



# The Weekly News of the Northeast Church of Christ

September 25, 2016

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## ESPECIALLY FOR OUR GUESTS ...

- Please pick up an information packet from our welcome table in the lobby. We also have a small gift for our first-time guests.
- We are grateful for your presence today. Please fill out an attendance card (please indicate both your first and last names) so we can have a record of your presence.
- About halfway through the service, the children kindergarten through the 4th grade will be dismissed for their own class downstairs. For those 4 years old and under, there are classes on the main level throughout the entire service. We encourage the use of our attended nursery class for those who need it.
- If you have any questions concerning our services or the church or the Bible, we encourage you to speak to one of our elders or our minister.

## MCREST



**Next Sunday** begins our MCREST week. We will once again open our building and our hearts to approximately 30 women and children and we will house and feed them for one week. This mission of love takes a lot of planning and volunteers. The volunteer job list and the meal and food lists are posted on the back wall of the auditorium. You will see that there are many chances to give of your time. If you have any questions about what each job involves, you can talk to **Bill Nocita**, our MCREST coordinator. **Cindy Wilson**, our MCREST food coordinator, can answer any questions you may have about the meals and/or food items. Pray for this endeavor and how you can be part of it. Working together we can all make a difference in the lives of our guests and let our light shine.

*“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”*

Matthew 25:40



## In Our Thoughts and Prayers



**Pat Mull** had successful eye surgery last week.

**John Lynch** will have a prostate procedure on Friday. This was rescheduled from last week.

**Mildred Cook**, Cindy Wilson's aunt, had surgery last week for a broken hip.

### SYMPATHY



Our thoughts and prayers are with **Cindy Wilson** and her family on the recent death of her aunt, Mary Emma Allen, in Tennessee.

### NEW ROOM NUMBER



**Marilyn Jones** has moved to room 201 at the Church of Christ Care Center nursing home. She would love visits.

### HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died for us and rose from the dead, making salvation available as a gift (John 3:16; Romans 6:23). In order to benefit from this great sacrificial love, one must receive God's grace through faith in Christ and obedience to him (Romans 5:1-2; Hebrews 5:9). To become a Christian, the Bible teaches that we must believe in and put our trust in Christ (John 8:24), turn away from a life of sin (Luke 13:3), confess Jesus as Lord (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). If you would like to further study this question of "What must I do to be saved?", please see our minister or one of our elders.

### HELPERS NEEDED - URGENT



There is a need for volunteers to organize the kids **Halloween party**. We need helpers so the kids (and adults) can have a wonderful and fun activity. A date hasn't been set yet. If you can help please let Vicki know.

### LADIES CLASS



The Wednesday night ladies Bible class will begin the Wednesday after MCREST, **Oct. 12**. Once again Deanna Graves will lead our ladies in an exciting study of God's Word. Have you ever gone through a time of trouble or suffering? Are you disheartened when you look at our world and the turmoil it is in? Join us in a discussion-style class as we walk through the book of Isaiah. We'll see how Isaiah called for the people to put their hope and trust in God during this perilous time in Israel's history. As we are encouraged to do the same, hopefully we will find comfort for our own troubled times. Begin reading the book of Isaiah to prepare for this class. Hope all ladies can plan to be here each week to share and study together.

## **LADIES RETREAT THANK YOU**



Our first (and hopefully annual) ladies retreat last weekend was an overwhelming success! Plans are already underway for next year. We had 32 beautiful sisters join together, and what a blessing it was to share, laugh and cry with each other. We hope that all you ladies will keep these wonderful memories in your hearts forever. We are grateful to each lady who made the commitment and effort to be there. We know it takes planning and scheduling to be away from your family and obligations. Thank you ladies for all your kind words and support. We truly appreciate your love, comments, and suggestions. Special thanks to the elders, **Mark, Joe, and Bill**, for their support and encouragement. They saw the need for our ladies to become “Quilted Together”. Kudos to **Mike Yuchasz**, who taught the 3 year old Sunday School class for Debbie, and to **Mark Wilson**, who did double duty - he taught the K-3rd grade Sunday School class for Jamie and also the children’s worship class for Lori. We give all glory and honor to God for this wonderful experience. (*Retreat Committee: Cindy, Megan, Deanna, Sara, Pam, and Vicki*)

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### **Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, A Story of Courage**

by Tony Huddleston

When Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, conquered Jerusalem, he decided to take certain young men of the Jews into his palace to train in the ways and language of the Chaldeans. He chose Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah because of their wisdom, knowledge, and intelligence. All of these men excelled in their training and were soon promoted to prominent positions in the kingdom.

In the third chapter of Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar decides to make a gold image for all the people to worship. A proclamation was made to bow down and worship this image at the sound of all kinds of music. The penalty for disobedience was death by fire. Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah (also known by their Chaldean names Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego) heard the proclamation, and because they worshipped the true God, did not bow to this image. When word came to Nebuchadnezzar that these three men had not obeyed his command, they were summoned before the king. He gave them a second chance to save their lives, but they courageously answered the king, “If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up” Daniel 3:17-18.

This story of courage should cause us to examine our own faith. We are very fortunate in this country to have freedom to worship the true and living God. Even though we don’t have to face physical persecution, we do sometimes face ridicule for trying to live a Christian life. When this happens, are we always ready to defend our faith, and profess our belief in Christ? How strong would we be if the persecution became severe? God will give us the strength we need, if only we will ask through prayer. May we always be people of courage.

## TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday

Bible School - 9:30 a.m.  
Worship - 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

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## WORSHIP ATTENDANTS

September 25, 2016

Opening Prayer - Mark Wilson

Song Leader - Mark Nelson

Sermon - Joe Mason

### Communion servants for September

David Anderson     Dean Stewart

Ty Filipiak             John Kaganac

### Audio visual servitors for September

Kara Mason             Jenna Mason

## FOR THE RECORD

September 18, 2016

Bible School	43
Sunday Morning Worship	116
Avg. attendance for 2016	133
Sunday Evening Worship	21
Mid-Week Bible Study	32
Contribution	\$2,546.40
Avg. contribution for 2016	\$3,954.59
Budget	\$3,725.00
Shults-Lewis	\$43.00
Total for 2016	\$1,966.62

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