

Announcements

Potluck Next Sunday

Next Sunday, August 24, there will be a Potluck after the morning worship assembly. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, where you can let everyone know what you intend to bring. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Worship At Willow Brook Next Sunday

Next Sunday, August 24, Northland will be organizing the worship time at Willow Brook, starting at 2:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend. See Caleb or one of the elders for more information.

September Events

- Coming up in September (more details on both will be coming soon):
- \* Sunday September 7th, there will a combined Sunday morning class in the auditorium, at 9:00 AM. It will include updates on the new Greeting & Welcome table.
  - \* Saturday September 20th there will a Safety Workshop from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. \*Note\* It will meet at the Activity & Recreation Center in Dublin.

Needs For The Clothing Closet

We would currently appreciate donations of clean, gently used clothes and small household items. Also, we can always use donated blankets and linens. Please continue to let those in need know about our Clothing Closet ministry. Note that the Clothing Closet is currently open by appointment only, by calling or texting 614-918-7925. Thank you!

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

Support For The Ministry In Ghana

Northland and the Ghanaian congregation continue to support the Seikwa, Ghana Church of Christ. Current needs include a motorbike for the preacher, computers for high school students, and support for the prison ministry. You can support the ministry in Ghana with your contribution envelope, or by giving online. Prayers for the ministry and for those involved are also greatly appreciated. You can also see Franklin Agyei for more information, as well as for more things we can pray about for them.

Current Mid-Week Studies

Mondays at 6:30 PM (Via Zoom) - Women's prayer group - see Peggy Kaiser for details. \*Schedule Note\*: Resumes meeting tomorrow (August 18).  
Tuesdays at 7:15 PM (Via Zoom) - Women's Bible study, coordinated by Tara Lynn Bell. The current study is based on "God, Pass By Me: A Study Of The Names Of God" by Casandra Martin. See Tara Lynn for more information.

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM - A Bible study on 1 John, organized by Jeff McVicker and Caleb Dillinger, is currently meeting in the Fellowship Room.

First and third Friday of each month at 6:30 PM - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans, currently meeting in room E41. Contact Mike or Leisha for details and updates.

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

There is a combined children's class available from 9:00- 9:50 AM. Children's worship begins after the Lord's Supper with classes for ages 2-3, 4-8, and 9-11. See Vicki Cowans, Lynn Paden, or Emily Graham if you can help with any of these classes.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$3,208	\$4,840
Designated:	\$45	\$224

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



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That We Would Seek Him

Paul then stood up . . . and said: People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious . . . I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. - Acts 17:22-23

Our Heavenly Father made each of us, and he created us with the desire to find lasting meaning and hope amidst this world's uncertainties and confusion. None of us has yet seen God face to face, yet he has surrounded us with reminders of his care for us, and he has left us with the Scriptures and the message of Jesus to proclaim his desire for us to know him:

So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship - and this is what I am going to proclaim to you. - Acts 17:23

American coots (also called mud hens) live in marshes, ponds, and other calm bodies of water. Most of their diet comes from aquatic plants, which they find on the surface, or by diving, or by foraging on muddy ground. They are somewhat smaller than ducks (average size 14-15 inches long), though they are not closely related to ducks.

Their feet are ingeniously designed for their environment; instead of webbed feet, their toes have large lobes that they use for swimming (when they swim, their heads often bob back and forth). The lobes also give them extra stability and support when they walk or stand in wet or muddy places. Moreover, the lobes fold up while their feet are raised, making walking easier.

When American coots take flight, their feet give them extra leverage. They start take-off by flapping their wings as they "run" several yards across the water surface; this can look rather comical, yet it is an efficient use of energy from both their feet and wings. The Creator who caringly designs these birds' unusual feet also gives us life and breath and everything else:

The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands . . . Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. - Acts 17:24-25

American coots are friendly birds, living in large groups, and coot parents work closely together in making their nests. They build them on water hidden among tall aquatic plants, and they anchor the nests with reeds, cattails, and sedges. Then, when the eggs hatch, they build new, more spacious nests suitable for their chicks.

Similarly, God knows our thoughts and our hearts, and he knows our deepest needs. Even before we knew him, he showed us his care for us, in the hope that each of us would seek him humbly:

God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him. - Acts 17:27

Truly, God pours out spiritual blessings on those who believe in Jesus and hold fast to him.

- Mark Garner, August 2025

### **Thou Art Fairer**

A rose, a lily, and the Face of Christ  
Have all our hearts sufficed:  
For He is our Rose of Sharon nobly born,  
Our Rose without a thorn;  
And He is Lily of the Valley, He  
Most sweet in purity.  
But when we come to name Him as He is,  
Godhead, Perfection, Bliss,  
All tongues fall silent, while pure hearts alone,  
Complete their orison.

- Christina Rossetti, 1830-1894

### **He Who Made The Summer**

All the happy children, gladly join our song,  
Rising to the Father, in a chorus strong.  
Birds are brightly singing, leaves are opening wide,  
Flower bells are ringing forth on every side.

See the sky above us, spread so warm and blue,  
So God's love is reaching over me and you.  
Father, dear we thank Thee for long summer days,  
For the birds and flowers, for the grassy ways.

All the happy children thank Thee, Father dear,  
For this day for children out of all the year.  
We will still remember we are Thine alone;  
He who made the summer made us every one.

- Frances B. Dillingham, 1869-1942

*Writer Frances Dillingham wrote numerous articles for several periodicals, and she also published several books, including a collection of her short stories.*

### ***Like A Mustard Seed***

*In Matthew 13 and Mark 4, Jesus compares God's kingdom with a small mustard seed, for God can take the smallest of beginnings, nurture it, and make it grow. This week, Cale Dillinger writes about some examples of this from the Scriptures, and then how this idea can help us.*

### **Little To Big**

"One raindrop raises the sea." That's a line from a BBC miniseries "Dinotopia", where people live with dinosaurs and value every human life, believing each individual person makes an impact on the greater good. I've loved that little series since I was a child, but particularly love that line and thinking: while each individual seems insignificant, while each small act seems small, there is big/significant impact that can be found at the end/ later.

I think of Acts 1:15, the 120 people in the upper room with Peter as they appointed Matthias as the next apostle. I think of the one Ethiopian who is baptized in our Bible (Acts 8) and how today the whole country is Christian in national faith. I think of the one Jew Moses who stood against Pharaoh (albeit with the power of God) and changed the course of the world. I think of the few loaves and fish used to feed thousands. I think of the few (8) people on the ark that transformed the world. I think of the singular sin of Adam and Even that lead to what we experience today. I think of Jesus saying *"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few"* (Matthew 9:37).

We can find many little to big stories and impacts in the Bible. The faith of a mustard seed is just one of many teachings of God that He doesn't need much. He just needs you. Your trust, your faith, your commitment, your belief. If you can surrender to God, He in His strength can take care of the rest.

You may wonder, "What can I do at Northland? I'm just one person." You may wonder, "How does our church affect Columbus? We're just one church." You may wonder, "How do my single small decisions have big impacts?" The answer will always be, "Because of God." That's the "how." Through God, because of God, the little can be big. The little often will become big. Not by your strength or ingenuity. But by God's power. Put your faith in God, as small as a mustard seed even, and watch God do big things. Little faith turns into big effects. Trust in the Lord God.

- Caleb Dillinger, August 2025