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Paul's Place—June 2008

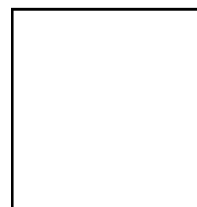
WE ARE CONNECTED

Years ago, I took a youth group to Memphis to tour St. Jude's Children's hospital. After the tour, we went to Grace Land to visit Elvis Presley's home. After circling the area and finding limited parking, we noticed a church with a Disciples of Christ Chalice, an empty parking lot, and "no parking" signs throughout. I pulled the oversize van into the Grace Land Christian church's lot and entered the building armed with my calling card. "May we park in your lot?" I asked. "Absolutely," was the warm response.

When I was in Billings, Montana, my car was at a dealership getting repaired. One can feel pretty lonely, far from home with a car that just doesn't work the way GM told me it would work. Across the street from the dealership was a church with the familiar Disciples of Christ Chalice. As I waited the four hours for my car, I spent some time talking to some people from the church. The presence of that church gave me a sense of comfort.

Years ago, I took a youth group to Washington D.C. to investigate world hunger issues. Looking for a safe place to stay, we ended up at the National City Christian Church. It is not in the safest area, but it was an island of safety for us. The people of the church made sure we had everything we needed.

As a Disciples of Christ Church, we are a part of a larger Christian family. I don't mean that we make a great travel agency, but we are there for each other. We are more than a place on routes 82 and 83. We are connected to a district, a region, a national and an international church. We help each other. Wherever you travel, when you see a Disciples of Christ Chalice, you know that you have part of your Church family nearby.



Vacation Bible School—July 28-August 1

5:30 Light Meal 6:00-8:30 VBS

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Secretary: Londa Blaine
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Choir Director: Kyle Vander Schrier



One-Room Sunday School

During the summer (June, July, & August) months we will be conducting a One-Room Sunday School class in the Jr. Worship classroom. A Sunday School teacher with a helper, will be teaching "Sunday School Specials" from Group Publishing.

Sunday School Specials features easy lesson plans:

- 1) Attention Grabbers 2) Bible Study 3) Life Application 4) Project 5) Closing Prayer

SUMMER TOPICS: Fruits of the Spirit and The Armour of God. At the end of August we will do a class on "Thanksgiving" and a lesson about "Things being tough".

The older kids can help the younger kids when needed and they can help the younger children stay involved in the lesson by being good examples.

This program will be a fun experience for the kids and easy for the teacher and helper. It will also free up the summer schedules by giving each Sunday School teacher one month off. Hope to see you this summer in the one-room Sunday School class from 10:45-11:45 each Sunday.



SERVING SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2008

8:00 Mel and Marie Ternes

9:30 Ken Hicks, Tammy Gamble, Polly Tallos, Royce Klein, Nikki Teper, Sally Belfi (kitchen), Phyllis & Floyd Chapman, Dan Hicks, Tom Walsh

Elders — Edna Carpenter, Stu Hicks

"Cans For Cody"We have collected aluminum drink cans all winter and dropped them off at Dick Blaine's. (\$125.00 in May)

NOW...a truck will be parked by the back church garage each Sunday morning through the summer. Bring your cans in a TIED bag and place in the truck. DO NOT leave them at the church.

If you prefer, you can still drop them off at Dick Blaine's, 9700 Island Rd. ANYTIME.

BLOOD DONATIONS "up"...Our thanks to the congregation for taking time to donate blood on May 11th. We received 19 units! Two donors were able to give "double red." We increased our giving by 5 from last year. THANK YOU! We are planning another blood drive in the Fall. LAURA KUHN

News Among the Pews....

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Karen and Ray Konko on the birth of their granddaughter, Nora Hope Schult, May 6th in Cincinnati, Ohio. Mom and baby are doing great!

Thank You's....

"I am so very grateful to my church friends for your many cards, flowers, prayers, encouraging phone calls and the beautiful pray shawl. Thank you for surrounding me with your love during this difficult time."
MARIE TERNES

Dear Paul and church family,

Our many thanks to all of you for your beloved prayers and thoughts for us all in this difficult time. We know you mean them because we can feel your love and support. We pray for all of you also, in daily love, support and common faith. Thank you Paul. You have been a comfort and a blessing in my life and my family's.
Love, Roger and Lisa Woodby

Edith Zelenka is now living a few doors from the church (blue house next to the Grange Hall) at her daughter in-law's home. She would love to see or hear from her friends at NECC. 35991 Royalton Rd. Or call 748-0219.

THANK YOU to the **Christian Education Department** for the beautiful potted flowers each Mother received who worshiped with us on May 11th. Our thanks to Linda Rodak for being in charge.

RECUPERATING—Genene Slusher is home recovering from knee surgery and is feeling GREAT!

Columbia Homecoming Hospitality Booth—June 27—29th

North Eaton Christian Church will once again have a Hospitality Booth at the Columbia Homecoming held at the Columbia Park, Friday, June 27- Sunday, June 29.

We provide a place in the shade for children to do a simple craft, a Baby Changing area, free water, and information about NECC. It is a chance for us to show God's love to people in our neighborhood.



Volunteers are needed to be in the booth for 2 to 3 hour shifts. You will help the kids get started on their craft (foam stickers on a piece of paper) or coloring pages, direct parents with young children to our Baby Changing Table, share our love for Jesus and invite the community to get to know us better.

If you would like to volunteer see Polly Tallos.

**Lorain County Fair 2008
August 18—24**

Save the dates!! The Lorain County Fair is Monday, August 18 through Sunday, August 24. North Eaton Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has a food booth under the grandstand.

We wanted to make sure you have these dates NOW because people need to schedule their vacation days, babysitters and days off ahead of time. Don't wait till the last minute.

We need your help to cook and sell breakfast sandwiches, hot dogs and hamburgers throughout the week. Get your friends together and fill a shift or just fill in where you can, maybe you will meet someone new!! Watch for more info.



Men's Group Summer Work Schedule

Spring is here and Summer is close behind. Our men's group is putting together their "work schedule." If you are in need of help with some home repairs and cannot afford the labor cost, our men are ready to help. Just need some advise on a project? Need someone to check over a professional estimate? Need someone with you when a repairman is coming? Our men are ready to help but you need to get on their schedule before it gets filled. CALL: Mike Krasnevich-570-0524, Jerry Mullins 748-3396 or Stu Hicks 353-3410 or see one of them after worship on Sunday morning.



Archery Clinic.....it didn't rain and the sun was shining!!

One young man came to learn how to shoot so he could go to summer camp. The camp provided archery and he was afraid to go because he didn't know how to shoot. He can shoot now and is looking forward to going to summer camp. We made a difference! Our thanks to BOB BROWNE for setting up the clinic and Dick Blaine for providing the bales of straw.

Vacation Bible School

Power Lab: Discovering Jesus' Miraculous Power
Monday, July 28 through Friday, August 1
5:30 PM Light Dinner
6:00 to 8:30 PM Power Lab



Summer is just a few short months away! Which means Vacation Bible School is fast approaching! Soon NECC will be oozing with Bible adventures. Each day children will take part in fun Bible learning they can see, hear, touch, and even taste! Bible Point crafts, team-building games, lively Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the Power Lab activities that help faith flow into real life.

We need to "fill" our shelves with VBS supplies! You can buy a beaker to put on our shelf: \$5 for the bottom shelf, \$10 for the middle shelf and \$25 for the top shelf. Your donation will help us buy crafts, student books and snacks to make our week a "Powerful" success.



If you think you have the time, talent and patience to help lead a Lab Crew for the week talk to Polly, Melissa or Robin. We will help match you to the right crew. **Registrations available from Polly Tallos, Melissa Folk and Robin Galvin in the Fellowship Hall.**

JUNE Birthdays & Anniversaries.....

- 2 Erma Yost
- 3 Bob & Sarah Browne
- 5 Jim & Linda Ickes
- 6 Adam Wilson
Barry & Melissa Daniels
Ronda & Vic Susak
- 9 Gabriella Laney
- 10 Genene Slusher
Karen Konko
- 12 Sharon & Mike Kiesel
- 13 Amy Sheldon
- 14 Linda Spitzer
Shari Hales
Jeff Hensley
Mike & Denise Mott
- 15 Angie Carter
Jessica Dusky
Wil & Linda Morrison
- 17 Tom Kohler
Stu & Bonnie Hicks
- 18 Jane Eakins
Mike Gross
Betty Hawke
Bob & Janet Lynch
- 19 Matthew Thompson
- 20 James Moran
- 22 Del Ott
- 23 Ruth Haupt
Kevin Hritz
Ralph & Becky Thompson
- 24 Denise & Gary Ames
- 25 Ed Carter
Cindy & Glen Thompson
- 26 Margaret Bokar
- 29 Karen & John Klinect
- 30 Mike Mott



Dear God,

Our 9:00 am Bible class will be studying the importance of silence in prayer. Most of our prayers to You are through talking and asking. This Sunday we are to practice listening. It will be hard to do with all the many and varied sounds around us.

I had several hours of listening this week when I went to Wooster to see Alan Munn. There is a detour just north of Lodi that takes you 20 miles around and back to Rt. 83.

I had a chance to pray as the road wound through the country side and farm fields. I thanked You for the pastures of new calves grazing with their mothers. One field was full of deer, maybe a hundred. It was quite a sight.

I passed several Amish buggies with families and small children juggling on the road. I prayer for their safety as they traveled with cars whizzing by.

Most of the time I just listened. The detour took me through towns I had never been to; Lattesburg, Pleasant Home, and others. Little towns where the buzz of lawnmowers could be heard along with children's laughter as they played in the fresh cut grass. Then the rain gently started hitting the windshield and the sound of wipers was heard. And then it was quiet again. It was a learning experience, and I thank You for the lesson of silence.

The visit with Alan was delightful. There is something about seeing an old friend and their response of joy when they see you that is a blessing. It is always hard to leave, not knowing when I can return.

My ride home was filled with emotion, love for a dear friend, and love for You for the blessing of silence.

Habakkuk 2:20; " But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him."

Love, Judy

Jr. Worship—June & August

During **June and August** teachers will be teaching "Hooray for Children's Church". In June the topic is "Friendship" and the August topic is "Creation".

Mark your calendars: NO Jr. Worship in July.

During July, please have your children remain in the sanctuary. This will give our Jr. Worship teachers a break and will give the children a chance to experience worship with their parents in the Sanctuary.

NO Jr. Worship in JULY

Family Feud

The Jr. & High School Class would like to challenge our Adults to a game of Family Feud on **July 13th**. You will see us during June looking for contestants or see Polly Tallos or Robin Galvin if you are willing to participate.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN OHIO2008 Regional Assembly
BODY BUILDING

“Strengthening Your Congregation For Mission”

October 17-18, 2008

Crown Plaza-600 Metro Place North Dublin, Ohio (Columbus area)

The Regional Assembly Planning Team has been working for over a year to put together an assembly that celebrates the exciting transformation that is happening in the mission and ministry of our congregations and to equip leaders “for the work of ministry, building up the body of Christ.”

Much prayer and spiritual discernment led to discovering God’s theme and direction for the assembly. This is to let you know the change that has been made to the closing service. Rev. Dr. William Edwards will be the speaker addressing the assembly in the closing worship service.

ROMANS 8:28 affirms that “all things work together for good for those who love the Lord, who are called according to God’s purpose.”

REGISTRATION FORMS are on the table in the Narthex. Go for one day or stay for two.
We encourage you to attend and participate—October 17—18.

Congratulations Graduates!



The North Eaton Christian Church family would like to congratulate the following High School and College Graduates:

Nikki Teper Midview High School
Holly Gross Community Christian School
Joe Klein North Ridgeville High School
Cameron Castro Lorain Southview High School

Nanci Ickes Indiana Univ, (Bloomington, IN)
MPH (Master of Public Health)
Stephanie Belfi Szuch Cleveland State University
Masters of Education
Dennis Folk Portland State University (BA)
Criminology & Criminal Justice
Jessica Castro Ashland University
Bachelor Science-Education

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*Hi everyone,
Have you heard of the website FaithFreaks.com? According to the creators, the purpose of FaithFreaks.com is to glorify God by providing an alternative social network that is safe, clean, friendly, and Christ-centered. This site is a safe alternative to MySpace or Facebook. I have recently joined the site and have found it to be a wonderful place to connect with other Christians. Plus, I created a new church group, NECC, for a place for us to easily connect and communicate with each other. I find the only downfall is that, because of legalities, you have to be at least 13 years old to create an account. Come and check out my site at www.faithfreaks.com/melissafolk.*

*Yours and His,
Melissa Folk*

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Can you count to four?

Whether you’re 9 or 90 years old or anywhere in between—if you can count to four AND tap your foot (in time, please to the music) we have a place for you in a new MUSICAL GROUP that will be an occasional part of NECC’s 9:30 worship services. Best of allYOU DON’T HAVE TO SING to be part of this group! (Naturally, if you DO sing and want to be included in the chorus section of this group, Yah!!) OR if you play an instrument and want to take part, we’ll write in a part for you. COME ON—see what we can do.

NOTE: This WILL NOT HAPPEN unless we can volunteer to get together—so don’t be shy!

**INTERESTED? Contact Diana Tyler
458-5829 or diana@dianatyler.com**

COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 8th — 12:00 (noon)

- **Just a reminder that all REPORTS**
- **need to be posted on the bulletin**
- **board in the fellowship hall before**
- **the meeting.**

MOM’S GROUP.....

No final plans at this time but we will be getting together in June. SCHEDULES will be posted on the bulletin board, in the Sunday worship bulletin, by email OR call the church office for more details.
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