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The Church that says, "Welcome Home"

June 2009



Lights!

Action!

Prizes!

Excitement!

Be part of the lights, action, fun, and prizes of Vacation Bible School 2009 at Northwood! Each evening from June 14th to 18th, you will participate in the excitement of a real game show, experience God's word in the Primetime Bible Challenge, explore and create through games and arts and crafts, and serve the church and community.

Together, the Northwood community will:

- Discover stories of Bible heroes who teamed up with God to **GO!**—lead, risk, tell obey, and serve!
- Accept the daily challenge to **GO!**—make a difference for others!
- Live in God's promise that God is with us wherever we **GO!**

We will also

- Enjoy dinner together, community style, from 5:50 to 6:20 each evening in the Studio Commissary
- Gather for the Game Show Challenge, hosted by Wade Winalot, and Primetime Bible Challenge from 6:20 to 6:45 in the Game Show Studio
- Participate in the Service Showcase from 6:45 to 7:45 in Studio A, (adult class also available)
- Close Studio GO! with the Bonus Round and prizes from 7:45 to 8:00

Sound like fun? Join us for VBS 2009!

Vacation Bible School '09

June 14-18

Family Fun for all Ages



A WORD FROM BARRY

It is hard for me to believe that summer is almost here. It is without a doubt my favorite time of year. I enjoy the sunshine, the longer days, and the change of pace. And while summers are thought of as a time of vacation, it is not a time for taking a vacation from the things that encourage our spiritual life. I encourage you to use this summer as a time to draw closer to God. Find time each day to spend time with God in His word and in prayer. In the same way continue to make worship a priority each Sunday. God thought so much of the idea of a day of rest and worship that He made it part of the 10 commandments, not suggestions, but commandments.

When I think about the importance of worship I think of a story that Gilbert Knox once told about a tourist in Washington D.C. who telephoned the minister of the church where the President often worshipped. The tourist wanted to know if the President was expected to attend worship there that Sunday. "That I don't know for certain," replied the minister, "but I can tell you that we are expecting God to be here, and we hope His presence will attract a sizeable crowd."

We will hold worship services each Sunday during the summer at Northwood. I doubt President Obama will show up, it is likely the mayor of Springfield will be here, but I know for certain that the presence of God will be in our midst. I trust that is enough to encourage you to be here as well. See you Sunday, Barry

PROFILES OF CARING



For the past nine years, as I've struggled with a debilitating illness, folks have reached out to help: as friends, as helpers, and in prayer. I can't begin to name or list all of the people and the many things that are done for me—ranging from six gentlemen rebuilding my bathroom to make it accessible to a lovely lady who calls me every Thursday, without fail, 'just to check in.'

I am one of many whose lives were or are touched by acts of caring here at Northwood. Every month, this new feature, **Northwood Cares** will tell the story of an act of caring performed by Northwood folks to showcase the countless ways Northwood folks care. Hopefully, these stories will touch and teach that caring is for all of us. From a construction project to a friendly phone call—the ways we care are endless. If you want to share stories of caring, contact me.

Janine O'Guinn

NORTHWOOD'S RELAYERS OF HOPE

(Jeremiah 17:7)

The countdown has begun for Northwood's first annual participation in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life at Lane Community College on Friday, July 24 at 12:00 noon to Saturday, July 25 12:00 noon. Along with the Relay for Life event, additional activities take place throughout the year as teams raise money to further cancer research.

Join Northwood's team: honor cancer survivors; honor those who lost their fight; join others walking for the cure; volunteer your time and talents; share Northwood's witness for Christ.

Relay for Life Sign up to walk in the Relay for Life. You can sign up in the fellowship hall or by calling Jill in the office. Our goal is to have 50 Northwood representatives. There are no age restrictions.

A \$10.00 donation is requested for participation. You will also receive information about seeking sponsors.

Cones for the Cure The team will continue to sell ice cream cones for 75 cents following all three services until the end of September. We could use more servers. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall at the Cones for the Cure station.

Curbing for Cancer Thursday June 18 from 4 to 6 pm. See Lew Stewart for more details and to volunteer your time. We need at least 12 volunteers to help that evening. These volunteers will meet on a busy intersection to hand out smiles as they collect donations.

Flowers of Hope Honor a family member or friend by following these three easy steps. 1. Bring a picture. 2. Donate \$5.00 to American Cancer Society. 3. Fill out a Flowers of Hope card. The pictures will become part of our Why

Do I Relay? Board. On Sunday, July 19, the sanctuary will be adorned with individual flowers honoring your loved one or friend.

Northwood Banner Is there a volunteer or a group who would be willing to design a Northwood banner or flag for our Relay of Hope Team? If so, please call Judy Hockett.

Thank You to the members of Judy Hockett's Sunday School class who have joined the Northwood's Relay of Hope Team. You can see their handiwork as they scoop ice cream and serve as cashiers during our Cones for the Cure time.

LIBRARY NEWS

My sister recently told me she had to pay \$15 for a library card in the town where she lives. There is no cost for a card in our library and we do not have late fee. We only ask a few things:

- Fill out our registration card: blue for adults and pink for kids under 14
- Put full name, check out date, and phone number on the check out card when you take a book or DVD/video
- Return the book in a reasonable time as others might be waiting for the the one you have out. Books are 2 weeks/ videos 1 week. We do send out reminder cards or email after 6 weeks.
- If you lose a book, let us know. At this time, there are 19 books still out for the year 2008. Please check your book shelves and see if you have forgotten to return one of our books to us as it is expensive to have to replace them.

PEOPLE OF NORTHWOOD



<i>Lindsay Anderson</i>	<i>Thurston</i>
<i>Tiffany Bailey</i>	<i>Springfield</i>
<i>Halcyon Binder</i>	<i>Sheldon</i>
<i>Noah Cantu</i>	<i>McKenzie</i>
<i>Kelsey Crawford</i>	<i>Thurston</i>
<i>Matt Galceran</i>	<i>Thurston</i>
<i>Gwen Haight</i>	<i>Thurston</i>
<i>Joshua Longworth</i>	<i>Willamette</i>
<i>A.J. Powers</i>	<i>Springfield</i>
<i>Tyler Radke</i>	<i>Sheldon</i>
<i>Bailey Riddle</i>	<i>Thurston</i>
<i>Andrea Stramler</i>	<i>Thurston</i>
<i>Amanda Winningham</i>	<i>Springfield</i>

Welcome

New Members

May 3

Jody Honeck

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.

ALERT & ALIVE

We had a nice turnout of 40 people attend our May potluck on a good sunny day and lots of cheerfulness. Thanks to the Carson's for their Spring decorations, Toni Unfred for highlights of her recent river cruise and the Rumblehart's for wedding pictures from 62 years ago. Ask them how they managed that commitment and congratulate them for being good role models.

Toni will be happy to tell you the benefits of river cruises and have you join her the next time she goes.

This month we will have an indoor picnic on June 16. What is that, you ask? An indoor picnic is one without flies and ants and with chairs to sit on and tables to set our plates and drinks. Hey, we've lived long enough to put comfort first. So bring your favorite picnic food; hot dogs will be furnished. Also, bring your good cheer for a happy time to be had by all. Everyone is welcome

JOB OPENING

Bookkeeper for 5 to 8 hours per week. Responsibilities include bill paying, mid-week bank deposits, filing and working with the treasurer to provide information needed for monthly reports. Turn in your resume to the church office by Sunday, June 7th.

LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Dear Northwood Family.

One final update from me as board chair. Work is continuing on the recommendations from the VisionStreet report. The visioning process continues through small group work and leaders meetings while other recommendations are being looked at in detail by the personnel ministry and elders.

It has been a pleasure to serve as the board vice chair and chair over the past six years. I am thankful for all of our leaders and staff who so willingly serve this congregation. Their work certainly made my job easier. The journey of the last several years was not what I ever anticipated, but I wouldn't trade it either. I am looking forward to a break from such visible leadership and responsibility and will return to whatever role God has in mind when it's time. Thank you for your prayers and support. Continue to keep the board, leaders, and staff in your prayers as we move into a new fiscal year and new board leadership under the able guidance of Brad Childs.

My sincerest gratitude,
Barbara Utt, Board Chair

NORTHWOOD PRESCHOOL UPDATE

Northwood Christian Church offers a morning-only preschool program for 3-year-olds on T-Th and 4-year-olds on M-W-F from 9-11:30. This year we offered one 3-year-old class, one multi-age class, and one 4-year-old class.

We presently have about 15 children pre-registered to begin next Fall. This is the typical number of pre-registrations at this point each Spring. We will have two open house events this summer, to encourage pre-registration prior to September. Generally, we also register about one-third of the Fall classes in the month of August.

Our curriculum will continue to have a pre-academic focus, emphasizing acquisition of pre-academic skills, social learning, and spiritual formation. For the past two years, we've employed the visual and performing arts as a means of expressing knowledge, relationships and faith. This emphasis will continue.

We are currently recruiting new teacher(s) for the preschool for next year. The preschool operation is advised by the Children's Ministry Team, which meets monthly or bi-monthly. If anyone is interested in joining the preschool ministry team, please contact Betsy Clewett.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

God's words are living and active...Hebrews 4:12(NIV)

The words Arleen received from God at a Good Friday prayer vigil in 2006 are still active and alive. Those words were “use the blood of the lamb.” These words of God took Arleen into a search (for many months) through Exodus and Hebrews to come up with what God meant. This journey brought Arleen and IPM members face-to-face with Jesus, God’s perfect Passover Lamb.

We all go through trials and temptations. It seems like the more we listen and try to incorporate Jesus’ words in our life, the more we have problems. It’s just part of the turf—hear, do and then conflict follows like a puppy nipping at our heels trying to trip us up. So for all of us, God’s words of “Christ’s Blood Perfects Man(kind) Forever” is still as important for us today as it was when the sign was first put up. Not because it dealt *in the past* with trying to keep the body of Northwood united but God’s words are alive now. It means that whatever the conflict is within our own lives that we are battling today, *there stands Christ now*. Using Christ’s blood means specifically, *use this access to God*. We have been given access to God Almighty. Why do we try to do things on our own? Why do we worry about tomorrow and horrible events that could be? Why do we doubt? Why do we allow Satan to use guilt over past mistakes to beat us over the head? If we can just allow this conduit to God (Christ’s purification) to clean our minds and spirits, then we can *go out and be free*. I’m saying you don’t need to beg God to do what He said He would do but *allowing* God’s power to do this. Go into the presence of God by understanding that Christ’s sacrifice has made this possible. Be at peace with God by simply sitting in His presence in prayer and sense His quiet peace and love that can heal you inside and out. Then

nothing else matters, “my chains are gone. I’ve been set free” (from a praise song we sing at church). Find this freedom now made possible through Christ’s blood.

FOOD PANTRY

If you are in need of assistance with the challenge of meeting your grocery needs, please don’t hesitate to contact the church office. There is plenty of food in the pantry. Northwood is a family and it is our privilege to help each other in all our circumstances

If you have extra non-perishable groceries, please bring them to the church and mark them Northwood Food Pantry, or if you want to help the community, put it in the FISH box in the foyer. The 2nd Sunday of each month, we collect food for FISH.

SUMMER G.O.L.F. CLASSES

Two new groups/classes are forming this summer.

Fireproof Never Leave Your Partner Behind. A six week series on how to “Fireproof” your marriage/relationship. Open to singles and couples. Tuesday nights from 7–8pm, beginning with a movie kick off night on Friday, June 19th. Classes are every other Tuesday, starting June 23rd. Contact Michael and Dawn Marie Allen for more information, or pick up a flyer at the kiosk.

Captivating Kim Helfrich is hosting a 13-week study based on the book *Captivating: Unveiling the Mystery of a Woman’s Soul* on Wednesday evenings beginning Wednesday, June 3. Class size is limited, so please sign up now.

WORLD OUTREACH

The next two months our world outreach asks you to pray about special sponsorship and programs within Northwood. Be sure you check out the bulletin board in the hall by the Women’s rest room for interesting information about these programs:

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| Northwood’s Women’s Ministries | Gary Wells Scholarship at NCU |
| Adopt a student at NCU | Stan & Peggy Glick Scholarship at NCU |
| The Doris McCord Memorial Camp Scholarship Fund | Angel Tree scholarships for summer camp for children |
| Our High School youth group activities | |
| Mission to Mexico | |

APRIL 2009 WORLD OUTREACH GIVING

Love Offering/Church Family	\$704	Habitat for Humanity	\$195
Mission Scholarships	\$293	Disciples Mission Fund	\$1,016
Adopt a Ministry Student, NCC	\$977	El Faro Orphanage	\$235
FISH	\$322	Week of Compassion	\$391
Young Life	\$176	Missionary Family (<i>Ukraine</i>)	\$489
Eugene Mission	\$352	Missionary Family (<i>Indonesia</i>)	\$195
St. Vincent de Paul	\$137	Missionary Family (<i>Kenya</i>)	\$195
Youth for Christ (LCDC Chaplain)	\$371	Missionary (<i>Indonesia</i>)	\$98
Angel Tree Scholarships	\$59	Missionary Family (<i>Indonesia</i>)	\$821

June Elders
 Communion & Offering
 June 7 -
 Mike Harman & Judy Hockett
 June 14 -
 John Sargeant & Ralph Matteson
 June 21 -
 Dennis Page & Bob Shelton
 June 28 -
 Beverly Robertson & Tom Utt

June Diaconate
 June 7 - Judy Davies’ Team
 June 14 - Gary Franklin’s Team
 June 21 - Kitty Bates’ Team
 June 28 - Debbie Child’s Team

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

CHILDREN'S NEWS



With the final G.O.L.F. class and Memorial Day weekend, the Children's Ministry staff is breathing an "end of year" sigh. Things slow down after a busy year when summer schedules start, but we also miss the kids. So we propose to offer an extended VBS program for kids ages 4-11 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Tuesday afternoons (flexible dates) in July and August, and a weekly fellowship and service time for our 'tween' girls in grades 5-8 the same times on Wednesdays. We need to hear from *you* if your children will participate in these activities.

This week also marks the end of Northwood Preschool's 2008-9 school year, and the retirement of our beloved Miss Christi. Her great contribution to the design and implementation of the church preschool over the past 9 years is inestimable, and she will be greatly missed in this role. Of course, she remains active as an elder and member of multiple committees of the church. Please remember to congratulate Miss Christi on her service to Northwood.

As the preschool coordinator, I also taught a multi-age group on Tuesday and Thursday mornings this year with Kelly Oviatt and Shiela Rowland. What fun! We are in the process of recruiting an experienced teacher, with Kelly, Shiela, and Shandy Kozcenski planning to return next fall.

You may be interested to know that children from our congregation constitute less than 25% of all kids attending our preschool, and many of Northwood's preschool-age kids attend programs elsewhere. I have puzzled over this phenomena while recruiting kids these past 3 years. I welcome any input you may offer as to how the program can serve our preschool children and families better. You may also contact me to enroll your child(ren) in our 3s class, multi-age class, and 4s class for next year.

Don't forget family VBS begins on June 14! We'll see you then!

In His Service, Betsy

PASTOR PAUL'S UPCOMING SABBATICAL

Pastor Paul is going on his regularly scheduled sabbatical beginning June 15 and will return to the office on August 3. A sabbatical is some time away for rest, prayer, concerted reflection, and study to recharge and reinvigorate after a period of extended ministry. This year, he is taking a week's vacation along with his sabbatical. Paul will be working on his doctoral dissertation during this time away from weekly duties at Northwood. Your prayers during this time will be much appreciated.

Northwood's pastoral staff takes regularly scheduled Sabbatical for their personal, spiritual and intellectual development and to directly benefit the congregation from the Pastor's time of study, growth and reflection.



On July 22nd students will show up early in the morning, hop in vans, and start a trek of 260 miles; the destination, Creation Northwest 2009. There they will experience three and a half days of Christian concerts, community, and life changing speakers. It is truly a one of a

kind experience, one that they will never forget.

The only catch is that we need the congregation's help to get us there. The students are excited and ready to work to raise funds, but they need Northwood members contributions. Over the next two months we will embark on a fundraising campaign, with a goal of raising over two hundred dollars per participant. We will be flocking yards with those beautiful pink flamingos, we will set up a romantic date night including Italian food, entertainment, and childcare, we will embark on a can and bottle drive of unseen proportions, we will bring delicious treats to sell on Sunday mornings, we will be doing car washes, as well as a pizza night at Papa's Pizza.

As you can see we have a lot of opportunities to support the youth, all we need is for everyone to pitch in. Whether it be buying tickets to the romantic date night dinner, or bringing in bottles and cans, every little bit helps.

A NOTE FROM



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YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

REED WEBSTER & STAFF



PROMOTION SUNDAY

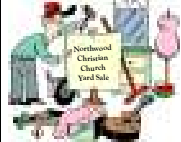
Promotion Sunday is being held in August this year. This is when children move up to new classes, and new teachers. It will be on August 30th during the Sunday School time. Those promoting to a new class will be honored during the 9:45 service.

June Schedule:

- 7th Youth Group 6:00 (H.S.)
- 10th Youth BBQ in honor of our Graduates 6:30 at church
- 14th NO Youth Group (VBS)
- 21st Faith and Film 5:30 – at Reed & Kelsey's (H.S.)
- 28th Youth Group 6:00 (H.S.)

Fundraising Dates:

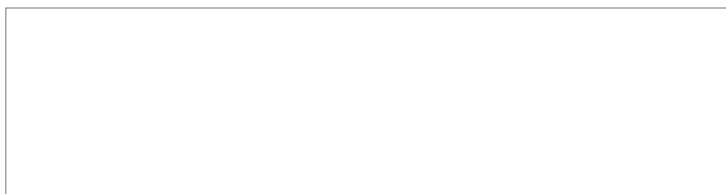
- All Month Can & Bottle Drive
- 7th Flamingo Yard Flocking starts
- 20th Car Wash (place TBA)
- July 10th Date Night Dinner
- July 12th Sunday morning car wash

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6 pm Prayer Night 6 pm Leader's Meeting 8 pm Softball Game	2 1 pm Women's Bible Study	3 2 pm A & A Games 7 pm Captivating Class for Women	4 9 am Library Crew 6 pm Alpha	5	6
7 <i>Honoring Our Graduates</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	8 NO Softball Game	9 1 pm Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Board Mtg	10 2 pm A & A Games 7 pm Captivating Class for Women	11 9 am Library Crew	12	13 All Church Garage Sale 
14 <i>Honoring our Volunteers</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	15 8 pm Softball Game	16 12 pm Alert & Alive Potluck 1 pm Women's Bible Study	17 2 pm A & A Games 7 pm Captivating Class for Women	18 6:30 am Elder's Breakfast, Therese's Place 9 am Library Crew	19 7 pm Fireproof Movie	20 2 pm Barry & Michelle Lind Wedding Reception Youth Car Wash (place TBA)
Vacation Bible School 6:00 - 8:00 pm						
21 <i>Father's Day</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	22 6:30 pm Softball Game	23 1 pm Women's Bible Study 7 pm Fireproof Group	24 2 pm A & A Games 12 pm Newsletter Items Due 7 pm Captivating Class for Women	25 9 am Library Crew	26	27 8 am Women's Break-fast, Country Waffle
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