

Newsletter

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Serving the congregation and friends of
Northwest United Protestant Church
Disciples of Christ



A “GENTLE” REMINDER

Dear NWUP members and friends,

A recent study shows that “self-identified Christians make up 63% of the U.S. population in 2021, down from 75% a decade ago.”

The latest Pew Research Center survey finds the “religiously unaffiliated share of the public is 6 percentage points higher than it was five years ago and 10 points higher than a decade ago.”

I wonder if persons who are “unaffiliated” have been bruised by religion in a way that turned them off to the idea of church. Religion does not have a good reputation it seems.

I wonder what we can do about that.

Maybe we practice a courageous faith that focuses on loving God and neighbor instead of using Christianity as a tool to divide and alienate.

Will this stop the rapid secularization of our world? No. But it will send the message that not all religion is used to dehumanize people or to promote violence.

NWUP, we have a job to do. Let’s build up our faith muscles through prayer, worship, study, and fellowship. Then let’s welcome others who are looking for a community that takes their spirituality and their religion seriously. Let’s show that we are Christians by our love, by what we do and say, and by who we include in our community.

Let’s make sure everyone knows that they are welcome at NWUP!

See you in worship,

Pastor Miriam

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

01 Shirley Wolf

20 Teagan Mortensen

01 Faye Serene

21 Doris Ayres

15 Brenton Nundahl

24 Tammy Neslin

19 Jim Jewett

25 Cynthia Fowler

FINANCIAL LITERACY CLASS

All are invited to join in on this special evening at NWUP Church. Jim Kion will be sharing information about financial literacy on Wednesday, April 27th. Stay tuned for more details!

EASTER CROSS

We will adorn a cross with flowers on Sunday, April 10th. Please plan to help us in this endeavor. Details to follow soon.

SEEKING TALENTED VOLUNTEERS

We are so grateful for Kristine Popielarczyk for her loyal and diligent work as the Board Clerk. As we prepare for her departure to study in Ireland, we would like to find someone with a similar calling to serve. As the a member of the Board, the Board Clerk is responsible for transcribing board meeting minutes

Our Conference Room could use some creative interior design skills to update the meeting space. Please contact the church office with suggestions or nominations for a designer!

APRIL SERVICE LIST

Date	Apr 03	Apr 10	Apr 17	Apr 24
Elder	Joanna F	Jennifer J	Mike D	Onnie A
Worship Leader	Onnie A	Dalene Z	Brad B	Stephanie
Song Leader	Kay H	Anna K	Sue J	Jennifer J
Counters	Jim K	John L	Nancy D	Sue J
	Dalene Z	Pat C	Ron G	Donna W

WSU COUGAR CUPBOARD

Student Ulyana Fisenko updates the stock in the food pantry for WSU students. Please join our Social Concerns group in collecting donations for WSU Tri Cities Food Pantry from April to June.



The university students, like Ulyana, who help run the pantry also deliver to Covid-quarantined students. A container for donations with a sign is in the Narthex.

All donations to the food pantry are tax-deductible: TaxID 91-1075542.”

Items needed are non-perishable food, toiletries, and baby items (no glass items). Please see the list to the right for more ideas of how to join the effort to serve our community.

2022 Assembly of the Northern Lights Region
May 20-22, 2022
Templin's on the River, Post Falls, Idaho

Authentic Unity

Make every effort to keep yourselves united in
the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.
Ephesians 4:3



Guest Speaker Kaitlin Curtice

Native American Christian author and speaker and enrolled member of the Potawatomi Citizen Band. As someone who has grown up in the Christian faith, Kaitlin writes and speaks on the intersection of Indigenous spirituality, faith in everyday life, and the church. Her book *Native* is about identity, soul-searching, and being on the never-ending journey of finding ourselves and finding God. *Native* is available on Amazon or from Barnes & Noble for those interested in learning more about the topic.

WSU COUGAR CUPBOARD

- Non-frozen microwavable meals (ie: soups, rice)
- Quick snacks (ie: granola bars, crackers, trail mix)
- Dairy free milk (shelf-stable)
- International foods (ie: spices, tortillas, curries)
- Peanut Butter, Popcorn, Cereal, Pasta, Cooking oil
- Chicken, Beef, Vegetable broth/stock, Canned tuna

WITNESS OF THE SAINTS

Sunday, MAR 06

In Finance:

Loose Offering	\$5.00
NA Rent (Free Spirit)	\$62.50
NA Rent (Rush Hour)	\$62.50
NA Rent (TOPS)	\$62.50
General Fund	\$2,230.00
Total	\$2,422.50

Sunday, MAR 10

In Finance:

General Fund	\$3,750.00
Total	\$3,750.00

Sunday, MAR 13

In Finance:

Fire System	\$460.00
Flourish Rent	\$200.00
General Fund	\$1,290.00
Total	\$1,570.00

Sunday, MAR 20

In Finance:

Loose Offering	\$10.00
General Fund	\$2,245.00
Total	\$1,165.00

Thank you to all our friends and members who continue to support NWUP. God Bless You

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, MAR 06: 74

Worship	26
Facebook Live	48

Sunday, MAR 10: 89

Worship	30
Facebook Live	59

Sunday, MAR 13: 73

Worship	30
Facebook Live	43

Sunday, MAR 20: 65

Worship	22
Facebook Live	43

Sunday, MAR 24

In Finance:

Co-Op Rent	\$2,000.00
NA Rent (Step Sister)	\$375.00
NA Rent (MNST)	\$62.50
General Fund	\$400.00
Total	\$2,837.50

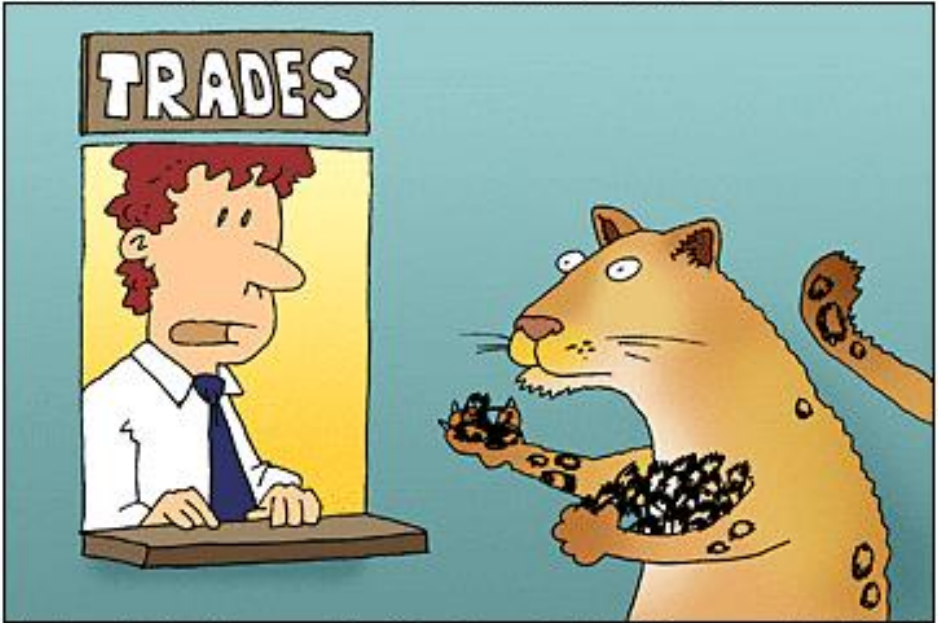
Sunday, MAR 27

In Finance:

Loose Offering	\$20.00
Food 4 Friends	\$50.00
Wk of Compassion	\$60.00
General Fund	\$365.00
Total	\$495.00

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					01	02
			Handbells 10 AM	Social Concerns	Pastor Day Off Parlor Reserved	
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
Worship 9:45 AM			Handbells 10 AM Stewardship 3:30 PM	Breakfast Bunch 8 AM	Pastor Day Off Parlor Reserved	Handbell Choir
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Palm Sunday 9:45 AM Elder's Meeting			Handbells 10 AM	Maundy Thursday	Pastor Day Off Parlor Reserved	Handbell Choir
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Easter 9:45 AM		Board Meeting 5 PM	Handbells 10 AM	Breakfast Bunch 8 AM	Pastor Day Off Parlor Reserved	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Worship 9:45 AM	Food 4 Friends 1 PM		Handbells 10 AM Financial Literacy Class		Pastor Day Off Parlor Reserved	



SORRY, WE HAVE A STRICT JEREMIAH
13:23 POLICY

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