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Remember
the
**Food
Bank**

this holiday season!



Dear friends,

The cashier was doing her best to stay calm and sweet, but you could tell she was flustered. The woman she was serving was upset over some

coupon that hadn't worked the way she'd hoped and she was really letting the cashier have it.

The poor cashier was trying everything she could to apply the discount, with the customer muttering angry little protests all the while. The cashier's cheeks flushed red as the line behind the woman grew longer and longer. But eventually she figured out some solution to pacify her customer, and the woman stomped off into the gloomy day.

The next woman in line moved to the register. The cashier rallied and politely asked how her day was going, and if she'd found what she needed. The woman smiled. "All is well. How are you?" The cashier looked up at her with blushing cheeks and said smiled hesitantly "Oh, I'm fine, I guess." They exchanged little pleasantries, the customer exuding calm and warmth, such a contrast to the angry woman who'd just left. She gave the cashier a cheery "thank you!" and headed out the door.

A man took her place at the counter. "How are you today, sir?" asked the cashier. The blush was gone. "I'm well, thank you!" he boomed. "How're you doing?" "I'm good," she said with a little smile. They chatted, he said thanks, and left with his purchases. I made my way up to the cash register and put my basket on the counter. "And how are you?" the cashier asked. "Doing good, and you?" I replied. "I'm really good, thanks!" she said with a toothy grin.

In the course of two minutes, a couple of strangers had managed to turn the cashier's rotten morning into a beautiful one. And all it took was a little patience and some everyday kindness.

This church knows a thing or two about kindness and bringing a smile to people's faces. Two weeks ago, Ralph and Bea Pohto, Pat Cahow and Donna Eckard drove 100 donated coats to the

Yakama Christian Mission in White Swan. And that Sunday, you surprised your pastor with a totally unexpected celebration. I was blown away. I still don't have words to express my feelings, at least not in complete sentences. All I can say is that I felt loved and supported, and while I feel a little unworthy of such generosity and care, Pastor Appreciation Sunday will be my "happy thought" for months (maybe years?) to come.

The love of God that is manifest in this congregation is a reservoir of strength to me, one from which I draw upon every single day. I am so grateful for you, and it is your kindness that helps me greet the next person I meet with a sincere smile. I pray that I might reflect these blessings back to you, and that we will all continue to share them with one another so that we can pass them along to the whole world. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Liv

BITS & PIECES

A SPECIAL THANKS TO . . .

Ralph & Bea Pohto, Connie & Donna Eckard and Pat Cahow, our "Caravan of Care" crew that delivered coats and warm clothing destined for the Mission at White Swan . . . **Jimmy Jim (Kion & Jewett)** this year's Stewardship co-chairs for all their work on this year's Stewardship Campaign . . . **Leanne Groom** for all her work putting together the 2015 Church Budget and organizing Parent's Night Out. . . **Jan Hansens, Donna Whiteside, Shirley Wolf, Onnie Adams and Jan Brinson-Wagner** as members of the Nominating Committee putting together our slate of 2015 officers . . . **Pastor Liv Gibbons** for hanging the beautiful new banners in our Sanctuary (paid for by a generous donation from a member of our congregation) . . . **Brenton Nundahl and Jesse Brinson-Wagner** for their *Pastor's Appreciation Day* video greeting from afar plus all the generous congregational members and friends who brought gifts and cards to make this day special . . . and especially to **Doris Ayres, Onnie Adams, Connie Eckard, Mike Dodson and Donna Whiteside** (my partners in crime) who helped plan and pull off what we hope was a "surprise of a lifetime" for our dear **Pastor Liv Gibbons**.

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES BRUNCH

This month, Disciples Women's Ministry will meet **Saturday, November 8th 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 time of good food, fellowship and study.

YOUR NOMINATING COMMITTEE—HARD AT WORK!

The Nominating Committee is hard at work filling the positions of Elders and Deacons for the next few years, and members of NWUP are opening their hearts to help with the work of the Church. Many thanks go to Onnie Adams, Jan Brinson-Wagner, Jan Hansens, Donna Whiteside and Shirley Wolf for working on the Committee. Thank you to those who have already accepted positions. If you are approached, please prayerfully consider serving our congregation as a valuable member of one of these teams.

SPECIAL NOVEMBER DATES - 2014

- * All-Saint's Day, *November 1st*
- * Daylight Saving's Time ends, *November 2nd*
- * All-Saints' Day Worship Service, *November 2nd*
- * Audrey Groom Baby Dedication, *November 2nd*
- * DWM Brunch, *November 8th*
- * Board Meeting, *November 9th*
- * Isabella & Vanna Souriyavongsa Baptism, *Nov 9th*
- * Veterans' Day, *November 11th*
- * Stewardship Drive ends, *November 16th*
- * Christ the King Sunday, *November 23rd*
- * Thanksgiving Day, *November 27th*
- * Black Friday, *November 28th*
- * First Sunday of Advent, *November 30th*



A Note from the NWUP Church 2014 CARAVAN OF CARE TEAM

It was nice to make our 10-21 delivery of warm clothing to the White Swan residents, via Pastor Olson. We thank him for driving to Toppenish to meet us. It was good to see him again. Our congregation has sent clothing to the Reservation every year for several years. If there's any way the clothing items can be counted, it would be interesting. Bea and I lost count, but we estimate that there were more than 100 jacket and coats in that delivery! I know we pretty well filled the bed of that pickup.

It's sad to hear that the Log Church complex at White Swan has been sold. (It will be interesting to see what becomes of it.)

We hope to have Pastors Olson and Bell visit our church in the near future. Our congregation will be interested in meeting and greeting you and hearing about your works. If we can lure you into the Tri-Cities, maybe you could even help us out with a worship service, (with the approval of our Pastor.)

Best Wishes,

Ralph & Bea Pohio

Fall Stewardship Campaign



A WORD FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The last couple of weeks we have had members of the congregation share their thoughts on Stewardship. What is the difference between Fundraising and Stewardship, or are they the same? According to Webster's Dictionary Fundraising is the activity done to collect money for a political party, charity, school, etc., whereas Stewardship reaches beyond the horizon of

fundraising precisely because it is the working of the Holy Spirit within a person of faith. Rather than voluntary response to an appeal (Fundraising), Stewardship is spiritual discipline, forged in the desire to follow Christ. Instead of serving the self or ego in the response to Fundraising, Stewardship lives in the service of faith.

We understand that for many, tithing is a very difficult goal. The important thing is that you start somewhere, that your giving be in proportion to your income, that your giving reflects an appropriate offering to God given your means, and that your offerings express both your desire to serve the Lord and invest in God's work. If you are not yet tithing, consider taking a step toward tithing this year. For example, if you now give 3% of your income, consider increasing your gift to 4%, and add 1% per year until you reach the tithing goal. Our prayer is that everyone will grow in their faith through giving financially to the ministries of Northwest United Protestant Church.

We ask that you return you Estimate of Giving Card as soon as you can. There are two reasons why we ask every member of the Northwest family return these cards. First, the process of prayerfully asking God to guide your decision and then making a commitment to serve the Lord with your financial gifts is an act of worship, an expression of gratitude and praise to God. Secondly, on a more practical note, your commitment allows Northwest United Protestant Church to budget and better plan for our ministries, key objectives, obligations.

As of October 29th, the stewardship drive has provided about 40% of our budget. The Stewardship drive will continue for another two weeks (until Nov. 16th) at which time the Church Board will need to review the Estimates of Giving against the proposed budget. Thanks go to Brad Butherus, Jim Jewett, and Jan Hansens for their meditations.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this note. Thank you and God bless each of you.

Your Stewardship team
Jim Kion & Jim Jewett



THANKSGIVING FOOD BANK DRIVE

Most recent figures indicate that the Tri Cities Food Bank serves over 130,000 individuals each year, and 40% of those are children. The TCFB is a volunteer driven nonprofit with no paid employees. Around the Holidays, the demand for their services is especially crucial to families right here in our community.

NWUP Church has a history of generous support of the Food Bank. Our Thanksgiving and Christmas focus will be to help fill their pantries with food to fill the stomach and soul. The people served may be your neighbors, even your friends. Please give generously to our Food Bank efforts! We will place items in the back of the Sanctuary and watch them grow while at the same time helping those less fortunate than ourselves. The Thanksgiving delivery to the Food Bank will be November 24th, so when you are shopping, be sure and pick up a few extra items for those in need. Thank you for helping those less fortunate than ourselves!

Your Social Concerns Chair
Jan Hansens



Youth Happenings



YOUTH LOCK-IN

Our middle and high school youth will be hosting an all-region youth lock-in on November 22nd-23rd from 3pm Saturday afternoon to 1pm on Sunday! Youth from all over the region have been invited. Each participant and their parent or guardian needs to complete a Permission/Medical Release Form before they will be allowed to participate. If you know someone who would like to

attend, extra forms are available on the table at the back of the Sanctuary. There will be movies, games and fun for all!

BAPTISMS

Please plan to attend our regular worship service this coming Sunday, November 9th. It will be a special day for two of the Souriyavongsa clan as Isabella and her grandmother Vanna are baptized. Isabella has been attending training classes with Jim Kion (her chosen mentor) and Pastor Liv for the past 6 weeks in preparation for this important life event.

YOUTH ROOM PAINTING

In case you haven't heard, our Youth Group has been hard at work refurbishing their meeting place with a fresh coat of paint. Stay tuned for further developments—perhaps they will invite the congregation to an Open House when they have completed their “remodel?”

SUNDAY SCHOOL ADVENT SERIES

Beginning November 30th, our regular Sunday School class will be embarking on a new series of lessons modified from the *Worship and Wonder* material to help them learn about and appreciate the Advent season. Each week they will be lighting a candle on their classroom Advent wreath and learning about its color and significance to the different parts of the Christmas story.

SAYING FAREWELL (BUT NOT FOREVER!)



This coming Sunday, Nov. 9th, will be our last Sunday with the Groom family for a while. Jeremy has accepted a temporary promotional opportunity in Dallas, Texas. Happily, they will be returning the end of February.



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.

WITNESS OF THE SAINTS

Sunday, October 5

Worship: 55
 Christian Education: 6
 Nursery: 5

In Finance:

General Fund	\$ 3,843.56
Copier Buyout	1,300.00
Banners	500.00
Building Fund	85.00
NA Rent	50.00
Reconciliation Fund	5.00
World Communion	5.00
Total	\$ 5,788.56

Sunday, October 12:

Worship: 56
 Christian Education: 7
 Nursery: 5

In Finance:

General Fund	\$ 1,660.75
NA Rent	100.00
TOPS Rent	50.00
Food Bank	10.00
Total	\$ 1,820.75



Friday

October 17

**Parent's
 Night Out: 6**

NOVEMBER



Sunday, October 19:

Worship: 40
 Christian Education: 6
 Nursery: 0

In Finance:

General Fund	\$ 714.00
Food Bank	5.00
Total	\$ 719.00

Sunday, October 26:

Worship: 48
 Christian Education: 6
 Nursery: 4

In Finance:

General Fund	\$ 1,404.93
Food Bank	23.00
Total	\$ 1,427.93

Serving Sundays

	Nov 2	Nov 9	Nov 16	Nov 23	Nov 30
Elders	D. Ayres	D. Ayres	M. Dodson	S. Jewett	C. Eckard
Worship Leader	O. Adams	C. Eckard	S. Hall-Mullen	S. Hall-Mullen	D. Ayres
Deacons Team Leaders in BOLD	Team 1- D. Eckard C. Eckard S. Wolf D. Whiteside	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 P. Medina P. Garcia D. Whiteside	Team 4- J. Kion A. Kion P. Medina P. Garcia D. Whiteside
Sound	H. Galpin	R. Pohto	H. Galpin	H. Galpin	R. Pohto
Counters	B. Jenson J. Willis	J. Jakes A. Willis	J. Kion J. Willis	S. Jewett D. Whiteside	S. Jewett D. Whiteside
Greeter	S. Krueger	M. & G. O'Hara	B. Butherus	D. Whiteside	D. Whiteside
Nursery	E. Buck	D. Gratton	C. Eckard	D. Ayres	TBA
Sunday School	S. Hall-Mullen J. Willis	J. Kion M. O'Hara P. Cahow	J. Hansens P. Cahow	J. Willis P. Cahow	P. Cahow S. Hall-Mullen
Hospitality	J. Jakes J. Willis B. LeVeque	S. Jewett L. Groom A. Kion	N. Dodson B. Pohto F. & C. White	D. Ayres D. Whiteside M. & P. Coon	D. Gratton S. Wolf



Birthdays & Anniversaries

1-Doris & Jeff Ayres
2-Clara Berkey
4-Frances White
7-Paola Medina
9-Bill Kendrick

12-Holly & Shawn Espinosa
25-Tami Arntzen
26-Zane David Arntzen
28-Jim & Anna Kion
30-Bea Pohto



"Whew...the three T's stand for 'Time, Treasure and Talents.' I thought you might ask me to give my Telephone, TV and Teddy."

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