



**Northwest
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FROM THE PASTOR

One of the great honors of being a pastor comes with the expectation that you will be involved in some of the most important moments of a person or family's lives. This past weekend, I officiated the wedding of a dear family friend. It was a great celebration. This coming weekend, I'll officiate the funeral of Hal Thorley, a dear member of this church for decades. Weddings are fun, funerals are meaningful and such an opportunity to truly minister to folks.

I've mentioned before that one of the great challenges of being a pastor is leaving a congregation, having become a part of the lives of people and families, knowing that their lives go on, weddings and funerals occur, and someone else is there to take care of them. Staying away is an act of faith, because you have to trust that God has put them there for a reason, and that they may do an even better job than I could have in tending to the needs of those involved. It's a wonderful coincidence that your own Gladys Davis is now the pastor at my own Highwater Congregational UCC; our paths crossed almost simultaneously as she started her stint as their Interim Minister at nearly the same time that I started here at Northwest. If you haven't heard, she has been called to be their permanent pastor, and I'm so happy for her and that congregation!

Meanwhile, I am happy and content to serve here while the next person that God has in store for NWCC is being sought by the search committee. Somewhere, there's a church getting ready for me as well. Someone will be coming to care for you. Somewhere is preparing for me to care for them. All in God's time!

Peace, Pastor Scott

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July Events

July 1 - Hal Thorley memorial service

10am - visitation - 11am memorial service

July 4 - 4th of July Parade

July 5 - Bible Study at 10am and Stitcher's Circle from 10am - 12pm

July 10 - Administrative Council Meeting at 7pm

July 11 - Poetry Zoom with Bob Nichols

July 12 - Bible Study at 10am and Stitcher's Circle from 10am - 12pm

July 15 - Lion's Club Parking Lot Sale from 6am - 1pm

July 16 - Ice Cream Social after worship

July 17 - Elder Meeting at 7pm

July 18 - EPIC Meeting Tuesday, July 18 at 6pm, Potluck & Program

July 19 - Bible Study at 10am and Stitcher's Circle from 10am - 12pm

July 26 - Bible Study at 10am and Stitcher's Circle from 10am - 12pm

July 26 - Ohio State Fair Parking 8am - 8pm

July 29 - August 1 - General Assembly in Louisville Kentucky

Summer Special Music

July 2 Brian Thompson, clarinet

July 9 Lori Beals, piano

July 16 Ghalice Ringers

July 23 Leslie Ahamadi & Yanitza Brongers, vocalists with Dave Stephan, guitar





Welcome Summer

Hot Dog

Lunch



City of Upper Arlington

4th of July



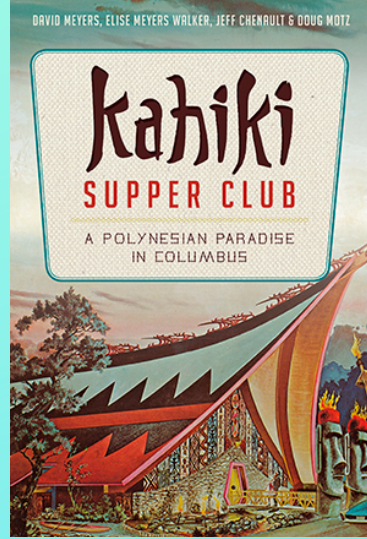
We are registered to walk in the Upper Arlington 4th of July Parade, which begins at 9AM on July 4th, 2023. We want to gather with our group in the Kingsdale Parking Lot around 8:15/8:30AM on that day, to get organized. Note: It is recommended that some folks leave cars/vans/ transport vehicles at the end of the parade route, in order to shuttle folks back to their cars. More information to follow if you're interested. -Kelsey Velazquez 614-373-0469

Stitcher's Circle Time Change

Due to lack of interest and only a few making the trip into the church on Wednesday mornings, we will be crocheting or knitting at home and only meeting at the church the first Wednesday of the month from 10-12 until more people show interest in participating. There is yarn and supplies in the cupboard of the gathering room so if anyone would like to help themselves and help out making laprobes or prayer shawls, we would be glad to have them and hang them on the ladder for those that need them. Feel free to ask if you have any questions or concerns about the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Maxine Potts





EPIC

(Experienced Persons in Communities)



Senior's Group



EXTRAVAGANT *Generosity*

II Corinthians 9:6-10 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

Have you ever wondered why Paul says that God loves a cheerful giver? Earlier in this passage he mentions that we are to think about and decide to give. And we should be happy with our decision.

We are not to give to God just because others are giving, or because we are guilty into it. Don't put an offering in the offering plate just because you are on the Stewardship Committee and "what would people think" if you didn't.

God wants us to consider what to give. That means we think and pray about it and are comfortable in giving. We are happy to put our contribution in the offering plate. We are happy to donate time and effort, not mutter to ourselves about being in a time crunch. God can do without the negatives. The late J. Vernon McGee suggested that the offering should be the happiest part of the service and perhaps singing "Praise God Through Whom All Blessings Flow" should actually precede the offering as a sign of our cheerfulness in giving.

Carla Nuenke, Extravagant Generosity

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Ice Cream Social



Gather with us for Sunday service
at Northwest Christian Church
followed by Ice Cream Social

JULY 16

**Ice cream
treats provided!**

11:30 AM

1340 Fishinger Road

New Summer Sunday School Class

We will meet in the Narthex from 9:30 – 10:15 beginning July 9. We will pull the doors partially closed so people can join as they arrive.

The class will feature a video presentation by Brian McLaren, *Good News for Post-Modern Humanity*. This is a fancy title for the Gospel as applied to our time. His published works include titles such as "Faith After Doubt," "We Make the Road by Walking," and "The Great Spiritual Migration. How the World's Largest Religion is Seeking a Better Way to be Christian." He is a faculty member of the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, NM.

Brian D. McLaren is an author, speaker, activist, and public theologian. A former college English teacher and pastor, he is a passionate advocate for "a new kind of Christianity" - just, generous, and working with people of all faiths for the common good. He is an Auburn Senior Fellow, a contributor to We Stand With Love, and a leader in the Convergence Network, through which he is developing an innovative training/mentoring program for pastors and church planters.

Saturday, July 15th from 1-4pm

Support NNEMAP and enjoy local food and beverages at the same time!

“A Taste of German Village and The Brewery District” will be held on Saturday, July 15th from 1-4pm on the lawn of Grange Insurance on South High and Frankfort. This event has 16 local restaurants from German Village and the Brewery District tabling samples of their food.

It is a rare opportunity to experience all these wonderful culinary experiences in one place. Grange Insurance is the main sponsor with supporting sponsors Hausfrau Haven and Seventh Son Brewery/AOH providing the libations. Tickets are \$100 supporting NNEMAP Food Pantry and include two drink tickets and all the food tastings from the outstanding restaurants participating in this event. Because of the generosity of the sponsors and restaurants, almost 100% of the ticket sales go directly to NNEMAP! Tickets can be purchased at: [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) and type in nnemap in the search box. This link should take you there as well:

Purchase Tickets

Participants include Chapman’s, Agni, Comune, Mohawk, South Village Grill, Arepaza, Local Cantina, Emmett’s, Gressos, and Cento’s which is Cameron Mitchell’s new Italian restaurant opening in German Village this July! Free parking is available on the Grange parking lot south of the Krogers store at Sycamore and Bank St. just two blocks from the event. We hope to see you there!

Let’s Go Nuts for NNEMAP!

The NNEMAP food pantry is continuing to experience record numbers of visits, with anywhere from 150-200 clients visiting or receiving deliveries each day. During the months of July and August, NWCC will focus on collecting donations of nut butters - peanut butter, almond butter, sunflower butter, etc. This is a product that is shelf-stable and provides a decent source of protein. Let’s go nuts and overfill the cart in the Narthex!

Other ways to help NNEMAP (contact Debbie Stephan or visit nnemappantry.org)

Volunteer to park cars during the Ohio State Fair in the NNEMAP parking lot

Attend the “Taste of German Village and Brewery District” event on July 15th

Volunteer at the pantry

Donate food and toiletries

Contribute monetarily [Here](#)





Dear Rebecca and my NWCC family,

I want to update to you that I am having a fabulous quality time with my family and all my friends here. After being away from home for four years, I finally got some quality accompany with my family. My pet Quanquan and my granny (my dad's side) are very old. Quanquan did not recognize me when he saw me at the airport. My granny has been suffering from dementia for quite a few years. She can hardly remember anything, but luckily she can still remember me (even though she forgot I could play the piano). I had a lot of delicious food with my parents. I went to see my professor from the college and some of my college friends. It was also my first time meeting their babies.

Hope everyone at NWCC is enjoying their summer! I will keep you updated!

Tracy



The new group for Seniors, EPIC, will meet on
Tuesday, July 18 at 6:00 p.m.

for a potluck and program.

Corwin and Mary are seeking an interesting
speaker for the evening.

EPIC stands for Experienced Persons in Community.

It is for those age 50 and up but anyone is welcome.

Members are encouraged to bring a friend, relative,
neighbor, etc.

The turn-out in June was great! Let's keep it up in July.



HAPPY Birthday

7/2 Kaitlin Oyster
7/5 Betty Beal
7/6 Oliver Berg
7/7 Clark Velazquez
7/9 Dominick Femia
7/10 Evelyn Berg
7/13 Roger Long
7/14 Mary Moore
7/18 Olivia Davis
7/18 Elijah Eddy
7/18 Don Lozier
7/21 Alison Jennings
7/23 Lori Beals
7/23 Dennis Howard
7/26 Gladys Davis
7/27 Jake Hammond
7/28 Carolyn Guss
7/31 Chris Proicou

Happy Anniversary

7/6 Joanne and Dennis Howard
7/8 Michele and Dan Eastlake
7/12 Michiel and Yanitza Brongers
7/15 Faith and Trey Solon
7/16 Bill and Amy Flaws
7/20 Chris and Barbara Proicou
7/28 Al and Cindy Adcock
7/31 Scott and Yuka Hendershot

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

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Dr. Tim Sarsany, Minister of Music: tsarsany@gmail.com

Tracy Qian, Accompanist / Organist

Rebecca Bean, Secretary: office@northwestchristian.org

Madison Buty, Child Caregiver

Karly Dearth, Child Caregiver

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