

# Newsnotes from Northwood

*The Newsletter of Northwood Presbyterian Church*

### This Month's Highlights

- Congregational Meeting—June 5th
- Sunday School Children's Party—June 12th
- Church Picnic—June 12th after worship
- Pathways Graduation—June 15th, 10:00 a.m.
- Children's Music Program begins—June 19th

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## FROM THE CLERK OF SESSION

Northwood Church is taking part in the New Beginnings Program which was developed three years ago and has already assessed 150 congregations. When the opportunity came, the Session decided this was the ideal time to be part of the study since we are in an interim time and will be making a new beginning when a new called Pastor is identified for our church.

The Presbyterian Church USA began offering this program to presbyteries in January 2011. The program is designed to assist churches make good decisions about their future. Rev. David Boumgarden, Pastor at River Glen Presbyterian Church in Naperville, Illinois, was assigned to lead the study on Northwood.

Dr. Boumgarden was at Northwood on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> and met with different groups of people from Northwood's leadership. He was looking for information on the church property, the community around the church, the finances, the use of the building, the composition of the congregation, its' mission, activities, history, administration, attendance and more. New Beginnings asks "What is God calling your congregation to do to con-

tinue a life-giving Presbyterian witness in this community?"

During the evening session in the sanctuary,

Rev. Carla Gorrell, of National Capital Presbytery, led the discussion by asking ten questions. Members were encouraged to shout out their answers which Rev. Boumgarden recorded to be used as part of his report on Northwood. For those thirty-five who attended it was an opportunity to hear how others see themselves and Northwood Church.

This assessment of Northwood is the first step in the program that will continue for several months and include a retreat with other participating churches in Presbytery, leadership training, and a small group discussion process to reach a decision about the church's future direction. If you have questions about the program please contact Nancy May.



## NORTHWOOD WORSHIP SERVICES

June 3—*Sacrament of Holy Communion*  
 Rev. Dr. Robert C. Angus  
 Acts 1:6-14; Ps. 68:1-10, 32-35;  
 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

June 12—*Day of Pentecost*  
 Rev. Maggie Hayward  
 Acts 2:1-21; Ps. 104:24-35b; 1 Cor.  
 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23

June 19—*Trinity Sunday*  
 Rev. Jim Adams  
 Gen. 1:1-2:4a; Ps. 8; 2 Cor. 13:11-13; Matt. 28:16-20

June 26—Rev. Bob Harris  
 Gen. 22:1-14; Ps. 13; Rom. 6:12-23;  
 Matt. 10:40-42



## THE NORTHWOOD FAMILY

### PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

#### Those who are sick

Abbadean Robrtson, Rose Wong, Clara Kennedy, Sharon Ludwig's father, Audrey Norris' son, Setsuko Simmons, Brenda Stidham, Ben Atiemo, John & Dottie Slavcoff's son-in-law, Emma Hart, Mame Opoku's friend Bryan, Y. Monroe Galloway and friends, Elizabeth Puwo's relatives, and all friends and relatives.

#### Ongoing Prayers

Dylan Bodkin in the Marine Corps being shipped to Afghanistan, Vadne Henline, Gail McGuire, Doris Cotts, Jim McGeogh, Doris Cotts' son, Andrew Opoku, Clara Kennedy's sister, Bob Wright, Judi Poppos' brother and sister-in-law, Gail McGuire's brother-in-law, Dottie Slavcoff's sister and friend, Gene and Betty Weithoner, The Beinsu Family, Ernie Leach's brother, Al and Fran Minnigh, Sahr Bockai's son, Audrey Norris' son-in-law, Paul Brumfield, the Puwo family, Maggie Ndi's sister, Rose Mokom's mother, the family of Vivian Mbangowah.

**Suffering Loss** - The Jones family on the loss of Annetta Jones (almost 100) who passed away. Vadne Henline on the loss of her sister-in-law. Sheila Hughley, for the Braswell family who lost their mother.

**Home Bound**—Larry Malloy, Willena Allen, Evelyn Wall, Peg Magner, Carrie Hughley, Barbara Callis, Jim Buffington, and all nursing home residents.

**Prayers of Thanks** – For the Pastor Nominating Committee as they seek a new pastor and those choosing another Interim Pastor and for Northwood as it goes forward without a pastor. Elizabeth Puwo gives thanks for her sister visiting from Cameroon. Mame Opoku - thanks for her mother's return home.

**Missionaries**—Rev. Alice Winters in Colombia and Ginger Boyd in Cameroon. The International Children's Center in Ghana (Grace Aaron). For all who work in world mission.

#### Other Prayers

Our nation; peace, justice and mercy in the

world; the military personnel serving overseas for their safe return; for wounded service members 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; all who are looking for jobs; those who are losing faith in Jesus; the victims of the earthquake and Tsunami in Japan and effects in other countries; a resolution of the fighting in Lybia and other countries; the victims of the series of storms, tornadoes, floods and wild-fires that have caused loss of life and severe damage to homes and property throughout the US.

*Written prayers may be submitted on Sundays and put in the offering plate to be passed on to the Prayer Group. Forms may be found in the black sign-in pads at the end of each pew.*

Recordings of the services are available in the church office on CDs. Just ask Judy if you'd like to borrow one. You can also hear the sermons on the church website, [www.northwoodchurch.com](http://www.northwoodchurch.com) where you can find the church calendar, photo albums and other information.

### June Birthdays

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Mort Rian         | 15. Doris Goodlett  |
| 3. Shiloh Irvin      | 17. Isaac Daniels   |
| 3. Raj Sampson       | 19. Sharon Ludwig   |
| 4. Matthew Sharpless | 21. Shelby Rothrock |
| 5. Blanche Collis    | 23. Matt Van Hoose  |
| 6. Ernest Rounds     | 26. Sunny Chi       |
| 6. Alexander Taylor  | 26. Jeanne Lantz    |
| 8. Eleanor McInitre  | 29. Isaac Banda     |
| 8. Keziah Ogundipe   | 30. Fred May        |

### Congratulations Graduate

Eric Cargal graduated from Westminster College with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry. Eric will attend Ohio State University for a master's program in Biochemistry. He would like to research RNAi, which is a method of genetic regulation in organisms. Congratulations, Eric.



## NORTHWOOD WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

*Charlott B. and Fitzgerald B. Bramwell*  
10507 Mills Crossing Way  
Kensington, MD 20895

Charlott and Jerry moved here recently from Kentucky because Jerry, who has a Ph.D. in Chemistry, accepted a position as Associate Provost for Research at Howard University. Jerry hopes to reclaim some former activities; he has piloted small planes, and loves to sail. They have raised four children, Jerry, Elizabeth, Jill and Christopher, all grown and through college.

Charlotte comes to us by Letter of Transfer from Beaumont Presbyterian Church in Lexington, Kentucky where she was an elder, and she has already sung in our choir and made herself at home by attending many of the small groups and also reads to the children in the Child Care. Charlott says she found Northwood on the web. She typed in the zip code along with "Presbyterian" and "diversity." After her first visit, she told her husband "I loved it."

*Anne N. Kihui and daughter Erica Turay*  
1400 Castle Blvd. #405  
Silver Spring, MD 20904

Anne grew up in Limon, Kenya and has lived in Silver Spring for about a year. She has a daughter, Erica Turay, who was born last November was baptized at Northwood Church on March 13th while Anne's mother was in the U.S. Anne tells us she grew up in the Presbyterian Church, and first came to Boston from her country; she works as a counselor. She is joining Northwood by Affirmation of Faith. Anne loves reading and cooking and enjoys traveling and meeting new people. She says she was made to feel very welcome by Grace

Aaron when she first came to Northwood.

*Rose Akah Mokom*  
14806 Cross River Court  
Burtonsville, MD 20865

Rose is a nurse, and does mostly private duty work. She came from Cameroon 16 years ago, and received her nursing training in Virginia. She has one grown son who is in Europe. Her mother was Presbyterian, her father was Catholic. Rose enjoys singing, reading and taking care of people in need. She joined Northwood by Affirmation of Faith.

*Margaret (Maggie) Fri Ndi*  
14806 Cross River Court  
Burtonsville, MD 20866

Maggie left Cameroon ten years ago where she attended Presbyterian mission schools through high school, earned a B. A. degree in Education and taught school. She said methods of teaching are so different here that she got training as a nurse and does private duty nursing. Maggie has been with her current client for 8 years. She has two children and they plan to visit this summer. She loves to sing and has been singing with our choir; again the methods are different and she wants to learn. Maggie also joined Northwood by Affirmation of Faith.

Susan Johnson, Love Ministry

(For telephone numbers and email addresses of our new members, please contact Judy in the church office).



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CALL

The Session of Northwood Presbyterian Church calls a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, June 5, 2011, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service, to receive and

act on the report of the Nominating Committee and any other business that may properly come before the meeting.



# June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 <i>PNC Meeting</i>	3 <i>Prayer Group</i>	4 <i>Tamil Church</i>
5 <i>Rev. Angus Communion Cong. Meeting</i>	6	7	8	9 <i>PNC Meeting</i>	10 <i>Prayer Group</i>	11
12 <i>Rev. M. Hayward Church Picnic</i>	13	14 <i>Book Group</i>	15 <i>Pathways Graduation Session</i>	16 <i>PNC Meeting</i>	17 <i>Prayer Group</i>	18 <i>Memorial Service Tamil Church</i>
19 <i>Children's Music Program begins</i>	20	21	22	23 <i>PNC Meeting</i>	24 <i>Prayer Group</i>	25
26	27 <i>Crosswood Board</i>	28	29	30 <i>PNC Meeting</i>		

## Schedule of Events

- **June 5**– Rev. Angus in the pulpit—Holy Communion. Congregational meeting following the worship service
- **June 12**—Rev. Maggie Hayward in the pulpit—Pentecost
- **June 12**—Sunday School party and Church Picnic after worship
- **June 14**—Book Discussion Group 10 am
- **June 15**—The Pathways Schools Northwood at Hyattsville Graduation in the sanctuary—10 am
- **June 15**—Session Meeting—7:30 p.m.
- **June 19**—Rev. Jim Adams—Trinity Sunday. Children's Summer Music Program begins after the Children's message.
- **June 26**—Rev. Bob Harris in the pulpit



**CHURCH PICNIC—SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE.**

Mark your calendar! Don't miss this time with your Northwood family.

## SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING AT NORTHWOOD

**Lunch Bunchers** united for the last time this spring on May 18th despite a heavy rain storm. There were salads as well as the usual chips, cookies, relishes and soft drinks. The theme was Memorial Day and the tables were beautifully decorated in red, white and blue. After enjoying the delicious food (especially Audrey's jello salad which was a big hit) we did some Memorial Day related word puzzles and even received prizes! It was good to see Don and Sally Rishebarger back in town. A big thank you goes to the Parish Care ladies who organize and prepare the goodies for us all to enjoy.

**The Bible Study Group** will not meet again until the fall. Watch the next issue of Newsnotes for details.

**Book Discussion Group** - Last month the members of the book group discussed "The Bean Trees" by Barbara Kingsolver. In June

the group will meet on Tuesday, June 14th at 10:00 a.m. in the Media Room to talk about "The Art of Racing in The Rain" by Garth Stein. This should be an interesting discussion, so plan to be there.

**Scrabble Players** will get together on Monday, June 28th.

**Prayer Meeting** – Come and join other members on Fridays at 10:00 a.m. to pray for those who are on our prayer list and other requested prayers. On Sundays you have the opportunity to give a written prayer by filling in a prayer request forms in the black Fellowship Pads in each pew, and placing it in the offering plate. The requests are given to the Prayer Group. Please indicate if your prayer is confidential.

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry** will gather again in the fall, but please keep on knitting during the summer.



Small Group Events

## PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Pastor Nominating Committee

The members of the Pastor Nominating Committee are hard at work reviewing the 91 Pastor Information Forms (PIFs) they have received after posting Northwood's Church Information Form (CIF). So far they have reviewed 50.

The members of the committee chaired by Doris Goodlett, are: Grace Aaron, Dave Ellis, Jim Kennedy, Dottie Slavcoff and Sharon Snodgrass. You can follow their progress by checking out the poster on the bulletin board in Makemie Hall.

### The Interim Search Committee

The Interim Search Committee is in the process of evaluating and interviewing candidates to be Northwood's new Interim Pastor. This work is being done during and between previously scheduled travel by the three committee members.

Please continue to pray that God is leading the committee to the one God is preparing for Northwood.



## IN MEMORIAM

Annetta H. Jones passed away on Monday, May 9th at the age of 99 years, almost 100. Annetta and her husband Ray, were charter members of Northwood Church and were members here for 23 years before transferring to the Chapel at Leisure World. Annetta was our first organist at Northwood Church.

There was a private family memorial service led by Rev. Robert C. Angus, on Saturday, May 14th, in the Memorial Garden where Annetta's plaque will be mounted next to her husband's.

Please keep Annetta's family in your prayers.

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*"Annetta was the first organist at Northwood Church."*

## DRIVERS NEEDED

Can you give an extra half hour, one Sunday morning during the summer? Parish Care needs volunteers to drive a shut-in member to church. There are 12 Sunday mornings from June through September, so we need to provide that many rides to church. Actually there are already several members who donate their time on a regular basis, and what we need is for you to volunteer to help out while these folks are on vacation.

It doesn't take much time and very little talent to meet a new person and to drive them to church, but it would mean the world to some-

one who would not be able to attend worship service if they don't have a ride to get there.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE call the church office, or sign up to drive someone to church during one of the Sunday mornings during the summer. We will work around your schedule and contact you well in advance of the date we need a driver.

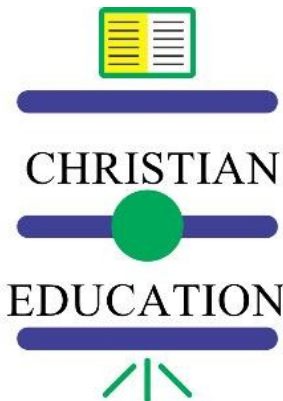
You will receive a special blessing and meet new friends. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help and bring someone to church.

The Love Ministry



Drive someone to church.

## FROM THE FAITH MINISTRY



### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Calling All Children**—Summer Enrichment will be a music program during worship, **June 19 – August 28**. This will be a time of singing, fun and learning for the children in 5th grade and younger. At the end of the summer they will present to the congregation what they learned. When you are not on vacation, we hope you will be here! We are very happy that Kim Machado, who is very musical, will be the teacher and that Alison Crichton, also very musical, will be her assistant.

**Thank You Sunday School Teachers**—A big thank you goes to the Sunday School leaders: Alison Crichton, Mellissa Duru and Stacey Sharpless who provide interesting, fun and educational lessons and crafts for all the children every Sunday.

**Sunday School Party**—There will be a celebration party for all Sunday Schoolers after church on Sunday, **June 12** -- Hope everyone will be there!

**Adult Class**—We are grateful to Therese Taylor-Stinson for leading the Adult Class which has been studying Revelation. When

Therese is unable to be there, Jim Kennedy provides leadership and the group has been discussing the Apostles' letters. Thank you Therese and Jim. The Adult Sunday School Class will continue to meet at 9:00 a.m. during the summer, so please come and enjoy this opportunity.

### COMMUNION SERVERS

#### Help Wanted

We need someone who will call to schedule Northwood elders who serve communion on the first Sunday of each month, send them the directions, and remind them during the week beforehand to be at church at 9:45 a.m. on communion Sundays to be certain everything is in order. This small service for our Lord is important in helping to make the sacrament of communion a meaningful worship experience for all.

Please contact a member of Faith Ministry if you think you might like to accept this task.

(Gail Oakes, John Slavcoff, Brenda Stidham or Betty Newton)



## THE PATHWAYS SCHOOLS



Ever since the first Pathways program opened in space provided by Northwood Church, the school and the church community have been inextricably linked. Northwood offered its rooms and hall--and much more. Church members have served on the board, contributed as tutors and mentors, been the "go to" carpentry crew for needed repairs and improvements, offered financial support, and provided breakfast for students.

In return, the Northwood community has watched as many students have overcome tremendous emotional and behavioral obstacles to become proud graduates of The Pathways Schools. Although the Pathways School-

Northwood has moved out of the church building, it is not out of the hearts and minds of the congregation, a reality reflected in the name of the re-located program: "The Pathways School-Northwood at Hyattsville". They will hold their graduation in the Northwood Sanctuary on Wednesday, June 15th at 10:00 a.m. You are invited to attend and see the progress the students have made and the success they have achieved.

To keep up with the latest about all our Pathways school programs, go to our website <http://www.pathwayschools.org>, and click on Pathfinder on the left. You can subscribe to our e-newsletter, *The Pathfinder*.

Lindsay McLaughlin

## MISSION NEWS

**Ginger Boyd** has written that she has had a very nice turnaround from overwork and malaria. She is planning a 10-day vacation with a friend to Israel, and her parents are covering the cost as a birthday present. This should help with the over work problem. At present she is attending the annual business meeting and spiritual retreat. This year is concerning the future direction of Wycliffe and SIL. They are also considering a request from a Community Development Committee asking Wycliffe for help. This is an unlisted language in the area. It could be a dialect or another language which presents greater problems with a lack of personal, to respond to this community's request. Please pray for Ginger as she deals with problems with her landlord and rental issues.

**Mid-County United Ministries** has sent our church a thank you note for 22 bags of groceries for their emergency assistance program. The food will be distributed in the area to low and moderate income families. A second letter was received to thank Northwood for the contribution of \$375 which helps to make possible emergency assistance in the form of eviction prevention, utility cut-off prevention, prescription assistance and food. Without such concern this program would not happen. Mid County United Ministries has become a partner agency with the Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB). MUM will continue to ask for food and donations of nonperishable items to stock its Wheaton food pantry. MUM's new relationship with CAFB means it can further stretch its budget when local donations do not cover demand for emergency food.

**Thank You** - We have received a thank you letter from Presbyterian Church (USA) Latin American & the Caribbean World Mission. They are thanking Northwood for the meaningful support and willingness to help with a contribution. This is through our contribution to Rev. Alice Winters.

**Interfaith Works** is asking for school supplies for the fall season. The effort is to collect backpacks, paper, pencils and related items by August. There will be a more detailed list

posted on the Mission bulletin board close to the clothing baskets. Please bring the items to the office and they will be delivered to IFW.

Interfaith Works is also asking for donations of laundry detergent (power or liquid); hand sanitizers & liquid soap; blankets; bedding (twin size, gently used or new, pillow cases); bathroom supplies; toiletries; especially; razors, deodorant, feminine hygiene products. These items are in short supply in all of the homeless facilities. Please check the Mission Board posting for more information.

**OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE - FROM PCUSA** Regions throughout the United States continue to be buffeted by a series of storms, tornadoes, floods and wildfires that have caused loss of life and severe damage to homes and property. During April 2011, more than 300 tornadoes were confirmed. Especially hard hit were states in the South. April 27 tornadoes caused 130 deaths in Alabama alone. Lives were also lost in Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia and Virginia; the total of about 200 is expected to rise, officials said. North Carolina experienced its worst tornado outbreak in 25 years over the Palm Sunday weekend. Flooding is taking a toll in several states, with record flooding of major rivers and levee breaches reported.

*One Great Hour of Sharing* and designated funds from PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) are already at work in at least ten presbyteries as they address disasters within their areas. At the request of 11 presbyteries, members of the PDA National Response Team are working with affected presbyteries as they organize their response for local communities. PDA is monitoring a number of presbyteries in case a need for assistance arises. Additional team members are on stand-by.

### **How Can We Respond?**

*Give* — Northwood church has contributed \$2,276.33 to One Great Hour of Sharing.

*Pray* — that the hope that is found in Christ will be evident to those displaced, those who lost loved ones, and those who offer spiritual and emotional care or help with restoration.



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## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JUNE

**June 5 - Acts 1:6-14, Ps. 68:1-10, 32-35,  
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

Mon. Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24  
Tue. 1 Kings 8:54-65  
Wed. John 3:31-36  
Thu. Numbers 16:41-50  
Fri. 1 Peter 3:21-4:11  
Sat. Psalm 99

#### **June 12 - Day of Pentecost**

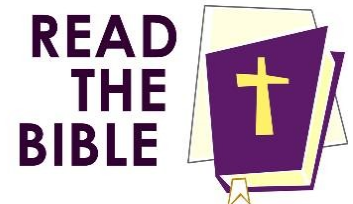
*Exodus 19:1-9, Psalm 33:12-22,  
Romans 8:14-17, 22-27, John 7:37-39*  
Mon. Joel 2:18-29  
Tue. Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29  
Wed. John 7:37-39  
Thu. Numbers 11:24-30  
Fri. Romans 8:14-27  
Sat. Psalm 104:1-9, 24-35

**June 19 -The Holy Trinity  
Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Psalm 8**

*2 Cor. 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20*  
Mon. Job 38:1-21  
Tue. Job 38:34-39:4, 26-40:5  
Wed. John 14:15-31  
Thu. 1 Kings 8:10-13, 22-30  
Fri. 1 Corinthians 12:1-13  
Sat. Psalm 29

**June 26- Jeremiah 28:5-9, Ps. 89:1-4, 15-  
18, Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42**

Mon. 1 Kings 21:1-16  
Tue. 1 Kings 21:17-29  
Wed. Matthew 11:16-24  
Thu. Jeremiah 18:1-11  
Fri. 1 John 4:1-6  
Sat. Psalm 119:161-168



Daily Bible Readings for June