

## Family Information

**Sermon Series Title**  
A New Commandment  
**Sermon Passage**  
John 13:34-35

### Thoughts to Consider:

- 1) Why should you treat someone with love?
- 2) If something is new, do you expect it to be totally different?
- 3) How does our love explain our faith to others?

### January Challenge

**“Do something daily to remind yourself of Jesus”**

### Area Wide Worship

The “Area Wide Worship” is TODAY at Genessee Church of Christ. All are WELCOME.

### Thank You

On behalf of the Northland Church of Christ Child Care, we would all like to thank you for participating in providing the children of the childcare with Christmas gifts this year. We love how involved the church has become! We appreciate everything you all do for us. The children were all excited and shared with everyone the things that they had received. Bless you all!

### Northland Ladies

Northland Ladies 2020 Visioning Brunch Sat. 1/18 10:30 am in E41 & E42. We would love to have your thoughts for 2020! Please be in prayer about how God would like us to participate in his plan for Northland. If you are not able to attend please send your thoughts with a sister who will be attending. A main dish will be provided. Please bring a serving for 4 of your favorite breakfast/lunch item. Have a great day!

### Last Week's Word Search Answer

The mystery verse in last week's word search puzzle:  
*Inwardly we are being renewed.* - 2 CORINTHIANS 4:16.

### Services

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

**Minister:** Caleb Dillinger  
**Elders:** 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

## Calendar

### January 2020

5 Area Wide Worship At Genessee  
12 Single Sisters Lunch  
18 Broomball with Spring Road, 3:15  
25 Tubing At Mad River Mountain 9-12  
29 Singing At Willow Brook Village 10:30am

### Contribution Envelopes

Contribution envelopes for 2020 are on the table in the foyer. If you don't have envelopes and would like a set, please see Pam Estep or Glenn Culler.

### For The Month of January

**Invitation/ Responses:** Jeff McVicker  
**Foyer Duty:** Jack Evans  
**Greeters:** Mike and Leisha Evans  
**Announcements:** Art Silva

### Communion Servers

Frank Agyei	Patrick Boateng
Lynn Champney	James Milnor
Leon Norwood	Phil Stafa
Nick Strawser	Randy Yates

### Contribution

<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Average YTD</b>
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<b>General:</b>	\$4380	\$5016
<b>Designated:</b>	\$45	\$163



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## Great Is The Lord...

### Great Is The Lord & Most Worthy Of Praise (& How To Tell A Dolphin From A Porpoise)

*The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made . . . The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does. The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. - Psalm 145:9, 145:13-14*

Each of is priceless to God, and he has compassion on everything he has made. The Lord has made many good promises to those who seek him with our hearts, and all of his promises are trustworthy, for they are all 'Yes' in Jesus. God lifts us up when we stumble, and he is near with those who worship him humbly. And just as the Lord our living God gives every living thing the food it needs, he also gives our hearts and souls the spiritual nourishment we need - *The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. - Psalm 145:15-16*

Dolphins and porpoises look similar, yet they have different lifestyles as well as some physical differences. Dolphins are streamlined, and they have thin beaks, so they are fast and quite maneuverable. Porpoises, on the other hand, are stouter and have rounded faces, so they are slower and less agile.

So, while both animals can be seen along shorelines, only dolphins venture into deeper water, and their diets differ accordingly. Dolphins have long rows of short, pointed teeth for catching food in the open sea, while porpoises have flatter teeth suited for the food in the shallows where they live. Just as God gives these animals what they need to live, he gives each of us what we need at the proper time. For our Heavenly Father is faithful in all he does - *The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.- Psalm 145:17-19*

Dolphins enjoy traveling in large groups; they rely on their agility and numbers to protect them from predators, and they are well-known for the sounds they make as they communicate with one another. Porpoises are shyer and usually are seen in pairs or by themselves. They communicate frequently too, though they do so at a frequency that cannot be heard by human ears - so porpoises can know where other porpoises are, without tipping off dangerous predators like sharks and orcas.

Similarly, God hears us whenever we call on him in truth, whatever 'frequency' or whatever words we may use, for God knows our hearts, and he will protect us from spiritual foes too strong for us. *Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. - Psalm 145:3*

No one can fathom the greatness or the vastness or the full splendor of God, his words are truths too profound for human minds to have thought of, and his compassion is wider and longer than we can fully understand. - Mark Garner

## To Our Redeemer's Glorious Name

To our Redeemer's glorious name  
Awake the sacred song.  
O may His love (immortal flame)  
Tune every heart and tongue.

His love, what mortal thought can reach?  
What mortal tongue display?  
Imagination's utmost stretch  
In wonder dies away.

Let wonder still with love unite,  
And gratitude and joy;  
Be Jesus our supreme delight,  
His praise, our best employ.

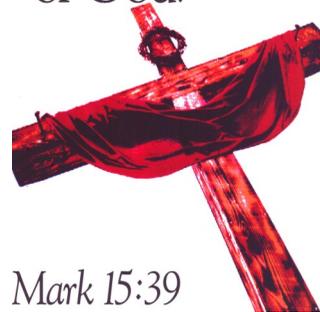
Jesus, who left His throne on high,  
Left the bright realms of bliss,  
And came on earth to bleed and die—  
Was ever love like this?

Dear Lord, while we adoring pay  
Our humble thanks to Thee,  
May every heart with rapture say,  
The Savior died for me.

O may the sweet, the blissful theme  
Fill every heart and tongue,  
Till strangers love Thy charming name,  
And join the sacred song.

- Anne Steele (1716-1778)

"Truly this man  
was the Son  
of God!"



Mark 15:39

## From The Northland Archives

*This article was written by Isaac Kyeremateng, and it appeared in the Northland bulletin on January 12, 2014. Isaac joined the Northland congregation in 2013, after he moved here from Ghana.*

### Heart Transplant

Whenever a doctor says a patient needs a heart transplant, the situation at hand, obviously, is not comforting. But have you thought of a heart transplant that can be wholly comforting and beneficial? Entering a New Year comes with resolutions which may be materialistic, inspiring, goal-seeking, etc. Some resolutions might take hard work to achieve. Whatever the resolution, it must have come from within—something you have conceived in your mind and really want to achieve. For some, our resolution may be to increase in the strength, unity, peace and love that bind our family. Others might hope to improve on their relationship with God, or simply to lose a few pounds. However, New Year's resolution or not, achievable or not, what transformation are you seeking? In the end, will your heart and that of your Creator be fully pleased?

Romans 12:2 says, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." Luke 12:32-34 says, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Every relationship begins with a conception. Depending on how strong the conception is, it affects our actions - and even more so, the heart. For most of us, that conception was made some years back when we decided to follow Jesus. But ask yourself if your heart has been in the game since that decision. Answering this question might lead to so many things; perhaps, you may realize that you did renew your mind by that decision, but never attained the transformation that comes from a renewed mind in Christ. That is where we need a heart transplant: placing our hearts in God and making Him our utmost priority, abiding in him as he abides in us. Then, we will be directed according to his will and purpose, and by His calling; live and not die.

As Christians, we need the redirection of our minds and hearts, seeking better treasures. For then we can find greater fulfillment wherever we stand. Losing sixty pounds and getting in shape, or working to become successful, can be good. But maybe you would want to schedule for a heart transplant into Christ, that, you will receive the best transformation now and beyond.

May God strengthen us to conform to his will, denying our self and "pressing on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of; Amen."

- Isaac Kyeremateng