

Thoughts for Our Journey: June 2011 *A Father's Day Story*

As we get nearer to Father's Day, I found this meaningful story to inspire and encourage all us fathers and grandfathers. This particular story took place during the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, Spain. Derek Redmon was the United States, gold medal hopeful in the 400 meter race. However, less than half-way through the race, Derek ripped his hamstring muscle, falling to the track in agony. While the rest of the runners blew past him, Derek, with an incredible level of courage and internal fortitude, managed to get to his knees and began hobbling to finish the race he started.

Then, something caught the attention of the cameras that had never been seen in Olympic completion. The cameras panned to an older man running onto the track, security was scurrying to make sure the older man was safe. The older man was wearing simple blue shorts and a Nike t-shirt reading, *Just Do It*, and a cap. The man pushed his way passed a security guard onto the race track. It was Derek's father, Jim Redmon. Derek, at first, shrugged his father away, saying, "I'm going to finish the race, by myself." His father said to his son, "We've started everything together. We'll finish this together, as well." How many of us, who can remember this powerful moment, were brought to tears like the crowd in Barcelona. Jim Redmon put his arms around his son and he walked with his son and they crossed the finish line together. The 400 meter race had long been concluded. However, the crowd erupted into thunderous applause for Derek just as they had done for the medal winners. This moment has become a classic moment in all televised sports.

This story I think challenges me as a father and grandfather to do whatever I can to help my children and grandchild finish the race. We can't run the race for them. However, like Jim Redmon we can come alongside our children and put our arms around them and help them hobble, if need be, across life's finish line or the finish line of faith. We especially can help them if they stumble along the way. This is similar to how God loves and cares for us. In Isaiah 46:3-4, God said, "*Listen to me . . . you whom I have upheld since your birth, and have carried you since you were born. Even to your old age and grey hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you, I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.*" Dads, by God's grace, may we live with such strength and integrity that we can say these words to our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Blessings for the Journey, Pastor Chuck

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Columbia Homecoming—June 24 (Friday)-26 (Sunday) NECC will, once again, have a Hospitality Booth at the Columbia Homecoming held at Columbia Park. We provide a place in the shade for children to do a simple craft, a Baby Changing area, free water, and information about NECC. Most importantly: it is a chance for us to show God's love to people in our neighborhood. **ADULT VOLUNTEERS** are needed for 2 to 3 hour shifts. Work together as a family, group of friends, SS class, or sign up to work with others. We will have a **BAKE SALE** again this year **ON SUNDAY, JUNE 26**. All kinds of baked items are appreciated. Please see **POLLY TALLOS, 748-2246** if you would like to work at the homecoming or if you are willing to **BAKE**.

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NECC CANOEING — June 25th (Saturday)

Join your friends for a fun day of canoeing followed by a yummy potluck. The canoe trip is about 10 miles down the river which takes about 2 hours. Bring a dish to share for the potluck afterwards.

When: June 25th, 9:00am

Where: Mohican Canoe Livery

Drive yourself or arrange carpooling



For more information contact *Paula Krasnevich or Stu Hicks.*

2011 Mission Trip

Put your faith to work! Get dirty for Jesus! Join NECC adults and youth as they travel to Nashville, TN the week of July 24-30, 2011 to help in the recovery from the 2010 floods. We already have 6 participants but there is still room for more. The cost is \$175.00 per person PLUS traveling expenses. Each participant is responsible for the first \$50.00 and helping with the fundraising to help cover the rest of the costs.

Communities often need weeks or months to transition from relief and response to long term recover. During this time, "Disciples Volunteering" works by invitation with regions and local congregations, in partnership with Week of Compassion, seeking effective ecumenical collaboration and assisting in the development of local, long-term recovery organizations. Channeling financial resources and volunteer labor through these locally run organizations provides the best opportunity for a quality mission experience, maximizes stewardship of resources and ensures that local folks are directing the aid and recovery in their own community. Contact the church office, 440-748-223 or Polly Tallos, 440-748-2246 if you are interested in going with us this year.

Serving in JUNE 2011

8:00 Mel & Marie Ternes

9:30 Floyd Chapman, Royce Klein, Mary Bengough, Dave Carpenter,

Amy Stafford, Paula & Mike Krasnevich, Jim & Robin Galvin

ELDERS: Jeff Hensley, Linda Rodak

REMINDER: YOU are responsible for finding a replacement if you cannot serve.

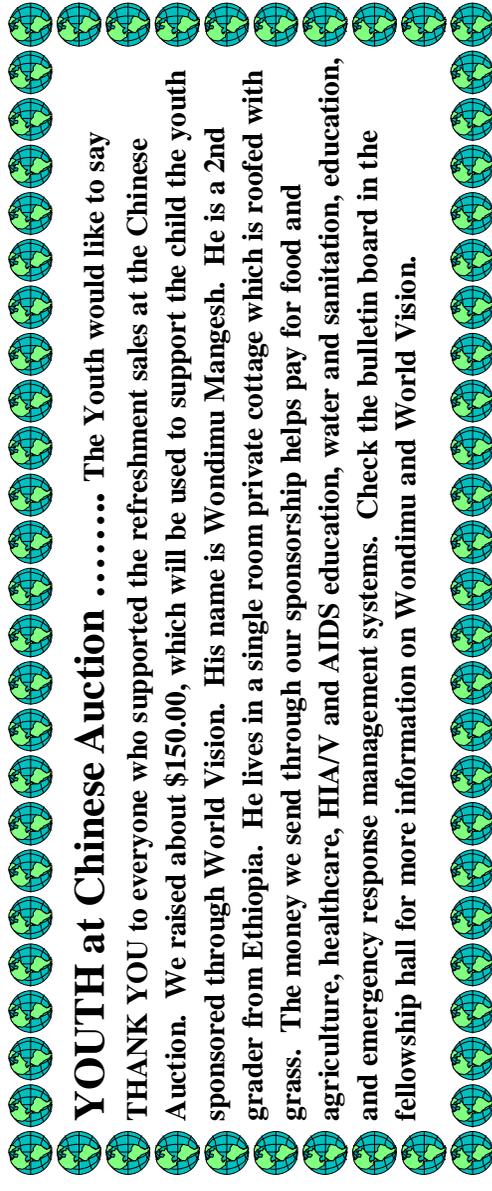
Youth Sunday

The Youth (JYF, CHI RHO, CYF) lead the worship on Sunday, May 15th. 17 youth participated by leading prayers, skits, reading scripture, leading songs and performing solos. Their message was based on the parable of the Prodigal Son. Worshipers were invited to move around the sanctuary to different stations representing areas of their lives that had been wasted. They were then encouraged to release the worry and tension brought on by all these things they had wasted in their lives and come forward to receive God's love and forgiveness in the act of communion. Many worshipers expressed their appreciation for the youth and all their hard work they had put into the service. The youth in turn appreciate everyone who allowed them the honor of leading worship that Sunday.

To Polly and the youth groups,

Sunday's service was one of the best youth services I can remember. Everyone seemed organized and well rehearsed. Your creativity was a fun change.

Carol Busche



YOUTH at Chinese Auction

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the refreshment sales at the Chinese Auction. We raised about \$150.00, which will be used to support the child the youth sponsored through World Vision. His name is Wondimu Mangesh. He is a 2nd grader from Ethiopia. He lives in a single room private cottage which is roofed with grass. The money we send through our sponsorship helps pay for food and agriculture, healthcare, HIA/V and AIDS education, water and sanitation, education, and emergency response management systems. Check the bulletin board in the fellowship hall for more information on Wondimu and World Vision.

Thank You

Dawn and I participated in the Great Strides Walk for Cystic Fibrosis. The weather was perfect. Bob & Sarah Browne (2nd year) and Micah Butcher joined us on the walk. A new records was set for walkers this year of 1,200. Dawn and I raised \$2,200 and we thank everyone who supported us with your generous donations. 90% of every dollar goes to research to help find a cure. God bless you all.

Dawn Schieferle & Theresa McDonough

We would like to thank the CMIA for spending a cold and wet weekend rebuilding our front porch a couple of weeks ago. (Mike Krasnevich, Stu Hicks, Jerry Mullins, Floyd Chapman, Micah Butcher and James Purdy and Paula Krasnevich provided the lunch.) We appreciate all the help and the porch looks so good that our neighbors even offered to hire our crew!

Bob and Sarah Browne

ON GOING MISSIONS AT NECC: \$70.00 made on THE "Cans" and \$25.00 sent to Cornerstone from "pocket change."
THANK YOU!

I would like to thank everyone at North Eaton Christian Church for their care, concern, thoughts, and prayers during my recent illness. Battling sickness can be lonely and discouraging but the cards, telephone calls, flowers and visits reminded me that I am part of a loving church family. Thank you for being with me in spirit during this trying time.

Mary Bengough

My thanks to Polly and the youth for an excellent job on the Youth Sunday Worship Service.

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Betty Brown. She was an active member of the Friendship Class. Rev. Butcher officiated at the memorial service on May 22, 2011.

Our congratulations to Alexis Castro for making the 10th grade Academic Honor Roll and receiving the Volleyball Student Athletic Award. (Her team won second place in their Ohio Valley Regional Championship Tournament. Brought home a SILVER!) Grandma Helen Literati is very proud.

NECC FAMILY ACTIVITIES FOR 2011

I want to give everyone a "heads up" of the events coming up for the remainder of this year. I will try to have monthly updates during worship service slides and in the Voice.

June 25th – Canoeing with the Christian Men's group

July – Crushers baseball game

August 14th – All Church picnic

September 17th – Point Fest (Christian concert at CP)

Biking and/or Train ride and dinner on the Towpath Trail

October – Hayride and bonfire

November – Open for suggestions

December- Open for suggestions

If anyone has any questions, please contact either Carol Bokman: 440-891-1819, bokmans@att.net or Polly Tallos.

THANK YOU FOR FILLING OUR PAPER BIN. Did you know:

Recycling 1 ton of paper saves:

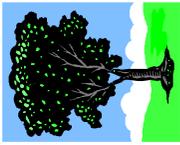
17 mature trees

7,000 gallons of water

3 cubic yards of landfill space

2 barrels of oil

4,100 kw hours of electricity (enough to power a home for 5 months)



500,000 -- number of trees cut down to produce each week's Sunday newspapers

250,000,000 -- number of trees saved if all our newspaper was recycled

The average person uses 7 trees a year.

17 trees saved can absorb a total of 250 pounds of carbon dioxide; burning 17 trees would create 1,500 pounds of carbon dioxide

NECC collects newspaper, magazines, junk mail, old school work, office papers, phone books and soft covered books in the Paper Retriever located in the back of the parking lot next to the Garage. (Sorry no food boxes, like cereal boxes, or hard covered books.) Since August of 2008 NECC has collected 30 Tons of recyclable paper. That works out to 510 trees, 210,000 gallons of water, and 60 barrels of oil saved in the last 3 years. Keep bringing in those papers!!

(Spring 2011 Pension Fund "The Bridge" magazine)

JUNE birthdays & anniversaries

- 2 Erma Yost
- 3 Bob & Sarah Browne
- 5 Jim & Linda Jekes
- 6 Barry & Melissa Daniels
- 9 Ronda & Vic Susak
- 9 Gabriella Laney
- 10 Geneene Slusher, Karen Konko
- 11 Jim Johnson
- 12 Sharon & Mike Kiesel
- 14 Linda Spitzer, Jeff Hensley
- 14 Mike & Denise Mott
- 15 Angie Carter
- 17 Wil & Linda Morrison
- 17 Stu & Bonnie Hicks
- 18 Mike Gross
- Betty Hawke, Dianne Nicholas
- Bob & Janet Lynch
- 19 Matthew Thompson
- April & Chris Hickman
- 21 Barb Koerner
- 23 Ruth Haupt
- Ralph & Becky Thompson
- 25 Ed Carter
- Cindy & Glen Thompson
- 26 Madison Stevanus
- 29 Karen & John Klinec
- 30 Mike Mott, George Butcher
- Jim & Joyce Johnson

**Lorain County Fair
NECC FOOD BOOTH**

MONDAY, August 22—Sunday, August 28

Have you figured out your Summer vacation yet? Well, Cindy & Polly have already started planning for the Lorain County Fair. In April we submitted payment to reserve our usual place "under the grandstand." This month we applied for and received the Lorain County health permit. So please keep these days open so you can work at the fair with us —

August 22-August 28

Save a vacation day, have the kids spend time with their grandparents, or work the breakfast shift and go into work late, or work the dinner shift and come after work. There is always a place for you.



SETUP is Tuesday, August 16th
TEARDOWN is Tuesday, August 30th
BACON FRYING DAY will be announced.

PRAYERS: Please continue to keep those in our church family who are home but still trying to get better:

Sandy Nowak, Barb Koerner,
Lois Brasse, Carol Steffen

Pentecost Offering— June 2011

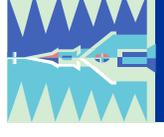
"and the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." Acts 2:47

This year, the Pentecost Offering is your chance to support the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) New Church Ministry Program. In Rev. Richard Hamm's book, 20/20 Vision, he described a plan to create over 1,000 new Disciples churches between 2001 and 2010. At this time, 692 new Disciples churches have been opened, and the New Church Ministry program is working to create more.

The purpose of the New Church Ministry is to bring Disciples congregations to people in regions where there are no Disciples congregations and to minister to a changing age and cultural demographic. As the population grows, the number of existing churches is not sufficient to meet the spiritual needs of the country.

This year, your Pentecost offering will be divided between the region in which it was taken and the New Church Ministry. The funds will be used for recruiting, funding and training those who are starting new Disciples ministries in different areas of the country. More information on this program can be found at www.newchurchministry.org

You can use the special envelopes on the table in the Narthex, or add a donation to your regular offering (mark it clearly).



Chinese Auction— Our best ever!!!

Our thanks to all who worked hard to make this a great evening in the fellowship hall at North Eaton Christian Church. Our profit was the most we have ever made --- \$2,150. This will be divided between the youth and church. It was a fun evening for all ages.

Special thanks to Carol Busche for a job well done!!