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*LOVING AND SERVING CHRIST
IN OUR COMMUNITY AND WORLD*



A “Gentle” Reminder

Dear NWUP members and friends,

“The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.” Psalm 24

What an abundance of beautiful cherry blossoms and flowers I see as I drive through my neighborhood on my way to church! Delicate blossoms of pink and white clinging to the dark wood of the branches. Tulips and daffodils in deep reds and yellows. The dark green of evergreens and the sage green of lavender competing for best in show. What a gift God has given us!

The earth and all its beauty truly are a gift from God. With this gift comes an important responsibility. As stewards of this gift, we are tasked with taking care of the planet. Recognizing that the earth is God’s and not our own, we are wise to remember that the abundant resources of this planet are to be used carefully and thoughtfully.

Creation care is part of our journey of faith. We tend the gardens where we live, carefully watering and weeding, so that we can enjoy the harvest. We “give a hoot and don’t pollute.” We “reduce, reuse and recycle.” We love a good slogan!

What else can we do as stewards of God’s good earth? What small changes can we make in our homes and at NWUP to respond to God’s call to guard and protect creation?

Today, many churches are taking an interest in creation care, climate change, and our impact on the planet. Congregations are developing action plans to address current environmental concerns. The problems are bigger than we can fix alone, but together we can make a difference. We can begin with our immediate circle of influence, our homes, our church, and our community.

If you are interested in exploring ways that NWUP can be a better steward of our buildings and grounds, join me on Saturday, April 10, 10-2, for a regional zoom workshop on how to be a “Green Chalice” congregation. <https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/missions-advocacy/green-chalice/>

If you can’t attend the workshop but want to explore the wonderful ways that NWUP can become “green” stewards of this lovely plot of land between Wright and Sacramento Avenues, reach out to me and let’s talk. Let’s gather a group and imagine the possibilities.

Intrigued? Interested?

With the joy of Easter and the resurrection always before us, let us continue to live in hope and with gratitude for all of God’s blessings.

Blessings, Pastor Miriam

Outreach Opportunities:

SAFE HARBOR

Safe Harbor, commonly known as "My Friends Place" is a support center committed to the prevention of child abuse and neglect by providing a safe and nurturing environment for teens when there are no alternatives. They rely on the generosity of the community to continue their mission. With summer rapidly approaching, their greatest need is outdoor activity items such as sporting equipment.

The social concerns committee is asking for donations of new or gently used sporting equipment that Northwest could donate to their cause. There will be a collection box in the Narthex for any items you are able to donate. Thank you for your help with this worthy cause.

JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY

We will continue to support Jefferson Elementary school. Through April and May we ask people to donate snacks for the children. Juice Boxes, crackers, cheese crackers etc. Please leave snacks items in the Narthex or leave in the church office from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bible Quiz

As Jacob used a rock for a pillow — later to become a pillar honoring God — which of the following did he experience in a dream?

- A. Angels going up and down on a ladder between earth and heaven.
- B. The Lord promising that Jacob's family would be a blessing to all nations.
- C. God's assurance: "Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go."
- D. All of the above.

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!

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

April 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

We will worship via Zoom with our friends at Shalom United Church of Christ. Join Pastor Miriam and Pastor Steve (Shalom) for a service of prayers, scripture reading, reflections, and Lord's Supper.

Zoom link will be shared soon through email.

BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Miriam will lead a study on the New Testament based on the book "Reading the New Testament for the First Time" by Ronald Allen. Paperback and Kindle versions are available on Amazon. Beginning on Wednesday, April 7 at 7:00 pm on Zoom

"SECOND SATURDAY TO SHINE"

Regional Workshop - April 10 -

Becoming a Green Chalice congregation - 10:00 -2:00

If you want to learn about how NWUP can become a "green" congregation, join Pastor Miriam and other disciples across the region for a panel discussion.

For more information and graphics for the newsletter -

<https://northernlightsdisciples.org/second-saturdays/>

ELDERS' MEETING - ZOOM

April 11, at 7:00

EARTH SUNDAY

April 18, 2021

In our consumer culture, it's easy to forget that "The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it" (Psalm 24:1, NIV)

CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY!

Saturday, April 24, 9-12.

Rain date is May 1st, 2021

Calling all window washers, weed pickers, and painters!
Let's make the church building sparkle! Let's pull some weeds!

Bring your work gloves.

Questions - call the church office.

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.



NWUP

**Come bring your flowers to
decorate the cross!**

April 3rd, 2021

All day event

Wright Ave. Entry

On April 4, we will receive a special Easter offering. The Easter Offering supports the Disciples Mission Fund.

This offering supports a variety of programs such as college students in leadership development programs, global mission partners, health and social service ministries, the formation of new congregations, support for pastors and chaplains, and so much more. Please give generously. Make checks out to NWUP with DMF in the memo line.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS



Ruth Kibbe, Doris Ayres mother, turns 98 on April 18th. You may send Ruth cards and congratulations to Doris's address. For more information please contact the office.

WITNESS OF THE SAINTS

Sunday, March 7:

Online Worship: 104

In Finance:

Loose Offering	\$5.00
Rent	\$60.00
General Fund	\$2247.97
Total	\$2312.97

Bible Quiz Answer

Answer: D

(See Genesis 28:10-19.)

Sunday, March 14:

Online Worship: 90

In Finance:

Loose Offering	\$5.00
Rent	\$62.50
Bldg. Fund	\$50.00
General Fund	\$2225.51
Total	\$2342.51



Birthdays

And

Anniversaries!

Sunday, March 21:

Online Worship: 320

In Finance:

Loose Offering	\$5.00
Week of Compassion	\$50.00
General Fund	\$855.00
Total	\$910.00

Sunday, March 28:

Online Worship: 103

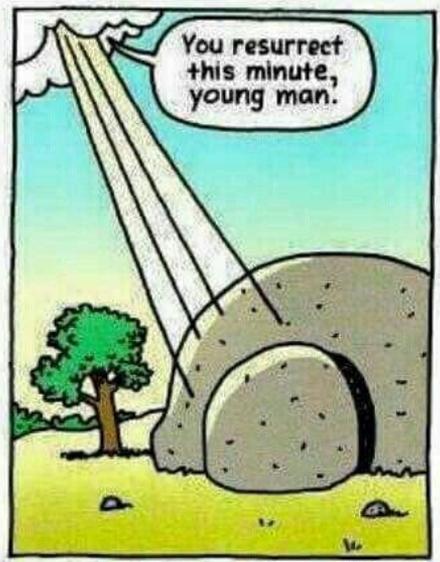
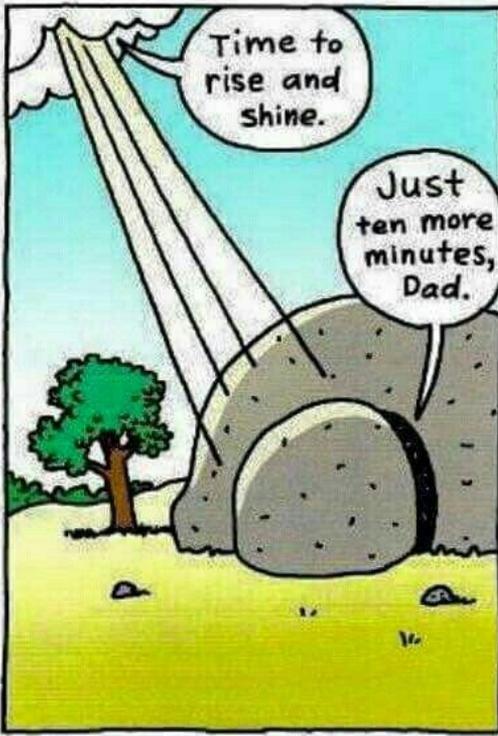
In Finance:

Loose Offering	\$10.00
Week of Compassion	\$50.00
General Fund	\$2575.00
Total	\$2635.00

- ✓ 4/1 Shirley Wolf
- ✓ 4/1 Faye Serene
- ✓ 4/15 Brenton Nundahl
- ✓ 4/18 Ruth Kibbe
- ✓ 4/19 Jim Jewett
- ✓ 4/20 Teagen Mortensen
- ✓ 4/21 Doris Ayres
- ✓ 4/24 Tammy Neslin
- ✓ 4/25 Cynthia Fowler

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				01	02	03
				Shirley Wolf Faye Serene Maundy Thurs. Fellow. Reserved	Fellowship Reserved Pastor Day Off Good Friday	Fellowship Reserved
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
Easter	Fellowship Reserved	Fellowship Reserved	Fellowship Reserved Handbells 10 a.m. Bible Study 7 p.m.	Fellowship Reserved	Fellowship Reserved Pastor Day Off	Fellowship Reserved
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Second Sunday Of Easter Elder's Meeting 7 p.m.	Fellowship Reserved	Fellowship Reserved	Fellowship Reserved Handbells 10 a.m. Stewardship & Fin. 3p Bible Study 7 p.m. Recycle Day	Brenton Nundahl Fellowship Reserved	Fellowship Reserved Pastor Day Off	Fellowship Reserved
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Third Sunday of Easter Ruth Kibbe	Fellowship Reserved Jim Jewett	Board Meeting Teagen Mortensen Fellow. Reserved	Fellowship Reserved Handbells 10 a.m. Doris Ayres Bible Study 7 p.m.	Earth Day Fellowship Reserved	Fellowship Reserved Pastor Day Off	Fellowship Reserved Tammy Neslin Church Clean Up Day 9-12
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Fourth Sunday Of Easter Cynthia Fowler	Fellowship Reserved	Fellowship Reserved	Fellowship Reserved Handbells 10 a.m. Bible Study 7 p.m. Recycle Day	Fellowship Reserved	Arbor Day Newsletter Out Pastor Day Off	



HAPPY EASTER !



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