

ADULT MINISTRIES

There will be auditions for the Worship team on Sunday, April 14th immediately following the service at the Ashtabula campus. The team is specifically looking for a drummer, guitar players, bass players, keyboard players and vocalists with strong contemporary voices who can lead and/or harmonize. Signups are required; please see Tiffany Kiphart or anyone on the praise team to sign up and receive more information about being involved with this ministry.



The Mya Women's Center will have their annual Vision Banquet on Thursday, March 11th and Friday, April 12th at 6:30 pm at the Lodge at Geneva-on-the-Lake. You're invited! This is an annual fundraiser for our local pregnancy care center; the dinner is complimentary and an opportunity to make a financial gift will be extended. Please register to attend this by visiting the EVENTS page at theridgenaz.org.



Now's the time to do your spring cleaning, so why not make a few dollars on items you don't need? We're having a yard sale at the Geneva parsonage on Friday and Saturday, April 26th from 8-2 pm and Saturday 27th from 8-noon. We're letting you know in plenty of time to prepare to join us! Anyone can have their own table, we simply ask that you give 10% of your earnings to the church. You must have your own money box as well. If you have items you'd like to donate to be sold, please pre-ticket and sort those items. Contact the church office to make arrangements to drop off your donations at the Geneva campus. Please note any unsold donated items will be set on the curb for the Geneva Clean-up day on Saturday May 4th. Sign-ups are available at the Welcome Center and at theridgenaz.org.



Our scavenger hunt in March was a huge success, and we've had requests for more! Get your team together for the next adventure on Sunday April 28th from 2-3 pm beginning at the Ashtabula campus.

THE RIDGE

NAZARENE CHURCH

Pastor's Reflection

Seasons come and seasons go. In Autumn it is the changing leaves that eventually fall to the ground, followed by cold Winter weather and falling snowflakes. Most are happy to see those seasons pass because of the hope of warm weather and green filling our vision. The bare branches begin to sprout, and flowers begin to bloom. It's wonderful to watch Winter give way to Spring. It's familiar but new at the same time.

Isaiah 43:18-19 NIV says, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

God promises changing seasons and a "spring" forward in faith as we follow Him, but for this to happen we have to let go of the old season. One lesson of life we learn is to let go of past hurts, struggles, and even relationships. Sometimes this means we must grieve to move forward. We may have to let ourselves feel loss and be sad for a little while, but we always have the hope of God doing something new and bringing new people into our lives. Springtime is God's reminder to focus our hearts on all He's doing. May we embrace all the "new" he has in store for us tomorrow.

Pastor Sean Hampton

Esther 4:14

"For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

One of my favorite bible stories has been the foundation for many decisions made over the course of my life. As Esther stepped into a role she was not qualified for, she trusted and believed that the God who called her would be the same God who would help her carry out His plan for her life.

My mama always said that each journey we take in life are stepping stones towards the next journey. Just like Esther, as she made her way towards the king uninvited, she was preparing for her next journey, that God had planned for her.

We continue to pray over your stepping stones as a church, as you continue to move forward while serving His kingdom. Even if that step is scary or full of questions, if God is leading, continue to trust in His faithfulness. *For such a time as this...*

Love,

Pastor Shea

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PRAYER CONCERNS

But he said to me,
“My grace is sufficient for you,
for my power is made perfect in weakness.”
Therefore I will boast all the more gladly
about my weaknesses,
so that Christ’s power may rest on me.
That is why, for Christ’s sake,
I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships,
in persecutions, in difficulties.
For when I am weak,
then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12: 9-10



Each Wednesday is a time for prayer in the sanctuary at the Ashtabula campus from 6-7pm. If you haven't been able to attend this special time yet, we invite you to do so. Come anytime during that hour to seek the Lord; amazing things happen when God's people pray!

DISCIPLESHIP

DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCE DISPLAY:

- Our Daily Bread Magazine for April, May & June
- InTouch Devotional Magazine for April
- Unlocked Devotional for Teens-March-May
- Keys for Kids - March- May
- We're cleaning out previous titles that we just have a few left. Be sure to check it out, there's excellent resources available!



Membership Class will be offered in April beginning Sunday, April 7th at 5 pm at the Ashtabula campus; both campuses are invited to attend. If you are interested in learning more about the Church of the Nazarene or becoming a member, please see Pastor Sean or contact the church office.



Those who recently lost a loved one: The Terbizan Family, Jim & Louise Flack, Frances & Jerry Jeffers, Nate & Brenda Colvin

Those in Assisted Living or Confined at Home: Pastor Rick Wilgus, Karen Durkovic, Carrie Kennedy, Joyce Winters

Church Family Prayer Concerns: Tonya Evans, Jackie McBride, Cynthia Griffiths, Dave Nagle, Ruth Williams, Karl Williamson, Carol Wilgus, Al & Debbie Dawes, The McConnell family, the Lantern Ministry, FCA in our local schools, Dennis Covert, Cynthia Heath, Howard & Carol Kennedy, Ellie Harvey, John Turner, Greg Dawes, Paul Bledsoe, Louise Flack

Our Prayer line number is 440-994-2340, and is updated on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. To sign up for daily prayer emails or request prayer, please contact our Prayer Line Coordinator, Barb Van Sickle at prayer.ridge@gmail.com or call or text (440) 969-4699.

CHURCH MISSION



We'll join the City of Ashtabula on Big Serve Saturday, April 20th from 8:30-noon helping with the City Clean-up day. We'll meet in the parking lot at Key Bank at 4717 Main Ave. Please sign-up to help at the Welcome Center or on the EVENTS page at theridgenaz.org; remember to wear a ridge Naz shirt or hoodie if you have one! Lunch will be provided afterwards at the YMCA. Please contact the church office for more information.



Bible Journaling class will be on Saturday, April 6th at 1 pm. Bring the Bible you want to journal in or a journal or notebook. If you currently journal in your Bible, feel free to bring any supplies you may have. Some journaling supplies will be provided. This will be a creative time together; men and women are invited. **THIS CLASS IS BEING ORGANIZED BY Jaime Hampton.** Sign-up at the Welcome Center or on the EVENTS page at theridgenaz.org.

Your word is
a lamp for my feet
and a light for my path.

Psalms 119:105



Wednesdays – I Iam Men’s Bible Study
6 pm Prayer in the Sanctuary at the Ashtabula Campus

Thursdays - 10am Ladies Bible Study

- 4/01 9-3 PM YES DAY!
- 4/06 1 PM BIBLE JOURNALING CLASS
- 4/07 5 PM MEMBERSHIP CLASS BEGINS
- 4/13 7:30 AM MEN’S BREAKFAST
- 4/14 PRAISE TEAM AUDITIONS AFTER CHURCH @ASHTABULA CAMPUS
- 4/16 11:30 AM CLASSICS LUNCH
- 4/19-4/20 BIG SERVE
- 4/20 WHOSOEVER CLUB
- 4/26 8-2 PM YARD SALE @GENEVA
- 4/27 8-NOON YARD SALE @GENEVA
- 4/28 2-3 PM SCAVENGER HUNT

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- APRIL 1 DIANA MEIER
- APRIL 1 COLE HAMPTON
- APRIL 5 JUDY HOLT
- APRIL 5 AL RUNYAN
- APRIL 13 JACKIE COFFMAN
- APRIL 15 FRANCES JEFFERS
- APRIL 19 MIKE READ
- APRIL 22 JACK DAVY
- APRIL 24 LOUISE JUSTICE
- APRIL 28 PASTOR LYLE ARTMAN

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- APRIL 3 CLARK & CYNDI HEATH
- APRIL 20 TOM & ROBIN TERBIZAN

APRIL 2024
Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.
Deuteronomy 7:9

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Yes Day! 10am Monday School @Beckers	2 1:30 pm Lantern Ministry 6 PM GriefShare	3 I Iam Men’s Group 6pm Prayer	4 10am Ladies Bible Study	5	6 Bible Journaling Class
7 Membership Class	8 10am Monday School @Beckers	9 1:30 pm Lantern Ministry 6 PM GriefShare	10 I Iam Men’s Group 6pm Prayer	11 10am Ladies Bible Study	12	13 Men’s Breakfast
14 Membership Class	15 10am Monday School @Beckers	16 11:30 am Classics lunch 1:30 pm Lantern Ministry 6 PM GriefShare	17 I Iam Men’s Group 6pm Prayer	18 10am Ladies Bible Study	19	20 Whosoever Club Big Serve
21 Family Worship Membership Class Big Serve	22 10am Monday School @Beckers	23 1:30 pm Lantern Ministry 6 PM GriefShare	24 I Iam Men’s Group 6pm Prayer	25 10am Ladies Bible Study	26 Yard Sale @Geneva →	27
28 Scavenger Hunt Membership Class	29 10am Monday School @Beckers	30 1:30 pm Lantern Ministry 6 PM GriefShare				