



Noelridge News

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Gathering in friendship. Growing in faith. Worshiping and serving Christ.

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FALL MEANS FELLOWSHIP



Volunteers are shown on Wednesday morning, September 1, with a hundred new donated chairs they unloaded and moved into Fellowship Hall. From left: Cameron Sullenberger, Stu Davidson, John Alexander, Bob Hagist, Pete Sherman, Leland Osmundson, Dave Martin, Kay Alexander, Bryon Stolba, Jealee Weber, Loren Kisling, Lisa Stolba, Richard Goldsberry.



NCC's Fellowship Hall is shown on Wednesday, September 8, during the restart of Food Court. In the background at left, Sharon Wilcox helps at the salad and dessert table. At the foreground table are (clockwise from back): Sue Alliss, Zoey Lightfoot, Char Osmundson.



2021 Choir Kickoff dinner buffet line on Wednesday evening, September 1. This year's kickoff dinner had a "Calypso" theme. Serving at left from foreground-to-background are: Sondra Caughron, Gaye Roberts and Cameron Sullenberger. Foreground, in line from left are: John Alexander, Pete Sherman, Alex Sherman, Nicole Wehring and Paige Wehring.



Special Moments in Worship



Guest Pastor Reverend Joshua Patty delivers his sermon message "How We Eat Together" during the NCC Sunday worship service on August 29. Patty is our Regional Minister and President of the Christian Church in the Upper Midwest (Disciples of Christ).

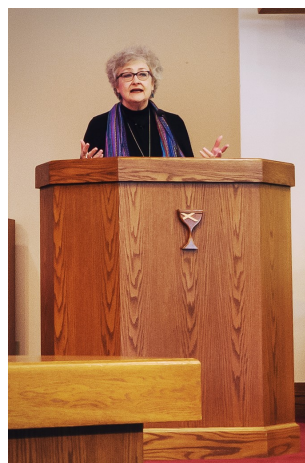


Guest organist Randy Walton practices before the NCC Sunday worship service on September 19. Walton also sang with the Chancel Choir that day. Randy will be joining us as our regular organist.



Below: Cameron Sullenberger (left) and Billy Davis perform "Loving God, Loving Each Other" during the NCC Sunday worship service on September 19.

At Right: The Reverend Cindi McKee served as guest pastor for the NCC Sunday worship service on September 19. At left, McKee delivers her sermon message "Love One Another...The Art of Congregational Care." At right she reads the call to communion with Elder Sue Pehkonen.



Below: The NCC Chancel Choir performs "Tender Lord, Precious Lord" during the Sunday worship service on September 19. This was the first time the choir has performed since they sang "There Is a Savior" on February 16, 2020. Front row, from left: Diana Ellingson, Carol Hedberg, Gaye Roberts, Karen Martin, JoAnne Pruitt, Karen Howe. Back row: Billy Davis, Max Lightfoot, Randy Walton, Gregg Alliss, Pete Sherman, Elizabeth Blocksome.





God Gives Us Hope

By Walt Hargraves

Most people agree that life, even the committed life of faith, does not follow a straight line. We may think we know where we want to go. We may even believe we know how to get there; but rarely do we get from where we are to where we want to be without side trips, wrong turns, and general distractions. Sometimes we lose focus. At other times, people along the way encourage us to follow a path that is not right for us. We succumb to temptation. We become discouraged and may even feel like giving up.

For people of faith, however, giving up is not an option. God has plans for us, and God's plans for us are always greater than those we make for ourselves. We are holy people, created for a holy purpose. It's a theme in Scripture we cannot avoid, running throughout both Testaments. "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people who are God's own possession. You have become this people so that you may speak of wonderful acts of the one who called you out of darkness into His amazing light" (1 Peter 2:9).

Living into this holy purpose is not just our final destination; it's also our path, one that we do not walk alone. We can walk with confidence because we love and serve a God who is faithful and dependable, who makes and keeps promises, and who never gives up on us. We can trust this God. This God gives us hope.



Stewardship Sunday Features Special Drama

Three-part skit, "Abundant Love, Abundant Life," performed during the NCC Sunday worship service on September 26. Act 1 ("What's Enough?") is at upper left. Act 2 ("Called to Order") is at upper right. All actors are shown in Act 3 ("Abundant Love, Abundant Life") at bottom, from left: Gregg Alliss (Guardian Angel), Lisa Stolba (Edythe), Sue Alliss (Carol), Phil Neville (Howard), Kyle Wehring (Ted).

Bravo!





Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the congregation's support of the 9th Annual Arts for Africa Art and Craft Show. We had a perfect weather day and welcomed 23 artists and vendors along with lots of shoppers. We had a successful bake sale and silent auction to raise much needed funds for the Tumaini Schools in Tanzania. A very special thank you to the ladies on the committee-*I could not do this without each one of you!*

Blessings!
Asanta Sana (thank you very much in Swahli)
Kellie Lala



Arts For Africa event organizer Kellie Lala is shown in NCC's Fellowship Hall on Saturday morning, September 18. Proceeds raised from the event (over \$7,200) benefit the Tumaini Schools in Tanzania, Africa.



Above: Arts For Africa registration table volunteers Sue Pehkonen (center) and Sue Alliss (right) are shown on Saturday morning, September 18, during the fund raiser event. At left is Gaye Roberts.

At Right: Kitchen volunteers, Karen Martin (left) and Karen Howe (right)

Below: Outside view of NCC during Arts for Africa fund raiser event on Saturday morning, September 18.



Church Happenings

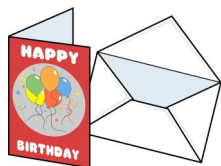


Bowman Woods Elementary School counselor Sally Wiley (at podium) thanks the NCC congregation during the Sunday worship service on September 12. Wiley was expressing gratitude for the snacks to underprivileged students at the school, provided by NCC. In the background are Phil Neville and Linda Osmundson.



Congregational Life Group Meeting

The Congregational Life Group will meet on Thursday, October 7, at 6:30 p.m. at NCC. The Congregational Life Group provides opportunities for members and friends to participate in the life and ministry of the congregation; facilitates communication inside the congregation; and assists Noelridge Christian Church in marketing to and communicating with people in the communities in our area. Anyone interested is invited to join this meeting.



Card Ministry Needs You!

The Card Ministry team meets once every two months to prepare birthday and anniversary cards to be mailed to our congregation to help to celebrate their special days. It takes about one to one and a half hours. The next card preparation day is Thursday, November 18, at 1:30 p.m. Please come and help!

Calling all women from Noelridge Christian Church:

NFL

is a Noelridge Christian Church women's fellowship group that meets for dinner for social interaction and spiritual connection.

NFL Ladies will meet for Ladies' Night Out for dinner and fellowship on Thursday, October 21st at Kingston's Steakhouse, 568 Boyson Road, Suite 100 (former Butcher Block location) at 5:30 p.m. All women at Noelridge are welcome to attend and enjoy fellowship with other women and if you are new to Noelridge this is an excellent opportunity to meet and get to know other women from Noelridge. If you are interested in attending, please let Linda Fisher (361-0540 or lindasfisher448@yahoo.com) know so she can make reservations.



Wake Up Ladies!

Our "Wake Up Ladies" morning coffee group next meets on Tuesday, October 26, at 9 am at The Kettle House Bakery and Café, 945 6th Avenue in Marion. Come join us!

For more information, contact Karen Martin.



Karen Martin leads children in SonShine Time Sunday School class on Sunday, September 19. Assisting but not pictured was Sue Alliss.



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Our September 19 Guest Pastor Cindi McKee, Guest Musician Billy Davis and Church Member Gregg Alliss, turn out to be school chums



Above: Old school classmates (Franklin Junior High and Washington High School). From left: Billy Davis, Cindi (O'Brien) McKee, Gregg Alliss. Cindi and Gregg also go back to fifth grade at Garfield Elementary School.

At Right: April 1969 elementary school program with Gregg (at right in top photo), and Cindi (at right in bottom photo). Yes, Gregg (the pilot) was shorter than Teresa (the stewardess)...



Choir is Back



NCC Chancel Choir practice following the kickoff dinner on Wednesday, September 1. From left: Pete Sherman, Cameron Sullenberger, Gaye Roberts, Carol Hedberg, Karen Martin, Diana Ellingson, Kay Alexander, Paige Wehring, Elizabeth Blocksome. Not pictured: Gregg Alliss



For Care From an Elder

Our Elders want to be there for us when we are in need of pastoral care. Each month, two Elders will be the “on call” Elders to call in case of emergency. All of our Elders are listed on the back of the Sunday bulletin. The two “on call” Elders will be featured with their contact information.

For October, the Elders “on call” are:

Walt Hargraves (319) 929-9967

Phil Neville (319) 389-4410

Something new is coming to Food Court Night and NCC!

BEFORE Food Court from 3-5 PM we will be playing games! We will be doing this the first Wednesday of the month beginning on October 6th. We will be playing various easy games and sometimes maybe several different games depending on the attendance. If you have a game you want to share, please bring it along. October 6th we will begin by playing Bingo and there will be prizes so you won't want to miss out!!!! We are hoping this can be a time of fun fellowship and also sharing with other members of Noelridge Christian Church. Please plan to attend. No reservations are needed! Just come and plan to have a good time before Food Court!!!

If you have questions, please contact Linda Fisher (361-0540) or lindasfisher448@yahoo.com.



Pauline Goldsberry and JoAnne Pruitt serve dinner to JoAnn Gray and Char Wilson at Food Court on Wednesday, September 8.

Prayer Requests

Denise Piper's children's stepmother who has been diagnosed with Covid. Pray for comfort, wisdom and healing.

Lynn Brown, Carole Northway's son, Jason's, mother-in-law in Denver, CO. Pray for peace, health, healing, comfort, courage and the wisdom of her doctors.

The family of Joe Bealer, Annette Busbee's cousin. Joe passed away unexpectedly. Pray for the family's comfort and peace.

Krista, Annette Busbee's sister's step-daughter who is not responding to chemo treatment for her brain tumor. She is trying to get into a clinical trial. Pray for strength, comfort and peace for Krista, wisdom for Krista's physicians and also strength and comfort for Sharon, Annette's sister.

Ruth Rothrock in treatment for lower back pain.

Diane Evens and her family as Diane's niece, Renee, has passed away at 49 from cancer.

Roy Ford and the Welty family as Linda Ford, Roger Welty's sister, passed away after being under hospice care for several months.

Helen, BJ Clouston's friend, whose husband passed recently. Her son, Rob, has cancer and has entered hospice care. Please pray for peace, comfort, strength and courage for Helen and Rob and their families.

JoAnn Sexton, as she heals after suffering a broken hip.

PRAISE! Ella, Annabel Mollenhauer's 17-year-old great-granddaughter has completed treatments for Hodgkins Disease and now has NO signs of cancer! Pray for her check-ups every six weeks to remain clear.



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Wishing you many blessings today and throughout the year!



Happy Birthday!

Barbara Welty	October 2
Sandy Delay	October 4
BJ Clouston	October 7
Hanna McVeigh	October 8
Louanne Neville	October 10
Jealee Weber	October 14
Ruth Rothrock	October 16
Sue Alliss	October 18
Carol Blanchard	October 19
Goldia Neveln	October 20
Mallory Blackwell	October 22
Carol Hedberg	October 25
Richard Goldsberry	October 27
Aidan Hoovik	October 27
Walt Hargraves	October 28



Happy Anniversary!

Adam & Katie Klitzka	October 10
Leland & Linda Osmundson	October 28

Special Worship Service On All Saint's Sunday

This year, All Saint's Sunday falls on October 31. We will be recognizing those in our church family who have passed away not only in 2021, but since the pandemic began in 2020. We have missed many memorial services due to the pandemic.

Included in our recognition are:

Amy Brobst	Carma Lou Beck	Gwen Hesser
Jack Sexton	Roland Krouse	Dora Thompson
Jerry Evans	Barbara Sherman	Linda Ford

If you know of others who have worshipped with our church family at NCC and have passed away in 2020 or 2021, please let the church office know.



Church Office Hours

Now that we have gone through the pandemic shut-down, the derecho blow-down and the summer slow-down, we have finally established regular office hours this fall. Karen Howe is usually in the office on Mondays and Thursdays and Eva Kisling is usually there on Wednesdays and Fridays. The office is closed on Tuesdays.

Open Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday - Friday
9 am to 1 pm

A Day In NCC History



The first NCC bylaws small group forum meets in Fellowship Hall on Sunday evening, October 24, 2010. Congregational members signed up to review and comment on the first draft of revamped NCC bylaws with bylaws committee members. Clockwise, from left: Margery Glick, Theresa Smith (committee member), Stu Davidson (committee member), J.D. Smith, Bev Stratton and Dan Madden. Not pictured was committee member Gregg Alliss (who has been taking photos for a long time). For this and all of the other photos in this newsletter - Thank You, Gregg!



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	Regular Sunday Schedule 8:30 am - Adult Scripture Class 9:00 am - Youth Sunday School Class 9:15 am - Fellowship 9:45 am - Worship & SonShine Time 10:45 am - Adult Topical Class				1	2
3 Sunday Schedule	4 Elder Mtg. 5:30 pm	5 MOPS 9 am	6 Wednesday Schedule Game Day 3-5 pm	7 Missions Group Mtg 5:30 pm Cong. Life Group Mtg 6:30 pm	8	9
10 Sunday Schedule Rummage Sale Week	11 Steering Board Mtg 6:30 pm	12 MOPS Leadership Mtg 9 am	13 Wednesday Schedule	14 Rummage Sale	15 Rummage Sale	16 Rummage Sale
17 Sunday Schedule	18	19 MOPS 9 am	20 Wednesday Schedule	21 NFL Dinner 5:30 pm	22	23
24 Sunday Schedule Newsletter Articles Due	25	26 Wake Up Ladies 9:00 am	27 Wednesday Schedule "Neewalloh" Celebration at Food Court	28	29	30
31 All Saints Sunday Sunday Schedule						



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Board Officers

Moderator - Kyle Wehring
Moderator Elect - Sue Pehkonen
Secretary - Teresa Williams
Financial Secretary - Sue Pehkonen
Treasurer - Sue Pehkonen
Trustee - Rod Blocksom
Trustee - Jeff Busbee
Trustee - Lori Davidson

Program Group Leaders

Missions - Linda Osmundson
Physical Resources - Loren Kisling &
Bryon Stolba (co-chairs)
Administration - Diana Ellingson
Congregational Life - Linda Fisher
Spiritual Growth - JoAnne Pruitt

Elder & Deacon Chairpersons

Elder Chair - Phil Neville
Deacon Chair - Ray Howe

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Sunday Worship Service

Worship is at 9:45 a.m. with the service
available online on Sunday afternoon.

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