

Thoughts for Our Journey: JUNE 2012

A Lesson From a Feathered Father

For this Father's Day, I want to offer these words of tribute to all Father's everywhere. Whether one is a father biologically or one is a father-mentor spiritually this tribute is to you. There is a story of a conversation between a father and his son or daughter. The father said, "When I was your age, I used to be thrilled to get a piece of dried bread for dinner." The son responded, "Boy dad, you're much better off living with us, aren't you?"

The truth is everybody is much better off when dad lives with his family. Fred Barnes, American journalist and commentator once said, "Fatherhood isn't brain surgery. I say this in defiance of the new conventional wisdom that says being a father is breath taxingly difficult, that it creates tough dilemmas and that fathers need a strategy for carrying out their duties. I don't think so. Most men I know have an instinct for fatherhood that was triggered the day their first child was born. They instantly recognized the #1 requirement of fatherhood: To be there." The godly father recognizes his own shortcomings from time to time as we seek to be godly shepherds for our families. 2 *Corinthians 12:9* reads, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness." Godly fathers are not ashamed to admit to experiencing times of weakness, and, yes, even shed tears as we face the challenges of life and leading our families. Our eyes can be fixed on Christ for that strength outside ourselves.

We applaud all our dads here at NECC. We applaud you as you sacrifice for your families in so many ways, yet also we want to encourage you to give your most valuable asset (which is, of course, your time) to your children as much as possible. Those special times of playing catch in the backyard, those special teas with her dollies or those times pushing them on the swings can help develop a strong relationship. Some time ago, I was treated to a refresher course on fatherhood from an unusual source. I watched two robins quickly and efficiently construct a nest of grass, twigs and various other materials. Once the nest was finished the mother robin laid her eggs and soon the babies were born. On and off over three weeks I observed almost daily, daddy robin was already on the job. He would leave the nest regularly, but just as regularly he returned with wads of worms in his beak. Without the aid of any training classes or help from parenting experts, these beautiful creatures stayed on the job around the clock as parents until the day their little ones left the nest. The primary lesson I learned from this feathered father is that fatherhood is truly not brain surgery. Challenging and constant, yes. Demanding and difficult at times, yes. However, even a bird teaches us that the #1 requirement of fatherhood is to be there and to stay involved with our precious children.

There is a statement that says, "time is of the essence," and this is the case when dads and kids interact. Thank you dads for working, planning, caring, disciplining, teaching, and learning about being the best dad you can possibly be. In a world that says, "Can't," thanks, dads, for saying, "Can, too!" *Most of all, thanks for being "Dad" and trusting the Heavenly Father to guide you in the journey.*

Blessings for the Journey,

Rev. Chuck

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Columbia Homecoming— June 29th-July 1st
North Eaton Christian Church will once again have a Hospitality Booth at the Columbia Homecoming held at Columbia Park on Rt. 82, Friday, June 29th-Sunday, July 1st. We provide a place in the shade for children to do a simple craft, a Baby Changing area, free water, and information about NECC. *Volunteers are needed to be in the booth for 2-3 hour shifts. You will help the kids get started on their craft or coloring pages and direct parents with young children to our Baby Changing Table, demonstrating our love for Jesus and letting the community see us and get to know us better. If you would like to volunteer with us, see Polly Tallos. Sign up as a family, with friends, Bible Study Class, Circles, or make up your own group. We are also going to have a Bake Sale on Sunday. All baked items would be greatly appreciated (especially cookies, bars, breads, and cupcakes).*

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JUNE Birthdays & Anniv.

- 2 Erna Yost, Juliet & Lacey Hammond
- 3 Bob & Sarah Browne
- 5 Jim & Linda Ickes
- 6 Adam Wilson, Barry & Melissa Daniels
Ronda & Vic Susak
- 9 Gabriella Laney
- 10 Genevieve Slusher, Karen Konko
- 11 Jim Johnson
- 12 Sharon & Mike Kiesel
- 14 Linda Spitzer, Jeff Hensley
Mike & Denise Mott
- 15 Angie Carter
- Wil & Linda Morrison
- 17 Stu & Bonnie Hicks
- 18 Jane Eakins, 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
- 27 Dale Botson
- 29 Karen & John Kinect
- 30 Mike Mott, George Butcher
Jim & Joyce Johnson

Serving at the Lord's Table in

JUNE.....

- 8:00** Mel & Marie Ternes
- 9:30** Floyd Chapman, Bill Chapman,
Royce Klein, Mary Bengough,
Dave Carpenter, Paula & Mike
Krasnevich, Amy Stafford,
Robin Galvin

ELDERS—Jeff Hensley, Glenn Swartz

Youth Membership Class TOUR of LIFE A Baptism and Confirmation Journey



Have you been thinking about your faith and what it means to be a Christ follower? Are you ready to take the next step in your faith journey? The Christian Education Team is offering a Youth Membership Class for youth in the 5th grade and older, if you or your child is interested in exploring this opportunity.

Meetings will begin in the fall but Mentors and Candidates will be introduced to each other at the beginning of the summer so they have time to get to know each other.

If you have any questions, please see Polly Tallos, Melissa Folk or Pastor Chuck.

North Eaton Christian Church presents

Rocky Point Lighthouse Vacation Bible School Friday, August 10 – Sunday, August 12



This year North Eaton Christian Church is trying something a little different for Vacation Bible School. We will be doing a weekend VBS. We will have two, 2 1/2 hour sessions and a Sunday Celebration. There will still be lots of crafts, songs, fun and of course, Bible Learning for children of all ages. The Christian Education team will be out and about asking for volunteers and donations in the months and weeks leading up to our August Vacation Bible School. Please prayerfully consider how you might best help NECC to have a successful Vacation Bible School.

Our first request: The theme is Rocky Point Lighthouse. If you have (or find some cheap at garage sales or Goodwill) any ocean or lighthouse items that you would be willing to loan us to help decorate for VBS we would appreciate it. Suggested items include but not be limited to :

- Lighthouses - pictures, models
- shells
- starfish
- Ocean sounds CD
- life preservers – vest or circle
- fishing nets
- lobster crates
- fake crabs, lobsters, sea gulls

- **VOLUNTEER Nursery Helper needed** ... Our Nursery Attendant, Kim Klein, need help
- during the 8:00 a.m. service. Christian Education is looking for VOLUNTEERS who are willing
- to sign up on a rotation basis to help her. Most of the time, she has a great group of little
- girls (sugar & spice) who are ready to learn and have fun. We have a couple of very special
- little boys, too. If you attend the 9:30 service, please consider coming early a few time a year
- to fill an "awesome need" here at NECC. If you attend the 8:00 service and are willing to help,
- you have the option of coming to the 9:30 service and making new friends and seeing old ones.
- As an assurance and commitment to keeping our children safe, background checks will need to
- be done for all volunteers. SEE POLLY or MELISSA

2012 Mission Trip.....Youth Paige Bokman, Alex Carpenter, Samantha Galvin, Taylor Salas, and Erik Tallos—along with adults Mark Carpenter and Polly Tallos—will be headed to Centralia, Illinois for a Mission Trip in July.



LET US WORK FOR YOU ... We are willing to do odd jobs around the house or yard. Adult supervision will be provided if needed.

Lawn mowing, babysitting, weeding, moving or hauling boxes or small items, window washing, dog watching or walking, etc. The money we make will go towards our travel, food and other expenses for our youth and adults on this trip.

Operation Christmas Child... We'll be collecting items that will fit into a shoebox until around Christmas. They will then be distributed to needy children in the USA and around the world. **ITEMS FOR JUNE — wash**

cloths, soaps, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste

DONATION BOX is on the fireplace in the fellowship hall or leave it in the East Entrance of the church, marked CHRISTMAS CHILD.



Congratulations to Tyler Bokman

Tyler Bokman made the Dean's List for his 4th straight semester while attending the University of Akron. Tyler is currently a junior and majoring in Music Education/ Music Performance. His major instrument is the saxophone, but he also plays the piano and guitar/bass. Every semester his performances and concerts include marching band, symphonic band, men's chorus, saxophone quartet, jazz ensemble, and Blue and Gold brass (the basketball pep band). In the Fall, he will be participating in his first saxophone recital. Congratulations, Tyler! Your family is very proud of you!

Great Strides Walk for Cystic Fibrosis We took part in the

Great Strides Walk again this year. My thanks to Bob & Sarah Browne, Micah Butcher and Chelsea Langer for walking with Dawn and me. We would like to thank those who sponsored us for the walk: Aaron Durbin, Nancy Yost, Roberta Balogh, Royce Klein and Linda Rodak. This has been one trying year for me an my family but through prayers and friends we made it! Thanks so much for each one of you. We had over 25 people walking with our group and we raised \$2,871.00 together. This money goes to finding a cure for cystic fibrosis. Next year we hope to beat that amount.

Love, Dawn Schieferle and Theresa McDonough

News Among the Pews ...

Congratulations to: Cameron Castro on graduating from Lake Erie College.

Alexis Castro for again receiving the Academic Achievement Award at Lorain High School.

Bob Lynch for being inducted into the "Make A Difference" Hall of Fame at Midview High School.

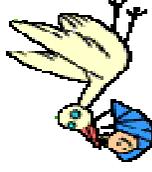
Our sympathy is extended to: Chuck & Genene Slusher on the death of their son in-law, Gary Firestine.
Alta Mitchell on the death of her daughter, Carol McCourt.
Kathy Hyle on the death of her son.

Please keep these families in prayer as they morn the loss of loved ones.

Recuperating at home: Ruby Burdick, Linda Rodak, Holly Hill, James Hensley

Congratulations to: Brian & Shari Insley on the birth of their son, David Brian, May 13th. The proud first-time grandparents are Linda and Jim Ickes.

Linda and Wil Morrison on the birth of grandson, Jonas Henry to Linda's daughter, Janet on May 4th, and a new granddaughter, Ella Mai to Wil's daughter who lives in Ireland.



THANK YOU.....

Dear Church Family, My thanks for the many cards, calls, visits and prayers for me during my last two surgeries. My thanks also to Rev. Chuck and Carol for their visits and prayers. You all are truly my family. I am home and doing well.
Holly Hill

Thank you so much to all for the many cards, phone calls and prayers I received after my knee surgery. Healing is a slow process but I'll be back in church soon.
Ruby Burdick

CORNERSTONE --- Our Blessing Bottles and pocket change are an on-going project and I thank you for your support. We sent a \$25 check in May.

Cans For Cody — We received \$41 for cans in May. Thank you!

THANK YOU to everyone who continues to see something that needs to be done around our church grounds and simply does it! We have had light bulbs changed, flower bulbs planted, grass mowed, bushes trimmed, computer cable run, dirt leveled, tables setup & taken down, and meals provided. These are just a few things that I have noticed during the month of May. We are blessed with a very caring church family.

Londa

Our thanks and appreciation to the Christian Education Dept. for providing a beautiful potted plant to all mothers who were in worship on Mother's Day.

Our thanks and appreciation to Eve Circle for the Mother-Daughter Teddy Bear Tea. The food was delicious and the decorations were awesome. It was a great afternoon as some came with their favorite teddy bear, ladies in Spring hats, floral outfits and lots of smiles, laughs and fellowship with family and friends.

THANK YOU to our Choir and Worship Band for their dedication to being in church each Sunday and adding beautiful music for our worship. Enjoy your summer off! We look forward to hearing more in September.

NEW NECC Church Cookbook Coming

We need your help! Share your favorite recipes with us.

Rebekah Circle is collecting favorite recipes from our church family and friends to be published in a spiral bound cookbook. If you have family and friends with some great recipes, give them a recipe form so we can get it in our book.



RECIPE and ORDER FORMS are on the fireplace in the fellowship hall. Keep forgetting to pick one up??? Call the church office and I will mail it to you. Be sure to put a TITLE on your recipe, YOUR NAME and only ONE recipe per form. If a recipe is too long for one form, continue it on another form and staple it together.

RETURN the RECIPE forms and the ORDER forms to Laura Kuhn or leave in the box on the fireplace as soon as possible.

ORDER AHEAD FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS—Since they'll have your own recipes in it, your friends and family will especially enjoy itit'll be a treasured keepsake for years to come. They also make great gifts. \$10.00 per cookbook or \$5.00 for a CD.

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERSif you are interested in placing an ad in the new cookbook, please contact LAURA KUHN, 440-309-5864 for more information.

CHURCH tables and chairs ... If you plan to borrow the church tables and chairs this summer for a picnic, reunion, graduation or garage sale, you must RESERVE them through the CHURCH OFFICE. We have a limited number that are allowed to be loaned. You must make arrangements when picking them up and returning them. Contact the church office, 440-748-2230.