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A Note from Your Pastor

I Love to Tell the Story

On Sunday, September 8, Kickoff Sunday, we will gather in Fellowship Hall for pancakes, fellowship, storytelling, and worship. And it will be worshipful!

Everyone is invited to come dressed as a character from their favorite story. It could be a Bible story, it could be a fairy tale, it could be a current novel or biography. What's your favorite story? What character from that story resonates with you?

We'll sing together, we'll pray together, our Chalice Choir will offer their gifts of voice and song, and we'll learn a bit about each other. We'll consider how we might understand our own personal faith story – who and what has formed us – when, where, why – and we'll each be invited to begin crafting our own story.

We each have a story to tell. This time is for you. There's no pressure to say more than you want. There's no pressure to say anything at all! There's encouragement to consider the path that has led you to where you are now.

Kickoff Sunday is an opportunity for us to come together as the summer ends and we begin to look forward to what comes next. And what comes next is us – growing in our faith and telling God's story to our neighbors and friends. I hope you'll join us!

Extravagant Generosity

I Thessalonians 1: 1-10 I, Paul, together here with Silas and Timothy, send greetings to the church at Thessalonica, Christians assembled by God the Father and by the Master, Jesus Christ. God's amazing grace be with you! God's robust peace! Every time we think of you, we thank God for you. Day and night you're in our prayers as we call to mind your work of faith, your labor of love, and your patience of hope in following our Master, Jesus Christ, before God our Father. It is clear to us, friends, that God not only loves you very much but also has put his hand on you for something special. When the Message we preached came to you, it wasn't just words. Something happened in you. The Holy Spirit put steel in your convictions. You paid careful attention to the way we lived among you, and determined to live that way yourselves. In imitating us, you imitated the Master. Although great trouble accompanied the Word, you were able to take great joy from the Holy Spirit!—taking the trouble with the joy, the joy with the trouble. Do you know that all over the provinces of both Macedonia and Achaia believers look up to you? The word has gotten around. Your lives are echoing the Master's Word, not only in the provinces but all over the place. The news of your faith in God is out. We don't even have to say anything anymore—you're the message! People come up and tell us how you received us with open arms, how you deserted the dead idols of your old life so you could embrace and serve God, the true God. They marvel at how expectantly you await the arrival of his Son, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescued us from certain doom.

Paul is giving the Thessalonian church members encouragement and thanksgiving for their strong faith as well as their diligence at putting it into practice. A key concept here is in verse 5 where Paul described the Holy Spirit as putting “steel in you convictions”.

They are facing much difficulty in their lives, but their faith is obvious to others as being very strong and very stable. In later verses Paul refers to “joy with the trouble”. We don't think of joy being paired with trouble from the onset. We tend to think of joy as something that arises as we cope with the trouble in the spirit of faith.

But if our convictions are strong as steel when trouble arises, joy will be there instantly. This type of living is impressive to others and brings glory to God for his love and care for us. It give us the ability to be generous and loving even in a difficult world.

Carla Nuenke, Extravagant Generosity

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

It is so good to be back into our regular Bible Zone programming when we can share with the wonderful children at NWCC! We thank Judy Embree, Kelley Femia and Debbie Stephan for coordinating this important ministry in the life of the church. Additional helpers are always needed, so please reach out to Debbie Stephan to get more information if you are interested. Please note that the children will be staying in worship one Sunday per month. We hope to include them in some of the worship tasks such as lighting the candles, passing out bulletins, bringing the offering forward, etc. We are grateful and thankful for all of the families at NWCC and we look forward to another year of growing and serving together!



Hooray - September is here and time to restart our monthly POETRY ZOOM, September 10th @ 7:00pm! A great opportunity to share and enjoy fellowship AND our favorite (or original) poetry, and the like. Can be hymns, Bible verses, a famous quote, just about anything fun to share. Link will be provided by email prior to event. Please let me or church office know your intrust to insure YOU do get the link

- Bob Nichols (text (937) 510-7381.

EPIC

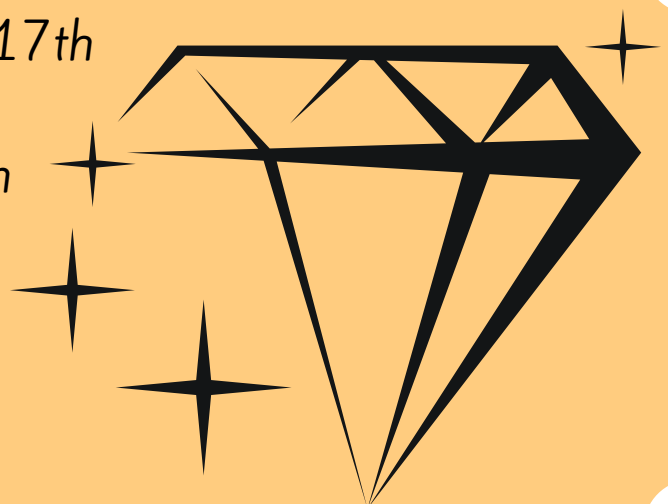
Tuesday, September 17th

6pm potluck

6:45pm program

To make or mine? That is the question - update on lab grown & natural diamonds.

*Robert W. Argo, Certified Gemologist
Appraiser, American Gem Society*





Telling My Story
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Heart Sisters gathering on Monday, September 23rd for our fall kickoff. We will start the evening with a potluck dinner at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will then move into our program at 7:00pm entitled "Telling My Story", led by Carolyn Abels. Have you ever thought about telling your story? How would you go about doing that? What would be your most important memories to share with others? We hope you will attend as we explore the idea of telling your story in a fun, interactive, and low-key way. You do not need to be a professional writer to participate in this evening! Bring a childhood photo to share with the group and to use as a storytelling prompt. You are encouraged to invite a friend and spread radical hospitality to others.

If childcare or transportation is needed, please contact Debbie Stephan or the church office.



NNEMAP
food pantry

NEWS



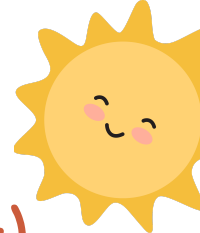
For the months of September and October we will focus on collecting canned soups. Soups that include beans and/or meat are especially appreciated since they provide extra protein. Let's overflow the cart in the Narthex with our donations!

NNEMAP Harmony For Hunger Concert

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
5 fantastic entertainment and a silent auction.



Men's Breakfast



- where ALL (Men, Women, Children, Grands)

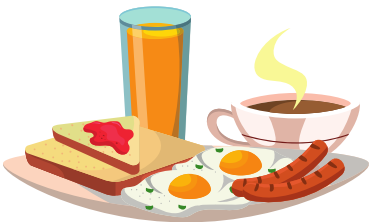
are welcome!

Saturday, September 14, 2024

at 10:00 am

Kitchen and clean-up volunteers are appreciated and needed

Northwest Christian Church will be hosting a Regional Breakfast



Our music at Northwest will be blessed by the addition of Conor (CJ) Smyth-Small to our team as our Keyboard Specialist! CJ will be joining the choir for rehearsal on Thursday, Sept 19 and will join us all in worship on Sunday, Sept 22. CJ has a Master of Music in Piano Performance from Arizona State University and is currently continuing his academic work at The Ohio State University. He brings to us a wealth of performance and teaching skill and background as well as international experience, having taught, competed, and performed in India, Belfast, and Dublin. We are eager to welcome CJ to Northwest and look forward to hearing more of his story!

Thank you to Michele Eastlake, Tricia Thompson, Mary Smithson, Melissa Allen, John and Kathryn Bierley, Cody Grabbe, Dr. Tim Sarseny, and Pastor Joyce for their diligent work in filling this important role in the life of our church.

Fall Kickoff Sunday

Sunday
September 8th

Following Breakfast
we will worship
in Fellowship Hall

9 am Breakfast in
Fellowship Hall

You are invited to come dressed as a character from your favorite story (Bible or other character)

I Love
to Tell the
Story



Register TODAY!



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

LOCATION: NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN, COLUMBUS, OHIO

WHAT TO EXPECT

FRIDAY



WORSHIP

DINNER

CONCERT



3:30 PM - 9:00 PM



SATURDAY



BUSINESS

KEYNOTE

NETWORKING



8:00 AM - 4:00 PM



Sunday, September 29



Sunday, October 6

REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH

"You shall all be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of the streets to live in." Isaiah 58:12

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OCTOBER 6
2024



Blessing of the Animals

SUNDAY



Join us for this
fun family friendly
community event.
Welcoming your
family and pets



All pets welcome,
including stuffed
animals. If you pet
can't come bring their
pictures for a
blessing



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A thank you to members of the church family who have remembered us through the last five years. We embraced the church family the first time we attended.

No one knew us and Patricia could sing out, and sing out she did. Having attended church all her life with responsibilities of pianist/organist, choir director and Sunday school teacher she so very much enjoyed being welcomed just as a parishioner. Her undergraduate degree was in theology: one year she had travelled weekends to churches throughout the Pacific Northwest as accompanist to the college trio and quartet. Through the last 60 years she had played in a few dozen churches and for more than an estimated 2,500 services.

Her uncle, a Disciple minister, officiated at our wedding and my cousin, a Disciple minister, at her graveside service in Oregon. Thank you for being the most welcoming and embracing congregation we had ever known.

Dennis Finegan

9/2 Carla Nuenke

9/2 Betty Poling

9/7 Ann Femia

9/7 Linda Rath

9/7 Bill Taylor

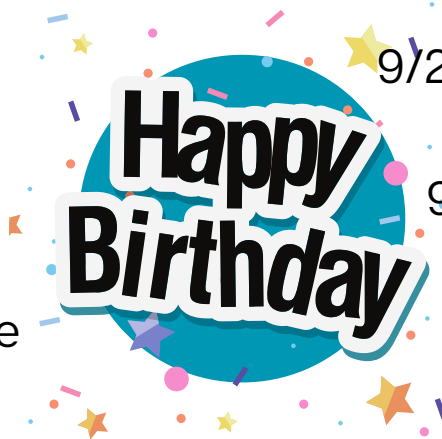
9/8 Michele Eastlake

9/8 Rudi Miller

9/9 Ah'Meen Grabbe-Harraman

9/19 Grace Smith

9/21 Ben Taylor



9/23 Carolyn Abels

9/23 MsSiah Grabbe-Harraman

9/23 David Stephan

9/25 Thomas Penhorwood

9/26 Ann Callahan

9/27 Maya Hammond

9/29 Margi Evans

9/29 Matthew Oyster

9/29 Bev Rhodes

9/29 Frad Stephens



9/12 Jerry and Betty Beal

9/14 Connie and Roger Long

9/16 Amy and Dennis KLine

9/19 Kelsey and Alfredo Velazquez

9/28 Kim and Herb Badgeley

**Disciples
LGBTQ+
Alliance**

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

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

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Rebecca Bean, Secretary: office@northwestchristian.org

Madison Buty, Child Caregiver

Karly Dearth, Child Caregiver

