

PASTOR'S ARTICLE (CONTINUED)

2. We gather for worship because we love God and long to sing His praises. If we love money most, then we put money first. If we love the approval of others most, then we seek it first. If we love God most, we gladly, humbly, and willingly worship Him. Matthew 22:36-37, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"³⁷ And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

3. We gather for worship because we are grateful that God saved us by His grace in Jesus. Gathering on Sunday to voice our collective, "Thank you, God," is a highlight of the week. Our hearts should overflow with thanksgiving. We should not be able to hold back our praise and expressions of gratitude for God's work of salvation and gift of eternal life through Christ Jesus, our Lord. 1 Peter 2:9-10, "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

4. We gather for worship because it is God's will for our lives. Hebrews 10:24-25, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,"²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

5. We gather for worship to encourage others and to be encouraged. 1 Thessalonians 5:11, "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."

6. Last but not least, we gather for worship because we hunger for God's Word, sensing our ongoing need for His grace and the mighty working of the Holy Spirit. Psalm 119:9-12, "How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word."¹⁰ With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!¹¹ I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."¹² Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes!" God uses His Word to convict us, sanctify us, strengthen us, comfort us, and teach us truth, wisdom, and discernment. For all of church history, children of God have continued to gather together to sit under the Christ-centered, Spirit-filled preaching of God's Word. Why? Because we are weak sinners who need a steady diet of God's grace and power in our lives.

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Need a pastoral visit for prayer, comfort, or encouragement? Do you need Christian counselling or guidance? Do you have a theological question? Your pastors are here to help. Don't be afraid to text, call, or email us. We are here for you. Either contact us directly or schedule something through Jenn.

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Nursery Workers – June 28th
I AM (Crib) - Page Knox and Lynette Winzenreid
II AM (Toddlers) – Maria Minichiello and Julia Minichiello
PM– Combined I/II – Dave Good and Linda Perrine
Prayer Intercessor – June 28th – Meg Fornoff
Greeters – June 28th – Anita Gearhart and Brian Akers
Ushers - June 28th – Malik Baker-Gore, Bob Burman, Frank Cicone*, Jim Feldbush, Gary McAllister, and Tom Neunaber*
Today's Ushers - Bob Doss, Jim Dougherty, Andrew Evans*, Eric Heinze, Vince Minichiello*, and Peter Vaughan
*ushers who greet in the lobby



NORTH HARFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

To live for Jesus and not ourselves.

June 21, 2026

Happy Father's Day!



We are thankful for our dads and the men who have pointed us to Christ!

READING THE BIBLE IN 2026

This week's readings are:

Ephesians 1-2	Ps 115	Proverbs 31:10-15
Ephesians 3-4	Ps 116-117	Proverbs 31:16-21
Ephesians 5-6	Ps 118	Proverbs 31:22-26
Philippians 1-2	Ps 119:1-24	Proverbs 31:27-31
Philippians 3-4	Ps 119:25-48	Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:45 AM	Worship Service* (Church/Online)
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Adult Bible Study (Rm. 1)
		Boys Bible Club (1 st -6 th grade boys)
		Girls in Action (1 st -6 th grade girls)
		Mission Friends (Nursery-K)
		Youth on Mission (7 th —12 th graders)
Friday	7:00-9:30 PM	Youth Group

*Nursery Provided (birth-3 years old), Downstairs in Rooms 8 and 9

MORNING WORSHIP

Call to Worship and Announcements

Blessed Assurance

Reading: Ephesians 5:1-2, A Summary of Christian Living

I Know Whom I Have Believed

O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer

Offering

SERMON: Biblical Community (in the local church)

Ephesians 4:25-32 (Pew Bible Page 1572)

All I Have Is Christ | Closing Prayer

NO EVENING WORSHIP

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

There is no Evening Worship Service tonight so that families can enjoy their time together celebrating their fathers. We are thankful for our dads and for the men who have pointed us to Christ. We know that today is not an easy day for everyone. We pray that you will seek the "God of all comfort" today and have His comfort and peace (2 Corinthians 1:3).

VISITING WITH US?

We are glad to have you with us this morning, and we hope God speaks to your heart through the great and wonderful truths of the Bible. Please visit the **Guest Resources** desk in the lobby, where you will find a variety of free gifts for you, including a study Bible for adults and a study Bible for teens. Email us at info@NorthHarford.org if you have any questions or special prayer requests.

UPCOMING PRAYER SERVICES

June Prayer Meeting Attendance: 21

July Prayer Meeting: July 5th

6:30-7:15 PM, Fellowship Hall

May Men's Breakfast Attendance: 22

WHAT TO KNOW THIS WEEK

BABY BOTTLES DUE TODAY

The baby bottles for Alpha's Glory Pregnancy Resource Center's annual Baby Bottle Drive are **due today**. Please leave them on the table in the lobby. If you'd prefer to write a check, please make it out to Alpha's Glory Pregnancy Resource Center and place it in the bottle.

LADIES' POOL PARTY AT THE AKERS'

All women, youth girls, and children 6th grade and under are invited to a pool party at Jeanne Akers' home on Wednesday, June 24th, from 10 AM to 1 PM. Bring sunscreen, towels, and a bag lunch. Contact Jeanne with any questions.

DEACONS MEETING

The deacons will meet next Sunday at 5 PM in Room 24.

CALL TO BAPTISM

If you have turned to Jesus in faith for salvation, contact the church to start the process to be baptized and join the church (info@NorthHarford.org). See Acts 2:40-41 and Matthew 28:19-20 on God's will for new believers to be baptized and join the fellowship of Christians.

ON THE HORIZON

PRAY FOR KIDS KAMP

Pray for the 28 campers and the 24 volunteers as they get ready for Kids Kamp. Camp will take place June 29-July 3 at Camp Wo-Me-To.

PRAYER MEETING

Our next Prayer Meeting will be on Sunday, July 5th, at 6:30 PM. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall around tables. No one will be forced to pray. The focused prayer for our nation and leaders will be a part of this meeting. Come be a part of a revival of congregational prayer.

JARRETTSVILLE BASKETBALL CAMP

Jarrettsville Basketball Camp is held outdoors at the church for students who have just completed 1st-8th grade to learn and practice fundamental basketball skills and hear about Jesus. The FREE camp is from August 3rd to August 8th, from 9-11:35 AM, with check-in beginning at 8:30 AM. Register by July 10th. Registration forms are available in the lobby and on our website. You can also register online through our Church Center app.

ON THE HORIZON (CONTINUED)

JARRETTSVILLE BASKETBALL CAMP VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to help make this camp possible. We need people who know basketball to be coaches, but you don't need to know basketball to help. We will need team helpers to assist the coaches, people to direct traffic, people to serve at the first-aid and drink stations, and more. Can't help during the week? You could help the team set up for the camp on Saturday, August 1st. Sign up on the sheet in the lobby or on our Church Center app. See Brian Akers with any questions.

CHURCH NEWS

WHERE WILL YOU SERVE?

Please take time to prayerfully consider and complete the 2026 Christian Service Survey (the teal insert in your bulletin). This will help the Nominating Committee as they strive to fill each role. Completed surveys can be placed in the marked box in the lobby or given to a Nominating Committee member. Surveys are due Sunday, July 12th.

CRIB NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

We have an immediate need for two crib nursery workers and a crib Sunday School teacher. Please contact Lynette Winzenried for more information and to volunteer.

PASTOR'S ARTICLE

WHY WE WORSHIP

Does life get so busy that you sometimes forget how important church is? Has something frustrated you to the point where you did not want to come to church? There are many reasons we can grow stale or negligent regarding worship. So, here are some quick reminders of why we gather for worship.

1. We gather for worship because God is worthy of all praise, honor, and glory. This is first and has to be first. God Himself IS the reason for worship! We do not worship things, people, fame, or ourselves. We worship God alone. And we should be eager to worship God according to His Word. A heart that does not want to worship God is a sick heart that needs the medicine of Christ's grace, mercy, and power. Whatever else you do in life, commit yourself to worshipping God. Psalm 29:2, "Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness."

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**AM Sermon: Biblical Community
(in the local church)
Ephesians 4:25-32**

10 Pillars of a Spirit-filled local church (the first 5 today):

1. Stands on and speaks _____ (v. 25).

2. Avoids _____ (vv. 26, 31).

3. Fights against _____ (v. 27).

4. Works with _____ (v. 28a).

5. Gives _____ (v. 28b).

2026 Christian Service Survey

Position	I now hold this position and want to continue	Consider me for this position	I'd like a job description	Position	I now hold this position and want to continue	Consider me for this position	I'd like a job description
Accompanist				Nursery Worker (Indicate which level: I or II)			
Decorating Committee				Special Events Coordinator			
Finance Committee				Sunday School Director			
Financial Secretary				Sunday School Secretary			
Historical Committee				Sunday School Teacher			
Library Committee				Trustee			
Music Committee				Usher			
Music Leader				Usher (alternate - as needed)			
Nursery I Coordinator				Youth on Mission Leader			
Nursery II Coordinator							

Name:

Phone Number:

Remarks/Questions:

Please place the survey in the box provided in the lobby or give it to a member of the Committee by Sunday, July 12th:

Andrew Evans, Phoebe Evans, Remona Fletcher, Eric Heinze, Tom Neunaber, or Thelma Rush

Christian Service Survey

The Nominating Committee's responsibility is to seek out and enlist those whom the Lord would have serve Him in an elected position for the coming two fiscal years (October 2026 through September 2028). **Exceptions: Nursery Coordinators, Nursery Workers, and Sunday School teachers will be elected to serve for only one year (September 2026 through August 2027). Trustees' term of service is three years (October 2026 through September 2029).**

Please notify the Nominating Committee of both your desire to serve and your interest in serving by filling out the survey on the reverse. **In most cases, this survey is the committee's only way of knowing your desires and/or interests.**

If you are now serving in one of the positions listed and wish to be considered for continued service in that position, **you also need to complete this survey.**

Written job descriptions describing each position are available from the church office or any of the Nominating Committee members. If you already hold one of the listed positions and do not have a job description, the Committee urges you also to obtain the written job description for your position.

Your prayers, along with the prompt completion and return of this survey, will greatly facilitate the work of the Nominating Committee.

MEN'S RETREAT

THEME: MAGNIFYING THE LORD TOGETHER.

The Men's Ministry Team invites men and teen boys ages 14 and up to a Men's Retreat at Mill Creek Fall Retreat Center in Airville, PA (only 30 minutes from church). Minors must be accompanied by an adult (preferably their father).

When: Meet at the retreat center on Friday, September 18th, any time after noon, and leave on Saturday, September 19th, at 4 PM.

What: The retreat will include a dinner on Friday, an overnight stay, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. There will be time for fellowship, hearing God's Word, and enjoying the outdoors

Cost: \$25 for adults; FREE for minors

You can register by using the forms in the lobby or online. To register online, you can use the Church Center app or scan the QR code.

