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of Northwest United Protestant Church

*LOVING AND SERVING CHRIST
IN OUR COMMUNITY AND WORLD*



A “Gentle” Reminder

Dear NWUP members and friends,

March 8 marks my one year in Richland anniversary! Just a short, (and at the same time, very long,) year ago, Steve and I arrived with great expectations. Well, we know what happened shortly after we arrived. But we have made the best of things, and even if we have not actually experienced all that the Tri-Cities can offer, we have certainly felt the love and welcome from all you wonderful people at Northwest Church. Thank you for a successful year.

Pastoring a church during COVID-19 is not easy, but I have wonderful volunteers to make sure worship continues in meaningful ways. Too many names to name. So, my heartfelt thanks go to the volunteers that make Northwest a “loving and caring” community of faith. The worship leaders, the song leaders, the pianist, the deacons, the elders, the sound tech, all have stepped forward to make Sunday morning worship happen. To all the persons who work diligently behind the scenes, a big thank you. The offering counters, the financial stewards, social outreach, and church board members all have contributed to a successful year. A very special thank you to Erica, NWUP’s wonderful secretary, who keeps the office humming. I am truly blessed to have this wonderful congregation to shepherd.

I look forward to new opportunities for worship and service as I start my second year at Northwest. As we continue our Lent journey, here are some ongoing opportunities for growth and connection.

- *Bible study continues Wednesday evenings on Zoom at 7:00. This is a great time for fellowship and study.
- *Sunday morning services are offered on Facebook and YouTube, and in person, following all COVID-19 protocols.
- *The elders’ Spring retreat will be online, Saturday, March 13.
- *Holy Week services will include a joint Maundy Thursday service with Shalom United Church of Christ, via Zoom.

These are just some of the many opportunities for connection at NWUP. Don’t see something you would like to be part of, let Pastor Miriam know and even better, help her plan it. A book discussion group? A happy hour meet-up on Zoom? Socially distanced outdoor activities? Current events and faith discussion? Pastor Miriam wants to hear your ideas! Together we can keep NWUP vibrant and faithful.

Blessings, Pastor Miriam

Green Chalice Project

Are you worried about climate change and looking for ways to make a difference? Are you passionate about taking care of God's creation and using our limited resources wisely? Interested in helping NWUP become a "Green Chalice" congregation?

The Green Chalice program helps Disciples congregations who wish to live out their faith by caring for creation. It offers ideas and resources to enable congregations to make changes in their buildings and in their communities and become better stewards of the planet we all share.

Save the date: **Saturday, April 10, 2021**. The Northern Lights Region is offering a workshop and panel discussion (online) on the Green Chalice program, led by Rev. Carol L. Devine, an ordained minister and the co-founder and minister for Green Chalice.

For more information, contact the church office or Pastor Miriam - miriam.gentle@gmail.com



**Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)**

Bible Quiz

When the Pharisees complained about the noisy crowd praising God as Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, what did he say would shout out if the people were silent?

- A. The stones
- B. The trees
- C. The palm branches
- D. The donkey

Answer on page 6

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. Without your 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!

Announcements

• Lent Bible Study

Join Pastor Miriam for a guided discussion of the Sermon scriptures. Take up Bible study during Lent and renew your relationship with God.

When: Wednesday's

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: on Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83580998360>
Meeting ID: 835 8099 8360

• COVID-19 Help

Is available to help you schedule your appointment to get the vaccine. Please contact the office.

- World Prayer Day—March 5, 2021
- Elder's Retreat—March 13, 2021
- Daylight-Savings Time Begins—March 14, 2021
- Board Meeting-March 16, 2021 @ 4:30 p.m. on Zoom
- St. Patrick's Day—March 17, 2021
- Spring Equinox—March 20, 2021
- Palm Sunday—March 28, 2021

Volunteer Opportunities @ NWUP Church:

1. Volunteers are needed to lead songs and read scripture during worship.
2. Handbell choir has a space for you! Can't read music? No problem! Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

***NWUP is meeting in person following
all COVID-19 protocols.***

NEWS FROM THE PEWS



Camden Update: Family in Texas is doing well. There were challenges because Dustin was under “emergency” protocol which meant he was at the hospital from Feb.14-16 then back again on the 18th. Carrie and the kids camped out in the living room with the gas fireplace and had the generator working and the gas stove for cooking.



Levi Update: Currently Levi is talking up a storm. He can count to 12 correctly some of the time but likes to skip 2. He loves hockey (watching and playing), his mommy and daddy (his words), singing Moana songs (he's never seen the movie) and dancing. He also loves to play outside and "big, big fans that go round and round" especially at Costco, which he loves to visit.

Doris Ayres News:

She knows that it is spring as her Lenten Roses are all ready blooming. They would have been in bloom for Ash Wednesday except for the snow, but have loved this warm weather.

WITNESS OF THE SAINTS

Sunday, February 7:

Online Worship: 112

In Finance:

Loose Offering	\$175.00
Week Of Compassion	\$25.00
General Fund	\$2080.00
Total	\$2280.00

Sunday, February 14:

Online Worship: 183

In Finance:

Loose Offering	\$0.00
Week of Compassion	\$50.00
Bldg. Fund	\$50.00
General Fund	\$1160.00
Total	\$1260.00

Sunday, February 21:

Online Worship: 103

In Finance:

Loose Offering	\$0.00
Week of Compassion	\$120.00
General Fund	\$895.00
Total	\$1015.00

Sunday, February 28:

Online Worship: 0

In Finance:

Loose Offering	\$0.00
Week of Compassion	\$230.00
General Fund	\$1190.00
Total	\$1420.00

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Bible Quiz Answer

Answer: A (See Luke 19:40)



Birthdays

And

Anniversaries!

3/1	Jim & Kay Divine
3/7	Norma Conrad
3/11	Jim Divine
3/12	Harold Galpin
3/12	Regina Gifford
3/16	Eva H. Bloomster Citizenship
3/16	Jim & Sue Jewett
3/20	Levi Valdez
3/22	Barbara Jenson
3/25	Joe Popp

March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	01	02	03	04	05	06
	Fellowship Reserved Jim & Kay Divine		Fellowship Reserved Handbells 10 a.m. Bible Study 7 p.m.		Fellowship Reserved Pastor Day Off	Fellowship Reserved
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
Norma Conrad	Fellowship Reserved		Fellowship Reserved Handbells 10 a.m. Bible Study 7 p.m. Stewardship & Fin. 3p	Jim Divine	Fellowship Reserved Pastor Day Off Harold Galpin Regina Gifford	Fellowship Reserved Elder's Retreat
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Daylight Savings Begins	Fellowship Reserved Yearbook Due	Board Meeting Eva Bloomster Citizenship Jim & Sue Jewett	Fellowship Reserved Handbells 10 a.m. Bible Study 7 p.m. St. Patrick's Day		Fellowship Reserved Pastor Day Off	Fellowship Reserved Spring Equinox Levi Valdez
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Fellowship Reserved Barbara Jenson		Fellowship Reserved Handbells 10 a.m.	Joe Popp	Fellowship Reserved Pastor Day Off	Fellowship Reserved
28	29	30	31			
Palm Sunday	Fellowship Reserved		Fellowship Reserved Handbells 10 a.m.			



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