

Newsnoes from Northwood

The Newsletter of Northwood Presbyterian Church

This Month's Highlights

- Easter Worship and Easter Breakfast
- Rev. Wilson Gunn, General Presbyterian in the pulpit—April 11th
- Book Discussion Group—April 13th
- Prayer Group Meetings each Friday morning.

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FROM REV. HEATHER

Spring time is full of the signs of renewed life: the new flowers, the fresh leaves on the trees, the appearance of baby birds. In people, too: their clothes go from the drab winter blacks and browns to light pastel colors. People begin to congregate outdoors in neighborhoods and community events. The hours of daylight markedly increase so that it seems suddenly, the world as we know it has awakened to a new time in our collective life. The old life has gone and the new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

We are made new in Christ Jesus - that means we are free to begin again. In the life of the people of Jesus Christ we understand that transformation happens everyday. Grace is freely given and our hearts continually softened. In response, we rush to answer to the invitation, eager always for each day to bring us chances to live out our gratitude to God.

One thing I know for certain, we are called to work together, to cooperate, to help each other, protect each other, to reach out to one another in genuine caring and true compassion. The members and friends of Northwood can be trusted to do this. In fact, this quality of God's love is abundantly clear in our mission, fellowship, worship and outreach. Groups of human beings, called by God, to serve and rejoice, and know satisfaction.

I am so buoyed up in my spirit by the many mem-

bers who have answered the call to involvement during this Interim time. Think what that shows: many of you already grasp the significance of using this time with intelligence, imagination and love to effectively prepare this ministry to be a healthy and desirable one for a new installed pastor. This openness also signifies a deep sense of security about the future of this church as an important voice in this community. And it also demonstrates courage to consider new possibilities for Northwood. Wow! The new church year is full of hope!



Come and worship in the new light of the world. Pray for this church and hear all the prayers that God's people share in our service. Pray and sing and lift your hearts to the Holy Sun that shines health and beauty into this weary world, and into each of us health and healing and the will to seek His will, together, for the sake of Jesus Christ. He is risen indeed!

See you in church,

Rev. Heather H. Bobbitt
Interim Pastor

NORTHWOOD WORSHIP SERVICES

April 4—Easter Sunday— Holy Communion
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service
10:00 a.m. Easter Worship
Acts 10:34-43, Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24, 1 Cor. 15;19-26, John 20:1-18
April 11—Rev. Wilson Gunn, General
Presbyter will be in the pulpit

Acts 5:27-32, Ps. 118:14-29, Rev. 1:4-8, John 20:19-31

April 18—Rev. Heather H. Bobbitt
Acts 9:1-20, Ps. 30, Rev. 5:11-14, John 21:1-19

April 25—Rev. Heather H. Bobbitt
Acts 9:36, Ps. 23, Rev. 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

THE NORTHWOOD FAMILY



PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Those who are sick

Elizabeth Puwo and her father, Dorothy Brumfield, Evelyn Wall, Gail Oakes, Vaughn Marker and Barbara, Louise Lawson's friend, Clara Kennedy's sister, Betty Barnes' sister-in-law, Bob Leslie's cousin, Angela - surgery at NIH, Emma Hart's daughter, Evelyn Wall's daughters, Teddy Jones, and all friends and relatives who need our prayers.

Ongoing Prayers

Dylan Bodkin in the Marine Corps, Clara Kennedy, John Slavcoff, Al and Fran Minnigh, Marjorie Ryan, Patricia Beinsu and family, Ipu Gray, Mary Jane and Hal Boyd, Don Rishebarger's niece - caregiver to her mother, Doris Cotts' son, Willena Allen, Connie Wilcher, Judi Poppo, June Barth's brother, Audrey Norris' grandson and friend, Sahr Bockai's son and friend, Carrie Hughley, Paul Brumfield, Abbadean Robertson and her sister, Ernie Leach's daughter. Sharon Atteh-Chi & family.

Home Bound—Larry Malloy, Piroja Mojgani, Peg Magner, Barbara Callis, Dottie Peregoy, Kwong Lim, Jim Buffington, and all nursing homes residents.

Prayers of Thanks—Kathy O'Neill Cook's daughter Eileen had a baby boy. Princess Spaine completed her bachelor's degree. Marty Hale's aunt's 102nd birthday. Alexandria Monroe elected President of Ed. Soc. at Spellman College. Reconciliation of Gordon Goodlett with his family.

Suffered Loss—Fran Minnigh on the loss of her sister. Grace Aaron for loss of her cousin.

Missionaries—Rev. Alice Winters in Colombia and Ginger Boyd in Cameroon Prayers for all who work in world missions.

Other Prayers

Our nation; peace justice and mercy in the world; the military personnel serving overseas and the wounded servicemen and their families; comfort for those with mental disease; improvement in the national economy; those

in need of life's necessities; those suffering from natural disasters. For the Nominating Committee of Northwood. Prayers for the children in Grace Aaron's school in Ghana.

Please pray for Marquessa Brown in South Africa doing research on rural deaf South Africans knowledge about AIDS with the hope of developing appropriate educational materials for them. You can e-mail her with encouragement at: marquessa.brown@gallaudet.edu.

April Birthdays

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| 3. Doreen Chi | 15. Ta'Quan Crichton |
| Gail Oakes | 16. Georgina Banda |
| Sally Rishebarger | 18. Jim Buffington |
| 4. Gail McGuire | 23. Larissa Cargal |
| 5. Rachel Hardy | 28. Dorothy Peregoy |
| 8. Sahr Bockai | 29. Judy McPhie |
| Elena Taylor | 30. Linda Beinsu |
| 11. Barbara Catrett | 30. Adam Maisto |
| 13. Alex Monroe | |

Directory Changes

Email Change: Audrey Norris sirron@comcast.net

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Brook Grove Rehab & Nursing Care
18131 Slade School Road, Rm. 101
Sandy Spring, MD 20860

Evelyn Wall
Layhill Center, 3227 Bel Pre Road
Silver Spring, MD 20906

Please note the new address for Dylan Bodkin and keep him in your prayers as he begins a new phase of his training:

PFC Bodkin, D. F.
SOI East MCTB
Hotel Co. 4th PLT
Camp Lejeune, NC 28542

Newsnotes Distribution

Last month we sent out Newsnotes electronically as a PDF file, as well as by regular mail, and we are doing so again this month. Please send you email address to the church office if you don't receive this issue by email. Call Judy at 301-593-1180 with any questions.



INTERIM YEAR TEAM

Rev. Heather and the Northwood Session have put together an Interim Year Team of elders and their alternates from the congregation. They are: Betty Barnes, Dave and Mary Virginia Ellis, Dottie Slavcoff, Brenda Stidham, and Therese Taylor-Stinson. Alternates: Marty Hale, Sharon Ludwig, and Gail Oakes.

The purpose of the Team is to support Rev. Heather in meeting the expectations for interim ministers, set out by National Capital Presbytery, at Northwood. Among those expectations are The Five Developmental Tasks of an interim congregation. They are:

1. Coming to Terms with History
2. Discovering a New Identity
3. Strengthening Patterns of Lay Leadership
4. Strengthening Denominational Ties
5. Preparing for New Leadership

The Interim Year Team will work directly with Rev. Heather to facilitate Northwood's progress with The Five Developmental Tasks. They have committed to meet monthly with Rev. Heather, and so far met in February and March as they attempt to organize and strategize process for bringing The Five Developmental Tasks alive within the Northwood congregation.

Please remember the Interim Year Team in your prayers and feel free to talk with any of the members. Rev. Heather invites anyone who is interested to come to any of the Interim Year Team monthly meetings.

Therese Taylor-Stinson

MISSION

INTERFAITH WORKS

14th. Annual Caregivers Conference

A training conference for community and congregational caregivers

Wednesday, May 5, 2010, 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

The Lutheran Church of St. Andrew

15300 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring, MD

Onsite Registration - \$45

Join the Caregivers Conference to be in-touch, informed and inspired. For 14 years Interfaith has brought workers and County leaders together to hold an annual training conference to address the diversity of poverty in Montgomery County. Their long experience creating and partnering with helping agencies to strengthen resources and skills put them in a unique position to establish this year's Conference to help you help neighbors in need in today's economy. You'll find expanded opportunities for learning and networking.

Invited Special Guests include The Honorable County Executive Ike Leggett: The Honorable Nancy Floreen, Montgomery County Council President.

Conference Features: 8:15 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast * Inspiring Plenary & Workshops * Resource Materials * Client Awards * Networking with Peers & Policy Makers * New: Table Talk (Hunger, Health Care Reform, Clergy Connections).

Please inquire at the church office (Judy McPhie) for a detailed schedule.

Elmer Lantz, Mission Coordinator



USHERING

We are grateful to have two new usher captains: Betty Barnes and Byron Wong, who will join with Head Usher, Richard Biddle and Assistant Head Usher, Peter McPhie. Thanks to the new volunteers who have had an orientation session using the detailed instruction sheet left by Isaac Daniels with all his years of experience.

Another new volunteer who deserves great

thanks is Ray Fuller who has agreed to be the person who calls to recruit the ushers each week. So, when Ray calls you, please say yes.

Ushering is an easy, but necessary task, and we think you will enjoy the opportunity to serve God in this way. It is good to see the children participating in the ushering.

Peter McPhie



April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Service of Tenebrae</i>	2 <i>Good Friday</i>	3
4 <i>Sunrise Ser. Breakfast Worship</i>	5 <i>Rev. Heather on Study Leave</i>	6	7 <i>Bible Study</i>	8 <i>No Choir Practice</i>	9 <i>Prayer Group</i>	10 <i>Rev. Heather back from Study Lve.</i>
11 <i>Rev. Wilson Gunn in the Pulpit</i>	12	13 <i>Book Discussion Group</i>	14	15 <i>Choir Practice</i>	16	17
18 <i>Worship</i>	19	20	21 <i>Bible Study</i>	22 <i>Chancel Choir</i>	23 <i>Prayer Group</i>	24
25 <i>Worship</i>	26 <i>Crosswood Board Meeting</i>	27 <i>Scrabble Players</i>	28	29 <i>Chancel Choir</i>	30 <i>Prayer Group</i>	

Schedule of Events

- **April 1**– Service of Tenebrae and Holy Communion—7:30 p.m.
- **April 2**—Prayer Group each Friday, 10 a.m.
- **April 4**– Sunrise Service, Easter Breakfast, Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Worship
- **April 5**—10 Rev. Heather on Study Leave
- **April 7 & 21**—Bible Study
- **April 11**—Rev. Wilson Gunn, General Presbyterian, will be in the pulpit.
- **April 13**—Book Discussion Group, 10 am
- **April 26**—Scrabble Players—1:00 p.m.
- **April 27** — Briefly describe the event here, including time and place.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN—WHO ARE YOU?

Presbyterian Women, organized on congregation, presbytery, synod and church-wide levels, provides program, leadership, resources, information and opportunities for service, advocates action on contemporary issues and concerns, encourages leader development, offers opportunities for periodic gatherings of Presbyterian Women.

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves:

- to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
- to support the mission of the church worldwide,
- to work for justice and peace, and
- to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

There may be women who do not desire or cannot participate in Bible Study or Circle, but attend the Prayer Shawl Ministry, the Scrabble Players, the Friday morning prayer meeting, the Book Discussion Group, the Fun and Fellowship, Parish Care, sing in the choir or serve on the session.

If you are ill or homebound, pray for members who are ill or homebound; attend Church School and worship each week, teach Church School, are involved in mission work and outreach.

Some of us use the Mission Yearbook for Prayer and study, follow devotional books and books of prayer, learn from different versions of the Bible, study hymns and their Scriptural background, and many other like activities.

If any of these describe you, you are a member of Presbyterian Women.

Gloria Pendelton



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER SHARON SNODGRASS

Sharon was born in Republic, MO near Springfield. She joined the Air Force when she was 20 where she received training as a Medical Lab. Technologist. She was stationed at Andrews Air Force Base, and after her discharge she worked at D.C. General Hospital for 28 years.

Sharon has been living at University Towers for 18 years and likes being able to walk to church. She attended a Free Methodist Church and a United Methodist Church for some years, and decided she wanted something different. She said she has been looking at Northwood Church across the street for 18 years!

Sharon has been worshipping with us since last fall and enjoyed the variety of guest pastors we had before Christmas. She feels she came at a perfect time and likes it here.

Sharon loves theater and arts and is a very long time subscriber to the Arena Stage. She says she is a thinker and loves to discuss and hear other's point of view. We welcome Sharon to Northwood!

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Welcome
Our New
Member

EASTER AT NORTHWOOD

Easter was celebrated at Northwood beginning with the Chancel Choir presenting special music "Rejoice in The Lamb" by Benjamin Britten, on Palm Sunday. Many thanks to Gregory Catrett for his leadership and for all the choir members who worked hard to learn this difficult music.

On Maundy Thursday Northwood celebrated the Service of Tenebrae and Holy Communion, with the extinguishing of the candles to represent the flight of the disciples. Easter Sunday

began with the Sunrise Service, followed by a delicious breakfast prepared by John Slavcoff and his staff. Thank you John.

The sanctuary was decorated with Easter flowers provided by members of the congregation in memory of loved ones. Thanks to Judi Poppo for ordering the plants, and also for coordinating the chancel flowers during the year.



Palm Sunday

NORTHWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHILD CARE CENTER, INC.

The Annual Corporation Meeting of Northwood Presbyterian Child Care Center was held on Sunday, February 28, at the end of the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Nancy May, Chair of the Board of Directors, called the meeting to order and Rev. Heather Bobbitt, offered an opening prayer. The first order of business was to elect directors. Nancy May, Robert Leslie, and Pamela Monroe were elected to the Board of Directors for three year terms.

Three long-term members of the Board, Al Minnigh, Mort Rian and Carol Bennett, will

be sorely missed. The congregation also voted to approve a small change to the Northwood Child Care By-laws, which will allow decisions to be made via email instead of requiring a meeting.

Nancy introduced Daeleen Thomas, a grandmother whose grandson attends the Center. She praised the staff and the center for its professionalism and its excellent program. Her Grandson has blossomed during the time he has attended. A reception was held following the worship service giving members of the congregation the opportunity to meet the staff.



Northwood Child Care Center

HOPE MINISTRY REPORT



CHURCH WORKDAY

**NEEDED
HELPING HANDS
9:00 a.m.—Saturday, May 8th
For the Church Cleanup Day**

(Mark your calendars)

- Polish the brass candle holders
- Wash windows
- Clean the kitchen
- Dust the pews
- Plant flowers

Bring your gardening and cleaning tools and refreshments will be provided.

Thanks go to Mort Rian and Mac McIntire for solving the problem of the blinking lights in Knox Hall, and also to Mac for cutting up and disposing of the tree which had fallen down during the snow storm. Fred May replaced so many burned out light bulbs that we have had to order a new supply. Thanks Fred.

The Hope Ministry is thinking of adjusting the outside lighting and also repainting the parking lot stripes. If you can help with any of these things, please contact Kelly Sharpless.

The Rain Garden had snow pushed on it and some plants will probably need to be replaced. So far, we haven't found anyone to coordinate the Hope Garden this year. The fence has been knocked down and needs to be repaired. Contact Kelly or Bob Leslie if you have ideas for

continuing the garden which was designed to help to feed the hungry and was off to a good start last year with many new plants. It has been an exciting month in the church office - the fire alarm tripped and the building had to be evacuated until the Fire Department arrived with two trucks to check out the building. The children in the Child Care and the Pathways School got outside quickly and safely thanks to the many fire drills run by the Wednesday Work Crew. The fire alarm is working again now! The telephone system went out and the phones have not been working properly for a couple of weeks, even after two technicians were sent out. If you had trouble reaching the church office, now you know why! It still isn't working perfectly.

Kelly Sharpless

Treasurer's Report—Hi everybody, good news again in February. Our financial report showed a surplus of \$3,786 for the month of February. This was due to your hard efforts in offerings. We have had some setbacks; however, with a very high snow removal bill, replacement of the water fountain downstairs, and we are waiting to see how much telephone repairs will cost us. Keep up the good work, and maybe March will not be too bad.

Bob Leslie, Treasurer.

PATHWAYS ANNUAL 5K FUN RUN/WALK



Come and join in the Fun Run/
Walk—May 1st.

On Saturday, May 1st, walkers and runners will gather for the 13th Annual "Journey to Better Pathways" 5K Fun Run/Walk held in support of The Pathways Schools alternative therapeutic and educational activities. The Fun Run/Walk raises money for Pathways students to participate in a vast array of educational, recreational, and therapeutic activities. These creative activities motivate and encourage students toward their goals, providing a rich variety of ways to learn about the

world and themselves.

At the race's conclusion, all participants will be encouraged to join in the festivities of enjoying music, refreshments, awards, and raffle prizes.

To obtain a registration form or read more about the Fun Run please refer to the Fun Run link on the Pathways website at: www.pathwayschools.org or contact Joy Spain at the Administrative House (301) 649-0778.

FAITH MINISTRY

“Houston, we have a problem!”

It's been forty years since it was said, but who of us can forget the famous words of Commander James Lovell alerting NASA Houston to the explosion that had taken place on Apollo 13 in its journey to the moon.

“Northwood, we've got a problem”, may not resonate exactly the same way, but we do have a problem and we're asking for your help. Several years ago we changed the organization of our church by eliminating the committee structure and establishing instead three Ministries to do the work of the church while asking various individuals to accomplish individual tasks. A lot of people have volunteered to take charge of a variety of tasks that the committees previously handled.

This year the Faith Ministry has had a series of setbacks. Of the four elders, each has missed considerable time because of problems out of their control, and one elder was forced to resign because she needed to be with her family during a difficult period. Nevertheless, Faith Ministry accomplished a lot this year. We found replacements for two important long-serving volunteers who were finally able to turn their responsibilities to someone else and we had a big task to find qualified people for pulpit supply and special services over an extended period.

To be sure the most important function of the Faith Ministry is the worship experience of Northwood. We had an article in Newsnotes a few months ago detailing the number of people involved in preparation for and execution of a worship service. It's a bigger number than you might think it is. We'd like to beef up this function by creating a Worship Committee to function as part of the Faith Ministry and we are looking for volunteers to be involved. The reality is that we need more people to be involved in the planning and execution of our worship services, and we need to make sure that our services fully reflect the needs and preferences of our congregation. Members would work with the pastor to look at the annual calendar and plan for events during the

church year, the objective being to enhance the quality of the worship experience. We're having an organizing meeting (about 1 hour) on April 14th at 2:00 p.m. We'd like to invite anyone who has an interest in this to come so they can determine if they would like to be involved. If you have an interest but can't attend please call Marty Hale or John Slavcoff.

SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING!

Lunch Bunch - Makemie Hall was decorated to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, with special table decorations. Everyone brought a sandwich to share, and there were vegetables, chips and cakes and cookies for dessert, not to mention special green punch for the occasion. Many thanks to Eleanor McIntire for playing the piano for some Irish songs, and to the Parish Care Ladies who set up for the luncheon and provided the goodies.

The Annual Chinese Dinner was held on Sunday, March 14th at the Far East Restaurant, where about fifty members and friends gathered for a social hour and wonderful five-course dinner with appetizers and dessert. Many thanks to Louise Lawson for coordinating this event for us all again.

Bible Study Group will meet on Wednesday, April 7th and 21st, at 1:45 p.m. in Makemie Hall. Please contact Gloria Pendleton, leader of the study, with any question.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will gather again on April 25th after church in Knox Hall.

Book Discussion Group - In April we will be talking about Day After Night by Anita Diamant. Come to Knox Hall on Tuesday, April 13th at 10:00 a.m. to enjoy the discussion.

Scrabble Players get together on April 27th at 1:00 p.m. at the church. You are invited to come and enjoy some fellowship.

Prayer Meeting - Please come and join the group which gathers together each Friday morning at 10:00 a.m. to pray with other Northwood members, for those on the prayer list and for other prayer requests.



Worship Committee

Are you interested?



Lunch Bunch



Chinese Dinner

Growing in faith, hope and love ...



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DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL

April 1 - Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-14, Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Cor. 11:23-26, John 12:1-17, 31b-35

April 2 - Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-52:12, Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25, John 18:1-19:42

Sat. 1 Samuel 4:1b-11

Sun., April 4 - Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26, John 20:1-18

Mon. Joshua 10:16-27

Tue. 2 Samuel 6:1-15

Wed. Luke 24:1-12

Thu. Judges 4:17-23; 5:24-31a

Fri. Revelation 12:1-12

Sat. Psalm 108

Sun., April 11- *Acts 5:27-32, Psalm 118:14-29*

Revelation 1:4-8, John 20:19-31

Mon. 1 Samuel 17:1-23

Tue. 1 Samuel 17:32-51

Wed. Luke 13:4-12

Thu. Esther 9:1-5, 18-23

Fri. Revelation 1:9-18

Sat. Psalm 122

Sun., April 18 - *Acts 9:1-20, Psalm 30*

Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19

Mon. Acts 12:1-19

Tue. Acts 26:1, 12-29

Wed. Luke 5:1-11

Thu. Acts 11:19-30

Fri. Revelation 5:1-10

Sat. Psalm 121

Sun., April 25 - *Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23*

Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

Mon. Ezekiel 37:15-29

Tue. Ezekiel 45:1-9

Wed. John 10:31-42

Thu. Jeremiah 50:17-20

Fri. Revelation 6:1-7:3

Sat. Psalm 100



BIBLE
Daily Readings