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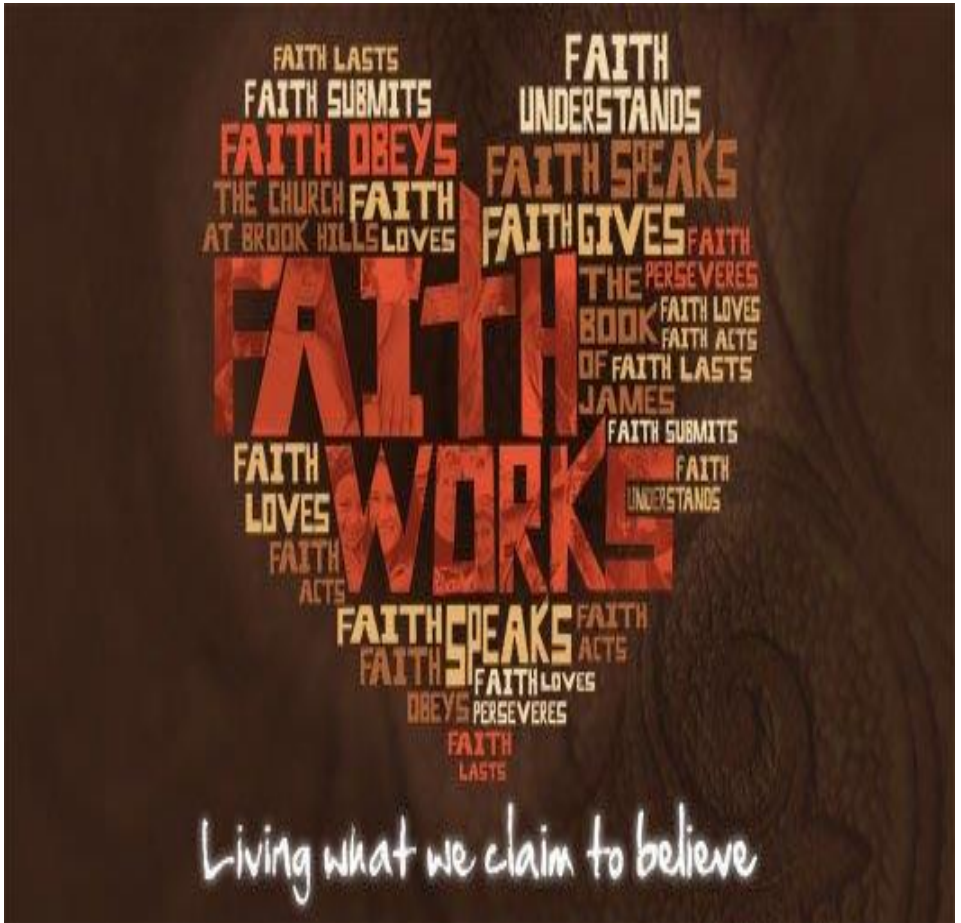
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A Newsletter serving the congregation and friends of  
**Northwest United Protestant Church**

*LOVING AND SERVING CHRIST  
IN OUR COMMUNITY AND WORLD*



## A "Gentle" Reminder



Dear NWUP members and friends:

July is the month when our national collective thoughts usually turn to fireworks and freedom, grilled hot dogs and hamburgers. Living in Washington DC for many years, I was surrounded by displays of fireworks every fourth of July. From the roof of my rowhouse I could see multiple flashes of lights throughout the city, including the famous display over the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial. Another iconic image on this national holiday is the Statue of Liberty with torch held high and bursts of fireworks behind the crowned head, a beacon of light to the world.

Although I was born in New York City, I grew up in Miami, Florida, a child of Cuban immigrants who came to this country to find a new life and new opportunities. I was fortunate to grow up in two worlds, learning two cultures and two languages. This country was certainly a beacon of hope and freedom for my Cuban relatives as it has been for so many other immigrant communities. I remember as a young child of seven, serving as an interpreter for my grandparents, newly arrived in Miami from Cuba. I learned early on that this country's strength lies in the ways it has been a haven for so many.

We are a country made stronger by the input of our immigrant communities, people whose dream is to prosper and live a life full of opportunities.

As a nation we share a common heritage of freedom. As Christians, we also share a common heritage of freedom in Christ. We share God's dream of a world where our lives are lived fully in God's kingdom vision of peace and justice, and wholeness. In John 10:10, Jesus says, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." God's vision is a vision of shalom for all creation, and as followers of Jesus, we are called to live out this vision, for ourselves, and for our community, our nation and our world.

How are you living out God's vision of shalom? How are you helping others find their best life?

Like my ancestors who came to the United States seeking peace, freedom, and opportunity, I wish those same things for others.

I'm sure you are familiar with the words engraved on the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty, words of welcome to immigrants coming to the United States of America. Emma Lazarus was commissioned to write a poem to help raise funds for the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty. Although she initially declined, she later wrote a sonnet commemorating the plight of immigrants. Several, now famous lines, from that poem, "The New Colossus," written in 1883, were engraved on the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty in 1903.

Enjoy your fourth of July holiday! Stay safe, and remember to wear your mask!

Blessings,  
Pastor Miriam

**Here is a poem, The New Colossus, by Emma Lazarus (1849-1887)**

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,  
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;  
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand  
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame  
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name  
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand  
Glow world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command  
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.  
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she  
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

**ON-GOING SUPPORT**

ON-GOING SUPPORT OF NWUP CHURCH CAN BE DONE THROUGH OFFERINGS AND TITHES THROUGH OUR ONLINE DONATION PAGE LOCATED AT NWUP.CHURCH.

**FAITHFUL LIVING**

THE FAITHFUL LIVING SERMON SERIES WILL GO TIL THE END OF JULY!

**THE BOOK OF JAMES BIBLE STUDY**

- ZOOM BIBLE STUDY
- EVERY WEDNESDAY
- TILL JULY 29, 2020
  - AT 7:00 P.M.
- CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR DETAILS!

**RICHLAND FOOD BANK DONATIONS**

- SUNDAY, JULY 05, 2020
- AT DRIVE-IN SERVICE
- BRING CAN/BOXED FOOD
- AT NWUP CHURCH
- PLEASE LOOK FOR MARKED BINS AS YOU DRIVE OUT
- NO BREAKABLE ITEMS PLEASE
- STAY IN YOUR CAR (4SAFETY)



**CAMBRIA HUMPHRYS**  
BORN: JUNE 15, 2020

**WEARING YOUR MASK**

- WEARING A MASK IS A GOOD IDEA AND A GOOD WAY TO SHOW WE LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS AND OUR COMMUNITY!

## **NEW START TIME**

Everyone, NWUP Church will have a new start time beginning this Sunday July 05, 2020. The new start time is at 9:00 a.m. This is to accommodate our church and also the church next door that is also having a drive-In service at 10:00 a.m. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **CONTRIBUTION REQUEST TO SUPPORT THE PURCHASE OF A NEW SOUND SYSTEM**

During this pandemic, we have found that the best way for us to protect our members and practice social distancing for our Sunday service is church in the parking lot. We are currently borrowing a sound system from another congregation in this area. However, after a great deal of research by the Audio Visual Commission, it has been determined that for approximately \$1200 - \$1500, Northwest United Protestant Church can purchase a sound system that would be used in our drive-in services as well as in the Fellowship Hall or the patio when we have events and the speakers can be used as backup for the older speakers we currently have in the sanctuary. After much discussion, your leadership team is recommending that we purchase a new sound system. Several volunteers have already stepped forward and contributed funding to help purchase the new sound system. We are asking anyone else in the congregation who is willing to support this effort to please send a check to the church marked "For the Sound System". Thank you for your consideration of this request for our church.

## **PROPERTY**

Property Commission is pleased to report that Safeguards and security aspects have been enhanced throughout the church and grounds. We will not say what, why or where. But, the killer squirrels have new weapons and tactics. More Security measures are planned for 2020.

## **AYRES FAMILY UPDATE**

The Ayres family would like to thank everyone for the prayers offered on behalf of Camden and the rest of the family. They are now all in Texas and settling into their new home. Camden is a Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. He is happy, comfortable and flirting with his new nurses.

## **RICALND FOOD BANK DONATIONS TO DATE**

APRIL = 42 POUNDS

MAY = 185 POUNDS

TOTAL POUNDS = 227 POUNDS

**"LETS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE IN JULY!!!"**



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**FROM THE ELDERS at Northwest  
United Church of Christ**

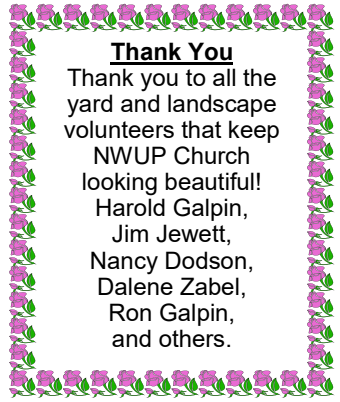
We are here for you, your family & friends.  
We want to encourage you in your  
Journey with Christ.

How can we help you?  
Just give us a call.  
Need a friend to talk to?  
We are here.

Standing in the need of Prayer?  
Let us know. We will pray with you.

Give any one of us a call. Anytime.

**Onnie Adams 554-0351**  
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**Deb Donahoe 521-6639**  
**Anna Kion 521-3462**  
**Brad Butherus 727-0606**



**GNOME FAMILY UPDATE**

Dear NWUP Church,

Our entire clan wants to thank you for allowing us to reside in your tree stump by the office parking lot. You may remember that we put on a roof once you cut down the top part of the tree last fall. Thankfully you left this beautiful stump for us to live in. Our original family of four has grown to eight and we now have 4 very young children. If you put your ear on the roof, you may be able to hear them. They are quite rambunctious!

This is our first summer in the tree and it has been getting very warm, even when we go deep into our subterranean basement (where we store our root vegetables). So we have worked to prune a small shade tree onto the stump (see photo). This provides us with lots of afternoon shade and cools our home down considerably.

We hope you all are staying safe, practicing social distancing, and wearing your masks. Fortunately we are immune to viruses.

We would enjoy meeting you someday, but as you know, we need to keep a low profile. So you may never see us. But we love you and appreciate you sharing your property with us. Blessings to you all.

Papa, Mama and the kids (The Gnome Family)

# WITNESS OF THE SAINTS

## Sunday, June 07:

Online Worship: 205

Nursery: 0

### **In Finance:**

General Fund	\$0.00
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
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## Sunday, June 14:

Online Worship: 115

Nursery: 0

### **In Finance:**

General Fund	\$0.00
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Food Bank	\$0.00
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
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## Sunday, June 21:

Online Worship: 40

Nursery: 0

### **In Finance:**

General Fund	\$0.00
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Food Bank	\$0.00
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Building Fund	\$0.00
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
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## Sunday, June 28:

Online Worship: 181

Nursery: 0

### **In Finance:**

General Fund	\$0.00
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Baby Shower	\$0.00
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
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**7/4** Cora Burton

**7/8** Jennifer  
Jacobson

**7/13** April Willis

**7/13** Gracelyn  
O'Hara

**7/18** Harold & Lois  
Galpin  
Anniversary

**7/18** Pam Coon

**7/18** Anna Cirolini


**7/20** Ann Williams

**7/25** Matt & Sacha  
O'Hara  
Anniversary



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# JULY 2020 (ALL CHURCH SERVICES & ACTIVITIES CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			01	02	03	04 Cora Burton
05	06	07	08 Jennifer Jacobson	09	10	11 4th of July
12	13 April Willis Gracelynn O'Hara	14	15	16	17	18 Harold & Lois Pam Coon Anna Cirolini
19	20 Ann Williams	21	22	23	24	25 Matt & Sacha O'Hara Anniversary
26	27	28	29	30	31	
						

**All Birthdays  
are in Bold.**



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Sue Lincoln.....	Choir Director/Pianist
Court Rieke .....	Nursery

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