

September Elders

Communion & Offering

September 2 -

Shelli Jackson & Judy Hockett

September 9 -

Beverly Robertson & Dennis Page

September 16 -

John Sargeant & Greg Noble

September 23 -

Jeff Svejcar & Rose Miller

September 30 -

Tom Utt & Ralph Matteson

September Diaconate Teams

September 2 - Leisa McAdams

September 9 - Roger Foster

September 16 - Rick Christian

September 23 - Mike Wiebe

September 30 - Kitty Bates

September Preparers

Leone Miller & Shiela Rowland

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LIBRARY READ-A-THON REPORT—JUNE 21—AUG. 19

The Read-A-Thon Was a Great Success.

108 readers from preschool to adults participated.

Total number of books read by all—1,120+ (that we know of - some didn't turn in reports)

Besides our pizza, ice cream, soda party – many people won in the drawing.

Super Reader Prizes

Adult –DVD Player

Barry Bettis - 83 books

Mid/High school -5 Video rentals and 5 mini pizzas, popcorn, & soda : party with 4 friends

Tie: **Alyssa Miller** and

Haley Murphy 16 books each

K-5th grade–Build a Bear

Tie: **Jordan Osgood** and

Nicole Mueller 21 books each

Preschool–a day out for mom and child at the Science Factory/mini pizza and sundaes

Macy Allen- 104 books

For turning in their reading report each reader received:

Preschool – a book, sundae, & Splash ticket

K-5th grade /Mid-High School–Splash ticket, mini pizza, & sundae

Adults–*Packing for Heaven* & highlighter/ball point pen

Thank You to Our Sponsors

Dan Hill/Ralph Matteson/Barry Bettis/Jeff Svejcar Financial gifts–Pizza celebration

Willamalane–Splash tickets

Hollywood Video–Free Video Rentals

McDonald's on Mohawk–Sundaes

Abby's–Mini Pizzas

Creamies–Ice Cream

Jerry's–Gift Certificate

Harvest House–Books

Parable Christian Book Store–DVD Player

Sue Smith–Build a Bear

Science Factory–Day Out

Library–Books, Finances, Hard Work

Jill Noble–Support and Hard Work

Many Thanks, Leone Miller, Librarian

Barry Bettis, Sharon Comer, Mary Lou Hanna, Billie Iverson, Gayle Nothwang, Janet Sweeney Library Crew



Alert & Alive



September 18th is the next Alert & Alive potluck. The Lacoeks and the Nobles are the hosts. They always have a fun time, so be sure to mark your calendar now, noon, September 18, in the fellowship hall. Our August 21st meeting had to be postponed to August 28th. Seems our dear Lord decided to send us some much needed rain, and our potluck was to be outside at Toni Unfred's home. Being a flexible bunch we had no problem meeting a week later! Everything was just lovely at Toni's and a great time was had by all. Remember, September 18th...See you there!

Miracle on Main Street

The Christmas parade team is gearing up. We'd love to have you join us. If you like designing, constructing, and/or decorating floats, here is your opportunity. Come one. Come all. Give Judy Hockett a call.

Kids: Be A Star

Hey kids and parents it is time to start thinking about this year's Christmas play.



Practice begins on Monday September 17 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. We are assigning singing and speaking parts in the first few weeks, so please attend these early practices to find out what is available. It will be lots of fun so come join us. If you have any questions, you can contact Rose LeCuyer or Andy and Gretchen Petersen.

Crafters: Join the Fun

Fall Workshop: join with other Northwood crafters on Saturday, October 20 to create a 'mini Fall book' at a workshop taught by Scrappy Land. This is a great gift for the grandparents who have everything, or something to set on your desk, or a gift to give to someone and let them place in their own fall pictures. Cost is \$12 per book, Della Dean is the host, for more details and to sign up call Della.



Monthly Craft night is Friday the 14th at 5:30 If you are a 'crafter' this is the event for you. This group meets each month and folks bring their own projects for an evening of crafting, sharing ideas and materials, and socializing. Fun is had by all—we hope to see you there!

Women: Are You Ready?

Do you have questions about the end of time? Do you have concerns about what will happen to you? Could you use some comforting words regarding the return of Christ? Jesus says, "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God and trust in me...I will come back and take you with me." (John 14:1, 3) The women of Northwood are invited to a new 14 week study of Max Lucado's book, *When Christ Comes*, starting September 11th at 1:00 in the library. Cost of the book is \$10. Bring a salad to share for lunch. Newcomers welcome. Call Luanne Lynn if you have questions.

Teens: G.O.L.F. is For You

With G.O.L.F. about to start up, we have an important note for all middle school and high school students and their parents.

Wednesday evening classes are held at the church this year. Come and share dinner with your family, meet in middle and high school groups, then break into small groups.

The atmosphere of D Groups worked great last year. However, many families missed eating together, and trying to coordinate rides made Wednesday nights complicated. So this year we are reorganizing to make it all happen here at the church.

So, plan to come to G.O.L.F. on Wednesday evenings, share dinner as a family, enjoy good fellowship, relevant teaching, and applicable small group discussion! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mike or Tauna.

Like to Save Money?

Northwood Student Ministries is selling Entertainment books this year. The cost is only \$20, and if you take a look just inside the front cover, you can save \$20 just on groceries! There are lots of restaurant and event coupons...there's something for everyone! Want one? Ask any Middle or High School student how you can get your very own today!

**A Night of
Praise & Worship**
5th Sunday Service
September 30 at 6pm

What is a 5th Sunday?

Several months each year have five Sundays—on these *extra* Sundays Northwood has an evening gathering for praise and worship led by John Hakes, the music minister. The theme varies, but the focus on praise of our Lord stays the same with music of hymns, choruses, and prayer.

New Staff Member



We welcome **Betsy Clewett** to our Northwood staff as Director of Children's Ministries. Betsy worked for a decade in early childhood settings before completing her doctorate in 1984 and training teachers in public, private, secular, and Christian higher education for the past 23 years. Beginning this fall, Betsy also serves on the Lane County Commission on Children and Families. She has one daughter, Kelsey, a 2007 graduate from Sheldon High School who now attends the University of Oregon.

Bob Keefer, chair of Northwood's personnel ministry, says that Betsy is a great addition to our staff. She has a wealth of information to share with our church, and act as a resource to all families at Northwood.

Betsy served as the Northwood preschool coordinator for the past year, and was invaluable to the preschool.

Music at Northwood

Guitar Class John Hakes is offering free guitar classes geared for beginners on Tuesday afternoons beginning Sept. 11 in room 19. One of the purposes of this class is to develop guitar players for the Youth and Praise band.

Choir begins on Tuesday Sept. 18 meeting from 6:30 to 7:30 in the fireside room. The choir is beginning work on the Christmas cantata *Emmanuel—God With Us* as well as anthems for Sundays. All singers are welcome.

Praise Team You'll probably be seeing some new members in the Praise Team in the upcoming months. If you are interested in contributing your talents, please contact John Hakes.

Photo Opportunity

Have you looked at the photo board on the wall across from the library recently? Looking for your photo, or maybe a photo of someone you want to match a name to? Hard to do with so many new members.

Starting September 16 photos will be taken to update the board. Cameras will be set up in room 8. No appointment needed, just come on down, pose for us, and get on to class or worship service. Photos will be taken for 3 weeks, so if you can't make it on the 16th, come by the 23rd or the 30th. We'd love to see your smiling face on our photo board.

Kitchen Boot Camp

September 7th, 7 pm

Are you or your ministry planning on using the kitchen for an event this year? If so, attending a training class in proper use of equipment, food handling, and cleaning is required before you or your ministry can reserve the facility. Training will be Friday, September 7th at 7 pm in the kitchen



WORLD OUTREACH

Lane County Heart Gallery Is Coming to Northwood

Helping kids in foster care find forever families, one child at a time! The Heart Gallery, a traveling art exhibit of professional photographs of real children in foster care in our area who are waiting for adoption, is on display each Sunday during the month of September in the Fellowship area. Take a moment to stop by and see these kids' beautiful pictures and read their biographies. Even if foster parenting or adoption is not something that you can consider right now, there are many ways to help! Staff are available each Sunday between 9:30 and 11:30 for your questions and you can also visit the Lane County Heart Gallery website at lanecountyheartgallery.org.

Disciples Mission Fund

Financial support to our larger faith community, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), is directed to the Disciples Mission Fund. This Fund supports denominational ministries in the Oregon region, nationwide, and around the world. Approximately fifty percent of the dollars are returned to the regions for local ministries such as services to local churches, camps and retreats, leadership training, and new church development. The other fifty percent goes toward national home missions, overseas ministries and universities, seminaries and campus ministry. For more information visit the website at www.churchfinancecouncil.org and click Disciples Mission Fund.

Last year Northwood gave \$14,088 to support the work of the Disciples Mission Fund. For the first 6 months of 2007, Northwood was in the top ten statewide of giving congregations and increased ten percent over this period in 2006.

Northwood Gives to Our Community and Around the World

Last fiscal year (2006-2007) Northwood gave \$92,213 through World Outreach to support missions here in our community as well at nationally and internationally. Below is a recap: \$29,456 to denominational causes (NCC, Week of Compassion Disaster Relief, and Disciples Mission Fund).

\$37,860 to support local faith-based organizations and individuals (such as Eugene Mission, FISH, Habitat for Humanity, Youth for Christ, Young Life, and St. Vincent de Paul).

\$24,897 to international work (including our three missionary families, bible translation, Efas Training Center in Ukraine, El Faro orphanage, and scholarships to mission work trips).



New Members

August 12

David & Lucy Lyle

Brad & Katy Putnam

Baptisms

August 19

Conner Franklin

Jackson Stramler

Derek O'Connell

New Baby

Chad & Bethany Boardrow
welcomed *Carter Joseph* on

August 23. He joins big

sister *Bailey*. Proud

grandparents are *Joe &*

Diann Prenevost

We don't put our Members personal information on the web. Please see your printed version or contact the church office for the new members this month.

October 24 - December 5

(6 weeks—choose 1 class for the 2nd six weeks of the fall term)

How to Have a Growing Marriage—video series (Part 2), *Jeremy & Glendda Green*: This class continues the exploration of this vital topic with a study that includes the following topics:

“The DNA of Relationships”—Gary Smalley

“When You Drive Each Other Crazy”—Steve & Valerie Bell

“The Secret to a Lasting Relationship”—Chip Ingram

And much more. Come join this group and help grow your marriage.

Are You an Overcomer?, *Betsy Clewett*: Do you feel stuck? Do you long to be free from what is holding you back? If so, this group is for you. You will be inspired to move forward with God to a loving, supportive place. Topics include: Give up the Blame Game, Turn Your Life Around, Make Failure Your Friend, and Healing is a Choice.

What's So Amazing About Grace? video series, *Mike Harman*: Mike leads this exciting emphasis on understanding God's grace. Jesus didn't die to make Christians nice. He died to save us because we couldn't save ourselves. Come and be transformed by the true freedom found in the Good News of the Gospel. Believers, seekers, and skeptics will discover the truth about grace in this exciting series.

Leadership 101, *Facilitated by Jeff Lynn*

November 14—How to Handle Conflict as a Leader

November 28—Character and Leadership

December 5—How to Build Trust as a Leader

If you want to be a leader for God, then this series is for you. God needs humble, servant-leaders.

Are you one? Are you a person of integrity and Christ-like character? Do you wish to grow as a leader for God...in the church, the home, the workplace?

G.O.L.F. THURSDAY

September 6—November 15

ALPHA, a basic introduction to the Christian faith, begins Thursday, September 6th at 6 pm in the fellowship hall. A video and small group discussion follows a great dinner. This group is for adults, and child care is provided. Come out, meet some new friends, and find out what the Christian faith is all about. This is a relaxed, pressure-free environment and you're encouraged to bring our questions and your friends. If you have questions about the ALPHA program, call Andy & Gretchen Petersen at 746-9470 or Rich & Deanna Stanton at 736-9117.

September 13—November 15

Walk Through the Bible, *Pastor Gary Wells* invites you to ten Thursday evening sessions beginning *September 13*. Classes meet in the Fireside Room from 7 to 8:30 pm. All you need is your Bible and a desire to learn. Child care is provided. Call Hallie or Gary Wells, 726-2965 for more information and to reserve your place in the class.

Northwood News

Hog Ride Joann Biehler turned 75 in August, and had her first ride on a Harley Davidson motorcycle, compliments of Lauren Heitzman

Free computer, monitor, and printer to a good home, it's slow, but gets the job done. Contact Tom & Kathy Montgomery.

Sign Board Do you ever drive by Northwood on your way somewhere, and notice the sign board out front? Thank you to Dick Sweeney for faithfully changing that board twice each week. You are appreciated!



Dear Northwood,

THANKS!

Thank you for the scholarship!

I had such a fun time at camp!

Thanks for the money for the

camp. I'm so thankful that you gave me some money! Thanks for making camp happen. Alyssa Miller

Dear Northwood Family,

My husband and I would just like to let the church know how thoughtful and helpful it was that when our son Conner was born, dinner was brought to us the whole first week of his life. Also the visit from the children's pastor was great.

Thank you again. God Bless, Aaron, Falyynn, Jackson and Conner Gielish

G.O.L.F. Kicks off in September. This year dinner is served every Wednesday from 5:55 to 6:15. Classes start at 6:45. Thursdays, Alpha begins with dinner at 6 and Walk Through the Bible begins at 7.

G.O.L.F. WEDNESDAY

CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

Nursery available for children up to 4 years of age

Kingdom Kids Children 4 years old–2nd Grade, Singing, arts & crafts, games, and Bible Study.

Lifeliners Children 3rd–5th Grade, Youth Group, Bible lessons and games.

Student Ministries 6th–8th Grade & 9th–12th, Separate middle school and high school gatherings take place each Wednesday evening at Northwood. Come enjoy fellowship with other students, relevant Bible studies, small groups breakout discussions, and informal fun. Each age group meets separately. For questions, please contact Mike or Tauna.

ADULT GROUPS

September 12–December 5

(12 weeks—choose 1 class for the entire term)

The Purpose Driven Life for Women (continues Winter Term), *Danelle Ralston & Kim Helfrich*: This group will explore the dynamics of the purpose-driven life as it relates specifically to women. All women are invited to be a part of this life impacting class.

Learning to Forgive Workshop, *Arleen Field*: This is a practical teaching/how to series dealing with understanding the pain in one's life and how to be free through choosing forgiveness. By participating in this group, you will better understand what forgiveness is and how to live in a forgiving spirit.

OR

September 12–October 17

(6 weeks—choose 1 class for the 1st six weeks of the fall term)

How to Have a Growing Marriage—video series (Part 1), *Mark & Melanie Allen*: Making an effort to strengthen a good marriage is well worth it. This group explores what it takes to keep a good marriage growing.

Membership at Northwood—101, 201, 301, *Teacher TBA*:

This class explores the meaning of church membership, why it is important as well as the expectations and responsibilities of membership. Further, you will understand how Northwood functions and be encouraged to get involved in many service opportunities as you seek to deepen and develop your faith. This class is excellent for all new or prospective members, new Christians and even those who are regular attendees at Northwood. Spend six weeks with others who are new to Northwood Christian Church.

How to Handle Difficult Times, *Pastor Paul*:

We all experience discouragement from time to time. Is it possible for a Christian to face difficult times with faith, hope, and courage? If so, how? By attending this class, you will be strengthened for your faith-walk, learning more about God and how He is always with us.

**Family Service,
No Nursery or Children's Church**

September 9th

*Join all your Northwood family at
Page Elementary Gym at 10am for*

All Church Worship

Followed By an

All Church Picnic

Fun for All Ages at Northwood

**Provided: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips &
Drinks, Plates, Cups, Silverware**

Please Bring the following to share by last name:

- *A–M Side Dishes & Salads*
- *N–Z Dessert*



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