Thanks to all who walked in the Upper Arlington Fourth of July Parade!

Thanks to George Kirsch for the use of his 1973 Chevrolet Caprice Classic!
Barbara and I recently returned from Paris following the birth of our third grandchild, Benjamin Wheeler. It was a memorable time to be with our family and experience their life in France “up-close and personal.” On the day that Jonathan and Allison took Benjamin to the US Embassy to apply for his passport at the age of 5 days, we met them afterwards at the Tuileries near the embassy for lunch in the garden café. It was a rare, beautiful day, and Jonathan suggested that we go to the Musee de l’Orangerie just around the corner to view the Water Lilies collection donated by Claude Monet to the French nation following the Armistice of WWI.

Although I have always appreciated French Impressionism and, in particular, the work of Monet for its aesthetic appeal, I discovered a deeper meaning to the experience in the darkness of the subsequent violence on Bastille Day in Nice, France.

When Claude Monet was a very old man, winding down his career as World War I proceeded, he decided to stay at his canvas in Giverney as his response to the horrors of the war. He could hear the guns thundering in the distance. Other residents had fled the town, but Monet stayed at his canvas, working on his Water Lilies composition. We may ask ourselves, “What good did that do? How was that a fitting response to such a horrible thing as that war?”

“Let the barbarians come and get me,” said Monet, “I will paint.”

This week brought more heart-breaking news of terror from France as an 85 year old priest, the Rev. Jacques Hamel, was murdered while leading in the celebration of Mass for his congregation. How should we respond as Christians whose sacred sanctuary has been violated in such a horrific way? Allow me to say, along with the spirit of Father Hamel and Claude Monet, “I will pray.” It is what Christ calls us to do. It is just what we Christians do.

In June, Father Hamel wrote in the online parish newsletter about looking forward to the summer after a chilly spring in the region. “At these times we should dig deep inside ourselves to hear God’s invitation to take care of this world, to make it, where we live in it, a warmer, more human, more fraternal world.” We are Christians; it is what we do. Amen.

We welcome Allison Wheeler, a member of our church and student at Phillips Seminary, to our pulpit on Sunday, August 7. Pastor Jeff and Barbara’s newest grandson, Benjamin Allen Wheeler, will be dedicated that morning.
Luke 5:15,16  But the news about Jesus spread even more. So crowds of people came to hear him. They also came to be healed of their sicknesses. But Jesus often went away to be by himself and pray.

We all need quiet time for physical and mental rest. Jesus had become quite famous, and was frequently mobbed by crowds seeking instruction and healing. Even for an extrovert, there are times when one needs to get away from people and regroup.

But it is important to notice that Jesus did more than be by Himself. He took time to be with His Father and pray. In this busy world, our time is spoken for all day and all evening. We must be diligent in our stewardship of our relationship with God to carve out time to be with Him. Prayer, devotions, meditation, and worship are important activities for us to be able to keep our proper perspective. And one cannot hurry such things. They take time.

Having time for God does not come naturally in the schedules of many of us. We have to make the time, or it won’t happen. If Jesus needed it, how much more do we?

Blessings,
Carla Nuenke,
Stewardship Moderator

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We rejoice with Pastor Jeff & Barbara on the birth of their grandson, Benjamin Allen Wheeler on June 30, 2016.

Jonathan, Allison and Josie welcome this new little one in Antony, France.
2016 CROP Walk  
Sunday, October 9

Seeking CROP walk coordinators to bring us together this year. There are two Team Leader Rallies scheduled: Thursday, August 25, 7pm, at Otterbein University Chapel, or Saturday, August 27, 10am, at Trinity Lutheran Church, downtown. You will find out everything you need to know to have a successful CROP walk! Last year the Columbus CROP Walk raised $48,776.24 for global and local hunger and poverty fighting initiatives. Northwest Christian Church brings one of the biggest groups to the Columbus CROP Walk every year, and you will find our group shot on the Columbus CROP Hunger Facebook page, and website, http://www.crophungerwalk.org/columbusoh.

CWS does much good work with CROP Walk funds, such as a project that built 7 hand-pump wells that are now connecting more than 400 people in Cambodia to clean water for drinking and gardening. In 2015, CROP Walk funds supported 2,400 food banks, homeless shelters, soup pantries and more to fight hunger in the U.S.

Please talk to Pastor Jeff, Pastor Cindy, or Lori Beals to be a CROP Walk coordinator. Our walkers are well-experienced and eager to return. Duties involve publicizing, distributing and collecting pledge forms and making deposits. THANK YOU FOR HELPING, WALKING & DONATING to fight hunger.

We are helping with the Y-family center meal at 900 Harvey Court, 43219, on August 6. We are asked to contribute:

- 5 large bags of chips
- 2 bags of grapes
- 2 cantaloupes
- 1 watermelon
- 3 packages of 24 individually wrapped cheese slices.

Hopefully, all items have been spoken for when you receive this newsletter. I also need somebody to deliver and could use a couple of people to help prepare the meal at the center. If you would like to help, please contact me at lnbeals@yahoo.com. Thanks, Lori Beals.

Sunday, August 28th  
10:00am Worship Service  
“Sing Out the Summer”  
We will share in singing many favorite hymns and choruses.

THANK YOU To Clint Taylor for his many years of service as our Property Steward Chair.

We appreciate his dedication to the care of our facility.

Thanks Clint!

Ruth Circle— will work at the Habitat for Humanity women’s work day on Saturday, August 27 at 8:30am.

Esther Circle
Tuesday, August 16, at 12:30pm at MCL.

Abigail Circle  
No Meeting in August

All women are invited to attend!

Disciple  
Women’s Ministry

Ruth Circle— will work at the Habitat for Humanity women’s work day on Saturday, August 27 at 8:30am.

Disciple  
MEN’S BREAKFAST

No Meeting in August!

Men’s Breakfast will resume on Saturday, September 10, at 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

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8/4 Steve and Rose Hallarn
8/5 Hal and Jan Thorley
8/9 Ken and Margi Evans
8/12 Fred and Marie Stephens
8/20 Jeff and Barbara Wheeler
8/20 Don and Vera Alexander
8/24 Ted and Barbara Thomas
8/25 Charlie and Diana Schmidt
8/29 John and Lori Beals

8/1 Corwin Kuhn
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8/20 Eleanor Myers
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8/23 Alexis Garvey
8/26 Stephanie Humphrey
8/26 Paul King
8/28 John Beals
8/30 Danielle Mason
8/31 Becca Long

Congratulations to:
Ashley Neher & Adam Stutzman
who were married on
Friday, July 22, 2016.

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

Current Needs: baby food & formula, toilet paper, peanut butter, sugar, flour, detergent, cat/dog food

Homeless Needs: pop-top cans of meat, chili, fruit

Hygiene Needs: dental items, razors, shampoo

Please leave donations in the shopping cart in the narthex. Visit the website for additional pantry needs: www.nnemappantry.org

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

Worship Hours: 8:30am and 11:00am / Summer Worship Hours (Memorial Weekend-September) 10:00am
Sunday School—Adult and Youth 9:45am (9:00am Summer) / Children’s Bible Zone (during Worship)
Office Hours: 9:00am-2:30pm Monday-Friday / Phone: 614-457-6290 / Website: www.northwestchristian.org
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