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Planning for Christmas Christmas Parade Dec. 8th

Come one—Come all. It takes all hands to put our entry together and the more the merrier to march. So contact Judy Hockett if you would like to participate.

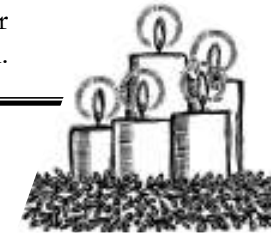
Christmas Cantata Choir

All comers are invited to join the choir in preparing and performing the Christmas Cantata "Emanuel, God with Us" on Sunday Dec. 16 at two morning services. You may join rehearsals beginning in Nov. on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 in the sanctuary. A dress rehearsal is scheduled for Saturday morning Dec. 15. The music in this year's cantata is mostly newer Christmas songs that have become popular in the past 10 years—songs like "Mary, Did You Know?" and "Breath of Heaven." A number of traditional Christmas songs are also included in the cantata. Please contact John Hakes for more information.

Angel Tree—Gifts for Kids

Northwood's annual Angel Tree gift giving opportunity returns. Come and pick up a tag with a child's name and age on Nov. 18 in the fellowship hall. Presents need to be returned by Dec. 9.

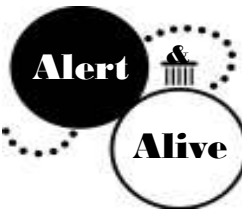
The Angel Tree Christmas ministry is a national program that works by connecting parents in prison with their children through the delivery of Christmas gifts. Local church volunteers purchase and deliver gifts and the gospel to children in the name of their prisoner-parent. Questions—contact Kitty Bates



*Celebrate Advent
This Christmas
with
Northwood's
Daily Devotional Book*
PICK UP YOUR COPY
NOVEMBER 18TH

Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due Nov. 11th

Every year Northwood families fill shoeboxes with gifts that are delivered to impoverished kids around the world. Forms with program details and exactly what to put in your shoebox are available at the church. Contact Betsy Clewett or Kelly Oviatt if you have any questions.



Alert & Alive

The Alert & Alive Potluck is on the 2nd Tuesday this month, Nov. 13th. Come and enjoy a fun time with friends. Patty Phillips, Vera Kephart, and Wayne Hahn have taken on the hostess duties this month. It is always a great time. Alert & Alive is technically for the “Over 55’s;” but we don't check, all are welcome.

Urgent: Mission to Mexico

If you plan to go this spring: Read this! Starting with the Spring 2008 trip ALL participants must have a U.S. passport. Due to an overload of applications, the US Passport process is a lengthy one—as long as 2 to 3 months. And preparing the necessary documents and photographs takes time.

Pick up an application from Mike G, the office, or download at {http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html}

Student Ministry Update Why I Love Teenagers...

Mike Giering

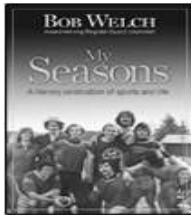
Hands down, I have the greatest job on the face of the planet. I get to spend hours upon hours hanging out with teenagers, building friendships and relationships with them, and speaking truth into their lives. I get to help create an atmosphere where they can come and worship their God in any number of ways, through music, teaching, fellowship, and service. I get to hang out on their school campuses, stand on the sidelines cheering them on in sports, and hang out with their parents. I get to volunteer at school functions, pick up trash in the commons, and partner with teachers, administrators, and school staff to help them navigate the most challenging years of life. I get to ask them tough questions about faith and life, I get to cry with them, laugh with them, and laugh at them.

I get to invest myself in helping them develop as leaders, and get to challenge them to boldly live out their faith at home, school, and church. I get to play (and get beaten repeatedly) video games, listen to great music, watch hilarious YouTube videos, and goof off with some of the greatest teenagers I've ever met. I get to repeatedly ask myself why God allows me to do student ministry, and why in the world I even get paid to do what I get to do. I have the greatest job and greatest calling in life and ministry because I get to invest my life in a generation of young people who have the single greatest opportunity to make the most significant impact on this world that any generation has ever had.

When you look at teenagers today and see whacked out clothes, hair, and style, I look at them and see the most creative, authentic, passionate generation I've ever seen! When you look at teenagers today and think they are bored and disinterested, I look at them and see a generation waiting to be challenged and eager to commit their entire existence to a cause that matters! When you look at teenagers today, I want you to know why student ministry is incredible, and why I love teenagers.



Northwood Christian Church Library Is Proud to Present



Bob Welch

Speaker—Author—Teacher—Columnist

Friday, Nov. 9, 2007 7 pm

**Pre-Purchase tickets-Nov 4
\$4 in the Fellowship Hall**



Tickets available at the door at 6:15 pm for \$5

Music—light dessert—book signing and book purchases

From the Children's Wing

Betsy Clewett



Again, the Children's Ministries are flying high this Fall. Some changes have occurred in the nursery staff and we continue to provide loving care for the youngest members of our congregation. Children's Church has focused on Jesus and his followers, the Disciples exploring their distinctive characteristics, the Shields of the Apostles, leading to discussing whole armor of God. This series of lessons ends with the purpose and components of prayer, and the significance of the decision to be baptized.

Please know that the children love learning through *Godly play*, which is now so much improved after the surprise discovery of many *Godly play* carvings made some years ago by our very own Wayne Hahn. These are very much treasured and used in our Sunday morning activities.

G.O.L.F. was also a busy and exciting adventure throughout October. We are moving along the curriculum pathway, building understanding of the themes that weave through Old Testament stories. Our progress is not as brisk as expected, because the children are really digging into the artistic activities undertaken each week. Perhaps the curriculum will extend into the first few weeks of Winter G.O.L.F., which will then turn to study of The Fruits of the Spirit.

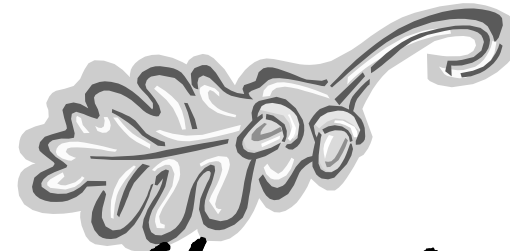
Our most exciting development in Children's Ministry is musical in nature. Starting with several church songs rooted in African-American spirituals, our children are learning to sing joyfully and tunefully. Some months ago, John Hakes, Northwood's Music Pastor, expressed an interest in starting a children's choir, and he is planning to join us at G.O.L.F. in mid-November to hear our youngsters sing.

Great things are happening in Northwood's preschool. Several fall field trips, our Harvest Party, and small group art experiences enriched our curriculum throughout October.

As always, it is my pleasure to work with the children at Northwood. Blessings on the families who share their youngsters with us each week.

In His Spirit,

Betsy Clewett



Harvest Dinner

Reap the Harvest & Share the Bounty

NORTHWOOD'S ANNUAL FALL CELEBRATION

November 18th at 5:30

opens in the

Sanctuary for Fellowship and Prayer

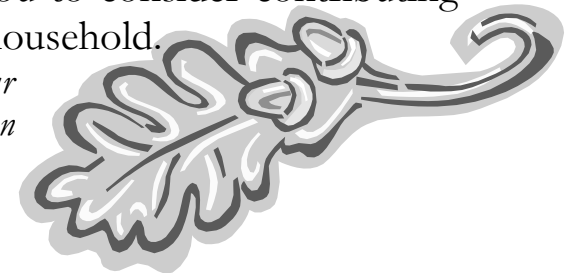
followed by

a Harvest Dinner

Our own Chef, John Sargeant and his crew lovingly prepare a gourmet feast for Northwood families. The menu is a closely-guarded surprise.

Money is raised each year to fund a special project at the church—which will be announced at the dinner. Make a prayerful decision about your donation—the dinner committee asks you to consider contributing one day's wages for you household.

Nursery care is provided for our youngest members, older children will eat with their families.



INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

A New Welcoming

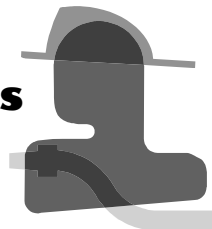
As you pass through the doors of Northwood, you will see something different—the door trim is painted a red color.

In Exodus chapter 12, God initiated the first Passover. He instructed the Israelites to sacrifice lambs and smearing the blood over their doorposts.

This nation was about to be delivered from bondage into freedom. The Israelites were becoming a separate nation to serve God.

We now see Jesus Christ as our deliverer. Through His death on the cross, our hearts and minds are delivered from bondage into freedom. As a constant remembrance of this life-giving freedom that Christ has obtained for us, our doorposts were painted red in symbolic remembrance of Christ's sacrifice for our salvation. We have gone from bondage into a liberating new life to serve Christ.

**You Count on God to be
With You Always
&
You Count on Fire Fighters
to Rescue You in
Emergencies**



The Intercessory Prayer Ministry started a 'Pray for the Springfield Firefighters' program and have 20 additional firefighters who need committed prayers partners. Sign up on Nov. 11 or 18 in the Fellowship Hall. IPM thanks you in advance for your commitment to pray for these dedicated men and women.



Hear the true, miraculous stories of courageous men and women who dare to follow Christ in the Muslim world: *Secret Believers*.

Their stories inspire, their suffering provokes compassion, and their spiritual passion will challenge you to face each day with boldness and strength in Christ.

Join Pastor Paul at the church on Sunday the 11th at 6 pm in the sanctuary, for this amazing CCN Presentation.

Pacific Gospel Music Association Fall Music Festival

Hosted at
Eugene First Baptist Church
November 8–10

If you are interested in attending, please contact Billie Iverson. If more than 10 sign up, discounted tickets are available.



November Elders

Communion & Offering

November 4 -
Brad Childs & John Sargeant
November 11 -
Judy Hockett & Jeff Svejcar
November 18 -
Dennis Page & Tom Utt
November 25 -
Greg Noble & Steve Carden

November Diaconate Teams

November 4 - Mike Wiebe
November 11 - Kitty Bates
November 18 - Doug Kartub
November 25 - Leisa McAdams

Northwood News

Love and Hope

Northwood people have the opportunity to share love, hope, and a testimony of faith.

How Can You Help?



In support of giving comfort and a touch of home to our military people stationed overseas, we are sending care packages to soldiers in the field. You

can help by purchasing items to donate, donating cash to have items purchased, or donating to help cover the mailing costs.

Preferred items are snack foods, nutritious health bars, snack bars, gum, hard candy, packages of licorice sticks, nuts in individual packages or containers, or any items that will ship well and can be opened with one hand. Please, no items in glass containers or containing chocolate.

Magazines of hunting, fishing, cars, and sports are welcome. Cards and notes are encouraging.

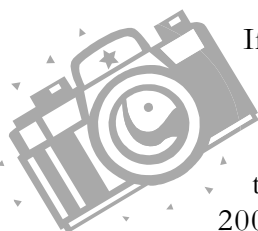
Packages will be sent by the middle of November, and will continue to be sent on a regular basis.

If you are interested in this project of faith, contact Judy Davies to leave a message, or contact Jill at the church office.

New Sunday School Class

A new study of Charles Stanley's book *The Wonderful Spirit Filled Life* begins on November 18th. This is a study of the Holy Spirit, not only from a Biblical understanding but also from a personal perspective. If you want to see the fingerprint of God, join this study. Room 19 on Sunday mornings. Ralph Matteson is the discussion leader.

Got Photos?



If you are having an event at the church and would like a write up and/or pictures put in the Northwood 2007/2008 scrapbook,

please get those items to Della Dean or place them in an envelope and leave them in the historian mailbox in the work room. Please be sure pictures are labeled so I can get the correct information in the book. Thanks, Della Dean

Photo Board

Have you had your photo updated? Take a look at the board across from the library and see all the new faces there. Is yours over 4 years old? Don't even have one? Stop by room 8 on a Sunday mornings for a few minutes, and let us snap a new photo of you and your family. Everyone wants to see what you look like!

World Outreach

Springfield/Eugene Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity (HFH) is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry dedicated to eliminating poverty housing by building simple, decent affordable homes. Springfield/Eugene Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1990, and, in 2007 completed its 39th house. The average cost of a 3-bedroom, 1070 sq. ft. Habitat house is \$60,000 (excluding the cost of the land), includes 2,000 hours of volunteer labor and \$15,000 in donated materials. HFH sells the home to a low income family at cost and acts as the lender; there is a less than 1% default rate on Habitat mortgages. The next building project is a 10-house medium density development on North A Street at 49th Street in Springfield called Meyer Estates. Habitat's service area in Lane County includes communities from McKenzie Bridge in the east to Walton in the west, from Coburg in the north to an area just north of Creswell in the south. Oregon's 35 HFH affiliates have built 700 homes across the state, giving a home to more than 3,500 Oregonians.

Many people don't know that HFH has affiliates in more than 90 countries. All around the world hundreds of thousands of people are dedicated to ending poverty housing in their villages and cities. In places like India, Korea, Siberia, Thailand, Kenya, New Zealand, Costa Rica and Fiji houses are being built. U.S. volunteers can join in that effort through Global Village where volunteer teams work side by side with local volunteers and staff, building to local standards with mostly local materials and enjoying learning the culture of newfound friends.

Last year Northwood gave \$3,842 to support the work of the Springfield/Eugene Habitat for Humanity affiliate.

Ministry Partner: St Vincent De Paul

Located on Hwy. 99, St. Vincent de Paul's Eugene Service Station is a day shelter for homeless adults. In addition to taking showers, they can do laundry, get a meal, receive mail and messages, use the phone, access the Internet, and find day-labor opportunities. The Service Station is open seven days a week. For May, June, and July the following services were provided:

Total Visits 11,400; Showers 6,900; Laundry 2,700; Meals 22,500; Phone 2,400; Mail 2,742

September 2007 Giving

Love Offering/Church Family	\$2,275	Disciples Mission Fund	\$1,122
Mission Scholarships	\$306	Habitat for Humanity	\$306
Adopt a Ministry Student, NCC	\$1,020	Angel Tree Scholarships	\$82
FISH	\$387	El Faro Orphanage	\$286
Young Life	\$184	Week of Compassion	\$408
Eugene Mission	\$408	Whisler Family	\$816
St. Vincent de Paul	\$184	Lemke Family	\$510
Youth for Christ (LCDC Chaplain)	\$387	Neveux Family	\$204

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