

Newsnoes from Northwood

The Newsletter of Northwood Presbyterian Church

EASTER AT NORTHWOOD CHURCH



This Month's Highlights

- May 1—Reception to honor Rev. Heather
- May 7—Pathways 5K Fun/Run Walk
- May 8—Honoring Mother's Day
- May 18—Lunch Bunch, 12:30 p.m.



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NORTHWOOD WORSHIP SERVICES

May 1—*Sacrament of Holy Communion*
Rev. Heather H. Bobbitt's last day
Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

May 8—*Mother's Day*—Rev. Jim Adams
Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps. 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

May 15—Acts 2:42-47; Ps. 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

May 22—Acts 7:55-60; Ps. 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

May 29—Acts 17:22-31; Ps. 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21



THE NORTHWOOD FAMILY

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Those who are sick

Abbadean Robrtson, Sharon Ludwig's father, Ben Atiemo, Andrew Opoku, John & Dottie Slavcoff's son-in-law, Vadne Henline, Emma Hart, Mame Opoku's friend Bryan, Judi Poppos' sister-in-law, Y. Monroe Galloway and friends, Elizabeth Puwo's nephew and all friends and relatives who need our prayers.

Ongoing Prayers

Dylan Bodkin in the Marine Corps, Elvie Barbour, Doris Cotts, Jim McGeogh, Fred May's brother, Michael Moore, Doris Cotts' son, Clara Kenney's sister, Bob Wright, George Brown's sister, Holly Heslen, daughter of the McIntires, Vivian Mbangowah, Grace Aaron's niece, Judi Poppos' brother, Gail McGuire's brother-in-law, Dottie Slavcoff's sister and friend, Gene and Betty Weithoner, The Beinsu Family, Clara Kennedy's sister, Ernie Leach's brother, Connie Wilcher, Al and Fran Minnigh, Vadne Henline's sister-in-law, Emma Hart's daughter, Gail Oakes' friend Emily, Sahr Bockai's son, Audrey Norris' son-in-law, Paul Brumfield, the Puwo family, Maggie Ndi's sister, Gladys Namwali's family, Rose Mokom's mother .

Suffering Loss - Barbara Marker and family on the passing of Vaughn. Ben Atiemo and family on the passing of his father. The family of Mr. Kwong Lim on his death. Vadne Henline and family on the death of her sister-in-law. Prayers of compassion for those who have lost a spouse, especially Louise Beers.

Home Bound—Larry Malloy, Piroja Mojgani, Willena Allen, Evelyn Wall, Peg Magner, Carrie Hughley, Barbara Callis, Kwong Lim, Dorothy Bradley, 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. Gail Oakes grateful for physical recovery and for friends. Susan Johnson thanks for healing. Sahr Bockai thanks for daughter being here. Doris Cotts is grateful to be back at church.

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 Middle East.

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 where you can find the church calendar, photo albums and other information.

May Birthdays

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| 4. Ravi Dadlani | 16. Christine Brumfield |
| 7. Folly Folivi | 16. Connie Wilcher |
| 8. Don Rishebarger | 17. Bernard Stinson |
| 8. Tim Taylor | 18. Paul Brumfield |
| 10. Clara Kennedy | 20. Susanna Maisto |
| 12. Lynn Hughley | 28. Bob Lawson |
| 16. Leonard Ramroop | 28. Laura Smith |
| 16. Elmer Lantz | 30. Jeanne Shuttleworth |

Thank You

Thanks to my church family for the many kind concerns during my recent mishap. Your thoughtfulness was very helpful and much appreciated. Vadne Henline



Best wishes to Rev. Heather as she leaves Northwood Church. Our thoughts and prayers go with her as she begins a new ministry.

SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING AT NORTHWOOD

Lunch Bunchers unite for the last time this spring. May 18th is the date to circle on your calendar. We will highlight salads on our menu (we will provide these) as well as the usual chips, cookies, relishes and soft drinks. You bring a sandwich to share. So, come and enjoy the fellowship in Makemie Hall on Wednesday, May 18th at 12:30 p.m. See you there.

The Bible Study Group will **not** meet on Wednesday, May 4th but will get together again on May 18th, at 11:00 a.m. in the Media room. This will be the last meeting of the Bible Study Group until the fall. Thanks to Gloria Pendleton for leading the study on Journeys Through Revelation Apocalyptic Hope for Today.

Book Discussion Group - Last month, Jeremi Duru led an interesting discussion of his book "Advancing the Ball" with a large group which filled the classroom. He answered questions and signed books for those present. Thank you Jeremi for taking the time to talk to us and help us understand the Quest for Equal

Coaching Opportunity in the NFL. It was fascinating even for those who are not NFL followers.

The Book Group will meet again on Tuesday, May 10th at 10:00 a.m. to discuss "The Bean Trees" by Barbara Kingsolver.

Scrabble Players will not meet in May.

Prayer Meeting – On Fridays at 10 a.m. members of Northwood join together at the church 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 the prayer request forms in the black Fellowship Pads in each pew, and placing it in the offering plate. The requests are given to the Pastor then passes them on to the Prayer Group. You may indicate if your prayer is confidential, then only the Pastor will see it.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will gather in Knox Hall after worship on Sunday, May 22nd for their final meeting until the fall.



Small Group Events

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Honest Charley Bodkin is graduating from Northwood High School and has an internship with National Geographic during the summer. In the fall he will be attending Ithica College where he hopes to major in Documentaries.

Thomas Calvin Kane, grandson of Don and Betty Newton, is graduating from Northwood High School and will be attending the University of College Park in the honors Engineering Program.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Karen Ann Biddle graduated from Westminster College where she majored in Voice Performance. She was a member of the music fraternity Mu Phi Epsilon. Karen has come back to this area and plans to take a semester off be-

fore going on to graduate school. She hopes to start a music studio of her own.

Alexandria Tiffany Monroe, daughter of Pamela Monroe and Granddaughter of Betty Barnes is graduating Cum Laude from Spelman College on May 15, 2011. Alex is graduating with Departmental Honors in Education with two certifications in Early Childhood Education. Additional accomplishments include: two consecutive years in America Corp as an Elementary tutor; President of Kappa Delta Epsilon-Honorary Education Fraternity; Vice-President of Gamma Sigma Sigma National Service Sorority, Inc.; and a member of Phi Delta Kappa Educators Society. After graduation, Alex will be a Pre-Kindergarten teacher at E.L. Haynes Public Charter School in Washington D.C.



May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Holy Communion</i>	2	3	4 <i>No Bible Study</i>	5 <i>PNC Choir</i>	6 <i>Prayer Group</i>	7 <i>Pathways Fun/Run</i>
8 <i>Rev. Jim Adams</i>	9	10 <i>Book Group</i>	11	12 <i>PNC Choir</i>	13 <i>Prayer Group</i>	14
15	16	17	18 <i>Bible Study Lunch Bunch</i>	19 <i>PNC Choir</i>	20 <i>Prayer Group</i>	21
22 <i>Prayer Shant Min.</i>	23	24 <i>No Scrabble</i>	25 <i>Session Meeting</i>	26 <i>PNC Choir</i>	27	28
29	30 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	31				

Schedule of Events

- **May 1**—Reception for Rev. Heather
- **May 4**—No Bible Study
- **May 7**—Pathways 5K Fun/Run
- **May 8**—Mother's Day—Rev. Jim Adams in the pulpit
- **May 10**—Book Group will meet for fellowship at 10:00 a.m.
- **May 18** - Bible Study, 11 a.m.
Lunch Bunch—12:30 p.m.
- **May 22**—Prayer Shawl Ministry—11:15 a.m. in Knox Hall
- **May 24**—No Scrabble this month
- **May 25**—Session Meeting (one week later than usual)
- **May 20**—Memorial Day—Office Closed

IN MEMORIAM



Vaughn Marker

In Memoriam - Vaughn Marker

Vaughn Marker passed away on April 8, 2011, with his family by his side. He grew up in Fresno, California and was majoring in civil engineering at college when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and served in both WWII and the Korean War.

Vaughn and Barbara met and married in 1946 while both were attending the University of Nevada in Reno. They were married for 64.5 years and raised three children. Vaughn graduated with a degree in civil engineering in 1947 and he and Barbara moved to California where he got a job with the State Division of Highways and his career followed his desire to build roads. He became an expert in the field of asphalt paving. In 1973 Vaughn accepted the position of Chief Engineer of the Asphalt Institute in Maryland.

Vaughn always felt a responsibility to his community coaching little league and serving as an Elder in the Presbyterian Church. He served on the city council of Larkspur, CA,

and was eventually elected Mayor of Larkspur. Vaughn and Barbara joined Northwood Church in 1989. Vaughn served on Session and on the Board of Trustees and shared his expertise when the parking lot was resurfaced.

There was a memorial service at Northwood Church in memory of Vaughn, during which his children and grandson each spoke fondly of their relationships with him, and of their special memories which told of Vaughn as a wonderful father, grandfather and husband. Some friends and church members also spoke of what Vaughn had meant to them. There was a lovely reception afterwards provided by Parish Care. We will miss Vaughn at Northwood and our prayers are with Barbara and her family.

In Memoriam - Kwong Lim

Kwong Lim passed away on April 4, 2011, at the age of 99 years. He joined Northwood Church in 1989, but in recent years had lived in a nursing home. Please keep his family in your prayers.

PATHWAYS SCHOOLS SMILES FOR A DAY

On March 28, Makemie Hall of Northwood Church was transformed into a state of the art dental clinic, complete with chair, compressor, x-ray machine, air water syringe, focused light and even a waiting room area. More than ten Pathways students received dental care at no cost as part of their school day, thanks to Smile Programs.

Smile Programs was founded to provide a mobile dental service to children most in need and with the least chance of accessing quality preventive dental care. Emily Anderson, Pathways' Student Support Service Coordinator, learned about Smile Programs and arranged to have them come to Pathways. The Student Support Service program works to encourage healthy lifestyles in our students, and regular dental care is an essential component of good

health. Smile Programs normally services large numbers of students in the public schools, so it was unusual for them to come to another kind of setting to work with our students. The day was a success, and Smile Programs will return next year, when it will be possible for many students to participate.

Please come on out and support the **Fun Run/Walk**, which is healthy family fun in warm spring weather for a great cause! It's happening **Saturday, May 7**, and begins with check in right here at **Northwood Church** - registration at 8-9 a.m. and the race begins at 9:30 a.m. For more information visit - www.pathwayschools.org, and click on Annual Fun Run. Or contact Joy Spain at 301-649-0078.



The Dentist visits Pathways

INTERIM SEARCH COMMITTEE

After a meeting with Rev. Wilson Gunn, General Presbyterian of National Capital Presbytery, the session appointed Nancy May, Gail Oakes and John Slavcoff to serve as the Interim Search Committee.

An announcement for a new interim pastor for Northwood was posted on the Presbytery website on April 13. The committee has started to receive PIFs (Personal Information

Forms which serve as applications) and is making arrangements for interviews. Meanwhile, John Slavcoff is continuing to find ministers to lead worship on Sundays until a new interim is selected.

The Pastor Nominating Committee is hard at work. They have received a large number of PIFs (Pastor Information Forms) and are currently examining them.

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FROM GINGER BOYD

Ginger Boyd has written another monthly letter. She has been down with malaria. At this writing she is not feeling any symptoms. Please keep her in your prayers. April is a very active mission-wide activity month including branch meetings, Spiritual Retreat and many activities and responsibilities. Ginger's friend the Nulibie translator (who was in the bad motorcycle accident) is doing much better and is able to work on linguistic and translation work. So there is some good coming from the accident!

Ginger is trying to have the landlord close off the access through the ceiling crawlspace of her apartment. This is the entry that cost her loss of her computer and a great deal of her dissertation. Her only other choice is to find another place and lose the year's rent she has paid. Living in Cameroon, with its ways of doing business can be a challenge.

Elmer Lantz
Mission Coordinator



LENT AND EASTER

Lenten Services - What a wonderful Lenten season we have had. During our mid-week services we enjoyed a taste of two alternative spiritual practices, Lectio-Divina – the art of slow scripture reading focusing on meditation and listening as well as praying; and Taize style worship using repeated short songs sung quietly without accompaniment as another method of meditating with the scriptures. A special highlight of this season for many was the breaking of bread together, every week during Lent at the soup suppers. Thanks to Betty Newton for providing the sign-up with a different recipe each week, and to all the soup cooks. Thanks also to Therese Taylor-Stinson who led two of the afternoon services.



John and Louise—the Easter Breakfast Team

Annual Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast Going to a church service at 7:00 a.m., followed by a breakfast may be rather unusual. But it commemorates another event that was also rather unusual, in fact, never replicated by any man. Celebrating the resurrection of Christ early in the morning is a wonderful tradition at Northwood, and many other churches worldwide.



After the completion of the Easter Sunrise Service forty of the faithful continued their celebration with a traditional breakfast in Makemie Hall. Orange juice, sausage, eggs and bakery style blueberry muffins with crumb topping were again the menu. People lingered for an hour over their coffee at the linen-clad tables decorated by Louise Lawson. The breakfast was enjoyed by all, but it wasn't just the menu; it was the joy of knowing that our Lord had risen from the dead that we might be saved. Please join us next year.

John Slavcoff



Thanks to:

*Judi Poppo*s for organizing the sign-up for Easter plants and arranging them in the sanctuary. The lilies, hydrangeas and azaleas made the sanctuary look special for Easter.

Stacey Sharpless and Mellissa Duru and helpers for preparing the Easter Egg Hunt which was enjoyed by all the children. It was too wet outside, so the eggs were hidden down in the Child Care room in the basement—lots of places to hide!

OGHS—The One Great Hour of Sharing offering was taken on Easter Sunday, and so far \$1,942.50 has been received which will help with natural disasters, including Japan, and feeding the hungry. Thank you for your generosity.

Easter Services - A small group of people gathered in the Sanctuary on Easter morning for the traditional sunrise service. Rather than being on the porch, candles were burning in the Sanctuary to simulate the light before the dawn. Matt Van Hoose accompanied the hymns on the piano.

There was much joy in the regular worship service. The Chancel Choir under the direction of Greg Catrett, presented the glorious “Behold This Mystery” by Daniel J. Gawthrop. At the end of the children’s meditation, Rev. Heather instructed the children to distribute plastic Easter eggs to the adults in the congregation, sharing when necessary. Inside the eggs were pictures of Northwood faces, and the congregation was asked to find the person to match the face, which was a way of getting to know each other better, and pray for that person during the coming week.

Gail Oakes,
The Faith Ministry

HOPE MINISTRY REPORT

The Annual Spring Work Day was held on a very wet Saturday, April 16th. But that didn't stop some people from working outside, pulling weeds, picking up trash, fixing downspouts, putting up new "Sunrise Service" signs, etc.

There was also a large group inside busy cleaning the refrigerator, freezer and the rest of the kitchen, cleaning windows, organizing files in the counting room, removing stains on Makemie Hall chairs and furniture in the Connie Gordon Lounge, polishing and vacuuming the pews, putting up room signs (walk in the back and you will know what all the rooms are used for), gluing trim in the sanctuary, sweeping the mat on the porch, climbing up the ladder to fix the light in the stairwell, cleaning and vacuuming the media room and classroom, and installing the privacy panels on the tables in the classroom.

The sanctuary was sparkling for the memorial service for Vaughn Maker that afternoon, Makemie Hall was bright with the clean windows and the kitchen all ready for the reception.

Thanks go to Louise and Bob Lawson, Nancy and Fred May, Judy and Peter McPhie, Dottie and John Slavcoff, Susan and Carl Johnson, Tim and Alexander Taylor, Irma Ramroop, Charlott Bramwell, Betty Newton, Betty Barnes, Gail Oakes, Elijah Barnes, Byron Wong and Raj Sampson. Thanks also to Elmer Lantz who came and cleaned the room and gutters at another time as he couldn't be there on the Saturday.

There are still some outdoor jobs to be done because of the rain, so if you can help to plant the flowers, do more weeding or weed-whack and shovel woodchips by the garden sheds, please contact the church office.

Financial Report

During the month of March, and for the first quarter, we spent more than we received, but we are not as far behind as we had anticipated in the budget. Traditionally offerings are low in the early months of the year, and our ex-

penditures are higher since we tend to pay down a number of commitments. We are about where we were this time last year. The deposits for April have been very good and we hope everyone continues to keep their pledges up-to-date.

Money was transferred from our savings to the Major Repair fund to cover the cost of the repairs to the outside heating and cooling unit, and also some money from savings was transferred to the checking account to help with cash flow. We have a good amount of money in savings, which is thanks to the good stewardship of those in charge of the finances in years past when the economy was better.

We also are grateful for the Connie Gordon Educational Fund. Through her generosity we receive interest on the money which the Presbyterian Foundation has invested in her name, for Northwood Church.

Thanks to Don Newton who reviewed our insurance coverage and reported that Northwood is appropriately protected. Thank you also to Karen Maisto, treasurer, for overseeing our finances and Gail McGuire, Financial Secretary for recording all our pledges.

The Hope Ministry

MISSION NEWS

Taste of Wheaton will be held Sunday May 15, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Stop by the MUM booth among restaurant vendors at the Wheaton triangle. Bring a dollar for the MUM donation basket, so they can make sure that everyone in the community has good food to eat.

Interfaith Works is having a ribbon cutting on May 2nd at 1:30 pm as County Executive Ike Leggett helps cut the ribbon on a new Carroll House facility, providing housing for homeless men. **New Address:** 9625 Dewitt Dr., Silver Spring. You are invited. For details, contact Sara Cherner at 301-587-7270.

Elmer Lantz

FINANCIAL REPORT



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DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MAY

May 1 - Acts 2:14a, 22-23, Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31

Mon. Jonah 1:1-17
Tue. Jonah 2:1-10
Wed. Matthew 12:38-42
Thu. Judges 6:36-40
Fri. 1 Corinthians 15:12-28

May 7 - Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19, 1 Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35

Mon. Genesis 18:1-14
Tue. Exodus 24:1-11
Wed. John 21:1-14
Thu. Proverbs 89:32-9:6
Fri. 1 Peter 1:8-16
Sat. Psalm 134

May 14 - Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10

Mon. Ezekiel 34:1-16
Tue. Ezekiel 34:23-31

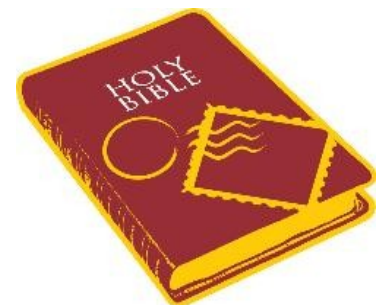
Wed. Matthew 20:1;7-28
Thu. Jeremiah 23:1-8
Fri. 1 Peter 2:9-17
Sat. Psalm 23

May 21 - Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14
Mon. Exodus 13:17-22
Tue. Proverbs 3:5-18
Wed. John 8:31-38
Fri. Acts 7:44-60
Sat. Psalm 102:1-17

May 28 - Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21

Mon. Deuteronomy 5:22-33
Tue. Deuteronomy 31:1-13
Wed. Acts 17:32-18:11
Tue. Judges 15:23-31



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