

Announcements

Last Sunday's Snow Day Updates

Due to last week's postponement caused by the heavy snowfalls, no bulletins were printed, so there won't be one on the website for January 25. Also, the potluck hasn't yet been re-scheduled. If it is, a new date will be announced soon.

Prayers & Sympathy

Lynn Champney's daughter Denise Champney passed away this past Tuesday, January 27, after a lengthy struggle with cancer. Lynn has been part of the Northland congregation for many years, and he has helped in numerous ways. Please pray for him and for the rest of Denise's family. The funeral arrangements will be announced soon.

What's The Point Of 2 Thessalonians?

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 2 Thessalonians?" The entire series is viewable on the Northland website, under "Resources."

February Events

February 8 (next Sunday) - Worship time at Willow Brook, 2:00 PM.

February 15 (Sunday) - Combined 9:00 Class (details coming soon)

February 15 (Sunday) - Bake Sale after the worship assembly (see announcement below for more details)

February 21 (Saturday) - Women's "Walking In Awe Of God" session (see announcement below for more details)

Bake Sale On February 15

On Sunday, February 15 there will be Bake Sale to raise funds for the Northwest Ohio Christian Youth Camp. It will start after the morning worship assembly ends, and it will be in the foyer of the church building. See Josh Evans or Meagan Stover for more details.

Upcoming Women's Events

The next two "Walking In Awe Of God" women's events will be on Saturday, February 21st and Saturday, March 14th. This is an opportunity for women to meet in the Fellowship Room (E41-42) from 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon, for a Bible Study, brunch, and walking together.

Sunday Service Times

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| 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

2025 Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for 2025 can now be picked up in the church office for those who used envelopes or gave online. If you would like your statement mailed to you, see Ashley Dillinger or email office@ncocfamily.org.

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 note that we still need helpers for 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.

Support For The Ministry In Ghana

Northland and the Ghanaian congregation continue to support the Seikwa, Ghana Church of Christ (along with the student group that is meeting at a local school building, as well as a prison ministry). They're currently raising funds for a mission group to go there next summer. Please continue praying for the congregation, and you can support the ministry in Ghana either with your contribution envelope, or by giving online. See Franklin Agyei for more information.

Contribution

| | Last Week | Average YTD |
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| General: | \$3,179 | \$4,285 |
| Designated: | \$105 | \$555 |

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A Unique Day

It will be a unique day—a day known only to the Lord—with no distinction between day and night. - Zechariah 14:7

It was truly a unique day in all of history, when the Son of God suffered and died on the cross, to obtain forgiveness for those who put all their hope and faith in him. On that day, earthly eyes saw darkness at noon. On that day, those who opened their spiritual eyes could see the light of Jesus shining in this world's long and gloomy nights:

When evening comes, there will be light. - Zechariah 14:7

Hymnwriter, poet, and schoolteacher Frances Jane Crosby (1820-1915) is best remembered for writing several thousand hymns, many of which still regularly appear in hymnals today. Though she lost her eyesight as a child, by her twenties she had become well known for her poetry and for her ability in teaching blind students. Over the next few years, Crosby developed a deep faith in Jesus, and soon she concentrated primarily on writing about God and the good news of Jesus.

From time-to-time, musicians would ask Frances to write words to accompany a melody they had written. She would first take a few minutes to pray, then ask the songwriter to play it for her a couple times, and after a time she would come up with thoughts about God to accompany the tune. On one of these occasions, she wrote the words to the hymn "Near The Cross", beginning "Jesus, keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain, free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain."

Truly God has opened the precious and heavenly fountain of living water, and it flows to every place and in every season, to nourish the souls of those who humbly seek Jesus and follow him:

On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem, half of it east to the Dead Sea and half of it west to the Mediterranean Sea, in summer and in winter. - Zechariah 14:8

Crosby's hymn continues, "Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me; there the bright and morning star, sheds its beams around me." Indeed, as we grow in our gratitude to Jesus for what he did for us, his presence takes on even more meaning, and we can see even more clearly the many ways he shows us God's compassion and care.

Frances Crosby also writes in her hymn, "Near the cross, O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me; help me walk from day to day, with its shadows over me." The Lord alone is God, Jesus has risen, and it is good to walk with him:

The Lord will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one Lord, and his name the only name. - Zechariah 14:9

God has promised eternal life to those who hold fast to Jesus, and his promises are trustworthy.

- Mark Garner, January 2026



Sunshine In The Shadows

There is sunshine in the shadows
There is sunshine in the rain
There is sunshine in our sorrows
Though our hearts are filled with pain
There is sunshine when we're burdened
There is sunshine when we pray
There is sunshine, heavenly sunshine
Blessed sunshine all the way.

- Lucie Campbell, 1885-1963

While she was a high school history teacher, Lucie Campbell began writing hymns, and she went on to write over 100 hymns. She was also known for the support and encouragement she gave to young singers, including Marian Anderson. Single for most of her life, in her seventies she married a lifelong friend, so she is sometimes referred to as Lucie Campbell-Williams.

Be Gone, My Fear

Away, my doubts, be gone, my fear,
The wonders of the Lord appear,
The wonders that my Savior wrought;
O how delightful is the thought.

The wonders of redeeming love,
When first my heart was drawn above;
When first I saw my Savior's face,
And triumphed in his pardoning grace.

Long had I mourned, like one forgot,
Long had my soul for comfort sought,
Jesus was witness to my tears,
And Jesus sweetly calmed my fears.

- Susanna Harrison, 1752-1784 (from her poetry collection "Songs In The Night")

A Spring Of Living Water

In John 4, Jesus talks about the living water that can satisfy our souls' thirst for God. This and other Scriptures tell us about the spring of living water that Jesus promises us. This week, Leon Norwood writes about the ways that this living water satisfies the needs of our souls.

Lasting Spiritual Nourishment And Renewal

In John Chapter 4, we observe Jesus traveling to Galilee and passing through Sychar, a town in Samaria, where He encounters a Samaritan woman at a well. He is in need of water but has no jar or cup to draw from. He politely asks the woman for a drink; however, she initially resists, noting that such a request is unusual since Jews and Samaritans typically did not associate with each other.

Despite this, Jesus explains that if she knew the gift of God and who was speaking to her, she would ask Him, and He would give her living water. The woman responds by questioning whether Jesus is greater than their ancestor Jacob, who gave them the well. Jesus then makes a compelling statement: whoever drinks water from this well will remain thirsty, but those who drink the water He provides will never thirst again. He describes this water as becoming a spring within them, welling up to eternal life (John 4:13–14). Recognizing her need, the woman asks Jesus to provide this living water so she will not thirst anymore.

The "living water" Jesus offers symbolizes eternal life and spiritual fulfillment that only He can supply, contrasting with the physical water from the well, which only temporarily relieves physical thirst. As Jesus assures us, this living water will become an internal spring, representing the Holy Spirit and the eternal life He offers - satisfying spiritual longing, cleansing, and transforming believers from within. Unlike physical water that merely quenches temporary thirst, the Holy Spirit provides lasting spiritual nourishment and renewal. It signifies the deep, soul-satisfying sustenance that leads to eternal life.

In John 7:37-38, Jesus declares, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." His words emphasize His role as the ultimate remedy for spiritual hunger and thirst (John 6:35).

This message is echoed in His conversation with the woman at the well in Sychar (John 4:10–14). In Jewish tradition, "living water" refers to flowing, active water - such as from a spring or river - as opposed to stagnant water. It symbolizes life-giving, dynamic power. By offering this to the Samaritan woman, Jesus signifies that He is the source of spiritual life and salvation.

- Leon Norwood, February 2026