

Eaton, Ohio (1979)



The *Eaton Group* was started by Marge F. on Tuesday, May 22, 1979, in the basement of the Presbyterian Church at 123 West Decatur Street.

The local magistrate had ordered Marge to attend AA, but there were no AA meetings nearby, so she just started her own. Marge was only three weeks sober at the time, but she stuck with it, albeit, she spent many Tuesday evenings in that big room all alone—just her and the Big Book. She never drank again.

But soon, a local politician, Bill T., and a few AAs from Richmond began to sprinkle in, but after a few years members from nearby New Lebanon, started attending on a regular basis. Afterward several Greenville old timers began fairly regular attendance: Tom Ross., Ralph Haitt., and Gene Young. Eaton now has several meetings (2008).

Marge remained active throughout her entire AA life, leaving an astounding example of faith into action.

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## Hagerstown, Indiana (early 1980s)



A new AA meeting was started in the United Church of Christ, 201 South Washington Street, in the early 1980s. The founders were Bob H., from Economy and Yvonne M., from Hagerstown. Other early regular attendees included Wally O., from Modoc and Harold and Letha Mc.'D. This became a well populated meeting for several years, but it ended around the early 1990s. A beautiful lady named Rosie restarted this meeting a few years later. It now called the Wednesday Night Live Group. It meets at 47 East Main Street, in Hagerstown.

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New Castle (1947 to present)

The directory in the Indianapolis Archives, (oldest list) of 1947 list New Castle as followed: New Castle (location) 1904 Broad St. meeting on Monday's at 8:00 p.m. The 1953 directory list two groups in New Castle. Group #1, meeting on Thursday Group #2 meeting on Sunday morning. The History of the Muncie Inter-County Group written in 1955 states the following: "In 1949 there were about 8 persons from New Castle attending meetings in Muncie, and they decided to start there own group, which has grown to a very prosperous group in that city." This church burned to destruction 2008, but they still meet in the rear building.

Collected information suggests that Don Ridgeway was one the founders of this meeting.

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