

Announcements

Outdoor Worship This Saturday

There will be an outdoor time of worship at the Caleb and Ashley Dillinger's home (weather permitting) this Saturday, September 12 from 10:30 AM - 12:00 Noon. This will be a time of fellowship and singing, and everyone is welcome. Hymnals will be provided, though please bring your own chair.

Greeters Needed

We currently need for members who are willing to greet everyone as they arrive. This would be for one month, and we particularly need greeters for September (starting next Sunday, September 13) and for November. See Robbie if you can help, or if you have any questions.

Needs For The Clothing Closet

With cooler weather coming soon, the Clothing Closet would appreciate donations of clean, gently used Autumn and Winter clothing. We have a particular need for children's and men's items. We currently do not need Spring or Summer items. Thank you for your continued support.

Autumn Picnic On September 19

Our congregational Autumn Picnic with the Ghanaian congregation will be Saturday September 19, starting at 4:30 PM. This year it will be at the Dogwood Picnic Area (note the new location) in Blendon Woods Metro Park. More details will be coming soon.

Events Coming Soon * New Events Added *

- September 12 (Saturday) - Outdoor worship at the Dillingers' home (see announcement above)
- September 13 (Sunday) - Prayer time after morning worship
- September 13 (Sunday) - Worship at Willow Brook, 2:00 PM
- September 19 (Saturday) - Picnic with the Ghanaian congregation (see announcement above)
- September 26 (Saturday) - Work Day at the church building (details coming soon)
- September 27 (Sunday) - Guest speaker, Huston Hayes, in morning worship assembly
- October 4 (Sunday) - Potluck after morning worship

What's The Point Of 1 Peter?

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 1 Peter?" The entire series is viewable on the Northland website, under "Resources".

Auditorium Renovations

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.

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. 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. They will be studying 2 John, 3 John, and Jude throughout September and October.
- 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:	\$5,125	\$5,038
Designated:	\$160	\$422

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

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



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And A Highway Will Be There

Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. - Isaiah 35:6

In this world's spiritual wilderness, God makes living water gush forth to those who put all their faith in the message of Jesus, instead of in this world's empty teachings. And when we seek God humbly and reverently, a highway will be there, for he himself will guide us each step:

And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness. - Isaiah 35:8

Gray whales are known for their lengthy seasonal migrations. These giants (length up to 50 feet, weight up to 45 tons) are also unique in several other ways. They are the only whale that regularly gets its food from the sea floor. When they feed, they roll on their side and scoop up enormous amounts of mud and silt, and then filter out food with dozens of large, coarse comb-like plates of baleen (made of keratin, like human finger- and toenails).

Similarly, in this world we have to endure the mud of its futile thinking and the burning sand of its empty promises, yet God enables us to filter them out, so that we may feed on the spiritual nourishment that comes from God alone:

The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. - Isaiah 35:7

Each year, gray whales take a "highway" from the cold, food-rich feeding grounds of the Arctic Ocean near Alaska to the calm, secluded breeding grounds along the coast of the Mexican state of Baja California Sur, and later back again. This annual trip takes them as much as 6,000 miles in each direction, making it the longest annual migration of a mammal. They make these lengthy trips for the sake of their young, who are vulnerable to the ocean's numerous large predators.

In spite of their size, gray whales are able to take these journeys close to the coastline, to minimize danger, and they take these at the steady pace of 5 miles per hour, going most of the way without stopping. Likewise, God provides us with a highway. When we walk in step with God's Spirit, without racing ahead and without lagging behind, our Heavenly Father protects us from the ravenous beasts of this world's temptations and the accuser's snares:

No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast. - Isaiah 35:9

While gray whales will vigorously protect their young, they are also known for their friendliness with one another, and particularly with humans. In their breeding grounds, these gentle whales will approach humans and will even let people pet them. Similarly, God always rejoices in being near with those who follow him reverently, and he gives us the lasting joy of being with him:

They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. - Isaiah 35:10

- Mark Garner, September 2026

Like The Sound Of Many Waters

Like the sound of many waters
Rolling on through ages long;
In a tide of rapture breaking—
Hark, the mighty choral song.

Lo! the Morning Star appeareth,
Over the world, His beams are cast;
He the Alpha and Omega,
He the Great, the First, the Last.

Savior, not with costly treasure
Do we gather at Thy throne,
All we have, our hearts we give Thee,
Consecrate them Thine alone.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Let the heavenly portals ring.
Christ is born, the Prince of glory.
Christ the Lord, our mighty King.

- Frances Jane Crosby, 1820-1915

He Is Our Peace

Thou art my peace - I lift mine eyes to Thee;
I see Thee bleeding, dying on the tree;
I hear Thy mournful cry, 'Twas all for me -
Thou art my peace.

Thou art my peace - I lay my trembling hand
Upon Thy blessed cross, and fearless stand
Amidst the darkness of this weary land -
Thou art my peace.

Thou art my peace - Thou wilt not change to me.
Oh, make me ever closer cling to Thee,
Until that hour when I Thy face shall see -
Thou art my peace.

- Florence Catherine Armstrong, 1843-1890,
from her poetry collection "The King In His Beauty & Other Poems"

Irish poet Florence Armstrong is best known today for writing the words to the hymn "Oh To Be Over Yonder". Though she preferred to avoid publicity, her poems were popular, and an obituary about her described her as "A quiet voice that pointed home".

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, Micah Evans writes about the importance of listening to God's words, and how this first step is essential to understanding and appreciating everything Jesus teaches us.

Make Heaven Crowded

I heard a line from a song recently ("Make Heaven Crowded", by Josiah Queen), that said, "I heard an atheist say, 'No one really believes, 'cause if it was good news, they'd tell everyone they see.'"

That lyric really struck me, and made me think about the truth that lies in it. Are we as Christians proclaiming the Gospel so clearly that whoever has ears shall hear of Him? Think about that statement for a moment. Whoever has ears - that's a pretty inclusive statement. Salvation is accessible to everyone. Jesus is accessible to everyone. But only if we hear about Him first. And if we as Christians aren't living in a way that shows Christ to every single person we come into contact with, then we might be doing it wrong.

Jesus made this statement a few times after He used parables to teach some deep, spiritual truth (Matthew 11:15, Mark 13:9, and Mark 4:9). It was the reminder He gave to everyone listening to His teaching. A reminder to pay close attention and hold fast to the meaning therein.

Because the scriptures as a whole show us that hearing is the first step to receiving the gift of salvation. We must first hear, believe (John 3:16), repent (Acts 3:19), confess (Romans 10:9), and then finally be baptized (Mark 16:16). But none of the other 4 steps can happen without that first one - Hear.

So we can shout about Jesus from the rooftops, so that everyone can hear us, so that everyone can receive the gift that God so freely gives.

- Micah Evans, September 2026