



Family Ties Newsletter July 2024

From Pastor's Heart ❤️

Let's Talk About Jesus!

Dear Church Family:

I continue to grow in my love for Jesus and you. Many of you are committed to talking about Jesus and getting sidetracked on divisive issues. The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord not on our opinions and differences. Because we are focused on ministry and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit is in the House, Church House that is. From our #BeUMC to a growing children and youth ministry, to missionaries going to other places to share the gospel, to dynamic worship each Sunday. We are seeing beyond our four walls to a community that needs Jesus. We are feeding the people of our area with our food pantry and garden, and letting people know about Jesus.

What worries me are some people are cynical and divisive. Even though they were once a strong witness for Jesus, but they have become negative and have lost their zeal for telling others about Jesus. This can be a death blow to a vibrant and sharing Church. Please don't let your spirit atrophy into a cold spirit. It can happen to any of us. There are good things happening at Northwest UMC! Catch the spirit and be a part of a new UMC.

Your Pastor and Friend,

Reverend Ted A. Hartley

JULY SERMONS

July 7

“TWO FLAGS”

How does a Christian practice their faith with two flags?

GOD IN THE MOVIES

July 14

“AI”

2001 Haley Joel Osment. How do we as Christians react to the AI movement in our world?

July 21

“CATS & DOGS”

The story centers on the relationships between Cats and Dogs and how it mirrors us today.

July 28

Guest Speaker

AUGUST SERMONS

August 4

Guest Speaker

August 11

“Formula for Forgiveness” - Holy Communion

Ephesians 2:11-22

“Don’t worry there is no math involved.”

August 18

“The Devil’s Room

Ephesians 4:25 and 5:2

“We should always turn on the “no vacancy” sign when this guest comes calling.”

August 25

“Just Read It”

John 6:56-59

“There used to be a good excuse for not reading the Bible—until Gutenberg came along.”

June Mission

Thank you to Northwest UMC's Congregation for a great job on Sunday mornings of giving donations for Pathway Ministries! We collected a total of \$381.73!! Thank you for

July Mission

Salvation Army

What does the Salvation Army Do?

- 1. We meet human needs without discrimination.**
- 2. We assist approximately 23 million Americans annually.**
- 3. We serve 133 countries around the globe.**
- 4. We have over 1.8 million members consisting of officers, soldiers, and adherents.**
- 5. We have been pursuing our mission since 1865.**

Our Mission Statement.

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

Northwest UMC Book Club News - June through August

NUMC Book Club News

Please note the Book Club will be taking a break over the summer and will not be meeting in June or July. We will start up again either in August or September, with recommendations for a whole new group of books.

Happy Reading!

—Deb Lauseng (dlauseng08@gmail.com)



USHERS, GREETERS, AND LITURGIST

July:

Liturgist: July 7th Cam Lauseng

July 14th Deb Lauseng

July 21st and 28th Teri Sebesta

Ushers: Shannon Gruber & Sons

Greeters: Linda Nicot & Chuck Traver



MISSIONS POSSIBLE

Our new Missions Team Leaders Julie Howar and Courtney Scott have come up with a new name for our support of missions at Northwest UMC. They believe that our loose change offering has benefitted many different ministries and helped our Church get more personally involved in local missions and learn more about United Methodist ministries in our conference and the world. We will also continue our 5th Sunday #BeUMC. We also will have a new name moving from "Faith Promise" to "Missions Possible." On the next page are the missions and ministries we will make possible in 2024.

2024 Missions by Month

	Month	Sunday service bucket collection or activity	5th Sunday #BeMC	Quarterly Missionary Focus
1st quarter	January	Souper Bowl Collected cans of soup for food pantry		
	February	Collected for Peoria Dream Center \$194.81		
	March	Collected \$172.34 for Friendship House		Collected total of \$405.53 for NW Haiti Christian Mission
2nd quarter	April	Chaddock Children's Home collection \$224.08		4 th Sunday collection for Missionary (In His Footsteps) \$56.66
	May	African University collection \$298.25		4 th Sunday collection for Missionary (In His Footsteps) \$86.29
	June	Pathway Ministries collection Collected \$381.73	Peoria Rescue mission service activity (TBD)	5th Sunday collection for Missionary (In His Footsteps) \$200.00 TOTAL \$342.95
3rd quarter	July	Salvation Army collection		4 th Sunday collection for Haiti Waves of Mercy
	August	Native American Children's Fund collection		4 th Sunday collection for Haiti Waves of Mercy
	September	Deaf and Hearing-Impaired collection	Teacher's appreciation gift bags (school TBD)	4 th and 5th Sunday collection for Haiti Waves of Mercy
4th quarter	October	Church World Service Crop Walk- no bucket collection. There will be a walk to raise money (details TBD)		4 th Sunday collection for India- Brenda Lewis
	November	Food pantry Thanksgiving boxes food collection- no bucket collection AND Shoe Boxes		4 th Sunday collection for India- Brenda Lewis
	December	Heifer International collection	No #BeUMC activity- Christmas	4 th and 5th Sunday collection for India- Brenda Lewis

Altar Flowers

**Please don't forget
to sign up for your altar flowers!
Flowers must be paid for prior to date they are
ordered for.**

The forms and calendar are in the glass case in the fellowship hall.

The flowers are \$20.00 and you can take the flowers home with you after church.

If you haven't signed up you can call the office at 309-692-0421 or email to office@nwunitedmethodist.org

If you don't see your birthday or anniversary on the list? This means the Church office does not have your information. You may submit your information to the Church office by e-mail:

*office@nwunitedmethodist.org
or call the church office (309) 692-0421 for an update information form. Thanks!*

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries in July

July Anniversaries

Robert & JoAnn Stevens	07/01
Kim & Rick Dancey	07/10
Jim & Terry Tiller	07/20

July Birthdays

Cheryl Lamie	07/03
Will Swain	07/03
Dorothy Swirmicky	07/08
Jake Gruber	07/16
Gary Baumgarten	07/17
Evelyn Hartley Tapp	07/18
Gary Rogers	07/18
Jonathan Gruber	07/21
Julie Howar	07/23

Teri's Tidbits

The other day I was watching my grandkids and our youngest granddaughter Kyra, who is 4, fell and hurt her mouth pretty bad. She came to me just sobbing and said "grandma I want to hold you." I tried not to laugh because she was so distraught and had a swollen lip which we put ice on right away. I knew that she meant for me to hold her. As I was holding her I started to think about how God may be saying to us, my child I want to hold you. Having a relationship with God should be like a parent/child relationship. He wants to hold us in His arms. He wants to protect us, yet He gave us free will to make decisions on our own. I don't know about you but I feel like adulting is very hard and I would much rather go back to my childhood with that childlike faith that my parents and God would always protect me and I would be okay. When my parents passed it was like my buffer to all things horrible and awful was gone and it was up to me to step into those shoes for my children and I definitely wanted God to hold me and tell me it would all be ok. Which He did and it was. I still struggle from time to time with making decisions that are in the best interest of not only me but my family also. The Bible says in Matthew Chapter 11:28 "Come to me, all you who are weary, and burdened, and I will give you rest." I can sometimes feel that God is reaching out to me when I am struggling hard with something. He wants to hold me and make sure I am ok. However, in a world filled with noise and the things the enemy throws our way to disrupt our relationship with Jesus, it can be very difficult to hear that still, small voice offering us comfort and joy. Kyra's lip is much better and she still says grandma I want to hold you when she is upset. I love to give her the comfort she needs just as God loves to give us the comfort we need. We need only ask for His help and just Listen for His response. It's there. We just have to shut out the noise of the world and spend time in the company of the Savior.

In Person Opportunities

Sunday Worship (in person) 9:45 a.m.

Children's Worship in the Fellowship Hall during Service in easy view from the Sanctuary.

Wednesday Activities

Family Meals	5:30 p.m.
Morning Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Evening Bible Studies	6:00 p.m.
Children's Ministry	6:00 p.m.
Praise Band Practice	6:00 p.m.
Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.



Our Daily Bread Food Pantry

Every 4th Saturday of the month

10 a.m. to 12p.m.

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