

## Message from Missouri .....

Wow, beloved church, changes are happening. Carol, Micah and myself are here in Central Missouri wishing we could already be there at NECC. I think that is a natural feeling. Whether the change is a move to a new city, a new job, getting married, a new business venture or changing to a new school, there is a common desire for the anticipated wait to be over. There is also the accompanying feeling to jump into the new experience with both feet. This type of change is energizing as a new pastor because there are new programs and new ministries to be involved in together for God's glory. These kinds of experiences help make the coming change wonderful.

Beloved church, God has been bringing us together over the last few months to join our combined gifts and passions to shine the light of Jesus Christ out to the greater Grafton community. That I believe is what is at the heart of the design and will of God for this new chapter for us at NECC.

One of my favorite passages of scripture comes from the Old Testament, Jeremiah 29:11, **"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'**" We are experiencing the plan of God to give us a hope and a future. The ministries NECC currently hares with the community will continue to prosper as we focus our eyes on Jesus. He is our source of passion and mission in all our ministries. This is the excitement that this type of change can bring.

That is also true for a new pastor and his/her family. Beloved church, we are longing to be with you on February 20th so that we may sit with you, chat with you, and most of all, laugh with you. May God be with you all.

Blessings,

Pastor Chuck

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**Disciples, District 2A, Combined "Ash Wednesday" Worship Service**  
**Wednesday, March 9, 2011 7:30 p.m.**

*Our host church this year is Washington Ave. Christian Church, 301 Washington Ave. Elyria. The guest speaker is Rev. Amy Gopp, Executive Director of Week of Compassion. A freewill offering will benefit this disaster-relief ministry. Combined choirs will be led by Alan Petersen, accompanist is Rosalie Gainer. Participating churches are Christian Temple, Lakewood, North Eaton and Washington Ave.*

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Minister: Rev. Charles Butcher  
Christian Ed. And Youth Director: Polly Tallos  
Secretary: Londa Blaine  
Pianist: Kim Speiran-Wells  
Music Director: Lanson Wells  
Pathways Counseling and Growth Center: Dr. Ralph Thompson







**FEBRUARY** — Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2 Loretta St.Andre
- 3 Joyce Johnson
- 5 Eleanor Smith
- 6 Fran Walker
- 6 Linda Ickes
- 7 Beth Wilson
- 8 Marie Ternes
- 9 Linda Johnson
- 9 Susie Naylor
- 12 John Haupt
- 14 Bonnie Hicks
- 14 Tim Tyler
- 14 Mary Bengough
- 14 James Hensley
- 15 Kristen Hicks
- 15 Jacob Zawoycki
- 17 Glenn Swartz
- 17 Chrissy Baughman
- 18 Amanda Klein
- 19 Gene Yost
- 20 Stu Hicks Sr.
- 21 Royce Klein
- 22 Madeline Blaine
- 23 Breanna Bokar
- 24 Jill & Tom Hartness
- 24 John & Karen Vilevac
- 25 Jim Bokar
- 25 Laura Carpenter
- 25 Brian Insley
- 26 Jeff & Chris Hensley
- 28 Taylor Baughman
- 29 Edna Carpenter



**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES.....MARCH**

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

**Week of Compassion Special Offering — February 20-27**

Week of Compassion is the disaster relief and humanitarian assistance program fund of our church, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. This program seeks to equip and empower disciples to alleviate the suffering of others through disaster response and humanitarian aid, which then promotes mission opportunities. **WEEK OF COMPASSION recently received the "Outstanding Support Award" from IMA World Health, which provides essential healthcare services and medical supplies around the world and has been recognized as one of the Forbes' 20 most effective charities. The IMA award is given annually to one of its member or partner agencies that consistently demonstrates leadership in its support for bringing health to hurting and vulnerable populations.**

*Week of Compassion is part of a widely-recognized reputable network of disaster-relief services. This year, February 20-27, has been selected as the primary fund-raising week for this most important program of the outreach ministry of our church. Because of YOUR GIFTS, this ministry is possible.*

*Disciples reach out in the name of Christ to: provide emergency and long-term assistance to people in the aftermath of hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, droughts, civil war, and other natural and human catastrophes. In a typical year WOC responds to a disaster about once every TWO DAYS. Add a gift to your regular offering, marked clearly, or use the special envelopes on the table in the Narthex.*

**GODGIRLS IN MOTION**

This year's Godgirls event will be held on April 1-2 at the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky, Ohio. This is a wonderful worship/praise/inspirational experience for all women. The theme this year is "God's Amazing Grace." Group discounted ticket prices are \$37.00 per person if ordered before February 25th. You can also book a room (ON YOUR OWN) at the resort for a discounted rate by mentioning Godgirls In Motion.

Check out the website for more information at [www.godgirlsinmotion.com](http://www.godgirlsinmotion.com) Please let Carol Bokman, bokmans@att.net or Melissa Folk folk101@aol.com know if you plan to attend and would like to order tickets. **WE NEED TO RECEIVE YOUR TICKET ORDER BY FEBRUARY 20th.**