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## A “Gentle” Reminder



Dear NWUP members and friends;

Great News! We will return to the sanctuary on Sunday, October 18th. Service will begin at 9:45 a.m., with the prelude and announcements.

The State of Washington and Benton-Franklin Health District have upgraded Benton County to Modified Phase 1 status for the COVID-19 response. We want everyone to stay healthy and limit the possible spread of the virus, so please read through the following modifications.

- We are limited to fifty (50) people inside the sanctuary.
- If your temperature is 100.4° F or greater, stay home.
- Please maintain a six (6) foot distance between individuals (not in the same household) at all times.
- All people 5 years old and over must wear masks. The mask must remain in place, covering your mouth and nose, throughout the service (including when singing hymns). You may remove it when taking communion.
- A **Greeter/Deacon** will log all people attending (for possible contact tracing). They will provide masks if you forgot to bring one and will have hand sanitizer available. They will also hand out bulletins and communion elements in the narthex before you enter the sanctuary.
- The pastor, worship leaders, and elders may remove their face coverings when directly addressing the congregation from the pulpit and communion table.
- Please sit in the pews in designated locations. Family units (members of the same household) may sit together. **Deacons** will indicate where you may sit.
- All pew bibles and hymnals will be removed, since they cannot be sanitized properly. Hymns will be displayed on the screen in front of the sanctuary. You may bring your own bible to the service for personal use.
- When using the restrooms, please allow a six-foot distance for people to leave. Hand sanitizer is available in the restrooms.

- At the end of the service, please wait in your pew and a **Greeter/Deacon** will indicate when you may leave.
- After the service, if you wish to talk to members not in your household, please maintain the six-foot distancing and/or continue to wear your mask.
- Currently, we **will not** have coffee hour after service or in-person Sunday School before service.

If you have any questions about returning to the sanctuary, please call the church office. Thank you for your support and welcome back to church services inside Northwest United Protestant Church.

Blessings,  
Pastor Miriam

NORTHWEST UNITED PROTESTANT CHURCH

**ZOOM**  
**BIBLE STUDY**  
ONLINE CLASS

REV. MIRIAM GENTLE

**WEDNESDAYS**  
ID: 81382292406 | PSWD: 765382  
FROM 7PM TO 8PM

*You're Most Welcome*

### Thank You!

To all those who have donated to NWUP Church and to those who have continued to support the church even through this pandemic that we are facing. We value you as a congregation and we love seeing you every Sunday. With our continued support and dedication to service in our community we would not be Northwest United Protestant Church! Stay warm and stay safe in our world that we face together. We look forward to seeing you soon!

*Back in the Sanctuary*

**SUNDAY**

October 18

SUNDAY

9:45 AM SERVICE

JOHN 3:16  
FOR GOD SO LOVED. . .

WITH REV. MIRIAM GENTLE



## **SOCIAL CONCERNS PROJECT: OCT. 4-NOV. 8**

### **Operation Christmas Child**

For nearly 3 decades, Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes filled with gifts have been collected and delivered to children overseas. Each box filled with gifts brightens the life of a child and shares the Good News of Christ with children and their families. The NWUP Social Concerns Commission wants to share these gifts of hope with as many children as possible. If you would like to participate in this holiday project, here is some information:

- \* Please pick up a shoebox (or two) beginning in October, at the church after worship or during office hours (8-12).
- \* **Do not use your regular shoeboxes**, they are not sturdy enough and are difficult to ship.
- \* Instructions and examples of what to pack are included in the shoeboxes. Fill boxes with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for a boy or girl. Write the gender and the age range on the cutout labels provided. A personal note or picture will make it special.
- \* The cost of items for the box is approximately \$20. (Example: a small ball, a toothbrush, colored pencils, a bar of soap, will be appreciated.) You may spend less or more, but figure this into your decision on the number of boxes you commit to.
- \* **You are also asked to pay the \$9 shipping fee for each box. Payment envelopes are in the boxes. Online payment is also an option.**
- \* **Return the box to the church by Nov. 8.**

Once filled and labeled, we will deliver the boxes on the assigned days to a local designated collection site. Take as many boxes as you wish but remember that each box taken is your commitment to fill and return it.



## **A NOTE FROM THE ELDER'S CORNER OCTOBER 2020**

If you are, as the Old Spiritual says, "Standin' in the Need of Prayer", we Elders are here for you. Anytime. Pastor Miriam is here for you as well.

**Give anyone of us a call:**

**Onnie Adams, Mike Dodson, Tammy Neslin, Pat Cahow,  
Brad Butherus, Anna Kion, Rev. Miriam Gentle**

I want to take this space to honor and thank Deb and Rick Donohoe for all their many gifts given to us. Whether it has been their thespian talents (how can we ever forget Rick riding a stuffed camel into the Christmas Party & Deb being a Wisewoman searching for the Christmas Star?) or the inspiring generosity of guidance as an Elder and educational classes & workshops -- just to name just a few. We are all ready are missing you.

We send our love and best wishes as you make a transition to Northern Michigan within a new Christian community of which your son is the pastor. Knowing that your homes are close enough that you added a gate into your adjoining back yards allowing for grandchildren to come running through has to be a God thing.

We send our love and God Speed in this new move. Add to this armloads of thank you's from all of us.

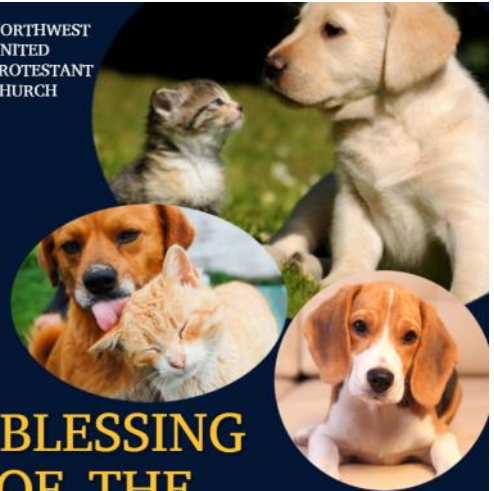
Onnie Adams, Chair of Elders NWUPC

## **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

**SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 11, 2020  
9:00 AM Service**

The blessing of the animals service is inspired by St. Francis of Assisi, a thirteenth-century friar, known for his love of animals. Pet owners are welcome to bring their (well-behaved) pets, large and small, to the drive-in service to receive a blessing at the end of the worship service. We look forward to seeing you!

NORTHWEST  
UNITED  
PROTESTANT  
CHURCH



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OCTOBER 11, 2020 @ 9:00 A.M.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL  
THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 509-946-3222

# WITNESS OF THE SAINTS

## Sunday, September 6:

Online Worship: 75

Nursery: 0

### **In Finance:**

Jefferson School \$85.00

Bldg. Fund \$30.00

Food Bank \$5.00

General Fund \$1670.00

**Total \$1790.00**

## Sunday, September 13:

Online Worship: 153

Nursery: 0

### **In Finance:**

Communion Cups \$100.00

General Fund \$2975.00

**Total \$3075.00**

## Sunday, September 20:

Online Worship: 77

Nursery: 0

### **In Finance:**

Loose Offering \$13.00

General Fund \$735.00

**Total \$748.00**

## Sunday, September 27:

Online Worship: 77

Nursery: 0

### **In Finance:**

Loose Offering \$20.00

General Fund \$1150.00

**Total \$1170.00**



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- 10/2 SUE LINCOLN
  - 10/6 ANNIE KINCAID
  - 10/10 CASSANDRA HUMPHRYS
  - 10/11 MIKE & NANCY DODSON
  - 10/14 KRISTEN VALDEZ
  - 10/14 DONNA ECKARD
  - 10/14 ANN & JOHN WILLIAMS
  - 10/14 JOYCE & STAN WILLIS
  - 10/15 JOHN LAWSON
  - 10/15 JOYCE JAKES
  - 10/20 ALAINA KINCAID
  - 10/20 DEB GALPIN
  - 10/20 MELVIN ADAMS
  - 10/25 JOANNA FLATTEN
  - 10/27 DALENE & MIKE ZABEL
  - 10/31 MATT O'HARA
  - 10/31 MIRIAM GENTLE
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# OCTOBER 2020

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

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
				01	02	03
					Sue Lincoln Worship Comm.	
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
		Annie Kincaid	Bible Study 7pm Elder's Meeting			Cassandra Humphrys
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Mike & Nancy Dodson Blessing of Animals	Columbus Day		Bible Study 7pm Kristen Valdez Donna Eckard Ann & John Wil- liams Joyce & Stan Willis Stewardship & Fin.	John Lawson Joyce Jakes	Boss Day	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Back In The Sanctuary		Alaina Kincaid Deb Galpin Melvin Adams Board Meeting	Bible Study 7pm			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Joanna Flatten		Dalene & Mike Zabel				Matt O'Hara Mirriam Gentle Halloween!



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- Erica Nunez.....Secretary
- Sue Lincoln..... Choir Director/Pianist

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