

## **Thoughts for our journey: April 2013**

### **Finding and Keeping Peace Within**

Since we are still in the tax preparation season I thought we might enjoy this letter. A letter was received by the IRS stating, "I can't sleep; my conscience is bothering me, enclosed you will find a check for fifty dollars. If I still can't sleep, I'll send the balance." Evidently, this writer was just willing to do enough to relieve guilt, but not enough to square the debt. A Chinese proverb presents some added insight on the topic peace of mind, "If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character. If there is beauty in our character, there will be harmony in the home. If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation. When there is order in the nation, there will be in the world." The proverb tends to make the search for inner peace almost too simplistic to achieve. However, to ponder its meaning upon further reflection, it also makes such good sense. Society's problem is that we are not at peace with the self, when not at peace with self; nothing else can be right because we are constantly looking through jaded windows. Peace is the normal non-warring condition of a nation, a group of nations or the world; a state of mutual harmony between people and groups; freedom of the mind from annoyance, distraction, anxiety; tranquility serenity, silence, calm and quiet."

There have always been times of peace and war. King Solomon said, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven . . . a time to love, a time to hate, a time of war and a time of peace" (*Ecclesiastes 3:18*). As long as free-thinking people with different priorities and ideas exist, war and strife will exist. Beloved, peace is a costly thing! Our own nation has not become the nation that it is without the many battles, sacrifices and tears of our forefathers/foremothers. Our nation has always been a peace loving nation. Wars have been fought because of the unrest and the ulterior motives of other countries trying to disturb or rob our nation of its freedoms and privileges. The world has been a constant battleground for thousands of years. How can we achieve that peace we all so desperately crave?

God is the author of peace (*1 Corinthians 4:33; Romans 5:33*) and until his will is embraced by humankind, there will be no peace, "For he is our peace . . . and came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were near (*Ephesians 2:14, 17*). As Jesus was preparing for his departure to be with God, he told his disciples, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (*John 14:27*). He bought that peace by the cross, "having made peace through the blood of the cross, by him to reconcile all things unto all things unto himself" (*Colossians 1:20*).

Blessings for Journey,

Rev. Chuck

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## **Chinese Auction**

**Wednesday, APRIL 17th—DOORS OPEN @ 7:00 p.m.**

*This is a fun event for the whole family. Tickets are 6/\$1.00 in advance or 5/\$1.00 at the door. The youth will be selling hot dogs and snacks. These are all new items for children, men and women...something for everyone! Bring a new item, baked goods, etc. to add to our tables of awesome things to win.*

*Any questions call the church 748-2230, Polly Tallos 748-2246 or Carol Busche 323-6981*

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**APRIL Birthdays & Anniversaries...**

- 1 Jeanne Kekic  
Renate Maurer
- 2 Diana Butcher  
Tony Ward
- 3 Dennis & Chrissy Baughman
- 4 Theresa McDonough, Luke Bowen
- 6 Dave & Mary Schofield
- 7 Don Binnie, Robert Hammond
- 8 Kathy Carpenter
- 9 Tammy Gamble  
John Hicks
- 10 Mike Carpenter  
Logan Szuch
- 12 Eddie Karban
- 13 Alta Mitchell  
Jordon Gross
- 14 Carol Busche  
Mark Meldrum, Jack Susak
- 15 Jim Ponting  
Kristen Teper  
Bob Lynch  
Mike Klinect
- 18 Doris Walker
- 20 Andy Teper, Melissa Folk  
Chase Stevanus  
Doug & Kim Blaine
- 22 Paula Krasnevich
- 23 Alisha Hicks, Barb Galvin  
April Hickman
- 24 Sherry Wilson
- 25 Becky Thompson, Liz Toth
- 27 Scott Thompson
- 29 Pete & Polly Tallos

**Serving at the Lord's Table**

**8:00** Harry Hinkel, Jim Galvin  
**9:30** Paula & Mike Krasnevich, Pat Ables,  
 Ken & Cindy Hicks, Carol Bokman  
 Marlene Black (kitchen),  
 Carol Swartz, John Klinect,  
 Bill Chapman  
**ELDERS — Ralph Thompson, Robin Galvin**

*The Prunty family wishes to thank everyone for their love and prayers for Evan Prunty (17 yrs. old). His open heart surgery at Cincinnati Children's Hospital on Wednesday, March 20th was very successful.  
 Aunt Doris, Grandma Dede and family*

*"Thank you with all my heart. I don't think I could have gone through everything without your support of many prayers, cards, phone calls, and the prayer shawl. My beautiful shawl has been a great comfort to me during my recovery.  
 Love and Prayers, Rita Ward*

*"Thank you very much for all your prayers, touching cards, phone calls, and the beautiful prayer shawl. It made my recovery more bearable knowing I was in your thoughts and prayers. I'm glad to be a part of such a thoughtful and loving church family.  
 Love, Karen Klinect*

**KID'S RESALE—April 27th, 8:00-12:00** Contact Pat Ables, 748-2610, or the church office, 748-2230 to reserve a TABLE SPACE for only \$15.00. Mark your calendar! Great place to find some great bargains on children's clothes and toys. Let your family and friends know about it too!



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 \* Mark your calendar — you don't want to miss this!  
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 \* Mother Daughter Banquet—Saturday, May 11th @ 1:00 p.m.  
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 \* JOIN US — "Down Memory Lane" and A special story for young ladies.  
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 \* TICKETS — \$5.00 for adults \$2.00 for girls 3-6 years old  
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**CHURCH COOKBOOKS** — These make nice gifts and they cost only \$10.00. You can pick them up in the church office or see Laura Kuhn.



**Come Adventure Camping with Tim & Diana Tyler!**

One of the Ohio region's earliest camp opportunities this year is ADVENTURE CAMP, JUNE 28-30. Adventure Camp provides a different outdoor experience each year, in various locations in Ohio and beyond. Previous Adventure Camps have included week-long canoe trips, bicycle touring, hiking in the Great Smoky Mountains, and a photography camp at Camp Christian with sightseeing and photography sessions in the Columbus area.

This year's edition of Adventure Camp will be a simple weekend camping excursion at Slate Run, A Columbus-area Metropark/campground. While the event is geared for high school students through adults, younger ages are welcome if accompanied by their parents/or adult legal guardians. Never camped before? Reservable loaner equipment is available for your trial experience in the great outdoors! Are you an experienced camper? Share your skills with others! A variety of activities and interest groups (swimming, hiking, bicycling, nature study, camp cooking, etc.) is planned to help you get the most enjoyment from your weekend.

Registration for this year's group camping adventure is just \$100/couple or \$60/person; accompanying children/youth over age 2 are just \$25/registration. This includes food, camping fees and most activities (swimming will require an extra \$7.00 for pool fees). Bring your own gear unless prior arrangements are made with your Adventure Camp leaders.

**FOR MORE INFO. CONTACT: Diana Tyler, 458-5829; dianatyler@dianatyler.com**

# Operation Christmas Child

## “SHOEBOX MINISTRY”

Our thanks to all who supported this worthwhile ministry last year. We filled over 80 shoeboxes. THIS YEAR we are asking YOU to take a SHOEBOX and fill it as a family. It is a fun and humbling experience to shop for the children around the world who are less fortunate than we are. Fill it as a family, with friends, a Sunday School class, Circle, with a co-worker, or by yourself.

We are giving you an earlier opportunity to collect items for your shoebox. You can be looking for small toys, hygiene products, wrapped candy, undergarments while you are shopping or when they are on sale. More information will be coming in the months to follow.

Any questions please see Pat Ables, 748-2610.

## Easter Egg Hunt

THANK YOU to everyone that supported the Easter Egg hunt again this year. Through generous donations of candy and many willing hands, we stuffed 1500 eggs and gave out over 120 prizes!! About 40 children and their families met in the parking lot to make a dash for the eggs. The children also had time to do simple crafts to take home. After the eggs were all gathered the very wise decision to move inside, out of the cold was made. Families were able to open their eggs in comfort and find their special prizes. Special thanks go to Paige Bokman, Scott & Matt Thompson, Erik & Karl Tallos, Melissa Folk, Polly Tallos, Robin & Dean Galvin, Royce Klein, and Dick & Londa Blaine for helping setup, host and cleanup.

## UNDIE SUNDAY—Mission Project

Sunday, April 21st

In the weeks leading up to Sunday, April 21, NECC will be collecting new packaged underwear as well as new or gently used bath towels and new containers of sunscreen. Donated items will be given to our local Salvation Army, Cornerstone and the Free Store at Camp Christian.

*Matthew 25:35-36 says: For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.*

When parents who are struggling to make ends meet buy clothes for their children, they often have to skip buying underwear. Imagine how embarrassing it might be for these children if they are discovered by their classmates. It is a sad fact that many teachers and youth workers will tell those asking how they can help, that something as basic as new underwear for the children they work with, would make a great difference.

Sunscreen is a “luxury” that some families cannot afford, when parents must choose between that and food or medicine. Wendy, of the Free Store at Camp Christian, explained that families are in need of towels because they don’t have easy access or the money for laundry facilities. Families will have lots of towels so they don’t have to go to the Laundromat as often.

As part of the mission projects here at North Eaton Christian Church, we will be setting aside, Sunday, April 21 to collect children’s underwear to be distributed to organizations such as the Salvation Army, Cornerstone and the Camp Christian Free Store, that can make sure they reach the kids who need them.

So bring **NEW PACKAGED UNDERWEAR OF ALL SIZES, new or gently used towels, and new packages of sunscreen** to worship in the weeks leading up to Sunday, April 21st. There will be baskets in the Narthex where you may leave your donations.

*Help us answer the call to “clothe the naked” in this meaningful and yet simple way.*

**If you have any questions, please contact Polly Tallos at [pollypetallos@yahoo.com](mailto:pollypetallos@yahoo.com) or call 440-223-1582.**