The air is getting cooler. The trees are changing colors. I love the brilliant oranges and reds. We are dragging out our sweaters and hoodies. These are the lovely days of fall. It is a time to celebrate and enjoy the wonders of nature and the pure gifts of God. In this light and in the light of love for the land, a just world and the water that is so badly needed by so many, I have signed the following letter. This is a letter that has been signed by 31 pastors so far. We are stewards of our land. God calls us to love and care for it. As Chief Seattle said, “We love the earth as a newborn loves its mother’s heart beat….. Preserve the land for our children and love it as God loves us all…”

CLERGY STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE

September 22, 2011
We, the undersigned clergy of Nebraska, with faith in a God of all creation, hereby state our opposition to the building of a pipeline carrying tar sands oil through the Sandhills and Ogallala Aquifer.

Believing that the natural world is included in God’s grace, and recognizing that our ecosystem needs to be protected from forces that will pollute, exploit and harm it, and in solidarity with the landowners whose livelihoods are being threatened by a foreign corporation, we urge the U.S. State Department to reject this proposal.

The groundwater that comes from the Ogallala Aquifer is a critical resource not only for Nebraska’s drinking water and agriculture, but for the country. To entertain the possibility of a destructive oil spill within this sensitive ecosystem is a risk not worth taking.

We believe that the current economic recession and the urgency of finding new fuel sources for the American economy may in actuality present opportunities to create a more sustainable future.

By cultivating alternative energy sources, changing our patterns of consumption and transportation, and nurturing our local communities and resources, we may reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and avoid the kind of environmental degradation that tar sands mining produces.

We urge the elected leaders of Nebraska to take a stand opposing the Keystone XL Pipeline and to exercise their lawful jurisdiction to protect Nebraska resources. We encourage the calling of a special session of the Nebraska Legislature to enact laws for this purpose. It is imperative that we protect Nebraska land and our ability to live harmoniously upon it. (To see all who has signed go to: https://sites.google.com/site/clergyagainstpipeline/)

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

AND BREAD FOR THE WORLD SUNDAY
OCTOBER 2, 2011

On October 2nd we will celebrate the family feast of Christ, remembering our connection with our brothers and sisters around the globe. This is a perfect Sunday to celebrate and contribute to the work of Bread for the World.

Bread for the World is an organization that advocates for stronger legislation that will lead to the end of poverty, both locally and globally. On October 2nd we will take an offering for Bread For The World. BUT this offering will be an offering of letters. The offering of letters this year will advocate for a change in legislation about foreign aid. Bread for the World hopes to do this by focusing on four areas:

1. A stronger U.S. focus on reducing poverty
2. Clearer accountability for how US dollars are spent and their results
3. A transformed US development agency
4. U.S. Aid that meets the needs and wants of local people

Bread for the World believes that these changes will help to feed millions of hungry and poor people in years to come. Please write a letter to your senator or representative and bring it on October 2nd. We will also have writing materials and envelopes available if you wish to write a letter on
that Sunday. Attached is a sample letter. Please hand-write your letters and put it in your own words. Bill usually gets a call every year in response to his letters. Handwritten letters work!

Grace and Peace, Pastor Melissa

Sample Letter
Your Name and Address
Date
Sen. ___________________
Rep. ___________________
U.S. Senate U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510 Washington, DC 20515
Dear Sen. ________________, or
Dear Rep. ________________.
I’m asking you to reform the way the United States delivers foreign assistance so it will help millions of people in poor countries move out of hunger and poverty. Streamlined and more efficient U.S. foreign aid programs will ensure that our tax dollars are used effectively and that the aid we give is what local people in poor countries such as Haiti and Liberia really need.

By focusing our aid dollars on moving people out of poverty, we help foster economic growth and opportunity. Fewer people struggling with poverty and stronger, growing economies in developing countries contribute to our own national security as well.

This is why I am asking you to support reforms in the ways we deliver and administer U.S foreign aid. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Your Name

Sen. Ben Nelson
11819 Miracle Hills Drive, Suite 205,
Omaha, NE 68154
440 North 8th Street, Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 68508

Sen. Mike Johanns
294 Federal Building, 100 Centennial Mall North,
Lincoln, NE 68508
9900 Nicholas Street, Suite 325, Omaha, NE 68114
4111 Fourth Avenue, Suite 26, Kearney, NE 68845
115 Railway Street, Suite C102, Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Representative Jeff Fortenberry - 01
301 South 13th Street, Suite 100, Lincoln, NE 68508
125 S. 4th Street, Suite 101, Norfolk, NE 68701
P.O. Box 377629 Broad Street, Fremont, NE 68026

FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIES
On the second Friday night of each month, we will gather at Pat and John Young’s home to enjoy a movie and have a good time! The whole family is welcome.

MOVIE: SECOND HAND LIONS. This movie is a delightful tale of Walter, a timid teen, left with his eccentric uncles for the summer. His uncles (played by Robert Duvall and Michael Caine) aren’t sure what to do with their nephew. But, Walter begins to ask them about stories of their past, re-igniting their adventurous spirits. A fun and moving story. Rated PG

DATE: Friday, October 14th
TIME: 6:30- Snacks, 7pm- Movie
PLACE: Young’s Home- 5343 Walker Ave.
Call Pastor Melissa at 402-525-0825 if you get lost ☺

CROP WALK
October 23rd
Northeast United Church of Christ
CROP Walk is an ecumenical walk that helps to raise money for Church World Service. Church World Service aims to reduce poverty and hunger. A percentage of monies raised from the CROP Walk remain in the community to empower people and feed those in need. Northeast UCC will walk on Sunday, October 23rd following Sunday morning worship. Please see Pastor Melissa to pick up a packet and recruit sponsors. We want to show Church World Service that we are mighty and powerful walkers for a world that is reaching for justice and food equity. Come join the walk.
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS
There are two weekly opportunities for adults to grow in knowledge, discuss their faith and more strongly connect with one another and God:
1. Sunday at 9am- Pastor Melissa will discuss the scriptures she will be using in worship that morning.
2. Sunday at 6:30pm- Dayle Prenosil will lead a discussion on the Gospel of Matthew.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS

Remember in Prayer these members and friends of our church that are home bound, recovering from illness or loss of a loved one. They are with us in our prayers and hearts.

Prayers for continued recovery from illness and/or surgery:
- Greg Pickerel - nephew of Beth Franz
- Jessica Smith
- Kristi Turner
- Chuck Van Rossum
- Norm Hanson
- Adam Bales
- Donna Bales
- Sharon Shields
- Jerry Pigsley

Worshipping with us at Home:
- Jeanne Akeson
- Wilma Schlattmann
- Ed Pynn
- Betty Walls
- Bob Morin
- Georgia Williams
- Pauline Volz
- Lillian Barthule – c/o John Barthule, 1219 C St., Geneva, NE 68361
- Irene Thompson – c/o Gary Thompson, P.O. Box 8031, Newcomb, NM 87455.
- Sheila Block – 620 S. Maloney Dr., North Platte, NE 69101-8907

Grieving a Loss:
- The Calfee Family in the death of Alexis Calfee (Granddaughter of Deb & Randy Calfee)

In The Military:
- Friend of Kempcke’s, Justin Otoski, with the Army National Guard – Charlie Troop Airborne Infantry, being deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan;

THANK YOU
The power of prayer is a wonderful thing! Thanks for all your prayers you have given me and my family during my recent surgery and recovery. As of now the prognosis is excellent for recovery and elimination of the cancer cells.

Jerry Pigsley and family

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Junk Jaunt News…..
Kamp Kaleo Fundraiser (in conjunction with the Nebraska Junk Jaunt)
September 23rd - September 25th
Burwell Fairgrounds/Rodeo Grounds

Just have to share the good news from our Kamp Kaleo Junk Jaunt Fundraiser: This is our 7th year to do this fundraiser for our church camp and each year we make more!! This year we made $23,520 and there will be a few more dollars coming in also. Last year we made $22,000. This takes a lot of work and a lot of volunteers but is it all worth it for your youth to enjoy great Christian camp experiences.

Thank you to all of you for your support in time, donations, support, and prayers!!!

Janet Domeier

FACEBOOK PAGE
To learn how to sign up on facebook go to our website and follow the tutorial.
Website: www.northeastucc.com
facebook: www.facebook.com/NortheastUCC

SCRIPS GIFT CARDS FOR SALE NOW
SCRIPS FUNDRAISING PROGRAM!
Gift Cards are available for sale every Sunday from 9:30am to 10:15am in the Fellowship Hall.

COME TO CHURCH AND SHOP FOR –
- Birthdays, weddings, or just to say thank you – Gift cards are great!
- Groceries, Pharmacy, etc
GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE TODAY!
A complete list of gift cards that can be pre-ordered with pre-payment is available each Sunday. Pre-paid gift cards will be available in approximately one week after the order is placed.

QUESTIONS: Please contact Janet Domeier at 402-483-2743.

IN MISSION & FELLOWSHIP

“COUNT YOURSELF BLESSED”
Stewardship Campaign
September 25 – October 16

“Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you will get back.” -- Luke 6:38

BUSINESS | GIFT CARD AMOUNT | % Earned for the Church |
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Barnes & Noble Bookstores | $25 | 9% |
Bath & Body Works | $25 | 13% |
Bed, Bath & Beyond | $25 | 7% |
Braeda* | $5 | 10% |
CVS Pharmacy | $25 | 6% |
HyVee* | $50 | 3% |
HyVee* | $100 | 3% |
Marcus Theaters | $25 | 9% |
Red Lobster/Olive Garden | $25 | 9% |
Runza* | $10 | 10% |
Russ's* | $20 | 5% |
Russ's* | $50 | 5% |
Super Saver* | $50 | 3% |
Super Saver* | $100 | 3% |
Valentino's* | $5 | 9% |
Walgreen's | $25 | 6% |

* Denotes local SCRIP businesses

When we hear the words “give and it will be given…for the measure you give will be the measure you get back,” we long to respond with deep gratitude and commitment, gratitude rolling down like waters and commitment like an ever-flowing stream in the life of this world.

Your gifts are signs of that gratitude and commitment in every day of your life, especially the year ahead of us in the life of Northeast United Church of Christ.

Now through October 16th, the Stewardship Board is asking each of you to prayerfully think about your blessings that you have received at Northeast United Church of Christ and how you can give these blessings back:

- Please fill out your pledge of time and treasure to Northeast United Church of Christ and place your faith promise cards and time and talent cards in the basket provided in the narthex.
- Please share photos or stories about the blessings that you have received at Northeast United Church of Christ and place them on our blessings boards in the Fellowship Hall.
- Please worship with your faith family during this year and count your blessing during this time.

Let us say this special prayer during this time –

We thank God for giving us the power and the opportunity to share with one another.

We thank God for giving us all that we have and all that we are.

And we offer back to God our gifts as a sign of our gratitude for God’s generosity in every season.

God will bless our gifts and God will strengthen us in the giving. Amen
Come Celebrate with us
October 16 at 9:30am
Breakfast Meal and Worship
Come share our many ways we “Count Ourselves Blessed”
at Northeast United Church of Christ.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED (NIN)
is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

This 5 for 5 offering will be received starting October 23 through November 11 at Northeast United Church of Christ. Our Goal this year is $111 from Northeast United Church of Christ going towards the UCC’s goal or $111,111.

The UCC has a mission, called Mission: 1, during November 1 -11, 2011. Their goals are:
✓ 1 Million Items of Healthy Food and other household item for local food banks and outreach services.
✓ $111,111 for Neighbors in Need Offering
✓ 11,111 letters to Congress through BFW’s 2011 Offering of Letters campaign

Our Goal at Northeast United Church of Christ is to help UCC reach their Goals by:
1. Bring in 111 Items of Healthy Food and other household item for our local food banks before November 11, 2011
2. Raise $111 for Neighbors in Need Offering between October 23 and November 11, 2011.
3. 11 letters to Congress through BFW’s 2011 Offering of Letters campaign on October 2. 2011 to be mailed by November 11, 2011.

HELP US REACH OUR GOALS AND FIGHT HUNGER!

The “Knit, Purl, and Pray” group continues to work away on the crochet and knitting projects. They have added small flannel blankets for the Lincoln Police Dept. – Northeast Team Station – when small children are in need. Yarn and material are a gift from a friend of Dana Steffan’s. Bring your crochet hook or knitting needles and join the

Here at Northeast United Church of Christ we celebrate the talents of our members and friends. We have dedicated a space to feature these talents as Artist of the Month. Now we know many of you are shy about displaying your talents. But please come forward with your poem, your sculpture, your painting, your woodwork, your jewelry, your photography or other special craft and display them proudly! Please contact Arline Kraft at 402-483-7415 or enie@neb.rr.com or call the church office about your special talent.

You can also suggest someone (family member or friend) who is to shy to come forward themselves!

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This month’s feature artist’s:
Mike Brehm

KNIT, PURFL, AND PRAY MINISTRY
SUNDAYS AT 9AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL
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group in Fellowship Hall before church services each Sunday morning.

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**SCRAP BOOKING!**
Join Us 1st and 3rd Tuesday Nights from 5-10pm at Northeast United Church of Christ
For more information and to RSVP, contact Dana Steffan @ 560-1134.

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**MEALS ON WHEELS**
We are proud to be a part of Meals on Wheels to our community for more than 40 years.

This month’s volunteers:

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If you have questions, or wish to volunteer, contact the office.

**ATTENTION:**
NEEDED -- A NEW MOW COORDINATOR, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR MELISSA FINLAW DRAPER IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

MOW DATES THAT NEED TO BE FILLED -- OCT. 22, NOV. 12 AND DEC. 17. If you can share your time to deliver meals on these dates please let Gina Pigsley know in the office.

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**EVENTS AND NOTICES**

**3RD ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL**
October 9th, 2011 3pm – 6pm
Save the date for fall fun!
You can help now in the planning of our fall festival. We need the following:
- **Volunteer/Donate** - If you can help in the same position as last year or donate the same items

needed as last year, please sign up in the church office or call Phyllis Anderson.

- **Cakes** – We need small cakes and cupcakes for the Cake Walk.
- **Cookies** – For Concession Stand

**RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE!**
- **Sports ticket raffle.** - $3 per ticket or 4 tickets for $10
  1. 2 Northwestern vs. UNL football tickets (November 5)
  2. 2 UNL vs. Minnesota Volleyball tickets (November 16)
  3. 2 STARS Hockey tickets (TBA)
- **Other Raffle choices - $2 per ticket or 3 tickets for $5**
  1. Choice of One Bike
  2. 2 Piece Luggage Set
  3. Complete Grilling Tool Set
  4. Handcrafted Wooden Cross
  5. Porcelain Doll

**TICKETS ON SALE TODAY IN THE NARTHEX!**

DWB is a renegade exploration of Christian faith for the modern world. This weekly program blends ancient contemplative practices with cutting-edge interactive web technology, world-class music, arts, biblical scholarship, and special guests from around the globe via Skype. You don’t want to miss it. www.darkwoodbrew.org
WORSHIP SERVICES

New Door Host and Usher List in this Newsletter

October 2 – World Communion Sunday – Bread for the World Letter Offering
Minister: Pastor Melissa Finlaw Draper
Liturgist: Larry Eigbrett
Door Host: Mike & Allison Trentman
Elevator Host: Todd Seiverling
Ushers: Doyle and Judy Danekas / Julie Leach
Counters: Mike Trentman and Allen Ellis
Coffee Host: FUNd and Fellowship

October 9 – FALL FESTIVAL DAY!
Minister: Pastor Melissa Finlaw Draper
Liturgist: Pam Nelson
Door Host: Norman and Jeanne Hansen
Elevator Host: Charline Woodside
Ushers: John & Ruby Weber / Charline Woodside
Counters: Merrit Beuning and Arlo Stahly
Coffee Host: FUNd and Fellowship

October 16 – “Count Yourself Blessed” Celebration
Minister: Pastor Melissa Finlaw Draper
Liturgist: Ken Gettman
Door Host: Allen and Marilyn Ellis
Elevator Host: Jim Becker
Ushers: Marion and Virginia Packett / Eldon Wooters
Counters: Harold Ross and Jenny Cardwell
Coffee Host: FUNd and Fellowship

October 23 – Neighbors in Need Offering
Minister: Pastor Melissa Finlaw Draper
Liturgist: Dayle Prenosil
Door Host: Ralph and Darleyn Wolfe
Elevator Host: Darlene Prieb-Morter
Ushers: Allen and Marilyn Ellis / Velma Bush
Counters: John and Pat Young
Coffee Host: FUNd and Fellowship

October 30 – Trunk or Treat Sunday
Minister: Pastor Melissa Finlaw Draper
Liturgist: Chris Eigbrett
Door Host: George and Marj Manglitz
Elevator Host: Charline Woodside
Ushers: Harold and Jess Ross / Deloris Himmel
Counters: Larry and Ben Eigbrett
Coffee Host: FUNd and Fellowship

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE!

WEEKLY BULLETIN DEADLINE!
All bulletin items must be submitted by 5pm on Wednesday of each week.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE
All articles for the newsletter must be submitted by 5pm on the third Wednesday of each month.

NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL
If you wish to receive the newsletter via e-mail, please send me an e-mail and say “Please send me the Newsletter by e-mail at this address”. This will save printing and postage cost of the monthly newsletter. A printed newsletter may also be sent if needed for bulk postage (200 needs to be mailed for bulk reduced postage).

NEW DIRECTORIES ARE NOW AVAILABLE!
PICK UP A COPY TODAY IN THE NARTH EX.
CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU WANT A COPY BUT CANNOT COME IN TO GET ONE.

Offering Slip
Northeast United Church of Christ
(Please clip and attach to your offering)

Date __/__/____
Name _____________________________

General Fund $____________
Building Fund (RAC) $____________
Diaconate Fund $____________
Other__________________ $____________
Total Giving $____________

Nebraska Conference Newsletter and Website
Good things to Know about UCC in Nebraska!
Website: www.ucnebraska.org
Newsletter Subscription: info@ucnebraska.org
WHERE DO RECYCLED TIRES GO?

✓ Sub-base material for roads
✓ Football Field Turf
✓ Play safe rubber curbing
✓ Railroad ties
✓ Planter pots for flowers
✓ Lounge Chairs
✓ Sound barrier wall beside roadways
✓ Fuel for steel manufacturing furnaces instead of coal.

Plan ahead Daylight Savings Time Ends November 6, 2011
So set your clocks back 1 hour before bed on November 5, 2011