

*Where Life and Ministry Intersect*

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**THE CROSS ROAD**

Official Newsletter of  
Evangelical Friends Church - Eastern Region

## Prayers for 2023



Join us in praying for our region this year! We will be praying over:

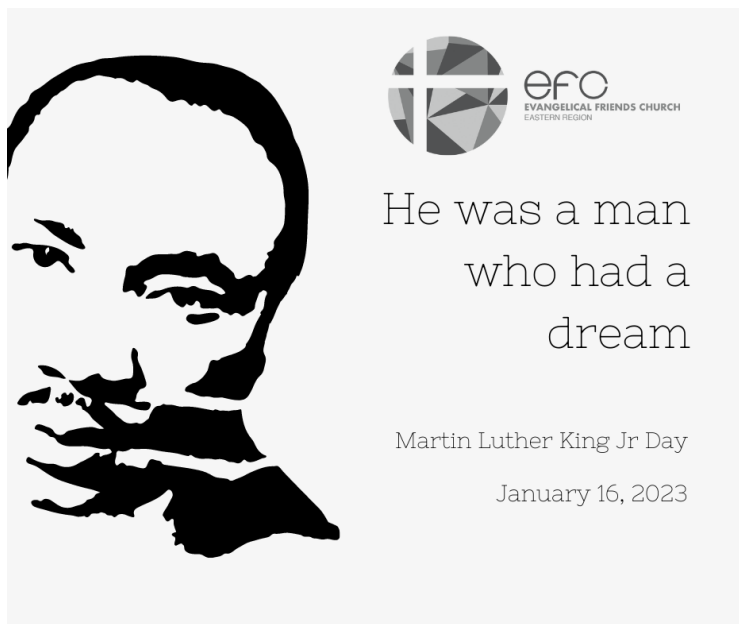
- Oversight Board--Pray for wisdom as the search team identifies a new Executive Director to present to the YM delegates for approval. Dr. Tom Crawford's call ends after Yearly Meeting in July.

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- Team Meetings--Please pray for unity, humility, and wisdom for our team members.
- Malone University--Pray that God will continue to guide and bless the university under Dr. Miller's direction, and that the staff and faculty would seek His will above all else.
- Leadership--Pray for our Directors as they go about their duties serving the region, that God would give them strength and wisdom to fulfill His calling in their lives.
- Staff Members--Pray that the many staff members in our churches throughout the region would have the strength and boldness it takes to support the mission through their service.
- Pastors and Elders--Pray a hedge of protection over our pastors and elders, that God would keep Satan at bay in their lives, and that they will continue to boldly proclaim the gospel in their churches and communities.
- Church Members--Pray that the love and grace of God would be evident in their lives, and that they will continue to grow in their walk with Christ.
- Our Impact on our communities--That God will continue to bless our churches with new attenders, that we will all go out and make disciples boldly, and that our lights would shine bright in this dark world.

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## Martin Luther King Jr. Day



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As Eastern Region Friends, we affirm the following:

We believe that, as image bearers of God, all human beings are of infinite and equal value, worthy of dignity and respect from conception through natural death. We reject all forms of racism and any philosophy that claims the inherent superiority of one group of people over others. We recognize and celebrate the great diversity of human ethnicities as we together reflect the image of God, affirming our biblical duty to seek justice for all people. (Section 140 d. of Faith and Practice)

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## Youth Pastor Retreat



Youth leaders across Eastern Region are invited to a retreat called RECONNECT beginning Thursday Feb 16th through Friday the 17th in Canton, OH.

This is a great opportunity for our leaders to reconnect with one another, collaborate new ideas and celebrate what God is doing in each of our ministries. Please bring your spouse and or key leaders from your ministry as well to be a part of it. Our speaker is Curtis Zackery the author of a book called "Soul Rest."

For details and registration, please visit: [www.dfcnow.org/reconnect](http://www.dfcnow.org/reconnect)

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## We Messed Up!

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In our excitement to celebrate the new year, we accidentally overlooked one of our newly recorded pastors; Justin Hendershott! Justin and his family are serving at Damascus Friends. Thank you for your service, Justin, and we apologize for the oversight!

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## Employment

Mount Pleasant Friends is searching for a lead pastor. Resumes can be sent to [lfkirk64@gmail.com](mailto:lfkirk64@gmail.com)

East Richland is searching for the following positions: Executive Pastor, Senior Pastor, & Assistant Pastor. Potential candidates can contact and send resumes to [admin@castrichlandfriends.com](mailto:admin@castrichlandfriends.com). Job description for Senior Pastor position is available on our website ([www.efcer.org/employment.html](http://www.efcer.org/employment.html))

Willoughby Hills Friends Church is looking to hire the following positions: Kids Pastor, Student Pastor, and NextGen Pastor. Send resumes and cover letters to [hr@whfriends.org](mailto:hr@whfriends.org). View job descriptions [here](#).

First Friends Church is looking for a full-time IT/Media Director. Interested candidates should contact Roger Foote at [rfoote@firstfriends.org](mailto:rfoote@firstfriends.org)

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