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This edition of the NAC eNews will focus on Mother's Day. We will also share information about ministry events occurring at the church this summer including the Volunteer Recognition Brunch on June 4. In addition, there will be an article on resources available from our denomination such as the "Alliance Life" magazine and the ADF investment fund. We will begin with a tribute to moms...



Tribute to moms. There are young moms and experienced moms. We also have grandmothers and those that will be moms someday. My mom has been with the Lord for over a decade and I cherish the day I will see her again. So how does one write a tribute to ALL moms? Many have written touching poems or recorded heart-tugging videos - each one excellent in its own way. Yet I keep coming back to Proverbs 31 as the all-time best Tribute to Moms. I have paraphrased verses ten through 31 but I encourage you to read the original as you reflect upon your own mom.

"A mom of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies and her family has full confidence in her. She works with eager hands, arising before the sun to care for her family. She attends to business, working vigorously, and her lamp does not go out at night. She opens her arms to the poor and extends her

hands to the needy. Her family is clothed in fine linen and she sells the excess of her labor to benefit her loved ones. She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 'Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.' Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise!"



Sunday June 4, 2017, from 9:30am - 10:45am in the Koinonia Kafe.

Volunteer Appreciation Brunch. Join us on Sunday, June 4, from 9:30am until 10:45am in the cafe as we celebrate the many volunteers that make this church function. Enjoy Chef Denny's selection of pancakes, sausages, and fresh fruit. The staff have prepared a memorable program as a token of our appreciation - plan now to attend!



PrimeTimer's May Event. On Thursday, May 18, the PrimeTimers will be hosting a Tribute to Veterans. Join us for potluck lunch in the cafe at 11:30am. Following lunch, John Kriesel, a double amputee war veteran, will present his story. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact Helen Peterson.



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. At this time we seek volunteers to provide labor - teams are scheduled on weekdays and Saturdays. Tim Frame and Pastor Bruce serve as NAC coordinators for the Vineland Ministry. To this point we have sent teams to clear brush and demolish the old building. Near the end of May they will need labor to tend blocks, later to assist in the construction phase. 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. For more information call or email Tim Frame at tframe59@yahoo.com.



Annual NAC Garage Sale: Mark your calendar, the annual NAC garage sale will be held June 22-24 in the cafe. Open Thursday and Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm, and Saturday 10:00am to 12:00 noon. Please feel free to donate: gently used clothing and household items that are in good condition. No stains, rips, mattresses or baby equipment. Drop off donations on Wednesday, June 21 between 10:00am and 8:00pm. If it doesn't sell and you want it back, it must be picked up by 10:00am on Saturday. All remaining donations will be given to Good Samaritan. For larger

donations and any questions, please call Carla Heino (763.439.8790) or Stacy Manske (763.360.3296). A tax deductible receipt from Nowthen Alliance church is available upon request. Financial donations are also welcome and appreciated. Make checks payable to "The Christian and Missionary Alliance," with Taiwan written in the memo line. All proceeds will go to support our International Partnerships in Taiwan.



Denominational Resources. The Alliance offers a number of excellent resources to those that attend Nowthen and I will highlight three today: "**Alliance Life**" Magazine, the **ADF fund**, and the **MOOC program** at Crown College.

The "**Alliance Life**" magazine is published six times per year and is available **free** to those attending Nowthen. You can subscribe by phone (877.284.3262) or email (alifesubs@cmalliance.org) and providing your mailing address. There are also info packets at the church that contain pre-printed postcards to request a subscription by mail. Learn about Missions, the vision of the denomination, and read encouraging articles by well-known authors. The May/June edition of "Alliance Life" will be made available during both services on May 21.

The **ALLIANCE DEVELOPMENT FUND** (ADF) makes loans available to growing churches and newly planted churches. As an investor in ADF Investment Certificates, you can be an integral part of the work being done to spread God's Word. At same time you earn a competitive interest rate on the funds you invest. Kind of a win-win. To learn more visit www.adf-inc.com OR call 888.878.3060.

The **Massive Open Online Courses** (MOOC) program is available to us at no charge. Crown offers two online college classes, **Understanding the Old Testament**, and **Understanding the New Testament**, twice each year. One can even choose to receive college credit upon successfully completing the course requirements. The next course offerings are scheduled to begin in June. To learn more visit: <https://www.crown.edu/online-degree-programs/mooc/>

Women's Ministry

The Revelation Wellness Fitness class continues to meet every Tuesday morning at 8:40am - 9:15am in the gym. This class is led by Joy Chrest and will continue throughout the summer. Childcare provided, free will donation accepted. Love God, Get Healthy, Be Whole, and Love Others!



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). Actually, two separate groups of women meet each month: an evening group meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm, and a day group meets on the second Thursday of each month at 9:30am. For more information contact Anne Julik or the church office.



Mens Ministry: Join other Nowthen men each Saturday morning beginning with coffee and doughnuts at 8:00am. The study runs until 9:30am; contact Matt Barber or the church office for more information. The Tuesday morning mens group meets from 5:30am until 6:30am in the Board room. This group just began the Max Lucado study titled, "Ten Men of the Bible."



Corner Ball Club: Nowthen Baseball and Soccer begins June 7, 2017 and meets every Wednesday evening until July 26 for kids ages 5-12. We still need volunteers to coach and assist with baseball and soccer - [Email Amanda \(link\)](#). Check out this link to the [ball club promo video \(link\)](#)!

VBS (Vacation Bible School) will be held Monday July 31, through Thursday, August 3, 2017, from 9:00am - noon each day. Free registration for VBS opens in June.



NEW SERMON SERIES: Pastor Nate's message series, "Life with Others," continues this Sunday. The series will focus on how we do life with other people. How do we relate to friends, co-workers, neighbors, family and the forgotten? We will look at the ways Scripture teaches that we should be doing life with others. Audio files of the sermons can be listened to via the church website and **VIDEO files of the sermons** can be watch on Youtube via this link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCE1pVkieaVa2kYe_ndDmGgg