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A “GENTLE” REMINDER

Dear NWUP members and friends,

May is the season of new growth, flowers are blooming, grass is growing, and the dogwood trees are beautiful. It is a time of hope and life. Among the flowers and grass, occasional weeds pop up, reminding us that there is always work to do as we tend our gardens.

So it is with our congregational life. There is work to do. We experienced a lively, hope-filled service on Easter Sunday, with energetic singing and new visitors and long-time friends in the pews. Joyful hallelujahs filled the service! But our garden metaphor reminds us that there is always work to be done and one Sunday alone does not reverse two years of Covid trauma or decades of decline. Our gardens remind us that we need to renew the fertile soil, pull out some weeds, and plant new seeds.

The NWUP Visioning Team has been assembled and will soon begin the strategic planning process to help us “tend our garden” and “renew our fertile soil” to give this congregation hope for the future. Please plan to attend the congregational meeting on Sunday, May 15, immediately after the service, to hear about this important process.

Each of you play an important role in planning for the future. In the coming months, the Visioning Team will create opportunities for conversation about NWUP and will communicate those opportunities through announcements, social media, and this newsletter. We need all of you as we dream big into our future!

Blessings,

Pastor Miriam



REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Across the Region, our voices call out for time to speak safely about what matters, to tell our own stories and honor those of others, to dismantle racism and bias. Our voices call out for the unity that is the polar star at the heart of our identity as Disciples, unity that is truth-telling and authentic.

The 2022 Regional Assembly, AUTHENTIC UNITY, will give space to these calls of the spirit and lead us through reflection of histories, structured conversation to address what matters, and give foundation for the way forward in our ministry and work over the next two years.

Registration for virtual attendance is also available for those who can't make it to Idaho. Please visit northernlightdisciples.org or reach out to our church office for more information.

"50in'25" congregational vote May 15

I hope most of you have seen the notices in our Bulletin about the 50in25 capital campaign proposal. Like so many things, NWUP has been hit hard financially in the past few years. We have kept things as normal as we can by cutting expenses and using some of our savings. But as you know, 2020 to now has been a long financial haul. It has strained our budget and constrained our planning.

The success of the capital campaign, if you approve, will depend on you, on your giving, on your increased giving. We want to set aside \$50,000 between now and the end of 2025, a little more than 3 years.

This is a challenge. It is a capital campaign of the same order of the roof and HVAC equipment upgrade that we completed successfully in the previous decade.

What does this mean for you, financially? Besides what you would otherwise be giving to NWUP, we would, together, need to donate an average of about an extra 10% more throughout the 31½ year campaign.

It is a challenge, and that's why the question is being put to you now. As always, our future, guided by the Lord, is in our hands.

I invite your questions or discussion.

– John Lawson, Chair Stewardship & Finance

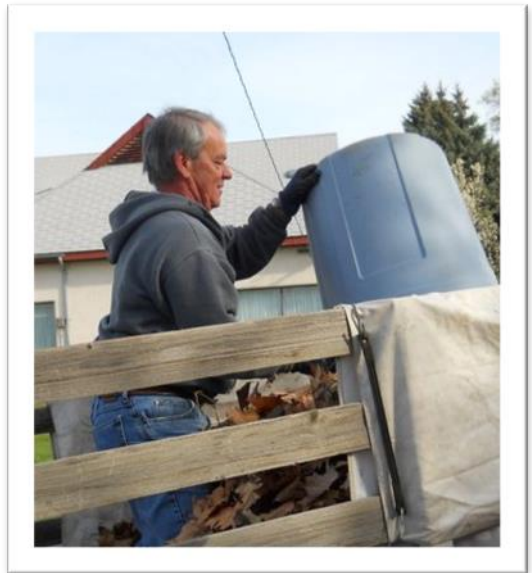
MAY SERVICE LIST

Date	May 01	May 08	May 15	May 22	May 29
Elder	Joanna F	Brad B	Jennifer J	Mike D	Onnie A
Worship Leader	Joe P	Onnie A	Dalene Z	Brad B	Stephanie H-M
Song Leader	Kay H	Jennifer J	Sue J	Anna K	Kay H
Counter	John L	Jim K	John L	Nancy D	Sue J
	Pat C	Dalene Z	Pat C	Ron G	Donna W

THANK YOU TO JIM JEWETT

After many years of faithfully serving NWUP Church, Jim Jewett has stepped down from the Property Committee.

Although he was part of the Church Board, most of Jim's work involved keeping the property in tip top shape, and he could often be spotted mowing the lawn or trimming back unruly branches.



Thank you again from all of us in the NWUP community! May God bless Jim as he goes on to other endeavors at NWUP.

WITNESS OF THE SAINTS

Sunday,	APR 03
In Finance:	
NA Rent (Free Spirit)	\$62.50
NA Rent (Rush Hour)	\$62.50
NA Rent (MNST)	\$62.50
General Fund	\$1,400.00
Total	\$1,587.50

Sunday,	APR 10
In Finance:	
Loose Offering	\$20.00
Ukraine	\$50.00
General Fund	\$2,675.00
Total	\$2,865.00

Sunday,	APR 17
In Finance:	
Loose Offering	\$61.00
Rent (Flourish)	\$200.00
Wk of Compassion	\$80.00
Ukraine	\$50.00
General Fund	\$4,490.00
Total	\$4,881.00

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, APR 03:	69
Worship	26
Facebook Live	43

Sunday, APR 10:	79
Worship	36
Facebook Live	43

Thursday, APR 14:	30
Worship	30
Facebook Live	

Sunday, APR 17:	82
Worship	33
Facebook Live	48

Sunday, APR 24:	53
Worship	29
Facebook Live	27

Sunday,	APR 24
In Finance:	
Loose Offering	\$5.14
General Fund	\$1,445.00
Total	\$1,450.14

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

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
Worship 9:45 AM			Stewardship 3:30 PM		Pastor Day Off Parlor Reserved	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Worship & Congregational Meeting		Board Meeting 5 PM		Breakfast Bunch 8 AM	Regional Assembly	Regional Assembly
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Worship 9:45 AM Regional Assembly					Pastor Day Off Parlor Reserved	
29	30	31		28	29	30
Worship 9:45 AM		Food 4 Friends 1 PM		Breakfast Bunch 8 AM	Pastor Day Off Parlor Reserved	



CAN'T SLEEP HUH? ... YOU COULD ALWAYS TRY COUNTING SHEEP?

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