

THOUGHTS FOR THE JOURNEY — September 2015

Date of Importance -- 1809

You might be wondering why the date of 1809? I recently played with the search program on my computer, known as Google. So I googled a few dates and played with 1809. Now at this point you might be thinking, Pastor Chuck you need to do some real work. I googled what could be known as important facts in 1809.

Had we picked up the newspaper in 1809, we would have read the big news that Napoleon I, the Emperor of France, had conquered Austria at Wagram, annexed the Illyrian Provinces (now part of Slovenia, Croatia, Herzegovina and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia) and abolished the Papal States. In that same year, in France, Louis Braille, who created a way for the blind to read, was born. In Germany, Felix Mendelssohn, the great composer of great symphonies, was born. In England, William Gladstone, the four-time prime minister and father of public education, was born, Alfred Lord Tennyson, the poet laureate of England was born. In America, Edgar Allen Poe the master storyteller of horror and poet was born. Oliver Wendell Holmes, the writer and physician, who developed surgical techniques still in use today, was born. Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth president of the USA was born on this date.

However, at the end of 1809, the only event anyone thought to be important was Napoleon's conquest of Austria. THAT was the only big news. Today, Napoleon's conquest of Austria is nothing more than a small blip on the screen of history. The world, though, was forever changed by a few seemingly insignificant births that took place that year.

Beloved, the year Jesus was born; most people missed it as well. Only a few were aware of the tremendous implications of his presence in a manger in Bethlehem. And so it is with God's work. Most of it is behind the scenes – hardly ever visible to the naked eye. God's work rarely makes headlines, but, instead it makes a HUGE difference in the lives of people because it is eternal.

Blessings for Journey,

Rev. Chuck

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SEPT. BIRTHDAYS & ANNIV.

- 1 Don Nash , Doug Busche
Fran Houston
- 3 Carol Swartz
- 4 Sherry Stone
- 5 Jo Walsh, Grace Hayward
Stephanie & Rob Szuch
- 6 Eddie & Trina Karban
Alicia Petersen
- 7 Sharon Mullins
Jeff & Janice Brunger
- 8 Mary Scott Weber
- 9 Bill Chapman
Dick & Londa Blaine
- 10 Don & Ruth Nash
- 11 Patty Meldrum
- 14 Allison Mott, Amanda Mott,
Josh Blaine
Jim & Sue Smith
- 15 Brooklyn Daniels, Debra Blackburn
Kim Blaine
- 17 Bob Browne
- 19 Polly Tallos, Barb Colvin
Paul & Jennifer Hayward
Vern & Marlene Black
Madeline Hammond
- 22 Jerry Mullins, Samantha Hensley
Aaron & Josephine Durbin
- 23 Roger & Lisa Woodby
Grace Bowen
- 26 Dennis Folk
- 27 Mark & Patty Meldrum
- 28 Dean Galvin
Randy & Laura Kuhn
- 29 Cindy Hicks
Chris & Holly Chapman

Serving at the Lord's Table:

- 8:00** Harry Hinkel, Jim Galvin
- 9:30** Mike Krasnevich, Carol Butcher
Carol Swartz, Polly Tallos,
Jerry Mullins, Chris Chapman,
Marlene Black

ELDERS: Ralph Thompson, Robin Galvin



- **MISSIONS — SEPT. 2015**
- Cornerstone Among Women — Pocket change on the small table display.
- Food Pantry — Paper Products
- 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

What is the "shoebox ministry"? It is our opportunity to provide simple toys, hygiene items, school supplies, etc. to demonstrate God's love and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with children around the world. Each box is packed with love and covered with prayer. Over 10 million shoebox gifts were distributed to 124 million boys and girls since 1993. **Shoeboxes** will be available at our "Ministry Fair" on Sept. 20. You may wish to pack your own box as a family or add items to the collection box on the fireplace. The collection deadline is NOV. 8th. LIST OF SUGGESTED ITEMS NEEDED ARE ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX....



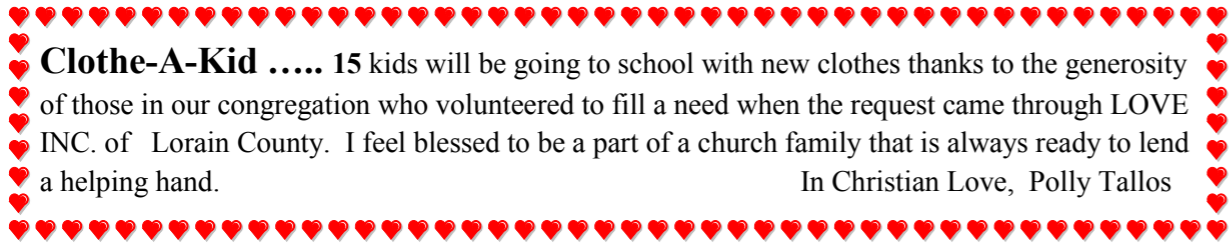
NECC BIKING ON THE TOWPATH

On Sunday, September 27th, the family and friends of the North Eaton Christian Church are invited to go for a bicycle ride on the North Coast Trail. We will start the bicycle ride at the old train building across from the Mc Donald's on Route 58 in Oberlin at about 3:00pm. We will plan to eat dinner together at 5:00 on the patio at Lorenzo's just down a few blocks from the bike parking lot in Oberlin. There will not be a train option this year, we will simply pedal as far as we want down the trail and turn around in time to meet at Lorenzo's by 5pm. You can also just drive to the restaurant to meet us for dinner. Please let me know if you plan to attend for the biking, eating or both. If you have any questions you can contact me at bokmans@att.net or by calling 440-891-1819.

Dear Friends, We had a very successful summer in California which lead to many opportunities for Jack in skateboarding, Hanna in singing and a great job opportunity for me (Ronda). We're so excited! We've all been working hard to make this move happen for some time. We wish we had the chance to say goodbye to all of you but everything happened so fast. Please know that we're sending hugs and thanks to all of you for your friendship. We're going to miss our church family. You'll always be in our prayers. Love to all and God bless each one of you, Ronda, Vic, Hanna and Jack Susak

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. *And, of course, there will be brunch goodies for you to much as you browse.*


Clothe-A-Kid 15 kids will be going to school with new clothes thanks to the generosity of those in our congregation who volunteered to fill a need when the request came through LOVE INC. of Lorain County. I feel blessed to be a part of a church family that is always ready to lend a helping hand.

In Christian Love, Polly Tallos

General Assembly 2015 *This was our first time attending a General Assembly and it won't be our last. There were a surprising number of Disciples we knew attending — from my third grade Sunday School in Newark, Ohio as well as siblings, in-laws, cousins, nieces and a nephew along with friends from all over the U.S. For us, the General Assembly was about connecting, reconnecting, listening, learning, as well as recharging our Disciples roots. We have multi-generational Disciples of Christ roots and I have a grandfather, 2 brothers, 2 sister in-laws, cousins and Jeff also has a cousin in the ministry.*

*Walking among 4,500+ Disciples gives you an overwhelming sense of belonging to a larger body of Christ. We are all an important link to His ministry here and all around the world. The worship sessions were wonderful—from the music to the sermons. The last sermon given by Adam Hamilton was very inspiring. When he finished, my brother John and I said, "That was like listening to Grandpa Hoover!" It is our hope ,that in two years, even more will attend and **recharge** as you experience the larger body of Christ.*

Jeff & Janice Brunger

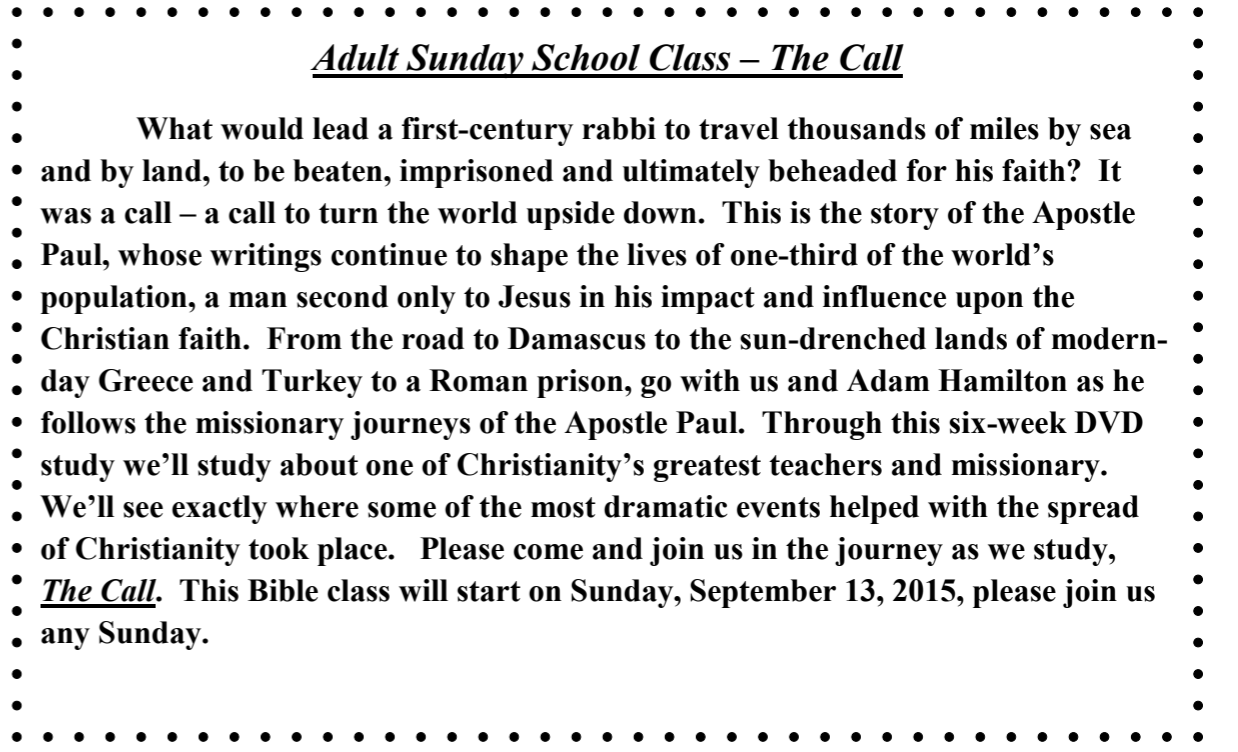
COMMUNITY FREE MEAL — August 2015
 34 guests enjoyed a "fair food" meal of sloppy joes, chips, veggies, ice cream sandwiches and pop. Our carry-out ministry to shut-ins is growing. Thanks to all who donate food items or funds to purchase items needed. Also thanks to those who deliver meals. Thanks to teens & adults from other fellowships who help us, and to the Scouts for faithfully helping with cleanup. NEXT MEAL IS SEPTEMBER 22nd. Hope to see you there!
Pat Ables

CHOIR — NECC is looking for singers. You don't have to be able to read music. JUST LOVE TO SING. If you can sing along to the hymns during worship, you will fit right in with this fun-loving choir. Join us on Thursday for a light meal and join us in song at 6:15—7:00.

Wednesday Night Study – Post-Traumatic Church Syndrome

This is a book for questioners, doubters, misfits, and seekers of all faiths; for the spiritual, the religious and the curious. An important inspirational debut, Post-Traumatic Church Syndrome is much more than a memoir about reclaiming faith and overcoming chronic illness. Written with humor and personality, it tackles the universal struggle to heal what life has broken.

Reba Riley's twenty-ninth year was a terrible time to undertake a spiritual quest. When an untreatable chronic illness forced her metaphorical derriere on her birthday, Reba realized that even if she couldn't fix her body, she might able to heal her injured spirit. So began her yearlong journey to recover from her whopping case of Post-Traumatic Church Syndrome by visiting thirty religions before her thirtieth birthday. For anyone who has ever longed for transformation of body, spirit or soul but didn't know where to start, Post- Traumatic Church Syndrome reminds us that sometimes we have to get lost to get found. Come join us in this study, on Wednesday night at 6:30.


Adult Sunday School Class – The Call

What would lead a first-century rabbi to travel thousands of miles by sea and by land, to be beaten, imprisoned and ultimately beheaded for his faith? It was a call – a call to turn the world upside down. This is the story of the Apostle Paul, whose writings continue to shape the lives of one-third of the world's population, a man second only to Jesus in his impact and influence upon the Christian faith. From the road to Damascus to the sun-drenched lands of modern-day Greece and Turkey to a Roman prison, go with us and Adam Hamilton as he follows the missionary journeys of the Apostle Paul. Through this six-week DVD study we'll study about one of Christianity's greatest teachers and missionary. We'll see exactly where some of the most dramatic events helped with the spread of Christianity took place. Please come and join us in the journey as we study, The Call. This Bible class will start on Sunday, September 13, 2015, please join us any Sunday.