

Family Information

Thoughts To Consider

- 1) What passages of Scripture encourage you during this time of separation?
- 2) Have you connected to God more in prayer, or less during this time?
- 3) How could you connect with another Northland member to encourage them?

April Challenge: Order takeout or delivery from a local restaurant to continue supporting your community.

From The Elders & Minister:

No Assemblies Through The End Of April

We decided it wisest to cancel all assemblies on church property through the end of April. Like the Governor of Ohio noted this past week, that is certainly subject to change if good news comes along before the end of the month. But rather than you waiting every week for an email to tell you about Sunday, we're making the decision to hold off assembling for the rest of the month. Again, this decision is not made lightly, but we believe this will ultimately keep people safer.

While we do not have Communion Supplies to distribute at this time, that's something we are looking to obtain. In the event we get individual communion supplies, we'll be reaching out asking if you'd like some. In the meantime, the important step is to reflect on the Lord Jesus, with or without the bread and juice. If you have that available in your house (most grocery stores sell Matzo crackers and juice), or if you make some yourself, by all means enjoy that.

You can continue your weekly offerings and contributions. You can mail this in at any time to the church address (4581 Cleveland Ave, Columbus OH 43231), or you can go to our Website at www.ncocfamily.org and click the "Donate Now" button.

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, Luis Valdez

Calendar

April

12 Easter Sunday

There will be no Willow Brook singing times in April, and no Single Sisters Lunch either. Sadly, our April Calendar is rather bare. -Caleb

From the Northland Child Care Board

For those that may be concerned regarding our Child Care. God has blessed us. The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services is continuing to make the Title XX student payments until we can reopen. This allows us to continue to pay our Child Care staff. Our teachers are working from home continuing to communicate with our Child Care students and families through emails and texting. Thank-you for your prayers.

Prayers Needed

Vickie's brother Ondra (pronounced like André) Cage passed away this morning (Fri 4/3/2020). She would like prayers for herself and her family at this difficult time. Thank you.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$4525	\$4822
Designated:	\$25	\$124



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The Wildetrness Will Blossom

(Of Crocuses, Daffodils, & More)

The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. - Isaiah 35:1-2

God brings gladness into the wilderness of the world's empty ways; like the crocuses, God brings blooms of truth and blossoms of grace into this world's noise and confusion and harshness. The name crocus has been used for several plants known for their ability to blossom with minimal nourishment, and each of them shows us a small glimpse of God's ability to give life. The flower that Isaiah writes about was known for its sudden appearances in deserts and wastelands after brief rainfalls, bringing beauty to an otherwise stark landscape. Similarly, God's Son brings us good news of God's care and understanding in the midst of the world's fears and sorrows, and his Spirit lives within us to reassure us that our Heavenly Father will be with us.

Some crocuses can blossom at unexpected times, some early in spring even when snow is on the ground, others in late autumn. In a much deeper way, Jesus brings us a message of enduring hope and God's grace and eternal life in every season, and he radiates God's glory and his splendor - *They will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God. - Isaiah 35:2*

Another flower, the daffodil, is able to grow in just about any kind of soil, so they can be found where other flowers won't grow. William Wordsworth and his sister Dorothy were both writers who often took long walks together. They lived in a region of England full of lakes and hills and meadows, though not many flowers grew there; so when on one of their walks they ran across a large cluster of bright yellow daffodils, it made a lasting impression on them. Afterwards, Dorothy wrote this vivid description of the peace that this simple sight gave her: "I never saw daffodils so beautiful, they grew among the mossy stones . . . some rested their heads upon these stones as on a pillow for weariness, and the rest tossed and reeled and danced and seemed as if they verily laughed with the wind that blew upon them over the Lake."

Later, William wrote a poem that begins, "I wandered lonely as a cloud That floats on high o'er vales and hills, When all at once I saw a crowd, A host of golden daffodils; Beside the lake, beneath the trees, Fluttering and dancing in the breeze"; and his poem would go on to mention how often it comforted him just to think about the daffodils. As the daffodils gave these writers joy and hope, how much more God and his words reassure and comfort our spirits - *Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, Be strong, do not fear; your God will come. - Isaiah 35:3-4*

God gives us many kindnesses and he teaches us profound truths to reassure our fearful hearts of his unfailing compassion, and to give our spirits peace even in this world's uncertain times.

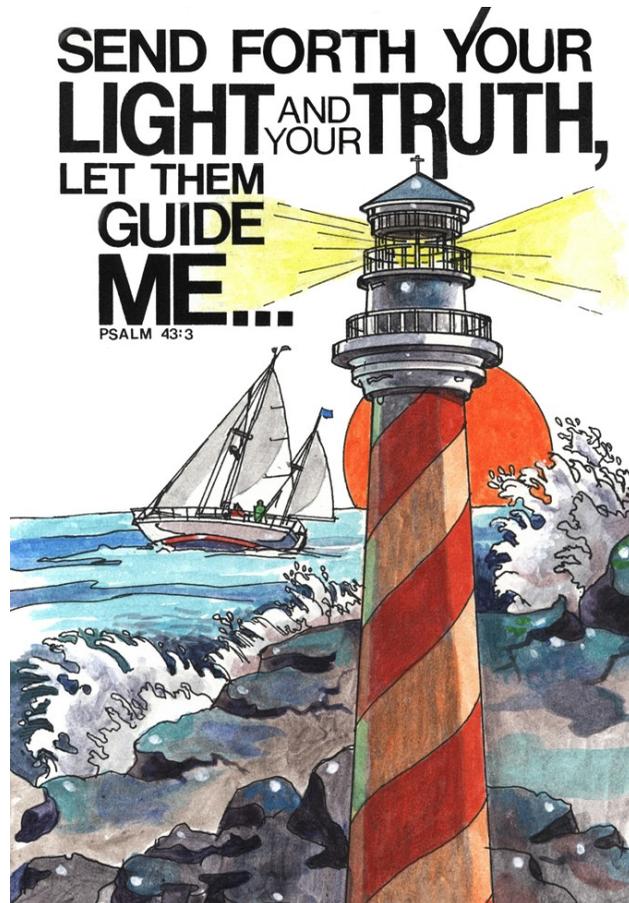
- Mark Garner

How Great Is The Goodness Of Our Savior

Power of eternity, you who ordained all things in your heart,
Through your word all things were created, as you so willed.
This very word of yours took on the same bodily form that came from Adam.
In so doing he freed our human bodies from the greatest of pain.

How great is the goodness of our Savior
Who liberated all things through his incarnation,
Whom God breathed forth without the fetters of sin.
In so doing he freed our human bodies from the greatest of pain.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
In so doing he freed our human bodies from the greatest of pain.

- Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179)



The Lord Himself Is Our Rock Eternal

This world is full of uncertainty, yet God himself is our Rock eternal, our sure foundation, a trustworthy source of compassion, understanding, truth, and mercy. This spring, some of Northland's members are writing about what this means to them. This week, Leon Norwood writes about the peace that God gives us when we trust in him.

God's Precious Promises

With the recent blitz of alarming news stemming from the corona virus pandemic and mandated social distancing you may find yourself longing for a little peace, and like so many of us often do, even begin feeling like lasting peace is simply a misnomer and not something to actually be obtained. Well, you're not alone and don't despair. In Isaiah chapter 26 we find a song of holy joy and praise, in which the prophet Isaiah reminds us of the great things God had engaged and who is still actively engaged today, including the faithful promise of his eternal protection, comfort and peace for his people. In verses 1- 4 we read "In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city; God makes salvation its walls and ramparts. Open the gates that the righteous nation may enter, the nation that keeps faith. You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal."

Wow, what an encouragement. The Lord, the Rock eternal pledges his faithfulness to all those who learn to trust in him. He assures us that God's people will triumph in the safety and holy security of both his church and every member of it, under his divine protection; By trusting God's love, walking with him and waiting for him we can and will triumph over all opposing powers. The root of the matter of the promise is (Isaiah 26:3) Thou wilt keep him in peace, in perfect peace, inward peace, outward peace, peace with God, peace of conscience, peace at all times, under all situation and events; this peace shall he be put into, and kept in the possession of, whose mind is stayed upon God, because that mind trusts in him.

Rejoice in hope of a glorious deliverance that we have in Christ our Lord. "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation." Psalm 68:19 (KJV)

- Leon Norwood