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The church needs one more Deacon. If you are able to serve, please let Lauren Jennings or Mary Smithson know.

FROM THE PASTOR

Searching

What a great weekend we all had last weekend! Granted, we were apart. I woke up on Sunday morning after a night of watching the Ohio State top Norte Dame, knowing that "Touchdown Jesus" was looking over my shoulder as the Buckeyes crossed the goal line on the game's final play. I woke up to watch the always well-done livestream of the service at Northwest. I'm not putting myself down when I state that traffic for that service had to be higher than the norm! Joyce Wealand delivered a meaningful sermon, the service was completed, then I shifted over to Zoom and watched the congregational meeting take place. I am so happy at the outcome and the selection of my friend, Rev. Joyce Wealand, as your new pastor! It has been a long, delicate search, and each member of the now defunct search committee deserves the gratitude of the congregation. When you aren't involved, it's easy to think that it's taking a long time, but our denominational process demands a very thorough search. I've seen congregations sacrifice getting it right to get it done quickly. That's not what happened here. While you've been winding down your own search, my own search has been ramping up. I'm flying out to do the same thing Joyce did, at what hope I'll be calling my new church, First Christian Church in Wilson, NC. The time will come to reflect on my time at NWCC, which ends on November 30 no matter how my vote goes on Sunday. I'll appreciate your prayers for me on Sunday, through my time at Northwest, and beyond, and you can know that I will be praying for you just the same.

*Peace,
Scott*

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Extravagant **GENEROSITY**

2 Chronicles 35:1-9 Josiah celebrated the Passover to God in Jerusalem. They killed the Passover lambs on the fourteenth day of the first month. He gave the priests detailed instructions and encouraged them in the work of leading worship in The Temple of God. He also told the Levites who were in charge of teaching and guiding Israel in all matters of worship (they were especially consecrated for this), “Place the sacred Chest in The Temple that Solomon son of David, the king of Israel, built. You don’t have to carry it around on your shoulders any longer! Serve God and God’s people Israel. Organize yourselves by families for your respective responsibilities, following the instructions left by David king of Israel and Solomon his son. Take your place in the sanctuary—a team of Levites for every grouping of your fellow citizens, the laity. Your job is to kill the Passover lambs, then consecrate yourselves and prepare the lambs so that everyone will be able to keep the Passover exactly as God commanded through Moses.” Josiah personally donated thirty thousand sheep, lambs, and goats and three thousand bulls—everything needed for the Passover celebration was there. His officials also pitched in on behalf of the people, including the priests and the Levites. Hilkiyah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, leaders in The Temple of God, gave twenty-six hundred lambs and three hundred bulls to the priests for the Passover offerings. Conaniah, his brothers Shemaiah and Nethanel, along with the Levitical chiefs Hashabiah, Jeiel, and Jozabad, donated five thousand lambs and five hundred bulls to the Levites for the Passover offerings. --The Message

Sometimes doing God’s will is expensive. We tend to think of worshiping God and spreading His word in the same way Jesus did - not spending much money or carrying things around. But in these Old Testament verses we see king Josiah contributing a lot in order for the people to worship God during Passover.

Thirty thousand sheep, lambs, and goats as well as three thousand bulls! Wow! I can’t even imagine what that must have been like. Talk about extravagant generosity. And that was what Josiah donated. Other leaders contributed as well. As we prepare for our Stewardship campaign, we need to remember that operating a church does indeed cost material goods and our prayerful consideration of what to pledge is crucial. We are entering a new chapter in the history of our congregation and our decisions about money and time will make a difference.

Carla Nuenke, Extravagant Generosity



**Sunday
October 1, 2023
2 pm**

Join us for the 2023 Central Ohio CROP Hunger Walk and take steps to end hunger and poverty in Central Ohio and around the world! The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is a founding member of Church World Service and many area congregations have participated since our local walk's start in 1978.

Our Regional Minister, Rev. Allen Harris will be the guest speaker at the send-off for this year's Walk so join us for the Impact Fair/Registration at 1pm at Scioto Audubon Metro Park (400 W Whittier St, Columbus, OH 43215) and our send-off at 2pm.

**Sign-up to donate and/or walk, by joining our team at
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<https://tinyurl.com/NWCC-CROP>**



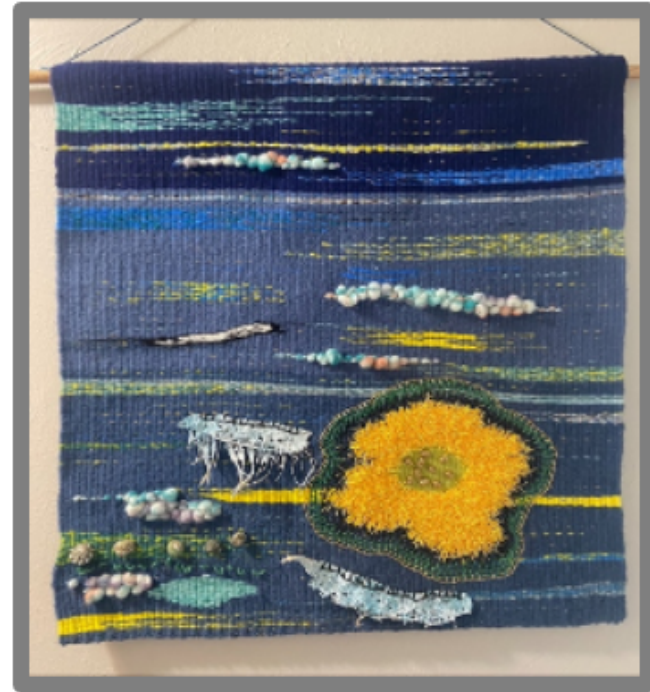
**If you have any questions,
feel free to contact
Bruce or Linda Anschutz**

Heart Sisters - Monday, October 23rd

“Woven Together in God’s Love”

featuring guest artist, Philip Sarsany

We are excited to welcome Philip Sarsany as our guest speaker in October. Philip is a textiles and mixed media artist and has had many collective and solo art exhibitions. He has also participated in the Franklin County Fair and in the Ohio State Fair where he was awarded two Second and one First Place awards in 2019 and one Second Place award in 2022. Philip will have several pieces for us to see and will discuss his approach to weaving and mixed media. Philip is also the husband of our music director, Tim Sarsany, and we are so pleased to learn more about him and his artwork.



HeartSisters

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



Bring your own dinner and join us for fellowship starting at 6:00pm. Our program will begin at 7:00pm and you are encouraged to invite a friend. If you have questions or special needs, please contact Carolyn Abels, Jane Russell, or Debbie Stephan.



Church Connection Corner



We are excited to welcome our new minister, Rev. Joyce Wealand, to start on Dec. 1. Do you have friends or family with connections to NWCC that you think would like to know about our new chapter, but may not be on our mailing lists? Whether they would be able to attend and meet her, or would just be interested to hear the news, let Rebecca in the office know, so that they will be included in communications.



NNEMAP
food pantry

Where's the Beef, and the Chicken, and the Pork, and the Seafood?

Did you know that NNEMAP serves about 175 visitors each day - 6 days a week? Did you know they are on target to hit 45,000 visits in 2023 – an increase of over 50% from last year. They needs are great in the Columbus community and YOU can help!

During the months of October and November please consider donating any canned items that contain meat for the NNEMAP food pantry. Canned chicken, tuna, salmon, beef stew, ravioli, and chicken noodle soup are all great ideas.

Bring your donations every Sunday to the shopping cart in the Narthex.



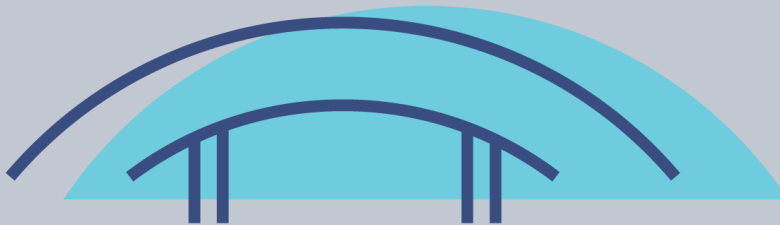
Mark your calendars for the Harmony for Hunger Concert to be held at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Upper Arlington on Friday, November 17th at 7:30pm. This is an important fundraiser for the pantry and will feature the Ohio State Men's Glee Club, the Ohio State Chorale as well as other talent from the Columbus area. Tickets will be available in the near future!

Riverview International Center Community Festival 2023!

We will be celebrating the cultural diversity of our neighbors and families at our annual community festival! Please save the date:
Sunday, October 1, 4-6pm.



This festive celebration is an opportunity to connect with one another and sample traditional dishes prepared by our neighbors from Algeria, Bangladesh, Egypt, Palestine, Afghanistan, Sudan, Syria, Ghana, Morocco and more. Come join in the family fun! Volunteer opportunities are available to volunteer



Reaching Riverview

RIVERVIEW INTERNATIONAL CENTER
ANNUAL FUNDRAISER ● 2023

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 18, 2023
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Mozart's Cafe
4784 N High Street
Columbus, OH 43214

Lunch included

Join us in strengthening the bridge of welcome and empowerment to New Americans.

GIVE TO THE RIC TODAY!

Don't miss the RIC's only fundraiser of the year, and the chance to hear powerful stories about the courage and tenacity of a few of our newly-arrived immigrant neighbors.

thank you

To our beloved NWCC family,

Don and I want everyone to know that your continuous faithful and loving support over the past several months is and has been profoundly appreciated by us and our family. The many beautiful cards with caring and encouraging words have been read, reread and saved. Your calls, visits and gifts have been more uplifting than you could ever know.

Don (and I) were greatly surprised and delighted by seeing and visiting with all those who were able to come and help celebrate his 90th birthday with us. He hasn't stopped talking about it!

Please know we do and have missed seeing, worshipping and being apart of our beloved NWCC family during this difficult time and you are always in our thoughts and prayers.

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Don and Carolyn Guss

Dinners of 8 or So

September's Dinners of 8 or So was enjoyed with two dinner watch parties of Ohio State's win over Notre Dame!

Watch for the next opportunity to join NWCC friends over a meal.

It is such a great way to get to know each other better.

Be a "first timer", or a 'frequent diner.'

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Thank you, Stephans and Muellers for hosting!



10/12 John and Kathryn Bierley
 10/15 David and Debbie Stephan
 10/19 Brian and Koral Alexander
 10/25 Jim and Judy Embree

10/1 April Bryant
 10/2 Amy Taylor
 10/4 Amy Kline
 10/4 Dave Loynachan
 10/4 Em J Oyster
 10/5 Glenda Argo
 10/6 Brian Alexander
 10/8 Karly Dearth
 10/9 Mary Lu Wilcox
 10/13 Allison Smith
 10/13 Mary Smithson
 10/14 Linda Johnson
 10/18 Bonnie Furr
 10/19 Rebecca Allen
 10/22 Connie Loynachan
 10/22 Ted Pfenning
 10/24 Julie Kibler
 10/27 Scott Hendershot
 10/30 Sheri Lisak

Daffodils-a symbol of renewal

Daffodil bulbs snuggle in as winter approaches. While the winds blow and the snow falls, a blanket soil nourishes and protects the bulbs even as they grow stronger.

As winter winds down, shoots appear, spread their yellow flowers, and brighten the world with their rebirth.

Then... in the process only God can create...they produce more bulbs. Kind of like a church congregation, no?

The congregational meeting provided a joyous approval of Rev. Joyce Wealand as NWCC minister, after an extended « winter » of search. It is time for our congregation to blossom again.

The congregation planted daffodils after the meeting, in preparation for our coming spring. Richly symbolic, watch "our" bulbs grow and bloom.

Written by Ted Thomas

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

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Karly Dearth, Child Caregiver

