



A Hello April 2024

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Pastor's Article

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

We hear this traditional greeting or phrase every year at Easter. And yet, once the plastic eggs are emptied and put away, once chocolate bunnies are eaten, once the Hallelujahs are sung, what does it really mean? The celebration of Easter Sunday is a high point for us as Christians, and we want to hold on to that incredible feeling all year long. How do we do that in our crazy world of violence, anger, and hate?

Easter is so much more than one day, more than eggs and chocolate, more than brass and Hallelujahs. Easter is our recognition that we are all called to be the hands, feet, mouth, and heart of Christ in our world. Jesus' model and teachings of love, acceptance, justice, and peace aren't what will save us in this crazy world. What saves us is how we live our lives, how we treat one another, how we live out our love for one another – because of Jesus' model and teachings of love, acceptance, justice, and peace. We can listen to his words over and over again. It's not until we take them to heart – literally – letting them sink into our hearts so deeply that it changes who we are – that the world changes.

The world can change. The world can change when we decide to live our lives according to the teachings of Jesus. Simple, yes! Easy, no. The hard work begins when we decide to live like Jesus. But this demanding work is what we are called to as Christians and as Disciples of Christ.

May our lives be lived in such a way that the world knows it. And may we be the change we want to see in our world. He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Pastor Joyce Wealand



HeartSisters

Spiritual Spring Cleaning

Monday, April 22nd

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

It's springtime and how wonderful it feels to open the windows and enjoy the fresh air after our winter hibernation! It might even motivate us to do some spring cleaning and wash those windows or declutter those closets. What if we take that concept into our spiritual lives? We hope you join us on Monday, April 22nd as we explore the idea of "Spiritual Spring Cleaning". We promise you won't need any rubber gloves, buckets, or scrub brushes. The program will begin at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall, but feel free to bring your own dinner between 6-7pm and share in a time of fellowship together.

If you have questions or require transportation, please contact Carolyn Abels, Jane Russell or Debbie Stephan.

Quarry Trails Hike

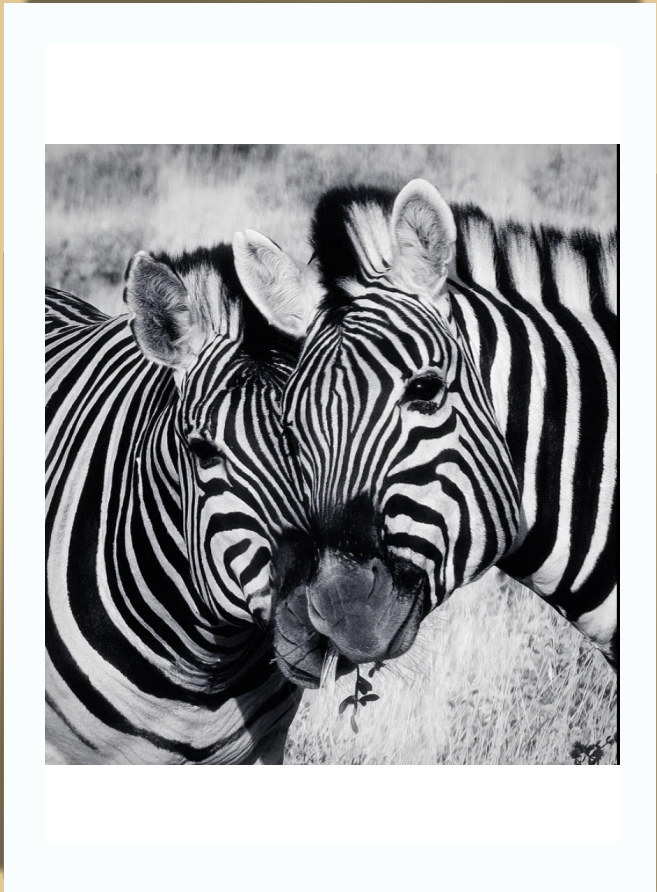
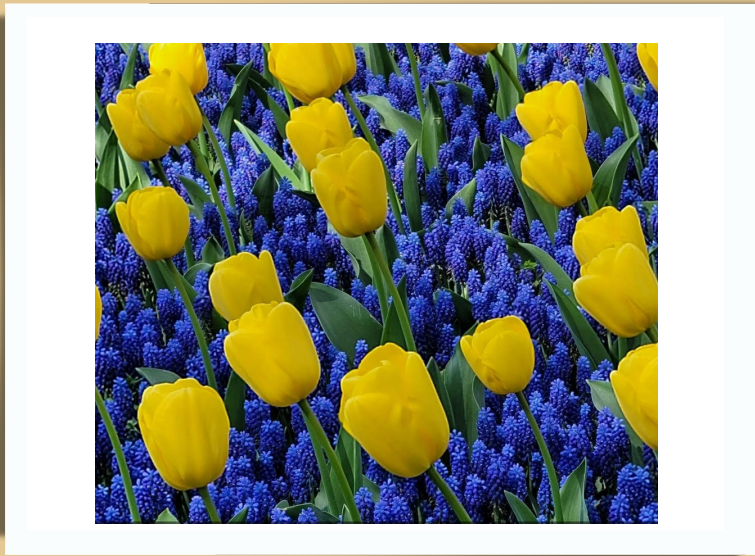
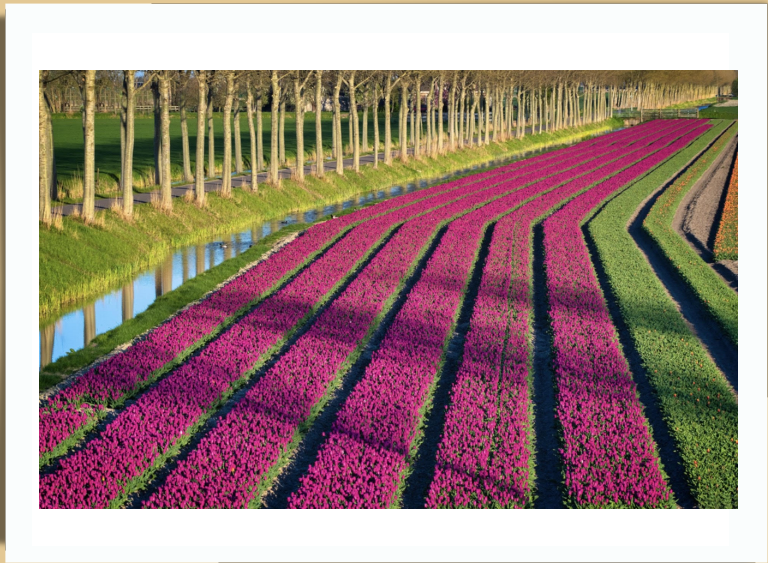
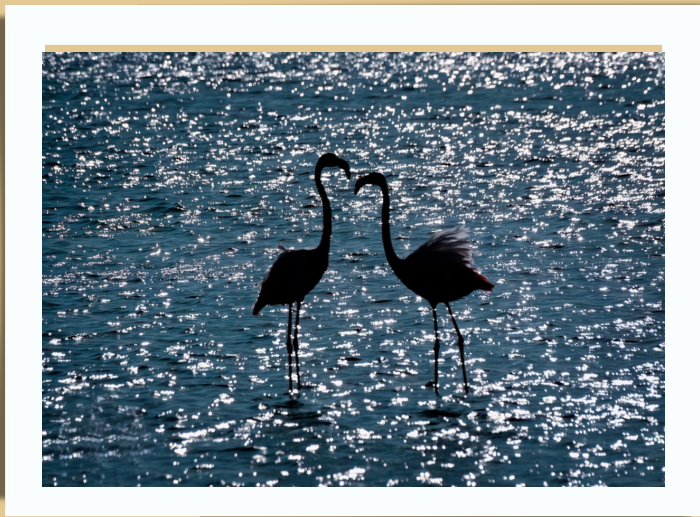
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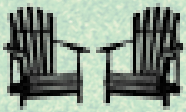
Family and Dog

friendly



EPIC will feature Roberta Kayne, award winning photographer, on Tuesday, April 16th. Roberta has taken photographs in over 30 countries. She will share some of her favorites. She uses quotes to go with her pictures and will share them also. EPIC begins at 6:00 with potluck. Please invite others. All ages are welcome. For more information, see Roberta's website or contact Mary Smithson.





DISCIPLES FELLOWSHIP RETREAT

Event Date: May 24, 2024

End Date: May 26, 2024

Description:

Disciples Fellowship Retreat

Friday, May 24th – Sunday, May 26th

For all ages

Disciples Fellowship Retreat

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 EMAIL ADDRESS FOR DISCIPLES FELLOWSHIP RETREAT IS CHANGING! REGISTRATION MATERIALS 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



Summer Camp, Conference & Retreat Schedule 2024

Note, all grades listed are grades completing Spring/Summer 2024

***Disciples Fellowship Retreat** (For all ages) -Friday, May 24th - Sunday, May 26th

***Grandparent's Camp** - Elementary -Thursday, June 6th - Saturday, June 8

-For children completing Kindergarten, 1st or 2nd grade AND their Grandparent
(child may be accompanied by a related adult “not mom or dad” if Grandparent is unavailable)

***Otter Camp** - Elementary - Sunday, June 9th - Saturday, June 15th

-For children completing 5th grade & those completing 3rd & 4th grades ready for a full-week

***Chi Rho & CYF Week 1** Concurrent Camp - Junior High and High School

-Sunday, June 16th - Saturday, June 22nd

-Chi Rho is for youth completing 6th, 7th and 8th grades

CYF is for youth completing 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th.

***Adult Conference** - Monday, June 17th - Friday, June 21st

For adults of all ages - Held at NWCC

***Just Say Know Camp** - Junior High - Sunday, June 23rd - Saturday, June 29th

-For youth completing 8th grade

***Ribbit Camp** - Elementary - Sunday, June 30th - Wednesday, July 3rd

-For children completing 2nd grade and/or 3rd and 4th graders whose parents want a shorter camp experience for their children

***Camp Encore** - Junior High and High School - Sunday, June 30th - Saturday, July 6th

-For youth completing 6th - 12th grades

***Chi Rho Week #2** - Junior High - Sunday, July 7th - Saturday, July 13th

-For youth completing 6th, 7th & 8th grades

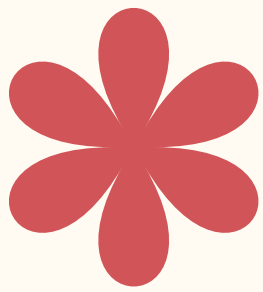
***CYF Week #2** - High School - Sunday July 14th - Saturday, July 20th

-For youth completing 9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th grades

***Advance Conference** - Sunday, July 21st - Sunday, July 28th

-For all adults ages 19 to 30 (out of high school)

***Disciples Fellowship Retreat** - Friday, August 30th - Sunday, September 1st - For All Ages



Dinners of Eight

Hello friends at NWCC!

You are invited to get to know some new people in the next round of "Dinners of (about) Eight" on Friday, April 19, and Saturday April 20. Please sign up with SignUp Genius, by Wednesday, April 10, indicating your choice of date and whether you are available to host, and any diet considerations. You can also contact Lori Beals directly at 614-439-4342 or Inbeals@yahoo.com.

What is a "Dinner of (about) Eight"? It is a small group gathering in someone's home where a meal is shared together. Usually, the host prepares the entree and attendees bring side dishes, salads, desserts, etc. to complete the meal (this will all be coordinated by the host). It is a wonderful way to get to know others in the church and share a delicious meal together. Give it a try! You are welcome to invite somebody new to come too!

Dates Available

Friday

April 19, 2024

Or

Saturday

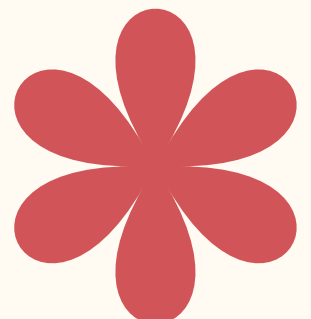
April 20, 2024



RSVP:

Lori Beals

614-439-4342 or
Inbeals@yahoo.com.





LET'S FILL THE SHOPPING CART WITH BAR SOAP DURING APRIL AND MAY!



LET'S HELP THE CLIENTS AT NNEMAP WITH THEIR 'APRIL SHOWERS' BY DONATING BAR SOAP DURING APRIL AND MAY. WITH RECORD NUMBERS OF PEOPLE VISITING NNEMAP THE NEEDS ARE VERY GREAT.

HERE ARE SOME STATISTICS FROM FEBRUARY:

- ☒ 4852 VISITS IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY
- ☒ 738 DELIVERIES (THE BIGGEST MONTH EVER!)
- ☒ 94 LOCKER DISTRIBUTIONS

IN ADDITION TO BAR SOAP, ANY SHELF-STABLE ITEM OR TOILETRY ITEM IS ALWAYS WELCOME. ADULT AND CHILDREN'S BOOKS ARE ALSO ACCEPTED AT ANY TIME. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS AND YOUR SUPPORT OF NNEMAP.

TO LEARN MORE, PLEASE VISIT NNEMAPPANTRY.ORG
OR CONTACT DEBBIE STEPHAN.



It's Golf! It's Not Golf!
It's TOPGOLF!
April 21st from 1-3pm

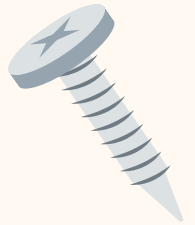
NNEMAP is planning their second annual TopGolf fundraiser on Sunday, April 21st from 1-3pm at the TopGolf facility on Ikea Way. Teams of 6 can play golf, win prizes, and enjoy delicious food. No golfing experience is required! Visit topgolf.com to learn more about this fun activity. More information will be coming soon as to the cost and how you can register your team. See Debbie Stephan in the meantime if you have any questions.



WORK DAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH

Come up Friday night anytime
after 6pm with snacks and games
to stay overnight for work day
the next day



SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH

9am - 4pm

Camp Christian
10335 Maple Dell Road,
Marysville, Ohio 43040.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

4/11 Doug and Rebecca Allen

4/28 Sam and Mary Moore

4/4 Tom Lisak

4/7 George Kirsch

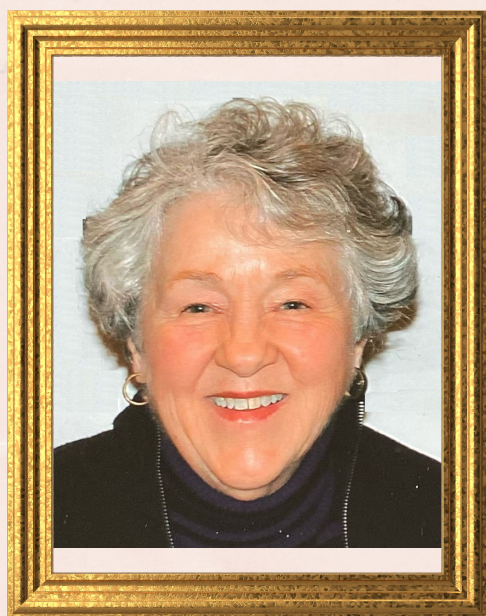
4/16 April Steffy

4/16 Spencer Velazquez

4/23 Mira Taylor

4/26 Bob Nichols

4/28 Campbell Taylor



Ann Buchfinck's children would like to share with her church family that her ashes will be scattered at Cape Hatteras, NC, this Easter Sunday. Cape Hatteras held a special place in Ann's heart, being one of her favorite places to visit. Aaron, Megumi and Noah, and Amy, Jose, Ezra and Emerson will travel to Cape Hatteras and spread her ashes in the dunes just above the former location of the light house, and on a trail that is behind its current location. Ann, and her mother, Virginia cherished their NWCC community dearly, and their families would like to extend their gratitude for your prayers and support during this time.

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

Rev. Joyce Wealand, Minister: pastor@northwestchristian.org

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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