

THOUGHTS FOR THE JOURNEY -- AUGUST 2016

For Me

“For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us that while we were sinners Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:6-8)

During the Civil War in the United States, a farmer named Blake was drafted as a soldier. He was deeply concerned about leaving his children. His wife had died and there would be no one to support and take care of the children in his absence. The day before he was to leave for the Army, his neighbor Charlie Durham came to visit him. “Blake,” said Charlie, “I’ve been thinking. You’re needed here at home, so I’ve decided to go in your place.”

The farmer was so overwhelmed that for the next few moments he was speechless. The offer seemed too good to be true. He grasped the hand of the young man and praised God for this one who was willing to go and serve as his substitute. Charlie went to the front lines and performed his duties nobly. But sad to say, he was shot and killed in the first battle he fought in. When Blake heard the news, he immediately saddled up his horse and rode to the battlefield. After searching for some time, he found the body of his friend. Blake arranged to have Charlie buried in the churchyard near the spot where they had often stopped to talk after church services. On a piece of marble Blake carved an inscription with his own hands. It was roughly done, but with every blow of the hammer on the chisel fell tears from his own eyes. Blake placed the marker on the grave of his devoted substitute. Many people in the town wept as they read the brief but touching inscription: He Died For Me.

I found this article in Bible Illustrator. It is a powerful testimony to the Bible’s declaration, “No greater love has someone for their friend than one lays down their life for their friend” (John 15:13).

God’s penalty for sin is death, but God through his love and mercy, allowed another to die in our place. Let us give thanks for God’s unspeakable gift!

Blessings for Journey,

Rev. Chuck

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIV.

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Jim Galvin
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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 Zawoycki
- 17 Nathan Klein
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Lauren Martin
- 27 Ronda Susak
Ray Konko
- 29 Janice Brunger
- 30 Bob Kauf
Diana & Tim Tyler
- 31 Londa Blaine
Barb & Tom Mott
Sally Botson



Serving At the Lord's Table AUGUST 2016

- 8:00** Jim and Linda Ickes
- 9:30** Carol Bokman, Carol Swartz, Chris Chapman, Jerry Mullins, Erik Tallos, Theresa McDonough, Vicky Spitzer
- ELDERS:** Stu Hicks, Diana Tyler

CYCLE FOR LIFE EVENT

On Saturday, September 10th, the team **Dawn Riders** (Ralph Thompson, Carol Bokman and hopefully a few others) will participate in the CF Cycle For Life event. They will bicycle 65 miles on the Towpath Trail to help raise funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.



Please pray for their safe journey and consider donating to this worthy cause. You can either donate online by going to this website: fightcf.cff.org and select the Cycle For Life option (following the prompts for donating to specific teams or individuals) or give a personal check made out to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to Ralph or Carol.

If you have any questions, please see Ralph or Carol. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Capital Campaign Update

Built on Faith...Grown from Love...Covered by Grace

Thank you for your participation in the survey sent out earlier this year! We're very close to receiving the compiled results from all online and hard copy responses. In the meantime, your Capital Campaign Committee* is asking for your help in a few specific ways:

- **PRAY** for the ministry of NECC and the Capital Campaign Committee as we work towards officially kicking off the Capital Campaign this Fall.
- **SAY, "YES!"** if you are asked to help serve on one of the teams for this Capital Campaign.
- **VOLUNTEER** to take part in our upcoming all-church music video! The video will be used as part of an online crowd-funding page to help spread the word about NECC's ministries and the building's renovation needs. To make our video the best it can be, we'll need everyone's help! You won't need to appear in the entire filming process (although you're welcome to do so), but it will help if we can get just a few seconds of as many NECC faces as we can—children, youth, young adults, families, seniors, shut-ins, staff, etc. in group shots or in close-ups. You can lip sync just one line of the song, appear in some choreographed dancing, "act out" a phrase...or simply smile into the camera—our video editor will blend it all together into something of which we can all be proud. (Invite friends and family to take part as well—ALL are welcome!)
Contact Diana Tyler (458-5829 or diana@dianatyler.com) for more information and/or to sign up.

- **SHARE** NECC's informational and event postings on social media. Every time. Let others know the many wonderful things this congregation does for, and with, this community! Even if you're unable to participate in an event—or if a particular event isn't in your area of interest, hit that "SHARE" button so OTHERS can learn about what we have to offer.

- **INVITE** others to worship and fellowship with us. Tell others what it is that connects your heart to NECC.

**Your Capital Campaign Committee consists of Jeff Hensley (Chair), Bill Cromling, Melissa Folk, Stu Hicks, Glenn Swartz, Glen Thompson, Diana Tyler, and Pastor Chuck Butcher.*

LORAIN COUNTY FAIR — NECC FOOD BOOTH — August 22-28th

SIGNUP SHEETS (work schedules) are posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please take a look and see where you can work with us. The week requires a lot of commitment to make it a success. If you have any questions see POLLY TALLOS, CINDY THOMPSON or call the church office, 748-2230. FAIR SETUP is MONDAY, AUGUST 15TH @ 6:00 at the fairgrounds.

(Due to scheduling conflicts, we had to move to Monday evening.)

POINT OF GRACE CONCERT

On Friday, September 23rd at 7:30 the family and friends of the North Eaton Christian Church are invited to attend the Point of Grace concert. This is a Christian concert that is appropriate for the whole family. The concert is at Grace Baptist Church in Brunswick. The tickets are priced at \$20, \$30 and \$40 each. If interested in attending please let me know how many tickets and I would like to receive the payment by August 14th.



If you have any questions, please contact Carol Bokman at bokmans@att.net or 440-891-1819.

NECC BIKING ON THE NORTH COAST TRAIL

On Sunday, September 25th, 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 3:30pm. We will plan to

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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.

CYSTIC-FIBROSIS/Great Strides Walk (May 14th)

Thank you to all who supported the Great Strides Walk for Dawn and I. With the help of many people we raised \$3,200. The weather was cold and rainy but we still made it.

Theresa McDonough and Dawn Schieferle

Mother Eve's Garden Club ———Melissa Folk and Robin Galvin
 would like to invite all the ladies at North Eaton church to join "Mother Eve's Garden ClubNo halos required." Our secret sister group will be themed on the book by LaJoyce Martin. Call the church office to sign up or see Melissa Folk or Robin Galvin for more details.



JOSHUA WALKOn Sunday, July 17th twenty of us resolutely walked around the church and prayed as Joshua and the Israelites walked around Jericho. Our prayers included safety at the RNC, wisdom in deciding the course of action for our church, families, community and nation; our capital campaign, generosity of our time, talent and funds; softening of our hearts. Mostly we acknowledged that in all situations God is in control. It is for us to be obedient to God's word. After the walk, we enjoyed sweet fellowship and a "weenie roast" luncheon. Pat Ables

NEWS AMONG THE PEWS

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Janice and Tom on the loss of their mother, LOIS BRASSE. Lois was baptized at NECC in 1942. She was a member of Eve Circle for many years.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Laura Carpenter and her family on the sudden death of DAVE CARPENTER.. This is also a great loss for his NECC family.

IN THE HOSPITAL/Recuperating/ Prayers for comfort — Barb Koerner, Janet Lynch, Dawn Schieferle, John Vilevac, Rick Prunty, Jim Hales, Larry Weber, Bill Chapman, Jim Ponting, Debbie Hales

Our thanks and appreciation to all the ladies who made cookies for Ameri-Gas. They are always so gracious about giving us the propane for the fair and always ready to help when needed.

Our thanks to Ruth Haupt and her family for the donation of \$200.00 towards our Roof Fund. They used our fellowship hall for their family reunion.

Our thanks to all who continue to support our FREE COMMUNITY MEAL by making food, donating food and money, serving and cleaning up, or coming and enjoying a good home cooked meal and fellowship. It is the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:30. Boy Scout Troop 111 continues to help in the cleanup and taking down of tables and chairs.