



Bulletin - July 12, 2026



Ephesians 6:13

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. NIV

I have four little toys near my desk that I often pick up and fiddle with. Those of you who know me well likely know which four toys they are - the four Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles action figures that I've had for years and years. I've always been a fan of the turtles; growing up in the 90s, pretty much everyone was. But one of the things I like about the turtles is the patterns on their shells. They've become like "fidget" toys to me as I run my fingers over the grooves and bumps and various decorations of the shells themselves. Their shells serve as kind of a "built-in shield" helping them ward off danger, and I guess that's something that's always fascinated me. You can also push their limbs into the shell for extra protection, so, that's a fun little feature, too. It reminds me a little of our topic for this week - the shield of faith which which we extinguish the flaming arrows of the evil one. Even in a spiritual battle, being able to duck into a turtle shell sounds comforting, doesn't it? We'll be talking at New Heights about how we don't have to be afraid in our spiritual battle, because our faith - says Paul - works like a shield that we can use to extinguish the devil's attacks. Come join us this Sunday and we'll talk more about it. Hope to see you then!

-Zach K, your Friendly Neighborhood Lead Pastor

Sermon in a Sentence

"Our _____ is meant to _____ us from the _____."

Today's Scripture

It's All Greek to Me!

Three Weekly Challenges

Ephesians 6:11-17

"thyreos" - door

1. Raise Your Shield In _____
2. Raise Your Shield _____
3. Raise Your Shield with _____

Ephesians 6:16

"pistis" - faith, confidence, trust

Matthew 11:28-30

Hebrews 11:1

Proverbs 3:5-7



Weekly Prayer Requests

Diane Burks Jeni Friend
Ron Scott Stacy Smith Borick (Diane Burks' daughter)
Jane Gasser Joan Miller (Randy Miller's mom)

* Names will stay on the current list for three weeks. Please inform the office if you wish for a name to remain on this list or be transferred to the long-term list. Names marked with ** will be moved to the long-term prayer list the following week. The long-term prayer list is located in the foyer.



NEW HEIGHTS
DAY CAMP
PRESENTS A SUMMER SERIES: EVEN IF
JOIN US FOR WEEK 2
SATURDAY, JULY 25TH
2:00 - 8:00 PM
EVEN IF I AM AFRAID, I WILL KEEP MY EYES ON JESUS.



MVCSC STEM Camp Week
Please be in prayer for all those attending camp this week:

Campers:

Andrew Clark
Kerrigan Clark
Kylie Clark
Tristan Korff

Jr. Campers:

Olivia Korff
Torin Korff
Grace Korff
Lucas Clark, Sam Clark
Jeffry & Matthew Gibbs & Jaxon Clark

Volunteers:

Zach Korff
Jessi Korff
Collin Clark
Danielle Clark
Austin Gibbs
Karianna Gibbs
Chris Friend
Brian Clark
Carol Clark



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
NEW HEIGHTS DRIVE-IN
ON
SATURDAY, JULY 25TH
WE WILL KICK OFF THE EVENING WITH FOOD & FUN
BEGINNING AT 8 PM
2752 W. ST. RD. 44, CONNERSVILLE, IN



BABY
in bloom
join us for a baby shower
- honoring -
KARIANNA GIBBS
SATURDAY
July | 18 | 2026
2 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON
2752 IN-44 Connerville IN 47331
RSVP to Karianna 765-338-9430
Registered at
Amazon

NHCC Portrait Directory Sign-Ups! 📸

We're excited to announce that we will be offering family portrait sessions for our upcoming picture directory! A photographer will be available to take portraits on **Sunday, July 26th**, and **Sunday, August 2nd & 9th**, from **12 PM to 4 PM** each day.

To ensure everything runs smoothly, please sign up for a time slot in advance. This will help us accommodate everyone and keep the process efficient. Don't miss this chance to be part of our New Heights Family Directory and to have a beautiful family portrait!

Sign up sheet will be available in the foyer.
We look forward to seeing you there!



July

What's Happening



7/12 STEM Camp @ MVCSC-NH Office Closed
7/25 NH Day Camp & Drive-in Movie
7/26 - NHCC Directory Pictures 12-4 pm

August

8/2 - Directory Pictures 12-4 pm
8/9 - Directory Pictures 12-4 pm



Vitals for July 5

Weekly Need: \$3,200
Actual Given: \$ 2189
Sunday School - 24
Morning Service - 66

3 easy ways to give:

- 'Tithes & Offerings' box in the lobby
- newheightsconnersville.com/giving
- Mail to the church office

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Mahoning Valley Christian Service Camp: Registration is OPEN!

See Zach or Carol for the
New Heights Registration Code

P - Praise
R - Repent
A - Ask
Y - Yield

NHCC Prayer Guide

A daily rhythm to draw closer to God.

Explore the scriptures from this week's sermon and turn them into heartfelt personal prayers.

July 12, 2026
Never stop praying.
1 Thessalonians 5:17

Monday

Gratitude & Praise

Read & Reflect: Ephesians 6:11-17

We have a dangerous enemy! He can blend in, approach unnoticed, and attack without us realizing it. This enemy is clever and often overlooked or dismissed.

Since the garden, we have been a slave to his power of sin. Try as we might, we cannot defeat this enemy with our own strength! However, we can rejoice because God has given us the ultimate defense and weapon: Jesus Christ!

Keep the sword in your hand! Stand firm in your faith, and trust in the mighty power of Jesus!

Today's Prayer Points:

- Thank God for blessings big and small.
- Praise Him for His love, mercy, and faithfulness.
- Recall moments where you saw His hand at work.

Tuesday

Personal Growth

Read & Reflect: Ephesians 6:16

In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. NIV

God has provided us with protection against enemy attacks. However, just as the Romans needed to care for and maintain their shields to prevent them from weakening or cracking under pressure, we too must nurture our faith. It is essential not to neglect prayer and time spent in the Word listening for God's voice to guide us. A shallow faith will lead to our destruction.

Today's Prayer Points:

- Pray for wisdom, patience, and strength.
- Ask for help in overcoming struggles.
- Invite God to shape your thoughts, words, and actions.

Wednesday

Family & Friends

Read & Reflect: Matthew 11:28-30

Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light." NLT

Lord, I come to you with all the burdens that cause me to become weary and weak. I cannot carry these things on my own shoulders, no matter how hard I may try.

Please forgive me for the times I try to live in my own strength. I give all to you and trust in your ways.

Today's Prayer Points:

- Pray for loved ones by name.
- Ask for unity, understanding, and love in relationships.
- Lift up those distant from faith or in hardship.

Thursday

Community & Nation

Read & Reflect: Hebrews 11:1

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. " NIV

In today's world, we see many horrible events that can cause us to become anxious, afraid, and maybe even produce doubt in our hearts. But we must remember that our faith is not based on the intensity of our feelings, but on the reliability of God's promises and our trust in Him, even when circumstances try to distract us from this truth.

Today's Prayer Points:

- Pray for local leaders, schools, and neighborhoods.
- Ask for justice, peace, and compassion.
- Remember those in positions of authority.

Friday

The World

Read & Reflect: Proverbs 30:5

"Every word of God proves true. He is a shield to all who come to him for protection."

God's word will not fail. It is truth! We can hold up our shields of faith and trust in what he says, no matter what we see in this world. He has the victory! He is our protection!

Today's Prayer Points:

- Pray for global issues: poverty, conflict, disasters.
- Lift up missionaries and humanitarian workers.
- Ask for God's light to shine in dark places.

Saturday

Reflection & Repentance

Read & Reflect: Proverbs 3:5-7

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil."

Today's Prayer Points:

- Examine your heart and confess sins.
- Ask for renewal and a clean spirit.
- Reflect on lessons learned this week.

Sunday

Worship & Renewal

- Dedicate the day to worship and rest.
- Pray for your church and fellow believers.
- Ask for joy and purpose for the week ahead.

Zach's Three Weekly Challenges

Standing firm in that battle can be a challenge,
but it's a challenge that we can endure, especially when you:

Challenge #1 ***Raise Your Shield In Faith***

The Hebrew writer tells us in Hebrews 11:1 that faith is the evidence of what we don't see; the substance of what we hope for. He then goes on to talk a great deal about the great acts of faith displayed by many of the heroes of the Hebrew scriptures, men and women alike. Sometimes, the fighting in this spiritual battlefield is so thick we can't see things clearly, that's when it's the most important for us to bear the shield, and trust that God will carry us through. Because when the fighting is the thickest, the shield becomes arguably our most important piece of armor to protect us, so wield it in faith, relying on God's power to pull you through.

Challenge #2 ***Raise Your Shield Together***

Take a lesson from our Roman friends and from Mr. Turtle himself and remember that our shields work best when they work together. The Roman shield was as much for your fellow soldier as it was for you - and when your fellow soldiers have your back, it's a lot easier to fight with confidence, so wield that shield and protect your fellow fighters as well as yourselves. Reach out to each other when they're hurting, draw on the strength and comfort of your fellow New Heights family members when you're hurting, and when the fighting seems lonely, don't forget that you're part of a larger team that's working together for the kingdom.

Challenge #3 ***Raise Your Shield With Jesus***

Remember that we were never meant to do life alone. It's not just our brother and sister Christians in the fight with us that we look to, but when we remember that the battle we're fighting has already been won, it becomes a lot easier to fight. Jesus won the victory, and he shares it with us in faith. Just as he promises to give us rest in Matthew 11, he also promises in Matthew 28 that he'll be with us until the end of the age. So, battle on, dear friends, in and with the strength of Jesus himself, who gives strength to those who would draw it from him. Keep his Word close by, keep his praise on your lips, and don't forget to retreat constantly to him in prayer.

Prayer Request

Answered Prayers
