

Announcements

Area Wide Worship
At Reynoldsburg This Saturday

This **Saturday** August 29, the Reynoldsburg congregation will be hosting an area-wide worship evening. It will be from 6:30-8:00 PM, and everyone is welcome to come. The address is 1649 Graham Road, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068.

Outdoor Worship On September 12

There will be an outdoor time of worship at the Caleb and Ashley Dillinger's home (weather permitting) on Saturday, September 12 from 10:30 AM - Noon. This will be a time of fellowship and singing, and everyone is welcome. Hymnals will be provided, though please bring your own chair.

Events Coming Soon * Updated *

August 29 (Saturday) - Area-wide worship at Reynoldsburg, 6:30 (see announcement above)
September 12 (Saturday) - Outdoor worship at the Dillingers' home (see announcement above)
September 13 (Sunday) - Prayer time after morning worship
September 19 (Saturday) - Picnic with the Ghanaian congregation

Auditorium Renovations * Updated *

The elders are currently considering making some renovations to the auditorium in the church building. These include a new projector, better lighting, better sound, and other features that would benefit both the English-language worship and the Ghanaian congregation. See Jeff or one of the other elders if you have any questions.

Benevolence Fund

The benevolence fund has been used recently to bless several people. For those who designate funds in the contribution, we encourage focusing on this specific area for the month of August. See one of the elders for more 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

Ministry In Ghana (& The Village Of Hope)

The Seikwa, Ghana Church Of Christ, along with the congregation that now meets at Nkoranman Senior High School, appreciate your continuing prayers and support. You can support the ministry in Ghana either with your contribution envelope, or by giving online. See Franklin Agyei for more information. See Franklin also if you'd like to contribute to the Village Of Hope orphanage, or if you would like more information about it.

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 room E41-42. Over the summer, the class will be studying a variety of topics.
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:	\$10,828	\$5,068
Designated:	\$425	\$439



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All Creatures Look To God

Lord my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty. - Psalm 104:1

The Lord is indeed clothed with splendor and majesty and holiness and righteousness, and the earth is full of his creations. Each of them reminds us of God's wisdom and understanding:

How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. - Psalm 104:24

Swedish biologist and physician Carl Linnaeus (1707-1778) is best known for devising the system of nomenclature that is still used today for classifying animals and plants. Linnaeus's love for nature began as a boy, when he was fascinated by plants and flowers. He came to realize that all of nature's beauty comes from the Creator who gives us all life. Carl would later say, "From my youth you have taught me, O God, and now I would like to proclaim Your Wonders."

Linnaeus became known for his joyful appreciation for everything that God made; as he wrote, "Everything the Almighty Creator has instituted on our globe occurs in such a wonderful order, that no thing subsists without the support of something else: The Globe itself . . . is nourished and sustained by the Elements: Plants, Trees, Herbs, Grasses . . . and Animals eventually grow out of the plants. All of these are finally transformed back into their primary substances."

Truly, just as all of our nourishment comes from God, so also our Heavenly Father feeds our souls with spiritual food that he alone can give us:

He makes grass grow . . . and plants for people - bringing forth food. - Psalm 104:14

As Carl began devising his system of categorizing living things, he was even more awed by how interwoven things are in this world. He writes, "God infinite, omniscient and omnipotent, woke me up and I was amazed . . . through His created things, in all of which, is His will; even in the smallest things, and the most minute. How much wisdom, what an inscrutable perfection." Truly, all of God's creations look to him and depend on him, and everything in our human lives holds together in Jesus. God satisfies both our bodies and our souls:

All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time . . . they are satisfied with good things. - Psalm 104:27-28

Carl Linnaeus also saw humans as "the final purpose of the creation; placed on the globe as the masterpiece of the works of Omnipotence, contemplating the world by virtue of sapient reason . . . it is in His works that man recognizes the almighty Creator, the all-knowing, immeasurable and eternal God." All life comes from God, and he renews us inwardly when we humbly follow Jesus:

When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground. - Psalm 104:30

- Mark Garner, August 2026

The Mighty God Exalted Reigns

The Lord, the mighty God reigns;
Rejoice, O earth, you numerous isles adore.
Around his seat are clouds and darkness spread,
Too strong its splendors for created eyes.

While conscious of their Maker's awesome presence,
The hills like wax dissolve away,
And all creation owned the present God.
The heavens in shining characters display
The wonders of his power, and bid the world
Behold them and adore their mighty former.

Confusion waits on those who blindly serve
The gods their hands have made; deluded mortals.
Let all the highest names, in earth and heaven,
With reverence bow before the Lord alone.
Thou, Lord, are high exalted over the earth,
Far above all the shining thrones of heaven.

- Anne Steele, 1717-1778

This is an excerpt from a series of poems by British poet Anne Steele, based on the Psalms. This one is based on Psalm 97.

Cradled All Lowly

Cradled all lowly,
Behold the Savior Child.
A being holy,
In dwelling rude and wild;
Never yet was regal state
Of monarch proud and great,
Who grasped a nation's fate,
So glorious as the manger bed
Of Bethlehem.

No longer sorrow
As without hope, O earth.
A brighter morrow
Dawned with that Infant's birth.
Our sins were great and sore,
But these the Savior bore,
And God was wroth no more.
His own Son was the Child that lay
In Bethlehem.

-- Henry Brougham Farnie, 1836-1889

Scottish writer, translator, and songwriter Henry Farnie was best known for writing or translating librettos to numerous operettas. Later, he edited a newspaper and a music periodical.

Whoever Has Ears, Let Them Hear

Jesus often says, "Whoever has ears, let them hear", in the hope that we will listen carefully to what God says, instead of this world's loudness and chatter. This week, Karen Susenna writes about the various ways that God teaches us through ordinary, everyday circumstances.

Finding God In The Ordinary

In Revelation 2 and 3, the Lord says *"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches"*. The Lord was speaking very clearly to John at that time about the fate of the 7 churches, and He reminds John (and us) to listen carefully to what He says.

But how do we do that? I believe we have to first put ourselves in a position to listen. We can do this throughout an ordinary day by giving the Lord time to speak and giving our hearts time to hear His voice. 85% of life is the mundane! (Sorry to break that to you, if you hadn't already realized it!). How about we use those mundane times and tasks to focus our minds on the Lord. As we do this, I believe, we provide God an opportunity to speak.

Here are a few ideas. Try them and then give me your feedback. I've excerpted these from a great little book from In Touch Ministries called "Peaceful & Still, How to Experience God's Rest in an Anxious Age".

Morning Light As you greet the day, pause for a moment. Let the light remind you that each day is a gift, a fresh start from the God who makes all things new. You can create a morning prayer of your own words, or use this one adapted from Psalm 36:9: "Thank You, Father, for the gift of this new day. In Your light, we see light."

Prayerful Work Transform daily tasks into opportunities for connection with God. As you water plants, fold laundry, or brew a cup of tea, let the rhythm of the work become a form of prayer. You might repeat a simple phrase like "Lord, bless this work of my hands" or work in grateful silence. There's something deeply peaceful about letting your hands stay busy while your heart remains connected to the Source of all peace.

Express Gratitude Throughout your day, notice things that reflect God's goodness--the sound of rain on your roof during a storm, a friend's encouraging text, the feeling of clean sheets. Let each blessing become a quiet "Thank You", connecting your heart to the Giver of every good gift.

Evening Reflection Before going to sleep, take a few moments to offer the day back to God. Acknowledge both its gifts and its challenges, then consciously release them, saying, "Father, I thank You for Your loving guidance today. May I rest in Your peace."

He is our Father, He is our Brother, He is our Friend.

"Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence . . ." (Heb 4:16) even (and especially) in the mundane.

- Karen Susenna, August 2026