

Newsletter

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Serving the congregation and friends of

Northwest Church

Disciples of Christ



A “GENTLE” REMINDER

Dear Northwest members and friends,

What are some of the most memorable meals you have experienced? What made them so memorable? The food? The décor? I’m guessing what made these meals so memorable were the people and the conversations.

We learn in the gospels that Jesus used shared meals as a time to teach how to be his disciples and he made a point to invite people who were otherwise excluded from society.

This month we will explore the communion table as a metaphor for sharing God’s hospitality and grace.

The new worship series “Come to the Table” begins Sunday, September 3rd. Please plan to join us!

Blessings, *Pastor Miriam*

ALL CHURCH POTLUCK

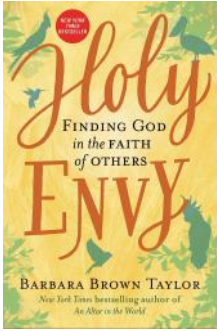
Friends, it’s been a while since we came to the table and enjoyed a meal together. **We will have an all church potluck on Sunday, September 17 after service.** Volunteers may sign up to bring fruit, salad, chips, etc. to complement the sandwiches. Gluten free options will be available.

In the next few weeks, take a look around during the service, and make a mental note to notice who is sitting around you. This potluck will be a good opportunity to learn names and offer friendship to one another as a community of Christ.

CHANGES TO COMMUNION

Starting September, we will take communion up front together. We will fine-tune any changes to best fit our needs.

SPIRITUALITY BOOK GROUP



Beginning Thursday, September 14, a weekly book group gathering will be offered on Thursdays in the parlor at 10 AM. **Participants should let Pastor Miriam know they are interested, purchase the book, and read some of it prior to each gathering.** Join at any time, attend when you can.

“Christians are not particularly gifted at knowing how we sound to others, especially in parts of the world where our voices are the loudest and most numerous.”

Excerpt from “Holy Envy, Finding God in the Faith of Others” by Barbara Brown Taylor.

FOOD 4 FRIENDS UPDATE



Volunteers are making good use of the recent grant to support this ministry. We often receive word from friends of friends about the deep impact of the love that comes in each bag.

A recent expansion to serve some individuals and families at

Richland Lutheran Church went well, totaling 20 people

BELL CHOIR

The Bell Choir will begin meeting in September. Please contact Sue L if you would like to join the choir and perform together for the holidays. Varied skill levels are welcome.

50in25 UPDATE

\$20,850.93



25%

50%

75%

Dec. 2025

SUMMER OFFICE UPDATES

The planned updates to the Educational Building are almost complete. The worn and ripped carpet in the old conference room (now tenant office) has been replaced. Instead of chipped and scuffed paint, that room and the hallway now have a creamy blue coat of paint.

This was made possible via the Building Fund along with personal donations of construction tools, supplies, paint and free labor. All together, the monetary value of this project is outweighed by the love and care that went into the work. Thank you.



WITNESS OF THE SAINTS

Sunday,	JUL 02
In Finance:	
Loose Offering	\$15.00
Rent (Rush Hr)	\$62.50
Shoe Drive	\$10.00
General Fund	\$2,731.00
Total	\$2,818.50

Sunday,	JUL 09
In Finance:	
Building Fund	\$150.00
Rent (Free Sp.)	\$125.00
Rent (MNST)	\$62.50
Rent (TOPS)	\$62.50
50in25	\$500.00
General Fund	\$3,177.00
Total	\$4,077.00

Sunday,	JUL 16
In Finance:	
50in25	\$125.00
General Fund	\$615.00
Total	\$740.00

Sunday,	JUL 23
In Finance:	
Loose Offering	\$5.00
Benton County	\$1.28
Rent (Flourish)	\$200.00
AED Battery	\$100.00
General Fund	\$1,565.00
Total	\$1,871.28

Sunday,	JUL 30
In Finance:	
Loose Offering	\$20.00
General Fund	\$925.00
Total	\$945.00

Sunday,	AUG 06
In Finance:	
Rent (Free Sp)	\$62.50
Rent (Rush Hr)	\$63.00
Rent (TOPS)	\$62.50
50in25	\$50.00
Rent (Craft)	\$137.50
General Fund	\$1,275.00
Total	\$1,368.00

Sunday,	AUG 13
In Finance:	
Loose Offering	\$5.00
Rent (Step Sis)	\$312.50
Rent (MNST)	\$62.50
50in25	\$100.00
Goodwill Drive	\$172.40
Coffee Fund	\$110.50
General Fund	\$1,130.00
Total	\$1,892.90

Sunday,	AUG 20
In Finance:	
50in25	\$125.00
General Fund	\$4,966.00
Total	\$4,966.00

Sunday,	AUG 27
In Finance:	
General Fund	\$785.00
Total	\$785.00

**AVG MONTHLY
BUDGET IS \$13,346.**

**AVG ATTENDANCE IS
32 IN PEWS, 5 ONLINE.**

SEPTEMBER

Date	Sept 3	Sept 10	Sept 17	Sept 24
Elder	Joanna	Brad	Mike	Onnie
Worship Leader	Joyce	Aleks	Dalene	Toma
Song Leader	Sue J	Anna	Anna	Sue J
Counters	Dalene	John	Nancy	Donna W
	Jim K	Pat	Aleks	Sue J
Deacons	Donna W	Jim J	Jim K	John
	Candace	Sue J	Anna	Nancy
	Joe	Dalene	Bea Ralph	
Audio Visual	Aaron	Aaron	Aleks	Aaron
Coffee Hour	Sept 03: Anna, Nancy			

PROPOSED OCTOBER LINE UP

Date	Oct 1	Oct 8	Oct 15	Oct 22	Oct 29
Elder	<i>Onnie</i>	<i>Joanna</i>	<i>Brad</i>	<i>Mike</i>	<i>Onnie</i>
Worship	<i>Emily</i>	<i>Joe</i>	<i>Toma</i>	<i>Dalene</i>	<i>Aleks</i>
Song	<i>Anna</i>	<i>Sue J</i>	<i>Anna</i>	<i>Sue J</i>	<i>Anna</i>
Counters	<i>Dalene</i>	<i>John</i>	<i>Nancy</i>	<i>Donna W</i>	<i>Donna W</i>
	<i>Jim K</i>	<i>Pat</i>	<i>Aleks</i>	<i>Sue J</i>	<i>Sue J</i>
Deacons	<i>Donna W</i>	<i>Jim J</i>	<i>Jim K</i>	<i>John</i>	<i>John</i>
	<i>Candace</i>	<i>Dalene</i>	<i>Anna</i>	<i>Nancy</i>	<i>Nancy</i>
	<i>Joe</i>	<i>Sue J</i>	<i>Bea</i> <i>Ralph</i>		
Audio	<i>Aaron</i>	<i>Aaron</i>	<i>Aaron</i>	<i>Aaron</i>	<i>Aaron</i>
Coffee Hour	<i>Oct 01: Carolyn, Sue J, Toma</i>				

September 2023

Happy Birthday!

☐ = Tenants using part of the building

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					01	02
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
Worship 10 AM <i>Coffee Hour</i>	Labor Day Office Closed			Breakfast Bunch 8 AM	Pastor Day Off	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Worship 10 AM <i>Elder's Meeting</i>			<i>Stewardship Meeting 3:30 PM</i>	Book Group 10 AM	Pastor Day Off	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Worship 10 AM <i>Potluck</i>	Board 5 PM			B. Bunch 8 AM <i>Book Group 10 AM</i>	Pastor Day Off	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Worship 10 AM	Food 4 Friends 1 PM			Book Group 10 AM	Pastor Day Off	

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*It reads fine, but couldn't you think
of a punchier title than 'Deuteronomy'?*

Saturday Evening Post, 1961