

Newsletter

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Serving the congregation and friends of
Northwest Church
Disciples of Christ



A “GENTLE” REMINDER

Dear Northwest family and friends,

What does church mean to you? For some, it is a place to re-energize their faith at the beginning of the week. For others, it's a cozy fellowship where they can share their stories over a cup of coffee. For others, it's a place to offer their gifts in worship. For others, it's not a place but a way to be a follower of Jesus. There is no one way to think of church. It is a place, the people, the fellowship, and the stories.

As we begin our yearly stewardship campaign, asking what the church means to you is important. We mark what is important in our lives in several ways. We let others know what we care about through our presence and participation. We also show what is important through our financial support. Your presence in worship is important.

Your participation in church activities is important.

So is your financial support. What does church mean to you? Is it important enough to support the work of this congregation? I hope it is.

Blessings, *Pastor Miriam*

BOY SCOUTS GARDEN BED

The kids of the Richland Co-op planted radish seeds on the first day of school in early September. After the trial period of growth this fall, we will make good use of the garden bed come springtime. **Let your ideas bloom and please reach out in spring to start planting!** This is a great opportunity to share tips and learn about the basics.

END OF WORSHIP SERIES

The September worship series titled “Come to the Table” has come to an end. We explored topics of Hospitality, Love, Grace, and Joy. We shifted our communion service from in the pews to coming forward together. We decided to keep an opening short song to open the service. Our table is open!

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Every week this past month, a small group of members met on a Thursday morning in the parlor to talk about reading the book “Holy Envy” by Barbara Brown Taylor. They shared stories of basement prayer rooms, seeing elaborate mysterious temples overseas, and understanding the Old Testament through a historical lens.

Instead of a book, the next era of the group will focus on journal or news articles on faith related topics from credited publishing sources or authors. **Have you read an interesting article lately?** Submit a link or a paper copy to Pastor!

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome Tom and Ila Pitkin! We would like to reinforce the spelling of their names to help everyone get on the same page. **Tom and Ila (I-L-A) Pitkin (singular)**. No photo here, but if you aren't sure who they are, please take a moment to ask a deacon or Pastor Miriam and introduce yourself!

MUSIC MINISTRY

If you have a desire to see our Sunday worship expand, don't hesitate to reach out and get involved. **From Bell Choir to Singing Ensemble to the Sunday Song Leaders**, there's a place for everyone and room to make new places.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Once a year, we send a letter to members and friends of Northwest Church. It is a formal outline of our church's need for financial support. The envelope includes a small gray 2024 "Pledge Card" with instructions to return it by the end of the month or as soon as possible.

The amount you write down is not a set-in-stone commitment, rather your best guess of your expected monthly donation based on your current circumstances. It is completely private and no one will ever mention this information to you (unprompted) or to anyone else.

This is a longstanding tradition in our church. **We love and cherish every friend of Northwest, regardless of financial status, time constraints or physical/mental ability.**

Once the Stewardship Team has received most of the cards back, they start outlining the proposed budget for the next year. They bring it to the board to make the tough choices. This could mean cutting certain community programs if we can't afford to continue them or moving things around to accommodate new ideas to our services.

Once the proposed budget is ready, the church votes on the plan at the annual meeting in November. The annual meeting is traditionally on a Sunday after service.

If pledging for the next year seems confusing, please reach out to Pastor Miriam or John Lawson, Chair of the Stewardship Committee. This includes any hard questions you may have. Every individual contribution is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

WITNESS OF THE SAINTS

Sunday, SEPT 03

In Finance:

Loose Offering	\$10.00
Food 4 Friends	\$10.00
Rent TOPS	\$62.50
General Fund	\$1,285.00
Total	\$1,367.50

Sunday, SEPT 10

In Finance:

Loose Offering	\$50.00
Rent Free Spirit	\$62.50
Rent Rush Hour	\$62.50
Rent MNST	\$62.50
Rent Craft Group	\$137.50
General Fund	\$1,110.00
Total	\$1,485.50

Sunday, SEPT 16

In Finance:

Loose Offering	\$5.00
Food 4 Friends	\$75.00
General Fund	\$750.00
Total	\$830.00

Sunday, SEPT 24

In Finance:

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General Fund	\$1,975.00
Total	\$2,100.00

AVG MONTHLY BUDGET IS \$13,346.

AVG ATTENDANCE IS 30 IN PEWS, 5 ONLINE.

50in25 UPDATE

\$20,850.93



Dec. 2025

OCTOBER LINE UP

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

PROPOSED NOVEMBER LINE UP

Date	Nov 5	Nov 12	Nov 19	Nov 26
Elder	<i>Joanna</i>	<i>Brad</i>	<i>Mike</i>	<i>Onnie</i>
Worship	<i>Joyce</i>	<i>Onnie</i>	<i>Toma</i>	<i>Joe</i>
Song	<i>Sue J</i>	<i>Anna</i>	<i>Sue J</i>	<i>Anna</i>
Counters	<i>Dalene</i> <i>Jim K</i>	<i>John</i> <i>Pat</i>	<i>Nancy</i> <i>Aleks</i>	<i>Donna W</i> <i>Sue J</i>
Deacons	<i>Donna W</i> <i>Candace</i> <i>Joe</i>	<i>Jim J</i> <i>Dalene</i> <i>Sue J</i>	<i>Jim K</i> <i>Anna</i> <i>Bea</i> <i>Ralph</i>	<i>John</i> <i>Nancy</i>
Audio	<i>Aaron</i>	<i>Aaron</i>	<i>Aaron</i>	<i>Aaron</i>
Coffee Hour	<i>Nov 05: Donna, Candace, Bea</i>			

OCTOBER 2023

Happy Birthdays!

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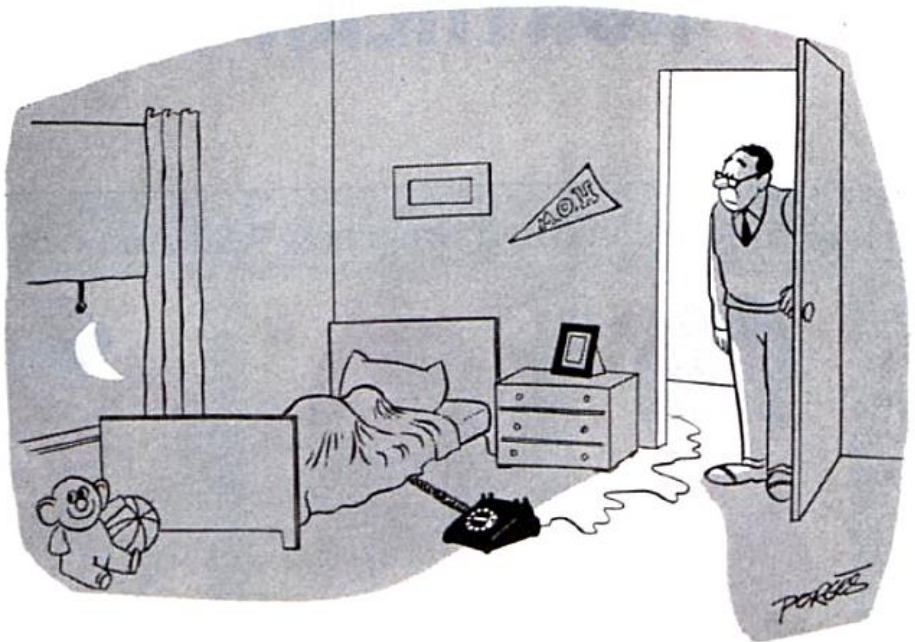
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 Worship 10 AM Coffee Hour	02 Sue L	03	04 Handbells 10 AM	05 Breakfast Bunch 8 AM Nancy M	06 Pastor Day Off	07
08 Worship 10 AM Elder's Meeting	09	10	11 Handbells 10 AM Stewardship Meeting 3:30 PM	12 13	13 Pastor Day Off	14 Donna E Kristen V
15 Worship 10 AM	16 Cassandra H	17	18	19	20	21
22 Worship 10 AM	23	24	25 Handbells 10 AM	26 Breakfast Bunch 8 AM	27 Pastor Day Off	28
29 Worship 10 AM	30 Board 5 PM	31	Handbells 10 AM		Pastor Day Off	
Worship 10 AM	Food 4 Friends 1 PM					

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Saturday Evening Post, 1961