

MAY 2023



Northwest Christian Church

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

WE ARE A MOVEMENT FOR *wholeness* IN A FRAGMENTED WORLD.



2023
PENTECOST
OFFERING

MAY 21 AND 28

God IS DOING
A new THING

EVERYTHING OLD
HAS PASSED AWAY
SEE, EVERYTHING
HAS BECOME NEW!
+2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

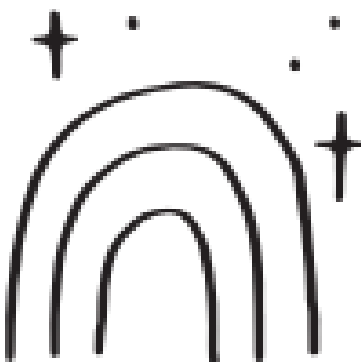
ALL WHO BELIEVED
WERE TOGETHER +
AND HAD ALL THINGS
IN COMMON. THEY
WOULD sell THEIR
POSSESSIONS AND GOODS
AND distribute THE
PROCEEDS TO ALL AS
ANY HAD need. +ACTS
2:44-45

Follow Me

GOD SAW EVERYTHING THAT GOD
HAD MADE AND INDEED, IT WAS
VERY GOOD. +GENESIS 1:31



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Relating

One of the most difficult things about being a pastor is leaving a church. All relationships are expected to be cut off, at least for a certain period, typically at least a year. A few weeks before I finished my work at my prior church, my regional pastor reached out to me and laid out the rules that I knew all too well, mostly because I expected my predecessors to abide by them. The idea is to move on and give the person who replaces you the space to forge new relationships—and to move on yourself. It's healthy for everyone if you stop and think about it. Inevitably, what happened to me on the day I write this reflection happens—members of a family in my old church reach out to let you know that the matriarch of the family has passed away. I had a long relationship with her, and my heart is hurting and is aware of the time we spent together, of walking through a difficult situation, and the space now between us. This type of grief is a new, challenging feeling for me professionally, but I'm so grateful to have had those experiences with her.

Pastors are relational by nature. As much as space and time allows, we desire to have personal relationships with the members of our congregations (this is one of about one hundred reasons I'll never pastor a really big church). Being an interim pastor is a new thing for me, something I've been feeling my way through. Unlike other situations I've been in, my time at NWCC will end relatively soon, at a time that I can't predict, and more relationships will end. That doesn't mean that I don't want to have relationships with you! I'm doing my best to get around and visit some of our longer-term members. You can rely on finding me in my office on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00-4:00. If you have questions, concerns, or brilliance to share, stop in or reach out and I'll come to you.

Peace,

Pastor Scott



*Congratulations "Grace Leigh Smith" on your baptism
on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023*



Hallelujah Chorus

NWCC tradition of singing The Hallelujah Chorus!

Greetings from the Pastoral Search Committee.

We have now completed the documents needed to post our Pastoral position with the Ohio Region. This is a major milestone in the Pastoral Search Process. The information has been sent to Rev. Harris, our Regional Minister. The documents will be reviewed by the Regional Office and unless additional information is needed, the invitation for candidates to submit resumes for consideration will be posted.

We have reached Step 6 in the search process: Our Regional Minister will send profiles of potential candidates for review to the PSC.

As we have said before, we cannot share information about the number of candidates, the names of candidates, or whether a particular person has applied.

The next step in the process (Step 7) will be for the PSC to discern a short list of possible candidates from the profiles submitted.

If you have any questions about the PSC process, please feel free to talk with any of the members of the PSC,

Laura Rings, Carolyn Abels, Kelsey Velazquez, Lucy Frank, Jane Russell, Corwin Kuhn, Rob McConathy, Glenn Allen,
or Bob Argo.

Stitcher's Circle

When we had our initial organizational meeting, we had a wonderful attendance so we agreed to accommodate the working women and alternated our meetings so they could attend. So, one week we meet on Wednesday 10am -12pm and the next week it has been 6pm -8pm. We have had only a few attend the 6pm - 8pm Circle meetings (and we appreciate them) during the 8 weeks we have been meeting and after fighting rush hour traffic to get here at 6pm, I've decided to move that meeting back to 7pm - 9pm and see if that helps attendance. I do want all ladies of the church that knit or crochet to know that if you don't want to attend for the fellowship, we would welcome any prayer shawls or lap robes you might like to make at home and bring in for the prayer shawl ministry.



HeartSisters

Connecting...to God, to each other, to community

Heart Sisters
Around the World with Habitat for Humanity
Guest speaker, Michael Dion
Monday, May 22nd at 7:00 P.M.
("bring your own dinner" and dessert buffet
starting at 6:00 P.M.)

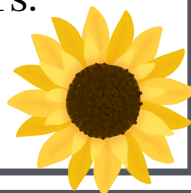
Join Heart Sisters for a very special presentation as we welcome guest speaker Michael Dion on Monday, May 22nd at 7:00pm. Michael has traveled the world helping to build Habitat houses and has inspiring pictures and stories to share. Let's give this amazing woman a warm NWCC welcome and invite others to attend this program – all are welcome! You are encouraged to bring your own dinner starting at 6:00pm and satisfy your sweet tooth with a dessert buffet that will be provided. Contact Carolyn Abels, Jane Russell, or Debbie Stephan with any questions or special needs.



Share God's love with others, invite them to NWCC!

Church Connection Corner

Invite your friends, neighbors, or coworkers to NWCC! You can invite or bring them for service on Sunday, or to a Chalice Arts program, group meeting, Dinners of 8, or Outreach activity. You could send the the YouTube link to a service you appreciated, or share a social media post with them. Word of mouth and personal invitation are the most effective way to bring new people to our doors.



Welcome Summer Lunch

Join us for a hot dog lunch to welcome in the summer and this year's new members on **June 4**, in the gathering room and patio following the service. Get to know our new members a little better, while we enjoy grilling on the back patio, corn hole, and giant Jenga.



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GENEROSITY

2 Timothy 3:14-17 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

This passage is frequently used to encourage believers to continue to read and learn God's Word to help us know how to maintain and grow in our walk with God. Reading and absorbing the Bible is crucial for this effort.

I ran across an article that pointed out some additional context to the phrase "God-Breathed" from verse 16. We usually take this to be describing the origin of our scriptures as being God Himself. However the original Greek word for this phrase is not used anywhere else in the New Testament.

When theologians checked secular sources for the meaning of the word they found in all cases that it described the reader rather than the writer. This implies that God's word not only comes from Him, but that the intention is for God to participate with us in our reading of scripture.

That brings a whole new dimension for us in our devotions and our relationship with His Word. The Holy Spirit is not only within the words, but also within us as we read and consider what those words mean to us.

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WAYS TO GIVE AT NWCC

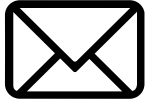
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**YOU CAN GIVE BY VISITING
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GOOGLE PLAY
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LOCATION
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CHURCH**



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(614) 457-6290**





NNEMAP
food pantry

Where's the beef?

And the turkey? And the chicken?

And the pork? And the seafood?



For the months of May and June, you are encouraged to bring donations of canned items that contain meat and seafood. Canned tuna, canned chicken, beef ravioli, and meaty soups are some suggestions. With record numbers of people visiting the NNEMAP pantry your donations are greatly needed. If you have questions or would like information about volunteering, please contact Debbie Stephan or visit nnemappantry.org.



Graduation Sunday is June 4th. If you have a graduate in your house please let the office know.

Name of graduate

Graduating from?

With a degree in?

Future plans?



GRADUATION SUNDAY



**you
can
HELP**

Rummage Sale

Saturday August 12

Gather donations

Plan to help August 5-12

We need you!

New Seniors Group (age 50 & up)

Tuesday, June 6 at 6 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Kick-off Event: Pot-luck and Presentation by local author David Myers on his book,

Kahiki Supper Club: A Polynesian Paradise in Columbus

All in attendance will choose a group name and brainstorm ideas for future meetings for fun, fellowship, and service. Open to spouses, partners, relatives, and friends.

Corwin Kuhn and Mary Smithson are the co-facilitators.





WE ARE A MOVEMENT FOR *wholeness* IN A FRAGMENTED WORLD.

In the beginning, every church was new! It's right there in the Book of Acts. Early disciples came together, sharing all things in common, breaking bread with glad and generous hearts. **God was doing a new thing: creating a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.**

In the beginning, Jesus sent out disciples, two by two, not to "plant" churches, but to proclaim good news, to experience the hospitality and wisdom of neighbors all around. **God was doing a new thing: creating a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.**

At New Church Ministry, we believe God is calling the whole Church back to becoming new, back to becoming who we already are: a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.

Your gifts to the 2023 Pentecost Offering, received this year in most congregations on Sundays, May 21 and 28, help ensure our movement continues to embody the Disciples of Christ vision:

To be and to share the good news, witnessing, loving, and serving from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.



Half of your gift supports the local new church movement through your region's ministry. The other half supports **New Church Ministry** efforts across the United States and Canada to equip, train, and empower new leaders.

Thank you for participating in the new thing God is STILL doing yesterday, today, and tomorrow!

Find more Pentecost Offering resources, including images, videos, and stories to share here: <https://disciplesmissionfund.org/special-offerings/pentecost>



Camp Christian Work Day Saturday, May 20th

From 7:00am until 5:00pm
10335 Maple Dell Rd., Marysville, OH 43040
Attend as you are able

Here are a few of the tasks that need worked on around Camp Christian.
There are tasks suited for a wide range of ages and abilities.

- Cleaning Cabin Clusters
- Clean & Organize Free Store
- Set up Green Chairs around Camp
- Power Washing
- Clean out Gutters and Downspouts
- Cleaning Boats and Life Jackets
- Weed control throughout Camp
- Painting
- Repair Loose Boards
- Move Soil and Gravel
- General grounds cleanup
- Just to name a few!

CRIS has moved out of our sewing room to their very own building.

They are now located at:

4645 Executive Drive, Columbus, OH 43220

Thursday, May 18 from 10am - 2pm

they will open their doors for a meet and greet to learn about their services and how to get involved.

Free food included!



THE CHALICE ARTS SERIES
AT NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

presents

Instruments of Peace

An afternoon of music to soothe your soul

Sunday, May 21, 2023

3:00 pm

This program, assembled by Lori Beals as inspired by the journey to become a Certified Music Practitioner, brings together students of MHTP (Music for Healing and Transition Program) and NWCC musicians.

Lori Beals, *flute, recorder, & mountain dulcimer*

Jennifer Evans Kinsley, *hammered & mountain dulcimer*

Richard Kinsley, *guitar*

Kate Dean-Haidet, *harp*

Julia Larkins-Monahan, *flute*

Richard Larkins, *piano*

Brian Thompson, *clarinet*

Tracy Qian, *piano*

Northwest Christian Church

1340 Fishinger Rd,

Upper Arlington, OH 43221

northwestchristian.org

a freewill offering will be taken

DISCIPLES FELLOWSHIP RETREAT



Has it been a while since you have been to Camp Christian? Do you have fond memories? Do you want to introduce others to Camp Christian? Then come back to camp! The next Disciples Fellowship Retreat is May 26-28, 2023. Put the date on your calendar now! The retreat is an opportunity to reconnect with Camp Christian, friends, family and to make new friends.

EVENT DATE: MAY 26, 2023

END DATE: MAY 28, 2023

DISCIPLES FELLOWSHIP
RETREAT

SAVE THE DATE!

Disciples Fellowship Retreats are held every Memorial Day and Labor Day. We are a volunteer organization of long-time camp attendees who want to share the spirit of camp and the love of God with others. You can help us do that by coming to our retreat yourself and by inviting others to join you. Share this information with your church, family, and others who might appreciate a spirit-filled weekend of good fellowship and worship.

The Memorial Day Retreat program will be Self-Care for Serving God. There will be programming for all ages with interactive break-out sessions. Child-care will be available for newborn-2 years old. This is an extremely family-friendly event.

THE EMAIL ADDRESS FOR DISCIPLES FELLOWSHIP RETREAT IS CHANGING! REGISTRATION MATERIALS FOR THE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND RETREAT WILL BE SENT FROM OhioDFR@gmail.com. Please make note so that you don't miss it!

If you have questions, please send email to the above email address. A member of the steering committee will be in touch.

SEE YOU THEN! MARY ARNOLD AND THE DFR STEERING COMMITTEE

EXPAND YOUR SUMMER POSSIBILITIES

SUMMER CAMPS 2023



TEMPLED HILLS CAMPS
ARE LISTED IN BLUE

CAMP CHRISTIAN CAMPS
ARE LISTED IN PURPLE



- **May 26 – 28, Disciples Fellowship Retreat, All Ages**
- **June 8-10, Grandparents Camp, K-2nd Grade**
- **June 11-17, Elementary/Otter Camp, 3rd-5th Grade**
- **June 14-17, Grands and Family Camp 1***
- **June 18-24 M.A.D.D. (Music, Mindfulness, Art, Dance, Drama), Ages 8-18**
- **June 18-24 (NEW) Camp "Out" (LGBTQIA+ and allies), Ages 8-18**
- **June 18-24, Middle School/Chi Rho Camp 1 & High School/CYF Conference 1, 6-8th and 9-12th Grades**
- **June 19-23, Adult Conference at Northwest Christian Church**
- **June 25 – 29, Music Camp**
- **June 25-July 1 Sports Camp Ages 7-18**
- **July 5-8, Grands and Family Camp 2***
- **July 5-8, Elementary/Rabbit Camp, 2nd - 4th Grade**
- **July 9-12, Grands and Family Camp 3***
- **July 9-15, Middle School/Chi Rho Camp 2, 6-8th Grade**
- **July 9-15 (NEW) Pathfinder/Confirmation, Ages 12-15 and 16-18**
- **July 12-15 (NEW) Junior Pathfinder, Ages 7-12**
- **July 16-22, High School/CYF Conference 2, 9-12th Grade**
- **July 30-August 6, Young Adult/Advance Conference, Ages 19-30**
- **September 1-3, Disciples Fellowship Retreat, All Ages**

* Ages 4-13 with Parent(s) or Grandparent(s)



REGISTER TODAY!

SCAN THE QR CODES
OR GO TO

HEARTLANDUCC.ORG/TEMPLED-HILLS
CCINOH.COM/CAMP-CHRISTIAN



Thank you to all who attended and helped with the Easter Eggstravaganza!

We had a wonderful time at the Easter Eggstravaganza with around 40 children and 100 total people in attendance. Many crafts were made, flowers were planted, cupcakes were decorated, pictures were taken with the Easter bunny, and A LOT of candy was gathered! Whether you helped the morning of the event, prepared crafts, brought refreshments, donated candy, or filled plastic eggs, your time and commitment was very much appreciated. The Easter Bunny and the children thank you!



The Broken Way

The Lenten book study of the Broken Way was thought provoking and an opportunity for connecting with each other. Here are some of our favorite lines from the book, by Ann Voskamp.

A day is a pocket of possibility!

Never be afraid of broken things - because God is resurrecting all things.

You are always sufficient, because God always gives you his all-sufficient grace.

Let the abundance of God in through the brokenness.

It's always the vulnerable heart that breaks hearts free.

God takes us into the wilderness not to abandon us - but to be alone with us.

Everything that looks like its breaking apart might actually be falling together.

The thread of your life becomes a tapestry of abundant colors only if it ties itself to other lives.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game !!!

BASEBALL

Night

TICKETS ONLY

\$16

The members and friends of the congregations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Ohio are invited to spend an afternoon at the

SUNDAY,

MAY **7**

4:05 PM

GREAT AMERICAN BALLPARK IN CINCINNATI.

BRING YOUR FAMILY, FELLOWSHIP GROUP, YOUTH, AND EVEN PASTOR.



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OR FILL OUT AND DROP OFF DIRECTLY TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Number of Tickets (at \$16.00) _____

Contribution (if any) for assistance of others _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 5/8 Steve Hallarn
- 5/9 Annette Harden
- 5/12 Helen Clover
- 5/12 Kelley Femia
- 5/17 Gretchen Hammond
- 5/18 Claudia Lozier
- 5/24 Doug Allen
- 5/27 Judy Embree
- 5/29 Jan Thorley
- 5/30 Weldon Abels

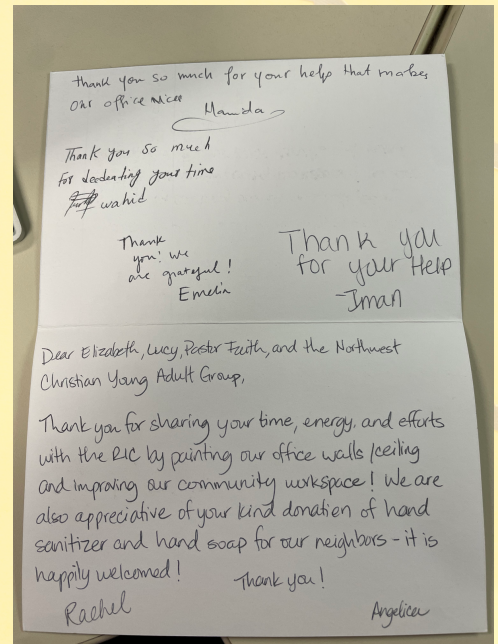
HAPPY Anniversary DAY

- 5/16 Victor and Laura Jochem
- 5/28 Ben and Lina Taylor
- 5/29 Rob and April Steffy

Thank YOU!

Thank you so much to my church family for reaching out with kind thoughts, cards, calls and special prayers during my recent recovery. It is valued and very much appreciated.
God Bless! Don Lozier

A letter of thanks from RIC to the Young Adult Group



Should you have any pastoral needs or concerns, please let our Pastor know.

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Tracy Qian, Accompanist / Organist

Rebecca Bean, Secretary: office@northwestchristian.org

Madison Buty, Child Caregiver

Karly Dearth, Child Caregiver

