

Newsletter

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Northwest Church
Disciples of Christ



A “GENTLE” REMINDER

Dear Northwest Church family,

A Greek philosopher once wrote, "Change is the only constant in life." So much wisdom in just a few words. We all face changes every day – whether it's the weather, our schedule, or the change of seasons. Change happens and affects us all. We are all different and react to change differently. Do you welcome it with open arms or run away, ignore it, and hide? By the way, ignoring and hiding doesn't work, change will still happen!

Why do I bring up change? Because even the church experiences changes. People come and go. Buildings once built for hundreds are reimaged for dozens. The one constant is God and God's love for us. God's presence is our constant, and our (non-changing) mission is to worship God and share the good news of God's love with others. So don't fear the changes in your lives or in our worship spaces. With grace, equanimity, and love, let us embrace the future, stepping forward with God. Speaking of change, check out the new coffee station!

Blessings, *Pastor Miriam*

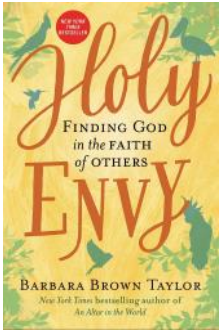
NEW COFFEE STATION

You can now enjoy a cup of coffee, a latte or tea at church on Sunday mornings! The vision for the coffee station is warm hospitality and building friendships among the attendees.

We do not have a jar out on the coffee station for donations, but the office has a little coffee fund envelope. Consider contributing a few dollars every so often to stock the station. Bringing Nespresso compatible pods or your favorite kind of tea works too :)



SPIRITUALITY BOOK GROUP



Holy Envy, Finding God in the Faith of Others
by Barbara Brown Taylor.

“Inspiring, enchanting, and provocative, Taylor reminds us that God is bigger than any one religion. Prepare to be surprised and, best of all, to come to know God in a new way.” - James Martin, SJ, author of Jesus: A Pilgrimage

Beginning Thursday, September 14, a weekly book group gathering will be offered on Thursdays in the Church Parlor at 10 AM. (This will run for about four weeks).

We thought it would be fun to meet weekly and read three chapters at a time so that the information is fresh in our minds to discuss. Coffee/tea and treats will be available. **Participants don't have to worry if they miss a week... this will be a flexible book group opportunity.** Everyone is invited, so feel free to invite friends for discussion and fellowship.

If you have questions or would like to indicate your participation, please contact Pastor Miriam via email or Tracy R via text: (five zero nine — five three one — seven five zero three)

CHANGES TO COMMUNION

Deacons and Elders are meeting in July to discuss changes to the Communion service. **We are re-evaluating all aspects of our worship service post-COVID to assess our needs.** If you would like to participate in worship as a Deacon on Sundays, please contact Jim K or the church office.

BUILDING ACCESS KEYS

Keyholders, please contact the Secretary **as soon as possible** to report your key number for our records. This is also a good time to speak up if you need to request a key. Thank you.

B5 FINAL UPDATE



B5 is a local group based in Kennewick, and they offer services for immigrants in our area. They started out as a small church and pivoted into a social movement, gathering volunteers to tutor English to adults or support after-school kids activities.

Theresa Rosendaal, the Director of B5, shared a message about their work with us on Sunday, June 05. Our Social Concerns committee wanted to provide support by pledging funds, as the direct items (specific textbooks/materials) are not eligible for our standard blue bin donation format. They also opened the matter to the congregation, and we responded in force.

Our congregation raised \$455 for the B5 Learning Center this summer! We plan to gather a group to deliver the check at the groundbreaking for their new facility on July 11 at 9 AM, email the office to be part of the group! *Image credit, Tumbleweird*

PROPERTY SALE UPDATE

Things are moving forward though a little slower than anticipated. To date the area we are intending to sell has been surveyed. **The next step involves getting the survey data drafted into a formal drawing of the area by the end of July.** That will provide us with an official copy of our borders of the proposed sale area (which we have never actually known).

At that point, the drawing will be taken to the city of Richland to verify that the proposed sale will meet the city's codes.

While we are confident this proceed as planned, it is important to verify this before incurring the additional costs to make the sale go forward.

Stay tuned, we will keep everyone informed as we get more details. - Mike D



JULY OUTREACH: SHOE DRIVE

Every summer, we work to help kids at Jefferson Elementary School.



Communities
In Schools

Benton-Franklin



This summer, we are collecting new shoes in sizes 10 kids to 8 adult.

Bring them to church and place them in the blue bins at the entryway. Friends who are donating funds, please mark it as “Shoe Drive” so our counters and treasurer know where to allocate your gift.

Below is an email from our contact for these donations. Thank you again for supporting the kids in our schools!

Hello,

*Before anything, I would like to express my gratitude to your congregation during this 22-23 school year! **Northwest Church has been a vital piece in reducing the gap for the high basic needs of our students.***

I am reaching out because we are hoping to have a Back to School Bash on August 17th, the purpose of this event is to provide a warm welcome and make sure students get what they need to start the school year on the right foot.

I am wondering if Northwest Church would be willing to collect or spread the word to gather new shoes, sizes ranging from 10 (kids) all the way up to 8 (adults). We would love to have a free “shopping section” for parents who cannot afford new shoes for back to school.

*Thank you,
Patricia M, Site Coordinator*

INDONESIA MISSIONS TRIP



Members Aleks and Toma A are heading to Indonesia from July 16 to August 05. **They plan to share a message and presentation with the congregation after their trip.** Toma is our church secretary, but before the pandemic she lived in Soewe village on Nias Island for a year, and misses everyone dearly. Aleks is an Electrical Engineer, and they plan to teach a S.T.E.M. class at the local village school. Students will learn about solar power and recycle materials to build solar powered mini cars.

EMERGENCY WARMING SHELTER

Let's join hands and extend our warmth and compassion to those in need during the winter season, just as the people of All Saints Church did last year on a freezing cold winter night.

All Saints is reaching out to us, inviting our members to volunteer for their Emergency Warming shelter this upcoming winter. Training and orientation sessions are available to prepare volunteers for this vital ministry.

The first training session will cover Mental Health First Aid. Saturday, July 15 from 9 AM to 3 PM. The cost of this professional training is \$60 (scholarships are available).

A free Shelter orientation training session will be held on Saturday, October 28 from 1-3 PM.

For registration or questions, contact All Saints' Church office at admin@allsaintsrichland.org



50in25 UPDATE

\$20,850.93



25%

50%

75%

Dec. 2025



NEW OFFICE LAYOUT

In order to accommodate the Early Learning Co-op need for an additional classroom, the Conference Room will be converted into a completely private office for Flourish Mid-Columbia. However, the carpet in that room is currently badly cracked with age.

Pastor Miriam has some ideas but she is requesting help from anyone who has done any small remodeling or wants to learn. We want to have painting, carpeting, moving furniture done by mid-august. We already found some very interesting artifacts hidden away, including rolls and rolls of film tape from the 50s? Please do reach out if you are able to contribute your time.

Going forward, visitors to our church will be welcomed directly into the Secretary's Office door.



WITNESS OF THE SAINTS

Sunday, JUNE 04

In Finance:

Loose Offering	\$0.00
B5	\$30.00
Rent (Rush Hour)	\$62.50
Rent (TOPS)	\$62.50
Sanctuary Rental	\$63.00
F4F Grant	\$1,000.00
Gray, A.	\$25.00
General Fund	\$1,907.00
Total	\$3,147.50

Sunday, JUNE 11

In Finance:

Loose Offering	\$12.00
Rent (Free Spirit)	\$62.50
Rent (MNST)	\$62.50
B5	\$30.00
Sanctuary Rental	\$62.50
General Fund	\$957.00
Total	\$1,186.50

Sunday, JUNE 18

In Finance:

Loose Offering	\$10.00
Wk of Comp.	\$285.00
General Fund	\$860.00
Total	\$1,155.00

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, JUNE 04	89
In-Person Worship	36
Online Reach	53
Sunday, JUNE 11	87
In-Person Worship	43
Online Reach	44
Sunday, JUNE 18	74
In-Person Worship	21
Online Reach	53
Sunday, JUNE 26	92
In-Person Worship	35
Online Reach	58

Sunday, JUNE 26

In Finance:

Loose Offering	\$20.00
B5	\$50.00
General Fund	\$1,411.00
Total	\$1,481.00

Average monthly budget is \$13,346.

Thank you to all our friends and members who continue to support Northwest Church. God Bless You

JULY

Date	Jul 02	Jul 09	Jul 16	Jul 23	Jul 30
Elder	Onnie	Joanna	Brad	Mike	Onnie
Worship Leader	Emily	Joe	Onnie	Dalene	Joe
Song Leader	Kay	Sue J	Anna	Kay	Sue J
Psalm	Tracy	Tracy	Tracy	Tracy	
Counters	Dalene Jim K	John Pat	Nancy	Donna W Sue J	Nancy
Deacons	Donna W Candace Joe Kay	Jim J Sue J Dalene	Jim K Anna Bea Ralph	John Nancy	Jim K Anna Bea Ralph
Audio Visual	John L		Aaron	Aaron	Aaron
Coffee Hour	Jul 02: Bea, Candace, Donna				

AUGUST

Date	Aug 06	Aug 13	Aug 20	Aug 27
Elder	Joanna	Brad	Mike	Onnie
Worship Leader	Emily	Onnie	Dalene	Joe
Song Leader	Anna	Sue J	Anna	Sue J
Psalm	Tracy	Tracy	Tracy	Tracy
Counters	Dalene Jim K	Pat	Nancy	Donna W Sue J
Deacons	Donna W Candace Joe	Jim J Sue J Dalene	Jim K Anna Bea Ralph	John Nancy
Audio Visual		Aaron	Aaron	Aaron
Coffee Hour	Aug 06: Dalene, Kay, Onnie			

July 2023

Happy Birthdays!

= Tenants using part of the building

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						01
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
Worship 10 AM Coffee Hour					Pastor Day Off	Jennifer J
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
Worship 10 AM Elder's Meeting			Stewardship Meeting 3:30 PM	B. Bunch 8 AM April W	Pastor Day Off Ron G	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Worship 10 AM	Secretary Out >>>	Board 5 PM		Ann W	Pastor Day Off	Nora A
23 * Worship 10 AM	24 F4F 1 PM	25	26	27	28	29
30	>>> 31	*23 - Lindsay E		Bfast Bunch 8 AM	Pastor Day Off	

August 2023

Happy Birthday!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		01 Secretary Out >>>	02 Worship Meeting 1:30 PM	03	04	05
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Worship 10 AM Coffee Hour	Secretary Back Brad B		Stewardship Meeting 3:30 PM	Bfast Bunch 8 AM	Pastor Day Off Court R	Ralph P
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Worship 10 AM		Board 5 PM	Sue J		Pastor Day Off Margaret M	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Worship 10 AM		Kay D		Bfast Bunch 8 AM	Pastor Day Off	
27	28	29	30	31		
Worship 10 AM	Food 4 Friends 1 PM		Pat C-E			

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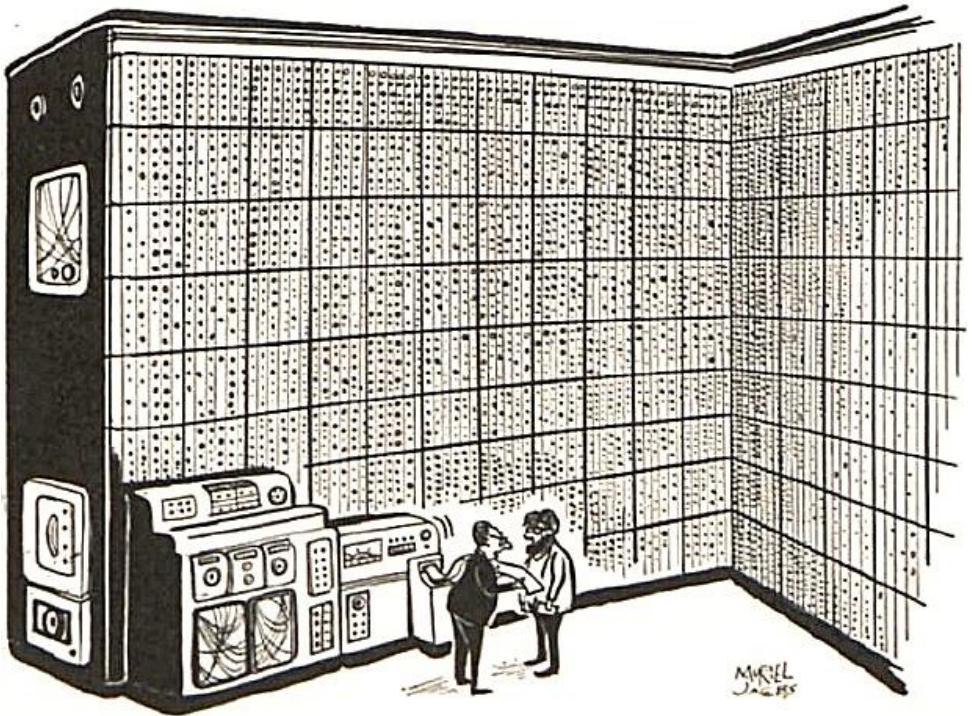
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Aaron Scott Audio Visual Operator



"It says the answer is 2"
Saturday Evening Post, 1957