

Thoughts for the Journey – October 2013:

Don't Forget

There are many things God wants us to forget. If we do not forget them and put their remembrances behind us, bitterness and a lack of forgiveness will grow and fester in us. If we hang on to those types of thoughts, they can make us sour and certainly take the joy out of our lives. However, there are some things that God does not want us to forget:

God does not want us to forget His Word. Since Moses first carried the original Word of God down off Mt. Sinai, it has been given and preserved (Isaiah 40:8) for God's people. Scribes and thousands of others have been used to preserve the Word of God; so we should know God's will, way, and God's plan for our lives. God's protective hand has kept the words pure for us to use and remember. All his efforts would be for naught, if humankind did not read and hide his words in their heart (Psalm 119:11), and most importantly, obey them. Reading the Bible helps us to know God's mind, so we can please him. If I was to ask you, what is the one book that has most influenced your life, how would you answer? I know for me it wouldn't take me very long to answer. The book that has made the most difference in my life has been the Bible. That book has also brought spiritual revivals, led folks to make a stand for God, changed lives, nations and has helped to save millions. Although there are many helpful books, the only words that are eternally important and from the mouth and mind of the One who has raised billions of children are found in the inspired Word of God.

We also are not to forget his miracles and doings. Of the 146 times the word "remember" is used in the Bible, 26 of them are references to recalling what God had done in the past. After God had parted the mighty Jordan River, Joshua was instructed to leave a reminder of God's mighty deed so an altar of 12 rocks was placed in the center of the Jordan. Rocks from the center of the river were taken out and used in making a lasting reminder on the side where they lodged the first night. Years later, when someone asked about the meaning of the pile of stones, they retold the story of God's great deeds. We are to remember what God has done for us. If we will remember what he has done for us in the past, we will find quick encouragement when needed. Recall the times that we called out and God responded. Recall the times when there was no other hope, but God came through. Remember, if he did it then, he will do it again, unless he has reasons for not fulfilling our desires at the current time. Sometimes, it seems that life's walk is no longer by faith. God has helped us through every challenge, worked out every difficulty and has gotten us through thousands of dilemmas. Certainly, he will not stop now. He will do it again. Do not forget what great things God has done.

We are also not to forget Jesus. Recalling the scriptures and remembering Jesus are similar, as Jesus is the Word made flesh (John 1:1, 14). God's only Son, Jesus, took the unleavened bread, broke it, gave thanks and said, "This is my body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19). Jesus wants us to remember him. Remember his example. It was for us he died a terrible death. It was for us he was mocked and despised. Remember God's judgments, the Lord's word, God's mighty deeds and God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessings for the Journey, Rev. Chuck

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CHURCH BAZAAR and Rummage Sale

Saturday, November 9th, 9:00-3:00

Table rentals for the bazaar are only \$15.00 (table provided). If you would like a contract sent to you, please contact the church office, 748-2230 or Marge Houston, 748-2583. Bargain hunters also love our rummage sale and the fellowship hall is a great place to Christmas shop, have lunch and pickup some great baked goods for the family. Mark your calendar and tell your family and friends.

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OCT. Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Steve & Debbie Cihla
- Bryan Garvin
- 3 Vic Susak
- 5 Gerry & Tony Piscola
- Lee & Pam Daniels
- 7 Mark Carpenter
- 10 Melissa & Dennis Folk
- 11 Stephen Tyler
- Cassandra Gamble
- 12 Jim Ickes
- 14 Paul Hayward
- Lonna Blackburn
- 15 Kris & Andy Teper
- 17 Janet Lynch
- 18 Sandra Gruendler
- 20 Jennifer Hayward
- Helen Cramer
- 21 Mark & Kathy Carpenter
- Terry & Sherry Stone
- 24 Karl Tallos
- 25 Lee Ann Martin
- 26 Gabby Ford
- 27 Eric Tallos
- Helen & Rich Walkden
- 28 Michaelene Durbin
- Rob Marks
- 29 Chuck Slusher
- 31 Nancy Yost

Serving at the Lord's Table — OCTOBER

8:00 Ed Carter, Chris Hensley

9:30 Paula & Mike Krasnevich,
Pat Ables, Ken & Cindy Hicks
Carol Bokman, Marlene Black
Carol Swartz, John Klinect
Bill Chapman

ELDERS — Bill & Maureen Cromling

Jr. Worship (Both services)

(Children leave the sanctuary after a short "sermon" and offering to participate in their own worship service.)

For the past three years, children in Jr. Worship have been learning about the Bible and Christian values through Noah's Park Children's Church: Adventure Trails that Lead to Jesus. Now that the curriculum is almost complete, Jr. Worship teachers will be preparing to use a new series. For the next two years, the Kids' Travel Guide Series from Group Publishing will be taking Jr. Worship children on adventures with the following topics: The Armor of God, 23rd Psalm; Fruit of the Spirit, Jesus' Parables, The Lord's Prayer, The 10 commandments, and The Beatitudes. Christian Ed would like to extend gratitude to our regular Jr. Worship teachers: **Robin Galvin, Tammy Hammond, Cindy Hicks, & Melissa Folk.**

We know that one of the biggest investments we can have is in the faith of our children, and the commitment of these women to teach has been a blessing to our Jr. worship kids!

CHRISTMAS VBS Parents Day Out

NECC is excited to host a one day Christmas VBS/Parents' Day Out, on Sunday, Dec. 1st, from Noon-4:00 p.m. We'd love to lighten your load this holiday season and give you the gift of a free afternoon.

Your children will have a wonderful time learning about the true meaning of Christmas, while moving through different rotations of a Bible lesson, craft, music and more. The children will be served lunch and a snack. A "love offering" will be taken and monies will go to Cornerstone Among Women.

This one day VBS will be for children ages 3—5th grade. There is no cost for this event. The materials will be purchased through NECC Fair Grant Funds. **Registration is a MUST**, and space is limited to 40 children. **Deadline** for registration is Monday, **NOVEMBER 25th, 2013.** Call the church office, 748-2230 or see Polly or Melissa after worship on Sunday.

We are also looking for volunteers to help.



To my NECC Church Family:

I want to thank all those persons who donated money on my behalf in the recent request for help with my medical bills, that was engineered by Rebekah Circle, to be collected during the months of July and August. When I was approached with the idea of helping me by one of Rebekah's members a few months ago, I asked why? I said I didn't need help, and my first thought was that there are so many people who need help worse than me, and I didn't want anything done. But, I was quickly reminded that the group wanted to do something for me. They cared so much for me and the impact of my illness, that they wanted and needed to be able to do something for me. I reluctantly agreed, and was humbled to tears.

I do not know, and will never know who the folks are that donated. That has been kept strictly confidential. I have been humbled many more times over since the collection began to realize that there were so many of you who stepped forward to help with my medical bills. I am amazed! NECC is a very giving and generous body of Christ, which I have always known. To have this done for me, is overwhelming and I am so grateful to ALL for your kindness, generosity, love, prayers, offers to sit with me so Mom can get out, the many cards, food, visits, etc. God has truly blessed me, and I ask His continued blessings on all of you.

*Love,
Linda Rodak*

PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Planning Committee has been meeting through the year to review the roof and parking lot projects. The roof drawings are currently being created and will be reviewed as soon as they are completed. An estimate on the roof and parking lot will then be reviewed and brought to the congregation.

Jeff Hensley

Thank you to a giving church!

NECC is not a rich church, but when a need arises, this congregation answers the call. We felt Linda Rodak could us assistance with medical expenses. The congregation responded!! Small donations or large, each is deeply appreciated. Rebekah Circle wants to thank everyone for their caring contributions given in love.

Blessings to all, REBEKAH CIRCLE

NECC Christmas Bazaar Sat. Nov. 9th

Over the years our bazaar has grown into an event that the church and community supports and enjoys attending. This has only been possible through the support and hard work of our congregation. It is that time of the year again. There is much to be done! We are again asking for your help in the following areas:

Tickets for the drawing to be sold at IGA and Sparkle Market...

Bakery to be baked for our famous bake sale.

LUNCH COUNTER — food items prepared, work at the counter, serve the food, take the money, cleanup after the lunch.

SETUP TABLES—TAKE DOWN TABLES

DONATIONS for the “trash & treasurer” room.

DONATIONS for the KIDS SHOPPING ROOM.

Workers for the kids room (help them pick out items and to wrap them).

If you would like to be a part of this fun day at NECC contact PAT ABLES, 748-2583 or MARGE HOUSTON, 748-2583 as soon as possible. (Don't wait for us to call you.)

“Welcome Back” Church Picnic

On Sunday, Sept. 8th, family and friends enjoyed the picnic in the back yard at NECC. We celebrated the start of a new school year, as summer comes to a close. About 60 people enjoyed the delicious buffet of salads, side dishes and desserts along with hamburgers and hot dogs cooked on the grill. Adults and children enjoyed playing yard games of corn hole, croquet, and ladder ball while some just enjoyed sitting back and watching.

A huge “thank you” to everyone who helped to make this day truly a success; grilling the meats, taking care of the tent set-up, hauling out tables & chairs, preparing food and all of the cleanup. And to Carol Busche for taking pictures to remember this event. All your help was very much appreciated.

Carol Bokman



Operation Christmas Child — Shoe Box Ministry

THIS YEAR we are asking you to fill *your own shoebox* if you would like to participate in this very worthwhile mission project. FLYERS with instructions on how to do this are on the table in the Narthex. Last year we sent 87 boxes. *CAN WE BEAT THAT THIS YEAR?* This is a great project to do with your children/grandchildren. You have until NOV. 10th to fill your box. RETURN the box to church and place it on the fireplace hearth. Thanks in advance for blessing disadvantaged children around the world with your love gifts.



We also need monetary donations for POSTAGE. Each box costs \$7.00 to ship. If you would like to help with postage, the flyer will give you instructions where to send it. Any questions see PAT ABLES, 440-748-2610.

GOD'S BLESSINGS ON OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Jack Susak Competes In California—For those of you that don't know, Jack's passion is skateboarding. He has been training for four summers in California with a pro-skateboarder. This summer he got the chance to compete in the California Amateur Skateboard League. He placed fifth at the California State Games in San Diego. He attended Skate Camp with 70 kids, ranging in age from 6-18 and won “Most Improved”. Jack also beat out 30 kids, all older than him, and won the title “Bowl Master”. He walked away with a new pair of skater tennis shoes. Jack attended the X Games in Los Angeles in August and met two of the pro-skateboarders. Jack had an awesome Summer, one he won't forget. Congratulations Jack! We're proud of you. Mom, Dad & Hannah

Roberta Balogh has donated quilted pieces to the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale and Auction in Kidron, Ohio for the past 4 years. The “Fireworks” pattern, a combination of batik fabrics, has become very popular. This summer she donated two (54x54). A woman sitting close to her was bidding and bought one quilted piece for \$1,450.00! The woman introduced herself as Lynne Tracy, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs. She told Roberta that she was returning to Washington D.C. for a few weeks and then moving to Russia, where her quilt would hang on the wall for Russian women to see what American contemporary quilting is. What a nice, joyful surprise!

Alexis Castro is now at Bethany College playing lots of volleyball for the school and winning. Grandma Helen Literati said it seems like she is playing more ball then studying. But with her good grades, we know she is getting in plenty of time to study. (It's a grandma worry).

NEW AMONG THE PEWS

OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO: *Don Ables on the death of his brother Dan who died Sept. 16th. He had battled cancer for some time.*

Helen Literati on the death of her sister, Anna Maloney, who lived in Johnson City, Tn.

BEST WISHES to our two “Fran’s” that attended the 8:00 worship service, as they travel south to live with family. *Fran Early and Fran Houston promised to come back and visit.*

THANK YOU’S: Dear NECC Friends, Thank you for the use of your canvas canopy for our auction. With all the rain, it helped save the day. We appreciate being able to use it. Blessings, Rev. Janet Long

NECC, Please accept our thanks for the donation of food items for our hot meals and food pantry. We truly appreciate these gifts. Dr. Brad Donahue, Lorain Christian Temple

Dear NECC, Thank you for all your sympathy and caring. Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped with a wonderful lunch after the funeral for our father, Don Binnie. Cindy Daniell and Keith Binnie

Thank You NECC — A \$30.00 check was sent to CORNERSTONE from the “pocket change” baby bottles and “blessings” bottles. Marie Ternes

NECC Biking/Train Event

On Sunday, Sept. 22nd, 11 of us rode our bikes on the Towpath Trail to Peninsula where we met a few others at the Winking Lizard for dinner. Most of us rode back on the trail, logging a total of 22 miles for the round trip. A few bike riders decided to ride the train for the second half of their journey. It was a gorgeous day for biking along the Towpath Trail (in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park) and enjoying all that nature has to offer.

I hope to see more NECC FAMILY and FRIENDS join us next September for this annual event because everyone has so much fun!
Carol Bokman



Calling all Camp Christian Alumni!

We're searching for the thousands of campers and counselors who have graced the grounds of Camp Christian over the past 64 years. In preparation for a special celebration during the 2015 General Assembly—to be held in Columbus, Ohio—we are collecting stories, photos, and other memorabilia from anyone who has attended Camp.

You may mail memories to the Regional Church Office, Christian Church In Ohio, 355 East Campus View Blvd. Suite 110, Columbus, Ohio 43235 or email the to ccio@ccinoh.org

There are postcards on the table in the Narthex with more information.



Do those soup labels really help? YES, they really add up!

When you think you don't have anything to donate, think again. Nearly everyone comes across General Mills Box Tops for Education or Campbell's Soup products with their Labels for Education on them in the course of a week. We've even found box Tops on Avery mailing labels and reams of paper from Office Max and other office supply stores. Join our wide network of friends who think of Cleveland Christian Home while they prepare meals — and say a prayer for our children as you clip them. You can send the labels directly to the CCH at 2202 Prame Ave. Cleveland, OH 44109 OR bring them to the church and place them in the can provided on the kitchen counter.

E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN ... *Our thanks to Cindy Thompson for her willingness to be in charge of the e-mail prayer chain for many years. She is now turning it over to Ronda Susak. We will have updates in the near future. Just a reminder that the prayer requests are to be for FAMILY and CLOSE FRIENDS. When you are aware of others that need prayer, please include them in your prayers. Contact Rev. Chuck, an Elder or the church office to have the prayer chain started.*



LOOKING AHEAD:

CONSECRATION SUNDAY, Nov. 17th — Our speaker for the morning worship will be Rev. Dr. LaTaunya M. Bynum, Regional Associate Pastor. A lunch will follow at 12:00 Noon.

Community Thanksgiving Worship — Wednesday, Nov. 27th, 7:00 P.M. Clearview Church, Columbia Station.

NECC Christmas Cookie Sale — Saturday, Dec. 7th, 11:00-1:00

BIG DAY of Serving

Erik & Karl Tallos, Maggie & Alex Carpenter, Keyerra Ward, Ally Shullick, Polly Tallos and Mark Carpenter will be traveling to AKRON, OHIO for the Big Day of Serving on Saturday, Oct. 5th.

They will meet with hundreds of other youth from around the Akron area, spending the day helping residents repair and refresh their homes. This could include weeding, tree trimming, scraping and painting or whatever is needed.