

Family Information

Men's Lunch Today

There is a Northland brothers' lunch today, a half hour after morning worship. It will be at the Bob Evans at Huber Village. See Jeff if you have any questions.

Worship At Willow Brook Today

Northland is organizing the Sunday worship time today at Willow Brook Christian Home (55 Lazelle Road), beginning at 2:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to come.

Children's Teachers Appreciation Lunch Next Sunday

Next Sunday, March 17, the congregation will be hosting a lunch shortly after morning worship to show our appreciation for the teachers of the children's classes. It will be in room E41-42, and the main dish and dessert will be provided. Everyone is welcome to come; please sign the list on the bulletin board by today if you plan to attend, so we can order the main dish. Non-teachers are requested to bring side dishes. For more information, contact Vicki Cowans or Tara Lynn Bell.

New Prayer Cards Available

There are new prayer cards for this month, along with suggestions for how to use them, on the table in the foyer.

Spring Needs For The Clothing Closet

As you begin your spring cleaning, please remember the Clothing Closet and those in need. We can use these clean, gently used items: children's, men's, and women's clothes; small household items; toys and books. There is a Donation Box located in the church foyer. Thank you for anything you can donate.

Clothing Closet Schedule

The Clothing Closet will next be open, by appointment only, on Wednesday March 20 from 6:30-8:00 PM. For appointments, please call 614-918-7925. Please let Robbie, Pam, or Vicki if you are available to help.

Outreach Meeting Schedule

The next Outreach Meeting will be on April 7, after the morning worship assembly. Outreach Meetings are currently taking place on the first Sunday of each month. See Caleb if you have any questions.

Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 AM
Sunday Spanish Worship 10:00 AM
Sunday Ghana Worship 12:00 PM
Sunday Evening Worship 4:00 PM

Midweek Bible Studies

Women's Fellowship On March 23

The last winter women's fellowship time, "Just A Little Walk With Jesus", will be on Saturday March 23, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. See Robbie for more information.

Sunday Afternoon Class Schedule

The Sunday afternoon class is currently taking a break, and it will resume meeting later this winter. See Mike Paden if you have any questions.

Current Mid-Week Studies

First and third Friday of each month at 6:30 PM - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans, currently meeting in room E41. Contact Mike or Leisha for details and updates.

Mondays at 6:30 PM (Via Zoom) - 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.

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM - A Bible study organized by Jeff McVicker is currently meeting in the meeting room just off the foyer.

Tuesdays at 7:00 PM (Online) - Women's Bible study "Abide In Christ", led by Karen Susenna. The current study is on 1 Peter, using the workbook "Living Stones" by Casandra Martin. Contact Karen for more details.

Children's Classes

We currently have children's classes for ages 2-10 during worship (each of them begins after the Lord's Supper). See Mike Evans for further details. The children's education program needs helpers for all age groups. See Lynn Paden or Emily Graham if you can help.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$3,976	\$4,009
Designated:	\$0	\$142

Minister: Caleb Dillinger

Elders: Mike Evans, Jeff McVicker, Jim Robbins

Deacons: Lynn Champney, Glenn Culler, Darrell Estep, John Lindsay, Don Milnor, Art Silva

Spanish Ministry: Luis Valdez



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Those Who Find God's Wisdom Find Life

Does not wisdom call out? - Proverbs 8:1

God's wisdom calls out from everything he has made; his understanding and compassion call out from his words and from the ways he teaches us. Our Heavenly Father speaks what is true -

Listen, for I have trustworthy things to say; I open my lips to speak what is right. My mouth speaks what is true. - Proverbs 8:6-7

Computer scientist and college teacher Rosalind Picard (1962-present) is known for developing numerous devices to help those with severe ailments. She is also known for frequently writing and speaking about what led her to follow Jesus. Picard grew up as an unbeliever, and she thought that religion was just for the uneducated. So she was surprised when she found out that some of her friends were believers in Jesus, and one of them offered Rosalind a Bible.

Picard decided at least to read some of the Scriptures, and her friend suggested starting with Proverbs. As Rosalind writes, "When I first opened the Bible . . . I expected to find phony miracles, made-up creatures, and assorted gobbledygook. To my surprise, Proverbs was full of wisdom. I had to pause while reading and think. I was humbled." Truly, God's words hold timeless wisdom for us to ponder, and they tell us about the Creator who made this universe -

I was there when he set the heavens in place, when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep. - Proverbs 8:27

Picard read the entire Bible several times, and she came to see God as "the greatest Mind in the cosmos - the Author of all science, mathematics, art, and everything else there is to know." Rosalind also describes the change that Jesus made in her daily life, "Today I walk humbly, having received the most undeserved grace. I walk with joy, alongside the most amazing Companion anyone could ask for, filled with desire to keep learning and exploring."

As Proverbs personifies wisdom, we also know that Jesus himself was the Word who was with God from the beginning, who rejoices in being with his Father, and who came to live among us -

Then I was constantly at his side. I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in his presence, rejoicing in his whole world and delighting in mankind. - Proverbs 8:30-31

Rosalind Picard also says that amidst this world's confusion, "I know there is a God of unfathomable greatness and love who freely enters into relationship with all who confess their sins and call upon his name." The message of Jesus indeed tells us of new life and new hope -

For those who find me find life and receive favor from the Lord. - Proverbs 8:35

And our Heavenly Father rejoices in being with those who follow his Son.

- Mark Garner, March 2024

Wonderful Love

Born in a manger lowly and poor,
Willing the world's dark frowns to endure,
Came the dear Lord, our Savior to be,
Wonderful love for thee and me.

Tell of his love to those who are sad,
Bring them the news so wondrous and glad,
Tell them that Christ their helper would be,
Wonderful love for thee and me.

Let every soul from near and far,
Follow the rays of Bethlehem's star;
Till it shines over Calvary's tree,
Wonderful love for thee and me.

- Lida Myra Keck, 1873-1946

Writer Lida Keck wrote several books on a variety of topics. She was married later in life, so sometimes she is known as Lida Myra Wiggins.

My Soul Is Free

All my sins are now forgiven,
Jesus speaks the word to me,
And my name is down in heaven,
O rejoice, my soul is free.

Oft I wondered, would he save me,
Could I know it here below?
Now He pardons my transgressions,
And His Spirit tells me so.

Through the ages let me praise Him,
Let me sing around the throne -
Praise the Lord who hath redeemed me,
Who hath sealed me for his own.

- Millie Myrtle Lawhead, 1874-1959

Ohio schoolteacher and writer Millie Lawhead also spent considerable time travelling to help other congregations.

Bread That Comes From Heaven

The Old Testament tells us how God fed the Israelites in the desert with manna from heaven, and the New Testament teaches us that Jesus came down from heaven to bring us the bread of life. This week, Caleb Dillinger writes about the enduring life that comes from the bread that Jesus gives us.

From Sweat To Life

Last week I preached on the first occurrence of the word "prayer". I thought I'd apply that approach to this bulletin series about "bread". The first use of bread comes from Genesis 3:19, where God is punishing humanity for the sin of eating the forbidden fruit. God proclaims this: "By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

The first use of bread is in the context of punishment. Bread is not an easy food to make. As many of you know, I have loved learning the skill of making various breads. But for bread to be enjoyable, it takes some level of time and effort. Whether you are waiting for the bread to prove, or you're sweating through the process of kneading the bread, bread takes time. Bread is also formed through heat – whether an oven or grill or stovetop, bread must be heated to move from dough to bread. Literally, sweat is connected to the making of bread, just as God foretold.

Granted, God was likely referring to life being a hardship, and daily food was no longer something to take for granted. But I still find it interesting that the first use of bread deals with sweat and struggle and punishment, even used within the same sentence of death (returning to dust).

Now contrast that with Jesus and his use of bread in John 6:35: "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

No longer will we hunger and thirst and sweat; no longer will daily living be tied to our punishment for sin. Now, through Jesus, we have life. We move from sweat to life when we leave sin and its punishment behind and choose Jesus and life in his name. We won't simply be turned to dust when we die. Because of Jesus and the resurrection, we will rise again. Because of the bread of life, we have life. Bread, in the minds of Christians, is no longer connected to punishment and the fall. Bread is connected with Jesus, his body, his life, his teachings, and most importantly, his gift of eternal life.

- Caleb Dillinger, March 2024