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Northwest United Protestant Church**



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Dear Friends,

Northwest Church, how do I love thee? Let me count the ways.

I love how prayerful and passionate our Elders are. You are always on their minds.

I love how deeply the Sunday School teachers and Nursery team care for our Littles.

I love how much the choir loves to sing together — hearing them warm up in the parlor while we set up for worship is good medicine.

I love that every time a family needs something or Jefferson Elementary asks for supplies, the church makes it happen.

I love how seriously this community takes scripture. You are curious about the Bible and you ask good questions. You respect the beauty, the power, and the mystery of our text and you listen carefully. I see you living the Good News every day.

I love that folks will stay after church on a bad-weather day to talk about who we are as a congregation and to start casting a vision of who we'd like to be.

I love that Northwest is the kind of place where a bunch of us will show up to learn about ancient shamanic art.

I love that we are different.

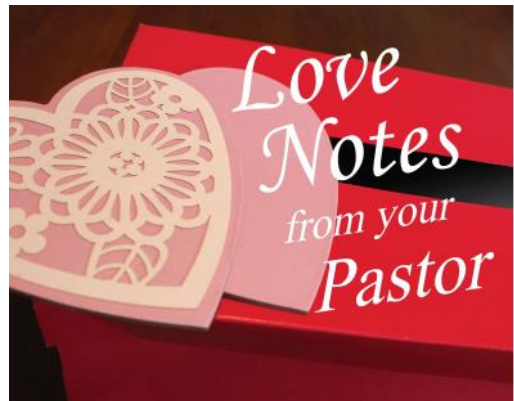
I love that despite our differences, we all love God and his people fiercely.

Church, I see Christ alive in you,
and it makes me so proud to be
your pastor.

Happy Valentine's Day,
Northwest!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Liv



BITS & PIECES

A SPECIAL THANKS TO . . .

Pastor Liv Gibbons, Jim Jewett and especially **AJ Smith** (*who made an eleventh hour run to Ace Hardware for more ice melt*) for their valiant and creative efforts to make our walkways safe after our episode of freezing rain on Sunday, February 5th . . . **April Willis** for helping people walk to the church from their cars . . . **Joyce Willis** for filling in at the Nursery when the entire Brown family came down sick . . . again to **Randy Nundahl (& Brenton)** for being willing to continue as our temporary custodian (s) while the Board figures out how to deal with **Bob LeVeque** retirement . . . and a continuing great big thank you to **Tracy Klemesrud** for keeping our parking lots (*and some of our walkways*) plowed (who could ever have predicted winter would last sooo looong)!

SPECIAL FEBRUARY DATES - 2017

- * African-American History Month, *February 1st—28th*
- * Elder's Meeting, *February 1st*
- * Souper Bowl Sunday, *February 5th*
- * Boy Scout Sunday, *February 5th*
- * Young Adult Week, *February 5th-12th*
- * Board Meeting, *February 7th*
- * Breakfast Bunch, *February 9th*
- * Valentine's Day, *February 14th*
- * Week of Compassion, *February 19th-26th*
- * Presidents Day, *February 20th*
- * Breakfast Bunch, *February 23rd*
- * Transfiguration of Our Lord, *February 26th*
- * Food 4 Friends, *February 28th*
- * Ash Wednesday, *March 1st*
- * 1st Sunday in Lent, *March 5th*

Be sure to verify or make changes to your personal information for the *Church Directory* on one of the two clipboards or call the church office @ 942-3222. Once we have everyone's correct information we will send out/publish the new directory making it easier for you to contact your friends here at Northwest!

Timeshare Drawing

Sunday
February 26th

(right after worship)

Please contact
church office
(509) 946-3222 or
office@nwup.church
if interested.

It's that time of year again! Northwest Church owns a Hawaiian timeshare at the *Imperial Hawaii Resort* at Waikiki and each year we raffle off the opportunity to spend 7 days & 6 nights on Oahu within walking distance of the beach for the cost of our annual membership fee (approximately \$700). The \$700 is for lodging only; all other costs are up to you. Any church member or regular attendee can add their name to the drawing for free. Please contact the church office if you would like to be included in the drawing for the year 2018 which will be held **Sunday, February 26th immediately following service.**

What are YOU doing for Lent?

3/1/17—ASH WEDNESDAY

DINNER & SERVICE

This year Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls on March 1st and Northwest will be hosting the light supper and worship service that we share every year with our friends from *Shalom United Church of Christ*. So be sure to mark your calendars for **6:00**

pm on Wednesday, March 1st for food, prayers & fellowship in the *Northwest United Protestant Church Fellowship Hall*.



Lenten Meal



3/5-4/9/17—SUNDAY NIGHT

LENTEN DINNER AND STUDY

Sunday evenings beginning **March 5th @ 6:00 pm** and running through **Palm Sunday on April 9th**, come share supper at Pastor Liv's house followed by a Lenten bible study. The main

course of soup will be provided while everyone else is asked to bring either bread, a salad, or a dessert. There will be a sign-up sheet when this event gets a little closer. Children are definitely welcome.



3/8-4/12/17—WEDNESDAY EVENING

PRAYER SERVICE

Spend your Wednesday evenings during Lent with your friends in prayer. **Every Wednesday, beginning March 8th through April 12th @ 6:00 pm** we will gather in the Sanctuary for a contemplative, candlelight service. Everyone is welcome, so be sure to tell your friends.



UNITY IN COMMUNITY

2017 Youth Winter Retreat

Youth Winter Retreat, Camp Koinonia, Cle Elum

Event: Friday, March 10, 2017 (All day)
to Sunday, March 12, 2017 (All day)

Please mark your calendars and share with the the middle- and high-school youth in your life that the next annual *Youth Winter Retreat* is set for **March 10-12** at Camp Koinonia in Cle Elum!

The Regional Youth Commission is hard at work developing a fabulous weekend that will focus on Unity in Community and they're excited to have Keynote Speaker Rev. Rebecca Sumner (Everett's Common Table church) coming to share her talents and ministry with the retreat.

Extra! Extra!! Announced January 25

The Zephyr Heritage Fund Board has made its first grant toward the continuing enrichment of youth and outdoor ministry in the Northwest Region. **With great generosity, they have announced that the Zephyr Heritage Fund will provide 1/2 scholarships for ALL youth attending the March 10-12 Youth Winter Retreat and all Adult Sponsors who attend will receive a 100% scholarship.** You read that right! Fees for youth to attend the weekend event will be \$55 with the scholarship, and adult sponsors will not need to make any payment toward attending.

Registration requirements are still in effect - **youth and adults must register by February 22**, adults must have a current Adult Volunteer/Counselor application on file. If an over-payment is received, reimbursement of the appropriate amount will be processed as quickly as possible.

We hope the dramatically reduced cost to attend will encourage even more youth (6th-12th grades) to attend!

You can find other event details and a downloadable registration form at the event's web page: <http://www.disciplesnw.org/event/youth-winter-retreat-camp-koinonia-cle-elum>



You are here

Week of Compassion in Action

Currently assisting the people in Northern California who are affected by the evacuation orders of the Oroville dam spillway. *First Christian Church of Chico* is serving as one of the shelter sites.

[3/28/17—FOOD 4 FRIENDS IS MOVING!](#)

It's only temporary but . . . with the Prayer Shawls Group and the Choir moving to Monday nights for a while, *Food 4 Friends* has decided to change night so they won't conflict. If you'd like to get in on the fun, meet us in the **Fellowship Hall, TUESDAY, February 28th @ 3pm**. All skill levels are welcome. Just bring your helping hands and maybe some fresh fruit or veggies to share. Desserts are also always welcome. We provide the recipes and main ingredients. We usually finish up between 4 and 5pm but if you can't make it until later in the day, just let us know you are coming and we'll put you to work helping deliver the goodies. This has been one of the church's most successful programs that has proved a God-send to some of our sick, elderly or homebound members, so come on out, make some new friends, and spread some love around!



[3/20/17—NORTHWEST PRIDE](#)

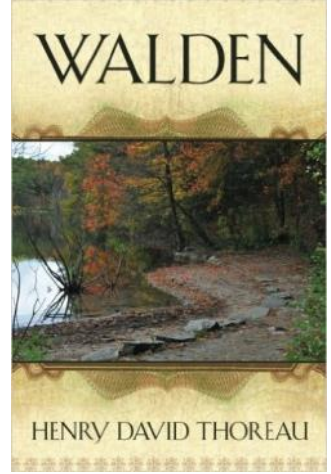
Who could have imagined—two published authors in a congregation our size! Member **Matt Kincaid** has a new book coming out in paperback on March 20th—“**Permission to Speak Freely: How the Best Leaders Cultivate a Culture of Candor**” by Matt Kincaid and Doug Crandall. Currently available on Audiobook (Amazon/Audible) and Kindle.

New Book in the Library

Walden

by Henry David Thoreau
(reviewed by Mel Adams, Librarian)

In 1845, Henry David Thoreau moved into a cabin by Walden Pond near Concord Massachusetts. He cut himself off from human society and lived in the cabin for two years. His sojourn in the cabin was an exercise in self-sufficiency, independence but most of all it was a spiritual journey. Along with chapters describing the spiritual intimacy he developed with water, ice, trees, and all the creatures living in and around the pond; he also kept a detailed accounting of his expenditures that were meager.



This quotation from Walden describes why he went to the pond and illustrates why he is one of the most gifted writers in American history and why Walden is a classic work of literature.

“I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived. ..I wanted to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life ...”

IS ALLEGIANCE COMING TO A CINEMA NEAR YOU?
FIND OUT NOW!

One showing only!
12:55pm
Sunday, Feb 19th

ALLEGIANCE
THE BROADWAY MUSICAL ON THE BIG SCREEN

@ Columbia
Center Regal
Theaters

IN CINEMAS NATIONWIDE FEB. 19TH

YOU ARE INVITED TO
VIBE MUSIC CENTER'S
PRODUCTION OF

NEVERLAND

Disney
Peter Pan JR

Music and Lyrics by
Sammy Cahn, Sammy Fain, Michelle Tumes, Xavier Atencio, George Bruns, Jack Lawrence,
Frank Churchill, Winston Hibler, Ted Sears, Oliver Wallace and Ray Kelley

Music Adapted & Arranged
and Additional Lyrics by
Eric Svejcar

Book and
Additional Lyrics by
David Zellnik

Based on the play by J.M. Barrie and the 1953 Disney Film

FEBRUARY 17th & 18th 2017

at 7:00 PM **MATINEE**
Feb. 18th @ 2pm

Uptown Theater in Richland

Adults: \$12 Students/Seniors: \$10 Matinee: \$7.50
Children 5 Years Old & Younger are FREE



Tickets may be purchased from VIBE MUSIC CENTER
418 N. Kellogg St. • Kennewick WA • 509-572-2555

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WITNESS OF THE SAINTS

Sunday, January 1:

Worship: 48
 Christian Education: 6
 Nursery: 4

In Finance:

General Fund	\$	8,392.89
Capital Campaign		270.00
Building Fund		50.00
Hospitality		20.00
Total	\$	8,732.89



January 8th
No Service!



Sunday, January 15:

Worship: 43
 Christian Education: 5
 Nursery: 4

In Finance:

General Fund	\$	1,688.00
Capital Campaign		1,220.00
NA Rent (Free Spirit)		50.00
NA Rent (Steps & Trad.)		50.00
Total	\$	3,008.00

Sunday, January 29:

Worship: 55
 Christian Education: 5
 Nursery: 4

In Finance:

General Fund	\$	2,347.00
Capital Campaign		110.00
Food Bank		30.00
Total	\$	2,487.00

Sunday, January 22:

Worship: 36
 Christian Education: 4
 Nursery: 6

In Finance:

General Fund	\$	1,575.25
Capital Campaign		145.00
TOPS Rent		50.00
Food Bank		40.00
Food 4 Friends		10.00
Total	\$	1,820.25

February Serving Sundays

	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
Elder	S. Wolf	O. Adams	B. Butherus	M. Dodson
Worship Leader	O. Adams	D. Ayres	S. Hall-Mullen	B. Butherus
Deacons Bold names are Team Leaders	Team 1- J. & S. Jewett J. Jakes J. Lawson R. & B. Nundahl	Team 2- K. Giardinelli O. Adams B. Butherus M. Kincaid E. Laughery	Team 3- L. Hansmeier N. Dodson J. Flaten J. Willis J. Brinson-Wagner	Team 4- S. Hall-Mullen R. Gifford M. & S. O'Hara G. O'Hara
Sound	R. Donahoe	J. Brinson-Wagner	R. Pohto	J. Brinson-Wagner
Counters	P. Cahow J. Willis	J. Jakes A. Willis	J. Willis S. Hall-Mullen	D. Whiteside S. Jewett
Greeter	J. Jakes	J. Jakes	L. Hansmeier	S. Hall-Mullen
Sunday School	P. Cahow K. Divine	S. Hall-Mullen P. Cahow	J. Lawson B. Pohto	J. Willis S. Jewett
Coffee Hour	S. Hall-Mullen Jewetts D. Brown	R. Gifford D. Ayres	J. Willis S. Wolf F. & C. White	D. Whiteside O'Haras Lawsons



Birthdays & Anniversaries

3-Matt Kincaid

13-Rick Phillips

15-Jeff Ayres

18-Aydia O'Hara

19-Brenda Berkey

20-Elvera Laughery

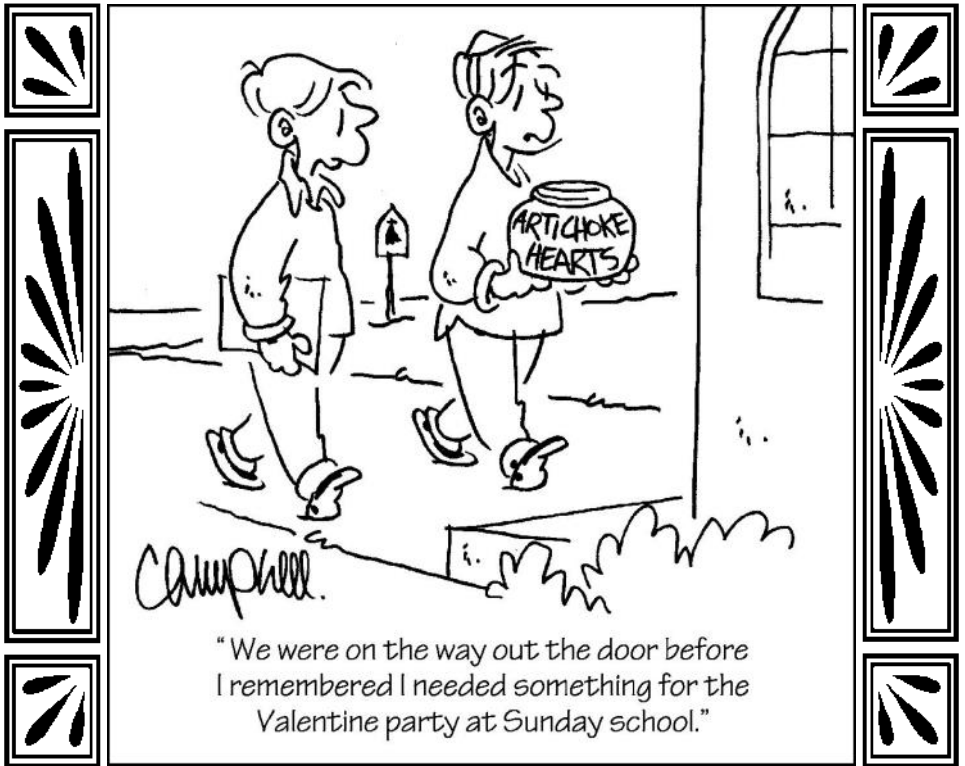
25-Lois Galpin

25-Savian Willis

26-Ryan Dudley

28-Ben Giardinelli

28-Jan Brinson-Wagner



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 Mel Adams Moderator
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 April Willis & Karen Brown. Nursery

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