

Communique from Monday Night's Speaker

Blood Drive Tomorrow

Dr. McCoy has requested that all available crew stop by Patterson 105 between 12-5 tomorrow to keep local sick bays stocked with life-saving blood.

Local news outlets have reported that local hospitals are experiencing the greatest need that they've seen in about 15 years. Most blood donated is going straight to clinics and hospitals to keep their supplies up, so if you are able, please make time to give blood tomorrow.



The Need is Critical

Niger Mission Network - First Annual Meeting

Tues, July 25, 8:15 pm –
Thurs, July 27, 10 am

They will be in Patterson 107: all are welcome to join any portion

Hear about God's work in Niger through the Evangelical Church in the Republic of Niger (EERN). Meet the Africa Coordinator, Rev. Debbie Braaksma; West Africa Liaison, Rev. Josh Heikkila; Niger Mission Co-workers, Rev. Michael and Rachel Ludwig. Help shape the goals, priorities and strategies of this network. Learn how to participate in what God is doing and grow the global vision of your congregation.

Pray for God's kingdom work in Niger

Questions? Email Co-conveners Don Dawson (dawsondonj@gmail.com) or Greg Cohen (gcohen1973@outlook.com)



So many of you have asked for more kid items, so this year The Silk Road is thrilled to have an addition of wooden puzzles and stuffed animal figures from Sri Lanka, as well as onesies and security blankets from Haiti. We're open today from 1:30 to 6:30, Tues – Fri 8:30 to 6:30.

Conference Values

The first of NWMC's core values, and our Prime Directive, is **Placing God, as seen in the face of Jesus, at the center of our lives.** To dig deeper into what this means, we look to 2 Corinthians 4:5-6 2 "For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ." N.T. Wright observes that the apostle Paul sees this passage as central to his own job description. To place God at the center of our lives is to make Jesus known and get out of the way, setting aside our own glory, preferences, and lives as we are made into a new creation to reflect his love.

Did you know that the Rev. Fahed Abuakel celebrates July the 4th four times each year? He celebrates January 29, 1966, when he arrived to the USA to study in South Eastern Univ in Lakeland, Florida. March 10, 1981, he became a US citizen. June 15, 2002, the PCUSA 214th General Assembly elected the Rev. Fahed Abuakel as moderator in Columbus, OH. July 4th each year he celebrates with all of us our independence & Freedom.

He has 2 prayer requests for each of us:

1. For Arab & Middle Eastern Christians, pray for them as they live in danger of life & death situations. Did you know we have 15 million Arab & middle Eastern Christians today? Close to 10 million Christians in Egypt are Coptic Orthodox. The rest are from Orthodox, Catholic, Maronite Catholic, & Assyrian churches. Did you know that, as a result of the PCUSA Mission to the Middle East since 1823, the Presbyterian church is the largest Protestant denomination in the Middle East with a membership close to 750,000 because of the growth of the church in Egypt? The question to all of us: How is God calling you or your congregation to partner with the Arab & middle Eastern Church to do ministry & mission these days?

2. Pray for International students & scholars. Mission is at our doorsteps at home in the USA through our ministry of friendship & hospitality to the International Students & Scholars in our midst. Did you know that in 1955 we had 35000 international students all over the USA? Did you know that in 2016 we had in the USA more than 800000 international students & scholars from more than 180 nations studying in the USA? Did you know that every 5 to 8 years we have more than one million students receive their US degrees & become the future leaders of their countries in every field in their society. The question to all of us: What is God calling you or your congregation to do in the name of Jesus? Will you & your congregation host 3-5 International Students during the Christmas holiday or be a friend to 2 or 3 international students in the college next door in your community?

Salaam in the Risen Christ, Fahed

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Westminster College Campus Tours

Just as exciting as Starfleet Academy is Westminster College, so today, July 24th, and Tuesday, July 25th, from 3-4PM, there will be campus tours for those who are interested. Are you a high school student interested in learning more about Westminster College? Are you a parent who wants to know more about the enrollment process? Join a current Westminster student for a tour of campus to learn more about a day in the life of students here. Sign up with Stephanie Lehman by calling [724-946-7405](tel:724-946-7405) or at lehmansa@westminster.edu Limited space available.

The Conference Office is located in at **the information desk in the McKelvey Campus Center**. Office staff can be reached by telephone at 724-946-9770.

The Chatter Office is located in the southwest corner of the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church basement. The Chatter deadline is 2:00PM for the next day's issue. You can contact the editor (Sean Hall) by emailing NWMCchatter@gmail.com, by calling or texting 724-638-7381.



Lunch

Monday, July 24

12:45-2:00 pm, Rm 255, McKelvey. Dr. Scott Hagley will speak on discerning a call to mission or ministry. Grab a tray and bring it with you.

Monday's Menu:

Breakfast

Scrambled Eggs, French Waffles,
Tater Tots

Lunch:

Buffalo Mac and Cheese, Mac & Cheese,
Steamed Broccoli
Chef Salad
Grilled Cheese, Fries

Allergy Friendly (Duff Only)

Chipotle BBQ Chicken, Cilantro Lime
Rice, Sofrito Black Beans

Dinner:

Beef tips over Noodles, Peas,
Tofu Fried Rice, Dinner
Rolls

Taco Bar

Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza
Allergy Friendly (Duff Only)

Maple Peach Glazed Ham, Sim-
ple Roasted Sweet Pota-
toes, Peas

Tuesday's Breakfast:

Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes,
Homefries, Grilled Ham

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION:

It may seem too early in the week to think about this, but if you need transportation *to* the airport, please contact us as soon as possible to confirm flight information, coordinate shuttle schedule, and cell phone number. Even if we picked you up, it doesn't necessarily mean you will be on our schedule for a return trip unless you tell us. If you have already made a reservation, please contact the transportation coordinator or the office to confirm. If we do not hear from you at least 48 hours in advance, we cannot guarantee that we will have a volunteer lined up to give you a ride. Thank you!

Airport Coordinator,
Kylie Jo Warren
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SUMMER SERVICE NEWS

Summer service photos and reflections will be at 9:15 tonight in Orr Auditorium (which is a *change* in location). This means that Young Adult Vespers will be in the Berlin Student Lounge (tonight only).

In other news, **Summer Service Interviews** begin today and go Monday - Friday from 1-5 in McKelvey 352. Young Adult participants who are one year out of high school through age 23 may sign up in the Hillside lobby. Applicants must be able to serve for the months of June and July of 2018.

Didn't get enough of last night's speaker?

If you'd like to hear more, Shane Bennett will be in the Berlin Student Lounge from 12:45-1:30 for today's Mission Lunch talking about outreach to the Muslim World.

New Covenant Community Church in Akron, Ohio is looking for a full time pastor. The position is listed in the PCUSA CLC. For more info, contact Carol Davis, 330-671-4494, or caroldavis56@att.net.

¿Did you know? The local restaurant, Tavern on the Square, was once part of the underground railroad that helped escaped slaves find freedom and protection from their former owners.

Anyone using the Field House needs to enter in the back, near the football field. All other entrances are unavailable due to construction.

Did you notice something unusual in the cafeteria today?

The Adult Program will be placing reminders to pray in the cafeterias all this week. Please leave the reminders where you found them until Friday. Today's reminder is a toothbrush. Whenever you see a toothbrush throughout the week, we hope that you will think of food, and pray for those without it.



More than 48 million Americans lived in households that struggled to put food on the table in 2014 (latest figure available) and 1 in 5 children live at risk of hunger, according to Bread for the World.

Jesus, bread of life, we pray for all those who are hungry. We pray that we would have eyes to see and ears to hear where our neighbors are in need, and that we would be bold and generous in meeting those needs. In your name we pray, Amen.

Where in the Wor(l)d Search: Planetary Identification

Can you find all 16 countries represented at NWMC this year?

Words are up, down, forwards, & diagonal (from L to R)

Iran, Brazil, China, Germany, Egypt, India, Israel, United States of America

Iran, Iraq, Japan, Kenya, Lebanon, Niger, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey