

The Northwest Disciple

News from Northwest Christian Church (*Disciples of Christ*)
January 2020

Congregational Meeting on January 19th, to approve 2020 budget.



Join us for a Welcome to 2020

Pancake Breakfast on January 5th at 9:15 am in Fellowship Hall.



Two worship services resume on Sunday, **January 12th** 8:00 am in the Chapel 10:30 am in the Sanctuary.



Youth Talent Auction

January 26 in Fellowship Hall

following the 10:30 am Worship Service.

Help us in raising funds to send our youth to work with their Ministries in Bethany Beach, Delaware, June 6-13.

Your donated goods or services to our Talent Auction are greatly appreciated.

We Need Your Help!



Timeshares
Restaurant Certificates
Spa Services
Carpet Cleaning
Game Baskets
Baby Baskets
Airfare
Vacation Packages
Sports/Outdoor Items
Lawn and Patio Items
Celebrity Memorabilia

Movie Tickets
Sporting Events Tickets
Bottles of Wine
Fishing Gear
Home Entertainment Items
Car Detailing
Home Decor
Kitchen Gear
Retail Gift Certificates
Electronics
Pet Supplies
Jewelry

From your Ministers...



With 2020 vision we look forward to a New Year filled with the blessings of this prayer of Steven Charleston, bishop in the Episcopal church and member of the Choctaw nation.

All marks of time are an illusion, but even illusions have their place, so I step over this threshold, with a reminder of God's timeless grace. May the days ahead bring you the challenge to be called to be. May they offer you a warm hand of healing when you hurt, strength in every struggle, the sheer joy of new discovery. May you know the peace that passes understanding, the hope that lifts your spirit to new horizons. May you know love. May your talent be tested. And may the paths you follow, the causes you embrace, the truths you tell, bring you closer to the meaning of your tomorrow.

Grateful to be in ministry together.



Pastor Jeff



Pastor Cindy

Winter Retreat
January 3rd - 5th:
Sustaining a Sense
of Self and
Spirituality



Keynote: Mary Jo Bray
Bible Study: Seth Stout

Disciple
MEN'S BREAKFAST



January 11, 2020

8:00 am in Fellowship Hall

All are invited to attend!

Ways To Give

At NWCC

Check or cash offering envelopes are available in the pews. You can place your gift in the offering plate as it is passed during worship.



Mail

Checks can be mailed directly to the church at:
1340 Fishinger Rd.
Columbus, OH 43221



Mobile App

Donate directly through "GivePlus App" available through the App Store and Google Play.

1. Download "Give + app"
2. Allow access to your location
3. Select Northwest Christian Church

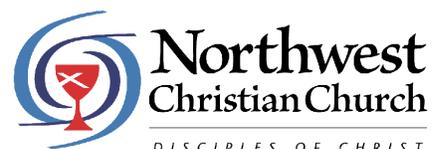


Online

You can give by visiting www.northwestchristian.org And clicking the "Donate" button in the upper right hand corner. You can also utilize the online banking function through your personal bank.



Questions: (614) 457-6290



CATCH Court Presentation Soup, Salad, and Dessert Potluck

Join us for our next Disciple Women's gathering to be held on Monday, January 27th. We will begin the evening with a soup, salad, and dessert potluck at 6:15pm. The meal will be followed by a special presentation by Dianne Williams from CATCH Court at 7:00pm. CATCH Court (Changing Actions To Change Habits), was started by Judge Paul Herbert and is a specialty docket for women in the system who are victims of human trafficking. Unfortunately, human trafficking is a serious issue in the Columbus community. We hope that everyone attends to learn more about this important and relevant issue



Christian Education



Happy Birthday, Jesus!

The children had a fun time at the “Happy Birthday, Jesus” party on December 22nd. Crafts were made, games were played, confetti was thrown, bubble wrap was stomped on, and cupcakes were decorated! Most importantly, we shared the story of the birth of Jesus around our Christmas tree and celebrated the real meaning of Christmas together



Check out our nursery updates!



The updates to our nursery continue with a new table, bookshelves, changing table, and baby play mat. Thanks to all who have contributed to this important project. More updates are in the works, so stay tuned for more information! If you are interested in contributing or helping in the nursery in any way, please contact a staff member and we will plug you in!



CYF shopping for Christmas presents for the Cleveland Christian Home.



CYF annual Christmas Party 2019!



Christian Education

Check out our Adult Education Classes!

Why not make a New Year's resolution to participate in our adult education classes offered every Sunday? These classes not only enrich us spiritually, but also give a chance to connect at a deeper level with other people in our congregation.



Present Word Class

Room 12 at 9:15am

**(currently led by Carolyn Abels
and Gladys Davis)**

Through the exploration of biblical text, we are invited into a deepened relationship with God. *The Present Word* engages participants in an experiential style of learning—connecting faith and life. *The Present Word* nurtures our individual growth as children of God rooted in the Christian community, life in the Spirit and Christian hope. Discussion and activities encourage participants to live out their faith in their individual and congregational activities.

True Inclusivity

Gathering Room at 9:15am

**(led by Rev. Connie Long;
beginning January 19th)**

Following the lead of the church elders, you are encouraged to join us on our journey toward becoming an Open and Affirming church. Come and explore God's inclusive love and grace in an 8 week book study centering around the book, *True Inclusion: Creating Communities of Radical Embrace* by Brandan Robertson. Each week will explore a new chapter from the book. If reading one chapter a week is too much homework, don't worry, you are still welcome to attend and participate in the discussion!

Dear Friends,



Thank you for your cards and letters to our mother, Claire. It is a good life that has so many good friends.

To give you an update, just over a year ago she had a major medical event, was hospitalized for 10 days, and then moved to a 24-hour nursing unit here in Laclade Groves, the same facility where she had been living in an assisted living unit. She is a hospice patient now and has declined considerably. She has lost her ability to verbalize or make much movement, but she still recognizes us, she smiles for all her caregivers, and seems content and without pain.

You can reach us at:

Eric Rothenbuhler & Jane Martin
1615 Carroll Street, Saint Louis, MO 63104



Inviting, Welcoming, Embracing the Family of God

In light of our commitment to radical hospitality, two years ago the Elders of NWCC tasked themselves with writing an inclusivity statement for our church website. We specifically wanted to indicate that NWCC was a congregation where those of different gender and sexual orientation would be comfortable and fully welcome here both as visitors and church members. We quickly realized that being inclusive, open and affirming of the LGBTQ+ community involves so much more than drafting a statement for the church website. During this process it was brought to our attention that our own denomination's *Disciples LGBTQ+ Alliance* would be hosting a workshop in Northeastern Ohio on **Building an Inclusive Church**. This program is designed to guide congregations as they make a commitment to be open and affirming to all people. Six church members eagerly attended the outstanding program. They learned that becoming an *Open and Affirming* congregation is a journey that a congregation must embark on together. All of us left the workshop enthusiastic and ready to begin our work. Our first order of business was a summer bible study for the elders to learn what the Bible had to say about inclusion and welcome. This study inspired us to invite church members to journey with us along the open and affirming process. This is a time of prayer, bible study, sharing, community building, and reflection. The next several months will be a busy time in the life of our church as we undertake both a capital campaign and reflect and embrace what it means to be open, welcoming and affirming. Each of these tasks will chart the future of NWCC. We look forward to opening ourselves to opportunities to learn and reflect on what it means to be radically hospitable to all God's children.

Peace,
Mary Moore
on behalf of the Open and Affirming Core Team

Northwest Christian Church

The Chalice Arts Series

Please come and enjoy these programs with us

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February 16, 2020 Stage and Screen 3:00 p.m.

Internationally acclaimed theatre organist, Justin Stahl, will be joined by friends in presenting a variety of popular favorites. From studio, to stage, to screen, there is bound to be something for everyone to enjoy. A special silent film presentation will be featured.

March 6 & 7, 2020 Friends Forever 7:30 p.m.

Northwest's talented youth choir will present this fully staged and choreographed musical about Jesus' example of true friendship. Set in a 1980's classroom, timeless teenage characters attempt to define what a friend is to be. Written by Nan Gurley, Jim Weber and Billy Sprague it includes musical genres from ballad to rap.

May 3, 2020 Moses and the Freedom Fanatics 10:30a.m.

Our elementary age Kids of the Kingdom will lead us in worship and present the Biblical story of Moses in word and song. Learn of the Exodus of the Israelite people as they are freed from King Pharaoh and slavery in Egypt. Hal Hopson is the composer.





Thank you to the Jennings family for their diligent work on this year's excellent Christmas dinner! The meal was catered by Cheryl Jennings' brother, Jeff, and it was delicious! Should you ever need a wonderful caterer for an event here is his information.

Mylittlekitchencbus.com * facebook.com/mlkitchencbus



Thanks too for our wonderful Santa and Mrs. Claus,



Upcoming EVENTS

January

- 1/1 - Office Closed for New Years Day
- 1/3 - 1/5 - Advance Winter Retreat
- 1/5 - New Year Pancake Breakfast
- 1/11-12 - Youth Winter Retreat at Camp Christian
- 1/11 - Men's Breakfast
- 1/20 - Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 1/25 - Youth Lock-in
- 1/26 - Youth Talent Auction
- 1/27 - Women's Ministries

February

- 2/8 - Men's Breakfast
- 2/16 - Chalice Arts - Justin Stahl *Stage and Screen*
- 2/17 - Elder's Meeting
- 2/24 - Women's Ministries
- 2/26 - Ash Wednesday

March

- 3/13 - 3/14 - *Friends Forever* Youth Musical
- 3/14 - Men's Breakfast
- 3/16 - Elder's Meeting
- 3/23 - Women's Ministries

April

- 4/5 - Palm Sunday
- 4/5 - Chalice Arts Concert
- 4/6 - Elder's Maundy Thursday Practice
- 4/9 - Maundy Thursday
- 4/10 - Good Friday Prayer Vigil
- 4/11 - Men's Breakfast
- 4/12 - Easter
- 4/19 - *Capriccio Youth Choir* Chalice Arts Concert
- 4/27 - Women's Ministries

May

- 5/3 - *Moses and the Freedom Fanatics* Kids of the Kingdom Musical
- 5/9 - Men's Breakfast
- 5/18 - Elder's Meeting
- 5/18 - Women's Ministries
- 5/25 - Office Closed for Memorial Day
- 5/31 - Graduation / Youth Sunday

June

- 6/6 - 6/13 - Youth Mission Trip
- 6/15 - 6/19 - Adult Conference



stewardship



I Thessalonians 5:16-24 *Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil. May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.*

There is a problem with New Year's resolutions. Whether you want to go on a diet, get organized, finish off a project that's been languishing, or work out we all know that the likelihood of making a permanent change by way of a promise to yourself is very unlikely. These sorts of resolutions are notorious for being abandoned before Valentine's Day.

That's because these things are accomplished by only our own efforts. We don't need resolutions, we need transformation through the Holy Spirit. When God makes changes, they stick. Our part is to be open to God; God's part is to sanctify and transform us.

This is how we become good stewards - fostering our relationship with God so that we become who God wants us to be.

Carla Nuenke, Stewardship Moderator

Giant Eagle - In addition to groceries, you can also purchase department store, movie theatre or restaurant gift cards. Pick out your gift cards, scan your card when paying and NWCC will benefit from your purchase.

For NWCC to earn 5% on purchases you must first purchase Giant Eagle gift cards from Keith Rose or stop by the church office during the week.

Kroger - designate NWCC to benefit from your shopping by enrolling online using our organization number **(TN874)**.



3 easy ways
NWCC
earns 5% on
your
purchases.





WORK DAY AT CAMP CHRISTIAN

January 5, 2020

From 8:00am until Dark
Attend as you are able

All outside work on the lower Campus clearing brush, cutting down some trees, and chopping fire wood.

Please wear heavy duty, and temperature appropriate work clothes, boots, and gloves.

Anyone under the age of 18 **MUST** have a legal parent or guardian attending and working with them.

Lunch will be provided.

There is no charge to participate, but please complete the online sign up at http://ccinoh.org/events_details.aspx?id=448 or email CampChristian@ccinoh.org.

If you have any questions about this or want to bring some of your own equipment, please contact Campsite Manager Ted Nelson directly at 614-214-4860.





Happy Birthday

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

1/1 John Davis
 1/1 Betty Hill
 1/1 Tim Jameson
 1/2 Jacob Badgeley
 1/2 Tina Jameson
 1/3 Kendall Flood
 1/3 Bobbi Richards
 1/3 Faith Solon
 1/5 Debbie Stephan

1/9 Rebecca O'Dell
 1/12 Michiel Brongers
 1/19 Lisa Beaverson
 1/21 Noah Allen
 1/23 Rob Steffy
 1/23 Jonathan Wheeler
 1/24 Laura Thornton
 1/28 PJ Roe
 1/31 Kylie Thomas

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

Dear friends of Northwest Christian Church,

Thank you so much for all your prayers for my healing and well-being. On January 7 I will move in with my son and daughter-in-law at 5486 Thorney Drive, Hilliard, OH 43026. My phone number will remain the same as it appears in the directory. Feel free to call or visit any time. Thank you for your compassion and love always.

*Sincerely,
 Jack Wheeler*



NNEMAP Needs...

December Needs

Toilet Tissue, Canned Meats (tuna, fish; chicken), bars of soap, razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving cream.

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

Worship Hours: 8:00am and 10:30am / Summer Worship Hours (Memorial Weekend-September) 10:30am

Sunday School—Adult and Youth 9:15am (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



JANUARY

NWCC Calendar of Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Office Closed 	2 No Chalice Ringers No Chalice Choir	Advance Winter Retreat January 3rd - 5th: <i>Sustaining a Sense of Self & Spirituality</i> Keynote: Mary Jo Bray Bible Study: Seth Stout	
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