

Family Information

From The Elders & Minister

Next Phase of Covid Adjustments: Beginning today, Sunday May 16th, our goal is to begin having the "officiates" serve without masks. This ONLY applies to time spent up front - so while Caleb will preach without his mask, he will still be wearing his mask to and from the pulpit. While Mike and Don lead singing without masks, they will still wear masks when not leading. Wearing masks while officiating in a service has never been mandatory, and we think by middle of May we can begin this transitional phase. Again, masks will still be worn while seated and walking around. **We** will continue to only make changes after giving advance notice - if you have concerns, questions or issues with any changes, please reach out and share. **When** we meet in person, we will maintain all safety features until otherwise noted: mandatory face masks throughout the service, seating in every other pew, service approximately 1 hour, starting at 10:00 a.m. For further guidelines and details, please check with the elders.

Graduation Open House

There will be a Graduation Open House honoring Paul Silva on Saturday May 29, 2021, from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Silva Home: 3866 State Route 257, Ostrander, Ohio 43061.

Graduation Party

There is a graduation party for Summer Kaiser on Sunday, June 6 from 12:00-5:00 at 4802 Manitoba Road, Columbus, OH 43229, and everyone is invited. Summer graduates from Centennial High School on June 2.

Lost & Found Box

If you think you might have lost something, please check the "Lost and Found" box/shelf in the Foyer on the left as you come in. Items still left in there by the end of May will be removed.

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

On Line Bible Studies

On-Line Sunday Afternoon Bible Class

In the Sunday afternoon on-line Bible class, the current series is, "Remember How The Lord Has Led Us All The Way" (based on Deuteronomy 8). 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, and everyone is welcome to join.

More On-Line Studies

Every other Friday at 7:00 PM, next session May 21 - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans. 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.

Contact Caleb Dillinger if you would like to have free access to RightNow Media, a digital collection of faith-based videos.

Camp

Our camp week is July 19th through July 25th at Fort Hill. Camp registration: Cost is currently \$180.00 if you pay in full **TODAY**, \$190.00 if paid 2 weeks before camp, and \$200 at camp.

Contribution

| | Last Week | Average YTD |
|---|-----------|-------------|
| General: | \$4043 | \$4720 |
| Designated: | \$50 | \$96 |
| Scholarship Fund Current Balance | \$ 1441 | |



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God Guards Our Hearts

Pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them.
- Proverbs 4:20-22

God's words tell us the message of Jesus; they bring good news of redemption and salvation and eternal life for those who open our hearts and minds to our Father in heaven. The words of the Lord are full of deep truths and abundant grace, and God writes them on our hearts when we walk humbly before him. Jesus was the Way, and God's words show us his paths - *Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you. Give careful thought to the paths for your feet.* - Proverbs 4:25-26

In one of his poems, Walt Whitman (1819-1892) writes about life in this world, "Not I, nor anyone else can travel that road for you. You must travel it by yourself." Each of us is unique in our own way, and thus in this life each of us will follow our own path, whether we realize it or not. How much truer this is of our walk with God, who knows each of us far better than we know ourselves.

Our Heavenly Father has a walk of faith in mind for each of us; we will not all experience the same things at the same time, yet all of God's paths will take us to his side when we follow them. So our Father in heaven calls us to fix our gaze on Jesus, and let him help us avoid the many distractions and temptations we face in this world - *Do not turn to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.* - Proverbs 4:27

As Walt Whitman's poem continues, he says (of our paths), "It is not far. It is within reach. Perhaps you have been on it since you were born, and did not know." Likewise, God has not made it difficult for us to know him; since we were born God has sustained us every step even when we didn't know it, and he is always near so that when we reach out for him we will find him.

Moreover, our Heavenly Father surrounds us with many reminders of his care, and he gives us many blessings we may not even notice. As writer Louisa May Alcott (1832-1888) writes, "It's amazing how lovely common things become, if one only knows how to look at them." For the more we fix our minds on Jesus, the more we will see all of the ways God cares for us, and the more we will desire to know him and be with him.

As Alcott also says, "Love casts out fear, and gratitude can conquer pride." By keeping our eyes on Jesus instead of relying on human plans and human thinking, he will guard our hearts and he will teach us how to walk in step with his Spirit - *Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.* - Proverbs 4:23

God's words are true, and his promises are trustworthy.

- Mark Garner

From The Northland Archives

This article was written by longtime Northland member Larry Harris, and it appeared in the Northland bulletin on April 8, 2012. For many years, Larry has also been devoted to managing the Willow Brook care-giving facilities.

Hallelujah, Christ Arose

Jesus arose from the grave in the spring of the year. How do we know this? His resurrection was at the time of the Jewish Feast of the Passover. Jesus and his disciples reclined at the Passover table the night before he was crucified. They ate the bread and sipped the wine not knowing it would be their last meal with their Lord.

Passover was instituted some 1,300 years before Jesus as a commemoration of the Israelites' release from Egyptian bondage. It always has been celebrated, even to this day, as winter turns to spring.

I think it is so appropriate that Jesus arose to a new life at this season. The bursting blossoms of redbuds and dogwoods, the emergence of tender green leaves all around us – precious life coming forth from the cold dead of winter – all serve as a beautiful metaphor for Christ's return to life.

As Jesus lay lifeless in the tomb, it appeared to his followers that all was lost. Just look at him. The forces of evil had crushed the embodiment of good. Hope died with the execution of their lord and teacher. Nothing remained for his disciples but to gather their nets and return to fishing.

Or so they thought.

As the sun cracked the horizon on that first Easter, Jesus broke the chains of death that bound him as if they were nothing more than strands of wet spaghetti. The great stone at the entrance to his tomb was rolled away, and Jesus stepped forth with radiant new life. Hope had returned to a dying world, and this time it would stay.

The resurrection of Jesus is the foundation upon which our faith is built. God's forgiveness comes through His risen son. Without a living Savior, we would have no hope of eternal life, and there would be nothing for us to do but to go fishing.

So let the sweet scent of blooming flowers and the greening of our precious earth remind you of our risen Lord. "Hallelujah, Christ arose!"

- Larry Harris

I Need Thee Every Hour

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.

I need Thee every hour, stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh.

I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, or life is vain.

I need Thee every hour; teach me Thy will;
And Thy rich promises in me fulfill.

I need Thee every hour, most Holy One;
O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son.

I need Thee, O I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

- Annie Sherwood Hawks, 1835-1918

(Annie S. Hawks wrote this hymn in 1872; it became so widely known that by the early 1900s it was believed at the time to have been translated into more languages than any other modern hymn.)



Have
faith
in
God

Mark 11:22