



# Northwood Christian Church

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

## The Window

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### A Word from Barry

It happened so quickly, I almost didn't see it coming. One moment I was the assistant coach on Conner's baseball team, the next I am the head coach. Tonight, as head coach, I will meet with the players and their parents and go over my expectations for them. I realize as I write these expectations, that many of them would fit nicely in the church as well. You see, tonight we will talk about giving our best, listening to our coaches, coming together as a team by encouraging and respecting each other, and about having some fun as well.

I hope as a church that we always seek to give God our very best. When we realize that when God thought of us, He gave His very best, it should inspire us to do the same. We would do well to listen to God and follow all of His instructions for He knows what is best for us. Have you ever thought about what pain you could have saved yourself from if you had followed God's instructions? Have you ever wondered what opportunities you missed out on because you didn't follow God's instructions? God, like a good coach, knows what it takes for success in our lives. I pray that, as a church, we will come together as one. This happens best as we pray for, encourage, love, and respect one another. When this does not happen within God's family, I know it must break the heart of God. Finally we ought to have fun, and there should be joy and excitement that comes from being together. It was David who said "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" Psalm 122:1

This reminds me of the story told of a young boy who was brought into a second grade Vacation Bible School class. The young fellow was missing an arm. Since the class was almost over, the teacher had no opportunity to learn of the background of his handicap or his state of adjustment. She was very nervous and afraid that one of the children would comment on his handicap and embarrass him.

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Since she had no opportunity to caution the children, she proceeded as carefully as possible.

As the class time came to a close, she began to relax and asked the children to join her in an unusual closing ceremony. "Let's make our churches," she said. "here's the church and there's the steeple. Open the door and..." The awful consequence of her action struck her. She had done the very thing she was afraid the children would do. As she stood there speechless, the little girl sitting next to the boy reached over and placed her left hand in his right hand and said, "Davey, let's make this church together."

To me this little girl is an example of the kind of church and baseball team that I want to be a part of. I pray that as we come together as a church we will come with this kind of attitude. Looking after, caring, and supporting one another.

See you Sunday, Barry



### Sunday School Helpers Needed

If the Lord has laid it on your heart to work with children, Children's Christian Education can use you. We need Sunday School teachers to join our teams for ages two through Middle School and substitutes for all ages.

If you are interested, you are welcome to come to our Children's Christian Education meeting on Sunday, March 11 at 11 a.m. or contact Judy Hockett at 746-7881 or [jhockett@comcast.net](mailto:jhockett@comcast.net). You can also contact Jill Noble in the church office.

### Go Ahead...Take That Next Step!

*Interested in Membership Coffee Hour*

Maybe you've been coming to Northwood for a week, month, or even more. Maybe you've been observing and are now ready to take that next step to find out more about connecting at Northwood.

Drop by to see me, Sunday, March 11th, 9:45-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. I'll answer all your questions and help you take that next step.

And by the way, Starbuck's Coffee is on the house! Pastor Paul

### June's Coming Mark Those Calendars

June is coming and you know what that means...Northwood's Annual Daily Vacation Bible School for all ages. The fun, food, fellowship, and study begins on Sunday, June 17 with a Father's Day Bash and ends on Thursday, June 21 with a special celebration.

If you would like to share your talents and help, please contact Judy Hockett at 746-7882 or [jhockett@comcast.net](mailto:jhockett@comcast.net).

### New Hall Monitors

A new program begins in March. We have some wonderful volunteers who are providing help with Sunday School crowd control. If you need help finding a classroom or your child, just ask one of them. They will be wearing identifying name tags.

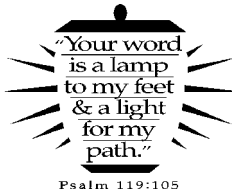
These volunteers include:

Don Nolte, Chad Boardrow, Duane Jacobsen, Billy Stramler, Russ Smith, Roger Foster, Dorman Harry, Rich Stanton, Mike Wiebe, Brian Oviatt, Mitch Anderson, Erik Mueller, Jay Mathison, and Brian Hilkey.

## A New & Exciting G.O.L.F. Class For Adults and Children

### Lamplighters

During Spring GOLF, we will be introducing a new adult and children's class called **Lamplighters**



*Thy word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path. Psalms 119:105*

During our class we will memorize some of the best-known and best-loved scriptures. We will work in teams and especially welcome parent-child teams. Kids can work towards earning a partial scholarship to camp and adults can earn the joy of helping young people appreciate the beauty and guidance of scripture.

Questions? Check with Pastor Paul or Judy Hockett.

**Alpha** begins again April 5<sup>th</sup>. See Andy Petersen for information about joining this class that introduces people to the basics of the Christian faith.



A complete listing of **Spring G.O.L.F.** classes will be out by mid-March.



### E-Mail Newsletter

If you would like to start receiving *The Window* newsletter by e-mail, please contact the church office by e-mail at [office@northwoodchristianchurch.org](mailto:office@northwoodchristianchurch.org). The newsletter is also available to download on the church website [northwoodchristianchurch.org](http://northwoodchristianchurch.org).

## Library News

By Gayle Nothwang

Many new books have been purchased for the Youth section of the library that include titles from the Christy Miller Series, the Sierra Jensen Series and several more.

**Highlight** The Faithgirlz! series, which honors inner beauty, outward faith, by author Nancy Rue includes *Sophie's World*. This book is about future film director Sophie LaCroix when she takes a field trip with her sixth-grade class to Williamsburg, Virginia. Her imagination catapults Sophie into the 18th Century. She is an unlikely heroine but with her trust in Jesus and her new-found war tactics, she foils a horrible plot and saves her friend from humiliation by the popular girls.

## Student Ministries Update

Students and parents of **students in 6th-12th grade** need to make note of an **important change** in programming beginning the first week of March. There will **no longer** be Bible studies for middle and high school students on Wednesday night as part of the GOLF program. Instead, there will be several **mid-week small groups** offered throughout the week (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) in homes throughout the Springfield and Thurston communities. To sign up for one of these **D GROUPS (Discipleship Groups)**, see Mike Giering or Tauna Nelson right away, or pick up a green D GROUP info and sign up card on the wall behind the kiosk. We'll let you know when and where your group will meet, who your group leader is, etc.

Our large group gathering will still take place on **Sunday nights from 6:00-7:30 PM**. This **youth group** gathering is for all middle and high school students, and includes games, activities, student-led live worship music, snacks, multimedia, and a relevant Bible message. Come join us!

## Thank You

We have many unsung heroes in our Northwood family and high on the list are the many people who teach Sunday School classes for our younger members. The following members taught Sunday School this past quarter. Won't you please thank them when you meet them in the hall...that is if they ever leave their Sunday School classrooms.



Theresa Hilkey	Brenda Roney
Laura Lyons	Stephanie Sargeant
Robben Lyons	John Sargeant
Paul Mosher	Barbara Utt
Nicole Pilliod	Jennifer Utt
Tiffany Noah	Carly Wiebe
Kent Noah	Catherine Wiebe

If there are others I have missed, please know how much you are appreciated.

## G.O.L.F. Classes Offered

Wednesday, March 14

- *ET-Is Anyone Out There* with Dr. Dave Rogstad A CCN Presentation hosted by Pastor Paul Jackson  
What are the chances of there being intelligent life out there...somewhere? This program will explore this vital topic.

Wednesday, March 21

- *Making Your Final Arrangements* a pre-need funeral seminar led by Christy McAllister. A class on the importance of pre-arranging a funeral.

Thursday, March 22

- *Creating Places to Belong* with Dr. Henry Cloud & Bill Donahue A CCN Presentation hosted by Pastor Paul Jackson  
Ideal for all group leaders. This is part of a training series for group leaders and those interested in working with small groups at Northwood.

## Alert & Alive

March 20th is the next Alert & Alive Potluck. Barbara Howerton & Mary Lou Hanna are the hostesses. This month is an Irish Theme and they want you to come 'A Wearin' the Green.' If you have never attended an Alert & alive potluck you should plan to come!



We sure do have a lot of fun, and OH the food...what great cooks we have. We meet at noon on the third Tuesday of the month. If you are not able to bring a dish, don't let that stop you from coming...we always have plenty. The February Alert & Alive was hosted by the Rumelhart's and Boehme's. The Boehme's are a new couple that have been coming with Jim & Jean Rumelhart. What a great time we all had on a cold rainy day, and what fun to look at all the hard-work of our wonderful talented seniors. Remember March 20th, and mark that date on your calendar now!

## Sermons Available



If you missed a sermon recently or want to listen to an earlier favorite our media ministry has exciting news. Sermons are now available for download from the church's website. To access them: (dial up or high speed) 1) go to the church website [northwoodchristianchurch.org](http://northwoodchristianchurch.org) 2) click on Sermon Notes 3) click on Sermon Archive 4) sermons are then listed by year. The sermons available for download will have a highlighted link. More are being uploaded regularly.

If you don't have internet access, contact Greg Noble in the sound booth after service or Jill in the church office Monday-Friday, to request a tape or CD to be available the following week. Copies of the current sermon are available after the service.

## Committee of Seven



Nominating  
Committee

Each spring we as a congregation elect four members at large to serve on the Committee of Seven. So what exactly does this mean? The Committee of Seven is our nominating committee as described in our constitution. It consists of one elder, two diaconate members and four at large members selected by the congregation. On Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup> we will be selecting these four people for the 2007 Committee of Seven. This group is called to present the slate of board officers, elders and diaconate to the board and congregation for a vote of the full congregation on Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

That is the formal explanation. What it means to you is that this is our chance as a congregation to select four individuals (along with the other three) who will represent the entire congregation in choosing our spiritual leaders in the elders, our board of director's leadership and the ever-important diaconate. On September 18th, you'll be asked to write down the names of four people as part of the selection process. Please put some prayer and thought into your choices. It will be tempting to look around church

and choose four people, but what about the other two services? Consider people who have a willingness to serve, are involved in different ministries, groups and activities at the church; represent different age populations or geographic areas. Why do people choose Northwood as their church home? Answers to all of these questions will help find a diverse group for the Committee of Seven that will represent the full spectrum of Northwood Christian Church. Think about the fact that Jesus chose 12 men to be disciples and shape Christianity as we know it—12 men who we would not likely have chosen. Would you have picked a tax collector or fisherman in Jesus' time? Not likely, but look at the results.

If you have any questions about this process or the Committee of Seven please ask myself, Pastors Barry or Paul, or David Waggoner, Chair of the Elders. They would be happy to answer any questions that may help you in this process of selecting the church leadership for fiscal year 2007-2008.

Thank you,  
Barbara Utt  
Board Chair

## Community Outreach Sock Hop Friday, March 9, 2007 6:30-9:00 pm



March 9th in the Fellowship Hall, there will be a Community Outreach Sock Hop. This is a fundraiser for the Family Life Center, which provides a day mission for homeless people. Come join the fun and dance the night away in your Fifties attire

and socks! Admission is a donation of a pair of socks. Also needed are cots, twin sheets, gently used blankets, pillows, or games. "Sack Dinners" will be available to purchase, with the proceeds going to the day mission.

## World Outreach: St. Vincent de Paul

Established in Lane County in 1954, the purpose of Saint Vincent de Paul is to implement social service programs that provide opportunities for the homeless, destitute, and at risk populations to become self-sufficient. Saint Vincent de Paul is the largest non-profit humanitarian agency in Lane County with more than 240 employees, 500 units of affordable housing, five emergency service programs, eight retail thrift stores, a Vocational Services Department serving difficult to place job candidates, a glass foundry, a mattress recycling operation and a woodshop. Last year, more than 45,000 low-income, homeless and at risk individuals benefited from outreach and services.

Preserving the natural environment, creating a community environment where people are fed, clothed, housed, and given the opportunity to help themselves - this is the work of Saint Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County, Inc. **Last year Northwood gave \$2,069 in support of our ministry partner, St. Vincent de Paul.** In addition, as part of the Interfaith Emergency Shelter System (Night Shelter) our church helped provide 5,099 nights of shelter for homeless families with children through the Interfaith Shelter this past year.



Eugene, Oregon USA

### January Giving

Love Offering/Church Family	\$556	Youth for Christ (Detention)	\$364
Mission Scholarships	\$192	Christian Church in Oregon	\$1054
NCC	\$958	Habitat for Humanity	\$287
FISH	\$364	El Faro Orphanage	\$268
Young Life	\$77	Week of Compassion	\$192
Eugene Mission	\$383	Whisler Family	\$766
St. Vincent de Paul	\$172	Lemke Family	\$479
Lane Christian Aftercare	\$211	Neveux Family	\$192

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9 am Library Crew 4:30 pm Camp Fire 6:30 pm Alpha 7 pm G.O.L.F.	2 6:30 pm Karaoke, Fireside Room	3
4 8:00 am Jump Start 8:15 am Contemporary Service 9:45 am Contemporary Service 9:45 am Sunday GOLF 11:15 am Traditional Service 11:00 am Act up for Jesus 6:00 pm Youth Group	5 7 pm Boy Scouts	6 1 pm Women's Bible Study 6 pm Praise Team 7:30 pm Choir Practice 8 pm Drop in B-ball	7 2 pm A & A Games 6 pm G.O.L.F. Dinner 6:45 G.O.L.F. Classes	8 9 am Library Crew 6:30 pm Alpha 7 pm G.O.L.F.	9 5:30 pm Scrapbooking, Room 8 6:30 pm Community Outreach Sock Hop, Fellowship Hall	10
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**Spring Break - Mission to Mexico Trip**

March Highlights
Friday, March 2 • Karaoke
Friday, March 9 • Community Outreach Sock Hop • Scrapbooking
Sunday, March 11 • Daylight Savings Begins <i>Spring Forward</i> • <i>Take That Next Step</i> • Sunday School Teachers Meeting • Mission to Mexico Meeting
Wednesday, March 14 • 1-Time Class at G.O.L.F. <i>ET-Is Anyone Out There,</i> A CCN Presentation hosted by Pastor Paul Jackson
Thursday, March 15 • Last <i>Alpha</i> Class • Last <i>Every Day I Have a Journey</i> Class
Friday, March 16 • Karaoke
Sunday, March 18 • Committee of 7 Vote
Tuesday, March 20 • Alert & Alive Potluck
Wednesday, March 21 • Last day for Wednesday G.O.L.F. • 1-time class <i>Making Your Final Arrangements</i> hosted by Christy McAllister
Thursday, March 22 • 1-time class <i>Creating Places to Belong</i> A CCN Presentation hosted by Pastor Paul Jackson
Friday, March 23 • Group Leaves for Mission to Mexico
Friday, March 30 • Karaoke