

Thoughts for Our Journey: January 2013

*New Year's Resolutions*

Tragically, New Year resolutions are on the “out list.” Only 2% of people will make serious 2013 resolutions. Of course, reality can account for much of this. We make them only to break them. Resolutions have lost their punch. What is the number one resolution? To lose more weight, however, many of us get bigger and bigger. Still decisions must be made; resolutions have to be made before changes can be made. Success begins with a goal.

On that note, I would like to invite setting some communication resolutions. See if there is a “communication” resolution that we can apply in our own life.

*I will talk less.* Proverbs 10:19 – When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable, but he who restrains his lips is wise. James 1:26 – If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man’s religion is worthless.

*I will listen carefully.* Proverbs 18:2 – A fool does not delight in understanding, but only in revealing his own mind. Romans 12:15 – Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

*I will encourage other believers every day.* Proverbs 16:24 – Pleasant words are a honeycomb, Sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Hebrews 3:13 – But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called “Today,” so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

*I will avoid unedifying speech.* Proverbs 12:18 – There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. Ephesians 4:29 – Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

*I will treat all believers with respect.* Proverbs 22:2 – The rich and the poor have a common bond, the Lord is the maker of them all. 1 Corinthians 12:24-25 – But God has composed of the body, giving more abundant honor to that member which lacked, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.

*I will demonstrate love with more than words.* Proverbs 19:17 – One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his good deed. 1 John 3:17 – But whoever has the world’s goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?

Blessings for Journey,

Rev. Chuck

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**Christmas Cookie Sale.....**The youth would like to thank everyone who **BAKED** and **BOUGHT** Christmas Cookies at their Christmas Cookie Sale. We had four 8 ft. tables full of homemade cookies and candy. Most of the shoppers came right at 11:00 A.M. and filled their bags to overflowing! We made \$700.00 including donations. \$350.00 went to the Cleveland Christian Home. The youth shopped for gifts and gift cards. \$350.00 will be used for the Youth Mission Trip to Loveland, CO. in July 2013.

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Secretary: Londa Blaine  
Music Director: Miki Saito  
Pathways Counseling and Growth Center: Dr. Ralph Thompson

**January Birthdays & Anniversaries....**

- 1 Holly Gross
- 4 Roberta Balogh  
Sandy Gross
- 5 Dan Gross
- 6 Erin Martin
- 7 Jen Wilson
- 9 James Purdy
- 10 Richard Blaine
- 11 Hope Swindell  
Micah Butcher
- 12 Phillip Muth
- 13 Helen Literati  
Fran Early
- 14 Chris Hensley  
Larry & Eileen Weber  
Mike & Paula Krasnevich
- 15 Lucy Vernadakis
- 16 Bill Cromling  
Marty Belfi
- 18 Laura Kuhn  
Alberta Amos
- 20 Allison Cihla  
John Klinect
- 23 Carol Bokman
- 26 Karen Klinect
- 27 David Houston
- 30 Hanna Susak
- 31 Matthew Gross

**Serving at the Lord's Table in  
JANUARY 2013....**

**8:00** Randy Kuhn, Bob Weber  
**9:30** Paula Krasnevich (TL), Pat Ables,  
 Ken & Cindy Hicks, Carol Bokman,  
 Marlene Black, Carol Swartz,  
 John Klinect, Bill Chapman



**ELDERS—** Stu Hicks, Glenn Swartz

**CHILI TIME!**

**SUNDAY, February 24th, 5:00 P.M.**

Bring your best homemade chili to enter the District 2 Champion Chili for Christ Cook-off. Don't make chili? Not a problem, just bring a side dish or dessert to share. Just join us for the fun. Vote (by your money donation) and help the Cleveland Christian Home. Midview Jazz Band will entertain us again this year. If you have any questions CONTACT: Carol Bokman or Polly Tallos or call the church office.



**2012 ANNUAL REPORTS** — please include a summary of your activities January 1, 2012-December 31, 2012, as well as a list of committee members, pertinent financial information, special projects, outreach specifics, etc. Please contact Diana if you have any questions.

Email address—[Diana@dianatyler.com](mailto:Diana@dianatyler.com) or mail them to 38131 Butternut Ridge Rd. North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039. Any questions call Diana @ 440-458-5829.



**FAMILY TOBOGGANING —Saturday, February 16th, 6:00 P.M.**  
**Chalet in Mill Stream Run Reservation**  
**16200 Valley Parkway, Strongsville, Ohio 44136**

NECC will be hosting a Toboggan Outing for **District 2 Disciples Churches** on Saturday, February 16th. We will meet at the Chalet in Strongsville at 6:00 p.m. **ONLY TOBOGGAN RIDERS** need to pay. If you are just driving your kids, grandkids or neighbors, you can sit inside near the large fireplace and visit with friends.



**Pastor's Class Mentor**

I was honored to be invited to participate in this year's Pastor's Class, which is an opportunity for adult mentors to experience a symbolic faith journey —and participate in faith discussions—with young baptism candidates.

This year's program followed an interesting format—a “cradle to the grave” series of filed trips and conversations. We began our sessions in the church nursery, talking about what it means to be a “baby in Christ”—a new followers. We continued with meaningful conversations about school, work, play, family and other relationships, and faith concepts—and their interrelatedness. We walked a labyrinth, shared a meal, participated in a food drive on behalf of those in need, and discussed the meaning of Communion and then shared it together. During our last session, we visited a funeral home and talked about our physical bodies and their end, and about the continuation of our spiritual life. (That field trip turned out to be a lot more fun than we expected!)

I wrote this article on Thanksgiving Day, and it is appropriate that I close by giving thanks for Polly Tallos, our Director of Christian Education and Youth, for her tireless efforts in seeking fun, creative ways to educate our younger generations about the Christian faith, including opportunities for serving others. I am thankful for the other adults in this congregation who make it a point to include children and young adults in their faith discussions and activities. And, I am thankful for this new generation of believers as they embrace what it means to follow Christ. They are intelligent, inquiring, helpful...and delightful. It is a pleasure to share in their growth.

Diana Tyler

## Thank You

There is a saying "People will forget what you did ...they may forget what you said ...but they will never forget how you made them feel." Thank you so much for your cards, emails, presence at the showing, and especially your prayers surrounding the passing of my dad, Edwin Knowles. Your thoughtfulness and caring is providing me and my family with much comfort. May God continue to bless you and yours. Sharon Knowles Kiesel

NECC would like to thank **Cub Scouts 111** and **Boy Scouts 111** for their generous support of our Food Pantry. The Cub Scouts collected at the IGA (the customers were very generous to them) and the Boy Scouts had a "Oodles of Noodles" food drive which provided us with huge amounts of pasta and spaghetti sauce and mac and cheese.

What a nice surprise to receive a monetary gift from the church for Christmas.

Thank you for thinking of us.

Londa, Polly, and Tammy

*CONGRATULATIONS TO Mike and Sharon Kiesel on the birth of their second grandchild, Matthias Gregory Kiesel born on 11/10/12 to Julie & Kurt Kiesel.*

CONGRATULATIONS TO Erik Tallos on being chosen for the Lorain County 7th & 8th grade Honors Band, comprised of a select handful of students from all Lorain County Jr. High schools.

*Just a note of thanks for the lovely multi-colored shawl Carol Busche brought to me while I was a patient in EMH last month. Your kind gift brightened my stay with your lovely words of caring and thoughtfulness. God bless you for your love. Susan MacBeth*

Thank you to NECC for opening your hearts and providing the wonderful gifts for Tonya and Jason for Christmas. It was a joyous day for the whole family.

The Thompson Family (Tonya & Jason) and Holly Hill

Our thanks to Ed & Angie Carter for opening their home for our Adult Christmas Potluck. This is a tradition that has gone on for years and is enjoyed by all who attend.

 Jo Ann Nau's family would like you to help them in celebrating Jo's "80th" birthday at Christian Unity Church, 36353 W. Capel Rd. Grafton, on Friday, January 11th at 6:00 p.m. (No gifts but cards are welcome.)

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The supply of prayer shawls is very low. Our church family has been very diligent in reaching out to family and friends and presenting them with one of our beautiful shawls in their time of need. This ministry has become very important to us and has been received with much thanks. We have lots of yarn available in the room off Londa's office. Please stop by and take what you need to make the shawls.

Fran Walker was hoping we could also get 26 prayer shawls made, to send to the loved ones of the victims of the Newtown, CT. shooting. She has contacted a Catholic church in Newton that will distribute them. We are aware that this may take some time to complete but we are sure it can be done. If you don't crochet or knit and want to contribute, we also need help with the postage. See SHARON MULLINS for more information.

May God Bless Us All,  
Sharon Mullins

## Youth News

**"Where's Waldo?"**.... On Sunday, Dec. 2nd the youth headed to South Park Mall to find Waldo. Four Waldo's to be exact! Four adults put on red and white striped shirts before spreading out in the Mall to hide (in plain sight). The youth then searched in groups of 2 or 3 to find them.

OVER NIGHT/LATE NIGHT....we met for some New Year's fun on Friday, January 4th. We started the evening with an exciting game of Laser Tag then headed back to the church for food and fun. We also spent some time reflecting on the ending of one year and the beginning of a new one.

**WANEW RETREAT**—Chi Rho & CYF will be attending the WANEW retreat on January 25-27 at Camp Christian with youth from Akron High Street, Westlake Christian, Franklin Circle, Lakewood Christian, and Medina Christian churches.

**ADULT CHRISTMAS POTLUCK** ... Ed & Angie Carter were the hosts and Stephanie and Diana Tyler added much fun and entertainment with their songs. We had some nice participation in our "Christmas Carol Dare-e-oke" ....and that, thanks to Pastor Chuck, none of us who were present will ever again be able to hear the line "six geese a-laying" without cracking up! **We also raised around \$400.00 for the Cleveland Christian Home.**