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“As I Gaze out the Window”

As I gaze out the window, I see the frozen landscape stretch out for hundreds of miles. A dark patchwork of cleared off roads accent the white blanket of snow which lies deep on the mountains below. For now, the scene is one of peaceful tranquility, but clouds are gathering to the west. Soon, they will be upon us. Soon, we will face yet another storm, but it is not the one that I fear. When flight is over, I will leave the airport behind. Then, I go to face another storm, one that already has my heart frozen with fear.

As all of you are aware, my father, your Pastor Marvin, is laying in a hospital bed awaiting a surgery to purge his hip of an infection. The doctors tell us the road ahead is not an easy one. They will be removing his hip for up to eight weeks. During that time, he will have limited mobility, but this is necessary. While his hip is out, his body will have time to heal. The process will be painful, but because his is willing to endure the pain,

he will have the chance to be whole once again.

I love my father, and this scares me. It scares me because I hate to see this man suffer.

But through all of the uncertainty and fear, I can't help but ponder the parallel of my father's situation to that of our spiritual lives. All our lives, we hide sin in the corners of our hearts. We loathe the pain and humiliation of having it in our lives, but secretly we cherish it. We take it out when no one is around to amuse ourselves with it. How often has God come to us, demanding that we give up our sin? How often have we turned away, unwilling to lay our sin at the feet of God? How often have we told God, "Tomorrow, Lord, I will give up my sin tomorrow?" Why do we not do as our Lord commands? Is it because of fear? What do we fear? Do we fear the pain of giving up our sin?

Someone once told me that the opposite of fear is faith, and she was right. I have faith that the doctors

know what they are doing. The surgery and recovery plan are my father's best chance of healing. We have faith that the doctors know how best to help heal my father. So we must also have faith in God that he knows best how to heal us of the sickness brought on by the spiritual infection of sin. Until we are willing to face the pain of having our sin surgically removed from our lives, we will continue to live spiritually sick lives. We cannot be healthy, until we sacrifice our whole selves to our Lord Jesus Christ and the healing only He can give us.

I write this as one redeemed sinner to another.

With my thoughts on the matter complete, on behalf of myself and my entire family, I want to extend our gratitude and thanks for your concern, compassion, and help in our time of need.

Matthew,
Son of Marvin Schwartz

Worship & Music

Why is the world such a mess? Do all roads lead to God? Why should I believe the Bible? These are all good questions and the very fact we can even ask them is what sets us humans apart.

We will answer the questions: **Is God Real? Can I Trust the Bible? How Can God Love Us and Allow Suffering? Is Jesus Real? What Happens When I Die? And Why Did Jesus Come?**

So mark your calendars and join us beginning on Easter Sunday.

March Helpers

First Service

March 7th – Connie Sell, Rob Hoehamer, Joe & Annette Felver, Bill Miller, and Jerry Sill

March 14th – Jennifer Hamrick, Bryan Sutton, John & Donna Fos-

ter, Chris Heitkamp and Sandy King

March 21st – Jerrold Eichenauer, Ben Schleucher, Martha Baltzell, Margie Sill, Larry Worden and Ed Garver

March 28th – Jami Pontsler, Rod & Jan Heiser, Donna Riley, Bill Miller and Rob Hoehamer

Second Service

March 7th – same as First Service

March 14th – same as First Service

March 21st – Mike & Candy Weitz, Adam & Lisa Williams, Bob Schumm and Bart Beerbower

March 28th – same as First Service

March Birthdays!!!

1st – Lisle Eichenauer

3rd – Ken Meyer

Elsie Beougher

4th – Bob Schumm

5th – Steve Hodge

9th – Justan Felver

12th – Joe Felver

13th – Mary Beougher

14th – Jason Deitsch

15th – Willard Dilbone

Jan Heiser

17th – Hayden Lyons

18th – Josie Severt

19th – Mitchell Weitz

21st – Brady Worden

24th – Logan Eichenauer

Katy Sill

27th – Toni Hauter

Christian Education

Upcoming camp fundraiser:

On **Saturday, March 13th** the campers will hold their second fish fry. The menu will be the same as the one in Feb. Both fish fries will be a free will donation.

Change Cans – Just a reminder that anyone that has a change can for campers are to return them to the church by **March 14th**. The campers have already had over \$200 in change brought in. So collect your change and drop it in your can and let's see how much change we can bring in.

Last Fundraiser – Rib Dinner

The campers last fundraiser for this year will be their annual **Rib Dinner on Saturday, March 20th**.

The meal will consist of Western ribs, au gratin potatoes, baked beans, cookie and drinks will be available for those who dine in. Carry outs will also be available. The cost of the meal is \$6.00 each. Please see any camper or Donna Felver to get your tickets.

Also, **Thank YOU** to everyone who has supported the campers this year.

9:30 Service Nursery

March 7th – Linda Schwartz
Shirley Pryer

March 14th – Janice Peel
Andrew Peel

March 21st – Laura Schleucher
Jenna Schleucher

March 28th – Katy Sill
Jane Smith

11:00 Service Nursery

March 7th – Donna Riley
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March 14th – Amy Bransteter
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March 21st – Pam Meyer
Madison Meyer

March 28th – Julie Long
Bridget Brogan

Clean Nursery Toys & Lins – Linda Schwartz



Youth and Parents

Regardless of how long or short a time we've been a follower of Jesus Christ, it seems that most Christians struggle with how to handle stress and anxiety. How about you? Do you strive to stay close to God in the midst of tough times? Or is it easy for you to forget that God is in the business of redeeming your difficult times and using the tough stuff in your life to further His kingdom and bring glory to His name? When you don't understand and can't see what God's at work doing, do you dismiss God's promise that He can use the tough stuff to draw you closer to Him and to transform you and your world in the

process?

One of the key things to do with our confusion and distress is to cling to Him and His strength, continually bringing our cares and concerns to Him in prayer. Jesus tells us: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-29)

God also promises he will

never leave us or forsake us, so no matter how hard things seem, He is there, walking beside us. God claims: "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you: (Hebrews 13:5). Difficult circumstances in our lives can either be wedges that push away from God or push us closer to Him. And while we may not understand the why behind what's happening in our world, we can lean on the promise that God will walk with us through it.



Lean on Him,
Pastor John

Spiritual Care

Help Needed – Have you ever wondered if there was some way that you could help a church family in some small way.

On occasion we have provided meals for families that have been having special issues going on whether they be: medical, financial, etc. If this is something you are interested in helping with please let Donna know in the office, so that we may compile a list of people willing to

provide meals for our church family when the need arises.

Church Directory Update – The church directory is in the production stages. They currently are printing them and we should have them back in a couple of weeks.

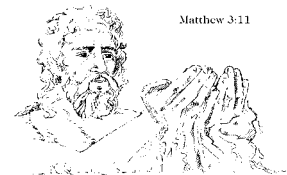
Baptism Sunday – On Sunday, March 7th we will be holding a baptismal service. If you are interested in being baptized please let Pastor John

know so that he can arrange a time to meet with you.

Easter Breakfast – We will be having a breakfast on Easter Sunday. Keep a watch in the bulletin for more details.

But after me will
come one who is
more powerful than I,
whose sandals I am
not fit to carry.

Matthew 3:11



Finance

We are excited to potentially offer another option for you to bring your tithes and offerings; electronic funds transfer (EFT). Many of you currently pay bills electronically. We'd like to give you the opportunity to make contributions to New Horizons Community Church without having to write a check.

In order to implement this

program, we will need at least 10 people to sign-up. Payments can be made weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly direct from your checking or savings account. You determine the frequency and amount and we do the rest.

Please give this prayerful consideration. We need to determine the level of

interest in this program. Let Bonnie Leistner, Tom Burtch, or the church office know if you are interested in doing this. Once we have enough interest, we will have you complete an authorization form.





Missions

Mission Trip Opportunities

Honduras: June 11-19

Once again this summer, Global Ministries will sponsor a medical mission trip to Honduras. The team leaders are Robert and Fonda Cassidy, from Mt. Olivet Church in Mt. Solon, VA.

The cost is \$1600 per person.

This team is filling rapidly. There are still a few spaces available. The special needs are: doctors, nurses, EMT's, and physical therapists.

Spain: July 26 - Aug. 4

Lane and Shane Smith, from Shoreline UB (Oak Harbor, Ohio), will lead a group of high school and college-aged young adults on a ministry experience to Spain. The group will with missionaries Troy and Julie Hendricks.

Trip members will be involved in a five-day English camp built around recreational sports. This will be a wonderful opportunity to build relationships with Spanish youth while playing basketball and Frisbee golf or other special

Activities. The Spanish youth are interested in developing conversational English skills.

The cost is \$2500. That includes air travel, in-country travel, lodging, food, travel insurance, and other misc. expenses. It is important to submit completed applications by mid-March so Troy and Julie can begin preparing to host the team.

See information table for applications.

Youth Mission Trip

Know Sweat Mission Trip

June 28 – July 2 we're going to Cincinnati, OH for our annual mission trip. We're staying at Pastor John's college Cincinnati Christian University!

The trip will cost approximately \$200 per person, but don't let that scare you into not signing up! Through several fundraisers, I hope to lower the cost to \$75 – \$100 per person.

Cost will cover food, lodging, and all activities! Please sign up ASAP! **A \$75 non-refundable deposit is due by February 28!** THINK AHEAD!!



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Youth Mission Trip

Something New