THOUGHTS FOR THE JOURNEY — APRIL 2016

Jesus Defeated

I was reading an article recently about how the tide of a war can change on one day at a particular battle. Like Gettysburg during the Civil War and the Invasion of Normandy during World War II. During the process of the entire war one battle can cause a change in momentum for one side to the other. Such was the case in June of 1815 at the Battle of Waterloo.

Napoleon had been in power for several years and it seemed that no matter which direction he went, he could inevitably conquer any country or nation his own way. Napoleon decided in early 1815, after having been silent for a while, that he would mount a ‘comeback’ march on France. For 100 days he would wage war and destruction. General Wellington of the British army represented the last formidable opposition to Napoleon and the French Army. Wellington’s army consisted of 68,000 men and 156 guns while Napoleon had 74,000 men and 256 guns. After a short, but bloody battle at Waterloo on June 18, 1815 Napoleon was defeated.

At this time of course there were no satellite news channels. There wasn’t the ability to cover the battle moment to moment. To communicate the outcome of this battle, towns from Belgium to towns across the English Channel, had devised a system of flashing lights to be used from the top of one church building to another. When the battle ended, England had proved victorious and the following message was sent out, “Wellington defeated Napoleon.” However, as the message was received and sent out from church to church, toward the island of Great Britain, a thick fog began to rise from off the English Channel. By the time the message reached Great Britain, the fog cut the message short as a church received the following message, “Wellington defeated.” For several hours, the nation of Great Britain panicked and feared the eventual overthrow of their country. However, when the fog lifted they would receive the entire message, “Wellington defeated Napoleon.”

On a Friday when Jesus Christ was crucified and buried there were those, like those in England in June of 1815, believed a false message. That message being, “Jesus Defeated.” I’m sure, after some very anxious hours, until that glorious Sunday of Jesus’ resurrection, when the fog lifted, did the people get the entire message, “Jesus defeated Death.” Beloved let us not live as though we believe in an incomplete message. Let us remember the words of the angel at the empty tomb, “He is not here; for he is risen . . .” (Matthew 28:6) and from St. Paul come these words of encouragement, “O death, where is your sting? Where, O death is your victory.” (1 Corinthians 12:55).

Blessings for Journey,
Rev. Chuck

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8:00  Harry Hinkel, Randy Kuhn  
9:30  Mark Carpenter, Dave Carpenter, Pat Ables, Don Ables, Chris Chapman, Holly Chapman, Paula Krasnevich  

Elders — Diana Tyler, Stu Hicks

Chinese Auction — April 20th  
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 will be available starting Sunday, April 3rd till April 20th. 6/$1.00 is the advance price and 4/$1.00 the night of the auction. Purchase early for deal price and time to put your name on them and bring them back the night of the auction.  

Tickets are also available during the week in the church office, 8:00-1:00.  
(440-748-2230)  
Our youth will have hot dogs, popcorn and snacks to purchase at a fair price.

Youth News

Easter Egg Hunt: On Palm Sunday around 40 children with their mothers, fathers, grandparents and older siblings attended the North Eaton Christian Church Easter Egg Hunt. Over 1700 candy filled plastic eggs were placed in the back field, waiting for the children to gather them up. There were 100 prizes eggs mixed in as well. Everyone gathered in the Fellowship Hall to work on simple crafts and coloring pages before heading out to the field. Once the eggs were gathered, everyone returned to the Fellowship Hall to empty their eggs. Those who found prize tickets in their eggs quickly made their way to the prize table to choose one of the many prizes donated by our generous congregation.

Thank you to everyone who helped by donating candy and prizes. My thanks and appreciation to the ladies for taking home boxes of eggs and stuffing them. A special thank you to Ray & Karen Konko, Melissa Folk, Carol Butcher and Robin Galvin for their help the day of the Hunt and to Carol Busche for taking pictures and displaying them on the bulletin board.

30 Hour Famine: Erik Tallos and Dean Galvin participated in the 30 Hour Famine with Washington Ave Christian Church youth on Fri and Sat, March 4 and 5. They didn’t eat from lunch time on Friday until 6 PM on Saturday. While at WACC they learned about hunger and poverty around the world by watching videos about a young boy in Zimbabwe and playing games while dealing with a ‘disability’. Erik and Dean also went to the Second Harvest Food Bank with the WACC youth where they helped sort 10,000 lbs of donated food.

Thank you to everyone who donated to help support the boys with the Famine. In just the short two weeks they collected over $400 to be donated to World Vision, the organization that organizes the 30 Hour Famine. It cost $35 to feed a child for one month through World Vision. $400 will support 11 children for a month or one child for nearly a year.

Election Day Bake Sale: The Youth hosted a Bake Sale on Election Day, Tuesday, March 15. We raised just about $500. The Youth spent part of their meeting on Sunday, March 13th, making chocolates to sell. Thank you to everyone who donated baked goods. The community (especially the poll workers) looks forward to our Bake Sales at each election. We will be using the money for a special outreach project in the community.

WANEW Retreat: Six NECC youth and Robin Galvin participated in the WANEW Retreat with youth and adults from Washington Ave, Franklin Cr, Westlake and Medina Christian Churches. There were 38 youth and adults in attendance. The theme was “Risk-taking Faith”. They spent the weekend reading Bible stories about taking a risk in their Faith walk. One story was about Peter stepping out of the boat to walk on the water to Jesus. They also spent some time in the Free Store at Camp Christian helping to clean, sort and stack donations.

A check for $80.00 was sent to CORNERSTONE in March. Thank you for your support by filling the Blessing bottles and dropping your pocket change in the large bottle bank. Marie Ternes
CHRISTIAN FICTION BOOK CLUB  (Melissa Folk): The book club is still meeting the third Monday of the month at 7pm in the high school classroom. All are welcome. Our upcoming books are:

- April 18th  **Snapshot** by Lis Wiehl is set in the Civil Rights era and is a mystery based on real events.
- May 20th  **Eve** by William Paul Young is a book about a young woman whose genetic code connects her to every known human race.

God’s Will or My Will?  The Christian Fiction Book Club read The Ambition by Lee Strobel for March. In the book, Pastor Eric Snow is interested in going into politics to help shape America. In order to do so, he is counseled by some to distance himself from the church so he will appeal to a more diverse population of voters. Politics really interests Snow, and he feels that he’ll get the senate seat if it’s God’s will. As Snow convinces himself more and more that he’s doing the right thing and distances himself from the church, God reveals himself in new ways around the Diamond Point Fellowship by using an elder to heal two people at separate prayer services. The book ends without letting the reader know Snow’s final decision about whether or not to continue pursuing politics, but, we do see that Snow realizes that even if he does continue into politics, doing God’s will cannot happen if Snow distances himself from his very faith in God. God will never want us to compromise our faith to do his will.

Providence House: Karl and Polly Tallos had the opportunity to work alongside Ali Miguel and several families from First Christian Church in Medina at the Providence House in Cleveland. We met at the residential facility on West 32nd to take a quick tour and learn what Providence House does. They are a temporary—up to 60/90 days—home for children of families who need some help getting back on their feet after a job loss, illness, homelessness, or incarceration. It can be the last chance before the child has to go into foster care. They even have a medical residential treatment home where children who need special medical care can stay, after being in the hospital, while their parents get their home ready for them. For the tour, we headed over to their warehouse where we helped fill shelves with donations. Karl helped by carrying trash to a dumpster. It needed to be moved out of the way before we could start filling the shelves. Once that was done, he helped organize the donated items by working with Medina people to stack packages of paper towels and toilet paper. Meanwhile, Polly was checking the expiration dates on food donations, sorting clothing, toys and other donated items into piles, so they could be put on the shelves together.

**Thoughts about 30 Hour Famine: Erik Tallos**

I wasn’t sure what to expect going into the 30 Hour Famine. We played this one game: We had to carry water from various locations around the church using a coffee cup, water bottle, soup ladle, and a small plastic cup. It was a relay race to see who could fill a 5 gallon bucket first. What we learned is, the children around the world have to go a long way to get a little bit of water.

We also spent time at the Second Harvest Food Bank. I sorted out the snack foods from boxes of donations as they went by on a conveyer belt, the next person in line sorted out the proteins and so on down the line. We sorted 10,000 lbs of food in about an hour. I think I sorted about 3000 lbs of snacks!

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**Fair Grant Forms** Form is available in the church office or through e-mail. If you would like it e-mailed to you, please contact Chris Hensley at chensley@midview12.org. Please have all grant forms returned to the office or to Chris by MAY 1, 2016. Grant recommendations are usually made at the following Council Meeting. Any questions, feel free to contact Chris Hensley.

**Cystic-Fibrosis...** Dawn and Theresa will be walking in the Great Strides walk on May 14, 2016, to raise money to help find new meds for Cystic-Fibrosis. They will be in the fellowship after worship during the month of April, if you would like to be a sponsor. Last year they raised over $5,000 and came in at 6th place in the Cleveland walk. The financial and moral support of our family and friends over the years has been overwhelming.

Thank you, Theresa McDonough and Theresa

**Pastor Chuck and church family,**

On behalf of our father, Chuck, we want to thank the entire church family for the love you’ve shown our parents during our mom’s illness. Londa, thank you for your encouraging notes and church bulletins. Our Mom so looked forward to them. Don Nash, thank you for the Sunday visits and Tuesday carpool. Thank you to those who brought communion and for the cards of good cheer. Your prayers, visits and well wishes were treasured and appreciated more than you’ll ever know.

In Christ, Janet, Beth and Diane (Slusher)