

The Northwest Disciple

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SERVICE

Sunday, January 15, 2012

Please join us in a service to remember the work and ministry of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the **Dublin Community Church** at 3:00pm.

The Rev. LaTonya Bynum, Associate Regional Pastor of the Christian Church in Ohio (*Disciples of Christ*) will be preaching.

The service of remembrance is sponsored by both the Disciple of Christ and United Church of Christ. Please plan on celebrating the life and ministry of Dr. King with your colleagues and friends across central Ohio.



DON'T FORGET...

YOUTH CHOIR RETREAT AT CAMP CHRISTIAN

JANUARY 14-15, 2012

Meet at the church at 8:30am on Saturday morning. We will return to church at 2:30pm on Sunday.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The morning Adult Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 11th at 10:00am in room 17.

The topic will be the Book of Revelation.

The Evening Bible Study at the Wheelers' home will resume during Lent.

REPORT ON THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

HELD DECEMBER 5, 2011

To begin our time of worshipful work, Sam Moore, Moderator of the Elders, led us in a time of worship and communion. Gene Frye, Board President, called the meeting to order. The Northwest Christian Church Foundation, Connie Loynachan, chairperson, reported on the Foundations activities for 2011. Roger Long and Warren Fife were elected to serve as Foundation Trustees through 2014, replacing Fred Stephens and Gene Frye.

Carla Nuenke, Moderator of Stewardship and Finance, presented the Church Ministry Budget for 2012. It passed unanimously after a question and answer period.

Two motions were also passed unanimously following a question and answer period:

1. The Board recommends that the congregation extend the term of office for all retiring 2011 Board Members by eight months to end August 31, 2012. (This anticipates moving the nomination of officers to coincide with a new program year of September through August.)
2. The Board recommends that the congregation adopt the new Provisional Constitution.

The meeting closed with the singing of a hymn and a prayer by Linda Johnson, Board President-elect. A period of "radical hospitality" was held in the Narthex following the meeting.

PARKING LOT Perhaps you have noticed our beautifully repaved west parking lot. The total cost of the project was \$38,000. We received two very generous gifts totaling \$34,000. If you would desire to help us complete paying for this project, a gift of any size would be appreciated. Gifts may be mailed to the church or dropped in the offering plate marked "parking lot." We are grateful for the extravagant generosity of God's people to allow us to maintain our beautiful church property!



From your ministers



These two Northwest angels are only two of MANY who shared of their musical talents and gifts in our Christmas program on December 11 entitled "Angels We Have Heard on High".

With nearly 100 participants who are active in our music ministry

here, we express our appreciation to each in the Kids of the Kingdom choir, youth choir, Chalice Ringers, Chalice singers, Chancel Choir and special soloists. Sharing the gift of God's love through music is a unique, heart-filling and time committed ministry on the part of each of these persons, and we as a church family want to say **THANK YOU!**



At the close of the program Al paused to recognize everyone other than himself. Without Al's expert leadership and coordination, this program would have not been the excellent offering it was to the glory of God. To Al Adcock, our Minister of Music, we say a heartfelt thank you! We praise God for your constant dedication to providing ways for all to offer their own gifts as we celebrate the love of God together.

We are very grateful to the Abigail, Ruth, and Esther Circles of our Christian Women's Fellowship for the wonderful reception that followed the program. The delicious treats and festive decorations were the backdrop for a delightful time of visiting and fellowship! Thank you to each who shared of your culinary gifts as well!

As we begin this New Year of 2012, we invite any person who wishes to offer your individual talent to God through music to join us. Rehearsal times for each age group are listed in the bulletin and we welcome your participation!

Rev. Cindy

Al Adcock

January 2012... a new year... a new church constitution... a new administrative approach... a new outlook for a mature congregation. The first few things I mentioned are all statements of fact. The congregation voted to accept the new provisional constitution at our annual meeting on December 5th. The Constitutional Review



Committee is now preparing the by-laws to complement this constitution (subject to congregational approval, of course.) These are exciting developments for a congregation as old as ours, however, the last thing mentioned, a new outlook for a mature congregation, remains a hope- a goal- not a realized fact.

It is often said that you are only as old as you feel. The same can be said of churches. This year we will be 55 years old. I believe that we are now the next oldest Disciple church in Columbus. Does that make us old? Or are we merely "coming of age." It all depends upon our outlook!

We talk a lot about the past around the church, and that can be good. Our interpretation of the past can provide deep roots for our present situation- an awareness of who we are, a humility grounded in the One to whom we belong, and appreciation for the sacrifices of many who have helped to carry us to this point of life. I am glad to be a part of that history now. This congregation has played an important role in my life and the life of my family, as it has in your family.

But more importantly, our shared future is here! If we have hopes and dreams for our church, then we can have a new outlook. Jesus taught, "All things can be done for the one who believes." Later in Mark he says, "With mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." A deep and abiding trust in God... our key to a new and hopeful outlook!

I keep at my desk a reminder entitled "Axioms for Re-Kindling Vision in Our Church." It says...

1. Support people, not programs.
2. For effective change, prioritize carefully.
3. Everyone needs to be needed.
4. Battling for change is less productive than letting the need become obvious.

Rekindling vision in an established church is not a matter of following a recipe. It is developing relationships- between the people and God, between pastors and people, between one Christian and another, and between the Church and the waiting world- to be the force God envisions to do God's work. How "old" do we feel?

Hopes and Dreams in 2012!

Pastor JFF

Christian Education

FLIPPING FOR PANCAKES

Our "Welcome to 2012" Pancake Breakfast will be held on January 8th at 9:45 AM. We need help in several ways to make this a success:

- Pancake "chefs" to cook and serve the pancakes
- Griddles to borrow for the breakfast
- Donations of pancake mix, syrup, fruit, and juice



If you are able to help or donate, please contact Debbie Stephan.

JOURNEY TO THE CONGO

Starting January 22nd, we will be holding "Congo Camp" during our Sunday school hour for children 5th grade and younger. Meet in the Chapel at 9:45 AM to experience Congo music, art, stories and more!

Did you know that the Democratic Republic of the Congo has the second largest population of Disciples next to the United States? Hmm... I wonder how all those Disciple congregations started? I wonder how the people in the Congo worship today?



Come to Sunday school and find out all about our brothers and sisters in the Congo!

PASTA ANGELS

This past Holiday season, NWCC participated in Boulevard Presbyterian Church's Deacon Basket program. Thanks to all who donated to the project, NWCC surpassed its requested goal by collecting 579 boxes of pasta. Thanks also to our many members who graciously facilitated the packing and delivering of the food baskets to families all over Franklin County.

Your contributions and efforts most certainly made the holidays a little brighter for those who would have been without during this season were it not for your support.

Any extra food that was collected was donated to NNEMAP.



*Please join us at 9:45am for
Sunday School!*

RADICAL HOSPITALITY?

Hey, here is the 2012 January message to all you members of the Church Growth Commission from your moderator (and remember – that is all of us)

*In 2011, as part of our effort toward being a congregation demonstrating **radical hospitality**, you read in your copy of the newsletter:*

January: Congratulations, **you** are on the Church Growth Commission.

February: You were invited to our “**COME AND SEE**” hospitality training session.

March: Invite and welcome **NEW** people to **enjoy** what we enjoy.

April: NWCC pews will be filled **IF** we each invite others help fill them.

May: Radical hospitality can be welcoming visitors to sit in an open seat on an aisle.

June: Invite visitors to lunch, individually, or with a group, to a local restaurant, or even into your home.

July: When you get the chance, anywhere, to bring up the subject of NWCC, say a good word or two.

August: Invite those newly arriving neighbors, or work associates, looking for their new church home to NWCC.

September: Invite our new members and visitors to join and enjoy with us our new Christian Education classes.

October: Show interest and concern for all those seated in your “area” – that space around your (normal) seat each Sunday in the sanctuary.

November: Demonstrate spontaneous hospitality by responding helpfully to an unexpected need of a visitor or a member.

December: December’s “**tip**” was really a “**pat**” on-the-back for a **JOB WELL DONE** to all those who served as Intentional Welcomers in 2011.

Now, lookout 2012 – here we come with a bigger, better, and even more hospitable year!

~Bob Nichols, Church Growth Commission Moderator

SIMPLE WAYS TO BENEFIT NWCC WITH EVERYDAY PURCHASES

The proceeds for shopping to benefit NWCC are good for anytime of the year. This can be done in three specific areas: Kroger, Giant Eagle and Amazon.



KROGER: If you have plans to shop at almost any major department store try this procedure: 1) Decide where you are going to shop, 2) Go to Kroger and pick out gift cards for decided upon department stores, 3) Scan your Kroger Plus card when paying for these cards and NWCC benefits monetarily from your purchase, 4) Pay for your gifts with these cards and that’s it!!! It’s that simple. You can follow the same procedures for movies, restaurants or just giving the gift cards as presents.

**** Remember—Kroger cards need to be re-registered at the store or online ****



GIANT EAGLE: Steps 1,2,3 and 4 are exactly the same, just insert Giant Eagle for Kroger. Now comes the hard part (*just kidding!!*) **For NWCC to earn 5% on purchases at Giant Eagle, you must first purchase Giant Eagle gift cards from Keith Rose or stop by the office when Tracy is there during the week.** These cards then act as legal tender when checking out. We all know that having to buy the Giant Eagle gift cards at church is one extra step when shopping, but the benefits to NWCC can really add up. Also, the gift cards purchased at Church can be used to pay for your discounted fuel. Of course your discount will be greater after following the above procedures!



AMAZON: By going to the church website and clicking on Amazon at the bottom right-side of the page, any purchases you make while on this site will benefit NWCC in the amount of 5%.

There you have it. Three very, very easy ways to contribute to the benefit of NWCC—**all year long, not just during the holidays.** Please contact **Keith Rose** if you have any questions.



Stewardship Spotlight

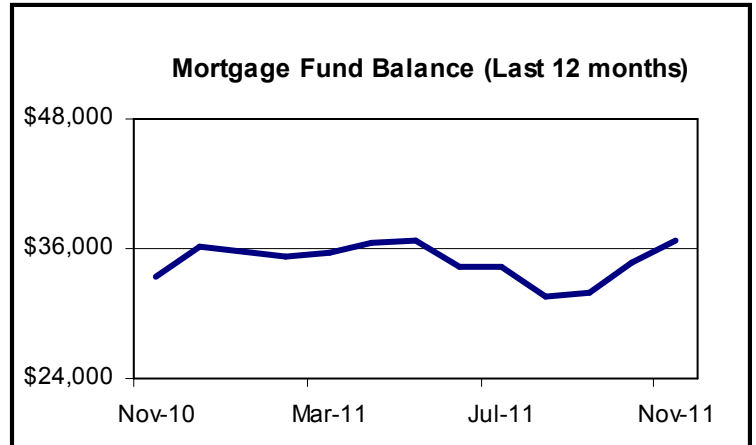
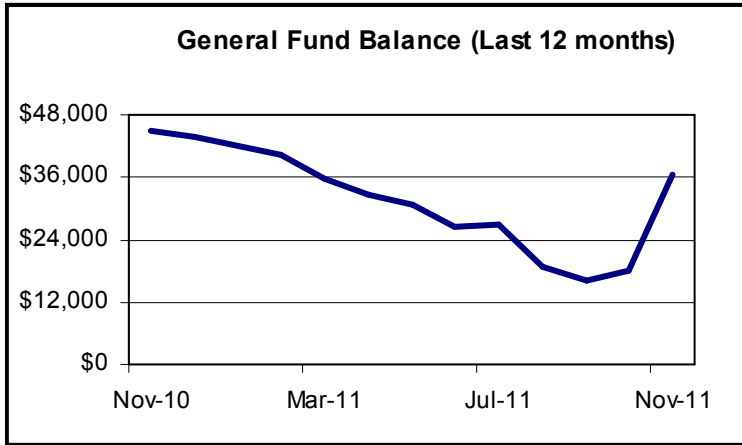


It's the time when we get the urge to make New Year's resolutions, which are notorious for being short lived. Have you made any? Are they still in force? We tend to get enthused by the concept of a new beginning and promise ourselves to get in shape, get organized or some other thing that we want to improve. Why are we so lousy at keeping such resolutions?

I think it's because New Year's resolutions are from us, not God. Genuine change comes when we are in sync with God's will and commit ourselves to Him. Resolutions come from our own ideas, and we try to implement them on our own. So we have only our own will to rely on. Then distractions, fatigue, and everything else creep in and scuttle our good plans.

If our desire for improvement comes from God, and we make it a matter of prayer and devotion, we can't help but succeed. We have more than our own efforts to rely on, and that makes a big difference. It's how we can grow as Christians. Prayerful Stewardship is a great way to start the New Year – with God.

~With blessings,
Carla Nuenke, Stewardship Moderator



Notes of Thanks...

Dear Friends at NWCC,

I would like to thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy at the death of mother Gladys Loynachan. We are very appreciative of friends at Northwest.

Dave Loynachan

Dear NWCC,

Your gift of \$500 toward the Partnership Challenge of the Cleveland Christian Home moves us one step closer to being debt free.

David J. Lundeen, CEO Cleveland Christian Home

Dear NWCC,

Thank you, thank you, thank you! I want you to know that your recent gift of school supplies is much appreciated. Thank you for helping us transform the lives of the 1200 children, youth and families we serve each year.

David J. Lundeen, CEO Cleveland Christian Home



CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Thank you to all who responded with your generous gifts toward the Christmas Offering. We have collected over **\$1800.00** to benefit the ministry of the Christian Church in Ohio.

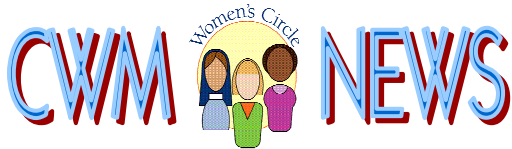
ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

If you graduated from high school within the last couple of years and would love to spend your summer at Camp Christian serving as a Ministry Associate, please visit the following website for more information. Application and Reference forms can be found <https://www.ccinoh.org/camp/applications.aspx>. Application deadline is **January 23rd!**

Wedding Anniversaries



1/16 Terry and Angela Roe
1/17 Clint and Amy Taylor
1/31 Lanny and Bev Rhodes



Ruth Circle

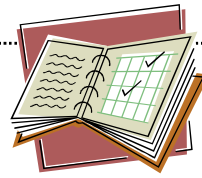
Ruth Circle will continue the study of India. We will meet **Wednesday, January 11, 6:30pm** for dinner at Aab India restaurant at 1470 Grandview Ave (across from Giant Eagle) 614-486-2800. *Directions available at aabindiarestaurant.com*

Esther Circle

No circle meeting this month

Abigail Circle

**January 23rd at 7:30pm
in the Chapel**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS...!

All Commission Meetings
on Monday,
February 6th from 7:00-8:00pm.

Child care is provided.

Happy Birthday!



1/1 Betty Hill	1/13 Jim Brown
1/1 Frank McCaw	1/19 Lisa Beaverson
1/2 Doug Harden	1/23 Rob Steffy
1/2 Jacob Badgeley	1/23 Jonathan Wheeler
1/3 Bobbi Richards	1/23 Cindy Jackson
1/5 Debbie Stephan	1/24 Laura Thornton
1/6 Chuck Gillespie	1/27 Jerry Bickhart
1/7 Cinda Rasor	1/27 Becky Brown
1/10 Ross Headley	1/28 PJ Roe
1/12 Michel Brongers	

We apologize if we've missed your birthday or anniversary. Please contact the office so we can update our church records. *Thank you!*

Northwest Christian Church—1340 Fishinger Road, Columbus, OH 43221

Worship Hours: 8:30am and 11:00am / Summer Worship Hours (June-Aug) 10:00am

Sunday School—Adult and Youth 9:45am / Children's Bible Zone (during Worship)




Office Hours: 9:00am-2:30pm Monday-Friday / **Phone:** 614-457-6290 / **Website:** www.northwestchristian.org



JANUARY



Northwest Christian Church Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>New Years Day One-Service</p> <p><u>11:00am</u> Worship No Youth Group</p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p><u>8:30am</u> Riverside Sewing Circle</p> <p><u>11:00am</u> Staff Mtg.</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p><u>5:30pm</u> Constitution Review Comm</p> <p><u>6:00pm</u> Property Stwd.</p>	<p>6</p> <p><u>7:30pm</u> Highpoint Bible Study</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p><u>8:30am</u> Worship <u>9:00am</u> Youth Choir <u>11:00am</u> Worship <u>3:30pm</u> Bells/T.Chimes <u>4:00pm</u> Youth Groups</p>	<p>9</p> <p><u>10:00am</u> Pastors' Prayer</p> 	<p>10</p> <p><u>9:30am</u> English Class <u>11:00am</u> Staff Mtg. <u>7-8:30pm</u> Miss Persia Auditions</p>	<p>11</p> <p><u>10:00am</u> BibleStudy in Room 17</p>	<p>12</p> <p><u>5:30pm</u> Constitution Review Comm <u>6:45pm</u> Chalice Ringers <u>7:30pm</u> Chancel Choir</p>	<p>13</p> <p><u>7:30pm</u> Highpoint Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p> <p><u>8:00am</u> Men's Breakfast </p> <p><u>8:30am</u> Youth Retreat at Camp Christian</p>
<p>15</p> <p><u>8:30am</u> Worship <u>9:00am</u> Youth Choir <u>11:00am</u> Worship <u>3:00pm</u> MLK Jr. Srvc at Dublin Comm. Ch. <u>3:30pm</u> Bells/T.Chimes <u>4:00pm</u> KOK</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Martin Luther King Jr. Day <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>17</p> <p><u>9:30am</u> English Class <u>11:00am</u> Staff Mtg.</p>	<p>18</p> <p><u>10:00am</u> BibleStudy in Room 17</p> 	<p>19</p> <p><u>5:30pm</u> Constitution Review Comm <u>6:45pm</u> Chalice Ringers <u>7:30pm</u> Chancel Choir</p>	<p>20</p> <p><u>7:30pm</u> Highpoint Bible Study</p>	<p>21</p> <p><u>4:30pm</u> Non-Member Wedding</p>
<p>22</p> <p><u>8:30am</u> Worship <u>8:30am</u> Youth Bells <u>9:00am</u> Youth Choir <u>11:00am</u> Worship <u>3:30pm</u> Bells/T.Chimes <u>4:00pm</u> Youth Groups</p>	<p>23</p> <p><u>10:00am</u> Pastors' Prayer <u>7:30pm</u> Abigail Circle</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Newsletter Submission Deadline <u>9:30am</u> English Class <u>11:00am</u> Staff Mtg. <u>7-8:30pm</u> Youth Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>25</p> <p><u>10:00am</u> BibleStudy in Room 17</p>	<p>26</p> <p><u>5:30pm</u> Constitution Review Comm <u>6:45pm</u> Chalice Ringers <u>7:30pm</u> Chancel Choir</p>	<p>27</p> <p><u>7:30pm</u> Highpoint Bible Study</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Boy Scout First-Aid Training (Fellowship Hall)</p>
<p>29</p> <p><u>8:30am</u> Worship <u>8:30am</u> Youth Bells <u>9:00am</u> Youth Choir <u>11:00am</u> Worship <u>3:30pm</u> Bells/T.Chimes <u>4:00pm</u> Youth Groups</p>	<p>30</p> <p><u>10:00am</u> Pastors' Prayer <u>7:30pm</u> Elders Meeting</p>	<p>31</p> <p><u>9:30am</u> English Class <u>11:00am</u> Staff Mtg. <u>7-8:30pm</u> Youth Choir Rehearsal</p>				