Thoughts For the Journey—-APRIL 2015

The Paradoxes of Christ

When we reflect upon our Lord and Savior there are many characteristics and facets of his nature and personality that inspire us and enrich us. It is through Jesus we find all we need and desire. As we prepare for celebrating a blessed Easter I found this list of paradoxes concerning the nature and person of Jesus. I hope you find them enlightening and challenging.

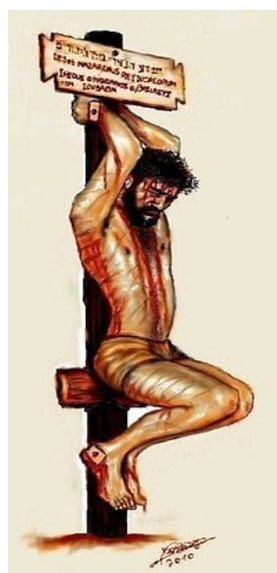
Jesus was the light, yet he hung in darkness on the cross. He was the Life, yet he poured out his soul unto death.

Jesus was the Rock of Ages, yet his feet sank into the deep waters.

He was the Son of God, yet he died a felon's death. Jesus was holy, undefiled, separated from sinners and knew no sin, yet he was "made sin" when he took the guilty culprit's place and suffered in our place.

He summoned the weary to come to him for rest, yet not on earth could he find rest until he said, "It is finished," and gave up his life to God. He was the Mighty God, yet he became a man and was crucified through weakness.

He was the Image of the Invisible God, yet his face was marred more than any man. All the fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily in him, yet he took on him the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of humankind.



He spoke, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast; yet he humbled himself and became obedient even unto death. He was the Desire of All Nations, yet he was despised and rejected of humanity.

He is the Fountain of Life, yet upon the cross he cried, "I thirst." Can you understand these mysteries? These are the things that angels desire to look into. The heavens cannot contain him, yet he died for each of us.

Blessings for the Journey,

Rev. Chuck

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIV.

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

Easter Egg Hunt - Huge Success!

The Christian Education Team would like to thank everyone who helped make the Community Easter Egg Hunt a success: donation of prizes, candy and new eggs were greatly appreciated and enjoyed. Many hands filled the 1,500 eggs, helped with setup, hosting and cleanup. JOB WELL DONE AND ENJOY!! Polly Tallos, CE Director

Serving at the Lord's Table:

8:00 Jim Galvin, Harry Hinkel

9:30 Mark Carpenter, Dave Carpenter, Pat & Don Ables, Paula Krasnevich, Holly Chapman, Paige Bokman

ELDERS——Maureen & Bill Cromling

MISSIONS — APRIL 2015

Cornerstone Among Women **— Pocket change on the small table display.**

Food Pantry **— Peanut Butter, Jelly**

Salvation Army **—Sample size toiletries (soaps, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.)**

Cans For Cody —Alum. Drink Cans

Recycle Papers — Bin provided

Cancelled Stamps — Leave 1/4 inch of envelope around the stamp.

CHINESE AUCTION — April 15th Mark your calendar for this community family event. This is an evening that is enjoyed by all ages.

Doors Open at 7:00 p.m.

Advance tickets can be purchased in the church office during the week or after worship on Sundays.

Family Meal: A Free Community Meal

Tuesday, APRIL 28th——Dinner is served at 5:30 PM

On the 4th Tuesday of the month NECC serves a free meal to ANYONE in the community that is interested in coming together as a 'family'. Enjoy good home cooked food and good company for an evening. If you would like to help by donating, cooking, serving, or cleanup please sign up in the fellowship hall.

UN SEMINAR EXPERIENCE ……..Hello all! I just wanted to give out an official THANK YOU for being such an amazing church family. You have supported me for years and have really been there for me. Because of your support I was able to go on the United Nation Seminar and make some really great friends and memories that will stick with me for a lifetime. I can not include all the things I did and saw because this article would be too long. Sam Galvin and I will be giving the message on Youth Sunday, April 12th. We will be sharing some of our experiences from the trip and things we learned. You will definitely want to join us for that! I am also free to chat almost any Sunday in the fellowship hall after the 9:30 service. I would love to talk to anyone who wants to listen, about my trip. THANK YOU — THANK YOU! I appreciate you all so much that I can't even find the words to describe my gratitude. PAIGE BOKMAN

NECC's Annual Chili Cook-Off

On Sunday, March 1st, about 100 people from the North Eaton Christian Church, other WANEW churches and band parents participated in our annual Chili Cook-off. We were entertained by the Midview High School Jazz Band, directed by Josh Brunger, while sampling the many chili choices. The money collected from voting on our favorite chili was given to the Cleveland Christian Home and totaled over $1000 this year, our largest collection ever. Everyone filled their tummies, burned their tongues, enjoyed good fellowship, and had a great time! The 2015 first place winner was our very own **Robin Galvin**, followed close behind were many other wonderful chili contributors. A BIG "thank-you" to all those who entered chili, shared side dishes and desserts, and decided to attend the event this year. A very special **THANK YOU** to **Dave Carpenter** for once again graciously providing the delicious house chili (and he also entered his chili filled egg rolls into the competition. We hope to see everyone next winter for another friendly competition to see who will take home the coveted "Chili For Christ" trophy.

1— Robin Galvin 2—Deborah Ward 3—Melisss Folk 4—Bob Koviak

5—Jerry Mullins 6—Carol Butcher

SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 22-25 9:00– 12:00

North Eaton Christian Church will be hosting the Community VBS this summer. Melissa Folk, Pastor Chuck and Polly Tallos have already met several times to begin planning with representatives from the other churches: ***CllearView, Columbia Baptist, Columbia Methodist, Hosanna Lutheran, New Life Wesleyan and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton***. We — NECC team and Community VBS Team — are excited about the opportunity we have to meet with the children of the surrounding neighborhoods to teach them about the love of Jesus. Our theme this year is based on Ephesians 6:10-18, THE ARMOR OF GOD. We are looking for lots of NECC ADULTS to help and children to attend. (Grandparents — bring your grandchildren.)

REGISTRATION FORMS are available in the Fellowship Hall, church office or online:

http://goo.gl/forms/VBLwL2a5n7

Disciples of Christ—CAMP CHRISTIAN

Grandparent and Me Camp—June 5th & 6th (Not Mom or Dad) Completed K-2nd grades

Ribbit Camp—June 7th-10th 2nd Graders and 3 & 4th who want a shorter camp experience

Otter Camp—June 21sy-27th 5th graders (3 & 4th who want a full week)

CHI RHO— June 7-13th, June 28-July 4th, July 12-18th

CYF CONFERENCE—June 14-20th, July 5-11th, July 26-August 1st

Advance Ministries Summer Conference—August 2-9th, Adult ages 19-29.

Adult Conference—June 15-19th, Northwest Christian Church —Adults of all ages

Camp registrations are available online (http://www.ccinoh.com/camp-christian/summer-programs.aspx)

Polly will have hard copies in May. North Eaton Christian Church will help cover the cost, typically **half** of the EARLY BIRD FEE, for any of the **Christian Church in Ohio camping programs offered.**

If you have any questions see POLLY TALLOS.

CLEVELAND CHRISTIAN HOME

Thank you for welcoming us to North Eaton at the annual District 2 Disciples Chili Cook-off. Your love for the work for children and families is shown through your years of support.

Two special events to benefit "your other family" at CCH are on the horizon: Walk/Run at the Cleveland Zoo and the Scramble For Kids.

The Walk/Run will be held on Saturday, May 2nd at the Cleveland Zoo and participants are needed to run, walk, volunteer or sponsor others.

The 25th annual "Scramble For Kids" will take place on Monday June 8th at the Elyria Country Club. We are excited to be celebrating our 25th Anniversary. North Eaton, along with other Disciples churches, are being invited to sponsor a hole and enter a foursome in the Scramble.

MORE DETAILS are available on these events at: CCH website—-www.cchome.org

Gratefully

Dan Clark, CCH Trustee
Member of Washington Ave. Christian Church

News Among the Pews

John Vilevac is still at Center Ridge Nursing Home recovering from surgery but hopes to be heading home in a few weeks.

Susie Naylor is back in worship and Tuesday morning breakfast group.

CONGRATULATIONS to Carley Petersen on being inducted into the Midview National Honor Society as a Jr. The proud grandparents are Mel and Marie Ternes.

NECC — Thank you for your annual Covenant Support of $1,200 for Pathways Counseling & Growth Center. We are blessed to share in this ministry as we have for many years.

I thank my extended family for your calls, cards, prayers, visits to the funeral home and for all the desserts at the funeral home and the lunch when my sister died. Fran Walker

Our sympathy is extended to:
Theresa McDonough on the death of her brother who lived in Oklahoma.

Fran Walker on the sudden death of her sister, Pat Johnson.

Reflections from my youth:

I was transformed by NECC's youth program. I remember my first summer at Camp Christian (as a 6th grader) like it was yesterday. I was struggling with the idea of trusting God and baptism. The rest of the youth group had just been baptized but I was not ready. I had so many unanswered questions about death and God in general that made it tough for me to trust God. At camp, Polly knew about my personal struggles with trusting my life to God and put me in a quest group with Jim Yost, to help get my questions answered and see that God is mighty and powerful and worthy of my trust. Each day Jim prayed for us aloud by name, asking that God would "melt us and mold us to fill us" with the Holy Spirit and trust our lives to Him. Each day Polly asked me where I stood with God and if my questions were being answered. She also let me know she was praying for me. Well…..it worked. By Friday night at the consecration service I knew I was ready to trust my life to God and be baptized. All it took was my loving youth group leader, Polly, to see my desire to be a child of God (and a lot of prayer!). Shari (Ickes) Insley