

THOUGHTS FOR THE JOURNEY — JUNE 2017

**Come Unto Me**

Beloved, do you ever feel like your life is sometimes like a terrible nightmare? Do you wish you could wake up and it would all go away? When the fog of hurting moves in and threatens to shut out all the light in your life, it's time to look to the eternal light just off in the distance. This inviting light offers us comfort in times of trouble, peace in the place of pain and an enduring hope that no darkness can smother. This light is the light of home – our real home – not our earthly home. It's the light of heaven. When life seems to be like a bad dream, close your eyes and take a little mind trip to heaven – it's a wonderful place to visit.

In the last weeks of Jesus' life, when the thick darkness of betrayal and death hovered over him and his disciples, he comforted his confused followers with thoughts of heaven, "Don't let your hearts be troubled trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms . . ." Can you picture it? The fresh fragrance of new construction fills the air. Excitement and anticipation permeate the air. Each room and every hallway is lit up with the warm glow of the living God. No fear lurks in the darkness, because there is no darkness. And listen. Do you hear the singing? It's the joyful sound of the angel's songs. You can't help but join their chorus. We approach a doorway where Jesus is standing. With one nail-scarred hand he points to a golden nameplate and with the other he touches your shoulder. The nameplate bears your name. Jesus' gentle voice speaks words of assurance, "Take heart. I have overcome the world and all of its pain. One day you will be with me in this place, and all that you are going through right now will seem as if it's only a bad dream. Until then, feel free to visit here in your heart any time you wish. Oh, by the way, you can invite as many as you can to come with you. There is plenty of room!"

*"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30.*

Blessings for Journey,

Rev. Chuck

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## JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIV.

- 2 Juliet & Lacey Hammond  
5 Jim & Linda Ickes  
6 Adam Wilson  
Ronda & Vic Susak  
9 Gabriella Laney  
10 Karen Konko  
11 Jim Johnson  
12 Sharon & Mike Kiesel  
Damion & Jordan Workman  
14 Linda Spitzer, Jeff Hensley  
Mike & Denise Mott  
15 Angie Carter  
Wil & Linda Morrison  
16 Bob Weber, Abigail Browne  
17 Stu & Bonnie Hicks  
18 Mike Gross, Betty Hawke, Dianne Nicholas  
Bob & Janet Lynch  
19 Matthew Thompson  
April & Chris Hickman  
21 Barb Koerner  
23 Ruth Haupt  
Ralph & Becky Thompson  
24 Chris Chapman  
25 Ed Carter  
Cindy & Glen Thompson  
26 Dale Botson  
29 Karen & John Klinect  
30 Mike Mott  
Jim & Joyce Johnson

## Serving At the Lord's Table JUNE 2017

- 8:00** Randy & Laura Kuhn  
**9:30** Pat Ables, Carol Swartz, Mark  
Carpenter, Robin Bricker, Vicky  
Spitzer, Mike Krasnevich, Theresa  
McDonough

**ELDERS:** Jeff Hensley, Robin Galvin



## BEREA ANIMAL SHELTER THANK YOU for your generous response to our request for blankets and towels.

Drop them off at the church in the  
east entrance or bring them to  
church and place them in the basket  
on the fireplace. **Any questions,  
contact LINDA ICKES,  
440-235-8956.**



## Christian Fiction Book Club

The Book club met on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>  
at 6pm. We watched the movie Priceless,  
which is inspired by true stories of human  
trafficking. After the movie, we  
discussed the movie and book Priceless by  
Joel and Luke Smallbone (For King and  
Country). Everyone is welcome to join us  
the 3rd Monday of each month.

Melissa Folk

## Fishing with a Ranger & Picnic

North Eaton Christian Church partnered with the Lorain  
County Metro Parks for their "Fishing with a Ranger" event at the Royal Oaks Park in Grafton on Sunday May 7, 2017.  
There was a lot to do at this park. Some people fished, walked the trails, hunted for salamanders, and just hung out  
together.

The Elders have been discussing different ways to "spark interest" within our church and community. When I heard Jim  
talking about "Jesus teaching the people to fish", it was an exciting idea and it seemed as though God, had opened the gate  
of opportunity to partner with the Lorain County Metro Parks for this event.

*Before the picnic, we shared "fish stories", some were serious and some were very funny. We also heard a short story about Jesus; that he appeared to his disciples three times after he was crucified. The third time, a few disciples had fished all night. Jesus standing on the shore the next morning, called out to ask them if they had any meat (fish); and they replied "no". He told them to throw their net to the right side of the boat. This yielded 153 fish. Also, Jesus told the disciples to follow him, and he would make them fishers of men. Reflection....*



In attendance, we had 15 church members, 8 other friends and family who were invited, three Metro Park Rangers, two  
representatives from Fin-Fur-Feather, and about four people from the community who participated in the picnic. We really  
had a fun filled day, hanging out together! Thank you, to all who participated.

May all the Honor and Glory be God's! Robin Galvin

**Jr. Worship "OFF" for July-** There will be no Jr. Worship during the 8am and  
9:30am services for the month of July. We know that while on vacations, "church" can  
happen anywhere, and summer fun is full of great teachable moments. For example,  
what better way to talk about how God made the universe in all its splendor than while  
stargazing on a clear, bright summer night? The Christian Education Team would like  
to wish everyone a fun, safe summer.

Melissa Folk

**NECC auction and garage sale . . . . .** Thanks to a kind offer from one of our members who  
will be downsizing their living space and donating furniture and other "quality" household goods to our Capital  
Campaign, the Capital Campaign will be hosting an ALL CHURCH AUCTION/GARAGE SALE — and we're inviting  
YOU to take part! We're looking for large items like furniture, working appliances, etc. (DO NOT donate  
outdated electronics, or non-working appliances.) We will accept wall art, china, jewelry, collections, trinkets,  
etc. We will NOT accept clothing. All items will be stored at the site of the sale — Jeff & Chris Hensley's home  
in Grafton, 36620 St. Rt. 301.

Please contact Jeff or another member of the Capital Campaign Committee to coordinate deliver of the items you  
are donating. QUESTIONS? JEFF HENSLEY—440-926-3269 (H), 440-213-5236 ©, Jchensley1@frontier.com  
DIANA TYLER—440-458-5829 (H), diana@dianatyler.com For now, we're asking that donations be completed  
by JULY. **The sale will be held late summer or early Fall.**

**Secret Sisters**—The last Mother Eve's Garden Gathering for the Secret Sisters will be Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 9am between services. Our **Secret Sister Reveal will be Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at noon.** We will be having a light lunch followed by an Ice Cream Bar. Along with good food, we'll be having fun and fellowship as well.



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A few months ago I wrote about the work being done by the Constitutional Review Committee. The results of their hard work is a proposed set of revised Constitution and associated By-Law. These documents have been discussed at Council twice, and will be again on June 11th at the regular Council meeting. At that time, Council will be asked to give approval of the revised documents and forward it for a congregational vote on JUNE 25th.

I urge you all to examine these documents, along with the cross-reference and summary tables provided with the. These additional tables will aid you in seeing that very little was changed from the content—just rearranged. The wording has been clarified and simplified, but the content is largely unchanged. The By-laws are authorized at the end of the revised Constitution, and a few new sections are in the By-laws. They have listed some of the Ad-Hoc committees that we have had in place for years, but never officially documented. We also listed the NECC employees and a few of their responsibilities.

The By-laws are not comprehensive, but can be changed and updated as needed, more easily than requiring a “Constitutional Convention”. (Those procedures are detailed in the revised Constitution.)

Again, I urge you to get copies of these documents, satisfy yourselves that they are acceptable and be ready to vote on JUNE 25th. If you have concerns, please contact any member of the committee as soon as possible.

For the Committee, and as your Council Chair,

STU HICKS

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS;** PAT ABLES, CHUCK BUTCHER (Pastor), GEORGE BUTCHER (original chair), ED CARTER, STU HICKS, PAULA KRASNEVICH, GLENN SWARTZ, DIANA TYLER

Received a call from MIDVIEW SCHOOLS — They were able to make 110 bags of food for the BACKPACK PROGRAM. The kids were given two bags because it is the last time until school starts in September. Thank you to the church, the community and our Boy Scouts for being so generous in providing the food items. **We will continue to collect the food through the summer.**

**COMMUNITY Vacation Bible School (It's free)**  
 CAVE QUEST... FOLLOWING Jesus, the light of the world.  
 June 19-22 — 9:00—12:00  
 Hosanna Lutheran Church  
 13485 West River Rd. Columbia Station  
 AGES 4 to Grade 8  
 Remember to dress for the weather and wear sunscreen.  
 NO flip flops or loose shoes.



*REGISTRATION FORMS are in the church office or call and we will mail it to you.*

# Graduate Recognition

**Alexander Mark Carpenter**—North Ridgeville High School—Alex will be going to Cincinnati University for Mechanical Engineering. He was voted “most masculine” by the 2017 Senior class.

**Taylor Salas**—Elyria High School (completed her requirements in January) Planning to attend Kent State in the Fall.

**Tyler Bokman**—Masters of Music from University of Oklahoma. He will be attending the University of Akron in the Fall to earn a Masters of Arts Administration degree. He was awarded two assistantships to help with tuition in the Fall.

**Holly Hill**—Bachelor's in Social Work from Youngstown State University. Holly graduated Magnum Cum Laude. Plans to go on in the Advanced Honor Master's Program for social work.

Laura and Randy Kuhn are proud of their family graduates: **Gary Kuhn**—Lakeland College, **Noah Kuhn**—Perry High School, **Miriam Pence**—State Tested Nurses Aide, entering LCCC nursing program in the Fall.

*The graduates were recognized during both worship services on May 21st.*



**CONGRATULATIONS TO Aaron and Josephine Durbin on the birth of a son, Andrew Benjamin Durbin, born May 31st @ 5 lbs. 8 oz. 18.5 inches.** Mother and baby are doing fine as is father. The proud grandparents are Paul and Michaelene Durbin.