



## Youth Funds:

The NECC youth have been hard at work raising funds for their Mission and ministries. They started with an Election Day bake sale where they sold baked goods, candy and Chick-fil-A sandwiches. Next, they had a table at the bazaar selling homemade candies. Finally, they held a Christmas Cookie Sale. We raised just over \$1,200. We will be donating \$150 to the NECC Roof Fund. The rest will be used to help cover the cost of WANEW Retreat, our gift certificate giveaway at IGA and possibly the cost of youth to attend the UN Seminar.

*“Do not expect a perfect church, but find in a church the means of coming near to Me. The real life is all that matters, the outward church is the husk, but the husk was necessary to present the life-grain to man.”*

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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Holly Gross
- 4 Roberta Balogh  
Sandy Gross
- 5 Dan Gross
- 6 Erin Martin  
Alexis Castro
- 9 James Purdy
- 10 Richard Blaine
- 11 Hope Swindell
- 12 Phillip Muth
- 13 Fran Early
- 14 Chris Hensley  
Larry & Eileen Weber  
Mike & Paula Krasnevich
- 15 Lucy Vernadakis
- 16 Bill Cromling  
Marty Belfi
- 18 Laura Kuhn
- 20 John Klinect
- 23 Carol Bokman
- 26 Karen Klinect  
Sandie Muth
- 27 David Houston  
Joshua Cromling
- 30 Hanna Susak
- 31 Matthew Gross



## Serving At the Lord's Table JANUARY 2019

**8 a.m. Randy Kuhn, Darrell Wilford**

**10:30 a.m. Pat Ables, Scott Johnson,  
Mark Carpenter, Polly Tallos, and  
Barb Mott**

**ELDERS: Stu Hicks, Diana Tyler**



Dear NECC:

On behalf of the Lorain County Board of Elections, that you for accommodating the board by allowing your facility to serve as a polling location. We appreciate your civic participation in the election process and supporting your community. We acknowledge your contribution and offer our sincerest gratitude.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact John C. Prajzner at 440-326-5923.

Lorain County Board of Elections  
Paul R. Adams, director

**A walking club** is now meeting on Saturdays!

The group meets at 11 a.m. and all are welcome to join and walk indoors during the dreary days of winter. This will provide everyone with a chance to enjoy fellowship and light exercise. Contact Laura Kuhn at 440-309-5864 for more information. Better yet, just join the group in the fellowship hall.

# UNITED NATIONS SEMINAR

**Hello Everyone!**

This February, I have been given an amazing opportunity. I have been accepted to attend the United Nations Seminar through the Christian Church of Ohio (Disciples of Christ). The seminar will take me and other Ohio Region youth to New York and Washington D.C, where we will visit the United Nations and other government landmarks.

I will learn about foreign policy, how governments work, how the UN works, and about religion in government. If you have any questions about my trip or if you would like to talk to me about the seminar please feel free! I welcome any donations to help fund this trip and hope to answer any questions you may have.

**Thank you, Karl Tallos**

**The United Nations Seminar** has been a vital part of the Ohio Christian Youth Fellowship since the early 1960s. From then to now well over a thousand young people from Disciples congregations around Ohio have had the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. and New York City for a week.

For many, this has been a life changing experience, witnessing the many ways that faith plays a part in the decision making of our nation and the world.

A number of Youth from North Eaton Christian Church have been on this adventure. Year after year, the cost of this event has increased, just due to inflation, and more and more of our youth and their families are finding it difficult to finance this extraordinary opportunity on their own.

Would you be willing to help make this trip a possibility for one of our own? Karl Tallos is planning on attending this February. The cost is \$1,010 plus \$300 spending money. He is responsible for the first \$400 and his spending money. Your help in raising the last \$610 would be greatly appreciated.

Please see him or Pastor David if you would like to donate to help Karl go on the UN Seminar. (Polly Tallos is going as an advisor on the 2019 trip as well.)

**Thank you** to all the cooks and bakers who have supported so many church functions lately, including bake sales, funeral dinners, and other events! Your hospitality does not go unnoticed. Check the counters in the kitchen to see if your empty containers are waiting to return home.

## Grandparents and Me “It’s about the Gift”

Eight children and their Grandparents joined us for an evening of games, crafts, stories and service. We started out with a talk about Jesus being a Gift from God and how we can be a gift to other then moved onto assembling Hygiene Kits for Church World Services. We were able to complete 48 kits that will be sent on to CWS who will then make sure they get to families who are living in shelters after a natural disaster like Hurricane Michael or the California Wildfires. We spent time playing games and making crafts before we shared a story of Jesus’ birth. The evening ended with pizza and cookies for everyone.

Thank you to Melissa Folk, Robin and Samantha Galvin and Girl Scout Troop 50294 for all their help.

The Chronicle sent out a reporter and photographer to record the event for the paper. We made the front page!!



**Life Line Screening**, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at North Eaton Christian Church on May, 3, 2019.

Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. You can register online now at [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle), and receive a discount and your preferred appointment time.

On Wednesday, Jan. 23, local scouts and all who are interested, will visit the **Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage**, 2929 Richmond Road, in Beachwood. The scouts are inviting church members to meet at 7 p.m. at the museum for a tour. See Polly Tallos for more information.

**Thank you to everyone** who donated and bought cookies at the Youth Christmas Cookie Sale. We had four eight-foot tables full of a variety of Christmas cookies. We made \$450, a portion of which will be donated to the NECC Roof Fund.

## Blessings on new life

**Colton Todd Little** was born Dec. 26, 2018, to Erin (Martin) and Jeremy Little. Colton is a great-grandchild to Ruby Burdick and grandchild to Lee Ann Martin.

## SAVE YOUR STAMPS!

The Veterans are my only source for use of our cancelled stamps at this time. They use them for therapy and crafts. If you would like to donate the stamps from your Christmas cards and any other mail, please tear off the corner of the envelope with 1/4" border and bring them to the church. There is a box on the table just outside the fellowship hall where I will collect them and send them off. They are always appreciative of our support, even in this small way.

Thank you,  
Marlene Black

## Enjoy financial peace

Financial Peace University will be offered on Tuesday evenings at the church at 7 p.m., starting Feb. 19, running through April 16 in the high school/youth room.

It's chilly outside but it's chili inside!

The annual chili cook-off is  
Feb. 24 at 5 p.m..

# Community Christmas Tree Lighting

North Eaton Christian Church worked with the Eaton Township trustees to create the first Eaton Community Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday, Dec. 2. Don Mould's Plantation donated a Christmas tree which Jeff Hensley made secure in the front yard of the church. Peter Tallos put in an electrical outlet on the township sign so we would have a place to plug in the lights. Mr. Brunger, director of the Midview High School band, sent out 10 students to play Christmas carols for us.

As you drive down the road in front of NECC and the fire department, you will see that our little tree is a lone light in the darkness. We at NECC have the opportunity to be a light in our neighborhood. We hope to make this a bigger and better annual event.

**The Ternes Family** wishes to thank everyone who took part in preparing for our beloved Melvin's funeral and luncheon. Caring for all of us in every way possible made this difficult time a little easier.

Special thanks to Pastor David for going above and beyond in caring for all of our needs. God bless each of you!

**Marie Ternes**

**The fair grant paperwork** is now available and must be turned in by Feb. 3. Copies are available in the church office.

The **Christian Fiction Book Club** is going strong. We still are meeting the third Monday of the month from 7-8 p.m. at the church and would welcome anyone who would like to join us for one, a few, or all the books we read. Here is a list of the upcoming books:

- Jan. 21 (MLK Day): "No Less Days," by Amanda Stevens.
- Feb. 18 (President's Day): "Isaiah's Daughter," by Mesu Andrews.
- March 18: "The Occupied," by Craig Parshall.
- April 15: "The Empowered," by Craig Parshall.
- May 20: "Send Down the Rain," by Charles Martin.
- June 17: "Things I Never Told You," by Beth Vogt.

Preach the Gospel at all times.  
If necessary, use words.

*St. Francis of Assisi*

## What?

**Vision Dei?** What is that all about?

Over the coming months, we are inviting all of our congregation to enter into a quest to seek God's vision for our immediate future, through

- Prayer
- Shared practices
- Reaching in
- Reaching out

Where does God want us to be?

Following Christ, who is always just a little bit ahead of us, pulling us into the world to share what we have received. The vision of God is one that means life where we may see nothing useful at all.

**Join us Sunday to learn more!**



**Vision Dei**  
(the vision of God)

Where we see a stump...



**God has a dream!**

**Help NECC pursue God's vision for us:**  
Pray daily for our church and community,  
Listen to others and look for road signs.  
Enjoy worship!

## Do You Follow Our YouTube Channel?

The NECC YouTube channel is growing! Have you checked it out? It's easy to find it.

1. On your web browser, type in [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com).
2. At the top of the YouTube page, type in "North Eaton Christian Church" in the box that says "Search."
3. Click on the NECC picture. Now you are on the NECC YouTube channel home page.
4. Next to the word "Home," click "Videos," which will take you to the page with all the NECC videos you can choose from to watch.
5. If you would like to see only the special music videos, click "Playlists" (located next to "Videos" toward the top of the page) and click "Special Music Compilation."

We update the videos every week. If you have any questions on how to find our awesome YouTube channel, please ask Miki Saito. She would be happy to show you how to access it!