

**June Elders**  
Communion & Offering

June 3 -  
Brad Childs & John Sargeant

June 10 -  
Greg Noble & Jeff Svejcar

June 17 -  
Mary Lou Hanna & Tom Utt

June 24 -  
Beverly Robertson & David Waggoner

**June Diaconate Teams**

June 3 - Doug Kartub  
June 10 - Leisa McAdams  
June 17 - Roger Foster  
June 24 - Rick Christian

**June Preparers**  
Janet Sweeny & Kammy Steen



# Northwood Christian Church

The Church that says, "Welcome Home..."

## The Window

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### A Word from Barry



Recently, I have talked about the importance of small groups. I absolutely believe it is critical that we encourage as many of our church family as we can to become involved in a small group. It is in a small group that we are best known, loved, cared for, encouraged, and held accountable. That is why you need a small group. When you're in a crisis who's going to stand with you? Do you know who will be there? Do you have relationships with people you can count on? Who do you stand with when they're going through tough times? You and I need God's people to stand with us during difficult times as a reminder of God's presence. You and I need God's people to encourage us at all levels of life.

Charles Colson writes these words about small groups:

"after I got out of prison I committed to always have a group of people I respected around me and to submit to them for any major decision I had to make. For thirty years of ministry, this has protected me from myself. I've seen Christian leaders, sadly, without accountability, and often they fall hard. Everybody, at every level of life, needs an accountability group—people you can turn to and lean on and trust yourself to."

Are you part of such a group? Perhaps you would like to start such a group. Let us know how we can help you either start a group or become part of a group.

See you Sunday, Barry

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Tuesday, June 19th is our next Alert & Alive Potluck. Juanell and Robert Wartena are the hosts. They are planning a

“Father’s Day” theme. They are asking us to bring any of our father’s memorabilia to use as table decorations. Also, if we would like to prepare a short talk about what we brought.

Our May Alert & Alive potluck was hosted by Emily Sachs and Sonja Harrold. They had a “Mother’s Day” theme. They also honored Mary, the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ. We had a wonderful time (as usual). Be sure and mark your calendar now for June 19th.

A special note from Joann Biehler. *“To all my Alert & Alive family. From the bottom of my heart.”* Thanks, Joann.”

## Interfaith Ministry Thanks

On April 30 to May 8 at First Christian Church in Eugene we had 45 Northwood people give of themselves and their time feeding both breakfast and dinner to homeless families with children. A large Thank You goes to these people who prepared and served these meals and even helped children with crafts. Many of these homeless families do not know our Lord’s love and it is our privilege to show His love by our willingness to help in this way. Northwood is a giving church, sharing not only their time but also His love.

God bless you all and thank you! Gary & Meredith Noble, Bob & Vicki Beaudry

## Take the Plunge—Dive into a Good Book

During VBS, June 17–21, the library will kick off a Read-a-Thon for ages pre-school through adults. We’ll have a table set up each night at VBS as well as Sunday, June 24 and Sunday July 1 so you can register. July 1 will be the last day to register.

You’ll receive a record book to track the books you’ve read and you’ll turn this record in to the library table on Sun. Aug. 19. When you turn this in you’ll be given a special gift. Each age group has a minimum goal to “read” for, every book read over the minimum earns an entry into our special drawing for free prizes. Drawing held at the Celebration Party on Friday, Aug. 24 from 6-7:30. We’ll have pizza, ice cream, soda, lots of prizes, and fun!!!

Books must be from our church library (except for the pre-school group, though we have many and would like you to use all you can.) Pre-school books, marked with a P do not have to be checked out but they should be returned as soon as possible as there will be many in this age group. Parents will be reading to this age group.



## Student Ministry Update

*Mike Giering, Youth Pastor*

My best friend is also a youth pastor. We’ve both been in full-time ministry about the same time, we see ministry the same way, for the most part, and we often find ourselves thinking about the same things as they relate to student ministry. As we talked recently, we discussed how often youth pastors, such as ourselves, tell our students that they should study the Bible, commit to daily quiet time with God, etc. Then I asked him a pointed question: “Have you ever actually taught your students how to study and understand the Bible?” In unison, we both said, “No, not really, we just kinda figure they know how already.”

That conversation was the catalyst for a Sunday school series that both he and I will start in our respective churches in early June. We’re going back to the basics of the Bible—a Bible 101 approach if you will—to teach students about the Bible: how we got it, how it’s organized, who wrote what, where the events took place, how to read it and understand it, how to study it effectively, and much more!

A reminder that D Groups are on break for the summer months, but youth group is still the place to be on Sunday nights throughout the summer! Come join us from 6:00-7:45ish PM.

### What to do in June?

June 10 - Promotion Sunday; welcome new 6<sup>th</sup> graders and 9<sup>th</sup> graders!

June 17-21 - VBS week. High School students see Mike or Tauna to help with recreation.

June 29, 7:00 PM-12:00 AM - *Passage!* For all incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students...

All month long - Register for Northwood Summer Camps! Don’t miss these incredible weeks!

## Hosea Youth Project Letter

To our wonderful congregation, as some of you may know our youth group has been raising monthly donations to contribute to a homeless teens drop in center called Hosea in Eugene. Unfortunately, our contributions have not been living up to what we had hoped. So I am asking YOU my friends to check the bulletin every Sunday for the items being donated for the month and help us out.

Thank you so much. Your support is greatly appreciated both by our students and the teens receiving these items.

Love and be loved, In Him, Tauna

**Donations needed** for our June delivery to Hosea Youth Project are sleeping bags and tarps. They can be placed in the box in the Fellowship Hall.

## Kindergarten to College

Robben Lyon's, Children's Pastor

*"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old enough he will not turn from it."*

Proverbs 22:6 NIV



### Lyon's Den

As my daughter, Laura, prepares to graduate from Thurston High School on June 9, I begin to think, remembering...

I watched her happy, little smiling face as she opened the front door of our house. She gripped her new lunch box in one hand and her backpack in the other. Her very first day of kindergarten! I knew she was ready, but the question remained, was I?

For five years she had been only mine, day in and day out; I watched her at playtime, nap-time, snuggling with me as we read a good book, laughing as we ate grilled cheese sandwiches and tomato soup. Now I had to share her with people I didn't even know. Worse yet, I had to let them teach her and maybe even love her too.

We entered the classroom, my little sweetheart and I, and she turned to me and said, "It's okay Mommy, you can go home now I'll have fun here. My teacher is really, really nice." I began to think, "Lord, help me trust my child's future teachers, classes and friends, everything, help me to trust you with them. She's yours. You gave her to me. Now teach me to share her with the new world she will experience. I need your help and guidance."

Here it is twelve years later. We both made it. Although there were times I wondered if we ever would. The trauma of high school, friends, teachers, homework, learning to drive,

going to prom, not going to prom, deadlines, looking to the future, a career. Wait, did I say career? Wow, my little sweetheart is about to graduate. She is leaving the relatively safe haven of high school and taking her first steps into the world of adulthood. Attending a fast-paced, crowded university or taking up full-time employment. She will be moving from our family home in pursuit of educational fulfillment or the "perfect job" opportunity. She is preparing to move on to a new life in the world with new responsibilities, new environments, new peers and new aspirations.

As she walks across that stage to receive her diploma it will not be this beautiful, confident young woman that I will see. It will be my little girl as she turns around and looks at me with those big blue eyes and says, "It's okay Mommy you can go home now. I'm going to have fun here because I have learned God is with me every step of the way. Thanks, Mom!"

All I can say through the tears is, "Thank you Jesus for filling our lives with the sunshine of our children."

Yours for enjoying every day we have with our children, Robben Lyons, Children's Pastor

Congratulations to all of the 2007 graduates and their families!

## Intercessory Prayer Ministry

### Monthly Prayer Vigil

Monday, June 4 the mini-prayer-vigil is 6:00-7:00 p.m. The arrival time is flexible to accommodate those who work. We are gathering in the Fireside room. When you arrive, you'll find a list of prayer requests and the Northwood membership list. You are invited to pray silently or pray quietly with another person, whatever is your preference. Stay as short a time as you wish or linger up to 1 1/2 hours.

### Pray for Those Who Serve

IPM is gathering names of all brave servicemen and women who are connected to the Northwood family. If you would like us to pray for a service member, contact Linda Bettis. We hope to involve the congregation in daily prayer for our soldiers.

Additionally, Northwood members are invited to pray daily for individual Springfield police officers. This commitment is called Adopt-A-Policeman. More information to follow.

## Coffee Hour to Honor Our Northwood Graduates



Our high school and college graduates will be recognized during all three services on June 10. There will be a cake and punch reception in the Fellowship Hall following first and second service so stay late or come early to celebrate!

### High School Graduates

Tyler Anderson	Thurston High
Alicia Bailey	Springfield High
Kelsey Clewett	Sheldon High
Katie Gibbs	Springfield High
Miles Haley	Springfield High
Joshua Harman	Outdoor School
Jordan Haxby	Springfield High
Kevin Horton	Springfield High
Jared Kisor	Thurston High
Thomas Lawrence	Marist High
Spenser Lind	Springfield High
Laura Lyons	Thurston High
Andrew McAdams	Springfield High
Ry Petersen	Thurston High
Chrissy Pilliod	Thurston High
Amanda Vanderhoof	Cottage Grove
Brittany Vanderhoof	Cottage Grove

### College Graduates

<b>Northwest Christian College</b>	
Dan Collins	Rose LeCuyer
James Hadley	Karen Littell
GINNY HAJEC	
<b>University of Oregon</b>	
Zach Gard	
<b>Chapman University</b>	
Stacie Ritchie (Keefer)	
<b>Western Oregon University</b>	
Tyla Tuomi	
<b>Washington State University</b>	
Ashley Tuomi	

### Northwood News

**Spenser Lind** received a special honor at the Springfield High Baseball dessert. An award has been named after him, to be handed out year after year. It is named the “Spenser Lind Award” and stands for:

- LEADERSHIP
- INTEGRITY
- NOBILITY
- DETERMINATION

*Congratulations Spenser!*

### Cans for Camp

Each year Northwood provides partial scholarships for all of our students attending a Christian summer camp. We need your help so that we can continue this wonderful tradition. You can help in one of three ways:

- Bring rinsed bottles and cans and leave them in the Fourth-Fifth grade classroom or the church garage.
- Return your bottles and turn in your bottle return receipts.
- Return your bottles and turn in the money you receive.
- **Contact Judy Hockett for more information.**

**Take the Plunge**  
**MAKE A SPLASH WITH JESUS!**  
**VBS FOR ALL AGES**  
**June 17–21**  
**6:00–8:30 p.m.**

### Thank You

Once again, it is time to thank our faithful Sunday School Teachers who weekly prepare and teach our children and adult classes. Please thank these dedicated teachers when you meet them in the hall...that is if they ever leave their Sunday School classrooms.

Also, a grateful thank you for the hall monitors. It has made a big difference.

Teachers	Hall Monitors
Sylvia Murphy	Don Nolte
Bunny Ferrari	Chad Boardrow
DeAnn Mathison	Duane Jacobsen
Charlie Osgood	Billy Stramler
Charlotte Herrick	Russ Smith
Brenda Roney	Roger Foster
Tanya Dean	Dorman Harry
Don Nolte	Rich Stanton
Cheri Harry	Mike Wiebe
Catherine Wiebe	Brian Oviatt
Judy Hockett	Mitch Anderson
Tauna Nelson	Erik Mueller
Mike Giering	Jay Mathison
Andy Petersen	Brian Hilkey
Tom Utt	
Ralph Matteson	
Mike Harman	
Karin Harman	
Paul Jackson	
Arleen Field	



## Take the Plunge: Make a Splash with Jesus

**Bring Your Family...Your Friends...Your Neighbors**

### Vacation Bible School June 17–21

Don't forget VBS begins Sunday, June 17 with a Father's Day Bash and continues through Thursday, June 21. Plan to join us for this **Annual Family Celebration**. Each evening begins with dinner at 6:00 and concludes at 8:30. Classes for all ages from the littlest ones to adults too!

#### VBS Adult Classes

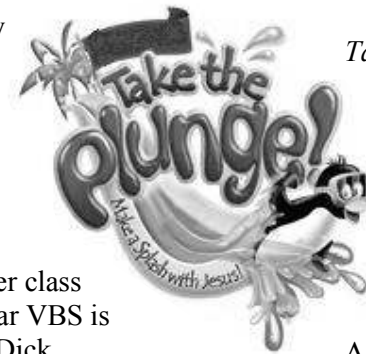
At Northwood, VBS is definitely not just for kids. We have three exciting adult classes planned.

#### Try Our Early Bird Special

*Jesus & His Times*  
**4:30–5:45**

Teacher Dick Sweeney

In answer to requests for an earlier class and a quieter atmosphere, this year VBS is offering this new time taught by Dick Sweeney covering the early life & teaching of Jesus. (Late comers welcome) Class will end in time for dinner and you might want to stay for our VBS opening exercises or even enjoy another class.



#### Evening Classes

**7:00–8:20**

*Taking the Plunge with Jesus Into a Life of Discipleship*  
 Pastor Barry & Pastor Paul

*Men are like Waffles...*  
*Women are like Spaghetti*  
 Chad & Kelly Prusz

#### Teacher Meeting Alert

A final teacher preparation meeting is scheduled for June 10 following the third service at 12:30 in room 23. Lunch **will be** provided.

### The Camp Experience...

*WITHOUT THE MOSQUITOES*

*WITHOUT A DAMP SLEEPING BAG*

*NO RAIN*

*OR A LONG CAR RIDE*

**...that Brings you Closer to Jesus**

*Where is that you ask? Right here at Northwood, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. June 17-21 at our annual intergenerational Vacation Bible School. Come join us for a fun and faith-filled week. There are classes for ages birth to 100. Your souls will be refreshed.*



**Baptisms**

**May 6**  
Debbie Ybarra  
Amy Ybarra

May 27  
Leta Mae Cagle

**New Members**

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.

*You are invited to celebrate  
**Tom and Mary Utt's**  
40th Wedding Anniversary  
at an open house  
Saturday, June 2nd from 1-3  
Northwood Christian Church  
No gifts, just good wishes*

**A Splashing Good Opportunity Awaits**

Would you like to share in an exciting and rewarding ministry? Vacation Bible School still has several wonderful opportunities available. If you would like to help in teaching, assisting, cooking, nursery care, or the closing day festivities, please let Judy Hockett know.

In the meantime, continue to pray for God's guidance as we make our final preparations for VBS.



**Northwood Kids Away from Home**

Please remember our kids who are away from home for college or the military. They would love to hear from you.

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Troy Harman  
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**Sundaes on Sunday Promotion Sunday**

On Sunday, June 10, during the Sunday School hour, we will honor our Sunday School students with our annual Sundaes on Sunday. What a deal! You choose the ice cream and the toppings! Come join us for a real 'cool' treat!



**World Outreach: Update from the Whislers**

We continue to consult via email on various Scripture portions: 1-2 Thessalonians, Titus, Matthew 1-3 and James 1-4.

All 15,000 copies of the Manado Malay book of Acts were delivered to the office recently. Some of the translators and others are now busy selling the scripture portions. What a joy it is to get the scripture to the people in their own language!

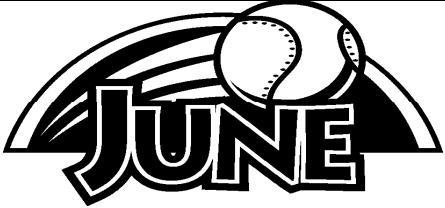

Thanks for praying for us concerning our housing situation. As some of you will remember, we need to be out of the Hansen House here at Camp Harlow by

June 8 so that another missionary family can move in. And after about five months of house hunting, we made an offer on a house—and the offer was accepted! So, now we are in the pending/negotiating phase. It is amazing to us that we might actually own our own home – something we have never done before. Please continue to pray for us. Everything looks good at this point and we are hopeful that we can move in on June 1. If any of you know of people who are selling furniture and other household items, please let us know – we are starting from zero. Thanks. *(Call the church for their phone number.)*

Serving together, Ron (and Jacqui)

**April Giving**

Love Offering/Church Family	\$835	Christian Church in Oregon	\$1,584
Mission Scholarships	\$288	Habitat for Humanity	\$432
NCC	\$1,440	El Faro Orphanage	\$403
FISH	\$547	Week of Compassion	\$288
Young Life	\$115	Whisler Family	\$1,152
Eugene Mission	\$576	Lemke Family	\$720
St. Vincent de Paul	\$259	Neveux Family	\$288
Youth for Christ (Detention)	\$547		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	June Highlights
							<b>June Highlights</b> Saturday, June 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tom &amp; Mary Utt's 40th Anniversary Celebration</li> </ul> Sunday, June 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Congregational Meeting</li> <li>Volunteer Appreciation</li> </ul> Monday, June 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prayer Vigil</li> </ul> Thursday, June 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New class starts, "Prayer: It Makes a Difference"</li> </ul> Friday, June 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Craft Night (formerly Scrapbooking)</li> </ul> Sunday, June 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graduation Sunday</li> <li>Promotion/ Sundaes on Sunday</li> </ul> Sunday, June 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Father's Day</li> <li>VBS Starts</li> </ul> Tuesday, June 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alert &amp; Alive Potluck</li> </ul> Thursday, June 21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newsletter Items Due</li> </ul> Friday, June 29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Passage!</i> For incoming 6th graders</li> </ul> Saturday, June 30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women's Breakfast, Country Waffle</li> </ul>
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