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A “GENTLE” REMINDER

Dear NWUP members and friends,

Christmas day and the joys of the season are almost here. In joyful and hectic anticipation, we want to “haul out the holly” (to quote one my favorite Christmas songs), put “candles in the window” and play “carols at the spinet.” But before we “slice up the fruit cake” and “deck the halls again now”, let’s take a moment to breathe, to pause, and prepare our hearts. Advent, the weeks leading up to Christmas, is the season of pause and preparation. What are we preparing for? In Luke 3, the gospel writer tells of one who prepared the way for Jesus, crying out for all to get ready for Jesus. John the Baptist, in the style of Old Testament prophets, challenged the people of his time to prepare for a new way of being and a new way of knowing God. This is our challenge too. We must pause the decorations, the purchasing, the busy-ness of our commercialized Christmas and make room for a thoughtful self-examination of our own faith and our beliefs and how we make (or don’t make) this world a better place for all. I believe that is what John the Baptist meant when he, quoting another Old Testament prophet, Isaiah, challenged those early listeners of Luke’s gospel. “...the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” (Luke 3:5-6)

This month make room for worship and wonder, scripture and song, prayer, and preparation. All these experiences are available for you right here at Northwest Church. Join us Sunday mornings and on Christmas Eve as we prepare our hearts and make room for Jesus in our lives.

O Come, Let Us Adore Him!

Blessings, Pastor Miriam

“We Need a Little Christmas” from the Broadway musical, “Mame.”

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec 3 — Anna Kion

Dec 5 — Donna Whiteside

Dec 6 — Bud Neslin

Dec 14 — Joyce Willis

Dec 18 — Mike Dodson

Dec 24 — Rick Donahoe

SOCIAL CONCERNS

The “Hat and Mitten” tree is back in the Narthex. Bring along some hats and mittens to service this month to dress it up!

All the new winter hats, gloves and mittens of all sizes will be donated to World Relief.



ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Our talented Jennifer Jacobson will lead the Advent Bible Study this month. Look out for an email with the ZOOM link to join on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM! We will be using the devotional “Traveling with Our Ancestors” by Sandhya Jha. Available from Chalice Press.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

All are invited for a festive service of carols,
special music, and scripture at 5:00 pm
on Christmas Eve!

Welcome to NWUP!

Tracy Rieke

Nov. 14, 2021

DECEMBER 2021 ELDER SERVICE ROSTER

DATE	ELDER	DATE	ELDER
DEC 05	ONNIE	DEC 24	BRAD
DEC 12	MIKE	DEC 23	JENNIFER
DEC 19	ANNA	JAN 02	TBD

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Friends and Members Q & A

Keep an eye out for the new "questions and answers" in our newsletter! All responses used with permission.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR FAVORITE EVER CHRISTMAS GIFT?

This is my most memorable Christmas present I received when I was 8 years old. 70 years later she is still beautiful. Her eyes still open and close and she is wearing the original dress. Her amazing hair is an actual attached wig.



The memory of being in my Norwegian grandparent's home up the Columbia Gorge complete with sisters, cousins, aunts and uncles circling around a Christmas tree with bubble lights make this memory cherished along with this loving gift selected by my Grandma Elle.— onnie Adams

CONGRATULATIONS, LOVE BIRDS!

Congratulations to Pat Cahow and Lindsay Elliott, who were joined as a couple in a commitment ceremony officiated by Pastor Miriam on November 7, 2021.



WITNESS OF THE SAINTS

Sunday,	OCT 31
In Finance:	
Loose Offering	\$25.00
Food 4 Friends	\$20.00
Chaplaincy	\$100.00
General Fund	\$900.00
Total	\$1,045.00

Sunday,	NOV 07
In Finance:	
Loose Offering	\$21.00
NA Rent (Free Spirit)	\$62.50
NA Rent (Rush Hour)	\$62.50
TOPS Rent	\$62.50
Ribbon Fest Venue	\$62.50
E-Scrip	\$25.15
Mini-Sabbatical Grant	\$500.00
Chaplaincy (Check)	\$200.00
Chaplaincy (Cash)	\$10.00
General Fund	\$1,605.00
Total	\$2,516.15

Sunday,	NOV 14
In Finance:	
Loose Offering	\$5.00
Chaplaincy	\$10.00
Mission	\$50.00
General Fund	\$2,275.00
Total	\$2,290.00

Sunday,	NOV 21
In Finance:	
Loose Offering	\$10.00
Advent Bible Study	\$30.00
General Fund	\$1,400.00
Total	\$1,440.00

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, OCT 31:	87
Worship	25
Facebook Live	62

Sunday, NOV 07:	75
Worship	27
Facebook Live	60

Sunday, NOV 14:	74
Worship	30
Facebook Live	44

Sunday, NOV 21:	87
Worship	34
Facebook Live	53

Sunday, NOV 28:	72
Worship	32
Facebook Live	40

Sunday,	NOV 28
In Finance:	
Loose Offering	\$5.00
General Fund	\$930.00
Total	\$935.00

Thank you to all our friends and members who continue to support NWUP with prayers, fellowship and finances.

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 = Fellowship Hall Reserved
 = Parlor Reserved

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			01	02	03	04
			Zoom Bible Study 6:30pm	Breakfast Bunch 8:00am	<i>Pastor Day Off</i>	Sanctuary Reserved
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
Worship 9:45am	Food 4 Friends		Zoom Bible Study 6:30pm		<i>Pastor Day Off</i>	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Worship 9:45am <i>Elders Meeting 7:00pm</i>			Stewardship & Finance 3:30pm <i>Zoom Bible Study 6:30pm</i>	Breakfast Bunch 8:00am	<i>Pastor Day Off</i>	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Worship 9:45am		Board Meeting 5:00pm	Zoom Bible Study 6:30pm		Christmas Eve Service 5:00	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Worship 9:45am	Office Closed				<i>Pastor Day Off</i>	



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