

#### Northwest Reminder

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## RALLY DAY 2016 IS COMMENT Sunday, September 9th



Coffee Cart Arrives 9am
Potluck and Carnival last until Noon



#### Dear Northwest,

I want to start by first saying thank you for welcoming me into your church community for my summer internship in community outreach and development. My final event will be on Friday August 3rd from 5pm-8pm. There will be delicious food, games and great company! I hope to see you there with your friends, family, children, and grandchildren.

My last day at NWUP Church is August 12th. I will be returning to Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, WA to continue working on my degree in Social Work and Global Studies. I feel truly blessed to have been welcomed with open arms and smiles. You are all wonderful people with lots to give. May your light continue to shine! God has given you this neighborhood, and it is waiting to be loved and nurtured. We have sowed seeds of trust and goodwill here — now we need to continue to nurture and nourish our seedlings. I really hope that what we've planted with our neighbors continues to grow.

Speaking of which — thank you for your willingness to think about the community garden concept with me! The project could be ready to begin as soon as next spring if the church is interested in pursuing it. To fill in those who missed the presentation in church, the garden beds for this neighborhood garden would be built by the Master Gardeners of WSU Tri-Cities. We'd be responsible for creating access to water and building a fence (if we wanted one) — in fact, we've already received a \$1,000 donation that could go towards irrigation work or fence-building if we move ahead with the idea. In addition, World Relief has shown interest in partnering with us, as it goes along with their campaign of helping refugees become more self-sufficient and gain access to fresh, healthy produce.

I have gathered resources on how to successfully establish this garden and made contact with fellow community garden owners. I am hoping someone in the congregation would be willing to pick up where I've left off. Let me or Pastor Liv know if this sounds like your kind of ministry.

In any case, I encourage NWUP Church to continue to grow deep roots in this neighborhood. It needs you! Let your sunlight and water flow into the community.

Thank you for a memorable summer, friends, and God Bless you!

Justice Aragon

#### **BITS & PIECES**

#### A SPECIAL THANKS TO . . .

NANCY DODSON who has single handedly weeded all the flower beds and borders around the entire church grounds (and in this intense heat) . . . to Mike Dodson for his training and support for our Summer Intern, Justice Aragon . . . Candace Rawlings for her regular help with set-up and helping during church events . . . to Jan Brinson-Wagner and Brad Butherus for stepping in at the last minute to fill-in when Rick Donahoe was out-of-town . . . to Carolyn & John Lawson for all their assistance at events and for being cheerleaders urging Justice Aragon along when things got overwhelming . . . and everyone who filled in in the many different capacities as summer activities and travel interfered with our regular summer schedule.

## SPECIAL AUGUST DATES & TIMES - 2018 \* Elder's Meeting, August 1st @ 9:30am in the Parlor \* Justice's Extravaganza, August 3rd @ 5:00pm \* Stewardship & Finance, August 8th @ 3:30pm \* Breakfast Bunch, August 9th @ 7:45am at Denny's \* Board Meeting, August 21st @ 5:30pm \* Breakfast Bunch, August 23rd @ 7:45am at Denny's \* Food 4 Friends, August 27th@1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

#### **INTERN'S CORNER**



In July I met with the Rev. Sandy Messick, the Regional Minister and President of the Northwest Regional Disciples of Christ church, to discuss my call to ministry, and how I might proceed with ordination.

She was aware of my service at NWUP (thank you Pastor Liv) and was very encouraging. She explained how the process works and went through a "Handbook for Candidates" that explains all the requirements. After prayerful consideration, and many previous discussions with Liv, I have decided to start on the path for "Consideration of Ordination"

I will be meeting with the NW Disciples Commission on Ministry (COM) this fall and have started to submit formal documents to the Commission. If approved, the COM will take me "Under Care" and walk alongside me during the process. This will be a 2-3 year process which will include me finishing my MA in Theology degree. I ask for your prayers as I start on this journey to serve Christ and His church.

Yours in Christ, Rick Donahoe

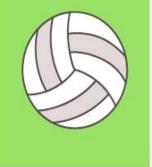


#### 8/27/18—FOOD 4 FRIENDS

Food 4 Friends will be meeting on Monday, August 27th at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall this month (their usual day and new usual time). We have a dedicated core group of culinary enthusiasts who show up to help nearly every month, but everyone is welcome! These meals have been a blessing to many families going through difficult times. No talent is necessary, just a pair of helping hands and maybe some fresh fruit or veggies to share. We'd even love a few latecomers to help deliver the goodies!



# FUN IN THE SUN WITH NWUP CHURCH



FRIDAY AUG. 3 5 - 8 PM

## FREE FOOD, MUSIC, GAMES AND MORE.

1312 Sacramento Blvd, Richland, WA 99354



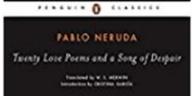
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT. JUSTICE ON WILL CHURCH

## New Book in the Library

The church library is on the honor system.

Please remember to return the books when you are finished reading them.





Thank you. Mel Adams, Librarian

#### **Twenty Love Poems** and a Song of Despair

by Pablo Neruda. translated by W.S. Merwin

#### reviewed by Mel Adams. church librarian

Chilean poet Pablo Neruda won the Nobel Prize in literature. He was a famous poet in his own country and around the world. His poems are a celebration of human love using deep metaphors from nature. It is difficult for me to decide at times whether he is

talking about a lover or nature—so freely do his lyrical metaphors intertwine. As Cristina Garcia states in the introduction to this book, "For Neruda, this tightly woven web of nature symbolism became a grid through which he could begin to make sense of his life, to explore both the spiritual and physical worlds." Neruda's poems remind me of the Old Testament book Song of Songs.

Neruda's works to me are the most spiritual that I have read—on a par with Rilke. His poems are the ultimate in love poems and nature poems. Here is an example, "... I go so far as to think that you own the universe. I will bring you happy flowers from the mountains, bluebells, dark hazels and rustic baskets of kisses. I want to do with you what spring does with the cherry trees."

Neruda is expressing his love of Chilean women while at the same time expressing his love of God's works. "Leaning into the afternoons I fling my sad nets to that sea that beats on your marine eyes. The birds of night peck at the first stars that flash like my soul when I love you. The night gallops on its shadowy mare shedding blue tassels over the land."



## **Pat Dunn**Gaither Recording Artist In Concert

Pat is a southern gospel recording artist who has traveled throughout the United States and has been honored with numerous awards. Pat's concerts are encouraging, inspiring and filled with heartwarming testimony that is shared with humor and life experiences. She sings a variety of southern gospel and traditional favorites.

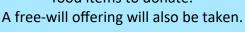
Sunday August 19 4:00 pm

Northwest Uníted Protestant Church

1312 Sacramento Blvd Ríchland, WA 99354



This concert is a benefit concert for our local FOOD BANKS. We encourage those attending to bring non-perishable food items to donate.







#### Northwest Summer Outreach Project

You're running out of time to contribute to this year's Summer Outreach Project. We've been collecting non-perishable food items for the local Food Bank since June 1st and our **last day** is **August 15th—less than 2 weeks away!** For your convenience, a basket has been provided in the church Narthex. Cash and check donations are also always appreciated. Please make your check out to Northwest, write "Food Bank" on the memo line and place it in the offering plate. Cash donations should be placed in a marked envelope. When needed, *Tri-Cities Food Bank* is able to purchase items at a reduced cost.

The *Tri-Cities Food Bank* suggests the following items for donation:

- Sugar—5 pound bags
- Flour—5 pound bags
- Rice—1 pound bags
- Beans—1 pound bags
- Dried Peas—1 pound bags
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Hamburger Helper
- Tuna Helper
- Mac & Cheese
- Fruit—all types
- Vegetables—Corn, Peas, Beans, Mixed Vegetables
- Soup
- Baby Food
- Evaporated or Powdered Milk
- Jello
- Cereal
- Cake Mix



To donate in honor or memory of someone special, or a special event, please note that with your donation and the *Food Bank* will recognize that in their newsfeed @ www.tricitiesfoodbank.org



NO CHECKS? NO PROBLEM GIVE AT

#### WITNESS OF THE SAINTS

#### Sunday, July 1:

Worship: 44

Christian Education: 5

Nursery: 4

#### In Finance:

\$ 2,800.00 General Fund Capital Campaign 1,130.00 NA Rent (Tonight/Step Mon.)50.00 NA Rent (Steps & Trad.) 50.00 NA Rent (Rush Hour) 50.00

NA Rent (Free Spirit) 50.00 **Building Fund** 25.00

Food Bank 10.00 Restitution 5.80

Total 4,170.80

#### Sunday, July 15:

Worship: 49

Christian Education: 4

Nursery: 4

#### In Finance:

\$ 1,485.50 General Fund Capital Campaign 210.00 NA Rent (Step Sisters) 100.00 Food Bank 15.00 Food 4 Friends 10.00

\$ 1,820.50 Total



#### Sunday, July 8:

Worship: 59

Christian Education: 5

Nursery: 4

#### In Finance:

General Fund 1,583.75 Capital Campaign 120.00 Property 10.00 Food Bank 5.00 \$ 1,718.75 Total

#### Sunday, July 22:

Worship: 43

Christian Education: 4

Nursery: 4

#### In Finance:

General Fund \$ 2,914.50 Community Garden 1,000.00 170.00 Capital Campaign **TOPS Rent** 50.00 Nursery 5.00 \$ 2,316.00 Total



#### Sunday, July 29:

Worship: 50

Christian Education: 4

Nursery: 5 In Finance:

2,914.50 General Fund

Capital Campaign 420.00 Fichter Memorial 200.00

Food Bank 10.00

Food 4 Friends 10.00 \$ 3,554.50 Total

#### **August Serving Sundays**

	August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
Elder	R. Donahoe	B. Butherus	O. Adams	M. Dodson
Worship Leader	S. Jewett	B. Nundahl	J. Willis	O. Adams
Deacons Bold names are Team Leaders	Team 1- S. Jewett R. Gifford C. Rawlings J. Jakes J. Lawson	Team 2- K. Giardinelli B. Nundahl O. Adams A. Kincaid E. Laughery	Team 3- D. Whiteside J. Flaten B. Neslin T. Neslin B. Miller	Team 4- S. Hall- Mullen M., S. , G. & A. O'Hara
Sound	R. Donahoe	J. Brinson- Wagner	S. Wolf	D. Dunn
Counters	S. Hall-Mullen J. Willis	J. Jakes A. Willis	J. Kion S. Hall-Mullen	D. Whiteside S. Jewett
Greeter	J. Jakes	ТВА	TBA	O'Haras
Sunday School	S. Hall-Mullen J. Jakes	J. Willis TBA	J. Lawson	J. Willis
Coffee Hour	Humphrys Lawsons R. Gifford	D. Eckard A. Kion L. Gibbons	J. Flaten J. Willis S. Hall-Mullen	T. Neslin D. Whiteside S. Wolf



### Birthdays & Anniversaries

3-Jeanne Berkey

6-Jim & Jeanne Berkey

7-Brad Butherus

7-Regina & Ken Cirolini

8-Connie & Donna Eckard

12-Matt & Alaina Kincaid

12-Ralph Pohto

12-Susie Krueger

14-Sacha O'Hara

16-Sue Jewett

16-Dustin & Carrie Ayres

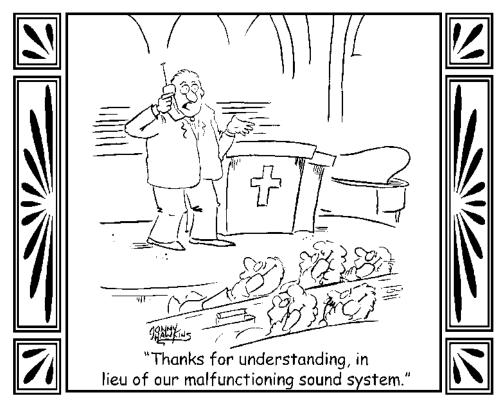
18-Margaret Munro

22-Kay Divine

26-Bryson Souriyavongsa

28-Eliza Schmidkunz

30-Pat Cahow



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Rick Donahoe	Intern
Justice Aragon	Summer Intern
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Carissa Pitkin	. Choir Director/Musician
April Willis & Courtney Rieke	Nursery

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