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PAUL'S PLACE —MARCH 2008

“It's Jazz”



Several years back, Rachel took her grandmother to a jazz club in downtown Cleveland. The next day, Rachel said, “Grandma’s cool! She knows all the performers and all the names for the pieces played. She’s cool!” But of course grandma’s cool. Grandma knows jazz because she lived through the age when jazz was on the rise. Everyone was swinging to the music of Armstrong, the Dorsey’s, Miller, Parker, Basie, and Ellington. Jazz was a part of the time and a part of people’s identity.

Jazz has never been a favorite kind of music for me. I am from the Folk song era. War protest songs and civil rights music were my preference over rock and roll and the British invasion, though I liked them as well. Jazz was never a part of my life. Now, thanks to Jeremy Piper, I have taken a serious interest in it. I finished reading one book on the history of jazz, waiting for the library to get the PBS special on jazz to me, and I am listening to jazz CDs. The more I learn about jazz, the more I like it. Through study and listening, I am making jazz a part of my life and my identity. (Maybe Rachel and I will go to a jazz club and I can be cool.)

We live in a generation where the Christian faith is foreign to a majority of people. It is not a part of their identity. There is little interest and little understanding. Worship would be a chore and a boring experience. So many people would no sooner go to worship than I would have wanted to go to a jazz club.

The challenge of the faithful is a challenge to introduce people to the joy, the excitement, the comfort, the peace, the assurance, the encouragement, and the sense of eternal purpose that we have found in our relationship to Jesus Christ. How do we take a generation that has no real experience with the faith, educate, and introduce them to the Jesus we know? How do we help others experience the worship of God through Jesus Christ with the same enthusiasm and joy we experience?



Maundy Thursday—March 20th @ 6:30 P.M.

Bring the whole family—learn and participate in our version of the SEDER MEAL. This meal was important to Jesus, so it’s important to us.

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Maundy Thursday —March 20th, 6:30 p.m.

The Festival of Passover celebrated by the Jewish people all over the world is being demonstrated here at NECC on Maundy Thursday @ 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The model Seder Meal will be a blessing for you and your family. We want children to experience this event and the fun of looking for the hidden Afikoman! Come and find out what that is.

Christ in the Passover shows the link between the ancient Festival of Redemption and Christ as the Lamb of God. This is a sit-down visual sermon demonstration with a FULL-DINNER and traditional ceremonial objects weaving the story of Exodus together with the life of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The celebration of Passover deepens the church's understanding of the communion experience.



Sonia and Rick Bihary will perform the worship music for the seder. Sonia is a Jewish believer who found the Lord in 1981 and Rick is a non-Jewish believer who accepted the Lord in 1984. Both perform together at a church in Lyndhurst and a Messianic Jewish congregation. Children from Back To Basics child care and women from our DIVA Bible Study will perform in Davidic Dance.

RESERVATIONS are a MUST no later than PALM SUNDAY, March 16th. Call the church, 748-2230, signup on the friendship register in worship, or at the display in the fellowship hall.

A freewill offering will be taken to defray the dinner cost. If you make reservations and then can't make it, please call the church to cancel your reservation.

Dear God,

I had a preconceived idea what our trip to Niagara Falls would be like when we went last month. We had been there several times in the summer and fall, but never in January. I saw it all in my mind, the gentle snow around us, the ice forming on the Buffalo River keeping the water from going over the falls and not many people.

Whenever we've traveled over the border to Canada we always seem to encounter border guards who must have gotten up on the wrong side of the bed. People from every country invade the falls in the summer, wall to wall people. This time it would be different.

Expectations of a different vacation But my expectations needed a change. There was no snow, the falls were running as in the summer. There was some ice on the trees from the mist, but except for the cold it was no different. The visitors were still there but less, even though the temperature was 7 degrees and wind chill of -28.

In both directions we had border guards who were friendly and coming home one even laughed! It had never been that way before. Families were enjoying time together and everyone compared how many layers of clothing was needed to keep out the bone chilling wind.

One of our destinations was the Butterfly Conservatory and we were not disappointed. Inside the warm conservatory were 1500 butterflies, landing on our arms, head, and seemingly happy to see all the people. It was a welcome break from the bitter cold just watching them make everyone feel happy.

On our way home we encountered a blizzard and had to stay over night in Pennsylvania. The storm had left a foot of snow on the car but we had a warm, safe place to stay.

I may have had different ideas of what our weekend was going to be like, but what we encountered was even better than I had imagined. Warm rooms, warm people, warm sights to see. It was wonderful and You led us all the way.

Psalm 147 : 17b-18 "...who can stand before his cold? He sends out his word and melts them, he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow."

Love, Judy

Young Adults "Game Night".....March 29th 5:00 P.M.

We will meet at the home of Shari and Brian Insley for an evening of games and refreshments. If you have never attended and this sounds like something you might like, just give Shari or Polly Tallos a call. Their address is 8553 Evergreen Dr. #208 in Olmsted Twp. (440) 235-7749.

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2 John & Lillian Ingram
 3 Collin Trimble
 5 Alex Carpenter
 6 Eileen Weber
 Stephanie Garvin
 Brittney Bokar
 7 Lisa Woodby
 Arlene Squire
 8 Mary Tite
 9 Wyatt Rose
 11 Jill Hartess
 12 Dolly Dixon
 13 Susan Smith
 Edith Zelenka
 14 Cassidy Karban
 Kevin Wilson
 Robin & Jim Galvin
 17 Kennadi Daniels
 Mike Krasnevich
 Dan Landin
 19 Sylvia Ott
 20 Melissa Daniels
 Val & Ted Fletcher
 Glenn & Carol Swartz
 21 Ted Fletcher
 Angie & Ed Carter
 Donna & Bruce Burdick
 22 Jeremy Piper
 Kayla Schupp
 23 Linda Morrison
 24 Rachel Trimble
 Doris Goist
 Liz Bokar
 25 Bill Nowagarski
 28 Scott White
 Shannon Belfi
 Carol & Doug Busche
 29 Carol Weston
 30 Christine Smith
 Kristy Piper
 31 Vicky Spitzer
 Paige Bokman



Family Swim Night
Wednesday, March 26
Ehrnfelt Recreation Center
18100 Royalton Rd
Strongsville, OH 44136



The Christian Education Committee has planed an all church Swim Night at the Strongsville Recreation Center, on **Wednesday, March 26, 6:00-9:00 P.M.** The kiddie pool is 0 entry- like walking in off the beach- with a Pirate Ship water play area including three slides and a tunnel. There is also a separate large slide for older kids and a water basketball area. The cost will be \$5 for ages 7 to adult, \$2 for ages 4-6, 3 and under are free. There are vending machines in the lounge area or you can pack a snack.

Easter Egg Hunt Donations Needed

Easter Egg Hunt—Sunday, March 16th
 2:00 P.M.— Field behind the church
For ages 2 yrs. thru 5th grade



The Christian Education Committee will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 16 at 2 PM. Donations needed: wrapped Easter Candy, small and large prizes. We do not need any eggs at this time. If you have any questions please see Polly Tallos, Melissa Folk or Robin Galvin.

Scrap Booking & More

MARCH 19th
 10:00 AM or 5:30 PM
 No cost, just bring a snack to share.



Calling all Scrap Book enthusiasts! Do you have projects that need to be worked on? Silly question!! Bring your projects to the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, March 19. (3rd Wednesday of each month) and join your scrap booking friends as we all catch up on our Scrap books and more!! You can come in the morning at 10:00 AM or in the evening at 5:30 PM. Heck, come to both! (Ideally this is a time for just the girls. If a babysitter is needed please let Polly Tallos know.)

Creative Memories Consultant Yvonne LoPresto will be joining us to share ideas and offer scrap booking products for sale. There is no cost for the time you spend scrap booking.

Don't Scrap? That's OK. Bring your Stamping Up, knitting, crochet, or whatever and join us for the fellowship. If you have any questions please contact Polly Tallos at 440-748-2246 or email me @ pollypetetallos@yahoo.com

Spring is in the air (believe it or not).....

Are you tired of being stuck in the house? Ready to get out? Need to exercise (just need a little shove) and want some company while doing it? Get a JUMP on Spring and JOIN our WALKING CLUB beginning April 5th.

We will start out meeting on Saturday mornings at 8:00 A.M.

A circle prayer will get us motivated and off we will go, walking at our own pace for 30 minutes.



We will walk inside until the weather permits us to walk outside. If you're a Polar Bear type, you might be ready to walk outside already. Wear comfortable walking shoes and a water bottle.

Share this information with friends of all ages.

Any questions call Marie Ternes, 365-3632.

Dining Out...March 13th 6:30 P.M.

SIGNUP SHEET and menu selection is displayed in the fellowship hall.

MOSS'S RESTAURANT IN Elyria....

God's Green Earth....let's keep it green

Method brand products are biodegradable, not tested on animals, derived from plants NOT chemicals, and the containers are recyclable. The variety of products include household cleaners, soaps (laundry, dish, hand and body), lotions, air fresheners, all surface cleaners, mops, polishes and cloths, and so much more. You can buy these reasonably priced items at your local Target store or online at www.methodhome.com.



Just think of all the chemicals you'll be saving your body from while taking better care of God's earth.

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The Chocolate Boutique update.....

The women who attended enjoyed three large group sessions and three break-out sessions. There was time for learning, laughing, sharing and prayer. The message surrounded Jesus miracle of changing water into wine and explored God's extravagant love. Melissa Folk organized the event, and her family (Cindy Hicks, Rebecca Marks, Christina Adair) facilitated the sessions.

An Extension of Christ's Love....

There is a new connection between a few NECC members and children in Cambodia. Beth Wilson and Melissa Folk, during a Casting Crowns concert, pledged their support through World Vision to sponsor a child. Beth chose an 11 yr. old girl, Soklin, who is the same age as her son Kevin. Melissa chose 8 yr. Old named Srey. Beth & Melissa will be communicating with their sponsor children and making them a part of their extended families. Please join Beth and Melissa in praying for these girls, their families, and all of those who are less fortunate.

Easter Special Offering

Important things happen with your giving. The Easter Special Day offering provides financial resources for ministries that extend far beyond NECC's doors. Contributions to this offering provides benefits to many ministries.

Some of those ministries include Disciples Hurricane Recovery Initiative, Disciples Care For Children, Disciples Women's Ministries, Global Ministries, web and internet ministries, and Ministerial Relief and Assistance.

We can be a part of the Christian family that makes a difference. Be generous in giving and share the blessings God has given you through your Easter Offering.



CONGRATULATIONS to Chris and Jeff Hensley on the birth of their son, James Cameron, born Feb. 14th, 11 lbs., 21 1/2 inches long. Sister Sammie is ready to welcome him home.



March Serving Schedule

8:00 Jim & Linda Ickes

9:30 Becky Marks (TL), Ken Hicks, Tammy Gamble, Shari Wesemeyer, Polly Tallos, Royce Klein, Phyllis & Floyd Chapman, Dan Hicks, Tom Walsh, Nicole Teper, Sally Belfi (Kitchen)

ELDERS—Lee Daniels and Ralph Thompson

Scouting @ NECC

North Eaton Christian Church is the Charter Organization for Cub Scout Pack 111 and Boy Scout 111, as well as the meeting place for several units of the Girl Scouts. This is a vital and worthwhile community ministry. One in which a safe meeting place is provided for our area youth. One of the main focuses of these programs is to develop responsible citizens. It has worked very well.

The first Sunday in March has been designated at NECC as Scout Sunday. It is a time in which to reflect on each Scout's relationship with their God and their beliefs. It is a time to celebrate our small part in this worthwhile organization.

Jim Ponting purchased a new flag for Boy Scout Troup 111 in memory of his Scout Leaders Bill Metz and George Robinson. It was dedicated at both services as part of our scouting recognition.



3 Eagle Scouts from NECC, Jeff Brunger, Tyler Bokman and JJ Haumschild took part in the worship services.

Mom's Group MARCH EVENTS...

WHO: All Moms, Dads, Grandparents with little ones.

WHAT: Get-together events for the month of March.

When/Where: Monday, March 17th
10:30 a.m. @ Midway Mall food court entrance. We'll stroll roll/play, & have lunch together. (brown bag or food court).



Saturday, March 30th, NOON—Meet at the Carlisle Reservation duck Pond, 12882 Diagonal Rd. Lagrange—Brown bag lunch and don't forget the ducks! There is a playground geared for small children too.

WHY: To meet with other moms and talk, share your latest deals, baby moment or just come and listen. The more the merrier.

Want an email reminder??? Send your email to:

Jenpaulhayward@windstream.net or call

Jen-440-365-1846 or Rachel 440-935-4849