



CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 7th after

Worship

We need 30 for a quorum.



Roses Are Red, Footballs Are Tan...Come Have a Donut  
With Your Favorite Man!

Donuts for Dad!! Father's Day, June 21st

Right after the service



## THE VOICE

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Celebrate Dad, or just celebrate fellow-  
ship, by joining us right after the service  
for donuts, coffee and juice. Everyone is  
welcome!!!

## *Notes From Pastor Eli!*

### **People of Integrity**

Friend, have you considered the type of legacy you would like to hand down to your children or grandchildren? The wise one, Solomon, underscores a virtuous inheritance that all parents and grandparents should delight in: "The righteous man leads a blameless life; blessed are his children after him," Proverbs 20:7.

As the world in which you and I live grows ever more corrupt and deceptive, people of integrity are needed more than ever. In the Scripture, integrity has a rich meaning, referring to "wholeness or completeness". The person with integrity is one whose work, home, finances and relationships function together without contradiction or disharmony. Such a life is, in the fullest sense, in accord with God's will and purpose in every area.

When the prophet Samuel prepared to anoint Saul as king, he described his own priestly life and administration in these terms, "...I have been your leader from my youth until this day...whose ox have I taken? Whose donkey have I taken? Whom have I cheated? Whom have I oppressed? From whose hand have I accepted a bribe to make me shut my eyes?...1 Samuel 12:2,3.

To each question, the Israelites responded with a resounding affirmation of Samuel's irreproachable leadership. Thus, my friend, integrity is a clear testimony of our private and public behavior with family, friends, and others.

There are other remarkable characters in Scripture who were people of integrity. One of them was the Old Testament man called Job.

After, I say it again, after, the death of seven sons and three daughters, the loss of his great herd of sheep and cattle, and, a painful case of horrible skin lesions: Job is praised by God..."There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason," 2:3.

The man, or woman, of integrity has as his/her foundation reverence for God--which influences all of his/her life. That reverence includes obedience to the Word of God and an accompanying hatred and avoidance of sin and evil. Such is his/her trust and confidence in the faithfulness of God that he/she refuses to blame God for adversity.

One more example: The life of David. "Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have led a blameless life", Psalm 26:1. "And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them", Psalm 78:72. The primary thought expressed in David's songs is the idea of blamelessness. My friend, such a meaning does not suggest sinlessness. Obviously, David was not without sin. What is intended, despite sinful behavior, is a heart that remains sensitive to the truth and presence of God. Thus, integrity is a consuming desire to acknowledge, obey and follow God with a readiness and sensitivity to confess and repent one's sin and failure.

Dear friend, what better, more solid legacy can you or I leave our children or grandchildren than an upright, honest, spiritual life---the virtue of integrity..—*Eli*

## Concern of the Month

### Food Drive for the Akron/Canton Foodbank



Monetary or Food Donations welcome!

#### Most Needed Items:

Boxed Cereal	Canned Vegetables
Canned Soup/Stew	Macaroni & Cheese
Canned Tuna	Peanut Butter

#### Other Greatly Needed Items:

Canned Vegetables (beans, green beans, carrots, potatoes, tomatoes, tomato products)  
Canned Meats (tuna, salmon, Spam, ham, chicken)  
Canned Meals (stew, chili)  
Canned Fruit (applesauce, peaches, pears, pineapple)  
Condiments and Dressings  
Dried Pasta, Rice and Beans  
Cleaning Supplies (laundry supplies, household cleaners)  
Paper Products (paper towels, facial tissue, bathroom tissue)  
Personal Care Items (deodorant, shampoo, bath soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair care products)



### Wednesday, July 15th Trip to Ohio Star Theatre to see Elijah: Prophet of Fire

We will enjoy lunch at Dutch Valley buffet and then see the 1pm showing of Elijah: Prophet of Fire.

Ticket Cost (includes lunch): \$68

Please sign up in the Gathering Space.

### Trip to Glamorgan Castle

Our trip to Glamorgan Castle in Alliance was not as expected. We carpooled on this rainy day and arrived in plenty of time. Unfortunately, our tour guide Connie canceled at the last minute to take her husband to the Emergency Room. All 15 of us decided we would go to lunch at Grinders - Above and Beyond as planned. We enjoyed good food and great fellowship. After lunch we went to Pav's Creamery in North Canton for ice cream, not because we were hungry, but because we did not want our adventure to end. (because Eli promised TJ). We will reschedule this outing.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Dominoes 7pm	3 AA 7pm	4 Yoga 10am	5 Quilting 10am	6
7 Lei Worship 9:15am Congregational Mtg	8 Dominoes 7pm	9 Dominoes 7pm	10 AA 7pm	11 Yoga 10am	12 Crafts & Conversation 10am	13
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