



# Revelations

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Dear Friends in Christ:

I've been reading a fascinating book titled *Factfulness - Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World - And Why Things Are Better Than You Think*. Admittedly, I did not find this book on my own, but rather lifted it from Barack Obama's summer reading list.

Author Hans Rosling defines Factfulness as the stress-reducing habit of only carrying opinions for which you have strong supporting facts. When asked simple questions about global trends - what percentage of the world's population lives in poverty; why the world's population is increasing; how many girls finish school - we systematically get the answers wrong. So wrong that a chimpanzee choosing answers at random will consistently outguess teachers, journalists, Nobel laureates, and investment bankers.

Rosling is NOT kidding and offers a radical new explanation of why this happens. He reveals the ten instincts that distort our perspective - from our tendency to divide the world into two camps (usually some version of us and them) to the way we consume media (where fear rules) to how we perceive progress (believing that most things are getting worse).

Our problem is that we don't know what we don't know, and even our guesses are informed by unconscious and predictable biases. It turns out that the world, for all its imperfections, is in a much better state than we might think. That doesn't mean there aren't real concerns. But when we worry about everything all the time instead of embracing a worldview based on facts, we can lose our ability to focus on the things that threaten us most.

In essence, Rosling is saying that a dramatic shift in the way we think and process facts can result in a parallel shift not only in the way we understand the world, but also in the way we behave and act. It's an interesting concept that deserves our attention. In fact, the theme of this year's **stewardship campaign is "SHIFT HAPPENS."** The idea is to help us consider how our current stewardship practices might change if we shifted our thinking from commonly held assumptions not necessarily rooted in facts to real, biblically based concepts about the care and distribution of both financial and human resources.

During the campaign we will hear personal stories from some of our members revealing how a shift in their thinking about stewardship ultimately led to a deeper relationship with God. We will receive a letter from the stewardship team explaining the theme in greater detail, coupled with examples of how our faithful stewardship impacts the lives of real people both within our congregation and beyond. And, on October 7th I'll be sharing a sermon outlining three concrete ways a shift in thinking about stewardship can have an amazing impact on our ministry.

Let's all come together this fall to discover that when **"SHIFT HAPPENS"** awesome things can be accomplished for the sake of God's kingdom.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Chuck

## WORSHIP NOTES FOR



### **Pub Church**

Tuesday, October 2

6:30 PM

TGI Friday's in Strongsville

### **Pentecost 20**

Sunday, October 7

8:30 AM

Contemporary Worship, Eucharist

11:00 AM

ELW Setting 3, Eucharist

### **Pentecost 21**

Sunday, October 14

8:30 AM

Contemporary Worship

11:00 AM

ELW Setting 3

### **Stewardship Sunday**

### **Pentecost 22**

Sunday, October 21

8:30 AM

Contemporary Worship, Eucharist

11:00 AM

ELW Setting 3, Eucharist

### **Reformation**

Sunday, October 28

8:30 AM

Contemporary Worship, Eucharist

11:00 AM

ELW Setting 3, Eucharist,  
2nd Grade Bible Presentation

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The First Lutheran Church Blood Drive will be **Sunday, October 7** from **8:00 AM – 1:00 PM**. Appointments are encouraged but not required; sign-up at the *Welcome Center* or at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

All men of First Church (18 and over) are invited to join us for fun, fellowship and exercise by playing pickup basketball games on **Thursday evenings, 7:30-9:00 PM** at Kinsner Elementary from **October 11-April 25** with the following exceptions:

- November 22
- December 27
- January 3
- February 21
- March 28
- April 18

Any questions, contact Wayne Mosley at [wmmosley238@gmail.com](mailto:wmmosley238@gmail.com).

## WOMEN OF FIRST CHURCH

**Book Club** is **Saturday, October 13, 9:00 AM** at *Market District in Strongsville*.

### New Covenant Gathering

at 1424 Hayden Avenue, East Cleveland:  
Women's Day Tea on **Saturday, October 13** from **11:00 AM – 1:00 PM**.

Women's Day Service on **Sunday, October 14** at **11:00 AM**.

Please sign up at the *Welcome Center* if you will be attending.

## TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

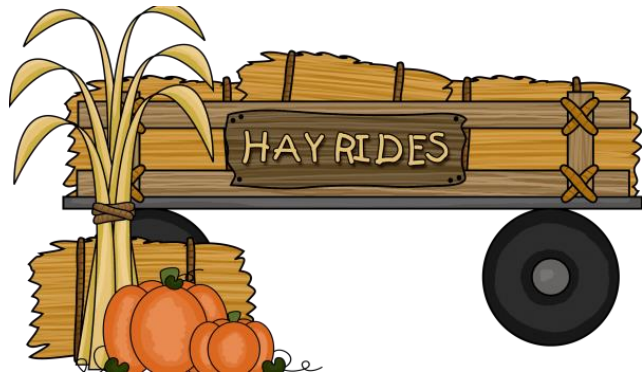
You are invited to an **Open House of the Colorful Communicators!** According to The Book of Lists, the fear of public speaking ranks number one in the minds of the majority of people. Far above the fear of death and disease. You can overcome that fear, gain the confidence and skills to speak confidently, think on your feet and listen effectively...all in a supportive, non-intimidating environment by visiting the Colorful Communicators meets every Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the *Fellowship Hall*. We will have an open house on **Tuesday, October 23** at **6:30 PM**. All are invited! For more information, please contact Reiner Mueller at [reinermueller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:reinermueller@sbcglobal.net)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

On **Sunday, November 18, 3:00 PM** we are pleased to host **Dr. David Pilgrim**, founder and curator of the **Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia** located on the campus of Ferris State University in Big Rapids, MI. Dr. Pilgrim is also the Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion at Ferris State, and is one of the country's leading experts on multiculturalism, diversity, and race relations. Dr. Pilgrim will give a one hour presentation on "**The Power of Honest Conversation About Race**" using artifacts from the museum, followed by a brief break for refreshments, then we will have an hour of "**engagement time**" in small groups that will be led by Dr. Pilgrim. Please join us for what promises to be an enlightening and provocative discussion. This event is **free and open to the public**, so please invite your friends and neighbors. However, it is not recommended for children under the age of 12. **Child care will be provided.**

# SPARK EVENT

## HILLSIDE ORCHARD



\$10.00 PER CHILD INCLUDING A PUMPKIN

\$6.00 ADULT

MAXIMUM COST PER FAMILY WILL BE CAPPED AT \$20.00

HILLSIDE ORCHARD  
2397 CENTER ROAD  
HINCKLEY, OH 44233



APPLE PICKING/HAYRIDE/CORN MAZE

WE WILL HAVE PAPER BAGS SO THE KIDS CAN PICK APPLES, MORE  
DETAILS TO FOLLOW

PLEASE FILL OUT THE GOOGLE FORM AT

[HTTPS://GOO.GL/FORMS/W17CWS5LIC31GZK72](https://goo.gl/forms/W17CWS5LIC31GZK72) SO WE HAVE AN ACCURATE  
COUNT.

PLEASE PLAN TO HAVE LUNCH PRIOR TO ARRIVING OR BRING A LUNCH WITH YOU  
TO HAVE ONSITE.



## KIDS HOPE USA

### The Importance of **ONE**

When we think of the number **ONE**, we usually think of a very small amount – something that might not be worth much. But with KIDS HOPE USA, **ONE** is a very important number.

A new KIDS HOPEUSA program starts with **ONE** church being partnered with **ONE** school. Then, after being screened and trained, **ONE** mentor is matched with **ONE** student. The mentor meets with his student for **ONE** hour each week of the school year. During this hour of **ONE to ONE** relationship, while the mentor helps the student with school work, listens, plays, and enriches the child's life, **ONE** prayer partner holds this relationship up in prayer and helps cause miracles to happen.

Over time all of these **ONEs** add up to something much larger. Our KIDS HOPE USA program usually averages about twenty-seven students per year. If we consider a school year to be thirty -six weeks, then an average of 972 hours of mentoring occurred during the school year. By the end of this, our tenth year of mentoring, 9,720 hours of mentoring will have occurred!

In addition to the actual mentoring, other often immeasurable growth is taking place in students' lives. At a recent mentor/prayer partner gathering, I asked attendees to think about what has meant the most to them about being involved in KIDS HOPE. One mentor related that he had only been mentoring his student for part of a year. He had the occasion to meet the student's grandmother. She told the mentor how grateful they were for him because since he had started to mentor the child, they had seen such positive changes in the student's behavior at home. Another mentor recounted the evolution of his student from a bully in First Grade to a well-behaved student who achieved well in school by Third Grade. A prayer partner said that when she speaks to her mentor, she is amazed that when the mentor tells of what is happening with the student, the changes are the things she has prayed about. I could go on and on. Who knows where all of this positive impact will lead, how our students' lives will change for the better, and what good our students will do in the world.

But it all starts with **ONE**. Please prayerfully consider if you would like to be the **ONE** to make a positive difference in a child's life.

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

*Jeremiah 29:11*

For the kids,  
Gloria Reichert  
Director, KIDS HOPE USA

# OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

		October 7 Communion	October 14	October 21 Communion	October 28 Communion Reformation
<b>Acolytes</b>					
Ellen Kolman	10:30/11:00	Luke Thellman Hannah Carrossellia	Olivia Brewer	Abby McKee Madelyn Fox	Skylar Horn Tori Kakos
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<b>Ushers</b>					
Maureen Shorts	8:30	Herb Simpson Pam Simpson Ron Shorts Maureen Shorts	Mike McNamara Stacey McNamara Dave Chaya Renee Chaya	Hank Pekkola Gayle Pekkola Kurt Blankenship Joy Blankenship	Gladys Otto Bob Strong Alli Thellman Shelley Fetzer
Dawn Evangelista	10:30/11:00	Ron Warzel Mary Jane Warzel Chuck Kaskey Sandy Kaskey	Wayne Mosley Steve Harris John Brinzo Alfonso Hinojosa	Jerry Krueger Barb Krueger Bob Snyder Heather Snyder	Bob Jacob Brenda Jacob Dennis Beckman Jim Gist
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<b>Readers &amp; CA</b>	8:30	Jeanine Kowalewski - RCA	Gail Landfried – R	Judy Peach – RCA	Jonathan Paine
<b>Barb Krueger Comm Assts:</b>		Kelly Worsencroft Don Nielsen Connie Nielsen Andrea Cassidy		Stacey McNamara Jennifer Paine Paul Schlacht Bob Strong	Tony Rugar Melina Rugar Mike McNamara Mike Thellman
	10:30/11:00	Bob Jacob - RCA	Debbie Jenkins-R	Linda Walker - RCA	Kerry McLemore
<b>Comm Assts:</b>		Greg Rath Sandy Rath Janet Kaiser		Sandy Treudler Wayne Mosley Terri Mosley	Jacquie McLemore Maryann Tower Renee Sadler
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<b>Nursery</b>					
Bonnie Bailey					
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<b>Counting Teams</b>					
Terri Mosley		Wade Zwinger Mary Whitecar Pat Sauernheimer Daphne Leon	Jim Gist Sheri Gist Gary Walters Mary Walters Dick Kiplinger	Reiner Mueller Shelley Hoffman Al Hoffman Pierre David	Gayle Kovach Rita Ross Chris Hamel Carol Paulini
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<b>Altar Guild</b>					
Beth David		Sandy Rath Billie Hoffman Karen McFarland	Pat Sauernheimer Janet Kaiser Sandy Kaskey	Dawn Evangelista Marsha Stephens Sheri Gist Tricia Nolder	Janice Hentosh Ellen Kolman Beth David

# October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>  7:00 – Confirmation 7:00 – AA	<b>2</b>  6:00 – Crossroad Stitchers 6:30 – Pub Church 7:00 – Toastmaster's 7:30 – Al-Anon	<b>3</b>  7:30 – Chancel Choir	<b>4</b>  6:30 – Praise Band	<b>5</b>  10:00 – Prayer & Care	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>  8:00 – Blood Drive 9:45 – Sunday School  12:00 – Bell Choir 12:30 – SPARK Event	<b>8</b>  7:00 – Bible Bonanza 7:00 – Mentor Groups 7:00 – AA	<b>9</b>  12:15 – Over 50's Group  7:00 – Cabinet Meeting 7:00 – Toastmaster's 7:30 – Al-Anon	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  6:30 – Praise Band 7:30 – Men's Basketball	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  9:00 – WOW Book Club 9:30 – Strongsville Food Bank 11:00 – WOW w/ New Covenant Gaab – Fellowship Hall
<b>14</b>  9:45 – Sunday School 11:00 – Women's Service at New Covenant  12:00 – Bell Choir	<b>15</b>  7:00 – Bible Bonanza 7:00 – Confirmaiton 7:00 – AA	<b>16</b>  7:00 – Council Meeting 7:00 – Toastmaster's 7:30 – Al-Anon	<b>17</b>  10:00 – Lydia Circle  7:30 – Chancel Choir	<b>18</b>  6:30 – Praise Band 7:30 – Men's Basketball	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>  9:45 – Sunday School  12:00 – Bell Choir	<b>22</b>  7:00 – Bible Bonanza 7:00 – Mentors 7:00 – AA	<b>23</b>  8:30 – KHUSA Leadership Team  7:00 – Toastmaster's 7:30 – Al-Anon	<b>24</b>  7:30 – Chancel Choir	<b>25</b>  6:30 – Praise Band 7:30 – Men's Basketball	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  Wedding
<b>28</b>  9:30 – Bible Presentation Workshop  9:45 – Sunday School  12:00 – Bell Choir	<b>29</b>  7:00 – Bible Bonanza 7:00 – Confirmation 7:00 – AA	<b>30</b>  7:00 – Toastmaster's 7:30 – Al-Anon	<b>31</b> Halloween  7:30 – Chancel Choir			

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