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**[Human Trafficking:
Breaking the Bonds
of Modern Day Slavery](#)**

Oct 2nd @ 6:30pm



Dear friends,

Young animals —young mammals especially — love to play. Half the internet, it seems, is devoted to chronicling this phenomenon, and

only the very disciplined and somber can resist a playful puppy or a frolicking lamb or a baby seal with a ball.

We human beings love to play, well beyond our early years. But play is about more than fun; it's a way for creatures to learn important lessons. It's how we explore the world for the first time and see what our bodies are capable of. It's how we learn to hunt for food, avoid predators, and defend our territory. And for animals that live in groups, play is how we teach each other social etiquette: We learn about boundaries, gentleness, authority, fair play, sharing, teamwork, and communication.

If play can teach us so much about our world, our communities, and ourselves, then perhaps it can also teach us something about our faith. Last weekend, our congregation got together to play games, sing songs, tell stories, and eat. While most of the actual playing was done by our very energetic youth, we were all invited to have a little fun. And as it turns out, Northwest is pretty good at letting loose!

Playfulness and fun are such critical parts of church life — we can't spend all of our time together in serious contemplation or service projects or planning meetings. We have to embrace the joy and zest for life that is at the heart of our faith, the playfulness that allows us to practice playing nicely with others and experiment with new ways of doing things. Because of course, play is also recreation — re-creation — giving us an opportunity to be refreshed and renewed and to bring new ideas into existence.

I am so grateful to all of those who spent last weekend (in body or in spirit) with the church, sharing food and laughter and song with friends and neighbors. I hope that we might have many more creative, relaxing, and joyful moments together! It is so good to be your pastor.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Liv

BITS & PIECES

A SPECIAL THANKS TO . . .

Our BBQers extraordinaire—**John Hansens** (at movie night) and **Glen Gibbons** (at the campout) . . . **Shirley Wolf, Onnie Adams** and **Pastor Liv Gibbons** for removing the Parlor wallpaper in preparation for painting . . . **Elijah Buck** for his informative ham radio presentation . . . **Mike Dodson** for sharing the slides from their Italian adventure . . . **Brenton Nundahl** and **Jesse Brinson-Wagner** for leading the campout sing-along (with sound effects by **Christopher Thorson**) . . . **Jim & Sue Jewett, Mike & Nancy Dodson, Donna & Connie Eckard, Wilbur & Jinny Howser,** and **Donna Whiteside** for doing the lion's share of the campout set-up and take-down . . . **Cassandra Humphreys, Mike Dodson,** and **Brad Butherus** for manning

the breakfast grill, flipping pancakes, making sure everyone got fed and then cleaning up afterwards . . . **Kathy & Mike Spears** for arranging for our fantastic special guest musicians, **My King's Blessing** . . . and a VERY BIG THANK YOU to **Shirley Wolf** for getting our new Parlor blinds for 1/2 off!!!



SPECIAL OCTOBER DATES - 2014

- * Ministerial Appreciation Month, *October 1st-31st*
- * World Communion Sunday, *October 5th*
- * DWM Brunch, *October 11th*
- * Board Meeting, *October 12th*
- * Columbus Day Observance, *October 13th*
- * Parent's Night Out, *October 17th*
- * Heritage Sunday, *October 26th*
- * Reformation Day, *October 31st*
- * Halloween, *October 31st*

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES BRUNCH

In October the Disciples Women's Ministry will meet **Saturday, October 11th at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor.** Unless there is a conflict, they meet the second Saturday of every month throughout the school year. All women of the church are automatically members, so don't get left out! Please plan to join us for a year of good food, fellowship and study.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY—OCTOBER 5TH



This coming Sunday is World Communion Sunday. A time for congregations to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. This has become a day when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. We remember that we are part of the whole body of believers. Christians celebrate the communion liturgy in as many ways as there are congregations. Please join us as we welcome visitor Reverend James Dyson as part of our World Communion Sunday service.

LIFEGROUP CHANGING!

Our Tuesday night LifeGroup has come to the end of its six month covenant and has decided to open the group back up to include new members and change its study focus from the Psalms to Christian literature. Beginning Tuesday, October 21st and ending Tuesday, November 11th (Veteran's Day) we will be discussing *Holy the Firm* by Pulitzer Prize winning Annie Dillard. Please join us as we embark on this new adventure!

WARM CLOTHING NEEDED FOR WHITE SWAN

It's that time of year again and we have begun collecting warm coats and clothing for the *Yakama Christian Mission*. Please place your new and gently used coats and warm clothing donations in the collection box in the Narthex before the end of October. Ralph and Bea Pohto will again deliver them to White Swan before the cold weather sets in.

Human Trafficking: Breaking the Bonds of Modern Day Slavery

**Thursday
October 2nd
@ 6:30pm**

In order to bring an end to human trafficking, we have to get educated! Join Lura Powell of the *Tri Cities Soroptimist Against Trafficking* (TCSAT) and your friends at Northwest for a special presentation in the Fellowship Hall. Learn how this activity is hurting our neighbors and what we can do to help. Refreshments will be provided.

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery, and it's happening right here in the United States.

National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC)

1-888-373-7888

email: NHTRC@PolarisProject.org

Text HELP or INFO to BeFree (233733)

TOLL-FREE | 24 Hours/day, 7 Days/week

Confidential | Interpreters available

WHO ARE THE VICTIMS?

Victims are forced to provide labor or commercial sex, and can be:

- U.S. citizens or foreign nationals
- Men, women, or children

WHERE DOES HUMAN TRAFFICKING HAPPEN?

Human trafficking can happen in many situations, including in:

- Commercial sex industry (street prostitution, strip clubs, fake massage businesses, escort services, brothels, internet)
- Factories (industrial, garment, meat-packing)
- Farms, landscaping, or construction
- Peddling rings, begging rings, or magazine crews
- Private homes (housekeepers, nannies, or servile marriages)
- Restaurants, bars, and other service industries (nail or hair salons)



Fun Times at Northwest!



**Potluck BBQ
Movie Night!**



**1st Annual
All-Church
Campout**



Upcoming Events



Beginning October 17th, the third Friday of the month will become a special occasion for harried parents in the Tri-Cities. Northwest United Protestant Church will be offering a new service—for very little money!

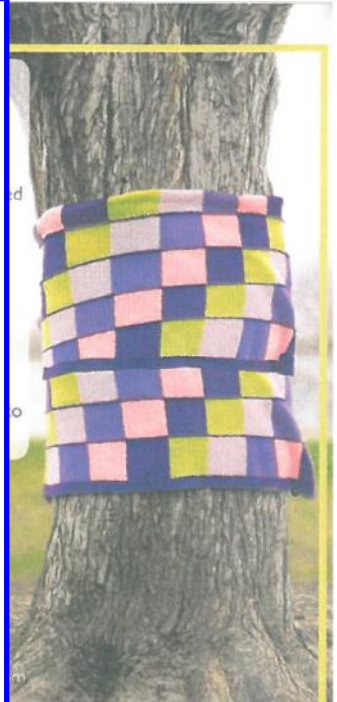
For only \$5 a child (with a family limit of \$15) our Parent's Night Out program

will entertain their children (ages 6 months old thru 6th grade) for 4 hours, from 6pm to 10pm. The program will include dinner, games, stories, crafts, and possibly even a movie. So mark your calendars and tell all your friends.

**Parent's Night Out @ NWUP Church
6pm to 10 pm
Friday, October 17th!**

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP PLANS YARN BOMBING!

Members of Northwest's *Prayer Shawl Ministry* group have decided to "branch out" this fall by adopting a tree in Howard Amon Park to adorn with it's very own prayer shawl. This will be part of the *Richland Parks and Recreation Department's* "Sweater Weather: Fashion for the Urban Forest" project on display beginning October 4th. Everyone is invited to "get in on the action" by attending one of our meetings (Wednesdays at 6:15pm or Thursdays at 1pm in the Parlor) or by contributing a piece of hand knit, crochet, or woven fabric to decorate our tree. Our adopted tree is 11" in diameter and 34.56" in circumference.



PLEASE!!!



Remember
the
**Food
Bank**

Fall has arrived and everyone is busy falling back into their normal routines and preparing for the upcoming holidays. Unfortunately, hunger knows no season. The local Food Bank shelves are bare and each week more and more people show up on their doorstep asking for assistance. Please remember the Food Bank the next time you shop and drop a little extra in their basket in the Library.

RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES @ YOUR CHURCH

The church participates in Richland's curbside recycling program. The following items can be placed in the blue bin located next to the shed by the Education Building.

Paper/Cardboard—newspaper, catalogs, phonebooks, printer paper, junk mail, greeting cards, flattened pressboard boxes, cores from paper towels and wrapping paper.

Metal—tin and aluminum cans, small metal.

Plastic—containers with a neck smaller than the base and the number 1 thru 7 on the bottom. No clear cups, pill bottles, butter or yogurt tubs.

What is not acceptable? Glass, food waste, dirty or unsanitary items or containers, batteries, **plastic bags (please remove)**, hazardous waste, light bulbs, or aerosol cans.

OTHER RECYCLE OPPORTUNITIES AT NWUP CHURCH



- 1) Printer Ink cartridges can be left in the box in the Narthex.
- 2) Hotel travel size shampoos, conditioners, soaps, cell phones, cords and chargers are collected in the red basket in the Library in the Sanctuary.

Training Opportunities

Please contact the church office—nwupchurch@nwupchurch.org or 946-3222—if interested in either of these training opportunities.

HELP! I'M A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

A webinar from Lexington Theological Seminary

Led by Dr. Claire Bischoff

Adjunct Professor of Religious Education

Saturday, October 11, 2014; 1:30 – 3:30 PM

Whether you were born to be a Sunday School teacher or just got roped into it before you could say No, this webinar is for you. Not only will you be convinced that you are just the right person for the job, you will also come away armed with practical ideas to face some of the most daunting aspects of teaching, including:

- *Creative ways to pray with your class*
- *Tried and true methods for beginning discussion (and keeping it going)*
- *Insider tips for group management*
- *Fresh ways to engage scripture – and more!*

Palliative Companion Volunteer Opportunity

A Palliative Companion is a volunteer opportunity to join a small specialty care team to come alongside persons in a frail stage of life dealing with advanced illness. As a Palliative Companion you will collaborate with a Nurse Practitioner, volunteer nurse and other caregivers to help patients cope and find their hope and meaning. You will also encourage family conversations and planning.

Thirty hours of training will be provided by professional chaplains on a variety of topics for this unique kind of care giving.

Training begins October 25, after which you have several service options. You may choose to serve persons in your congregation as part of your congregation's ministry program, or persons in your congregation in coordination with [The Chaplaincy](#), or persons in the community as part of The Chaplaincy's Community Palliative Care program.

WITNESS OF THE SAINTS

Friday, September 5
BBQ/Movie Night: 34

Sunday, September 7:

Worship: 66
 Christian Education: 11
 Nursery: 4

In Finance:

General Fund	\$ 3,161.50
TOPS Rent	50.00
NA Rent (Steps)	50.00
School Supplies	20.00
Food Bank	20.00
Total	\$ 3,301.50

Sunday, September 21:

Worship: 50
 Christian Education: 8
 Nursery: 4

In Finance:

General Fund	\$ 1,741.53
Youth Program	326.00
School Supplies	100.00
Food Bank	10.00
Total	\$ 2,177.53

Sunday, September 14:

Worship: 60
 Christian Education: 13
 Nursery: 4

In Finance:

General Fund	\$ 1,935.75
Building Fund	230.00
School Supplies	50.00
Youth Program	20.00
Total	\$ 2,235.75

Saturday, September 27

All-Church Campout: 45

Sunday, September 28:

Worship: 54
 Christian Education: 4
 Nursery: 3

In Finance:

General Fund	\$ 1,420.50
BACA Rent	245.00
Food Bank	20.00
Total	\$ 1,685.50

**MISSING BIRTHDAY OR
ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS?**

If you are new to NWUP (within the last year) and are feeling a little left out because your birthday and/or anniversary has been left off the list, it's because the secretary isn't psychic and you haven't provided her with that information yet. Please fill out a New Member Information Sheet (located on the back table in the Sanctuary) or email the office— nwupchurch@nwupchurch.org— so we can help celebrate your special days.

Serving Sundays

	October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26
Elders	S. Jewett	M. Dodson	J. Hansens	C. Eckard
Worship Leader	O. Adams	C. Eckard	B. Butherus	S. Hall-Mullen
Deacons Bold names are Team Leaders	Team 1- J. Willis D. Eckard S. Wolf C. Eckard	Team 2- S. Jewett J. Jewett J. Groom L. Groom	Team 3- N. Dodson B. LeVeque K. Divine P. Cahow	Team 4- J. Kion A. Kion D. Whiteside P. Medina P. Garcia
Sound	R. Pohto	R. Pohto	H. Galpin	H. Galpin
Counters	J. Hansens B. Jenson	A. Willis J. Jakes	J. Kion J. Willis	D. Whiteside S. Jewett
Greeter	S. Krueger	S. Hall-Mullen	S. Hall-Mullen	D. Whiteside
Nursery	L. Groom	D. Gratton	D. Eckard	P. Snider
Sunday School	J. Hansens	J. Kion	S. Hall-Mullen	J. Willis
SS Help	J. Groom	O. Adams	S. O'Hara	N. Dodson

October



Birthdays & Anniversaries

5-Chanthone Souriyavongsa	15-Wilbur Howser
9-Elijah Buck	15-Joyce Jakes
10-Cassandra Humphrys	16-Jinny & Wilbur Howser
11-Mike & Nancy Dodson	20-Melvin Adams
14-Donna Eckard	27-Doris Barott
14-Ann & John Williams	29-Larry Hansmeier
14-Joyce & Stan Willis	31-Matt O'Hara
14-Neil Allen	31-Bethany Jenson



"So, how long have you lived off the church's love offerings?"

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