

Parkside Nazarene Church

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>>> SEPTEMBER MESSENGER

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Waiting/Hoping By Frances Cooney

The Story of Noah and the flood is such an interesting one, but there is one character not as often spoken about. This was a lonely little bird who hovered over the waters— there was no place for her to set her tiny feet. She found no rest. But she may not have been as lonely as we think. Noah sent her over the waters but each time she returned Noah (whose name means he who will bring rest) would reach out and pull her inside. The day she did not return Noah knew the water receded and she had found a place to rest. Those in the Ark and the little dove thought the day would never come. But it did. Is that how we get sometimes? We live in a world that is difficult right now. We wonder when this virus will ever go away. Times when our faith is all that we have as we see the numbers.

As Noah reached for that little dove we are reminded how God reaches out, pulls us up and becomes our olive branch. So we wait, hope and enjoy His presence.



Interesting that our adversaries are God's universities. We can learn a lot from Joseph's story in Genesis. There we learn that Joseph learned patience while waiting in prison. His brothers had sold him into slavery and was taken to Egypt. Later it was evident that he had learned much from prison. It had been a training ground where among other things he learned about and became involved in food distribution. Sound familiar?? I'll never see or hear of a food distribution center again without thinking of Joseph. His service was due to a famine...for us it's the pandemic. Thank the Lord for those who feed.

Essence from Women's Devotional Bible

God wants us to be happy no matter what is going on...now. Closing with a poem by Helen Lowrie Marshall:

Isn't life glorious, isn't it grand
Here— take it— hold it tight in your hand
Squeeze every drop of it into your soul,
Drink of the joy of it sun-sweet and all
Laugh with the love of it, burst into song
Scatter it's richness as we stride along
Isn't life splendid— and isn't it great
We can always start living— it's never too late.

September Birthdays



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| Stephen Murphy | 04 |
| Caryl Schemrich | 15 |
| Katie Smith | 23 |
| Nate Napier | 24 |
| Brittany Craven | 27 |
| Michael Adamovich | 28 |

If you have a birthday or anniversary that needs updated, please email or call the church to let us know!

office@parknaz.org

In Sanctuary Services: 10:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.
Every Sunday

The September Messenger Continued..

NYI VIRTUAL QUIZ SCHEDULE

August 30– Virtual Quiz Training Via Zoom

Quizzes begin online at 9:00 a.m.:

September 12

October 17

*November 20-21

*December 4-6 (St. Louis)

*December 11-12 (Fun Quiz)

**The quiz season will be reviewed as it goes to determine if in-person quizzing will be a possibility at some point.*

The teens will be studying the book of Matthew this year.

PARKSIDE CHILD CARE CENTER

The teachers have been able to incorporate the playgrounds into their curriculum time. They are very excited to be able to use the playgrounds and are appreciative of the work the teens did to get them ready.



Three of the children who returned in June are moving on to kindergarten. We enjoyed watching them grow here at Parkside, and wish them the best in the future!

Alabaster Offering

September 20th we will give to our Alabaster offerings. This money goes toward many Work and Witness projects such as land and construction of churches, schools, medical facilities and more. Boxes to save for this are in the foyer.



The semi-annual offerings in September and February are tradition in the Church of the Nazarene. You can read stories about Alabaster projects and give to future projects by going to: <https://nazarene.org/alabaster>.

Back-to-School Family Cook-out

Families with children in grades K-12 are invited to attend an outdoor cook-out on August 30 @ 12:15 p.m. Families will need to provide their own food, drinks and tableware.

Tables will be seated by family group. Please see Pastor Marcella with any questions.



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Presidential Election

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Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Devotionals at 11:00 a.m.

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Go to: <https://boe.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/becomeapeo.aspx>

For more information.

Significant Dates :

August 30: SDMI Back-to-School Cook-Out at 12:15 p.m.

September 12: Virtual Teen Quiz at 9:00 a.m.

September 20: Alabaster Sunday