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## **PAUL’S PLACE — August 2008**

### **“THE TORPEDO, ROSEBUD, AND THE BOAT”**

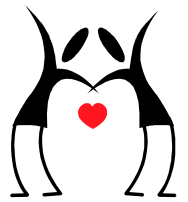
“Can we take the Torpedo?” I can still remember the question to my mother asking for permission to drive her 1978 Phoenix. It didn’t get the name Torpedo until sometime in the mid 1980’s as it began to show some serious ware. My brother is the one who gave it the name Torpedo. I have never been in the business of naming my cars, but I understand the reason for the name. It was a no frills car that simply went from one place to another. There was something about the car that made the name fit and stick.

Several years ago, I owned a candy apple red 1987 Plymouth Breeze. It was a good car. It was not a particularly fast car with its four cylinder engine, but it got me from one place to another. However, whenever I wanted to pass someone, it was a real challenge. It was safer to just follow behind and hope the slow moving car in front turned off the road. I don’t name cars, but this one I named “Rosebud”. Rosebud had nothing to do with the color red. In the movie “Citizen Cane” there is a sled named Rosebud. My Plymouth Breeze, in a passing situation, was a real sled.



Michaelene drives a 2000 Chrysler Concorde. It’s a real boat. She loves her car. Half the automatic locks don’t work. The air conditioner stopped working and will take more money to fix than the car is worth. She has decided to drive it on cool days and during the days of winter. We all call Michaelene’s car, “Mom’s Boat.”

Over the last few months, I have been remembering some fine Christians I have known who make me think, “Christian.” It isn’t that they are perfect. It’s more about their lives being lived in a way that makes clear that their Lord and Savior is Jesus Christ. They live as forgiven people who realize their need for salvation and keep doing the best they can to live Godly lives. Each of us have our own list, none of them are all the same, and none of them could be considered our complete list. Over the last months, Chet Carpenter, Cora Dimaline, Dorothy Hales, Alan Carpenter, June Coan, John Bokar, and Ruth Ross have come to mind. There are many I have thought about who are still with us, but their objection to my including them in print is respected. There was something about their lives that made the name “Christian” fit and stick.



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## Dear God,

I always feel badly when I pass people on the side of the road whose cars have broken down. I want to help, but know that it is not a wise or safe thing to do. Sometimes I have stopped, cracked my window, and ask if I could call the police. But that is as far as my good Samaritan instinct will let me go.

Last week, my rescue effort kicked in. There was a painted turtle almost up to the house. I knew there were many in the lake, but this one was almost 100 feet from the water. I watched it for about an hour. As the sun started to heat up, the turtle didn't even try to crawl back to the water for safety. Finally, I couldn't stand it any more so I went out to help. The temperature outside was 85 degrees and I pictured a cooked turtle. I picked it up, walked to the lake and put it down beside the cool water. In an instant the turtle swam off and disappeared. Feeling good about my rescue, I went about my work.

About one hour later, the turtle was back in the same spot. I couldn't believe it! How dumb she must be to lay out in the heat of the day.

That afternoon my grand-daughter came over. "Grandma", she said, "don't you know that the turtle was probably laying eggs in the soft dirt and you messed up her day! "

I haven't seen any baby turtles. I probably did "mess up her day." But I learned that sometimes we shouldn't fool with Mother Nature. And I also learned that a 15 year old can be smarter than her grandmother.

***Proverbs 8 : 5: " O simple ones, learn prudence; acquire intelligence, you who lack it."***

Love, Judy

### **God's Green Earth: PAPER RECYCLING IS HERE! PAPER RECYCLING IS HERE!**

There is a new GREEN and YELLOW bin near the church dumpster for PAPER RECYCLING. Part of our commitment to following Christ is taking care of all God's creations, including the earth. We can care for the earth through paper recycling because we will save 17 trees for each ton of paper we collect, 2 barrels of oil per ton, decrease air pollution, and also earn money in the process.

#### **The GREEN and YELLOW bin CAN take:**

- Newspapers
- **Magazines & Catalogs (NOT phone books)**
- General Office Paper, church bulletins
- **Junk Mail, Envelopes (including envelopes with plastic windows)**
- Sticky notes
- **Computer Paper**
- Posters & Folders
- **Notebooks** (without metal spirals or plastic covers)
- Shredded paper contained in plastic bags (NO loose shreds)



**NO phone  
books or  
cardboard!**

A complete list of items the bin CAN take and CANNOT take will be made available to those who would like a copy. Please contact Nanci Ickes if you would like more information (440-235-8956) or Nanci.Ickes@gmail.com) or check out PaperRetriever.com for more information about Abitibi Bowater.

*This initiative is sponsored by the "NECC ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE."*

## **Youth Groups planning meeting....Sunday, August 10th, 10:30 a.m.**

ALL YOUTH, 6th—12th grades AND THEIR PARENTS will be meeting on Sunday, August 10th at 10:30 a.m. in the HIGH SCHOOL ROOM to plan events for the coming year. Come with ideas to share!! Polly will bring snacks. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting please call Polly, 748-2246.



## THANK YOU'S .....

NECC —Thank you for permitting our family and friends to use your Fellowship Hall for my husband's memorial service luncheon on July 12th. The air conditioning and no steps were very beneficial for everyone. Blessings to all. Gratefully, Shirley Grills

***"I would like to thank Linda Rodak for the cookies that were brought to my house. I do intent to return to church after camping season, which is after Oct. 15th because we are gone every weekend till then. I love the friendliness of North Eaton Christina Church and do believe I have found a home there, along with my sisters and my son. Thank you for the newsletters."***

***Jeanne Miklacic***

Thank you for your generosity in donating toothbrushes during the month of July for the Salvation Army. We collected 117 toothbrushes. We will do bars of soap for the month of August. Marie Ternes

**Thank you for helping me celebrate my 60th birthday. The Happy Birthday song at the beginning of each worship service was an enjoyable surprise as were all the birthday cards. I took time in the afternoon to read each one and thought fondly of those who gave them. And to risk sounding like my grandmother, "there were no duplicate cards."**  
**Paul Durbin**

Thank you to all who continue to recycle your aluminum drink cans and donate them to the church. For the month of July we made \$145.00. Londa Blaine-Membership Team

*The Jr. High and High School class would like to thank everyone who participated in the Family Feud game. We appreciated all the spectators who showed their support for the team of their choice. Until the next game challenge, God bless. Robin Galvin*

*THANK YOU for all the many calls, cards, visits and prayers during my recent hospital stay. They were greatly appreciated. The caring people and ministers in this church are a blessing.*  
**Fran Walker**

**My thanks to all the men and women who helped with the lunch here at the church after my brother Kenny's memorial service. Your friendship and thoughtfulness extended to me and my family meant more to me than I can tell you.**  
**Marge Houston**

My thanks to everyone who wrote messages and signed the birthday cards to help me celebrate my 90th birthday! My thanks to Carol Busche for the nice pictures she took of Sylvia and me. Celebrating my birthday in worship and fellowship with friends makes it a very special day.  
**Del Ott**

**Thank you to Toni Harless for the great looking website signs that are now attached to our brick sign. We appreciate her willingness to share her talents with us.**

**"ENJOY THE LITTLE THINGS, FOR ONE DAY YOU MAY LOOK BACK AND REALIZE THEY WERE THE BIG THINGS"**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** Mel and Marie Ternes on the birth of a new granddaughter, Marisa May Slack, born June 30th, 7 lb. 8 oz. The proud first time parents are Mark and Stacy.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** The winner of the gourmet meal was MELISSA FOLK. Our thanks to all who purchased tickets. We have \$156.00 to add to our Kitchen Remodeling Fund.

## Camp and Conference.....

North Eaton Christian Church sent a lot of kids to camp this summer:

- **Partnership Camp-** Brittney Bokar, Samantha Galvin, and Taylor Teper
- **Portahoga Chi Rho Camp-** Breanna Bokar, Theresa Sizemore, David Smith and Kevin Wilson
- **Hiram Conference-** Lonna Blackburn, Sarah Mullins, and Nikki Teper
- **Wilmington Conference-** Tyler Bokman, JJ Haumschild, Julie Haumschild, Christiana Holmes, and Jen Wilson

**Chi Rho** (Jr High) spent time in their Quest Groups, Bible study class, learning about the Gift's and Celebrations of God's Love. Lessons included knowing God's love, and Creation, Covenant, Jesus Christ and the Church as gifts of God's love.

**Conference Youth**, (High School) studied the book of Luke and "Piecing the Puzzle of Me."

## Power Lab -- Vacation Bible School

The VBS Team and all the kids who came would like to give a big THANK YOU to the NECC congregation for all your support: Over \$400 in cash donations and our shelves overflowed with food and snacks for our dinner and refreshments. Special thanks to all the station leaders, lab crew leaders, cooks, and many helpers who pitched in wherever needed. ALL OF YOU MADE THE WEEK A SUCCESS!

## Fair Grant Allocations .....

Some of you may not know that we have a Fair Booth at the Lorain County Fair where we sell breakfast sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks. For those of us who organize the booth each year and take time to work in the heat and the grease it truly is "a labor of love."

The Fair Booth raises money to be used for the ministry and maintenance of the North Eaton Christian Church and its members. Each year the congregation is given the opportunity to ask for some of the Fair profits. A Fair Grant application is filled out and given to the Fair Grant Committee. After the Fair in Aug they will evaluate the Grants and recommend to the Council how the funds should be distributed.

**The 2007 FAIR PROFITS were allocated as follows:**

- Camp Christian Scholarships- Up to \$2500
- Mission Trip/Work Camp- \$1000**
- Breakfast with Santa- \$300
- AED & CPR training- \$2100**
- Pathways Growth and Counseling Center- \$4000
- Fair Booth Improvements- \$3000**
- Commercial grade Roaster \$500
- Paint Narthex-\$500**

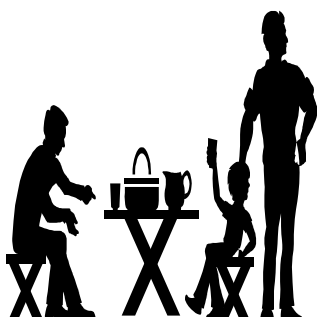
**2008 FAIR GRANT forms are available: SEE: Chris Hensley, Polly Tallos or check the church office for the FORMS.**

**Lorain County Fair—August 18—24th**

**Fair booth setup—Tuesday Night August 12th 6:00**

**Fair booth teardown —Tuesday Night August 26th 6:00**

**WORK SCHEDULES for fair week have been posted in the fellowship hall. Please give much thought to when you can work with us. This is an ALL CHURCH FAMILY PROJECT. WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP to fill our daily schedules. DON'T WAIT TO BE CALLED — sign up on Sunday morning or call the office (440-748-2230) and let me know when and where (kitchen or counter) you want to work.**



**God provided the most beautiful day for our all church family picnic on August 3rd and Mel and Marie Ternes provided the most beautiful place to have it! THANK YOU. It was truly a family reunion for all who attended, getting to eat good food and sit and talk with our church family and friends.**

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN OHIO .....2008 Regional Assembly**  
**“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.”*

**YOUTH PROGRAMS** will be at Camp Christian on Saturday for Grades 3-12th. If you do not want to drive, a bus is being provided to take you there.

**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.

## Mom’s Group August Dates

*THURSDAY, AUGUST 7th @ 6:30 p.m. join us at the LaGrange Community Park. The park is located just west of the circle on St. Rt. 303. There is a small playground for the little ones and a large playground for the older kids. It is also a great spot to see the trains go by.*

*TUESDAY, AUGUST 19th @ 3:00 p.m. we will meet at the Trimble’s house at 20100 West Rd. and from there, we will go to the Lorain County Fair. Later on, we can stop at our church’s fair booth and have dinner. If you have any questions, call RACHEL (440) 935-4849.*

## ADDRESS for Margaret Bokar:

**Oak Ridge Nursing Home, 26520  
Center Ridge Rd. Westlake, Ohio  
44145**

Our sympathy is extended to the families of Luella Tilberg and Edith Zelenka on their deaths this past month. Before their health would not allow it, they were very active members of North Eaton Christian Church and members of the Esther Circle.

**9:00 A.M. Sunday Morning Bible Study Class** will begin a new study entitled “Exploring Our Jewish Roots” lead by Antonia Spector on September 7th. We always welcome new people who would like to learn along with us. Any questions see JUDY PONTING, ANTONIA SPECTOR, POLLY TALLOS or PAUL DURBIN

## Adult Bible Study: Too Busy Not to Pray

Bill Hybels "Too Busy Not to Pray" has stood as a classic on the importance of prayer for the past twenty years. It's truths are still as timely then as now. Using the ACTS formula (adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication), this book offers Hybels's time-tested advice and insights, including a chapter on prayer and justice.

Dr. Paul Durbin highly recommends reading “Too Busy Not to Pray”. The Christian Education Department will be offering a Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study using this classic book on pray. Class will begin on Sunday, **August 31 during the 10:45 Sunday School hour**. If you are interested, please contact Polly Tallos by Sunday, August 24. There is a small cost for the book. There will be scholarships available to those who need it.

## Adult Bible Study: Streamers

Ever wonder why we are North Eaton Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)? Ever have someone ask “What is Disciples of Christ?” Not sure how to answer. Or maybe you have some questions about where we as the Disciples of Christ Denomination came from? Or how North Eaton Christian Church was formed. These questions and more will be addressed in a new 12 week adult Bible Study on Sunday mornings **starting Sunday, August 31 during the 10:45 AM Sunday School hour**. STREAMERS provides an overview of essential teachings of Christ, including the Great Commandment, Great Confession, and Great Commission.

The name STREAMERS refers to the three distinct “streams” that represent the churches in the Stone-Campbell Movement: the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Christian Churches/Churches of Christ, and the Churches of Christ. In a similar manner to the Historical Society’s newsletter Streamlines, the curriculum is intended to increase understanding and harmony among these three streams. We hope that congregations will use the curriculum to learn more about the essential teachings of Christ and the beliefs of the movement’s founders.

If you are interested in joining the Streamers Adult Bible Study at 10:45 AM on Sunday mornings please see Polly Tallos or Melissa Folk.

*SEPTEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries*

- 1 Don Nash  
Doug Busche  
Fran Houston
- 3 Carol Swartz
- 5 Jo Walsh  
Grace Hayward
- 6 Eddie & Trina Karban  
Alicia Petersen
- 7 Sharon Mullins  
Jeff & Janice Brunger
- 8 Mary Scott  
Briana New
- 9 Dick & Londa Blaine  
Stephanie & Robert Szuch
- 10 Don & Ruth Nash
- 11 Royce & Leslie Klein
- 12 Patty Meldrum
- 14 Allison Mott, Amanda Mott,  
Jim & Sue Smith  
Josh Blaine
- 15 Brooklyn Daniels  
Debra Blackburn  
Kim Blaine
- 18 Dick & Shirley Edwards  
Chris Adair
- 19 Polly Tallos  
Paul & Jennifer Hayward
- 20 J. J. Haumschild
- 22 Jerry Mullins
- 23 Roger & Lisa Woodby
- 24 Lee Daniels
- 26 Claire Kauf  
Dennis Folk
- 27 Thelma Hurley  
Tyler Marks  
Mark & Patty Meldrum
- 28 Dean Galvin  
Randy & Laura Kuhn
- 29 Cindy Hicks



**Looking ahead @ important dates in the month of OCTOBER.....**

- 4 A P E '08**
- 12 NECC "166th Anniversary" (Dinner and celebration)**

**OCTOBER birthdays & anniversaries you don't want to miss before you get the October VOICE:**

- 2 Steve & Debbie Cihla  
Bryan Garvin
- 3 Vic Susak
- 4 Pearl Jontz (96)
- 5 Gerry & Tony Piscola  
Lee & Pam Daniels
- 7 Mark Carpenter
- 10 Helen Fisher  
Melissa & Dennis Folk

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2009**

The Membership Team, under the direction of CINDY THOMPSON, will be taking orders for the books starting in September. The cost HAS NOT gone up! They are still \$25.00, which makes them a great bargain.

**Tell your friends and family to purchase their books from NECC.**

**SERVING IN SEPTEMBER during worship..**

- 8:00** Sue Webb, Renate Maurer, Chris Hensley
- 9:30** Ken Hicks, Tammy Gamble, Polly Tallos, Royce Klein, Phyllis & Floyd Chapman, Dan Hicks, Tom Walsh, Nikki Teper, Sally Belfi (Kitchen)



**Elders:** Linda Rodak and Bill Cromling

Cans For CODY.....Our thanks to everyone who has been so supportive of the "Cans For Cody" can drive that we have been doing.

**The money gives Cody's family help in paying for his horseback riding that he loves so much. This is one activity that brings him much pleasure as well as therapy. We have been averaging \$145.00 a month during the summer. Keep saving those cans.**