



the
Encourager

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH PARK
CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 2018

MORE THAN WE SEE

Throughout Scripture the “unnatural” happens or is written about. In 1 Samuel 28 Saul has a witch call back Samuel’s spirit so he can talk to him. Elijah is taken to Heaven in a chariot of fire. Ezekiel sees a vision of strange creatures and wheels within wheels. Jesus performs miracle after miracle. Peter walks on water. Paul casts a demon out of a girl, and curses another man with blindness. John writes the Revelation.

In Ephesians 6 we are told to wear the armor of God to defend against the attacks of the devil. We are told in Hebrews that the Word of God cuts between soul and spirit. In 2 Corinthians Paul writes we do not war according to the flesh, but spirit.

Mark Your Calendar

6.2

Helping Hands Pantry
Dylan Letsinger’s grad party

6.4

ROMEO Club

6.10

Donut Sunday

6.11 - 6.13

VBS 6:30-8:30

6.16

Helping Hands Pantry
Breanna Reese’s grad party

6.17

Father’s Day

6.19

Blanket Ministry

6.22

Ladies Prayer Night

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Throughout Scripture the world is seen as one huge spiritual battleground, where angels are kept from getting to Daniel by other beings (Daniel 10:13), Satan is outdone by quoting God's Word (Luke 4), and a man is shown things about Heaven that cannot be told (2 Cor. 12:2-4). The very death and resurrection of Jesus is talked about as having disarmed spiritual rulers and authorities and defeating sin and death itself!

In light of all of this, how can we possibly accept the modern world's materialist viewpoint that what we see is all that exists or all that matters? The things mentioned above are just the tip of the iceberg that I could remember quickly off the top of my head. There are many more. Yet, many Christians today live as though the spiritual side of existence is not important, even as they claim to believe in it.

³⁴ A new command I give you; Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another

John 13:34 & 35

This materialist view greatly weakens our ability to serve God and follow Christ. It weakens it because it robs us of the higher calling and purpose God has given to His people. Without a view to the spiritual, our focus becomes earthly. It becomes about attendance numbers, contribution amounts, and program organization. When our focus is earthly, it becomes very easy for a church to become little more than a country club with a Christian veneer. It can end up in a situation where a church honors God with their lips while their hearts are far from Him.

Today I want to encourage you to explore the Scripture and see the reality that is more than we see. Understand and remember that there are far bigger things going on that we realize, and that we are a part of the great spiritual war that has gone on since the beginning. In doing so let us be a people who recognize the great calling of God to take part in this fight, so that we are living for that which is higher than what we see. Don't be fooled by this world. Our home and goal is with God in Heaven. Let us make sure our aim in all of life points to it.

ATTENTION BROTHERS: If you are listed to serve (i.e. prayer, preside, communion, scripture, usher, etc.), please meet in the Youth Office (across from the men's restroom) at 10:20 am each week.

Those to Serve – June 3, 2018

Children's Church: Brenda Mohler, Julia Garcia
Communion Trays: Earline Nipps, Mickey Tooley, Mary Enfiled
Audio/Video: Braydon Letsinger
Security: Sharps
Nursery: Delores/Lisa Warkins, Pat Williams
Greeters: N. Jennie Adams/Grace Sharp S. Simon-Peter Broughton
Mailbox: Joan Schmidt, Judi Rogers
Computer: Brenda Mohler
Worship Director: Jason Willis/Sid Long
Prayer: Jordan Siracusa, Russ Lyman
Scripture: Dylan Letsinger
Ushers: Ken Maupin, Ernie Stubblefield
Preside: Dave Sharp
1A Chris Youssi 2A Jeff Hagerman
1B Scott Weir 2B Brett Hagerman
3A Jaye Lavern 4A Bryan Kalen
3B Jerry Gibson 4B Scott Seigrist

Shut-Ins: Deans
Kingdom Kids: Robyn & Kathy*

Those to Serve – June 17, 2018

Children's Church: Gloria Gregory, LeAnne Douglas
Communion Trays: Earline Nipps, Mickey Tooley, Mary Enfiled
Audio/Video: Dylan Letsinger
Security: Stan Gregory
Nursery: Mignon & Elizabeth Soter
Greeters: N. Delores Warkins S. Brenda Mohler
Mailbox: Joan Schmidt, Judi Rogers
Computer: Pam Reese
Worship Director: Tim Firm
Prayer: Jerry Gibson, Wayne Morris
Scripture: Chris Isom
Ushers: Brent Garcia, Jaye Lavern
Preside: Scott Weir
1A Ken Maupin 2A Russell Dean
1B Cameron Maupin 2B Taylor Dean
3A Joe Nicosia 4A Adam Zomok
3B Joey Nicosia 4B Tyler Zomok

Shut-Ins: Lynch
Kingdom Kids: Julie & Jerrica*

Those to Serve – June 10, 2018

Children's Church: Mignon & Elizabeth Soter
Communion Trays: Earline Nipps, Mickey Tooley, Mary Enfiled
Audio/Video: Bryan Kalen
Security: Keith Pierce
Nursery: Julia Garcia, Grace Sharp
Greeters: N. Maxine Byrne/ Mary Enfield S. Jean Foster
Mailbox: Joan Schmidt, Judi Rogers
Computer: Sara Maupin
Worship Director: Ken Maupin
Prayer: Bobby Letsinger, Joe Nicosia
Scripture: John Castree
Ushers: Simon-Peter Broughton, Jose Cervantes
Preside: Stan Gregory
1A Ron Willis 2A Simon-Peter Broughton
1B Dave Sharp 2B Ron King
3A Doug Soter 4A Mark Murray
3B Ed Long 4B Jeremy Schulz

Shut-Ins: Kings
Kingdom Kids: Deanna & Taylor*

Those to Serve – June 24, 2018

Children's Church: Grace Sharp, Naomi Gibson
Communion Trays: Earline Nipps, Mickey Tooley, Mary Enfiled
Audio/Video: Jordan Siracusa
Security: Jared Kemp
Nursery: Pam Reese, Sandi Riffle
Greeters: N. Reese S. Weir
Mailbox: Joan Schmidt, Judi Rogers
Computer: Mary Riley
Worship Director: Ed Long
Prayer: Ernie Stubblefield, Dylan Letsinger
Scripture: Scott Weir
Ushers: Chuck Donovan, Jerry Gibson
Preside: Bret Hagerman
1A Jose Cervantes 2A John Castree
1B Braydon Letsinger 2B Bob Letsinger
3A Wayne Morris 4A Ken Lynch
3B Greg Peck 4B Keith Pierce

Shut-Ins: Sharps
Kingdom Kids: Staphany* & Cathy



I am the Lorax!! I speak for the trees. You should all sign up for VBS....

Please.



2018 VBS

June 11-13

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Registration starts at 6:15 pm

Volunteers: Please arrive at 6:00 pm on the 11th and 6:15 pm all other nights

Pantry Sub List

Justin Reese	815-299-0762	Jaye Lavern	815-608-4465
Elizabeth Soter	815-721-0405	Jeremy Schulz	630-418-0371
Cameron Maupin	815-978-3362	Ken Maupin	815-262-1487
Mary Riley	815-988-7440	Sara Maupin	815-262-0303
Tammy Weir	815-751-0866	Naomi Gibson	815-742-2291
Katie Schulz	630-418-0372	Cathy Firm	815-298-6341
Maxine Byrne	815-494-2512	Liz Willis	815-494-0595
Joan Schmidt	815-708-3993	Brenda Mohler	815-505-7205
Pat Seifert	815-871-7236	Tim Firm	815-914-1782

Prayer List

- **Anneka Broughton** · **Jason Willis** **Ken Maupin**
- Lea Schorer** – no visitors at this time please
- **Larry Borrison** · **Janette Freeman** **Jan Morris**
- **Frances Hughes** **Dorothy Powell** **Evie Garon**
- **Larry Blodget** – friend of Aloha Humphries; being treated for brain cancer
- **Jack Ward**—Jan Lavern’s brother in law who is suffering from a lung disease
- **Janet Willis** – Danielle Kemp’s friend who is battling liver cancer and waiting for a transplant
- **Brenda Hill**—friend of the Cervantes family who was diagnosed with cancer
- **Kevin Eley** – Bolen’s neighbor who is battling cancer
- **Lee Carson** – friend of Simon-Peter who has terminal liver cancer
- **Louise Crouch** – still dealing with pain
- Sonya Puentes** – friend of the Cervantes family; has cancer
- Andrew-James Broughton**—suffering complications from cancer treatments
- Linda Gruner** – friend of Dustin Arreguin who is undergoing cancer treatment
- Bolen’s nephew Tim** – dealing with chronic knee issues and scoliosis
- Isabelle Harbach** – Katie Schulz’s grandma; back in the ICU with blood clots in her leg
- David Reynolds** – friend of the Bolly’s who needs our prayers
- Larry Mohler**- still dealing with infection – pain is better
- Judy Filbeck & Micki French**- Kristen Duckmann’s grandmother and mother who are recovering from bone spur surgery
- Donny Hoffman**- Chuck Mausehund’s nephew who has cancer and is going through chemo treatments right now
- Gloria Gregory**- shingles
- Family of Jean King**– Annie Allen’s daughter; passed away May 15th

RCC

Get registered for camp!!

Senior Camp: July 6th-14th

Intermediate: July 14th-21st

Junior Camp: July 21st-28th

Labor Day Retreat: August 31st-September 3rd

JUNE 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship Dustin Arreguin's bday Joey/Lisa Nicosia's am.</p>	<p>4 ROMEO Club</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Lavender Jones' bday 7 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>7 1-3 pm Pantry</p>	<p>8 Dorna Fincher's bday Graham's am.</p>	<p>9 10:00 am Dylan Letsinger's grad party 12-3pm Breanna Reese's bday McClain-Smith's am.</p>
<p>10 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship DONUT SUNDAY!!!</p>	<p>11 VBS 6:30-8:30 pm Tonya Rodden & Lee McVay's bday</p>	<p>12 VBS 6:30-8:30 pm Bill Morrow's bday</p>	<p>13 VBS 6:30-8:30 pm Yarnell Cervantes' bday HHP Food Delivery</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Helen Holland & Kevin Gillis's bday Riffle's am.</p>	<p>16 Pantry 10:00am Breanna Reese's grad party 12-4 pm Sabrina Burton & Caysie Kulpa's bday Film's am.</p>
<p>17 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship FATHER'S DAY Bobby Letsinger & Michael Burton's bday</p>	<p>18 Castree's am.</p>	<p>19 Judi Rogers & Tony Nicosia's bday Blanket Ministry workday @ 9am</p>	<p>20 Sheila Beck's bday 7 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>21 6-8 pm Pantry</p>	<p>22 Kylee Whittemire & Dorothy Powell's bday Grant/Ryan Gregory's am. Ladies Prayer Night 7 pm</p>	<p>23 Phillips' am.</p>
<p>24 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship Simon Peter Broughton's bday</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Pratt's am.</p>	<p>27emie Adams' bday Price's am. 7 pm Bible Study HHP Food Delivery</p>	<p>28 Trevor Hendershot's bday</p>	<p>29 Brook Kalen's bday</p>	<p>30</p>



News & Events

--We are in need of **adult** clothing and household items for the **Essentials house**...towels, sheets, kitchen essentials, etc at the Essentials house. Please, if you have any of these items, gently used or newly purchased, that you can donate please drop them off on the first Thursday of the month.

--If you have a person to nominate as Trustee to fill the seat that Scott Weir is vacating please get those names in Ron King in the next couple of weeks. Please also remember that Joe Nicosia and Ed Long's terms are up and they have indicated that they are willing to continue to serve in this capacity.

--Jared has a new local phone number if you would prefer to not call long distance. The number is 815-985-4830

--The sign up sheets for VBS are up so please sign up to volunteer asap!!

--Golden Agers with birthdays/anniversaries in April, May, or June are invited to a luncheon on Tuesday, May 29th, at 12 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and join us as we celebrate you!

--If you have any gold cans left over from the flower arrangements at the Pasta Ball or baskets from the silent auction, please put them in the Pasta Ball donations box if you aren't using them— thanks!!

--There is a new Bible class on Wednesday nights, in addition to the Bible study that Jared leads upstairs. It is lead by Bret Hagerman and is titled Multiply and will discuss how to become disciples who make disciples.

--Grab one (or 10, however many you would like to do) of the blank hot air balloons on the table in the coat room, decorate them however you like, cut them out, and get them back to church (you can put completed balloons on that table) by Sunday, June 3rd. There are some examples on the table if you need some inspiration!!

--The Pantry will be participating in the Spring Simply Give program with Meijer's. The campaign runs May 13th – June 13th and the double match day will be Friday, June 1st. There are cards on the display next to the women's restroom.

--GRADUATION PARTIES: Dylan Letsinger June 2nd from 12-3 pm at the Letsinger's house
Breanna Reese June 16th from 12-4 pm at the Lion's Club
shelter at Rock Cut State Park

May 27, 2018

Jesus Is All the World to Me

Welcome

Is It For Me

Lord's Supper

Giving

Nearer, Still Nearer

Prayer

Acts 4:8-12

In the Morning of Joy

(dismiss for Children's Church)

Sermon

What A Meeting in the Air

Family Time

Prayer

Those to Serve –May 27, 2018

Children's Church: Staphany Cervantes, Victoria Anderson

Communion Trays: Brittie McKinney, Nell Isom, Jennie Adams

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Kingdom Kids: Elizabeth & Naomi*

The North Park Church of Christ is committed to sharing Jesus with our community and the world; while encouraging the spiritual development of our youth, strengthening the bond of our families, and serving the needs of our senior adults to build a church known by its love and message that flows from the very heart of God.

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MINISTER

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