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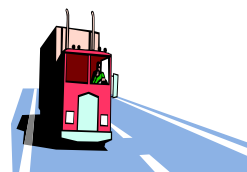
“Working together to make the difference that matters.”

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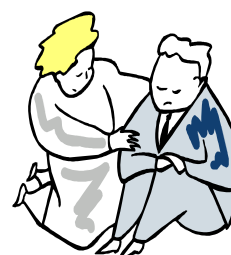
Paul's Place—April 2008

ENCOURAGING WORDS

As we drive from one place to another, we'll often see a truck or van with the question, "How's my driving? Call _____." I have never been tempted to call that number. Even if the person were to cut me off or do something really dumb, I would not call. For one thing, I'm driving. If I were tempted to make the call, I would have to hunt for paper and pen and write down the number. Then get my cell phone and make the call. All that activity might end up in my unsafe driving. If I pulled all that activity off safely, I would then wonder about the motive and the results of my call. Am I calling just because I am angry? Am I calling because I want our highways to be safer? Would the company do anything or do they have the number on the truck just for good PR? If they did something and docked the person's pay or put him on probation or even fired him, is that something I really want to happen? The other side of the issue is about encouragement. It might be nice to call to complement the driver. "I'd like to let you know that your driver is doing very well. He is driving between the lines with skill and stops at the red light and moves forward when the light turns green. I am really impressed by your driver's ability to drive at the proper speed." So, what should we do about those questions on the back of so many trucks? I am tempted to ignore them.



Ignore the questions on trucks, but do not ignore the opportunities we have to offer an encouraging word to someone along the way. People do not have signs on their back asking, "How am I doing?" Even without the signs, there are abundant opportunities to tell people that they are doing well. Each day presents us with people who could use an encouraging word which would make a difference in their lives. Be encouraged to be encouraging to all those people who bless our lives.



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APRIL BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Jeanne Kekic
Renate Mauer
Kyle Vander Schrier
- 2 Diana Butcher
Tony Ward
- 3 Teresa & Wayne Gill
- 4 Luke Bowen
- 6 Dave & Mary Schofield
- 7 Don Binnie
- 8 Kathy Carpenter
- 9 Tammy Gamble
John Hicks
- 10 Mike Carpenter
Logan Szuch
- 12 Eddie Karban
Sue Pray-Harford
- 13 Alta Mitchell
Jordon Gross
- 14 Carol Busche
Nicole New
Mark Meldrum
Jack Susak
- 15 Jim Ponting
Kristen Teper
Bob Lynch
Mike Klinect
Rob & Becky Marks
- 20 Andy Teper
Melissa Folk
Doug & Kim Blaine
- 21 Teresa Gill
- 22 Paula Krasnevich
- 23 Alisha Hicks
Barb Galvin
- 24 Sherry Wilson
- 25 Becky Thompson
- 27 Scott Thompson
Jan Mitchell
- 29 Pete & Polly Tallos
- 30 John Bokar

Swim Night—The Christian Education Committee hosted 29 children and adults on Wednesday, March 26 at the Ehrnfelt Recreation Center in Strongsville. It was a balmy 86 degrees inside the pool area. The kids made good use of the Pirate Ship with its water slides. A rousing game of keep-away continued through out the evening in the play pool. Several people brought their grandchildren and neighbors.

What a wonderful way to introduce new people to North Eaton Christian Church.

Empty Eggs!!

The rain and snow held off for our Easter Egg Hunt. We had a brave bunch of moms, dads, grandparents, and kids (over 50) who came with their baskets ready to gather eggs and surprises!! Over 1000 plastic Easter Eggs were filled with candy, small toys and prize tickets. Everyone went away with lots of candy and smiles on their faces. My thanks to everyone who donated candy and money for prizes. A special THANK YOU to those who took time to help me sort out the eggs and stuff them with the candy.

Polly Tallos—Christian Ed Director

Chinese Auction April 16th Doors Open @ 7:00 P.M.

This annual event at NECC has become a family fun night for the whole community. This is how it works: Each person attending is asked to bring at least one NEW ITEM (if possible, but not mandatory). It can be homemade, baked, bought, gift card or service. DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 P.M.

All the items are placed on tables when you arrive. A large cup is placed by each item for people to drop their tickets in. If it is something you don't want--don't put your ticket in. If it's something you would love to win, put more than one ticket in. When everyone has put all their tickets in, the auction will begin (approximately 7:45).

ADVANCE TICKETS —6/\$1.00

Night of auction — 4/\$1.00

Ticket may be purchased after worship beginning April 6th or stop by the church office during the week (M-F 8-1:00).

If you don't like writing your name on the tickets, use your address labels. You do not need to be present to win (must have your telephone number on the tickets).

Our youth will have plenty of hot dogs, drinks and snacks to purchase.

If you have any questions, call the church office, 748-2230 or just come and see what it's all about.

2nd Annual NECC "ARCHERY CLINIC" Saturday, MAY 10TH 10:00 A.M.

*Want to learn how to shoot?
Already know how to shoot?
All skill levels are welcome.*



Once you learn how, put your skills to the test in our Friendly Competition.

This is for adults and children accompanied by a parent.

Mom's Group for APRIL

If you haven't been yet, please join us this month.

Wednesday, April 16th, 10:30 A.M.....

Meet at Barnes & Noble @ Crocker Park for story time at 10:30. This is on the second level in the children's area. Afterwards, weather permitting we can stroller walk.



Saturday, April 26th, 11:00 A.M.....

Join us on Grandpa's playground, bring your sidewalk chalk, bubbles, balls or favorite toy to ride. Bring a lunch. Good weather will be here by then, right!??

Come with some ideas to plan our summer events.



*Any questions call Jen Hayward, 365-1846,
Rachel Trimble, 935-4849
Kelly Rose, 365-9584*

Diaconate Serving in APRIL

8:00 Harry Hinkel, tom Kohler

9:30 Nancy Yost (TL), Carol Bokman, Carol Swartz, Mike Mott, Brenda & Jeff Koehler, John Klinect, Tyler Bokman, Toni Harless, Julie Haumschild, Pam Daniels

ELDERS—Bill Cromling, Linda Rodak

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. Please join us anytime.

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.



Wear comfortable walking shoes and a water bottle. Share this information with friends of all ages.



**Any questions call
Marie Ternes, 365-3632.**

Dear God,

I am often astounded at the love and support of our church members. No matter what the task, someone is always there to support, love and give me guidance.

At a recent funeral, a cup of coffee was waiting for me when I came in the door. (It is the same every Sunday morning.)

Several people were in the kitchen, working together, laughing and making sure any visitor who entered was made to feel welcome. Someone helped set up the sanctuary for the service. Flowers arranged just right, the permanent straighten and they even looked through the pews to see if every thing was perfect.

I had difficulty with a key, and there was someone to help. No matter what the need, it was provided. And when it was time for the people to leave, the doors were locked, lights turned off, kitchen clean, and all was in perfect shape for Sunday morning.

I can't thank this church enough for their love and care of the church building and of me. I am so blessed. I know that everyone who attended the funeral saw the fellowship and love glowing from the people.

This happens all the time. If there is a need of support, money, care, food, or compassion, the people of North Eaton Christian Church are there. Their love for others shows in every thing they do. People notice this, comments were made about how welcome the church was to them. God's overflowing love showed through.

I am humbled and very grateful for each and every person in our church. I am surrounded by love. May everything I do return the love to them.

Romans 5: 5b; " because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. "

Love, Judy

GIVE the "Gift of Life"Sunday, May 11th

Please make every effort to donate a pint of blood on Sunday, May 11th. The blood mobile will be here from 8:30—12:00 (noon) and it is also open to the public. You may also give what they call a "double red" which is then counted as two donations. If you would like more info on this, call Laura or Randy Kuhn @ 327-5219.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dining Out...April 22nd 6:30 P.M.

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

MOSS'S RESTAURANT in Elyria

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.....
 Several months ago, Jerry Mullins was in a serious motorcycle accident just one mile from his home. It has been a long road back to recovery. Though we have seen him in worship for several weeks and he has returned to his duties as a church deacon, we have set aside APRIL 13th to officially welcome him back. We hope you will join us at the 9:30 worship service as we give thanks to God for prayers answered.
 Join us in the fellowship hall after the worship service for refreshments and celebrating with Jerry and his family.



News and Updates.....

Our sympathy is extended to:
 Edith Zelenka on the sudden death of her son Charlie Zelenka.
 Bob Lynch on the death of his sister, Ruth Ann Kelly.
 Londa Blaine on the death of her mother, Mildred Seals.

Please keep these families in your prayers during this very difficult time

MOVIE WEEKEND BASKE RAFFLE.....\$192.00 will go to Cornerstone Pregnancy Center. The winner was Laura Miska. Laura and her family are very active in Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts that meet here in our church. She was here for Scout Sunday and bought her ticket. Our thanks to all who purchased the tickets. Marie Ternes

THANK YOU TO NECC:
 Thank you on behalf of Alan Munn for the shower of cards for his 85th birthday. He was so happy to hear from so many of his friends. It meant a great deal to him. Thank you, too, from his family. God Bless, Dave & Pat Munn

Thank you for the use of the kitchen not once but twice. Our spaghetti dinner went very well considering the snow date change. We greatly appreciate that we are able to use the kitchen even in the event of an emergency for coffee.
 Thank You, Eaton Twp. Fire and Rescue Dept.

Our thanks to all who sent cards and prayed for Alicia when she was in the hospital. She is home and getting stronger each day under the watchful eye of all who love her.
 Tracey and Joel Petersen

My thanks to my church family for your overwhelming concern and support for me and Dick during my recent foot surgery. The meals were DELICIOUS! The cards, flowers, gifts, visits, phone calls and prayers were a big comfort and joy to me and my family. Once you've been on the receiving end of God's love through the people at NECC you know that we are truly a part of God's plan and you are blessed. Londa Blaine

Young Adults Game Night

Good laughs and good food were shared by those who join us on Saturday, March 29th at the home of Brian and Shari Insley. If you have yet to take the "leap into the unknown," JOIN US for our next game night on Saturday, APRIL 26th. Our host will be Sarah and Bob Browne, 2138 Brown Road, Lakewood. (216-228-7592) More details coming in the bulletin announcements.

S P R E A D T H E W O R D.....2nd ANNUAL ARCHERY CLINIC at NECC, MAY 10th @ 10:00
 Want to learn? Or just want to brush up on your skills. JOIN US. Any questions call the church or see Bob Browne or Mike Krasnevich after worship on Sundays.

“ The Gift of Forgiving Workshop ”

- Lyricist, Bernie Taupin, partnered with singer/songwriter, Elton John to write the song ”Sorry Seems to Be the Hardest Word.” Many of us can identify with how difficult it can be to give or receive an “I’m sorry.”
- Ralph Thompson, PhD, Executive Director of Pathways counseling and Growth Center in Elyria will be facilitating a workshop about FORGIVING. This event will be held on Saturday, APRIL 19th, from 9:00-12:00 here at NECC. Our Elders will be participating and we are opening this to anyone else who is interested in exploring this important HUMAN AND SPIRITUAL PROCESS.
- The morning will include sharing from the bible, listening to music, discussing ideas and participating in a guided imagery exercise. We will focus on the “How To’s” of forgiving. Dress relaxed. We will learn from one another. You must be enrolled by APRIL 17th by contacting RALPH THOMPSON, 440-323-5009, or dralphthompson@yahoo.com

HOME BUILDERS GROUP.....Study for married couples (30’s)

This couples series is from the HomeBuilder series, Building Your Marriage. “

The 7-session group study is designed to bring husbands and wives closer to each other, closer to God and closer to the other couples. You will study God’s Word, share in your challenges and successes, and build a marriage that will last” — Cover p. (4). Melissa Folk will lead the study on Monday evenings starting APRIL 21st at 6:30 and finishing in time for the summer season June 2nd. Babysitting will be provided IF NEEDED. Please contact Melissa at 458-8275 or folk1010@aol.com if you are interested or with questions.



Young Adults Bible Study

If you are between the ages of 19-29 or graduated from high school in June ‘07, YOU ARE INVITED to join us for a new bible study group.

WHEN——April 10th 8:00-10:00 (time allotted for mingling)

WHERE——Nanci Ickes home, 6965 Chadbourne, North Olmsted

CALL——Nanci Ickes 440-235-8956 or nickes@indiana.edu OR Polly Tallos 440-748-2246

NECC GARDENING GROUP

The committee will be meeting this month to finalize plans in time for ground breaking and seed planting. We have plans to offer garden plots to our congregation who do not have room for a garden but have the time, tools and energy to maintain one. A community garden is also planned with the proceeds for those in need.

We will update you with our plans and guidelines in the church bulletins.

QUESTIONS CALL Amy Stafford
440-284-6672 email amydstaf@peoplepc.com

Memorial Day FAMILY POTLUCK Picnic

Sponsored by: Christian Education

11:00 a.m. @ NECC PLAYGROUND

Hot dogs and punch provided. Bring a dish /dessert to share. Don’t forget your bikes and frisbees.

Any questions call KELLY ROSE,
365-9584 or POLLY TALLOS, 748-2246



Mother—Daughter Banquet

May 9th 6:00 P.M.

Sponsored By: Christian Women’s Fellowship

Tickets available April 20th after worship—see Leslie or Kim Klein

Adults—\$5.00 Children —6 yrs.– 10 yrs. \$2.50 5 yrs. & under FREE