

Family Information

From The Elders & Minister

Here again are the precautions we are currently taking with the building worship time:

The worship service time will be 10:00 a.m. Facemasks will be required. If you do not bring your own, one will be provided for you. The facemasks are to be worn at all times during the service apart from taking the cup and bread during the Lord's Supper. We will have individual cups with bread on top packed and ready for each of you as you come into the foyer. Instead of a collection/contribution time, we will have a contribution plate where you can leave your contribution. Bulletins will not be printed. They will be on our website.

Each family must sit together, and there has to be 6 feet or more distance from the next person or family. Once service is finished, we will dismiss starting from the back and working towards the front, going section by sections. Please do not gather around in the foyer. Our Ghana brothers and sisters will be starting worship at 12:00 p.m., so please leave the parking lot by 11:40 a.m. to honor the space for their time of worship. For further guidelines and details, please check with the elders.

Special Note From The Elders

Last Sunday we announced the passing of Robert (Bob) Arthur, a former member at Northland years ago. He died from complications of Covid-19 and other health issues. His funeral is planned for November 5th at the Pfeifer Funeral Home in Reynoldsburg, OH. The church will be providing some financial assistance, but Robert's wife Lorrie Arthur requests that if anyone would like to give anything, they can bring that donation to church Sunday and leave it at the table with the elders. The elders will give what is donated on Monday, November 2nd to Lorrie. Any further questions, please check with one of the elders.

Calendar

On-Line Sunday Afternoon Bible Class

In the Sunday afternoon on-line Bible class, a new series begins this week: "The Lord Is Trustworthy & Faithful" (based on Psalm 145). The studies are being taught by Mark G., Phil S., Steve C., and Leon N. This week, Mark will teach the class, beginning at 2:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to join.

More On-Line Studies

Every other Friday at 7:00 PM, next session November 6 - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans. Contact him for details.

Wednesday evenings after 7:00 PM - Pre-recorded Instagram Devotional by Caleb Dillinger will be available. Contact him for details.

Mondays at 7:00 PM - Women's prayer group, hosted by Peggy Kaiser. Contact her for details. If you aren't able to join, you can e-mail prayer requests to Peggy.

Tuesdays at 7:00 PM - Women's Bible study, "Abide In Christ", led by Karen Susenna. Contact her for more details.

Daylight Savings Time Ends This Weekend

Daylight savings time ends this weekend. The time change takes place at 2:00 AM this morning, Sunday, November 1, when clocks can be set back one hour.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$4476	\$4728
Designated:	\$30	\$69
Scholarship Fund Current Total		\$ 1022
See The Elders If You Have Any Questions		



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A Foundation On The Rock

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. - Matthew 7:24

God and his words and the message of Jesus are a sure foundation for all of our times; our Heavenly Father is our Rock of truth and grace and understanding, and there is no other. When we trust in God instead of in ourselves, he turns back the storms of this world's futility and noise, and he overcomes the strong winds of its uncertainty and emptiness - *The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. - Matthew 7:25*

In the classic poem "The Rime Of The Ancient Mariner", Samuel Taylor Coleridge (1772-1834) tells the story of a mariner who was lost both physically and spiritually, as it describes his offenses that lead to his downfall, the perils he encounters, and his salvation both physically and spiritually.

When the mariner's ship is adrift in the ocean with no land in sight, the situation is also a metaphor for those who put their hope in human strength and human abilities, as Coleridge writes, "Water, water everywhere, nor any drop to drink". Similarly, this world surrounds us with false hopes and tempting glitter that cannot satisfy our spirits and that cannot give us lasting peace or meaning - *Everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash. - Matthew 7:26-27*

Instead, in God's overflowing grace, he has given us the cornerstone of Jesus, a trustworthy foundation for our lives and our souls - *This is what the Sovereign Lord says: See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation (Isaiah 28:16).*

Later, the mariner finds himself alone in the open sea; as he learns to appreciate the sea creatures he sees, he learns to love their Creator and learns to trust God. As the tale concludes, the mariner says, "He prayeth best who loveth best All things great and small; For the dear God who loveth us, he made and loveth all." For as we learn to love God and what he has made and what he has done for us, he helps us trust in the message of Jesus and in his teachings - *When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law. - Matthew 7:28-29*

For the Lamb of God tells us profound truths that could only have come from our Father in heaven. In another of his writings, Samuel Coleridge wrote of the trust he put in God's words, "I know the Bible is inspired because it finds me at greater depths of my being than any other book." God's words are full of truth and grace and life, and his words and his compassion endure forever.

- Mark Garner

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	7:00 pm

Minister: Caleb Dillinger

Elders: 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

My Rock, My Refuge, & My Friend

The rain descends, the tempests rise,—
My soul, His majesty adore!
Jehovah's voice sounds through the skies,
While lightnings flash, and thunders roar

I sit becalm'd while others fear,
The God of Thunder is my all;
It is my Father's voice I hear,
Nor shall I by His thunder fall

No: while His lightnings flash around,
Although the Earth's foundations move
I stand secure on faith's firm ground,
I rest in His unchanging love.

Nothing shall fright my soul from God,
Should He the skies this moment rend,
He is my only safe Abode:
My Rock, my Refuge, and my Friend.

- Susanna Harrison, 1752-1784

(As a household servant in England, Susanna Harrison taught herself to read and write. She went on to write over 100 poems, many of which were later set to music as hymns.)



*“The LORD is
my light and
my salvation;
whom shall I fear?”*

PSALM 27:1, NRSV

In The Bleak Midwinter

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.

- Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

The Way & The Truth & The Life

Jesus is the Way and the truth and the life, as well as many more things. Jesus also brings light to this world, as Don Milnor writes about this week.

Reflecting The Light Of Christ



I took a long walk a few weeks ago. The last part was in the dark, but it wasn't that dark, because a bright full moon was in front of me. This photo doesn't begin to do it justice. It was so bright, it lit up the few clouds in the sky, the trees, the grass, the path . . . and the moon has no light of its own. It can only reflect a teeny proportion of the light of the sun.

As children of God, this is what we are. We have nothing to offer of our own. But God can and will use us to shine brightly in this world by reflecting him if we let him. As Jesus said:

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” -John 15:5

“...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” - Matthew 5:16

- Don Milnor