

THOUGHTS FOR THE JOURNEY — AUGUST 2015

A Big Fish or Just a Little Pond?

A favorite fish for many hobbyists to grow is the Japanese carp, or what is commonly known as the Koi. The most fascinating thing about the Koi is this, if you keep them in a small fish bowl they will only grow to be two or three inches long. Place the Koi in a large pond and they may grow to get as long as a foot and half. The size of the fish is related directly to the size of the pond.

What about us? Is our growth (spiritually) determined by the size of our world? It is not the circumference of the earth or our physical size that is important, but it is our spiritual growth. Are we allowing our growth to be stunted by the size of the tank we have placed ourselves in? Some people's world revolves only around themselves, what they want, where they want to go, and what they know. They remain a small fish in a very tiny fish bowl.

Beloved, let us open our minds to the vastness of God's ocean. Let us stretch our horizons and grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord. But how? Well, we have to get out of our little fish bowls or as we often hear – get out of our comfort zone. We have to take an interest in others and other things. There are many activities and programs that we can be involved in here at NECC if we want to make the effort. We are always open and looking for ways to reach others with the gospel and strengthen the members of our congregation. Our goal is to work, communicate, share, live and grow together in such a way we become BIG fish in a BIG pond.

Blessings for Journey, Rev. Chuck

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Secretary: Londa Blaine

Music Director: Miki Saito

Pathways Counseling and Growth Center: Dr. Ralph Thompson

LORAIN COUNTY FAIR — August 24th—30th

Setup Fair Booth at the fairgrounds—Tuesday, Aug. 18th 6:30 p.m.

We need MEN and WOMEN to help get all of our counters and work tables out of the storage area, scrubbed and put in place. The more people we have the quicker it gets done. PLEASE JOIN US! Any questions see POLLY TALLOS or CINDY

THOMPSON. (We REALLY DO need help to get it ready.)

WORK SCHEDULES for the week are posted. Call the church office and let us get you signed up to work with us. 440-748-2230

The VOICE

“Working together to make the difference that matters.”

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIV.

- 2 Sally Botson
- 4 Sarah Browne
Jim Galvin
- 5 Kim Klein
Nicole Teper
- 6 Laura & Dave Carpenter
- 7 Mel & Marie Ternes
- 9 Mel Ternes
Marlene Black
Mike & Becky Moran
- 12 Zoe Knorr
- 13 Cathy & Don Dusky
Jessica Castro, Bob Bricker
Robin & Bob Bricker
- 14 Paul & Michaelene Durbin
- 15 Stacy & Nick Zawoyski
- 17 Nathan Klein
- 18 Sarah Mullins
- 22 Taylor Teper
Cameron Castro
- 25 Dave Carpenter
Lauren Martin
- 27 Ronda Susak
Ray Konko
- 29 Janice Brunger
- 30 Bob Kauf
Diana & Tim Tyler
- 31 Londa Blaine
Barb & Tom Mott

Serving at the Lord's Table:

8:00 Jim and Linda Ickes

9:30 Mark Carpenter, Dave Carpenter,
Pat & Don Ables, Vicky Spitzer,
Erik Tallos, Holly Chapman

ELDERS: Bob Hammond, Jeff Hensley



MISSIONS — AUGUST 2015

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

Food Pantry — Boxed Foods

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.

LOVE INC. — Clothing children for school and winter coats.

Cleveland Christian Home—Campbell Soup Labels & labels for education.

These are ongoing and seasonal mission projects and we appreciate the support from the congregation and the community that has guaranteed their success.

SHOEBOX MINISTRY

It's time to start thinking ahead to our "Shoebox Ministry"—Operation Christmas Child sponsored by Samaritan's Purse.

When you're out and about you look for items on sale or clearance that would be perfect for a child between the ages of 2 yrs. thru 14 yrs. This is also the time that school supplies are on sale for our own children. **(complete list of items needed are on the table in the Narthex).**

There will be a collection box in the fellowship hall for these items OR if you wish to pack your own shoebox, we will have the green and red boxes available sometime in September.

"...let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18

School supplies —pencils, paper, crayons, coloring books etc.

Toys — Ball, doll, stuffed Animals, jump rope

Hygiene — comb, brush, wash cloth, toothbrush

Clothing — scarf, mittens, flip flops, toy jewelry, ball cap

Hard Candy — Suckers, Nerds, SweetTarts, Skittles, Gum

Any questions please contact PAT ABLES.



NECC Ministry Fair—Sept. 20th

Make sure you are in worship on Sunday, Sept. 20th to checkout the MINISTRY FAIR here at North Eaton between services and after the second service. Small groups, committees and sponsored ministries/organizations from our fellowship will have displays and information available to inform and enlighten us on their missions to help us grow and commit to the increase of God's kingdom.

Come see how your gifts and graces have been used and can still be used to unite and equip us to serve our church and community all in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Paraphrasing Ephesians 4:11-16 *"...it is He who gave each of us gifts and talents to prepare God's people for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."*

A brunch menu of goodies will also be available for all attendees on Sept. 20th.

Committees, circles, groups and individuals at North Eaton please contact PAT ABLES, 748-2610 to reserve space for your display of the ministries that you support or are a part of.

