

Announcements

Next Sunday's Events

Next Sunday, April 19, there will be a **potluck** right after the worship assembly finishes. Everyone is welcome to come! Then, at 2:00 PM, Northland will be organizing the worship time at the **Willow Brook Christian Home** (55 Lazelle Road). See Caleb or one of the elders for more information.

More Events Coming Up *Updated*

April 25 (Saturday) - Story, crafts, and songs time (see announcement below)

May 3 (Sunday) - Prayer time after the worship assembly

May 10 (Sunday) - Combined morning class on faith

May 16 (Saturday) - Area-wide worship at Northland (see announcement below)

Crafts & Story Time On April 25 *Added Details*

There will be a children's Crafts and Story Time on Saturday, April 25, beginning at 11:00 AM, at the Karl Road Library (5590 Karl Road). It will be for children ages 3-10. This year's story book will be "This I Know: Seeing God In The World He Made" by Clay Anderson. We already have enough volunteers, and the event is free. Since space is limited, please sign up for it at <https://ncocfamily.com/craftandstoryregistration2026/>

Area-Wide Worship Evening Next Month

On **Saturday** May 16, Northland will be hosting an area-wide worship evening. It will be from 6:30-8:30 PM, and afterwards there will be light refreshments and cookies.

Mission Trip To Ghana

The Ghanaian congregation is organizing a mission trip to Ghana, scheduled to take place in June. If you are interested in joining the group, please tell Franklin or one of the other elders. The congregation will be able to help with the expenses. See Franklin for further information.

Sunday Service Times

English Bible Study	9:00 AM
English Worship	10:00 AM
Spanish Worship (Annex)	10:00 AM
Twi Bible Study	12:00 PM
Twi Worship	1:00 PM

Minister: Caleb Dillinger
Elders: Franklin Agyei, Mike Evans, Jeff McVicker, Jim Robbins
Deacons: Lynn Champney, Glenn Culler, Darrell Estep, John Lindsay, Don Milnor, Art Silva
Spanish Ministry: Luis Valdez

Support For The Ministry In Ghana

Northland and the Ghanaian congregation continue to support the Seikwa, Ghana Church Of Christ (along with the congregation that now meets at Nkoranman Senior High School, as well as a prison ministry). Their member who has sickle cell anemia has been improving; please continue praying for him. The congregation is also currently building a larger place to meet. See the announcement above about the planned mission trip there this June. You can support the ministry in Ghana either with your contribution envelope, or by giving online. See Franklin Agyei for more information.

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

We currently have three children's classes (ages 2-3, ages 4-8, and ages 9-10) that begin right after the Lord's Supper. During the 9:00 morning Bible classes, there is a combined class for ages 2-10. **Please see Vicki Cowans or Lynn Paden if you can help with these classes.** There are regular teachers for these classes, so we just need volunteers to help with the class activities and lessons.

Current Mid-Week Studies

Mondays at 6:30 PM (Via Zoom) - Women's prayer group, organized by Peggy Kaiser.

Tuesdays at 7:15 PM (Via Zoom) - Women's Bible study, coordinated by Tara Lynn Bell. The class topic is now "Grace & Gratitude".

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM - A Bible study organized by Jeff McVicker and Caleb Dillinger, meeting in the Fellowship Room. Currently the class is studying John. **First and third Friday of each month at 6:30 PM** - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans, currently meeting in room E41-42. See Mike or Leisha for more details.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$5,364	\$4,423
Designated:	\$505	\$503



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Listen, Listen To God

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters. - Isaiah 55:1

Within each of us is a thirst for meaning, a thirst for hope, a thirst for peace. None of these can be fulfilled by human accomplishments nor by human teachings. Yet Jesus offers living water and living bread freely to those who put all our faith in him:

And you who have no money, come, buy and eat! - Isaiah 55:1

Jane Seabrook's "Furry Logic" watercolors depict animals while giving them human expressions, combined with an appropriate quotation about life and human nature. Some of them look at the human search for hope and meaning, usually reflecting how elusive these can be in this world. In one of her watercolors, an endearing (though discouraged) ostrich is accompanied with the saying, "I can't believe that from so little, I've made so little."

Indeed, daily living in this world can weary us, and its ongoing fears and disappointments may overwhelm us. Our Heavenly Father gently reminds us to listen to him instead of listening to this world's empty promises. For God alone can fill us with spiritual food that delights our souls:

Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. - Isaiah 55:2

Jesus teaches us that we can be redeemed and saved only by believing him and humbly accepting God's grace and forgiveness. The message of the Lamb of God is straightforward and clear, while it also touches the depths of our souls. Human fleshly nature resists the thought that we cannot save ourselves, yet our spirits desire to know the truth that can come only through knowing God.

In a "Furry Logic" watercolor of an adorable, though perplexed, tree frog, the caption reads, "If the meaning of life doesn't soon become clear, I may have to request an extension." As this frog realizes the need to continue listening, God has planted a seed within us that moves us to seek him:

Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. - Isaiah 55:3

This world's loud, assertive voices proclaim their latest theories and whims, while Jesus patiently reminds us of God's timeless truths. Another of Seabrook's watercolors has a cute, hopeful penguin with the quote, "I'm on the brink of happiness - will you give me a push?" When we listen to God's words and Jesus' good news, we are on the brink of lasting hope, peace, and meaning. We can reassure one another to put our faith in God and in the everlasting covenant he makes with us:

I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. - Isaiah 55:3

When we seek God with our hearts and minds and souls, we will find him, for he is always near.

- Mark Garner, April 2026

The Threefold Promise

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings of eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. - Isaiah 40:31

Oh, wonderful promises given
To those who wait on the Lord;
Strength for the faint who have fallen,
Power for weakness outpoured.

Blessed the threefold assurance
Thrilling the soul like a song:
They shall mount up as the eagles
On wide wings and swift wings and strong;

Oh, promise for those who are walking,
Who falter and stumble and fall,
The courage, the strength and the patience,
This is the sweetest of all.

- Annie Johnson Flint, 1866-1932

Consider The Lilies

Consider the lilies - how stately they grow.
They toil not, they spin not, no seed do they sow;
Yet they bloom all the summer, so shining and tall,
The Father who loves them takes thought for them all.

Consider the ravens - who gives them their food?
Who shelters their nest in the storm-beaten wood?
Who guides the young sparrow? Who watches its fall?
Their Father in Heaven takes heed for them all.

Our Father in Heaven, Thy children on earth
Than lilies or ravens Thou holdest more worth:
O guide us and guard us, be near when we call
Uphold us, enfold us - we thank Thee for all.

- Alice W. Brotherton, 1848-1930

Poet and writer Alice Brotherton's family moved to Ohio when she was a child, and she lived in Ohio the rest of her life. Her articles and poems regularly appeared in prominent publications, and she also published several books.

Let There Be Light

In the beginning, God brought first of all light into this world. And now Jesus has become the light of the world. This week, Leon Norwood writes about the ways God gives us light and illumination.

It Is God Who Commanded Light

For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. - 2 Corinthians 4:5-6

It is God who commanded light to shine out of darkness and who has illuminated our hearts to reveal the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. The opening words of God at creation were, "Let There Be Light." (Genesis 1:3). Similarly, at the moment of spiritual rebirth in Christ, God's Word declares, "Let There Be Light." The same Spirit who spoke creative words over the darkness in the beginning is the one who moves over the human heart and dispels spiritual darkness at salvation. It is through Him that the radiant light of the Gospel of Christ shines into wounded and hurting souls.

The mind of an unregenerate person is constantly wrapped in darkness, as the god of this world has blinded their eyes to the truth of the Gospel of Christ (2 Corinthians 4:4). However, the Creator of life and the source of all grace has filled our hearts with the True Light of the world—our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Son of Righteousness and the Bright Morning Star.

Thus, it is helpful to remember that it is not the skill or eloquence of the individual delivering the gospel that brings people to Christ (2 Corinthians 4:5). Rather, it is God's responsibility to illuminate His word in the hearts of the lost. When a sinner's heart is awakened by the Gospel, God performs His marvelous work of regeneration. A soul oppressed by sin is illuminated with the knowledge of the light that overcomes darkness. Through faith, individuals receive understanding of God's glorious presence, revealed in Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is our eternal, shining Day-Star, the Light of life. In Him, we find forgiveness and eternal life. The faithful love of God is embodied in Christ, who perfectly reflects the invisible God. He is the very source of all light, the fountain of life, and the endless reservoir of love.

Regarding the knowledge, God provided light by His command at creation, but at salvation, He reveals Himself through Christ. The "light" signifies the knowledge of salvation. The more we understand God's glory, the greater our light and understanding become.

- Leon Norwood, April 2026