

Birthdays

May

Randy Grigsby	5/2
Jennifer Reichley	5/8
Sharon Mullinnex	5/9
Shirley Warner	5/11
June Kendall	5/12
Lisa Moore	5/12
Nathan Norris	5/16
Stephen Straker	5/16
Debra Norman	5/17
Sue Doughty	5/18
Paul Miller	5/18
Renee Hammers	5/19
Debra Watson	5/19
Randy Grotegeer	5/20
Dorothy Thomas	5/22
Karen Long	5/23
Roberta Allen	5/26
Beth Spung	5/27
Bernice Rank	5/31

June

Penny Monroe	6/3
Donna Ackerman	6/4
Ron Hayes	6/4
Thomas Lyall	6/7
Karen Murray	6/12
Deborah Spinks	6/12
Rob Doss	6/13
Darla Doss	6/16
Debbie Jackson	6/16
Ed Nazelrod	6/17
Emily Schneider	6/18
Carol Emerson	6/19
Don Rohrer	6/20
Mary Jo Brink	6/21
Kathy Carpenter	6/22
Bill Tyo	6/22
Vicki Rapol	6/24

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

From the Funeral Meal Team

Reminder

If you have not picked up your containers from meals, they are in the kitchen on the counter by the ice machine.

If you are not on the Funeral Meal Call List to donate food items and you would like to be, please let us know.

You may call or text:
 Mysti Hittle
 740-819-0497
 OR
 Dawn Tumblin
 740-221-1703

A Note from the Editor

I would like to echo Chris's words at the end of his Message (page 2). I hope that you will consider the service opportunities that you will learn about over the next couple months.

Examples will be starting a Shut In Visitation again. For many of you this was a very vital part of the ministry at NT. At the May Senior Gathering Libby Kirkbride will be talking about another opportunity at East Side Ministry that may be just right for you.

There are trips scheduled for the summer months. See Page 2.

The Education Workgroup is meeting to develop programs tailored to seniors.

Another workgroup is beginning the plans for a Special Event in October—an evening of Country & Gospel music and dinner.

Sylvia Burkey

Senior Adult

COMMUNITY News



One Step Forward

Have you ever had a project waiting to be done that you struggled to start? Maybe an assignment or task that someone asked for and you kept putting it off because you couldn't get your head around it? Katie Blemker and I still laugh about a time a few years ago where she asked me for a short description of an upcoming sermon series and for some reason I was just stuck. I had already written two of the sermons for coming weeks and knew what we were preparing to say but for whatever reason I was stuck and couldn't even put the first words down. She came into my office saying, "I need this today." We started talking and within a minute or two I was able to give her exactly what she needed. Something I had put off or struggled with for about two weeks took so little time once I got rolling.

In our spiritual lives it is often the same. We know that God is inviting us to moments of service and moments of obedience that we struggle with. Maybe we don't understand what is needed to do what is required. Maybe we feel inadequate and put off starting something that feels overwhelming. Maybe we are tired and out of our exhaustion we say, "I'll do that later." But later doesn't always come.

Paul tells the Ephesian church to live as wise people who make the most of each moment.

Ephesians 5:15-17 Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

If we're going to make the most of the lives we're given and the moments of each day we have to take the first step. And the journey that seems impossible starts with one foot in front of the other.

A few years ago I hiked the Grand Canyon with a group of ministry friends. It was physically challenging and sometimes it hurt as my body got more and more tired. I have a friend, Dan, who jokes that my mantra became, "Just pick them up and put them down." He now uses that same saying when he is working out on the treadmill. There are days that just taking one step forward is progress and a win.

COMING SOON

May 16th Senior Gathering
SPECIAL GUEST
TOM SHELTON

Lunch to follow the Service
 Sign Up at the Senior Wall

May 30th
 On the Road
 Trip to the Bible Walk in
 Mansfield
 Sign Up at the Senior Wall



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In Christian Service...

So let's be sons and daughters of God who take one step forward in obedience believing that God will provide for the challenges that lie ahead. That our hearts committed to serve and our bodies following will be sustained by our faithful father.

I encourage you to not put off what God is inviting you to do, whether big or small. In His hands all things are holy & sacred and each gift of service and faithful obedience honors His name.
Chris

SENIOR ACTION TEAM "Step Up, Step Out"

The Senior Action Team is now active for the purpose of assisting the staff in planning and developing a broad range of activities that will meet the needs of the Seniors at NT, as well as the community.

The SENIOR ACTION TEAM met the end of March and brainstormed ideas for our 4 Workgroups: Trips/Movie Days, Education, Service Projects and Special Events.

Announcements will be made at the Senior Gathering in May regarding opportunities to "Step Up, Step Out" for Service and a glimpse into the Special Event planned for the Fall. Educational offerings are being planned also. See TRIPS below.

Whether you are a young senior or an older senior there will be something for you. You can enjoy fellowship at a Movie Day, expand your mind at an education offering, reach out serve others or attend a special event for fun, entertainment and dinner.

STAY TUNED for more...

ON THE ROAD

TRIPS COMNG UP



May 30th Bible Walk in Mansfield, Ohio Leaving in the AM.

June 9th Hot Air Balloon Festival in Coshocton, Ohio

Plans underway for the Ohio Star Theatre Walnut Creek in July

Transportation will be available.

In Christian Service...

JOY *J* is for JESUS FIRST, *O* is for OTHERS SECOND, *Y* is for Yourself Last

Christmas Gifts for Shut Ins



It is time to start preparing for the gifts for our NT Shut Ins. Each year volunteers deliver the gifts which are very much appreciated.

Debbie Lawless is a dear lady that comes to the Ladies Bible Study and has made the shut in gifts the past couple years. This year she is making an interesting apron out of long sleeve shirts.

We need men's long sleeve shirts, size large, tall. They can be any color or pattern and either gently used or new.

Additional shirts beyond our needs will be given as a love offering to Debbie to sell the aprons at craft shows.

There will be a small box near the Senior Wall to place the shirts in.

Thank You in Advance

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Pat and Mike, both in their 90's had played professional baseball together and, after they retired had remained close friends. Pat suddenly fell deathly ill. Mike visited Pat on his deathbed. After they talked a while and it became obvious that Pat had only a few more minutes to live. Mike said, "Listen old friend. After you die, try and get a message back to me. I want to know if there's baseball in heaven."

With his dying breath, Pat whispers, "If God permits, I'll do my best to get you an answer." A few days after Pat died, Mike is sleeping when he hears Pat's voice.

Pat say, "Mike, I've got good news and bad news. The good news is, yes, there IS baseball in heaven. The bad news is, you're scheduled to pitch the top half of tomorrow's double header."

