



By Pastor Don



Winter has come and gone, Spring has sprung, and Summer is just around the corner. For most of us these are the best of days. They are the days when we leave coats, gloves, and boots behind and head outdoors to enjoy the wonders of God's

creation. We are certainly blessed with many places of splendor along the shores of Lake Erie.

Nancy and I – although not as frequently as when we first moved here – love going up to the lake and just sitting and watching. We love watching the movements of the water, the formations of the clouds, the variety of water birds, and the beautiful sunsets.

Nature is not only beautiful to behold, but for many of us, we find in nature expressions and proclamations about God. It was the Psalmist who spoke frequently about nature as a testimony about God. In Psalm 19:1 we read, *"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands."* Psalm 104:24-25 says, *"How many are your works, Lord! in wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number— living things both large and small."* In Psalm 96:11-12 we read, *"Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy."*

As I think about Spring and Summer, and the

wonders of God's nature, I am reminded of a story by Earl Palmer. He speaks of the power and reach of the mighty Amazon River. He writes: "The Amazon River is the largest river in the world. The mouth is 90 miles across. There is enough water to exceed the combined flow of the Yangtze, Mississippi, and Nile River. So much water comes from the Amazon that they can detect its currents 200 miles out in the Atlantic Ocean. One irony of ancient navigation is that sailors in ancient times died for lack of water . . . caught in the windless waters of the South Atlantic. They were adrift, helpless, dying of thirst. Sometimes other ships from South America who knew the area would come alongside and call out, 'What is your problem?' And they would exclaim, 'Can you spare us some water? Our sailors are dying of thirst!' And from the other ship would come the cry, 'Just lower your buckets. You are in the mouth of the mighty Amazon.'"

The lesson from this story, and the lesson of God's nature is clear: the vastness of God's power and resources is everywhere, even when we are not aware. Whenever we find ourselves adrift and thirsting for a refreshing from God, it is highly likely that all we need is right in front of us, our just above us, or right under our feet. God is everywhere present. The vastness and power of His presence extends beyond our wildest imaginations. All of nature is announcing that God is everywhere present. All we need to do is reach out and grab HIM. The Good News from nature is this: at all times and in all places, all that we need from God is all around us. We are in the mouth of the River of God.

"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, oh my God." (Psalm 46:1)

The June Messenger Continued..

SIGNIFICANT JUNE DATES :

- 02: Pre-K Graduation
- 03: Church Work Day
- 04: SiSi's Graduation Reception
- 04: Finance Committee Meeting
- 06: Men's Life Group Begins
- 08: Church Board Meeting
- 09: General Assembly Begins
- 14: Flag Day
- 16: General Assembly Ends
- 17: NYI Game Night
- 18: Fathers Day
- 19: Juneteenth
- 20: Gals with Grace

PARKSIDE CHILD CARE CENTER



Hello June!!! May the month ahead bring you love, happiness and lots of SUNSHINE!

We welcome Miss Dychae to Parkside as our new Cook! She will train with Miss Nancy on all things food, making the position her own. As she becomes comfortable in her new role, Miss Nancy will begin her transition into the office as the Administrative Assistant! PreK Graduation is Friday, June 2. Kindergarten here they come!!! Congratulations to all of our Graduates!

We celebrate Father's Day this month at Donuts with Dad on Friday, June 16!

As Summer approaches, classrooms are scheduling their water play days. Splish, splash!

Pony Tale Farms will be visiting this month! Each child will have the chance to ride a pony and listen to the singing cowboy! Let the Summer fun begin!!!

NCO KIDS CAMPS



Primary Camp and PreTeen Camp will begin the week of July 23. Go to: <https://www.ncodistrict.org/kidscamp> for more information and to register your child(ren).

Primary Camp (July 23-25) is for kids who have completed first-third grade. Early Bird Registration is due by June 21.

PreTeen Camp (July 26-30) is for kids who have completed fourth-sixth grade. Early Bird Registration is due by July 1.

Please see the flyers in the foyer or contact the Church Office with any questions.

TEEN CAMP, ETC..



District Teen Camp will be held at MVNU this year, July 17-21. Teen Camp is for anyone who has completed grades seven-twelve. Registration is due by July 10. Go to: <https://www.ncodistrict.org/teencamp> to register and for more information. See the flyer in the foyer, or contact the Church Office with any questions. **Game Night is Saturday, June 17 at 6:00 p.m.**



June Birthdays

Nancy Lain	05
Lynn Ward	10
Abby Wisneski	22
Scott Kimmey	26

Anniversaries

Lucy & Marty Adams	10
Joanne & Andy Murphy	13
Brianna & Bill St. John	15
Bitsy & Kevin Cash	27



Weekly Services: (services are in person and online)

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Go to: www.facebook.com/parknaz/ or [www.youtube.com Parkside Nazarene Church](http://www.youtube.com/ParksideNazareneChurch)

Wednesday Prayer Meetings at 3:00 p.m. (in person only)