

Announcements

Men's Lunch Next Sunday

There will be a Northland brothers' lunch next Sunday, June 14, about a half hour after morning worship. It will be at BD's Mongolian Grill at Easton Town Center. See Jeff for more information.

Events Coming Soon * Updated *

June 14 (Sunday) - Men's lunch shortly after morning worship (see announcement above)

June 20 (Saturday) - Northland family Jubilee with the Ghanaian congregation

June 27 (Saturday) - Work day

June 28 (Sunday) - Prayer time after morning worship

July 5 (Sunday) - Worship at Willow Brook

August 1 (Saturday) - Book presentation

August 9 (Sunday) - Worship at Willow Brook

NWOCYC Church Camp This Week

Church camp at NWOCYC with Nick Strawser is starting today, and it will run through Saturday, June 13. See Josh Evans if you'd still like to attend. Whether or not you're going, please pray for those at camp this week.

Church Camp At Fort Hill Next Month

Church camp week at Fort Hill will be from July 12-18, and the cost is \$260. Potential scholarships are available. See Josh Evans or Meagan Stover if you have any questions.

What's The Point Of Philemon?

The next installment of the monthly series on the books of Scripture is now available on the table in the foyer, as well as on the racks. This month, Caleb and Mark have each written one page on "What's The Point Of Philemon?" The entire series is viewable on the Northland website, under "Resources".

Village Of Hope Orphanage (In Ghana)

Last Sunday there was a presentation about the Village Of Hope orphanage in Ghana. If you'd like to make a contribution to this ministry, you can do so by including it with your regular contribution, and writing "Village Of Hope" on your envelope with the amount.

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

Ministry In Ghana

The Seikwa, Ghana Church Of Christ, along with the congregation that now meets at Nkoranman Senior High School, appreciate your continuing prayers and support. The member with sickle cell anemia has improved significantly, and the construction of a larger place to meet has made considerable progress. Please also continue praying for this month's mission trip. You can support the ministry in Ghana either with your contribution envelope, or by giving online. See Franklin Agyei for more information.

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. The current topic is "Grace & Gratitude". See Karen Susenna for more information.

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.

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.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$4,525	\$4,739
Designated:	\$355	\$528



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A City Whose Builder Is God

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. - Hebrews 11:8

As with Abraham, Jesus has called us to live like strangers in this world, and to turn away from its empty thinking and its false hopes:

By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger. - Hebrews 11:9

In Charlie Mackesy's children's story "The Boy, The Mole, The Fox, & The Horse", a boy is lost in the snow, looking for home. He is soon joined by a friendly mole, and though neither finds what they are looking for, they are moved by the beauty of the winter scenery. They observe, "Isn't it odd, we can only see our outsides, but nearly everything happens on the inside." Similarly, God always comforts our spirits with reminders of his care, understanding, and splendor. These are brief glimpses of the eternal home God himself has made for those who follow him humbly:

He lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob . . . For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. - Hebrews 11:9-10

Next they encounter a fox who is caught in a snare. Although fearful, the mole chews through the wire to free the fox. The fox hesitantly joins them, and they assume that he might be lost too, as the mole says, "Everyone feels a bit lost sometimes. I know I do." Likewise, when we put our trust in God's words and the message of Jesus, we will often feel out of place in this world and its pointless ways. For our spirits always hope for a lasting home with our Heavenly Father:

These people were still living by faith when they died . . . People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. - Hebrews 11:13-14

Then a helpful horse joins them. The fox has said nothing, and when asked the fox says, "To be honest, I often feel I have nothing interesting to say." The horse responds, "Being honest is always interesting," and then reassures the fox that they are all glad that he is with them. Eventually they find a group of a few houses, and the boy says good-bye to his companions. Soon he realizes that none of these houses is his own home, and that the mole, the fox, and the horse are his friends who care about him. So the four of them continue on their journey, not knowing where they'll end up.

Similarly, as we patiently face this world's uncertainties, Jesus calls us his friends . . .

They were longing for a better country - a heavenly one . . . for he has prepared a city for them. - Hebrews 11:16

And the Lamb of God reassures us that our Heavenly Father has prepared a heavenly city for us.

- Mark Garner, June 2026

Father Who Has Made The Mountains

Father, who has made the mountains,
Who has formed each tiny flower,
Who has filled the crystal fountains,
Who has sent us sun and shower:

Hear, thy children's morning prayer,
Asking for thy guardian care;
Keep us and guide us all the day,
Lead us all the way.

- Frances Ridley Havergal, 1836-1879

More Than A Friend To Me

The Savior of sinners
From glory came down,
My hope of salvation to be;
Was scourged for my guilt,
And was mocked with a crown -
He's more than a friend to me.

When broken with sorrow,
And trembling with fear,
To Him with my burden I flee;
No matter what troubles
Or trials appear -
He's more than a friend to me.

In moments of weakness
Upon Him I lean,
His promise my hope and my plea;
So gently He leads, though
His hand is unseen -
He's more than a friend to me.

- Lizzie DeArmond, 1847-1936

Writer Lizzie DeArmond (sometimes spelled de Armond) had her first poem published in a local newspaper. She wrote numerous articles and nature stories for a variety of periodicals, as well as writing the librettos for a number of cantatas, and the words to several hundred hymns. For many years she also organized the children's Bible classes in her local congregation.

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, Frank Cowans writes about the essential nature of light, both physical and spiritual, as well as how this world's darkness can help us appreciate God's light.

There Is No Light Without Darkness

"Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light. God saw that the light was good..." (Genesis 1:2-4).

Since Day 1 of creation, God saw a need for light and declared that it was good. He saw this need before there were any creatures or land on this Earth. Light was essential to all of God's creation, both human and animal. Like many times in our own lives, darkness came before the light. Perhaps without the darkness, we may have never truly seen the light. But "God saw the light was good," and He sent that Light!

I was in complete darkness at one time. Even now, there are times when the light seems a little dim and I deal with personal, daily sin. One of those sins is being quietly angry at myself for mistakes in everyday, mundane tasks. I am trying to be more aware of this and remember the Light that takes away the darkness. Please pray for me.

"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 4:6).

Just as on the first day of creation, the light has come into the world to take away the darkness. This time, the Light came in the face of Jesus. When we look to Him, our darkness fades and we walk in the light - *"for if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).*

The "Light of the World" had to endure darkness to cleanse us of our sins. As we look to the cross daily, seeing the forgiveness, freedom and cleansing, know that that darkness was overcome by the Light and the work on the cross, and we no longer have to walk in darkness. Thank God for the *"true Light which gives Light to every man coming into this world" John 1:9*

- Frank Cowans, June 2026