



NOWTHEN ALLIANCE CHURCH

Equipping people to find Life and Faith in Christ

In this edition of the NAC eNews we will preview many of the activities and ministries that we be occurring this fall. In addition, we will offer you on a number of ways in which you can get involved in ministry at Nowthen. We will begin with a word about Operation Christmas Child, a year-round ministry at our church...



Operation Christmas Child

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Operation Christmas Child. Nowthen is a collection site for OCC and we have a store room dedicated to the ministry. Since many of you will be shopping for school supplies at this time we are making a special request for such items. However, we have a need for donations of all types and items can be placed in the bin near door "B". In addition to school supplies, we collect toys, tools, sewing items, crafts, hats, caps, gloves, and personal hygiene items. All items must be able to fit inside a shoe box. Samaritan's purse can no longer accept food, candy, toothpaste, lotions, medication, toy weapons, nor breakable items. For specific information please contact Tanya Bagwell, our OCC coordinator.

**FALL
KICK-OFF
SUNDAY**

Fall Kick-off Sunday is Sept 10. New Sunday School classes for kids and students begin at 9:45am. There will be an open house in the café beginning at 10:00am where you can learn about adult Sunday School options and Small Groups for the 2017-18 ministry year.

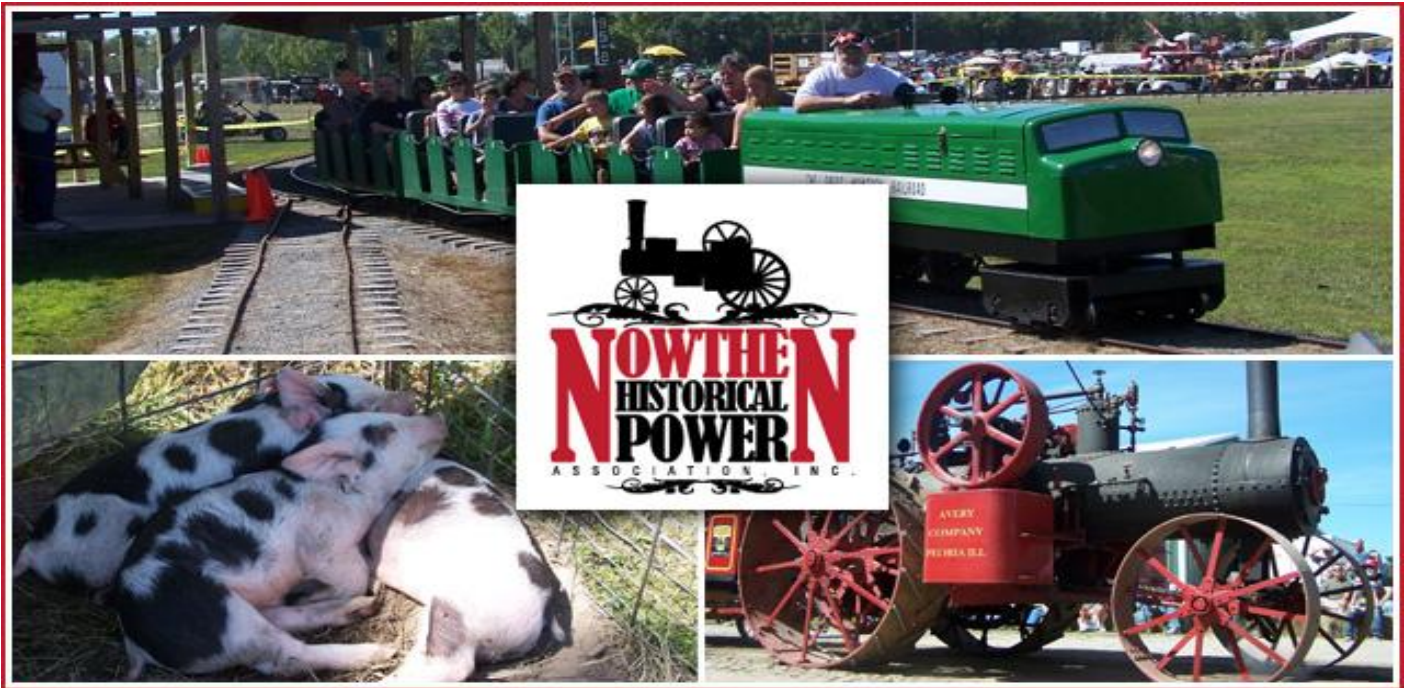


Get involved in ministry at Nowthen. There are many ways that you can serve and God has gifted you with a set of skills that can be used! We need Sunday School teachers, AWANA helpers, singers and musicians (choir and worship team), Ushers, Greeters, Sound and Video technicians, and Chair setup teams, among other needs. For specific information on volunteering with Kids ministry contact Amanda Wilder (wilder@nowthenalliance.org). For specific information on volunteering with Student ministry contact Rob Bergfalk (bergfalkr@nowthenalliance.org). For specific information on volunteering with music (vocal and instrumental), and technicians (sound or video), contact Don Damborg (damborgd@nowthenalliance.org). For specific information on volunteering in regards to the building, chair setup teams, missions, ushers, greeters, and security, contact Pastor Bruce Powers (powersb@nowthenalliance.org). To volunteer as a small group leader contact Pastor Nate (kempn@nowthenalliance.org).



Join the Nowthen Choir

Nowthen Choir. Our Choir is forming now and will begin Wednesday evening practices on September 13. Contact Mary Eubanks (marymusic@yahoo.com) to learn more or to sign up. We can use singers of all ages and abilities – “Make a Joyful noise unto the Lord.”



Nowthen Threshing Show: As in the past, Nowthen will be providing a choir to sing during the Sunday, August 20 church service at the Threshing show. Jerri Schulz is leading this special choir. They are holding a practice here at the church tomorrow night at 7:00 pm. Contact Jerri if you would like to be a part of this outreach ministry, or just come to practice.



Fall Missions Conference. Mark October 11-15 on your calendars! Our primary presenters this year are a couple serving with the C&MA in the Middle East. (For security reasons we cannot mention names electronically.) The conference begins on October 11th with AWANA learning about ministry in the Middle East. Our presenters will share at the PrimeTimer's potluck on Thursday, October 12th. The Youth will participate in an "Amazing Race" event on Saturday, October 14th beginning at 3:00pm, followed by an All-Church bonfire and hot dog roast in the evening. Our presenters will speak during both services on Sunday, October 15th – learn about the work of the C&MA around the world via the Great Commission Fund. Faith Promise cards will be available prior to the conference so prayerfully consider your role.



Great Commission Women: Each month the Great Commission Women meet to learn about international workers and missions, to pray for our international workers, and to orchestrate ministry on behalf of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19). On Thursday, September 14, the daytime group will hear a report from Liz and Jenna Lorenz about their experiences in Taiwan with the Nowthen time. Contact Annie Julik for details.



2017 Fall Women's Retreat

Unleashed!

SPEAKER Heather Smith

October 6 - 8

@ Big Sandy Camp in McGregor, MN

Registration opens August 1 • Early Bird Special \$110

After August 16 \$125 After Sept. 13, \$135

www.ncdistrictwomen.org - click on **RETREAT** page

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The North Central District Great Commission Women announce the Women's Fall Retreat and registration information. This year's retreat will take place on October 6th to the 8th. Registration opens August 1st and the cost of registering increases on August 16th with an additional increase on September 13th. Register early as it does fill up. Click on the following link to register: <https://www.ncdistrictwomen.org/retreat>



PrimeTimers Event. On Thursday, September 21, Kevin Doely will entertain the PrimeTime audience with his humor and musical ventriloquism. Join us for a potluck lunch at 11:30am in the Café followed by the show at 12:00pm. Everyone is invited and there is no charge for this event! Contact Helen Petersen for more information.

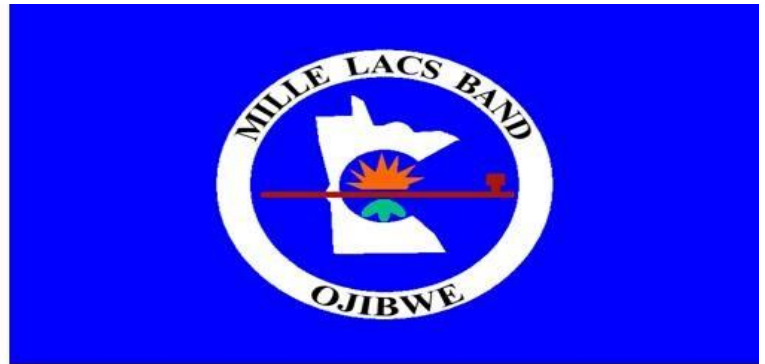


WorldviewAcademy®
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Worldview Weekend. On November 10-11, Nowthen is hosting a Worldview weekend. Learn more and register for this event at <http://elkriverworldviewconference.weebly.com>.



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The Vineland C&MA Church Partnership

Vineland Partnership: Nowthen has formed a partnership with the Vineland church on the shores of Lake Mille Lacs. Although the Vineland church has ministered to the Ojibwe people for many years, they recently received approval to construct a new facility on their property - which happens to be within the Ojibwe reservation. While a contractor has been hired (and the contractor will provide the skilled labor), they still need many hands to assist. Feel free to commit to only one trip or only one type of work. At this point the framing is done and teams will be helping with siding, roofing, and mechanical. Tim Frame is organizing Friday or Saturday teams now. For more information email Tim Frame at tframe59@yahoo.com.