus.

Our Mission

We believe that Jesus summed up everything we are supposed to do into two commandments (Matthew 22).

Firstly, He says to Love God with all our heart, soul, and mind. So at East 40, we are For God.

We are for His fame, for His agenda in the world, and for His will in our lives.

Secondly, Jesus says that we are to love our neighbors as ourselves. Then, He told us that everyone is our neighbor. So at East 40 we are For You. We are for people finding God, believing in Jesus, and then living the life they were designed to live as they become more like Jesus.

Simply put, at East 40, we are For God and For You!

SUNDAY SERVICES

MORNING SERVICES

8:30AM Traditional

10AM Contemporary

10AM Online Stream

10AM Children Program

EVENING SERVICES

6PM E40 Kids

*Pre-K - 5th Grade
September-May*

6PM Youth Group

6th Grade - 12th Grade



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- Church Leadership
- Missions
- School Leadership
- Governing bodies
- Our Military
- Worldwide situations
- Elderly
- Widows
- Caretakers
- Poor
- Sick
- Lonely and Sad
- Those suffering loss

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