

Family Information

Children's Teachers Appreciation Lunch Today
Today, the congregation is 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.

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

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.

Willow Brook Schedule
The next time that Northland will be organizing the Sunday worship time at Willow Brook Christian Home (55 Lazelle Road) will be on Sunday May 12 at 2:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to come. See Caleb or one of the elders if you have any questions.

Service Times	
Sunday English Bible Study	9:00 AM
Sunday English Worship	10:00 AM
Sunday Spanish Worship	10:00 AM
Sunday Ghana Worship	12:00 PM
Sunday Evening Class	4:00 PM

Midweek Bible Studies

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:	\$3,289	\$3,935
Designated:	\$100	\$138

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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Growing in the Grace & Knowledge of Our Savior

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. - 2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is so patient with us all; he gave each of us life and breath and everything else we have, and he waited for each of us to seek him with our hearts so that he could give us the grace and understanding that we needed. As we live for a time in this temporary world, our Heavenly Father gives us many blessings to show us his care; and he has promised us an eternal home with him, so he calls us to walk humbly in the light and compassion of Jesus -

Live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God. - 2 Peter 3:11-12

In artist Jane Seabrook's "Furry Logic" series, each book contains a collection of her watercolor paintings. Each painting depicts a carefully detailed animal with a touch of human expression, accompanied by a caption that brings out the basic challenges or the simple joys of daily life in this world. One of Seabrook's paintings shows an exhausted, puzzled meerkat, with the caption, "Once I get started, nothing can stop me, but sometimes it seems that nothing can start me."

This world has many false hopes and empty promises that can leave us confused and weary, yet we have Jesus, who gives our lives a sure foundation, and whose promises are trustworthy -

But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. - 2 Peter 3:13

Another of Jane's paintings portrays two perplexed ostriches, with one of them saying, "You'll always be my best friend - you know too much." Similarly, in Jesus we have the best possible friend who knows everything about us and who rejoices in being with us, a Savior who cares for us and whose grace overflows to us -

So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation. - 2 Peter 3:14-15

In another of Jane Seabrook's watercolors, a contented blue-footed booby (a friendly, rather awkward-looking bird) says, "Don't let success go to your head - and if you fail, don't let failure go there either." Indeed, when we succeed, it comes as a gift from God, a blessing by his grace; and when we stumble, the Lamb of God gives us reassurance and forgiveness when we remain close with him -

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen. - 2 Peter 3:18

Truly, the message of Jesus is full of compassion and boundless truths.

- Mark Garner, March 2024

Trust

Leave the future to our Father,
Trust Him still to care for thee;
Living bravely in the present,
As He gives thee light to see.

He will teach thee all thou needest,
Guidance give from day to day;
In the sunshine or the shadows,
Look to Him, for He's the way.

All thy days are in His keeping,
Be they dark or be they fair,
And He watches, never sleeping,
Holds thee in His tender care.

- Florence May Scripps Kellogg, 1870-1958

Poet Florence Kellogg (known to her friends as Floy) was also known for serving her local community, including helping to start a university.

He Feedeth His Flock

He feedeth His flock like a shepherd,
And tenderly guideth their way;
His banner of mercy is o'er them,
Their refuge by night and by day.

He never will leave nor forsake them,
His own He hath promised to keep;
So great was His love and compassion,
He laid down His life for the sheep.

He feedeth His flock like a shepherd,
And makes them in Him to rejoice;
They walk in the light of His presence,
And know the glad sound of His voice.

O wonderful Savior,
Precious Redeemer and Friend;
He loveth the faithful that trust Him,
And loveth them unto the end.

- Frances Jane Crosby, 1820-1915

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, Mike and Lynn Paden write about Jesus' ability to transform us inwardly.

Stones And Bread

After Jesus had been in the wilderness for 40 days, he was hungry. The devil came and tempted him by saying, if you are the son of God "change these stones into bread." (Matthew 4:3). Perhaps you could envision a small round stone like a roll, or a larger one like a sourdough loaf, or if it were flat, maybe like pita, which was the typical flat bread of the time. Jesus' response was that man does not live by bread alone. He is not denying that he did not have the power to make that miraculous transformation, but rather He was trusting only God, the Father to provide for all his needs. God does have the power to change stones into bread, because a rock is not His most precious creation whom He made in his image and to whom He gave free will. It would be no more difficult for God to change stones into children of Abraham, as John the Baptizer scolded the Pharisees and Sadducees (Matthew 3:9). John was clever to make his point, for the Hebrew word for "stones" is abanim, while the word for "children" is banim. Jesus made the very same point as He rode the donkey into Jerusalem, and the people around him are shouting praises and hosannas to him. Some of the Pharisees in the crowd objected and told Jesus to rebuke His disciples. He responded by saying "I tell you, if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out".

The greater miracle that God performs is mentioned prophetically in Ezekiel 36:25-27, "I will sprinkle clean water on you . . . I will cleanse you from all your impurities...I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws."

This miracle of transformation in God's created beings involved more than His command for it to be done. God orchestrated all sorts of events to bring His only son into the world. Jesus came to do the Father's will and show the world who the Father is. In John 4:32-34, Jesus used the metaphor of food, meat, bread or sustenance as doing "the will of Him who sent me." Jesus was exalted because he did the Father's will. He obeyed His Heavenly Father in everything: in this life and in His death and separation from God with the weight of every sin laid on Him.

After Jesus referenced that stones would cry out, he still had compassion on the city and the people, (Luke 19:41-42) says "if you had only known on this day what would bring you peace – but now it is hidden from your eyes."

In order for us have this peace of Jesus and be exalted with him, we must eat of the same spiritual bread Jesus ate and that is, doing the will of God. Jesus provides this bread to us by His sacrifice and He invites us, as an act of our free will, to partake of Him, that is believe in Him, have faith in Him, and live for Him. And with this decision our hearts are turned from stone to flesh as Jesus becomes our spiritual nourishment, our bread of life eternal, our cornerstone and our Savior.

- Mike & Lynn Paden, March 2024