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A Note from Your Pastor

I Love To Tell The Story...

I became curious to see if there is a difference between storytelling and telling a story. Turns out there is! According to the website TheYoungWriter.com, Storytelling is defined as the craft of weaving a lie, or half-truth, so beautifully and masterfully that everyone accepts it. It ceases being a blatant lie and becomes a story. Telling a story, on the other hand, is merely an action. "Telling" is a verb, "a" is an article, and "story" is a noun. Not much art or mastery in that sequence.

Of course, this is from a website created to develop the skills of storytelling. And storytelling is an important skill and part of our culture. Think of all the wonderful books and movies you've read and seen. These are all examples of good storytelling.

But I think telling a story is just as important. Sharing our truths in a simple and straightforward manner, without a lot of embellishments or exaggerations, allows people to know us in a deep and honest way. And as followers of Jesus, we have an amazing story to tell.

Over the next several months, we'll be exploring our stories – our own individual stories and our story as a community of faith. We'll take a look at what story is told by our building – our space, how its arranged and decorated, how we promote our activities, and what greets people when they experience the physical setting of Northwest Christian Church. And we'll dig into how we tell the story of Jesus to those in our community. What story do our neighbors hear and learn from us as we interact in mission and fellowship?

It will be an exciting opportunity for us to get to know one another better and to home in on how the story of Jesus impacts us and our faith. And it will help us clarify how we want to share that story out in our neighborhood.

I Love To Tell The Story.... and I can't wait to begin.

Pastor Joyce Wealand



Extravagant Generosity

Luke 3: 21-38 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry. He was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph, the son of Heli, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melki, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph, the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai, the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Josek, the son of Joda, the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri, the son of Melki, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmadam, the son of Er, the son of Joshua, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim, the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David, the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son of Nahshon, the son of Amminadab, the son of Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah, the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor, the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Shelah, the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalalel, the son of Kenan, the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

This passage brings out an important principle in the life of a Christian – who are we really? The long genealogy would have been important to the Jewish community of the time. It is interesting to note that today we have similar interests; it isn't unusual for people to research their past relatives via DNA or historical research. The crucial caveat is mentioned at the beginning of the genealogy written in Luke – "He was the son, **so it was thought...**"

As humans, we tend to identify basic characteristics as identifying who we are. We think of our family, our job, our denomination, our favorite sports teams etc. We can add a "so we think" to these characteristics.

In reality, our core identity is quite different. We are children of God, whom He loves. This is our primary characteristic; it outweighs everything else even if we are not aware how central it is to our being. It is an identity and relationship well worth noticing and being a good caretaker of that relationship.

Carla Nuenke, Extravagant Generosity



HeartSisters

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

As we wait to gather together again, remember:

You are worthy

You are loved.

You are a child of God.

Looking ahead: Mark your calendars for Monday, September 23rd for the Heart Sisters fall kickoff program.



August 25, 2024 Congregational Meeting
9:15am in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday
Aug 20th
6 pot luck

EPIC



6:45 John Bierley presenting
on "A Band is Born: How the Westerville
Band Happened"



Franklin Park Conservatory
free Promusica Concert

Join friends attending the free Promusica Concert, 8:00pm, Thursday, August 8, at Franklin Park, music of Grieg and Vaughn Williams' Lark Ascending. Sign up in the Narthex, by Signup Genius, or by calling the church by Sunday August 4, and we will organize among those interested how we will gather. Bring chairs or blankets to sit on, food if you'd like.





A TASTE OF GERMAN VILLAGE & BREWERY DISTRICT



Thanks to everyone who attended the Taste of German Village fundraiser. The food was delicious, the music was entertaining, and the NWCC folks were extremely generous with their support! It was also fun to celebrate Roger Long's 39th birthday (again... haha!).



State Fair



Parking

Thanks to Lauren Jennings, Jack Strawn, Grace Sachar, Jane Russell, Linda Anschutz, Jim Embree and Dave and Debbie Stephan for volunteering to help with the NNEMAP Ohio State Fair parking on July 24th. Your willingness to help with this fundraiser was appreciated!

For the month of August, we will continue to collect all types of toiletries – soap, shampoo, razors, toothpaste and feminine products are always in demand. Let's overfill the cart in the Narthex with our donations!



Looking ahead: Mark your calendars for Friday, November 22nd (7:30PM) and plan to attend the Harmony for Hunger concert being held at Linworth United Methodist Church (7070 Bent Tree Blvd, Columbus 43235). It is a wonderful evening filled with fantastic entertainment and a silent auction.

Save the Date!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 @ SCIOTO AUDUBON METRO PARK

Join us on August 17 at 10 am in the sanctuary as Andrew Gifford, Community Engagement Manager from Church World Service, will share a special presentation from the trip he took earlier this year to Kenya which will help you understand how the steps we take and funds we raise during the annual Central Ohio CROP Hunger Walk helps support the good Church World Service is doing in Kenya and around the world!

Bruce and Linda Anschutz, Co-Captains of the CROP Hunger Walk



DISCIPLES FELLOWSHIP RETREAT


**FRIDAY, AUGUST, 30TH –
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST**


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.



Disciples Fellowship Retreat

RSVP NOW

 Camp Christian is located at 10335 Maple Dell Road, Marysville, Ohio 43040

 Phone 614-433-0343

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Congregation's favorite hymns will be sung throughout the service.



AUGUST 18, 2024

SING OUT
the Summer

Fill out a card with your favorite hymn and put in the suggestion box on the Welcome Table.



I want to thank my loving church family for all of the cards, notes and prayers in the passing of Weldon. Your support has meant so much to me and my family.

Blessings,

Carolyn Abels

Thank
you

I'm simply overwhelmed at all the love and support I received. Thank you all for the cards, letters, food, gift cards, yard work and good thoughts as I begin my healing process. I especially want to thank one of the most loving, giving, caring and compassionate Ministers ever at Northwest Christian Church. Pastor Joyce has gone above and beyond what was needed and I/we should feel very Blessed she is at Northwest Christian Church!

With my love,
Corwin Kuhn



August Birthdays and Anniversaries

8/15 Ted Thomas

8/17 Laura Jochem

8/18 Madeline Smith

8/19 Steve Jennings

8/20 Tim Coy

8/20 Eleanor Myers

8/22 Karen Smith

8/26 Paul King

8/28 John Beals

8/1 Corwin Kuhn

8/1 Trisha Ludeke

8/5 Glenn Allen

8/7 Antonie Brongers

8/7 Bill Flaws

8/9 Yanitza Brongers

8/10 Cassidy Ann Badgeley

8/14 Tyler Kline

8/15 Elizabeth Smith

8/4 Steve and Rose Hallarn

8/9 Ken and Margie Evans

8/24 Ted and Barbara Thomas

8/25 Charlie and Diana Schmidt

8/27 Kaitlin Taylor and Matthew Oyster

8/29 John and Lori Beals

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Alliance

