



# THE WINDOW

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*The Church that says, "Welcome Home"*

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## **MISSION TO MEXICO: SERVICE IN ACTION**



Every Spring Break, Northwood sponsors a mission trip to an orphanage in Mexico. One hundred plus

area adolescents and adults join together to build houses for impoverished families. Volunteers build homes that have windows, insulation, and electricity.

The volunteers realize the satisfaction found through sacrifice and servitude. Talk to anyone who has made the trek. It is not only a life-changing event for the families served, but, it is also a life-transforming journey for those called to service.



### **M2M Celebration Sunday**

June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Service

Support & celebrate this year's trip and the commitment of this ministry in the future. The special service includes:

- a mission focused message
- sharing from participants
- photos & music

*Attend 1st or 3rd service for weekly congregational worship and to hear Pastor Barry's message in their standard formats. Many Sunday school classes are attending the M2M program during 2nd service.*

*Nursery care is available.*

*Northwood outreach through missions*

## A WORD FROM BARRY



Just a few minutes ago I finished putting together the memorial service for Doris McCord. I trust it will be a good service as we gather to remember, celebrate, and give thanks to God for her life. I wish you had all known Doris. She was a very kind and loving women who had a great faith in our Lord. She was 96 at the time of her death and in all the time that I knew her she was a good example of what it means to be a Christian. Today I know that because of her faith and trust in the Lord she is at home in heaven. She did not worry about death because she knew that the end of this life would not be the end but only the beginning of eternal life. She knew that a home in heaven was waiting for her.

Sunday May 4, I am sermon. It is a real place this earth comes to an truth when he says, "For He gave His one and only Him shall not perish but

Recently, I have been must be like. I like the lived her life in the city many street lights at to go to the country on a she and her mother stood without any street lights child was awestruck by exclaimed, "Mama, if wrong side, I wonder what it looks like on the right side!"

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*For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have Eternal Life!"*  
*John 3:16*

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talking about heaven in my that we go when our life on end. Jesus reminds us of this God so loved the world that Son that whoever believes in have *Eternal Life!*" John 3:16 thinking about what heaven story told of a little girl who and was acclimated to the night. She had opportunity vacation. One star lit night gazing up into the sky to conceal its aurora. The its sparkling beauty. She heaven is so pretty on the

My guess is that it is more spectacular that we could ever imagine. And today I give thanks that Doris sees what we can only imagine.

SEE YOU SUNDAY, BARRY

### **I.P.M. News**

On Sunday, May 4, the Intercessory Prayer Ministry will have our “God Can” prayer request can available in the Fellowship Hall for people to deposit their prayer in. The prayer request forms are in the pews. Then, on Monday, I.P.M. team members meet in the prayer room to pray for all your prayer requests. We encourage everyone to unite with us in prayer every first Monday of the month.

### **Dolls for Ukraine Kids**

Do you have any cuddly dolls around the house? Or, would you consider purchasing one to make a difference in a needy child’s life? Be part of an effort to provide dolls to children in Ukrainian orphanages who would love to have a doll or stuffed animal to cherish. Some of these children have never even seen a doll. Bring a soft doll or stuffed animal to the collection box at the church. (no huge stuffed animals or Barbie dolls, please). Call Janet Sweeney for info.

### **Pain Management Support Group**

6–7pm on Monday May 19th  
 Guest Speaker: Kathryn L. Hahn  
 Chair, Oregon Pain Management  
 Commission  
 State Action Leader, American Pain  
 Foundation

She will answer questions about pain management as well as those about medication, social security, insurance, and legislation.

### **Library Update**



The library crew so appreciates Amber Miller Patton and the fine job she has done in the library since September. She worked 120 hours (mostly on Saturdays) as a community service project to earn .5 credit for school. She added books to the shelves, made signs, cleaned things, straightened cupboards and worked to put spine labels on a huge section of the fiction books. Thanks so much, Amber! You were super!!

### Alert & Alive



The May potluck is Tuesday, May 20, at 12pm. All retirees and friends welcome. Whip up your favorite dish or visit the deli and come share with us. May is the month to honor all women who have been a mother figure and inspiration in our lives. Tell your story, if you like, about a special lady. Come break bread with members of your Northwood Family. We are here for each other. May Hostesses are Vera Kephart and Emily Sachs. Alert & Alive is part of our Senior Ministry, but all ages are welcome.



*I have been reminded of your sincere faith,  
which first lived in your grandmother...  
and in your mother...and...now lives in you also.*  
2 Timothy 1:5

### Mother's Day

Sunday May 11th

### New Office Hours

The church office is now closing at noon on Fridays. New office hours are:

8-4 Monday through Thursday  
12-1 closed for lunch  
8-12 Friday

Hours may vary on occasion, phone messages are returned as promptly as possible.

### Media Ministry

Did you know that all sermons are recorded, and are available for you to have in CD, cassette, or DVD format? All we ask for is a donation of \$1. If you want a copy of the sermon, please check the half-wall by the sound booth, if one isn't available, fill out a media request form to have one made for you. Sermons are also available for checkout in the library, or download from our website.

### June Calendar

<b>June 1</b>	M2M Celebration Sunday
<b>June 8</b>	Graduation Sunday Graduation BBQ
<b>June 15</b>	Father's Day Promotion Sunday

### 2008 Women's Ministry Events

July 19	BBQ/Potluck
Sept. 20	Relax at Belknap Hot Springs
Oct. 3-4	Regional Fall Retreat



**In Honor of Doris McCord**

The children’s education ministry would like to acknowledge the generosity and spirit of this lovely lady with the renaming of the annual summer camp scholarship to the *Doris McCord Summer Camp Scholarship*. Doris was a charter member of Northwood, an elder, a Sunday School teacher, and an exemplary Christian role model.

**Father’s Day, Sun, 15th–Thurs. 19th**



**Fellowship, Families, & Fun**

**Start your Summer with VBS**

**Sun., June 15th–Thur., 19th**

Dinner, then classes for all ages:  
6–8:30pm

Volunteers needed in all areas.  
Call the office or Judy Hockett  
to see how you can help.

# Thinking about Summer Camp?

**Summer is just around the corner**

*Northwood wants to help you  
make camp happen!*

All students actively involved at Northwood qualify for a partial scholarship to one week at the Christian camp of their choice. And, those who complete memory work can earn a second partial scholarship.

Contact the church office for details



**Congratulations!**

Elise Whisler was an Honorable Mention winner in the Lane County Young Writers Association's creative writing contest "Carnival Night," in the ages 11-13 category.

Honorable mention winners read their selections on April 19 at the Saturday Market.

**Graduates of All Ages**

*Northwood wants to hear from you!*

Are you going to be a 2008 graduate of high school or higher education? Do you know someone who is? It's that time of year again; the time when we pay special tribute to our own Grads. If you are one or know one, please let the church office know. Graduation Sunday is June 8<sup>th</sup>.



**New Addresses**

*If you move, please let the church office know your new address.*

**Welcome**

**New Members**

**April 20th**

*Kathy Auxier*

*Carole Huston*

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.

### Building Homes—Changing Lives

For several years a number of our young people and adults have joined with volunteers from other churches and travel to Mexico during spring break to build modest houses for families who live in shacks, or who are homeless. This has been a source of revelation to many of our youth, who not only see the abject poverty of people who live in a third world country, but who experience the satisfaction of doing something about it, and in the process begin to develop some manual skills. One of the most memorable projects achieved by Mission to Mexico a few years ago was the construction of a new building for an orphanage called “El Faro” (The Lighthouse). We continue to send El Faro financial support. Thanks for *your* contribution to this worthy cause!



### March 2008 World Outreach Giving

Love Offering/Church Family	\$677	Angel Tree Scholarships	\$74
Mission Scholarships	\$278	Habitat for Humanity	\$278
Adopt a Ministry Student, NCC	\$926	Disciples Mission Fund	\$1,018
FISH	\$352	El Faro Orphanage	\$259
Young Life	\$167	Week of Compassion	\$370
Eugene Mission	\$370	Missionary Family	\$741
St. Vincent de Paul	\$167	Missionary Family	\$463
Youth for Christ (LCDC Chaplain)	\$352	Missionary Family	\$185

#### May Elders

##### Communion & Offering

May 4 -  
Steve Carden & Judy Hockett  
May 11 -  
Mike Harman & Jeff Svejcar  
May 18 -  
Brad Childs & Beverly Robertson  
May 27 -  
Dennis Page & Jeff Sargeant

#### May Diaconate

May 4 - Debbie Childs' Team  
May 11 - Leisa McAdams' Team  
May 18 - Dan Witt's Team  
May 25 - Judy Davies' Team

*If you aren't sure whose team you are on,  
please call the office.*

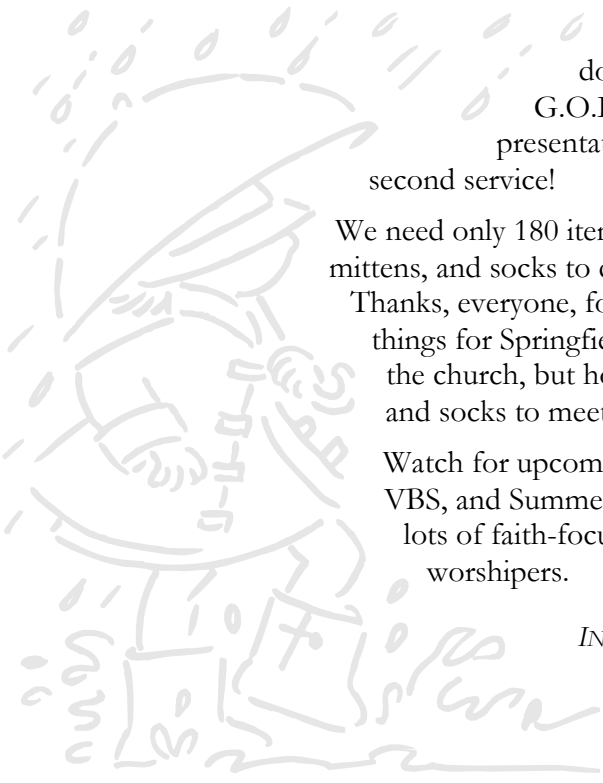
**FROM THE CHILDREN'S WING**

Since returning from Spring Break, the Children's Wing has been busy, busy, busy! At this time of year, the Preschool curriculum is packed with thematic activities and fun field trips. Both classrooms tackled the complex concept of "metamorphosis" with exceptional activities that blend both science and artistic expression. What a fun time it has been!

Our classrooms are equally busy on Sunday mornings. Attendance is growing in Children's Church (first service) and Sunday School, and our lessons since Easter have focused on the Holy Spirit and bearing a Christian witness through the Fruits of the Spirit. Miniature G.O.L.F. is also thriving. As many as 30 kids a week are flocking to our lessons of Old Testament themes reflected in the lives of Bible heroes. Please take time to visit the Children's Wing to see our latest artistic products: God's children around the world, David and Goliath, and Jonah inside a beautifully painted whale.

Thanks to Laurel Stiller for starting a new Spring offering from Children's Ministry we're calling "Girls Group." Each Spring, Girls Group will tackle the challenges of moving from the elementary grades into early adolescence and middle school. Laurel is doing a *great* job and the girls love coming to G.O.L.F. each week. Look for a special presentation by the girls in an upcoming Sunday second service!

**BETSY CLEWITT & STAFF**



We need only 180 items to meet our goal of 1,000 hats, scarves, mittens, and socks to distribute at next year's Springfield Parade. Thanks, everyone, for your generosity in donating really nice things for Springfield's kids! We have tidied up the narthex of the church, but hope you will continue bringing baby things and socks to meet or exceed our goal. We are so grateful.

Watch for upcoming news about Promotion Sundaes Sunday, VBS, and Summer offerings for our kids! We're still planning lots of faith-focused fun for Northwood's youngest worshipers.

*IN HIS SPIRIT, THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM*

I was a freshman in high school returning from my first Mexico trip. My parents met us, my brother and me, at the church to bring us home. I remember when we arrived how odd it felt to be away from all the new friends I had met. Friendships that were formed through the common experience of finding ourselves in a foreign land with sights and sounds we were not accustomed to. It was a long trip, but a good trip, a trip on which God had allowed me, for the first time, to feel His presence.



*Mission to Mexico teens take a break  
June 1st, 2nd Service is a celebration of their  
recent trip—join the fun!*

I returned to the same house, the same school, and to a large extent to the same friends I had before, but somehow, in some ways I was different. The new things I experienced on the trip changed me. I was excited to share my new, and I would have to say now, improved take on life with those who knew the old me. Some of my friends readily accepted the changes while others could not accept who I had become.

#### A NOTE FROM



#### REED-O

I find that in the word “new” comes excitement. This excitement is found in the possibilities in what may be. At the same time the word “new” can bring fear. This fear is brought about by the reality that something has changed and with change comes uncertainty. Just as many of my friends accepted the “new” Reed that returned, many could not. Some

friends understood that my new outlook on life meant the possibility of new life, the others, the ones who could not accept the change, only saw the uncertainty.

It is interesting that this time after my most recent trip south of the border it is not I who am changed, but my circumstances, namely my job and church. In the past month I have experienced the difference between the new and old faith communities I am associated with. In these “new” circumstances come possibility and uncertainty. In my first month as youth pastor I have experienced some of both of these, and I have to say that the possibilities of what God is doing in this faith community far outweigh any uncertainty that exists. I invite you to join with me in grasping on to what God has for us, leaving behind our fears of the unknown, trusting that He is faithful to complete every good work He has planned for us.

#### May Youth Events

- **Middle School Lock-in**—Fri., May 9<sup>th</sup>  
8pm—9am. \$10 for Cosmic Bowling
- **Creation Music Festival '08 Meeting**—Sun.,  
May 18<sup>th</sup>, 6pm. For parents and students who  
are interested in going this July.
- **High School Lock-in**—Fri., May 30<sup>th</sup> For  
more information contact Jonathan Swartout.



Thursday, May 1

- **9:00 am:** Library Crew

Friday, May 2

- **6:30 pm:** Karaoke

Saturday, May 3 *No Events*

Sunday, May 4

- **8:00 am:** Jump Start
- **8:15 am:** Contemporary Service
- **9:45 am:** Contemporary Service
- **9:45 am:** Sunday G.O.L.F. classes
- **11:15 am:** Traditional Service
- **6:00 pm:** Youth Group

Monday, May 5

- **6:00 pm:** Monthly Prayer Night

Tuesday, May 6

- **1:00 pm:** Women's Bible Study
- **6:15 pm:** Praise Team
- **7:30 pm:** Choir Practice
- **8:00 pm:** Drop In Basketball

Wednesday, May 7

- **2:00 pm:** Alert & Alive Games
- **4:30 pm:** Camp Fire
- **5:55 pm:** G.O.L.F. Dinner
- **6:45 pm:** G.O.L.F. Classes

Thursday, May 8

- **9:00 am:** Library Crew

Friday, May 9

- Middle School Lock-In

Saturday, May 10 *No Events*

Sunday, May 11 *Mother's Day*

- **8:00 am:** Jump Start
- **8:15 am:** Contemporary Service
- **9:45 am:** Contemporary Service
- **9:45 am:** Sunday G.O.L.F. classes
- **11:15 am:** Traditional Service
- **6:00 pm:** Youth Group

Monday, May 12 *No Events*

Tuesday, May 13

- **1:00 pm:** Women's Bible Study
- **6:15 pm:** Praise Team
- **6:30 pm:** Board Meeting
- **7:30 pm:** Choir Practice

Wednesday, May 14

- **2:00 pm:** Alert & Alive Games
- **4:30 pm:** Camp Fire
- **5:55 pm:** G.O.L.F. Dinner
- **6:45 pm:** G.O.L.F. Classes

Thursday, May 15

- **9:00 am:** Library Crew

Friday, May 16

- **6:30 pm:** Karaoke

Saturday, May 17 *No Events*

Sunday, May 18

- **8:00 am:** Jump Start
- **8:15 am:** Contemporary Service
- **9:45 am:** Contemporary Service
- **9:45 am:** Sunday G.O.L.F. classes
- **11:15 am:** Traditional Service
- **6:00 pm:** Youth Group

Monday, May 19

- **6:00 pm:** Pain Management Support Group

Tuesday, May 20

- **12:00 pm:** Alert & Alive Potluck
- **1:00 pm:** Women's Bible Study
- **6:15 pm:** Praise Team
- **7:30 pm:** Choir Practice
- **8:00 pm:** Drop In Basketball

Wednesday, May 21

- **2:00 pm:** Alert & Alive Games

Thursday, May 22

- **9:00 am:** Library Crew, Library

Friday, May 23

- **12:00 pm:** Newsletter Items Due in Office

Saturday, May 24 *No Events*

Sunday, May 25

- **8:00 am:** Jump Start
- **8:15 am:** Contemporary Service
- **9:45 am:** Contemporary Service
- **9:45 am:** Sunday G.O.L.F. classes
- **11:15 am:** Traditional Service
- **6:00 pm:** Youth Group

Monday, May 26 *Memorial Day*

- Office Closed

Tuesday, May 27

- **1:00 pm:** Women's Bible Study
- **6:15 pm:** Praise Team
- **7:30 pm:** Choir Practice

Wednesday, May 28

- **2:00 pm:** Alert & Alive Games

Thursday, May 29

- **9:00 am:** Library Crew

Friday, May 30

- **6:00 pm:** Karaoke
- High School Lock-In

Saturday, May 30

- **8:00 am:** Women's Breakfast

### **Northwood Staff**

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Betsy Clewett, Director of Children's Ministry  
Jonathan Swartout, Youth Worker  
John Hakes, Music Minister  
Judy Lacock, Pianist  
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