

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

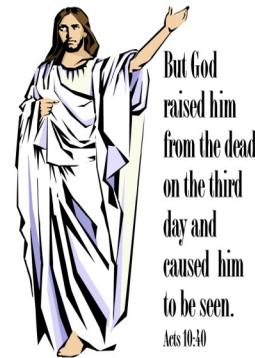
April

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.



Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$4116	\$4772
Designated:	\$	\$116



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An Easter In Quarantine

When I was approached a couple of months ago and asked to write a bulletin article for Easter Sunday, I imagined it a little (quite a bit!) differently, as I'm sure many of you did as well. I imagined going to the church building and seeing friends and family, praising God for the resurrection of His Son. I imagined buying my son a new, adorable pastel-colored outfit, and taking our first family Easter picture out in the afternoon sunshine.

That's not what this Easter Sunday looks like at all. These past few quarantined Sundays have been sitting together as a family of 3, watching a prerecorded sermon video online, and praising God from our master bedroom. My son is wearing mismatched PJs, and we're not taking any fancy family pictures.

But what is the common denominator in both of those scenarios? PRAISING GOD. I may not be singing rehearsed and well-directed hymns into a microphone as part of the praise team, but I'm singing songs like "Jesus Loves Me" and "My God Is So Big" with my husband and almost 7-month-old son. God likes those songs just the same, and so do I. This common denominator is the only thing on which we should be focused not only on Easter Sunday, but every Sunday. And not just every Sunday, but every day! That fact alone brings me comfort during these times.

Let's think back to that first Easter. Let's remember that Good Friday was good for only one reason: Sunday was coming.

I'm sure Jesus would have loved for that week to go quite a bit differently. In fact, we know He would have. In Matthew 26:39, He prayed to God in Gethsemane, asking that the cup pass from Him and that God find some other way to save humankind. But regardless, He knew God's Will would be done. And He knew that Sunday was coming.

I know that these uncertain times in our world right now and this unprecedented quarantine-causing virus are bringing anxiety and concern to almost all of us. But there is one thing of which we can be certain, and the ONLY THING of which we need to be certain:

Our Sunday is coming. The God who rose His Son from the dead and moves mountains can certainly deliver us from a period of quarantine and isolation, a respiratory virus, and even death. In the meantime, let's show this world what Easter and each and every day is REALLY all about- being the hands and feet of Jesus.

- Micah Evans

Blessed Are Those Who Have Not Seen & Yet Have Believed

(Seeing The Unseen & Hearing The Unheard)

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: I have seen the Lord! . . . On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked . . . Jesus came and stood among them and said, Peace be with you! . . . The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. - John 20:18-20

On an unforgettable first day of the week, Jesus showed his devoted friend Mary that he had raised from the grave; and then he reassured his frightened disciples that he had overcome death, for he had risen and he was alive. Just as their gloom was changed to rejoicing, the good news of Jesus can transform our fears into hope; the message of Jesus and his crucifixion and his resurrection can replace our anxiety and despair with inner peace and thankfulness. For as Jesus says - *Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. - John 20:28*

Since Helen Keller couldn't see or hear, her teacher Anne Sullivan began teaching her one word at a time with her hands, and helped her learn what each word meant. When the time came that Anne taught her the word G-O-D, and helped Helen understand that this word meant the Creator who had made the world and everything in it, Helen replied contentedly, "I knew he was there, and now I know his name."

In spite of her afflictions, Helen Keller sensed God's presence; and as things she couldn't see or hear would go on to teach her about Jesus and God's care and understanding, John reminds us - *These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. - John 20:30-31*

Some years later, after the radio was introduced, Helen's family was listening to a broadcast of Beethoven's memorable 9th symphony. Hoping that Helen could experience it with them, they removed the cover from a speaker, and put her hand on it so she could at least sense the vibrations. Helen was at once captivated; she could 'hear' the violins and cornets and the other instruments she'd learned about, and she could enjoy the way their sounds blended.

As Helen 'heard' with her hands, God helps us understand and believe in things that our physical senses alone cannot perceive; he calls us to look beyond the world's appearances, and he gives us his Spirit to help us understand his words and his ways. And in one of history's ironies, when Beethoven composed the 9th symphony as well as several of his other best-known works, he himself had become completely deaf, composing music without being able to hear the sounds.

Similarly, God does many other things for each of us every day to help us see the unseen and hear the unheard; *Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written (John 21:25).*

He does many kindnesses for us and he tells us many deep truths that speak to our spirits and that comfort our souls. And Jesus is the same yesterday and today and forever.

- Mark Garner

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, Dot Duncan writes about the refuge, protection, and salvation Jesus brings to those who put our trust in him.

See, I Lay a Stone in Zion

I am an avid Westerns fan. You may be asking yourself, "what's spiritual about Westerns?" It is found in the rocks, the mountains! You see, if an "outlaw" wanted to avoid capture, he would run to the rocks or mountains for protection. These rocks served as a stronghold or refuge for him. One could say that he had an advantage because he could hide out for days, weeks or months without fear of his secure position being compromised.

Just as the outlaw in the Westerns fled to the rocks for protection, in the same way we flee to the ROCK, the living Stone for protection and salvation. God has given us protection through His precious Stone, Jesus Christ.

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, . . . to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame." (NIV) - I Peter 2:4-6

I believe Peter is saying, that those who believe or trust the living "Stone", Christ, become living stones. Our identity is tied up and connected to Christ. Because of His unity with the Father, we who believe are united with the Father. Our hearts and minds are being transformed into His likeness. Just like the living Stone we are precious and valuable to God our Father.

Unlike the outlaw, who realizes that the rocks would provide temporary protection; we have the living Stone, chosen and precious to our Father providing protection forever and ever.

- Dot Duncan

