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Paul's Place—July 2008 “Child Friendly”

Last week, we went to Jackalopes for dinner. It was great! The food, service, company (Rachel, Collin, Michaelene), and atmosphere were wonderful.

Collin has reached the delightful age where the idea to scream will come over him and he just follows the urge to scream. As we ate dinner, a large group of elderly individuals sat down at the table next to us. Collin welcomed their arrival with a joyous scream and a wave. Two women smiled as they looked over at him. One woman frowned and made the comment to her friend, “What is it about me that seems to be attracting this kind of thing today?”

We have found Jackalopes restaurant to be “child friendly.” “Screaming children” may not be what they would desire, but it is a part of being a child friendly restaurant. There are some restaurants that are definitely not child friendly. There are some that are meant for adults and adults would be rightly offended to have their meal disrupted by a child's outburst. We have always been sensitive about that as adults dining without children, and as adults who take their children and grandchildren to dinner.

Are churches like restaurants? Is there such a thing as a non-child friendly church? I love the fact that we have two rocking chairs in the back of the sanctuary. I even like the noises that children make in worship. Granted, like a hearing aid turned too loudly and squealing, some of a child's behavior can be disruptive. But like correcting the hearing aid problem, we certainly wouldn't want to throw them out.

Children are a part of worship, and I am pleased that we have so many in the church.

Parents, please don't whisk the children out at the first sign of disruption, but know when you might need to take them out. People with hearing aids, don't be embarrassed if they squeal on occasion. Just turn them down, and we'll have a wonderful time worshipping as a multigenerational congregation.



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JULY Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Jeff Ickes
Jessica Brunger
Trina Karban
Denise Ames
- 3 Sandy Hales
Tyler Bokman
- 4 Rob Trimble
Rob Marks
- 8 Beth & John Wilson
- 9 Sandy Nowak
Jessie Smith
- 11 Blake Kyle
Ruth & John Haupt
- 12 Josh Meldrum
Mike & Sandy Gross
- 13 Dick Edwards
- 16 John Hartness
- 17 Phyllis Chapman
Dede Prunty
John Ingram
Jeff & Brenda Koehler
- 18 Robin Bricker
Fred & Renee Carpenter
- 20 Barb Mott
Wil Morrison
- 21 Nancy & Gene Yost
Shari & Brian Insley
- 22 Jennifer Hicks
Tom Hartness
- 23 Audrey Lyons
Maureen Cromling
Samuel Gunther
- 24 CJ Mott
Stu Hicks IV
Del & Sylvia Ott
- 25 Bob & Ruby Burdick
- 27 Paul Durbin
- 28 Josh Brunger
Samantha Galvin
- 29 Phyllis & Floyd Chapman
- 30 Larry Weber
Shari Insley
Fred Carpenter



Dear God,

Sometimes the best plans do not become fulfilled. For the past week I have been trying to prepare the sermon and worship for this week. It seems that whenever I have the time to get to my computer, the weather radio goes off, the thunder starts, and lightening flashes through the sky. I was always taught by my electrician father never to use electrical devices in a storm. It is asking for trouble. So now I am writing this with a pencil and paper.

Several weeks ago the grandfather clock stopped. I tried everything to get it to run, but no luck. I will have to take it to be repaired. In need of a running clock in the living room, I resorted to starting my great-grandparents Seth Thomas mantle clock, which is well over 100 years old. It has not been wound for 15 years. That's when we replaced it with the grandfather clock. The chiming of the two was too much to bear.

I wound the old one, started the pendulum and away it went. It had been cleaned in 1945, and in my parents home since 1959. I couldn't believe after all these years, it started ticking and continues yet, faithful and correct.

So here I sit, writing with a pencil and daily winding the clock. Sometimes old is better. But I hope the storm ends soon, I miss my computer!

Proverbs 12: 24; " The hand of the diligent will rule, while the lazy will be put to forced labor."



Love , Judy

Jr. Worship—August

During **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.

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.

Serving Schedule for JULY 2008

8:00 Sue Webb, Renate Maurer, Chris Hensley
9:30 Nancy Yost (TL), Carol Bokman, Carol Swartz, Mike Mott,
Brenda and Jeff Koehler, John Klinect, Tyler Bokman, Toni Harless,
Julie Haumschild
ELDERS Jeff Hensley and Bill Cromling



WHO'S WHO – Jan Mitchell

Jan is one of our Nursery teachers. She takes care of children through the age of two years old. Your children are in good hands when they are in Jan's care as she is certified in child first aid and CPR.

Jan resides in North Ridgeville, but grew up in the New England area. She is a retired school bus driver and has enjoyed working with children all of her life. In her spare time, she likes to do as little as she can get away with!

While attending church, her biggest influence was her mother. Her mom never missed church on Sunday and made sure Jan was always there as well.

Jan says that she enjoys almost every type of food. She has three "favorite" seasons, all of them except winter.

An awesome story relating to teaching that Jan would like to share is: "I just enjoy so much what I do and appreciate the parents for bringing their children at such an early age to learn the word of God". She feels it is a privilege and an honor to be able to watch the "little people" at NECC. It has been so much fun for her to watch them change, learn and grow.

Submitted By: Carol Bokman

NECC FOOD PANTRY...

The food pantry gets very LOW during the summer months. Please remember us when you are at the grocery store. Nonperishable food items, paper products, cookies, cake mixes, boxed potatoes, etc. If you have any questions, see Londa Blaine. Our thanks to those who continue to purchase grocery and gas gifts cards and to those who donate through your regular offering to this program which enables me to purchase the gift cards when needed.

If you, your family or friends find themselves in an emergency situation and our food pantry can help, please contact Londa Blaine, 440-748-2230. This is kept confidential between you and Londa.

Mom's Group for JULY ...

Wednesday-JULY 9th @ 10:15 a.m. Story time at the Elyria library on West River (3 yrs. & under). Then go to Burger King on West River @ 11:00 for lunch and the older kids to play on the playground.

Saturday, July 19th @ Splash Zone in Oberlin. Meet at 1:00. Admission is \$6.00 –under 2 free. Any questions call KELLY ROSE, 365-9584. (Come early if you want, the doors open at 9:00)

The whole family is always welcome to join us.

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 here! 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.**

NEWS AMONG THE PEWS

OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

Margaret Bokar and family on the death of her husband John. John was a faithful member and taught Sunday School for many years, until his health would not allow it. Please keep Margaret, the children, and grandchildren in your prayers.

Marge Houston on the death of her brother, Ken Grills.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Alexis Castro on being inducted into the National Jr. Honor Society at Longfellow Middle School, and given an Honor Roll Award and a certificate of Academic Excellence for all A's.

RECUPERATING:

Helen Fisher, Edith Zelenka, Loretta St. Andre

HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY TO DEL OTT (birthday cards were signed at church and pictures taken of this great milestone—thanks, Carol Busche!).

MOVED and MISSED....Our dear friend and member, LUELLA TILBERG, has moved to Alabama to be with her son Norm. She will send us her address when she gets settled.

THANK YOU.... to all who took their turn hosting the HOSPITALITY TENT at the Columbia Homecoming. It got muddy and at times we got a little wet, but the kids still enjoyed the tattoos, headbands, bracelets, and other treats that we gave them. The parents were grateful for the changing station facilities and a chair to rest awhile.

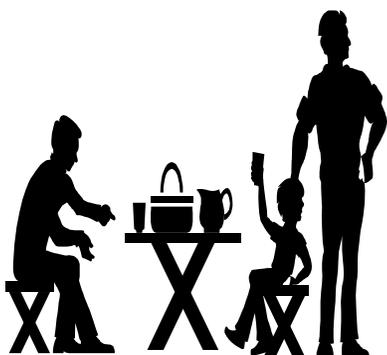
THANK YOU ...To Dick and Londa Blaine for mulching and weeding the Memorial Garden.

Lorain County Fair: August 18-24

Fair booth setup—Tuesday Night, August 12, 6:00

Fair booth teardown —Tuesday Night, August 26, 6:00

The Christian Women's Fellowship and the Christian Men In Action are sponsoring a drawing for a GOURMET meal to be prepared by Chef Matthew Krasnevich. Matt was the Executive Chef at the Baricelli in Little Italy, the Ritz Carlton in Cleveland and now Executive Chef at the Bon Appetite. TICKETS ARE 6/\$5.00 or \$1.00 each. The money will go into the church kitchen remodeling account.



**CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC
SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 12:30
at the home of Mel and Marie Ternes
37360 Chestnut Ridge Rd.
Bring a dish/dessert to share
Meat and drinks provided.**



**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.