

Family Information

From The Elders & Minister

Health and Safety Update

Holiday season has resulted in higher spikes and spread of Covid-19. For Thanksgiving we worshipped digitally the Sunday following the holiday. We will practice that again for Sunday December 27th (Sunday after Christmas) and January 3rd (Sunday after New Year's). We plan to resume in person worship at the building on Sunday January 10th. See below for details on December 27th. If you'd like communion supplies for those weeks, feel free to take additional packets this Sunday, December 20th. If able, please continue to make your contributions online or mailed to the church building.

Offering Envelopes

On the right side of the Foyer, on the table where the Elders sit to take prayer requests, Pam Estep has placed offering envelopes for those who have requested them or used them in the past. Your names are listed alphabetically and should be easy to locate. Please pick them up this Sunday, Dec. 20th, otherwise they will be in Pam's office for when you are available to pick them up. If you need them mailed to you, please let us know.

More On-Line Studies

Every other Friday at 7:00 PM (next session will be in January) - 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.

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

Adjusted Service Times

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship
12:00 PM Sunday Ghana Worship
3:00 PM Sunday Spanish worship

*Classes and devotionals are
Currently meeting on-line*

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

Calendar

Zoom Worship Time Next Sunday (December 27)

Next Sunday (December 27th), Genessee Avenue, Northland, Alum Creek, Reynoldsburg, and Spring Road all plan to join in a Zoom worship time at 11:00 a.m., hosted by Genessee Avenue. The details of format are still being finalized, but the ministers from each church will share a reflection on a Scripture of their choosing, and Genessee will have some of their members lead us in Communion thoughts and song. Our understanding from Genessee is that they also have a way of broadcasting their worship through YouTube. Hopefully we'll have that information soon.

A Need In Our Family

If you have time, please send a Christmas card to Marie McMasters. She has been quarantined in her room for the better part of 6 months. She needs a little something to lift her spirits up. Her address is: Marie McMasters, Willowbrook Christian Home, 55 Lazelle Road, Room #203, Columbus, Ohio 43235, (614) 896-3463.

On-Line Sunday Afternoon Bible Class

In the Sunday afternoon on-line Bible class, a new series begins this week: "A Branch That Bears Fruit In Every Season" (based on Isaiah 11). The studies are being taught by Mark G., Phil S., Steve C., and Leon N. This week, Leon will teach the class, beginning at 2:00 PM.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$5727	\$4719
Designated:	\$30	\$66
Scholarship Fund Current Total		\$ 734
See The Elders If You Have Any Questions		



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Good News Of Great Joy

I just love this simple yet profound statement found in Luke 2:10. I don't know about you, but I have been looking forward to Christmas 2020 more than ever. Perhaps it is because Christmas will soon be followed by a new year, and I think we are all ready to say goodbye to 2020. But more than anything the promise of celebrating "great joy". That happiness that Jesus brought into the world when he was born, the hope of new life because he has brought salvation, light and truth.

I have been wanting to feel the joy and excitement of all the things that Christmas brings. I look forward to tree decorating, wrapping gifts, making cookies, watching Christmas movies and being with family. Even though these are all pleasurable activities, deep down inside I know that the true joy that comes from Christmas is knowing the One that we celebrate.

Jesus is the "great joy" that we can experience all year round, not just for a season. Jesus brings that real and lasting hope and joy that we all crave. This bundle of joy from heaven did not remain a baby but grew into a man and our Messiah that brought joy all of his life. He did not stay in that manger but grew to become the greatest person that ever lived.

When I recently read through the book of Mark, I made some notes about how the crowds reacted to the personality of Jesus. These quotes show me how Jesus continues to be our "great joy".

And the people were amazed. - Mark 5:20

*This amazed everyone and they praised God saying,
'We have never seen anything like this!' -Mark 2:12*

*The large crowd listened to him with delight and they
were amazed at him. - Mark 12:37*

*As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed
with wonder and ran to greet him. - Mark 9:15*

The people were amazed, delighted, and overwhelmed with wonder. I believe that the joy he carried with him all of his life, caused others to have the same joy. Only Jesus can bring this, the real and everlasting joy. All other pleasures are secondary to this "great joy" that only comes from knowing him. I hope that you can experience this deep joy that Jesus wants all of us to have all of the time.

Merry Christmas!

- Peggy Kaiser

Immanuel, God With Us

Jesus is the Son of God, our Lord and Savior, the Lamb of God; he is also called Immanuel, God with us. This week, Leisha Evans writes about two of the scriptures that have been especially helpful and encouraging to her.

Do Not Fear, For God Is With Us

I am following a plan of reading the Bible this year with a group of people, and the daily scriptures make me realize that we have it so much better than people in the Old Testament, even in the midst of a pandemic!

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous hand. - Isaiah 41:10

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. - Philippians 4:6

These are just 2 scriptures of so many that help me when I start to get attacked by Satan. He tries to trick me, and that makes me mad. Praying takes care of that!

The Bible holds the answers to getting through life, no matter what is going on in the world. I am more aware of how much I love Northland and all my brothers and sisters here. I will never take for granted the time we spend together! I have been encouraged to see people reaching out to God more than ever. I am more bold in speaking to others about my relationship with God, and how He has helped me get through the pandemic. If souls are saved, then it has all been worth it! I look up and have to smile, because I have absolute faith that God has something better in store for us all!

- Leisha Evans

The Prince Of Peace Has Come

He has come, the Prince of Peace:
Come to bid our sorrows cease;
Come to scatter with His light
All the shadows of our night.

Unto us a child is born:
Ne'er has earth beheld a morn
Among all the morns of time,
Half so glorious in its prime.

Unto us a son is given:
He has come from God's own Heav'n,
Bringing with Him from above,
Holy peace and holy love.

- Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889

MYSTERY VERSE WORD SEARCH #3

The words in the following list come from a certain book of the Bible, and they are all hidden in the diagram below. The words can be forwards, backwards, up, down, or diagonally. As you find them, shade in the letters that you use. There will be 34 unused letters, and reading from left to right beginning at the top of the diagram, they will spell out the mystery verse from this week's mystery book.

APOSTLE	ENCOURAGE	PEACE	TYCHICUS
ARROWS	FAVOR	POWER	UNDERSTAND
CHURCH	FITTED	PURPOSE	UNSEARCHABLE
COMPASSIONATE	FOOTHOLD	SECRET	WASHING
COMPLETELY	GREED	SPIRITUAL	WORTHY
CORNERSTONE	HEAVENLY REALMS	STRENGTH	WRATH
CREATED	LISTEN		

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The answer will be in the bulletin next week.
Last week's mystery verse answer: *Our God has not forsaken us.* - EZRA 9:9

- Mark Garner