



# THE WINDOW

*Northwood Christian Church*

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## Harvest Dinner

*Reap the Harvest & Share the Bounty*

### NORTHWOOD'S ANNUAL FALL CELEBRATION

Sunday, October 25th at 5:00

*opens in the*

Sanctuary for Prayer, Harvest Offering and Special Music

*followed by*

a Harvest Dinner

Come and enjoy this fun time and a special meal prepared by our own John Sargeant and crew. You won't be disappointed!



A Harvest Offering is taken each year to fund a special project at

the church—this year it goes to help pay down the building debt. Make a prayerful decision about your donation—you are asked to consider contributing one day's wages for your household.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Middle School Extreme .....	Oct. 9th
Fill the Truck .....	Oct. 24th
Harvest Dinner .....	Oct. 25th
Family Harvest Party .....	Oct. 30th
Women's Ministry/Library Presents Judy Dippel.....	Oct. 17th



## **A WORD FROM BARRY**

We have recently started a new sermon series entitled, Life's Healing Choices. It is based on the first part of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount known as the Beatitudes. As you read His words you see one word repeated over and over again. It is the word blessed. The word here means; happy, content, and fulfilled. It indicates a wholeness to life even in spite of our circumstances. Did you know that when we live our lives as Jesus teaches that we can have a joy, peace, and confidence even in the midst of some rather difficult circumstances?

A number of years ago more than 60,000 die-hard University of Wisconsin supporters were watching their football team take on Michigan State and it soon became obvious that Michigan State had the better team. What seemed odd, however, as the score became more lopsided, there were bursts of applause and shouts of joy from the Wisconsin fans. How could they cheer when their team was losing? It turns out that seventy miles away the Milwaukee Brewers were beating the St. Louis Cardinals in game three of the 1982 World Series. Many of the fans in the stands were listening to portable radios and responding to something other than their immediate circumstances.

These people listening to the radio could hear something that others could not and it gave them reason to rejoice and give thanks. And the same thing can happen to us as we draw near to God during difficult times. We are able to see and hear what so many others may miss. And as we do it gives us reason to rejoice and give thanks, despite our circumstances.

See you Sunday, Barry

## **A CHANCE TO SERVE**

Our church is participating in a community wide food drive led by the Mohawk Area Businesses to benefit those in need in our area.. On Oct. 24 from 10–11, Northwood folks will man the Fill the Fire Truck at the Goodyear Auto on Mohawk Blvd. Food donations will also be collected here at the church. At the end of the day, the six churches who are involved will share equally in the food collected, for their own outreach efforts. Our food pantry and our Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes will benefit from this community wide effort. This is a chance for Northwood members to help those in need in our church and the community---contact Jill in the office to volunteer.



### **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

The women's ministry is working the October 31st concessions booth at the UO game and is looking for volunteers to help out in the booth. Call Juli for more information.

### **ALERT & ALIVE**

Alert & Alive had over 50 people attending their September potluck. Larry Boehme brought his beautifully made teardrop trailer to share and everyone was wowed! It is a gorgeous piece of work that Larry built from the ground up. Our next potluck is October 20 at noon at the church. Anyone is invited but those over 55 are encouraged to come. We always have a great time!



### **I.P.M NEWS**

#### **EMPLOYMENT - PART I OF III**

We have many unemployed people here at Northwood. At one time or another, we have all been there. And it's scary!

God speaks to us. God answers our prayers! One of the ways in which He answers is through the counsel of our parents.

In 1974, Northwood member, Barry Bettis found himself out of work with no prospects during a time of wide-spread unemployment. He had a young wife, Linda, and their baby boy. He was an electrician by way of the Navy and his resume read something like: young man; no college; prior education, Navy; prior experience, a few months in commercial electronics.

Barry and Linda were Christians so they prayed and asked for God's direction. Barry telephoned his father. Tom, who gave perfect God-directed wisdom, "Barry, you can see that there is no future for you in the electronics field. . . you have great math abilities. Get a degree in accounting."

During the next four years, God provided just enough: enough money through the G.I. bill for schooling, enough limited time for an unemployment check; and enough resources through Linda going back to work. Linda summarizes, "We had a roof over our heads. Enough food. A great church to spiritually feed us. We were blessed by God. Actually, our life style was no different than before this. It's amazing how God makes everything come out just right."

Suggested Reading:

Robert Schuller, *Tough Times Don't Last, Tough People Do!* Bob Deits, *Life after Loss.*

# Welcome

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## New Members

**September 5**

*David & Melissa Cole*

**September 13**

*Ruth Gambill*

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## Baptisms

**September 27**

*Monica Springer*

*Dillon Springer*

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## THANK YOU

Emily Sachs sends her thanks to everyone for their prayers, cards, and visits during her recent stay in the hospital. She is home now, and doing much better.

Dear Northwood Neighbors,

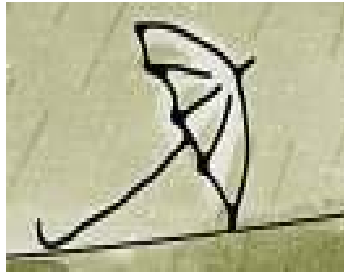
Thank you so much for the school supplies for Page kids! Our cupboards are full and it is already being put to good use!

Page Elementary Staff

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## ADDRESS & PHONE CHANGES

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.



*Purchase tickets for your lady friends,  
daughters, mothers, granddaughters, &  
grandmothers. Give them a special day out!*

## UNDER GOD'S UMBRELLA

**COME JOIN NORTHWOOD'S  
LIBRARY & WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

**in a special afternoon with Eugene Author  
JUDY DIPPEL**

**SATURDAY—OCTOBER 17**

**A light lunch will be served at noon  
Her presentation will begin about 12:45  
Doors open at 11:30**

**Tickets \$5— on Sale NOW or at the door**

Child care under age 10 available: you provide child's lunch


### **"Look Up, Step Up, Grow Up, Build Up"**

**Look Up**—Turn and Face God—Receive Refreshing Hope

**Step Up**—Put Your Faith in Action

**Grow Up**—Changes and Choices to Start Living  
Out God's Best Today

**Build Up**—Share Your Faith & Use Your Gifts

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9 am Library Crew 6 pm Alpha 6 pm Financial Peace U.	2 Office Closed	3 6 pm Celebrate Recovery
4 8 am Jump Start 8:15 am Contemporary Service 9:45 am Contemporary Service 9:45 am Sunday GOLF 11:15 am Traditional Service 5 pm Member Care Forum 6 pm Youth Group	5 6 pm Financial Peace U.	6 1 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 pm Choir Practice	7 2 pm A & A Games 5:55 pm G.O.L.F. Dinner 6:45 pm G.O.L.F. Classes	8 9 am Library Crew 6 pm Alpha	9 Office Closed 11 am MS Extreme No School Day	10 6 pm Celebrate Recovery
11 <i>FISH Sunday, bring canned food</i> 8 am Jump Start 8:15 am Contemporary Service 9:45 am Contemporary Service 9:45 am Sunday GOLF 11:15 am Traditional Service 6 pm Youth Group	12 6 pm Financial Peace U.	13 1 pm Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Board Mtg. 7:30 pm Choir Practice	14 2 pm A & A Games 5:55 pm G.O.L.F. Dinner 6:45 pm G.O.L.F. Classes	15 6:30 am Elder's Breakfast, Terese's Place 9 am Library Crew 6 pm Alpha	16 Office Closed	17 12 pm Women's Ministry/Library Presents Judy Dippel, Light Lunch Served 6 pm Celebrate Recovery
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## **CELEBRATE RECOVERY**

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Celebrate Recovery had its inaugural meeting on Saturday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, it was well attended and we are thankful for all who were able to attend. We are in the process of installing a permanent ministry sign along the eastern part of the Hayden Bridge frontage; it is expected to be in place by the time this newsletter is delivered.

We are extremely excited about the potential of this ministry within our community and within our church, and as Pastor Barry takes us thru the “Life’s Healing Choices” sermon series, we want our congregation to know that we are a safe place to continue to work on whatever “hurt, hang-up, or habit” that you discover that you need healing from.

Beginning on Tuesday evening Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, Dave and Linda Wadsworth will be hosting an open small group that will be working through the “Life’s Healing Choices” study guide. So if Tuesday works better for you than Wednesday night, please join us from 7:00 – 8:30 for this informative class.

Celebrate Recovery is also looking for men and women (but especially women) who would be interested in working with the Department of Corrections, Home For Good Oregon program. This is a joint effort between the DOC, the Oregon State Parole Officers, Communities, and Faith based organizations to help people who are being released from prison to effectively re-integrate into the community and reduce the chances of their return to prison. In Isaiah 61:1 it is proclaimed that we are to “*proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.*” If this is an area that your heart is called to work within please contact Dave Wadsworth for more information about this awesome program.

Remember, Celebrate Recovery is selling 2010 Entertainment Books as a fund raiser, get yours now before the Christmas rush. God Bless You all.

## **FAMILY HARVEST PARTY**

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*Friday, October 30, 6:30–8:00 pm*

The Children & Youth Ministries are hosting a Family Harvest Party October 30 at the church. Children age 4 through high school are invited to come and have fun with games, snacks, crafts and a costume contest! Please dress as Bible heroes. Childcare provided for 3 years old and under.



**MONTHLY MINISTRY PROFILE**

**ANGEL TREE**

Angel Tree gives churches an opportunity to share Christ's love by helping to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the families of prisoners. Northwood make an annual commitment to this highly rewarding program, and recognizes it as a way to care for some of the most overlooked members of our communities. Angel Tree Christmas works by connecting parents in prison with their children through the delivery of Christmas gifts. In November you will have the chance to pick up a tag for one of these children, purchase a gift and return it to the church. We then sponsor a Christmas party for these children and give them their gifts in the name of their incarcerated parent. Northwood also gives them the opportunity for a summer Christian camp scholarship.



**AUGUST 2009 WORLD OUTREACH GIVING**

Love Offering/Church Family	\$770	Habitat for Humanity	\$214
Adopt a Ministry Student, NCC	\$1,070	Disciples Mission Fund	\$1,113
FISH	\$364	El Faro Orphanage	\$257
Young Life	\$193	Week of Compassion	\$428
Eugene Mission	\$385	Lemke Family (CMF - Ukraine)	\$535
St. Vincent de Paul	\$150	Neveux Family (NICS - Indonesia)	\$214
Youth for Christ (LCDC Chaplain)	\$407	Sony (Mission to Unreached People - Indonesia)	\$107
Angel Tree Scholarships	\$64	Whisler Family (Wycliffe - Indonesia)	\$899

**October Elders**

Communion & Offering

October 4 -

Mike Harman & Tom Utt

October 11 -

Beverly Robertson & Dennis Page

October 18 -

Ralph Matteson & Mel Mead

October 25 -

Judy Hockett & Christi Keefer

**October Diaconate**

October 4 - Dan Witt's Team

October 11 - Judy Davies' Team

October 18 - Steve Swartout's Team

October 25 - Kitty Bates' Team

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



## CAN YOU SEE THE FOREST?

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Have you ever heard it said of someone, “They can’t see the forest for the trees?” It means that often people lose sight of what is really important or that they get lost in the details and can’t see the ‘big’ picture. It happens in the Christian faith as well. People lose sight of what living for Jesus is all about. They get lost on the periphery, consumed by minutia.

I’ve started a list of what I think of as ‘big’ picture items. They are in no particular order. They are just random thoughts about what I should make sure I’m about as a devoted Christ-follower. For example, my list includes the following:

- ✓ Share the good news of Jesus with those who do not yet know
- ✓ *Willingly* help those in need
- ✓ Keep God’s commandments out of love for Him
- ✓ Honor God by keeping my mind and body pure
- ✓ Love others freely as I love myself
- ✓ Walk humbly with God every day
- ✓ Go around doing good just like Jesus
- ✓ Always be ready for Jesus’ return

What would be on your list? I’d love to hear what is on your list if you would like to share it with me. Shoot me an e-mail. Perhaps I could add to my list and you could add to yours. Let’s help each other not lose sight of the forest.

Pastor Paul

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### CHILDREN’S NEWS



These mornings as I drive to the church, the seasonal glory of God’s creation overwhelms. Praise Him for creating a world that is predictable and yet astonishing, autumn after autumn.

The Children’s Ministry is in the process of transforming the old Lifeline Room into a Sacred Space for Northwood children of all ages. This is an outcome of considerable discussion about spiritual formation in childhood, as well as how kids experience worship. Sacred Space responds to the imperative that children must be offered opportunities to know God, form a genuine relationship with Jesus, and receive guidance from the Holy Spirit.

*Children's News continued*

In our Sacred Space, children will be welcome to experience un-self-conscious praise and worship, wonder at the power of His Word, self-expression of the message, and fellowship with fellow believers. In fact, these four dimensions of children's worship will be evident in the room's four walls: the wall of worship, the wall of the Word and wonder, the wall of inspiration, and the wall of faith and fellowship. Through praise and prayer, we hope that our children will experience God's power and peace. Through Godly Play, we hope that our children will integrate the true meaning of scripture into their lives. Through inspired self-expression, we hope that our children will share the Good News as they understand it with one another. And through faith and fellowship, we hope that our children develop the community of believers similar to the early church. In every way, this space is intended to be an age-appropriate place to experience the presence of the Father, His Son, and the Holy Spirit.

We may not finish the Sacred Space by our original September 27th target date. But we do assure that, when it is completed, it will not disappoint!

In His Service, Betsy

**MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS**

Kids are getting into their routines. I am seeing familiar faces and new faces. In my first couple of weeks with the middle school kids we have discussed having a fresh start. Have you ever needed a fresh start and prayed that those around you would let you? Most of us if not all of us have made choices in our past that we are not proud of. We are called through our Christian belief to ask God for forgiveness, and then it is forgiven. I am praying that we can allow the past to be in the past and allow our kids to have a *fresh start*. Let us rise from old thoughts and reach for the heavens.

Amen, Amy Gilman



**YOUTH TEAM**

JONATHAN SWARTOUT, AMY GILMAN, JOEY PALERMO-SILENCE

**YOUTH GROUP UPDATE**

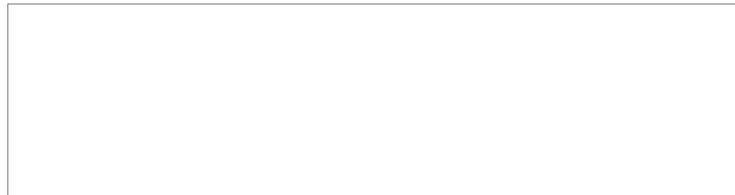
**October Schedule:**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Youth Group 6:00 (HS)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Extreme No-School Day 11–2  
Light Lunch provided (MS)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Youth Group 6:00 (HS)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Youth Group 6:00 (HS)
- 25<sup>th</sup> Harvest Dinner
- G.O.L.F Every Wednesday—Dinner served at 5:55 pm, classes at 6:45

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