

Weekly Announcements 8/9/26

Check the [online calendar](#) for the most up-to-date information.

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL EVENTS: (Weekly and ongoing ministries at the bottom)

This week's sermon will be uploaded tomorrow. I apologize for the delay. I have attached the Financial and Insurance Status update presented by Bruce Barlow today. Bob Vincent's update can be found at the front of the service once that's uploaded.

Mon 8/10 at 6pm: Prayer Meeting at Church Office

Wed 8/12 at 7pm: Church Council at Church Office



Planning Center offers an app called Church Center so please download it to stay connected (through Google Play or the App Store). When you select the Congregational Church of Eastford as your church, you'll notice the Home page has basic info and leads to our website, and the Events page is also active. It will be the platform we use for child check-in and church directory in the future, so everyone will be able to update their own information. Planning Center's Church Center app will ultimately replace the SubSplash app we use currently and that will save us some money! We'll continue to use SubSplash Giving for now (at least until Finance has an opportunity to compare prices again) and I will let you know when the SubSplash app has officially been deactivated.

I have updated Planning Center to include scheduling of Nursery and Bible Explorer teachers, adults, and helpers. Those already on the schedule will receive emails. Accepting the request is easy and setting up your account (phone/email) will allow you to set block-out dates so we don't schedule you when you know you'll be away and so you can see when you're scheduled. *Please note that parents will receive emails for student helpers in their household, so watch for the position title in the email.* Those who have been scheduled to serve will also see that information in the Church Center app.

Watch for future updates like check-in and directory!

<https://cceastford.churchcenter.com/setup> or scan the QR code (shown in phone) which automatically connects to our church. Need help? Just ask Deb T in the church office.

LOOKING AHEAD:

We're all about Jesus and a relationship with Him that transforms us into the people He wants us to be. We also have an obligation to update the congregation on current financial matters, which is why it's currently featured first in announcements.

Let's continue building our church together! \$63,751 still needed as of 8/7/26. 7/31/26 Update: *The insurance company plans to release our remaining funds after project completion, not incrementally, thereby creating a cash flow issue. July invoices received on 7/29 now exceed the original payout from the insurance company. Please pray for the Lord's timing and for how He might be prompting you to give during this crucial period!*

To support our church financially: There is an offering box on the round table as you enter the gym on Sundays (there are envelopes to put your name and place cash/check to "CCE"). We also have online giving at <https://cceastford.org/give/>. "Offerings" support pastors, missions, ministries, and operations. "Rebuild" supports the uninsured needs of rebuilding our church.

Our office lease at 4 County Rd ends on Aug 31. If you are interested in being on a list of people who can help move or store items, please email the church office (cceastford@gmail.com). If you have an office key and won't need it before the end of the month, please return it to Deb in the church office.

Looking to get baptized? Contact Pastor Mike. *Pastor Evan on vacation through Aug 20.*

Welcome Ministry – Interested in joining this newly-formed team? Contact Pastor Mike.

Firewood Ministry: Interested in helping cut, split, and stack firewood? Contact John Leavitt (860-559-1545 or jwleavitt69@gmail.com) to help on Saturday mornings. This ministry prioritizes delivery to senior citizens, widows, and single parents.

Aug 22 – 29: Pastor Mike vacation

Aug 20 at 7 pm: ACOALO at Eastford Public Library (This is a change from the usual 2nd Thursday.)

Aug 21 at 6 pm: Men's Gathering at Matt Durning's home (289 Barlow Cemetery Rd, Woodstock) - Supper and testimonies (please RSVP to Matt at 860-377-9195).

Aug 22: Kids' Club Lake Party - Families of kids in grades K - 6 who wish to join Kids' Club in the fall! 20 Trepal Drive, Eastford from 2 - 5 pm. Invite kids entering grades K - 6 and their families! Bring your own chairs, towels, and life jackets. Snacks provided. See Jean Barlow if you have questions.

Aug 30: Church Picnic and Baptisms at Camp Wabbaquasset – Bring a chair and food to share! Watch for food signup on Sundays leading up to the picnic!

Aug 30: Regional Multi-Church Prayer at Willimantic Camp Meeting Tabernacle (outdoor pavilion). Light supper (burgers) at 5:30 followed by prayer 6:00-7:30.

Praise Chorus – Do you love to sing and praise the Lord? Sue Leavitt is looking to raise up treble voices (including children who love to sing) to present a song of praise to celebrate our new church. Please contact Sue at 860 836-0394.

Willing to help with after-school board games or crafts on one or more Wednesdays each month (3:45 – 4:45 pm) when the school year begins? See Allison Gormley.

ONGOING MINISTRIES:

- **ACOALO (Caregiver Support Group):** 2nd Thursdays at 7 pm (Eastford Public Library) – CHANGE THIS MONTH: Aug 20
- **Celebrate Recovery:** Tuesdays at 6:30 pm (First Congregational Church of Pomfret)
- **Church Council:** 2nd Wednesdays at 7 pm (Church Office)
- **Elders:** Wednesdays at 4:00 pm (Church Office)
- **Finance Team:** 1st Fridays at 4 pm (Church Office)
- **Life Group:** Fridays at 6 pm (Leavitts' Home, 194 Old Town Rd, Ashford) - 1st Fridays include potluck at 5:30 pm
- **Men's Bible Study:** Saturdays at 7 am (Church Office)
- **Men's Campfire Ministry:** Monthly on Friday evenings (See Events page or Pastor Evan for details)
- **Prayer**
 - Tuesdays at 7 pm (Zoom)
 - Thursdays at 6:30 am (Zoom)
 - Sundays at 9:30 am (Bible Explorer classroom)
 - Sundays after Worship (back corner of the gym)
 - 2nd and 4th Mondays at 6 pm (Church Office)
- **Women's Ministry**
 - Mondays at 6:30 pm Bible Study (Ciovaccos' Home, 170 Joy Rd, Woodstock – On break until Fall 2026)
 - Tuesdays at 8:30 am Bible Study (Church Office) – Starting in Sept, location will be Terri Warren's home until we are in the new building.
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 - 3rd Wednesdays at 6 pm Get Crafty (On break until Fall 2026)
- **Worship Service:** Sundays at 10 am (Eastford Elementary School)
 - **Childcare/Nursery** for ages Birth – Pre-K
 - **Bible Explorers** for Grades K – 4 (Wait to be dismissed from Worship Service)

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