

JUNE 2025



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A Note from Your Pastor

Happy Birthday To Us!

June 8 is the Sunday when we celebrate Pentecost – considered to be the “birthday” of the church. On Pentecost Sunday, the disciples were gathered, and the Spirit blew among them. The Fire of who and what the church could be – for all people – was ignited. There was excitement, enthusiasm, euphoria! There was commitment, connection, covenant!

But that was then, and this is now. We may wonder if we can experience that same excitement and fire. We’re in a very different culture and in a very different time. Or are we?

When we look at the issues that Jesus brought attention to – feeding the hungry, liberating the oppressed, tending to the poor and imprisoned – are they really any different from what we struggle with today? And when we consider the underlying tensions of empire – the inhumane treatment of some by those in power because their basic human dignity was not valued – has it changed today?

Perhaps it’s time to let the Spirit blow into our lives, like the disciples of the past. Dare we pray for the Spirit to blow away our complacency, our privilege, our clinging to our status quo? Can we open our ears to hear God’s message, then free our hearts and minds and hands and tongues to share that message in ways that others may hear and understand? Will we risk bringing the issues and tension into our conversations and discernment of our mission as God’s church?

As we celebrate the birthday of the church, there will be balloons. There will be energy in our worship. And there will be cake! May there also be commitment to modeling our mission in the Spirit filled way of Jesus. Thanks be to God for wind and fire! Thanks be to God for Spirit and energy! And thanks be to God for each of us and our desire to make a difference in our world today, like the disciples made a difference all those years ago. Happy Birthday to us all.

EXTRAVAGANT Generosity

Romans 12:1-3 So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you. I'm speaking to you out of deep gratitude for all that God has given me, and especially as I have responsibilities in relation to you. Living then, as every one of you does, in pure grace, it's important that you not misinterpret yourselves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. No, God brings it all to you. The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us, not by what we are and what we do for him. (The Message)

Too often in today's world we tend to think things should be larger than life. We make neon signs, develop extravagant performances, value expensive stuff, and we applaud heroes for doing outstanding things.

Yet in Romans, Paul is stressing how important and valuable ordinary life is. God wants us to just be our normal selves doing normal things, but do them in the presence of God. Paul stresses that our normal lives done with goodness is a gift from God, not the other way around.

We sometimes think that when we place our time and talents into God's hands that we have accomplished something. But the truth is that God brings His hands to our time and talents. They are His accomplishments, not ours. The best thing we can do is to stay in God's presence as we go through our normal days doing our normal tasks. It's not mundane; it's holy.

EPIC

EPIC will meet for a potluck dinner at 6:00 on Tuesday, June 17. NWCC Deacon Kate Thompson will be our presenter after dinner.

Her talk will be on Breathing and Relaxation for Stress Relief. Kate shared, "In this talk, we'll explore simple ways to calm the body and quiet the mind during stressful moments. You'll be invited to try a few gentle breathing techniques and guided relaxation exercises that can help you feel more grounded and at ease. No experience necessary—just come ready to pause and reset." and Relaxation for Stress Relief

Kate Thompson, LSW, is a therapist at Netcare Access, where she provides individual mental health counseling. She holds a Bachelor of Social Work and a Bachelor of Arts in Latin American, Latino/a, and Caribbean Studies (2018) and a Master of Social Work (2019), all from Miami University. Kate previously served with Global Ministries in the Dominican Republic and worked in the Victims of Crime Advocacy (VOCA) program at Community Refugee and Immigration Services. A fourth generation member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Kate also spent a summer on Camp Christian's kitchen staff in 2017.

All are welcome and please bring a guest!

YOUNG ADULT ADVENTURES





NNEMAP food pantry

A TASTE OF

GERMAN VILLAGE & BREWERY DISTRICT

JUNE 14TH 1-4PM

GRANGE INSURANCE LAWN 671 SOUTH HIGH STREET, COLUMBUS, OH 43206

TICKETS \$100

IN SUPPORT OF
NNEMAP FOOD PANTRY

TICKETS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

YOUR \$100 TICKET HELPS PROVIDE \$456 IN
GROCERIES TO CENTRAL OHIO FAMILIES!

SCAN HERE



TO PURCHASE



SPECIAL MUSICAL
PERFORMANCE BY
CHAZ AND NICKI

PRESENTED BY:



Participating Restaurants:

Agni
AOH
Barcelona
Bendi's
Cento Italiano
Chapman's
Chocolate Café
Harvest Pizza
Haufbrau Haven
Jony's Sushi
Katzinger's
Lindey's
Local Cantina
Mohawk
Rossi
Smoked On High
South Village Grill
Valter's



NNEMAP food pantry



State Fair
JULY 23 - AUGUST 3, 2025

**Ohio State
Fair
Parking at
NNEMAP
Can YOU
help?**

The NNEMAP pantry closes during the Ohio State Fair and its parking lot is used for fair parking. This is a huge fundraiser for the pantry and many volunteers are needed to make this a success. Northwest Christian Church has committed to covering the volunteers for the first day of the fair – Wednesday, July 23rd. We need 8 volunteers in total:

- 3 volunteers from 8am-noon (arrive by 7:45am for training)
- 3 volunteers from noon – 4pm
- 2 volunteers from 4pm – 8pm

Your responsibilities include directing cars to open spots and collecting the parking fee.

There is time to sit down and rest a while during the shift, but there can be a lot of standing depending on traffic. If you are interested, please contact Debbie Stephan.

NNEMAP Summer Needs

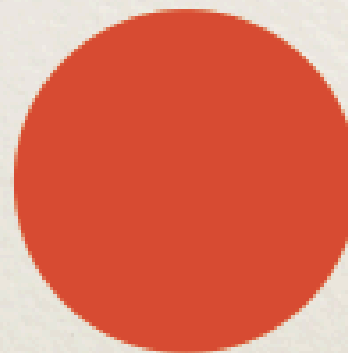
During the summer months, let's focus on collecting soap (bar soap or liquid body soap) AND shampoo. All types of shelf-stable items are always needed as well (canned goods, boxed items).



GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND

2025 PENTECOST OFFERING

SUNDAYS JUNE 1 & JUNE 8



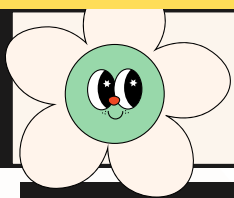
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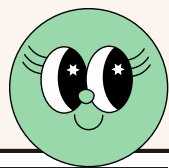


THE 2025 PENTECOST OFFERING IS A SPECIAL OFFERING
IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW CHURCH MOVEMENT IN YOUR REGION
AND ACROSS THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST).

Welcome to our new friends in the building



COLUMBUS ADVENTURE CLUB



Hello Northwest Christian Church family,

My name is Michele Rapp, and I'm excited to introduce myself as the founder of Columbus Adventure Club—an enriching, child-centered program for after school care and summer adventure day camp. As a longtime Upper Arlington mom, I experienced firsthand how challenging it can be to find quality after-school care and summer camps. In 2009, I decided to create the kind of program I wished had existed for my own children. What started as a small, in-home daycare for just six kids has since grown into the Jr Explorer Club and Columbus Adventure Club—serving hundreds of families in our community and beyond.

Our focus is simple: unplugged fun, outdoor exploration, and meaningful friendships. I'm proud to share that our summer day camp has been named one of the Top 10 Best in Ohio—something that speaks to the care, creativity, and heart we put into everything we do. Our kids are always on the move, diving into a variety of adventures. From tending crops at a local farm to understand the farm-to-table philosophy, to visiting a park, or mastering the art of cooking, there's never a dull moment. One thing's for certain – you won't find our explorers glued to video game screens!

Our motto captures our ethos perfectly: “We don’t sit around, We explore!” Beyond my work with children, I love fairy gardening, trying new recipes, and digging in the dirt—my pandemic-inspired passion for plants! Now that my kids are grown, my husband and I spend our free time enjoying live music, trivia nights, and the quiet joy of this next season of life.

I'm truly grateful for the opportunity to bring my program into this faith-filled space and look forward to building relationships with you and your families. Thank you for welcoming us so warmly!

We love to build relationships with community leaders and residents who believe in the betterment and support of children so if you have any special talents or opportunities for my Explorers, please feel free to reach out! We love making new friends!

Yours in adventures,
Michele Rapp, Chief Exploration Officer

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(614) 747-3072
www.columbusadventureclub.com



We have been
invited to join the
Adventure Club at a

Bubble Party

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2ND

3:45PM - 4:45PM

NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**Needed: Bathing suit, white t-shirt, eye goggles and
crocs or flip flops in case the ground is hot**

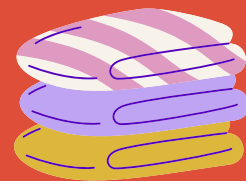


NWCC Invites You to Join Our

Church Rummage Sale

Friday and Saturday,
August 15th & 16th

Times
1340 Fishinger Rd.
Columbus, OH 43221



Plan to Help

Start collecting:

Kitchenware
shoes
Gardening
sports equipment
books
jewelry
purses
tools
furniture
pet supplies
crafts
art



For More
Information:

(614) 457-6290
office@northwestchristian.org



ADVENTURE

NWCC SUMMER CAMP

Grandparent's Camp

June 8 - 10

Child and Grandparent
Campers

Noah and Melissa Allen

Grandparent Camp
Volunteer

Marsha Mueller



CAMP CHRISTIAN

MAIL FOR SUMMER CAMPERS GOES TO:

(CAMPER'S NAME)

CAMP CHRISTIAN

10335 MAPLE DELL RD.

MARYSVILLE, OHIO 43040



June
8 - 14

Otter Camper

Lucas Monterroso

Grandparent Camp Volunteers

Dave and Debbie Stephan



Ribbit Camp

June 29 - July 2

Ribbit Campers

Jacob Monterroso

Lizzie and Charlie Jones

Ah'meen Grabbe-Harraman

Ribbit Camp Volunteer

Marsha Mueller

Office Updates

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Our “official” office working hours have changed to 10am–3pm. This provides our staff with flexibility while still ensuring presence and access.

COPIER

A new copier has been installed. This provides a lower monthly payment and savings per copy.

POSTAGE METER

When the lease on our postage meter ended we transitioned to an online postage system which offers significant savings.

NEW FELLOWSHIP HALL ENTRANCE DOOR

A new door has been installed on Fellowship Hall side of the church. This door has a keypad for a keyless entrance to the building. Codes will be issued to anyone renting the building for use. The existing keys still work on all church doors.



**Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)**



Duplicator

As part of the copier agreement, the duplicator was picked up at the same time the old copier was hauled away. The duplicator was delivered to a recycling plant and all the parts will be recycled as needed.

Happy Birthday!

6/1 Ken Evans

6/1 Amy Flaws

6/3 Jesse Rogers

6/4 Joanne Howard

6/6 Linda Anschutz

6/6 Grace Sacher

6/8 Sharmon Rudin

6/9 Madison Buty

6/12 Kyla Hammond

6/15 John Bierley

6/18 Jim Embree

6/20 Connie Long

6/23 Ellen Anglim

6/23 Terri Pfenning

6/26 Lucas Monterroso

6/28 Jacob Monterroso

6/29 Bill Callahan

6/29 Ms'Layla Grabbe-Harraman

JUNE

Happy Anniversary

6/7 Paul and Betty Hill

6/10 Keith and Rhonda Rose

6/11 Dave and Connie Loynachan

6/12 Gene Frye and Laura Stafford

6/15 Ted and Terri Pfenning

6/17 Ellen and Jerry Anglim

6/20 Paul and Karen Kling

6/25 David and Laura Rings

6/29 Warren and Judy Fife

6/30 Jack and Carole Strawn

**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

Rebecca Bean, Secretary: office@northwestchristian.org

Yiwen Zhu, Accompanist

Madison Buty, Child Caregiver

Karly Dearth, Child Caregiver

**Disciples
LGBTQ+
Alliance**