



Family Ties Newsletter October 2024

From Pastor's Heart ❤️

Let's Talk About Jesus!

Dear Church Family:

Too often the church operates more on what divides us than what unites us. The church in Corinth was having that problem and in the early part of 1st Corinthians, Paul tackles this issue. Paul reminds the church in Corinth that it is Jesus Christ that unites us and that should be our focus. With an election coming up in November, I see many churches and pastors focusing more on political parties and candidates than Jesus Christ. I too used to be one of those people. Jesus is neither Republican or Democrat. When it says that "God so loved the world," that includes people in each party.

Now it is important to vote and Christians should take that responsibility seriously, but the church must focus, not on political doctrine, but on the saving power and love of Jesus Christ. Let us at Northwest UMC be a church where Democrats, Republicans, and Independents feel welcome. May the gospel of Jesus Christ be our mission and ministry always.

Your Pastor and Friend,

Reverend Ted A. Hartley

October Sermons

Sermon Series: "Questions Jesus Asked"

October 6th Worldwide Communion Day hosted at Bethel UMC

No service at NUMC.

October 13th "What Do You Live For" Mark 8:34-38

October 20th "Bad Hair Day" Teri Sebesta Psalms 139:14

October 27th "Whom Will You Love" Luke 6:27-36

BIBLE STUDY!!

Beginning October 2, the Wednesday morning and evening Bible study groups will be studying the last book of the Bible...Revelation. This book has fascinated, worried, and perplexed many devout Christians as well as Non-Christians. Pastor Ted A. will approach Revelation from many different classes he has attended. Revelation will be seen through the eyes of Methodist, Baptists, Pentecostal and Catholic teachings. False doctrine and teaching will be exposed and discussed. There will be a special presentation on the seven churches in the beginning of Revelation by Greg Boylan who pastors El Paso UMC. He has just gotten back from visiting the area where all seven churches are located. No prior knowledge of Revelation is required. Times for the study are Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

YOUTH!!

Something Exciting is about to happen. Will Swain is our Youth Group Leader and, along with others, will try to provide a fun Christian environment for the youth to grow in their faith and fellowship. We will be meeting twice a month, on Sunday afternoons, and will have Bible Study and discussions, along with mission trips and fun events. Youth will be able to invite friends and of course there will be food. Did I say there will be food? Yes there will be food. We will be fixing up a room downstairs and they will decorate it and make it their own.

They will be meeting on October 13th at 4 p.m. to work on their room and lesson and food!

October 27th: Youth will be helping with our Trunk or Treat from 5 to 8 p.m.



October 2024 Calendar

Wed – Oct. 2: 10:00 am Staff
11:00 am Bible Study
6:00 pm Bible Study (Start Book of Revelation)
6:00 pm Praise Band
7:00 pm Choir

Sun - Oct. 6: 10:45 am World Communion Sunday
Worship with Bethel UMC, 210 North Richard Pryor Place
Potluck to follow with BBQ provided – Bring Dish To Share

Wed - Oct. 9: 10:00 am Staff
11:00 am Bible Study
6:00 pm Bible Study
6:00 pm Praise Band
7:00 pm Choir

Sun - Oct. 13: 8:30 am Adult Sunday School
9:45 am Worship
4:00 pm Youth & Children

Wed - Oct. 16: 10:00 am Staff
11:00 am Bible Study
6:00 pm Bible Study
6:00 pm Praise Band
7:00 pm Choir

Sun - Oct. 20: 8:30 am Adult Sunday School
9:45 am Worship

Wed - Oct. 23: 10:00 am Staff

11:00 am Bible Study

6:00 pm Bible Study

6:00 pm Praise Band

7:00 pm Choir

Sat - Oct. 26: 10:00-12:00 Food Pantry

Sun - Oct. 27: 8:30 am Adult Sunday School

9:45 am Worship

5:00-8:00 Trunk or Treat – Youth will be helping

Wed - Oct. 28: 6:00 pm Leadership Team Meeting

Leadership Team Meeting Summary

September 16, 2024

The team convened on Monday evening of the 16th with 5 of the 9 members present.

Ministry Reports

Trustees – Dan Becker We are still awaiting the results from requests for grants and other funding before actual purchasing equipment and construction begins on sound booth improvements. Pastor Ted gave an update on Fellheimer grant. They have been contacted and waiting on reply. Pastor Ted recommended going ahead once we hear on grant. Motion to move ahead on project (equipment purchase and sound booth) regardless of grant outcome was approved.

Information on new carpeting for the fellowship hall will be gathered for the October Leadership Team meeting.

Treasurer – Randy Anderson July 2024 checking activity and Jan-July savings activity received and reviewed by the group.

2025 Church Budget - New line expenses: monthly website charges, advertising/publicity, and Youth Group Monthly website charges - \$95/month, \$2400-\$3500 for development fee. Go ahead with project which was already approved in previous meetings.

Advertising publicity - \$500-\$1000

Youth Group – Amount needed will be determined by Pastor Ted and Trica

Pastor Ted to give information to Randy Anderson for inclusion into 2025 budget.

Review proposed budget existing line expenses: Trustees (general maintenance amount, carpeting cost-coming in October), Staff SPRC worksheet showing separate 2.5% and 3% increases.

SP Health insurance to be \$200/month or \$2400/year

Pulpit supply – Pastor Ted will check around on how much other churches use or how they handle it. Keep \$600 in there for now.

Motion to approve 3% increase on staff salaries for 2025. Accepted and passed.

State mandate with Secure Choice – Employees to go to web site and register. It's a requirement that we apply. An information copy will be mailed to those registered to accept or not accept.

Leadership Team Summary Cont.

Further Items:

Leadership Team Retreat – November 9th 1-4 pm @ Crossword Café in Chili. Mike Krost will check on availability. Sam Rodriguez guess speaker to talk about church leadership.

Inclement Weather Policy – 3 people to make decision on weather, Pastor Ted, Church building person, and one more for a tie.

Best practice recommendation on Leadership Team documentation and record keeping.

Suggestion to keep google drive but also provide a paper document file. Deb will place things on google drive and the office assistant will print off documents and file in a binder.

Jerry Leohhardt—Recording Secretary

September Mission

Thank you to Northwest UMC's Congregation for a great job on Sunday mornings of giving donations for The UMC Deaf Awareness program! Thank you for your generous donation \$231.14.

October Mission Emphasis

Forrest Hill UMC has asked us, and other UMC churches to join them in collection sweaters/sweatshirts for Von Steuben School during the month of October. This will replace our Crop Walk emphasis. You may bring a sweater or sweatshirt to the church starting October . The collection will end October 27. A container will be placed near the welcoming table. No loose change offering will be collected in October. A goal of 35 sweaters/sweatshirts has been set for our church.



Northwest UMC Book Club News - October, 2024

Northwest UMC Book Club News

Come and join the first quarterly gathering of the Northwest UMC Book Club on Tuesday, October 22nd at 6 p.m.! In meeting once a quarter, we hope that a larger group of book lovers will be available to join our small group. We enjoy discussing the selected book(s) and sharing other books we have read. If you are curious about the Book Club or would like to participate in discussing books (read or hoped to read), please join us during this month on the 22nd in the Church Fellowship Hall!

The three books we will be discussing this month are:

—*Flowers in the Snow* by Danielle Stewart: Set in the 1960s, two young girls form a life-long, yet secret friendship due the realities of growing up in North Carolina. The story reveals the strength of this friendship through the trials lived as Betty shares with her now extended family.

—*West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge: Think about the 1938 hurricane hitting New York. Now follow the 12-day journey of the first giraffes in Southern California, bound for the San Diego Zoo, as told through the narrative of Woodrow Wilson Nickel, an unexpected co-traveler. (Historical fiction based on true events)

—*The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn. Three women from very different backgrounds train together on breaking German military codes for Britain as the Nazis become an increasing threat. Unfortunately the stresses of war, loss, and secrecy will create distrust and broken relationships among them. That is until years later they discover a traitor from their past work that requires them to work together one more time to discover the true enemy in their midst.

The next set of books will be selected during our gathering. We look forward to having you join us!

--Deb, Nylene, Dixie, and Lisa

October Liturgist: TBD

Ushers: Oct. 8 Sandy Osman & Doris Meinke

Oct. 13 Dan & Kathy Becker

Oct. 20 Paul & Leanne Gollnitz

Oct. 27 Terry & Vickie Haas

Greeters: Oct. 8 Betty Callais & Chuck Traver

Oct. 13 Kim Switzer & Dixie Rogers

Oct. 20 Nylene Bradburn & Linda Nicot

Oct. 27 Lorna Gabbert & Karol Castens



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 |
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| 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 Collected \$248.91 | | 4 th Sunday collection for Haiti Waves of Mercy NO COLLECTION |
| | August | Native American Childrens Fund collection \$192.94 | | 4 th Sunday collection for Haiti Waves of Mercy \$143.18 |
| | September | Deaf and Hearing-Impaired collection 231.14 | Teacher's appreciation gift bags (Charter Oak) | 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 October

October Anniversaries

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| Randy & Marilyn Anderson | 10/03 |
| John & Barbara Eisfelder | 10/06 |
| Ted & Sandy Osman | 10/28 |

October Birthdays

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| Nick Gilles | 10/01 |
| Cait Beene | 10/06 |
| Mike Krost | 10/06 |
| Colt Gilles | 10/07 |
| Jon Gehlbach | 10/10 |
| Chuck Traver | 10/12 |
| Cameron Lauseng | 10/16 |
| Jim Tiller | 10/16 |
| George Switzer | 10/17 |
| Terry Tiller | 10/28 |
| Mia Scott | 10/29 |

TERI'S TIDBITS

Do you ever have the feeling that the storms in your life will never end? That the traumas you have been through will never leave your mind or stop dictating how you live your life. Whether you are scared to be out in public or afraid to be in small spaces or just scared, it can affect us forever if we let it. Is it easy to get over our fears and trust that God can and will take care of everything for us? Absolutely not! We are natural born fixers and control freaks and we think we know best. I don't know about you but when I try fix to stuff it's an epic fail. When I stand aside and let God in and fix it, it is an epically beautiful thing to watch. You would think that after having experienced that so many times, I would learn to let Him just take over and sit back and relax and no more worries...nope that just doesn't happen and I have to relearn almost every time. However, I will say as I have gotten older it has been a little easier to turn it over a little quicker than when I was a young, stubborn, prideful girl. I have had traumas in my life. Some really left a really awful lasting impression, some I just use as learning experiences and some I can say I did turn them over to God and He was amazing. The Bible says His eye is on the sparrow...you know the rest. He is always there. Always listening, never sleeping, always hoping we will choose Him and let Him handle all the terrible things we face sometimes on a daily basis. My prayer for you and for me is that we can just sit back and trust our heavenly Father to have our backs and that He will always do what is best for us whether we like the outcome or not. I have said it before as I look back over my life I can see where He was constantly working and sometimes when I was going back and forth He just took over and made it right. Trust Him, you can go wrong!

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

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| 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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Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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