

Family Information

Save the Date!

May 4-5 at the Heartland Retreat Center, Marengo, OH. Please mark your calendars for this Northland Women's Retreat. This will be Friday evening, May 4th thru Saturday, May 5th. More details to follow.

Northland Spring Banquet

Mark your calendars for the Spring Church Banquet! **"Through the Decades!"**

Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City
April 14th 5:30 pm Cost is \$16.50/adult
Sign up will begin March 18th

Spring Sunday AM Adult Bible Class

This Spring, the Sunday morning class will be on Prayers From the Old Testament. We'll look at some of the longer prayers by David, Moses, Hannah, Daniel, Solomon and others, and will learn how prayer brought them closer with God. The class will meet in E41/42, and the teachers will include Steve Carver, Phil Stafa, Leon Norwood, and Mike Paden.

Clothing Closet

Prom season is right around the corner. We would like to offer prom-style dresses in the Clothing Closet during this season. The Clothing Closet is asking for/accepting donations of: somewhat-current style dresses, dress shoes, costume jewelry. You may bring these items to the Clothing Closet on Wed. evening or see Pam Culler, Tan-ya Milnor, Donna Rollie or Robbie McVicker.

Hospitalized

Geneva Bundy is in St. Ann's Hospital in ICU. Please continue to pray for her.

Thank You

My family really appreciated all the cards, prayers and lovely floral arrangement. -Donna Smith

Calendar

March

24 Pizza and Prayer, 6:00 pm
29 Child Care Easter Egg Hunt

April

1 Easter Sunday
8 Single Sisters Lunch
8-11 Ohio Valley Lectureship
14 Northland Spring Banquet, 5:30 pm
17 Tax Day
20 TGIF Movie Night At Building
26 Take Your Son or Daughter To Work Day
27-29 Fort Hill Spring Teen Retreat
29 Services At Willow Brook
29 Area Wide Worship At Northland

For The Month of March
Invitation/ Responses: Mike Evans
Foyer Duty: Bobby Graham Jr.
Greeters: Mike and Leisha Evans

Communion Servers

James Allison	John Allison
Lynn Champney	Glenn Culler
David Estep	Leon Norwood
Frank Rynearson	Art Silva

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$4267	\$5211
Designated:	\$185	\$275

Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday Ghana Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 am
Sunday Ghana Worship Service	10:30 am
Sunday Spanish Worship	3:00 pm
Wednesday Evening	7:30 pm

Evangelist: Bobby Graham
Elders: Steve Carver, Roy Estep, Mike Evans, Jeff McVicker, Jim Robbins
Deacons: Lynn Champney, Perry Coate, Glenn Culler, Darrell Estep, Jack Evans, John Lindsay, Don Milnor, Art Silva
Spanish Ministry: Elmer Renderos



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How Many Are Your Works, Lord

How Many Are Your Works, Lord (With Some Observations From Dr. Seuss)

How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small. - Psalm 104:24-25

The earth is full of living creatures, and the seas teem with a vast array of living things, from the huge whales to the tiniest fish, from the fearsome sharks to the peaceful dolphins. Each of these creatures teaches us about God; moreover, they remind us that each of us is different and unique. Children's writer Dr. Seuss wrote amusing books that also lead us to think about life and humanity. In his classic, "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish," he wrote: 'Say! what a lot of fish there are. Yes. Some are red. And some are blue. Some are old. And some are new. Some are sad. And some are glad. And some are very, very bad. Why are they sad and glad and bad? I do not know. Go ask your dad.'

Indeed, what a lot of 'fish' there are in this human world, old and new, and each of us looks different. Some fish are sad, because they are sensitive to the suffering around them, while others are glad because they accept the sorrows for the sake of the joys. Yet this world also has some bad fish, angry fish who hurt us, restless fish who are only glad when they get their way. Why are there sad fish and glad fish? We need each other, and sometimes we need to realize the harsh realities of this world; at other times we need to be peaceful fish who remember how good God is to us in spite of it all, for he gives us the spiritual food we need -

All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time. When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things. - Psalm 104:27-28

Yet, why do there have to be pushy fish and loud, boastful fish? Our Heavenly 'Dad' asks us to endure them patiently, because he made them and he cares for them too, and he waits in hope for them to humble themselves so that he can give them the grace and mercy we all need. Dr. Seuss also made this memorable observation: 'From there to here, from here to there, funny things are everywhere.' Indeed, from here to there are amusing things that teach us our limitations. And there are 'funny' things, strange things, the mysteries of life that remind us how little we really know and that remind us of our complete dependence on God -

When you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust. When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground. - Psalm 104:29-30

From there to here and from here to there, the earth is full of the knowledge of the understanding and glory and care of the Lord. *I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live (Psalm 104:33).* It is good to praise God all of our lives.

- Mark Garner

Studying Scriptures With . . .

From time to time, we're talking with some of our brothers and sisters about the scriptures they've been reading. Today, we are talking with **Linda Kyeremateng**.

Q: Hi Linda; what have you been studying?

Linda K: I've been reading the book of Exodus. I'm reading slowly, since it is teaching me a lot about God, and it is encouraging me to be closer with him. It is also showing me the difference between our plans and God's plans. We often 'push back' and think we know a better way, yet God just wants to bring us closer.

Q: Have some verses especially spoken to you?

Linda K: I recently studied the plagues. With the first couple, it says, *The Egyptian magicians did the same things by their secret arts (Exodus 7:22, 8:7)*. They made the problem worse! Instead of trying to help, they wanted to compete with Moses and God. Later, when Pharaoh's son dies, he lets the Israelites go and he says to Moses, *Take your flocks and herds, as you have said, and go. And also bless me (Exodus 12:32)*. Even Pharaoh realized that he needed God, yet later he turned back. God is very patient with us all, even when we make it hard for him.

Q: Those are very good insights, and it's encouraging what you're studying.

Linda K: I've also been thinking about the instructions God gives the Israelites about the Passover, to protect them. One of them especially gives me comfort, *They are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs (Exodus 12:7)*. It makes me think about how Jesus protects us. Thinking about this has helped get through some difficult times recently.

Thank you, Linda!

Youth Announcements

There will be Sunday night Bible study (Bible Study 2:42) tonight in room E41
If you are not currently in a small group Bible study we ask you to consider attending Sunday night at the building from 6:30 p.m. till 7:30 p.m.

50th Anniversary shirts are still available. Sign up is in the side hall way on board.



Its Northland Child Care Easter Egg Hunt.

Please bring in small wrapped candy to place in plastic Easter eggs for our Child Care family.
The date is March 29th so we need candy before this date. Please pick give candy to Bob and Judy.
Thank you!

Meditating on Creation and Providence

*Lord, when my raptur'd thought surveys
Creation's beauties o'er,
All nature joins to teach thy praise,
And bid my soul adore.*

*Where'er I turn my gazing eyes,
Thy radiant footsteps shine;
Ten thousand pleasing wonders rise,
And speak their source divine.*

*The living tribes of countless forms,
In earth and sea and air;
The meanest flies, the smallest worms,
Almighty power declare.*

*All rose to life at thy command,
And wait their daily food
From thy paternal, bounteous hand,
Exhaustless spring of good! . . .*

*The fruitful tree, the blooming flower,
In varied charms appear;
Their varied charms display thy power,
Thy goodness all declare.*

*The sun's productive quickening beams
The growing verdure spread;
Refreshing rains and cooling streams
His gentle influence aid.*

*The moon and stars his absent light
Supply with borrowed rays,
And deck the sable veil of night,
And speak their Maker's praise.*

*Thy wisdom, power and goodness, Lord,
In all thy works appear;
And O let man thy praise record;
Man, thy distinguish'd care.*

*From thee the breath of life he drew;
That breath thy power maintains;
Thy tender mercy ever new,
His brittle frame sustains . . .*

*On me that providence has shone
With gentle smiling rays;
O let my lips and life make known
Thy goodness, and thy praise . . .*

- Anne Steele (abridged), 1717-1778