



Ron's Reflections

This morning as I sit down to write a reflection, my mind and heart go to the life changing event of last Tuesday evening when Nate Miller, my dear spiritual brother, co laborer and a best friend was tragically and suddenly taken from this life. Grief is a tormenting emotion that comes without warning and spins one's reality in every direction all at the same time. And just about the time you think you've regained your equilibrium...like a bad stomach flu it comes back with a vengeance again and again.

I first learned of Nate's sudden passing from a pastor friend who is outside of our local church community. He had heard from one of his parishioners who served with Nate on the Hartville Historical committee. He texted me to offer his condolences.

My first reaction was shock and I found myself struggling to breathe. My mind attempted to sort out a way to confirm or refute the information and I struggled to even focus and figure out a person, a way, a number that I could call to get any kind of reassurance to say it just wasn't true! It couldn't be! Surely someone got some misinformation and this rumor, this tragedy couldn't possibly have happened! Another text, and a quick phone call and the truth I feared, was confirmed.

Dazed...confused...bewildered...panicky...disoriented...paralyzed...surreal...preoccupied. I have to say that I would use every one of these words to describe the shock of losing Nate this past week. Henri Nouwen says; "When we lose someone we have loved deeply, we are left with a grief that can paralyze us emotionally...When they die a part of us dies too."

My heart goes out to Denise, Katie, Sam, and Katurah who no doubt have felt the pain of Nate's death many times more acutely than I have because of the love for one another that an immediate family shares. Nate's sudden death impacts this whole community. He was dearly loved.

I tell myself to be thankful and treasure the memories that I have of the many hours of working shoulder to shoulder. From doing life together in two different church settings to cutting and splitting firewood, setting tile, plumbing, framing, helping others who were in distress, working around the church, and traveling to West Virginia and Kentucky that created the setting for nonstop conversation.

Nate was so generous and kind hearted. He loved to go out of his way and wear himself out to make someone's day better and solve problems that seemed overwhelming for them. All with a grin, a chuckle and a kind word. If I needed a hand or some help whether it was hauling a widow's furniture, a wood splitter, or a 22 rifle to shoot a varmint that was after my hens, Nate was already offering the solution and showing up with the right tools in hand.

Nate was also a thoughtful and effective teacher and leader in Sunday school and Thursday evening bible studies via zoom during and after the pandemic. He gave himself to thorough study and always presented humbly and with gentle self depreciative submissions. But we always went away from those evenings when Nate led with a sense that time spent with Nate was well worthwhile and we had gained new insights of the gentle heart of Jesus. I will continue to grieve, but I know that I will also see Nate again someday. It is the hope I hold onto and I urge you to do the same. Nate knew and loved Jesus and followed in his footsteps.



Gatherings this week

Wednesday, May 22

8:00am: Senior Men's Bible Study in our Fellowship Hall.

6:15pm: Prayer Gathering. You are Welcome.

7:00pm: Woman's Group– Sanctuary

Men's Group– Fellowship Hall

Youth Group- Kids 6th grade to 12th grade; upstairs in the Youth Room

Thursday, May 30

Nate Miller's Service at Bethany Mennonite Church (3497 Edison St NE, Hartville)

3:00-6:00pm: Calling Hours

6:00pm: Celebration of Life Service

Friday, May 31

9:30am: Senior Community Group in our Fellowship Hall.

Saturday, June 1

9:00am: Spring Cleaning Day at the church. Lunch will be provided.

Sunday, June 2

8:30am: Preservice Prayer in the Fellowship Hall/ Nursery Extension

9:00am: Coffee and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall and foyer. Get to know new faces and catch up with your church family over coffee or tea.

9:30am: Sunday School, a class for every age

10:30am: Worship Service. Come and join in praising God the Father through song, prayer, and hearing the Word.

12:30pm: Potluck Apologetics, led by Jason Breda. Meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday, June 4

6:00pm: Brian & Christie Johnson's Home Life Group (336 King Church Ave, Hartville), led by Pastor Ron. They are watching The Chosen and discussing the actions and teaching of Jesus.



Volunteer Schedules

Children's Church

Director: Nicole Miller

Children's Church will be taking a break for June & July. Quiet boxes are available during the service. VBS will be the week of July 15th! Details to come.

Nursery

This week: Nicole Miller & Brenda King

Next week: Joyce Serdinak & Sarah Byler

Bread Ministry

This week (5/26-6/1)- Dorman Kuhns

Next week (6/2-6/8)- Jerry W. Miller

Worship Leader

This week: Rick Joyner

Next week: Austin Yoder

Our Thursday Meal Program will take a break for the summer. Love Our Community will start their Summer Meal Program the first week of June and continue through the end of August, on both Mondays and Thursdays. As a church, we plan to provide one of the meals, probably in August. Please see Katie Harsh for more information.

Thank you all for volunteering your time and energy! You are so greatly appreciated for serving in this way. We love you!

If you'd like to be part of one of these ministries please see the leader of the ministry or Katie Harsh.



Church News

Life Group/Bible Study opportunities:

Jason & Chelsea Breda's Life Group, Potluck Apologetics, is meeting Sunday, June 2nd at 12:30 until about 2pm in the CCC Fellowship Hall. All are welcome! It is a kid friendly environment.

Brian & Christie Johnson's Life Group is meeting Tuesday June 4th, and June 18th at their home (336 King Church Ave, Hartville 44632) led by Pastor Ron at 6:00pm. The focus is watching and discussing the second season of The Chosen.

Steve & Amy Ross's Life Group is meeting at Steve & Amy's house (5821 Manchester Rd, New Franklin, 44319) June 14th and 28th. Bring your Bible and a side dish for an evening of food, fellowship, songs, and fireside snacks!

Clay Akins' Young Adult Life Group is meeting Friday May 31st at his house (8632 Wedgewood Ave. N. Canton 44720) at 7:00pm.

Would you like a Cornerstone T-shirt? Great! We have a couple of different designs in various sizes. Each shirt costs \$15. It is on a first come, first served basis. Please see Katie Harsh if you want one. Thanks!!

Spring is here! We love to see kids, of all ages, playing outside, just being kids. However, we have noticed that the basketballs and dodgeballs are not making it back inside the church when they're done being used. To help remedy this, we have a sign out sheet hanging by the side door. Please sign out whatever ball you/your kid(s) are going to use and then when they are returned sign the last column. If the balls are lost, the last person to have it is responsible for replacing it.



You're
Invited

The Beachy's would like to invite you, their Cornerstone Family to celebrate Tanner's Graduation! It is an open house on Saturday June 8th from 4:00-7:00pm at Maple Grove Mennonite Church (2121 Smith-Kramer St, Hartville)



***This Saturday, June 1st, we are having a Church wide clean out day. If there is anything at the church that is yours or you'd like to take as a keepsake please come and get it before Friday afternoon.**

*Do you have a request for which you need prayer? Do you have a question about the sermon? Would you like to discuss questions about the Bible? Great! Call or text Pastor Ron at 330-704-3690.

*Any other questions feel free to call the church at 330-877-1250 or Katie Harsh at 330-685-2689.

For the Record

Church attendance for last week (May 26, 2024) was 126

The total tithes & offerings given was \$2,404.25

Total needed to reach the approved budget is \$5,340.00

Volunteer opportunities

IVEP Home needed– IVEP (International Volunteer Program through MCC) is looking for a home starting in late August for a Christian Palestinian young man named Khader Assi Najib. If you are interested please email Phil Stauffer at pstauffer@hartvillethriftshoppe.org or Julie Yoder at jyoder@hartvillethriftshoppe.org

Love Our Community is doing their Summer Meal Program! Meals will be served on Mondays & Thursdays in June, July, & August. Please scan the QR code for more information or visit www.loveourcommunity.net. If you are in need of a meal delivered please visit <https://forms.gle/g4yswBxJJ23Qf1fDa>



Hartville Thrift Shoppe is looking to hire a paid position for Warehouse Associate II. This would involve lifting, receiving furniture, baling clothing, etc., and possible some heavy equipment operation as appropriate. This is a full time position, working Monday-Saturday with a day off during the week. Pay would be commensurate with experience. Come and join the Hartville MCC Thrift team and know that your work not only provides pay, and work with great people, but the knowledge that every hour is a gift to the community and the world through our support of MCC. Please contact us at the store and ask for either Bob or Phil at 330-877-2769.



[Prayer Requests](#)

Please consider writing a card, sending a text, making a call, or visiting some of our church family members that are going through a rough time. There are cards available in the church office if you need some. If you need additional info, please contact Katie Harsh or Pastor Ron Embleton.

Mary Ellen Yoder- 850 Sunnyside St. SW, Hartville 44632; 330-904-2105

Eva Kuhns Potts- 1420 Smith-Kramer St. NE, Hartville 44632; 330-453-0748

Kathleen Patterson- 1976 Gulf St. NW, Uniontown 44632; 330-877-1606

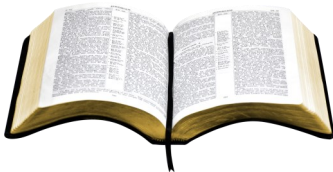
Audrey Ritter– 11750 Klinger Ave, Alliance 44601 Altercare of Alliance
Rm 406; 330-823-8263

Susie Boyd– St. Luke’s Lutheran Community Rm 107 Pinehurst; 220 Applegrove St
NE, North Canton OH 44720; 330-498-5539

Ruth DeLong– 4900 Massillon Rd. Apt. 19, North Canton 44720; 330-697-5323

Lorene Coblentz– 156 Woodbury Glen St. Hartville 44632; 330-606-2359

Kevin Beachy– 13543 Gopp Ave Hartville 44632; 330-877-6123 (Home)



[Read the Bible in a year](#)

This year’s **Bible Reading Plan** give us a little more flexibility. Instead of 7 days, it is only 5, that way in case you miss a day you’re not behind. We hope it helps you read through your Bible in a year! Happy reading! 😊

Week 21

2 Samuel 13-14; Acts 28

2 Samuel 15-17; Psalms 3, 63; Romans 1

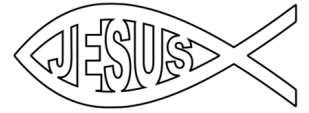
2 Samuel 18-20; Psalms 34; Romans 2

2 Samuel 21-23 Psalms 18; Romans 3

2 Samuel 24; 1 Chronicles 21; Romans 4



Names and Titles of Jesus



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Word list:

- CHRIST
- EMMANUEL
- JESUS
- KING OF THE JEWS
- LAMB OF GOD
- LIGHT OF THE WORLD

- LORD
- MASTER
- REDEEMER
- SAVIOR
- SON OF DAVID
- SON OF GOD

