

THE NORTHERN LIGHT

SUMMER 2014

ISSUE 6

A Word from the Pastor . . .

My father-in-law Clinton died from liver cancer two summers ago. He was 69 years old when he died and it was within seven months of his diagnosis. His wife, my mother-in-law, Eulanda is a cancer survivor having undergone radiation treatment for breast cancer in the two years since Clinton's death. My father, Dwight the first, or Bud as he was known to most of our family, had prostate cancer surgery and survived for ten years after treatment. Within our church family we've lost folks to cancer and have several cancer survivors among us as well.

Why start out a newsletter article talking about cancer? In part, it is to applaud the efforts of the folks who sold luminaries for participation in the Relay for Life again this year. Thanks to the Stout family, the Stalders, the Emerichs and the entire Mission Committee for continuing in this tradition of helping the American Cancer Society. I am also writing about it in order to introduce you to or remind you of another opportunity to support The American Cancer Society.

July 24th-27th I will be riding in the Pan Ohio Hope Ride to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. Rob Adams from our church is also riding and raising funds. The ride is a 328 mile bike ride from Cleveland OH to Cincinnati OH. It takes place over four days with day two being the longest ride at 100 miles. I am excited about undertaking this challenge. We will be making a stop overnight in Springfield on day three.

Rob Adams and I are part of a local team of riders in Springfield known as The Road Fish. It is a group of cyclists that have ridden for the past three Pan Ohio Hope Rides. The Road Fish have raised a little over \$50,000 for the American Cancer Society in that time. Our goal for this year is \$30,000 as a team.



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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 A.M.

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Thank You

Deana Knotts, Newsletter Editor

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Each member of the team is given an individual goal to help reach the \$30,000 figure. I would like to have you donate to the American Cancer Society in support of my individual goal of raising at least \$2,500. I currently have raised \$610.00.

Rob Adams has the identical goal of raising at least \$2,500. To my knowledge he has not yet reached his goal. If you'd like to donate to either of us or even better BOTH of us, please make a check payable to the American Cancer Society and we will send it to the Pan Ohio Hope Ride. Your contribution is tax deductible. You can also donate online at www.panohiohoperide.org. Click on "Donate" from the right hand side of the page. Then scroll down and search for my name or Rob Adams by name. It will then give you the link to our individual pages. Our progress toward the \$2,500 is shown on our page with a thermometer graphic.

Thanks in advance for your support. I pray that you have a wonderful summer and appreciate prayers for the safety of The Road Fish as we train as well as during the days of the event. This is an exciting mission opportunity and I am thankful to be a part of it.

Dwight



CHURCH WORKDAY ~ Sunday, June 1, 2014

The Property Committee is hosting a Church Workday on Sunday, **June 1st** following worship. Please wear casual "work" clothes to worship on that day. **A light lunch will be served.** We hope you will join us!



**Summer Office Hours
Begin June 2nd**

Beginning Monday, June 2nd, the church office will be open:

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

*The office manager is in the church office on
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.*

*The bookkeeper maintains office hours
on Monday and Thursday.*

Questions, please call: 399-0838

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Presbyterian Women Fund Raiser: *A Yard(less) Sale*

Our annual yard sale helps contributors pass along unwanted yet usable items to new owners while raising funds for the PW to use to support our various mission projects. Those who have items to donate gather them together and bring them to the church where the yard sale committee sets up display tables, organizes merchandise and affixes price tags during the week before the sale. This work takes several days. On the day of the sale, the committee works the sale all day greeting buyers, rearranging and selling merchandise. After the sale, the committee puts everything away and gets rid of all the merchandise that is left over, usually by calling a local charity to see if they will come to pick up the leftover stuff that the committee has to donate. You'll agree that this is lots of work and heavy lifting for the few volunteers who have served on the committee in the past. Last year our yard sale raised approximately \$800.

This year, we want to eliminate the time consuming, hard work that is involved in the steps between gathering the merchandise and sending the leftovers off to a local charity. We are planning with a local charity to arrange for the charity to pick up the merchandise from your homes and take it directly to their thrift store. In turn, we are asking that you who donate merchandise also make a cash donation to the PW to replace the yard sale profits. That way we can help you arrange to get rid of those usable items you no longer need, put those things into the hands of folks who can use them and still raise the necessary funds for our mission work.

We are counting on you to make this Yard(less) Sale a big success! Start collecting the items you would like to donate and we will work on finalizing arrangements with a local charity. We will publish the charity's pick-up schedule and contact information so that you can arrange a pick-up at your convenience. Then all you need to do is send or bring a cash donation or a check to support our important mission work to church. That will be much easier than carrying all those boxes of donations! Watch for further information in our Sunday bulletins and e-mail blasts. We hope to have things finalized so that we can complete our Yard(less) Sale during the month of June.

Other P.W. News Items

Presbyterian Women of Northminster recently made a donation of \$275 to help with the improvement of the sound system.

Bazaar

Anyone interested in helping with organizing and planning the annual holiday bazaar is asked to please contact Joan Generous at 969-8130. The bazaar is held the first Saturday in November.

Vintage Items

We are collecting vintage items for the holiday bazaar. If you have any item(s) that you would like to donate, please bring them to the church. *A vintage item is anything 25-35 years old.*



Presbyterian Women

Faith, Fellowship and Fun
with a Circle of Friends.
All are welcome to participate.

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P.W. Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 3, 2014
10:00 AM
Church Library

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Circle Meetings
will resume in September.
Have a nice summer!

Summer Worship Schedule & Lectionary Readings



Sunday, June 1

Church Work Day

Blood Pressure Screening

Acts 1:6-14; *Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35*
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

Sunday, June 8

Pentecost Sunday/Communion/Deacons' Picnic

Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
or Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

Sunday, June 15

Trinity Sunday/Father's Day

Genesis 1:1—2:4a; *Psalm 8*
2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday, June 22

Genesis 21:8-21; *Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17*
Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

Sunday, June 29

Genesis 22:1-14; *Psalm 13*; Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

Sunday, July 6

Blood Pressure Screening

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Psalm 45:10-17 or *Song of Solomon 2:8-13*
Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sunday, July 13

Genesis 25:19-34; *Psalm 119:105-112*
Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sunday, July 20

Communion

Genesis 28:10-19a; *Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24*
Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sunday, July 27

Genesis 29:15-28; *Psalm 105:1-11, 45b* or *Psalm 128*;
Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sunday, August 3

Blood Pressure Screening

Genesis 32:22-31; *Psalm 17:1-7, 15*
Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

Sunday, August 10

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; *Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b*
Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

Sunday, August 17

Genesis 45:1-15; *Psalm 133*; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

Sunday, August 24

Exodus 1:8—2:10; *Psalm 124*; Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

Sunday, August 31

Exodus 3:1-15; *Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c*
Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Pentecost

PENTECOST PICNIC

The Deacons will be hosting a picnic on Pentecost Sunday, **June 8th** right after the church service.
Meat, buns, drinks, and table service will be provided.

*Those whose last names begin with
A-M should bring salads or vegetables; N-Z should bring desserts.*

The Five Finger Prayer

The Five Finger Prayer is a simple guide we can use when we pray.

1) Your Thumb is nearest to you

So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C.S. Lewis once said "sweet duty."



2) The next finger is the Pointing Finger

The pointing finger reminds us of those who instruct so pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers. These men and women have great influence on society and we should pray that they display and teach godly principles in all they do.

3) The next finger is the Tallest Finger

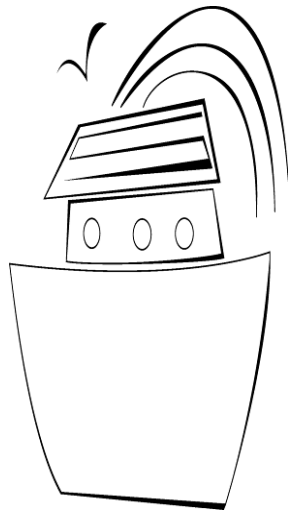
Our tallest finger reminds us of those who are in charge. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.

4) The fourth finger is our Ring Finger

The ring finger is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.

5) And lastly comes our Little Finger

The smallest finger of all. Which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you." Your Pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.



Lessons from Noah's Ark

Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark:

- Don't miss the boat.
- Remember that we are all in the same boat!
- Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
- Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
- Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- Build your future on high ground.
- For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- When you're stressed, float a while.
- Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

-Author unknown
The Joyfulnoiseletter
June-July 2014

SUMMER BIRTHDAYS



<i>Kaila Hoefer</i>	June 3
<i>Don Hughes</i>	June 5
<i>Jack Dern</i>	June 7
<i>Donna Rankin</i>	June 7
<i>Cindy Ater</i>	June 14
<i>Bea Buckhold</i>	June 15
<i>Charles Vanarsdall</i>	June 16
<i>Art Hoefer</i>	June 17
<i>Ron Montgomery</i>	June 17
<i>Adam Veith</i>	June 17
<i>Jim Twiggs</i>	June 19
<i>Dick Krichbaum</i>	June 21
<i>Betty Bross</i>	June 27



<i>Paul Good</i>	July 1
<i>Lisa Mansfield</i>	July 3
<i>Jacob Sherry</i>	July 3
<i>Kathy Maurer</i>	July 6
<i>Ruth Mosie</i>	July 7
<i>Sarah McCormick</i>	July 8
<i>Joan Generous</i>	July 10
<i>Elinor Morgan</i>	July 10
<i>Wayne Schatz</i>	July 11
<i>Dottie Good</i>	July 15
<i>Don Rankin</i>	July 21
<i>David Hines</i>	July 23
<i>Linda Vanarsdall</i>	July 25
<i>Sue Stuckey</i>	July 28
<i>Gail Davis</i>	July 30
<i>Ed Generous</i>	July 30
<i>Sue Creaquer</i>	July 31



<i>Lee Jordan</i>	August 2
<i>Joan Locher</i>	August 3
<i>Debbie Spoon</i>	August 7
<i>Claire Spriggs</i>	August 7
<i>Bob Triebelhorn</i>	August 12
<i>Sara Arnott</i>	August 13
<i>Jim Cutler</i>	August 13
<i>Jenna Twiggs</i>	August 13
<i>Julie Griffin</i>	August 14
<i>Karen Schatz</i>	August 14
<i>Liz Torok</i>	August 15
<i>Marge Stumpf</i>	August 18
<i>Emily Aldinger</i>	August 20
<i>Dee Ahlm</i>	August 21
<i>Carl Ahlm</i>	August 22
<i>Bill Benston</i>	August 24
<i>Bill Chesnut</i>	August 26
<i>Lenoard Taylor</i>	August 26
<i>Jonathan Veith</i>	August 26
<i>Sharon Stout</i>	August 31

Summer Calendar

June

- 1 Church Workday
- 1 Blood Pressure Screening
- 3 PW Board Meeting 10am
- 4 Women's Study Group 10am
- 4 Outreach Cmte. Meeting 5:30pm
- 4 Bell Choir Rehearsal 6pm
- 4 Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm
- 5 Springfield Dulcimer Club 6pm
- 7 Pancake Breakfast 8am
- 8 Pentecost/Communion/Picnic
- 9-13 Vacation Bible School
- 15 Father's Day
- 17 Finance 6pm
- 17 Session 7pm
- 21 Clifton Ave. Breakfast
- 23 Remembrance Quilt Guild 6:30pm

July

- 3 Springfield Dulcimer Club 5pm
- 4 Independence Day—Office Closed
- 5 Pancake Breakfast 8am
- 6 Blood Pressure Screening
- 19 Clifton Ave. Breakfast
- 20 Communion
- 28 Remembrance Quilt Guild 6:30pm

August

- 2 Pancake Breakfast 8am
- 3 Blood Pressure Screening
- 7 Springfield Dulcimer Club 6pm
- 16 Clifton Ave. Breakfast
- 18 Newsletter Deadline
- 19 Finance 6pm
- 19 Session 7pm
- 25 Remembrance Quilt Guild 6:30pm
- 27 Mail Newsletter 9:30am



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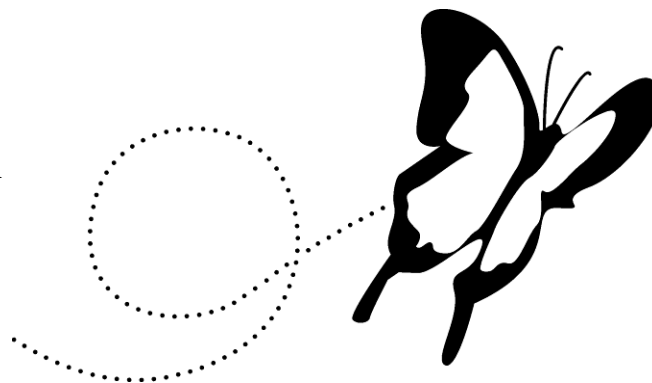
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- June 8** Pentecost
Communion
Picnic
- June 9-13** Vacation Bible School
- June 15** Father's Day
- June 17** Session Meeting
- July 4** Independence Day
Office Closed
- July 20** Communion
- August 19** Session Meeting



The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy.
Psalm 126:3

*Northminster Presbyterian Church will develop disciples of Jesus Christ
and learn how to follow the way of Jesus.*