



The Good News

The Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends and Church Family,

This is an exciting time of year. The kids have just started back to school. Nordonia High School just celebrated “your tax dollars at work” last Friday night dedicating the new football stadium. And before too long there should be wonderful sunny and crisp fall days to enjoy. And Sunday, September 12th we’ll kick off Sunday School for all ages. Before too long we hopefully will have a new Music Director, as it seems the Lord is moving us in that direction with more resumes and the best response we’ve had for the position in the last three searches. Keep praying for the Search Committee (John Jackson, Jeff Van Der Meulen, Kathy Moore, Tom Hall, Ellen Miller, and Margaret Stitt) as they have begun interviews.

New beginnings are exciting and they can be a reality check for one and all. As many of you know, not only did we lose our ten-year old Golden Retriever, Henry, in May, but we got a new designer-style mutt in the puppy size two weeks ago. The excitement was quickly tempered as she cried for what seemed to be an hour the first few nights, aka the longest 10-15 minutes of my life. Not to be out done by any of our kids she also cried in the middle of the night and had to be taken out to be relieved, and was up pretty early each morning. Then she went pretty limp the eighth day in her new home demanding a trip to the Vet. She would recover after two shots, three days worth of one medicine, seven days of another, and some custom dog food that she loved. Yes, she has needle sharp teeth and has learned to climb over the “childproof” gate at a mere eight weeks of age!

In John 5 Jesus healed a man who had been crippled for 38 years. He picked up his mat as Jesus instructed him, but the first thing he encountered as a whole man was criticism by the Jews, “It’s the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.”

As this man and we have discovered with Lucy the designer mutt, with every new beginning comes change. These changes are called challenges by most and opportunities by people of faith. We are the last group! These oppor-

tunities stretch us to become deeper in love with the God who created us, and enable us to see His hand at work when we are weak, giving us His strength because He is gracious.

But for new beginnings, we would never be challenged, and our spiritual muscles would never experience God’s love and grace. We would never grow and become more and more like our Lord. We would never lose the bad habits or gain any new skills or begin to see the world through His compassionate eyes. And we, along with the rest of the world, would remain poorer than God has designed us to be.

This fall push yourself to do one new thing here at NPC. Do it with a friend from the congregation, or bring a friend with you who doesn’t have a church home. Jump on board to serve in a new way. Have you ever considered being part of a small group Bible Study? If there isn’t one that fits your schedule, how about recruiting a few friends to start one? Ever been to a church work day, or been on a committee? Don’t be comfortable all the time, you might discover that life passed you by.

Let me end with these words from Colossians 3:15-17. Let them challenge and encourage you to the possibilities in this new beginning.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

In His Grip,

Art Helin

Sunday School Resumes September 12th - 9:00 a.m.

Bring the whole family or come by yourself but plan on getting back “into the word” outside of the worship service. Sunday school gives us a chance to dive deeper into Biblical principles, meet and fellowship with more people and children and look at ways we can serve our community better.

Sue Russo will be coordinating our Children’s Sunday School program. Please be in prayer for her as she takes on this new responsibility.



Please note that the Youth will not be doing their confirmation class during Sunday School

(change from last month’s newsletter). They will have a regular class time with materials that will augment their confirmation class, but not require all the details of the confirmation class. An evening confirmation class is being discussed between leaders (Cassie Jackson and Debbie Brooks) and parents.

More information will follow.

Adults will be deciding their study at their meeting on the 12th. Come that morning with ideas!



Bible Study Opportunities

- “I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you” Psalm 119:11
- “Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.” Acts 20:32
- “Let the word of God dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom...” Colossians 3:16
- “Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season...” 2 Tim 4:2



We are encouraged to be in the Word of God. One of the best ways to do that is through Bible Study. There are many opportunities here at NPC to make that happen. Consider joining a group this month to get started (or renewed) in the Word.

Men:

- Wednesday a.m. (every other week) 6:00 am at Leo’s Restaurant - finishing up a study of Peter and beginning something new in September. Contact Keith Miller for details.
- Saturday a.m. (every other week) 8:00 am at Chick-Fil-A - studying: *Growing Strong in God’s Family*, book 1 of the Colossians 2:7 series. Contact Art Helin for details.

Women:

- Women’s Association, 2nd Monday of month - Studying Proverbs. See related article page 3. Contact Debbie Brooks for details.
- Community Bible Study - moved to Faith Fellowship Church - Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. Studying 1,2 Kings and the minor prophets. Contact Brenda Johnson 330-468-8875 to find out about registration. Begins Sept. 8.

Men and Women:

- There is a Tuesday Evening Bible Study meeting at NPC in hopes of becoming an Evening Community Bible Study Class. Beginning September 14 at 7:00 pm. Come that night to help plan our course for Fall 2010. Invite friends. Potential for school age and teen class to grow from this class. Contact Ellen Miller for details.
- Adult Sunday School meeting Sunday Mornings at 9:00 a.m. Class topic to be determined in early September.

Greetings Northfield Presbyterian Women!

We will begin meeting again September 13, 2010 right here in the living area. The NPC Women's Association meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 10:00 am. We begin our meetings with our Bible Study and then have a brief meeting. Our study this year will be "Proverbs, Learning to Live Wisely".



I know that a lot of you work or are in school, but if you can find the time (Just 2 hours once a month) we would love to have you here!

Each month we will have a new lesson from our Study Guide. We all take turns hosting the study each month and the NPC Women's Association will provide the study guides for each attendee. Don't worry! There is really no prep work for these lessons. Just bring your bible and your desire to learn and enjoy the company of other NPC Ladies.

This group includes all women of all ages -members, non-members and frequent visitors. All are welcome - you are all women of NPC!

These are the chapters from our book

The Choice	Good Words
The Simple	The Sluggard
Avoiding the Fool	Wealth and Poverty
Finding Wisdom	Giving
Bad Words	Planning the Future

I hope to see you all Monday, September 13 at 10:00 am. If you have any questions you can ask most ladies about the group or you can catch Kathy Moore or me on Sundays after church.

Sincerely, Debbie Brooks, Moderator , Kathy Moore, Co-Moderator NPC Women's Association

Pantry Items Needed



The Women's Association will continue to collect food items for the Macedonia Emergency Center. They need dry, boxed nonperishable food items such as:

Spaghetti noodles and all other types of pasta either in a box or bags as well as rice, instant potatoes, cereal, hamburger or tuna helper, crackers jellies and Jams.

There is a container in the narthex where church families can drop off their donations on Sundays or any other day they are in the building. We will continue to collect them as long as they are being donated.

THANK YOU!

Day Care News - Sherry Pomeroy

Summer is drawing to a close and the kids started back to school this week. Our schoolagers put on a very nice carnival (with some help from the staff) on Friday evening. We had games, a bounce house, cotton candy, sno-cones and hot-dogs. We had approximately 70 children plus lots of parents and grandparents. Our younger children promoted to their new classes on Monday and everyone is settling in nicely. We will be having our Fall Fundraiser beginning the middle of September. We will be selling products from Award Fundraising including Main Street Cookies (made in Cuyahoga Falls) and Root Candles (made in Medina) as well as many other Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan made products. We will have brochures available for you later in the month. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Sincerely,
Sherry



Simple Supper and Prayer
September 8, 6:30 pm
at the Helin's
Sign Up in Narthex.

Stewardship Report

We appreciate your continued faithfulness during the summer months.. Please contact a member of the committee if you have any questions. Six month statements are available in the Narthex on Sunday or call the office if you need it mailed to you.

August INCOME: \$ 16,479
EXPENSES: \$ 21,210

Music Director Search

The search has begun for a new director of our music program and choirs. A committee has been established and they have developed a job responsibility list and advertised in several publications and job websites to find a diversity of candidates.



The committee is currently receiving many inquiries and resumé's and will begin interviewing in the days ahead. In the meantime, Debbie Langford and Scott Turner will be filling the sanctuary with music and working with the choir to lead us in praise and worship. They welcome new voices at any time. Choir rehearsals will continue on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. If you have any instrumental talents that you have kept hidden or haven't shared with us, but would like to ... talk to Debbie or Art.

Please keep the committee and the process in prayer as it works to discern the best fit for our music program. You can help spread the word to friends from other churches who may know people looking to start their own music ministry.

September Birthdays

Richard Meyer	1-Sep
Laurel Bowers	3-Sep
Gil Polcen	4-Sep
Tara Russo	8-Sep
Dwayne Smith	9-Sep
Cynthia Kokenos	11-Sep
Jaclyn Russo	11-Sep
Sue Foote	11-Sep
Roger Burt	12-Sep
Trudy Polcen	12-Sep
Debbie Czech	13-Sep
Tyler Fenn	14-Sep
Eugene Hicks	14-Sep
Freida Stelmach	15-Sep
Karen Longo	17-Sep
Barb Harbert	17-Sep
Billie Mordas	19-Sep
Debbie Brooks	20-Sep
Debbie Satola	22-Sep
Dave Rutledge	25-Sep
Stephanie Schmid	28-Sep
Rosemary Flanagan	29-Sep
Richard Griffith, Jr.	30-Sep
Paul Schmid	30-Sep



Fall Roundup!

It's that time again...

Making Apple Butter and Cider! Sept. 24,25

Loraine Ellet's

1415 Middleton Rd., Hudson



You can help & have fun with the process in many ways:

Friday, Sept. 24: Prepare Apples (peel, cut, cook)
Come any time.

Saturday, Sept. 25: Stir and can them.

Beginning 6 am thru the day.

Fun activities in between for the whole family.
Lots of good food, including Sat. a.m. breakfast.

Bring your own jars & a dish to share!
Sign up in the Narthex.

A Little Humor: Children in Church

Ms. Terri asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle's picture, which showed four people on an airplane, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent. "The Flight to Egypt," was his reply. Pointing at each figure, Ms. Terri said, "That must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. But who's the fourth person?" "Oh, that's Pontius - the pilot!"

The Sunday School Teacher asks, "Now, Johnny, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?" "No sir," little Johnny replies, I don't have to. My mom is a good cook."



A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago." "Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?" "Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

A 6-year-old was overheard reciting the Lord's Prayer at a church service, "And forgive us our trash passes, as we forgive those who passed trash against us."



NPC Golf Outing

Saturday

September 11, 2010



Astorhurst Golf Club, Walton Hills

The day will include 18 holes of golf in a fun scramble format; hot dog and drink at the turn and dinner. Foursomes will be a mix of experienced and “less” experienced golfers. Others may join for just the dinner and *tall tales* after the golfing.

Registration forms can be found on the website or in the Narthex. Turn yours (with your money) in by September 5th. Start Time will be announced soon—probably around 10 a.m.

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