

July Elders
Communion & Offering

July 1 -
Steve Carden & David Waggoner

July 8 -
Brad Childs & Tom Utt

July 15 -
Mike Harman & Jeff Svejcar

July 22 -
Dorman Harry & John Sargeant

July 29 -
Judy Hockett & Beverly Robertson

July Diaconate Teams

July 1 - Mike Wiebe
July 8 - Kitty Bates
July 15 - Doug Kartub
July 22 - Leisa McAdams
July 29 - Roger Foster

July Preparers
Louise McCowan & Barbara Howerton

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

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A Word from Barry



I want to share these words from Phillip Yancy that first appeared in *Christianity Today*. Phillip was speaking at Virginia Tech a few weeks after the terrible tragedy that took place on their campus—this is, in part, what he had to say...

Reality came starkly home to me nine weeks ago today when I was driving on a winding road in Colorado. Suddenly, I missed a curve and my Ford Explorer slipped off the pavement and started tumbling side to side at 60 miles per hour. An ambulance appeared, and I spent the next seven hours strapped to a body board, with duct tape across my head to keep it from moving. A CAT scan showed that a vertebrae high on my neck had been shattered, and sharp bone fragments were poking out next to a major artery. The hospital had a jet to fly me to Denver for emergency surgery. I had one arm free, with a cell phone and little battery time left. I spent those tense hours calling people closest to me, knowing it might be the last time I would ever hear their voices. It was an odd sensation to lie there helpless, aware that though I was fully conscious, at any moment I could die. Samuel Johnson said when a man is about to be hanged, 'it concentrated his mind wonderfully.' When you're strapped to a body board after a serious accident, it concentrates the mind...I realized how much my life focused on trivial things. During those seven hours, I didn't think about how many books I had sold, or what kind of car I drove (it was being towed to a junkyard anyway.)

All that mattered boiled down to four questions: Whom do I love? Whom will I miss? What have I done with my life? And, am I ready for what's next?"

See you Sunday, Barry



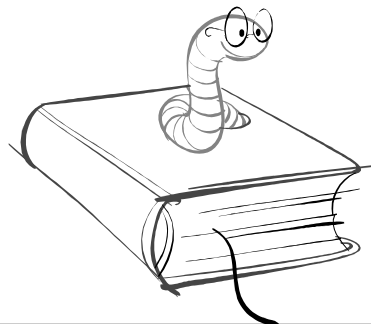
The July Alert & Alive is July 17th. We are having a picnic theme. Bring food you would bring for a picnic in the park. For table decorations bring flowers or vegetables from your garden. See you on the 17th at noon.

Library News...

So far, we have 96 participants for the read-a-thon. We hope you'll join us. There's still time to register at our table at church on July 1 or in the church office during the week of July 1-6. After that it's too late! We have to know how many people will be involved so we can make plans for the prizes, the drawings and the food at our Celebration party on Aug. 24.

This is great fun for preschool to Adults. All reading recording records must be turned in to our table at church on Aug 19 (or before if you won't be at church that day-take it to the church office.). When you turn it in you'll be given a gift plus coupons for the drawings for every book read over your group's minimum. **Special gift for the super reader in each group.** More on the celebration party later.

Refuse to be average... READ!



Intercessory Prayer Ministry

When you have gotten to the end of your rope, God grabs hold and gives you hope...

Monthly mini prayer vigil - Monday July 2 from 6:00–7:30 p.m. Drop in the Fireside room for informal silent prayer. Stay as short or long as you wish between those hours.

Adopt-A-Fireman Sixty-five Springfield firemen have indicated that they need Northwood's prayers for protection. Intercessory Prayer Ministry is asking for each family at Northwood to adopt one of these firemen to remember in your prayers. These brave people provide a necessary service by protecting our lives and property against fires. Please give them the prayerful support for protection that they desperately need. Sign-ups will take place in August.

Job Announcement

Northwood Christian Church seeks a **Children's Pastor** to inspire, lead, and further develop our children's ministry program (infants through 5th grade). We desire strong candidates who enjoy working on a team, exhibit spiritual maturity and an infectious enthusiasm for Christ and children. The preferred candidate must possess a strong commitment and experience in leading, supporting, and evaluating children programs, classes, and activities; training and recruiting teachers and other volunteers; budgeting and record keeping. The position is currently part-time, 30+ hours per week. The starting pay range for the position is \$15 to \$17 per hour and is negotiable based on qualifications and experience. Also includes health insurance benefits.

To apply, please provide a cover letter and resume to:

Northwood Christian Church
c/o Children's Pastor Search Committee
2425 Harvest Lane
Springfield, OR 97477

Applications (Cover letter and resume) must be received by 5:00 p.m. July 16, 2007.



Wrap Up

259 people participated in this year's family Vacation Bible

School, Take the Plunge! Make a Splash with Jesus! \$1,621.60 was contributed to our special mission project: "Sharing God's Love: Kids Helping Kids." The money collected goes toward purchasing school clothes and materials for foster children in Lane County. At our closing on Thursday night, we had the pleasure of presenting the check to Christine Morgan, board member of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) who will oversee the disbursement of the funds.

Changing Lives

A simple invitation to Vacation Bible School can change lives. On Tuesday, our third day of VBS, a newcomer asked if I would please send her a notice of next year's Vacation Bible School. She said she and her daughters did not go to church and were invited to VBS by a friend. She told her daughters that they would come that one night and then they didn't have to come again. To her surprise and delight, on the way home that first evening, her daughters asked, "Do we get to go back to that fun Jesus place again? We want to go all the time."

VBS 2007

A Big Splash Had By All

Charley Osgood & Sam Bollen: Big Winners!

Although several fathers demonstrated unique & questionable 'fishing blind' techniques in the Father's Day Challenge—these two 'fine fishermen' outclassed the competition with their prowess with a catch of 11 sea creatures each. 20-plus fathers participated in the Challenge. Demonstrating the luck of the draw, Ralph Matteson and John Hakes won the Father's Day raffle prizes. Congratulations to everyone who participated, and just wait until next year!

Thank You for Your Gifts!

The Vacation Bible School staff would like to gratefully acknowledge Jerry's Home Improvement Center, Willamalane Park District, Mark and Amy Gillman, Barry & Linda Bettis, Kitty Bates, Bonnie Denning, and Roger and Sue Foster for their generous donations of materials and supplies.

Mission Project: a Success Story

This year at Vacation Bible School, a new tradition was instituted. An invitation was issued to members of our congregation to match a chosen evening's offering. Ten people generously accepted the challenge and our base offering of \$448.24 rose to \$1,621.60.

Go Now In Peace and Serve the Lord

Robben Lyons, Children's Pastor

On June 30th I did something that I will not have the chance to do again. I entered the church through the “kitchen” door, the same door I have entered many times over the years, but today was different. I proceeded down the corridor of the new education wing toward my office. As I turned the corner, my steps became slower as a flood of memories swept over me. I began to turn the key in the door-lock; I stopped outside of my office door...

I looked around remembering: Remembering the day when the building project was in progress and one particular Sunday after worship the congregation entered the “future” education wing and wrote Bible verses on the studs. In my mind's eye I could see the faces of those who wrote precious Bible verses on the studs under the now beautiful, well-painted walls in my office. I'll treasure those verses because many of them had been written for me and the children I would minister to.

My thoughts became a prayer of thanks and gratitude: I could see the smiles of so many adults and children whom I have been blessed to serve over the last eight years. Some, who came to me so excited to know Jesus, *really* know Him with their entire being, wanting to be baptized; others who came seeking with a myriad of questions about their faith.

I thought back to the very first day Christi Keefer and I began the preschool; those first 12 families have turned into so many more over the years. It has been a joy to look around the congregation and see a lot of those first families now fully engaged in ministry here at Northwood. I breathed a prayer,” God continue

to bless the preschool and the families you send.”

Now my mind was racing to the children. The children *and* their families... My heart has been filled to overflowing with love for them. I can not think of a higher calling on my life than to have the glorious privilege of leading children to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. It has been fun watching so many of them grow-up and even become parents themselves! I quietly ask,” Dear God please keep them close to you.”

I enter my office. This is the last day that this will be my office. God has called me to be the Children's Pastor at Willamette Christian Church in West Linn, Oregon. Many of you already know that my husband Garth has been working as a mail-carrier in Portland. Over the past six months Garth travels home on Saturday night and returns to Portland on Sunday evening. We see each other for only 24-hours out of the week. It would be 18 months before Garth could transfer to Eugene, and then only if there were an opening in this area. When Keith Crawford went home to be with the Lord so suddenly I was jolted into remembering how precious and short life is—I needed to be with my husband.

As I sat down at my desk, I thanked God for the 20-plus years we have worshipped at Northwood as a family. I praise God for Mary Lou Hanna who ministered, as only she can, to my Mom. I praise God for Gary Wells; he was the senior pastor when we began to attend Northwood. At that time, Hallie Wells was teaching a women's Bible study class. It was through that Bible study I became involved at Northwood. I want to say a special thank you and God's blessing on Mary Lou, Gary and Hallie because without God working through



Lyon's Den

their ministry I would have never have had mine.

My thoughts go to the church staff; my thanks to Barry for listening to my ideas and giving me feedback for the past eight years. I have been blessed through his sermons. I want to thank Paul for the guidance and sound advice he has given to me over the last five years. My life is better due to his encouragement and leadership. I thank God for bringing Mike Giering to Northwood. I appreciate his solid Christian ministry. It has been a daily blessing to work along side Jill Noble. She has been a friend for almost all of those 20 years. I whisper a little prayer for all of the other church staff; my ministry co-workers and their families. Next, Northwood's leadership, current and past, entered my thoughts. My sincere thank you to the Elders, board members and personnel ministry team members who lead Northwood and have compassionately demonstrated God's grace. Thank you for allowing me to be part of this wonderful staff for eight years.

Last but not least, my mind turns to all the fantastic people who have touched my life at Northwood. Thank you to Nicole Pilliod for being my first intern (God was at work in us!), Rose LeCuyer for working with me over the last four years (You are amazing!), and Lacy Atomic (Your faith is incredible!) - I couldn't do what I have done without these three fantastic, Christian young women. “God please bless them as they continue to work for you.”

My mind is flooded with the many volunteers who have given their time and demonstrated a servant's heart to the children. I want to thank my Children's Pastor Support Team, the Nursery Ministry Team, Sonja Gunder who faithfully fills the children's worship bags, the countless number of

G.O.L.F. Children's Program, Children's Moment, Faith Friends, Children's Christmas Musical teachers and leaders, all of the adults, teens, middle schoolers, Samuel Ministers, Core leaders and anyone else who has helped teach, assist with teaching, provided transportation, who have chaperoned field trips, provided their home for Lifeline's meetings or parties, for those who provided snacks unlimited, and the thousand other things this congregation does for Children's Ministry. You are all so special to me. “God thank you for blessing my life through each of the many servant volunteers. Please continue to bless each of them with your love.”

To each of the people who are Northwood's Prayer Partners, you know who you are; I can not begin to tell you how many times I have relied on your prayers for me, my family and my ministry. I am so humbled and thankful just knowing that you have taken time out of your busy lives to stop and pray. My words are insufficient to express my gratitude. I ask God to bless each of you the way He blessed me through you.

These memories, I will treasure for eternity. Every time I ended an event with the children we sang the song, *Go Now In Peace*” and I gave everyone a blessing as I looked into their eyes and said,” May the love of Jesus Christ be with you “The children then responded by giving me a blessing, “And also with you.” As they exited the room I gave them a one last thought, “Go in peace and serve the Lord.” Those words were spoken as a prayer for each of you as I gently closed the door behind me.

Thank you Northwood you will always have my love and my heart.

Serving Christ Together in Oregon,
Robben Lyons, Children's Pastor

Northwood News

Ashley Tuomi has accepted a new job with United American Indian Involvement Incorporation in Los Angeles. She will be a health service administrative coordinator, and will start her new job on July 11th.

Orville Gibson had open heart surgery on June 21. Keep Orville and Irene in your prayers.

Steve, Michelle, Matthew & Meg Weber have moved to Arizona.

Janet Wells is traveling in Italy with a group of students and adults.

Garth, Robben, Rebekah & Laura Lyons are moving to Portland. We are happy for them, but it is sad to lose this great family who have been a part of our church for 20 years. Both Rebekah and Laura will be attending the University of Portland in the fall.

Meet the Atomics - Jasen Hecker & Lacy Pate were married on June 2nd in Junction City and now they are Jasen and Lacy Atomic.

Braden O'Guinn will be traveling for three weeks in Japan with his grandparents this summer.

They Took the Plunge!

Vacation Bible School is a ministry of giving. The following people spent many hours making sure that VBS ran smoothly. When you see one of them, please say thank you for their dedication and commitment to the spiritual growth of Northwood.

Sandi Hanna	John Anderson	Debbie Childs	Jill Noble
Sue Foster	Jana Rae Heberlein	Christy McAllister	Theresa Hilkey
Dick Sweeney	Sylvia Murphy	Tami Berg	Terrina Garrett
Kitty Bates	Tanya Dean	Jeff Berg	Randy Garrett
Carla Anderson	Irene Carlile	Betsy Clewett	Barbara Howerton
Stephanie Sargeant	Tauna Nelson	Kelsey Clewett	Paul Jackson
John Sargeant	Mike Giering	Deanna Stanton	Barry Lind
Bobbie Larsen	Kim Eiler	Kelly Oviatt	Chad Prusz
Lacy Giering	Janet Sisler	Kyla Bates	Kelly Prusz
Carol Burge	Laura Lyons	Brenda Roney	Leone Miller
Merrill Burge	Jeanette Jacobson	Kendra Bates	Gayle Nothwang
Judy Davies	Beth Mueller	Ashley Tuomi	Judy Hockett,
Shiela Rowland	Heidi Osgood	Tiffany Noah	#1 VBS Helper
Angela Winningham	Bethany Boardrow	Kent Noah	
Emily Sachs	John Hakes	Charlotte Herrick	
BJ Crume	Becca Stanton	Paul Mosher	If your name is
Debbie Barbour	Aaron Boals	Mary Ann Davis	missing, please
Tom Montgomery	Matt Galceran	Tracy Rasmussen	excuse the oversight
Juanell Wartena	Barbara Utt	Rose LeCuyer	and know that you
Marge Ayres	Karen Littell	Taylor Lind	were appreciated

Student Ministries Update

Mike Giering, Youth Pastor

Summer is here, and that means one thing: Summer Camps! We are just two weeks away from High School Camp, and three away from Middle School Camp. Be sure to register now to guarantee your spot. They're filling up fast. For information, and for registration forms and information, see Mike or Tauna, or go into the "Student Ministries" section of the Northwood website. Scholarships are available, so see Mike or Tauna to discuss financial assistance.

In other news, I've come to realize that there is some confusion over the past 10 months (and perhaps years for some of you) in regard to which age group is referred to when we say certain things as they relate to kids, youth, students, etc. For communication sake, we're making a shift that should help clear things up. More and more you will see things online, in print, and in announcements referring to "The Northwood Student Ministries." When you see that title, you can know that it refers to 6th-12th grade students. Additionally, because we plan to add a college ministry component to the Student Ministries area in the near future, this shift in how we talk about the Student Ministries allows for the addition of that ministry without additional confusion. So, when you think Mike and Tauna, think "Northwood Student Ministries staff." When you think middle school ministry, high school ministry, and eventually college ministry, think, "Northwood Student Ministries." Try it on for size. In unison, "Northwood Student Ministries." Sounds nice, doesn't it?!

Tyla Marie Tuomi

and

Anthony Allen LaGoy

joyfully invite you to share

in their happiness

as they unite in marriage

on Saturday, the seventh of July

Two thousand and seven

at one o'clock in the afternoon

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Our Memories are Fuzzy

Several years ago we loaned a two-volume copy of the Koran to someone in the church, and then forgot to whom we'd loaned it. If it is on your shelf, you have certainly forgotten where it came from, and the name inside the front of one book (Alice Wendling) would mean nothing to you. The two books have green covers, and contain a lot of commentary in both English and Arabic. If you happen to find it, please give us a call. Thanks, Dick & Alice Sweeney.



New Members

June 3

Brad & Susan Eklund

June 10

Melanie Campbell

June 17, 2007

Paul & Brandy Selby

Jeremy & Jenny Orlando

Rick & Lindsey Putnam



Ethan Spenser Noble was born on June 26, 2007 to Chris & Glenda Noble. He joins big sister Tianna. Proud Grandparents are Greg & Jill Noble, Great-Grandparents are Gary & Meredith Noble.

Baptisms

June 6

Destiny Eklund

Hailey Meekins

Megan Reynolds

Address Change

Rose Miller

e-mail address.

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.

Hosea Youth Project

Donations needed in July for our delivery to Hosea Youth Project are shorts, pants, and undergarments. Remember, these are teenagers we are helping, so keep that in mind when purchasing items for them. Items can be placed in the box in the Fellowship Hall.

We have all month to collect. Our next delivery is August 3rd. Let's help these kids in need by providing these needed items for them.

Women's Ministry

July 21, 1 pm

Potluck/BBQ at Tammy Hyland's house.

- Adults only, due to terrain at the house.
- Childcare will be provided at the church.
- Sign up in the Fellowship Hall between services to bring side dishes.
- Meat, buns, condiments and drinks will be provided.
- Questions? Call Juli Meador

World Outreach: Northwest Christian College

Located in Eugene, Northwest Christian College (NCC) was founded in 1895 by pastor-educator, Eugene Sanderson, and was originally called Eugene Divinity School. Through a series of name changes and a merger, it became known as Northwest Christian College in 1934. It is affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Christian Churches/Churches of Christ. Recently, The Board of Trustees of Northwest Christian College voted unanimously to change the name of the college to Northwest Christian University. The new name will become effective on July 1, 2008.

NCC is a liberal arts college that integrates faith, learning, and service. Its mission is to develop competent, ethical leaders for service in the workplace, community, church, and world. This spring, the enrollment is at an all-time

high of 519, the target is 1,200 students by 2014. There are plans to initiate a new School of Christian Ministry (an expansion of an already-growing ministry program) in the 2008-09 academic year. President, David Wilson, writes,

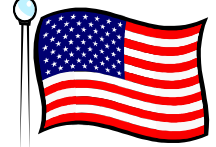
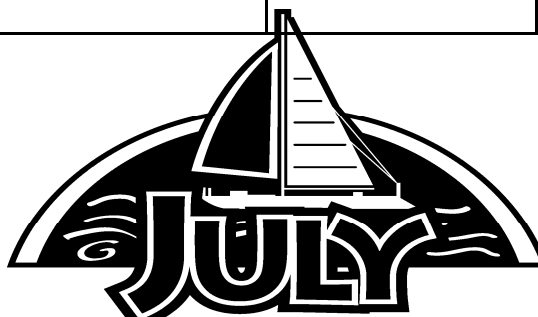
“Two years ago, 12 students studied in the ministry program. This year, 35 students prepare for ministry, nearly a 200% increase! Your gift helps make this possible! Your church is an integral part of NCC's ministry and success. Your prayers and financial support are vital as NCC grows.”

The college's web site is www.nwcc.edu.

Last year Northwood gave Northwest Christian College \$11,497 in financial support directed toward the Adopt-a-Ministry Student Designated Fund.

May Giving

Love Offering/Church Family	\$653	Christian Church in Oregon	\$1,238
Mission Scholarships	\$225	Habitat for Humanity	\$338
NCC	\$1,125	El Faro Orphanage	\$315
FISH	\$428	Week of Compassion	\$225
Young Life	\$90	Whisler Family	\$900
Eugene Mission	\$450	Lemke Family	\$563
St. Vincent de Paul	\$203	Neveux Family	\$225
Youth for Christ (Detention)	\$428		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 am Jump Start 8:15 am Contemporary Service 9:45 am Contemporary Service 9:45 am Sunday GOLF 11 am Hometown Welcome 3rd-5th Gr. 11:15 am Traditional Service 6:00 pm Youth Group	2 6 pm Prayer Vigil 6:30 pm Softball Game at Guy Lee 7 pm Boy Scouts	3 9 am Staff Meeting 6 pm Praise Team 8 pm Drop in B-Ball	4 Independence Day Office Closed 	5 9 am Library Crew 6:30 pm Prayer: It Makes a Difference	6	7 1 pm Anthony LaGoy And Tyla Tuomi Wedding
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- July Highlights**
- Monday, July 2
- Softball Game, Guy Lee
- Wednesday, July 4
- Independence Day, Office Closed
- Saturday, July 7
- Anthony LaGoy & Tyla Tumoi Wedding
- Monday, July 9
- Softball Game, Guy Lee
- Wednesday, July 11
- Kindergarten-2nd Grade to Enchanted Forest
- Friday, July 13
- Craft Night (formerly Scrapbooking)
- Saturday, July 14
- Men's Breakfast
- Monday, July 16
- Softball Game, Guy Lee
- Friday, July 20
- Lifeliner Beach Bash
- Saturday, July 21
- Women's Ministry Potluck at Tammy Hyland's
- Saturday, July 28
- Women's Breakfast, Country Waffle
- Sunday, July 29
- 5th Sunday Praise Night

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