

Newsnotes from Northwood

The Newsletter of Northwood Presbyterian Church

This Month's Highlights

- Book Discussion Group—Tue., Nov. 8
- New Beginnings Two, Luncheon, Sun., Nov. 13
- Stewardship Dedication, Sun., Nov. 13
- Thanksgiving Basket Assembly, Brunch and Hanging of the Greens, Sat., Nov. 19

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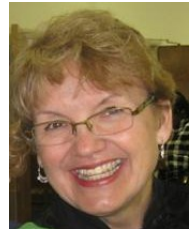
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"These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving a multitude keeping festival." (Psalm 42:4)

As we enter the season of gratitude, let us give thanks for the gathering of our congregation in weekly worship. Every time we come together for prayer, songs of praise, the offering of our gifts, and the reading and hearing of the word of God we are acting in ways that are counter to our culture. Each Sunday we place ourselves in the presence of God with the recognition that the world does not revolve around us, but rather upon God's action in the world. Worship matters! I encourage you to be present as often as possible as we seek God's will and way in our lives and in our world.

Our 2012 stewardship theme from Psalm 1:3 is *Yielding Our Fruit in Season*. The *Minute for Missions* presented each Sunday through November 13 are wonderful reminders of the actions God is taking in the midst of God's people at Northwood. Soon each of you, youth and children also, will be receiving a brochure about Northwood's ministries for 2012, along with a letter and a Card of Commitment. The

dedication of our pledges will occur in worship on Sunday, November 13. Giving matters! Every gift of every amount contributes to the ongoing mission of God among and through us.



New Beginnings Session Two is just around the corner. Every member and interested visitors are strongly encouraged to attend on Sunday, November 13 in Makemie Hall. Lunch, discussions of "tomorrow's Northwood," and activities for children immediately follow worship until 1:00 p.m. Over 60 persons participated in Session One. Copies of the *New Beginnings Assessment* of "today's Northwood" and summaries of Session One are available for check-out at the Info Table on Sundays and from Judy mid-week in the church office. Participation in *New Beginnings* matters! Your input is valuable in charting a viable, healthy future for Northwood.

As you gather with family and friends this month, be thankful in all things. Gratitude matters! Grace and peace,

Rev. Maggie

Services at Northwood Church

Sun., Nov. 6—Communion, Rev. Hayward
Josh 24:1-3a, 13-25; Ps. 78:1-7; 1
Thess. 4:13-18; Matt. 25:1-13

Sun., Nov. 13—Stewardship Sunday
New Beginnings Luncheon—Sess. 2
Judges 4:1-7; Ps. 123; 1 Thess. 5:1-
11, Matt. 25:14-30

Sun., Nov. 20—Christ the King Sunday
Ezek. 34:11-16, 20-24; Ps. 100; Eph.
1:15-23; Matt. 25:31-46

Sun., Nov. 27—1st Sunday of Advent
Isa. 64:1-9; Ps. 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Cor.
1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

THE NORTHWOOD FAMILY

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS



Keep these people in your prayers

Those who are sick

Abbadean and Myron Robertson, Henriette Brown, Grace Aaron, Betty Newton, Gail Oakes, John Slavcoff, Vincent Queen, Doris Cotts, Bob Wright, Emma Hart, Monroe Gal-
loway and Peaches, Betty Barnes' brother, Elvie Barbour and her brother and sister-in-law, Elizabeth Puwo's mother, Rev. Maggie's brother-in-law, and all friends and relatives.

Ongoing Prayers

Dylan Bodkin in the Marine Corps in Afghanistan, Jim McGeogh, Ben Atiemo, Gene Weithoner, Al and Fran Minnigh, Gail McGuire, Bill Harris, Anne Kihui, and Paul Brumfield. Clara Kennedy's sister, Dave Ellis's family, Brenda Stidham's parents, the Slavcoff's son-in-law and Dottie's sister, Betty Newton's son-in-law, Grace Aaron's sister, Sharon Ludwig's father, Doris Cotts' son, Bob Lawson's cousin, Judi Poppos' brother and sister-in-law, Gail McGuire's brother-in-law, The Beinsu Family, Ernie Leach's brother, Sahr Bockai's son, Audrey Norris' son and son-in-law, the Puwo family, Maggie Ndi's family, Rose Mekom's mother, Vivian Mbangowah & family.

Suffering Loss - The Clark family on the loss of Alvin, Sheila Hughley's cousin. Meg McGeogh on the loss of her sister. The family of Jim Buffington on his death.

Home Bound—Larry Malloy, Willena Allen, Evelyn Wall, Peg Magner, Carrie Hughley, Barbara Callis, Piorja Mojani.

Prayers of Thanks—For the Pastor Nominating Committee that they hear God's will; for the new members of the Crosswood Board of Directors. Mame Opoku thanks for the return of his father, Andrew.

Missionaries—Rev. Alice Winters 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; those in need of life's necessities; all who are looking for jobs; those who are losing faith in Jesus; those suffering from natural disasters here and around the world; for improvement in the economy. Prayers the refugees in Somalia.

Written prayers may be submitted on Sundays and put in the offering plate. Forms are in the 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 where you can find the church calendar, photo albums and other information.

November Birthdays

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|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Leah Thompson | 12. Christine Folivi |
| 2. Dottie Slavcoff | 13. Karen Ann Biddle |
| 3. Elvie Barbour | 15. Erica Turay |
| 7. Setsuko Simmons | 17. Don Newton |
| 8. Emmanuel Beinsu | 20. Ernest Leach |
| 10. Irma Ramroop | 21. Sharon Achong-Shah |
| 11. Sharon Peters | 21. Manu Opoku |
| 11. Therese Taylor-Stinson | 24. Mary Kamanula |
| | 29. Vivian Mbangowah |

How well do you know the members of the Northwood Family!

Question: Who is in the photograph from the Gazette, helping with a school supplies program? (Hint, see the bulletin board beside the kitchen). Answer: *Elena Taylor!*

New Question: Who loves to bake and provides us with wonderful goodies each Sunday? Everyone should know this answer!

Thanks to Betty Newton, Betty Barnes, Audrey Norris and particularly Gail Oakes who took care of the bulletin, for sitting in the Church Office while I was away on vacation. We had a fabulous trip and Machu Picchu was awe-inspiring. Judy

FROM THE LOVE MINISTRY

Tricks and Treats in a Trunk - Sunday, October 30, 11:00 a.m. - Noon.

Calling all Spirits to the West Parking Lot of Northwood Church! The Session elders and others will be opening their decorated car trunks to reveal games, prizes and treats.

To make it even more special, we would love for you to come with a favorite bible passage to share with our children. The method you choose to share the passage with our children is up to you..... maybe tell them the passage and meaning when they come to your car, hand it out on a piece of paper for each child to read or maybe you can even make it into a game!

Costumes optional. FUN REQUIRED!

Mission, Holiday Decorations and Brunch Saturday, November 19th—11:30 a.m.

This year the Faith and Love Ministries again will be combining the filling of Thanksgiving Baskets with the Hanging of the Greens and beginning the day with a holiday Brunch.

Elmer Lantz leads this effort and needs our help packing the **Thanksgiving Baskets** and help with their delivery the following Sunday, Nov. 20. Please bring canned goods and anything related to Thanksgiving dinner to the food bin at church. Any cash donations will be used to purchase turkeys. Please write a check to Northwood Church and indicate on the memo line "Thanksgiving Baskets." If you know of someone in the local community or the congregation who would benefit from a

Thanksgiving Basket, please contact the church office.

To ready our church for the coming Advent season we need many hands to hang the wreaths, beautify the sconces, decorate the sanctuary and put the ornaments on the Christmas and Jesse Trees.

This year we are trying something new and will begin our day with a Brunch and time for Fellowship before we start work on the baskets and the decorations, We would like everyone to bring a breakfast casserole or fruit or pastries to share. We will provide recipes for casseroles ahead of time or come with your favorite recipe! Our Brunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. If that time is too early for you and your family, please come when you can and there will still be food available. There will be a sign-up sheet in Makemie Hall for the Brunch so you can let us know how you can help.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Pathways Breakfast Program - Thanks to Susan Johnson for setting up the schedule for members of the congregation to provide breakfast foods for the Pathways Schools program, Northwood at Hyattsville. If you would like to be added to the list to donate the food, contact Susan. Please check your calendars and remember when it is your turn to bring in the supplies which are left in the church kitchen for pickup. This food really makes a difference to the students, many of whom come to school hungry.



Trunk or Treat
West Parking Lot on Sunday (30)



THE REFORMED INSTITUTE'S 2001-12 COLLOQUY

With the support of Rev. Maggie and the session, I was able to enroll in the colloquy. The first meeting was on Sept.30/Oct.1; the next meetings will be in Dec., Feb. and April. We began by tracing and reinterpreting the ancient doctrine of the Image of God. Through our readings we will trace the deep historical and evolutionary background of theological an-

thropology and focus on the complex question of what it really means to be human.

The instructor is Dr. J. Wentzel van Huyssteen, Professor of Theology and Science at Princeton Theological Seminary, an educational institution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Princeton, New Jersey.

Gloria Pendleton



November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>All Saints Day</i>	2	3 <i>PNC Meeting Choir Practice</i>	4 <i>World Community Day—</i>	5
6 <i>Confirmation Class Ministries</i>	7	8 <i>Book Discus- sion Group</i>	9 <i>Parish Care Meeting</i>	10 <i>PNC Meeting Choir Practice</i>	11 <i>Veterans Day Prayer Group</i>	12
13 <i>Stewardship New Begin- nings Lunch</i>	14	15	16 <i>Session Meeting</i>	17 <i>PNC Meeting Choir Practice</i>	18 <i>Prayer Group</i>	19 <i>Brunch, Thanksgiving Baskets & Decorating</i>
20 <i>Christ the King Sunday Prayer Shawl</i>	21	22 <i>Scrabble Players</i>	23	24 <i>Thanks- giving Day Office Closed</i>	25 <i>Office Closed</i>	26
27 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	28	29	30			

Schedule of Events

- **Nov. 1**—All Saints Day
- **Nov. 3**—PNC Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m. each Thurs.
- **Nov. 6**—9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
- **Nov. 6**—10:00 a.m. Sacrament of Holy Communion, 11 a.m. Ministry Meetings
- **Nov. 8**—Book Discussion Group, 10 am
- **Nov. 9**—Parish Care Meeting 1 p.m.
- **Nov. 13**—Stewardship Dedication, 11:00 a.m. New Beginnings
- **Nov. 16**—Session Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- **Nov. 16**—Brunch, fill Thanksgiving Baskets, and decorate the Church.
- **Nov. 16**—Prayer Shawl Ministry, 11:15 a.m.

SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING AT NORTHWOOD

Day Time Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, November 9, 2011, from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Media Room. We will be using a DVD for the 2011 -2012 Horizons Bible Study, Confessing the Beatitudes. Please come join, us bring your friend, bring a neighbor, or just come and observe to see if this is for you. The study will be led by Gloria Pendleton.

Book Discussion Group - Last month the group discussed "**The Secret Scripture**" by Sebastian Barry. Come to the next meeting on Tuesday, November 8th at 10:00 a.m. in the Connie Gordon Lounge. The book club has chosen "The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey" by Candice Millard. An incredible adventure narrative and a penetrating biographical portrait, The River of Doubt is the true story of Theodore Roosevelt's harrowing exploration of one of the

most dangerous rivers on earth - the Amazon. The River of Doubt is a tributary of the Amazon River.

Scrabble Players will get together again Tuesday, November 22nd, at 1:00 p.m. in Makemie Hall. Come and enjoy some fellowship over a friendly game of Scrabble.

Prayer Group—The Prayer Group meets on Fridays at 10 a.m. at the church, to pray for those who are on our prayer list and other requested prayers. On Sundays you may give a written prayer by filling in a prayer request form found in the black Fellowship Pads in each pew, and placing it in the offering plate.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Sunday, November 20th following the worship service, in Knox Hall.

Chinese Dinner—Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 26th!



Small Group Events

Be part of a small group

NEW BEGINNINGS—SESSION 2

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 6th, 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

It's time for a new beginning at Northwood and the *New Beginnings* program provides this opportunity. Our November discussions, the second of six monthly gatherings, will take an honest look at the challenges Northwood Church faces in the context of demographic, neighborhood and cultural changes.

Over sixty people attended the October gathering and a summary of the results is avail-

able, as well as copies of the professional assessment report. Check out a copy of the report and the October summary from Judy in the church office or at the Info Table in Make-mie Hall this Sunday.

On November 6 soup, salad, sandwiches and desserts will be provided. To fully benefit Northwood's future **EVERY** able member and visitor to Northwood are invited and strongly encouraged to attend.



SUCCESSFUL WORK DAY

Eighteen members of the Northwood family, arrived ready for work on Saturday, October 22nd. Thanks to, Alison and Ta'Quan Crichton and his friend Khalel Jackson, Raj Sampson, Gail Oakes, Judy and Peter McPhie, Gail McGuire, Sara Fuller, Rev. Maggie, Nancy and Fred May, Irma Ramroop, Anne and Josephine Kihuu, Charlott Bramwell, Byron Wong and Elmer Lantz.

Inside we decorated for Fall, washed windows, polished pews and vacuumed cushions, cleaned out the Media Room, filed financial records and re-hung the Branching Out banners. Outside jobs included weeding the flower beds, removing dead bushes, cutting dead branches from the azaleas and picking up

trash. Special thanks to Elmer Lantz who fixed a few shingles on the steep sanctuary roof. Nancy fixed a pot of coffee for everyone, and Peter brought some donuts!

Many hands didn't make the work light, but it did make it fun! If you weren't there, you missed a special time of fellowship.

Many thanks to Elmer Lantz for all he's been doing around the church, especially breaking up and removing the concrete base to the old outside sign. The WWC have also been busy trimming bushes, disposing of wiring from the Hope Garden fence, sorting out the excess electrical cords in the front of the sanctuary, and doing regular light checks. Thanks guys.

"If you weren't there you missed a special time of fellowship"

STEWARDSHIP—YIELDING OUR FRUIT IN SEASON (Ps. 1:3)

Every year at this time I remind you of all the reasons to pledge. I usually mention envelopes, and statements, which are helpful to have, and, of course, the tax advantages.

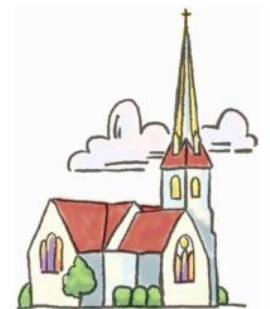
These are not the "real" reasons to give. Most of us here at Northwood have been blessed in many ways, myself included. I personally think it is only right that I acknowledge these blessings by trying to help others through the programs of our church. This takes time, talent and, yes, money. I hope you will all join

me in giving whatever you are able of all of these.

Remember, all pledges are confidential and may be changed at any time as situations change. Please do not put numbers on your pledge cards this year as I will be changing some numbers to make bookkeeping easier.

Please get your pledges to me as early as possible to help the budgeting process.

Gail McGuire, Financial Secretary



Stewardship at Northwood

ANNUAL MEETING OF CROSSWOOD, INC.



The Annual Meeting of the membership of Crosswood, Inc. was held at the close of the worship service at Northwood Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 16, 2011. Dorothy Brown, President, presided. The proposed by-law change as printed below, was approved.

Proposed by-law change: Eliminate the wording incorporated within the parenthesis of the following.

ARTICLE VI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 2. Number

Regular Members. The minimum number of voting members will be nine. Additional members will be determined by the Board of Directors. **(If the number of Directors is increased the majority will be members of the Corporation.)**

Section 3. Qualifications. **(A majority of the Board of Directors will be members of the Corporation.) (These)** Directors proposed for selections by the Board Nominating Commit-

tee in consultation with the Northwood Presbyterian Church Nominating Committee, endorsed by the Board of Directors and selected by the membership. Non-corporation members nominated as Directors will be proposed for selection by the Board Nomination Committee, endorsed by the Northwood Presbyterian Church Nominating Committee and selected by the Board of Directors.

The nominees for the Board of Directors were received as follows:

Robert Foster, Ph.D., Licensed School Psychologist - Class of 2014 - At Large

Melissa Campbell Duru, Lawyer - Class of 2014 - At Large. Attends Northwood Church.

Pamellia Wilson, Bank Senior Vice President - Class of 2014 - At Large

Dorothy Brown, President - Class of 2013 - At Large.

At the fellowship hour there was a reception, with a power-point display.

A TIME OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE PATHWAYS SCHOOLS

We hope that most of you were able to attend the Annual Meeting of Crosswood, Inc., and received your copy of the annual report describing the past year at The Pathways Schools. If you did, you know that we are now in our 30th year of operation and have much to be thankful for, not the least of which is the founding vision and ongoing support of the Northwood Church congregation. In these past 30 years Pathways has grown to encompass six programs serving students from three counties and the District of Columbia. We have helped more than 1,000 children and teens and have graduated more than 400 who might otherwise have failed or dropped out. That's a bountiful harvest indeed!

In fact, while anchored by our history, Pathways seems always to be growing, responding dynamically to the changing needs of our stu-

dents. Our latest change is the move of our Anne Arundel program to a new location in Annapolis. We hope you were able to attend the Open House held there at the end of October. If not, you can read about it in the next edition of our email newsletter, *The Pathfinder*.

In the meantime, we invite you to join us at one of the Thanksgiving meals held at our programs. They are a time to enjoy delicious dishes together; and even more, an opportunity for our students, their families and our staff to gather and express gratitude for the new possibilities and hope that Pathways has provided and will continue to offer, thanks to the generosity, energy and compassion of many dedicated individuals and organizations.

Lindsay McLaughlin



FAITH MINISTRY REPORT

Gluten-Free Communion Break/Wafer

In order that all may fully participate in the Sacrament of Communion each month, Northwood Church provides the option of a gluten-free bread/wafer. The servers in the center aisle carry a separate plate of gluten-free wafers and will offer it to you when you signal them by slightly raising your hand as they approach your row. Please call the office if this is important to you, so that we can be certain your needs are being met.

Communion Coordinators

Sharon Achong Shah and Gloria B. Pendleton are the new coordinators. Betty Newton has elders scheduled to serve through December 2011. Beginning Sunday, November 6, 2011, a 2012 Communion Server Schedule will be placed on the table in Makemie Hall. Please all active and in-active elders look at a month that you would like to serve and write down your name. You will be called before the date that you have written down. However, if for some reason you are unable to serve, please get another elder to serve in your place. Some elders are already doing this, but it would be helpful if all of us take this responsibility.

Thanks, Gloria and Sharon

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Children's Enrichment

The children are learning how to "Dig into the Bible." From making illuminated manuscripts to having a Bible Book balloon toss, they are learning about how the Bible came to be and how the Bible tells us about God's relationship with humankind.

There are both Rotating and Permanent Stations that bring the lessons alive for our children and they include art, crafts, science, cooking and videos. Our two Permanent Stations are *Storytelling*, which will focus on the current lesson unit's subject and *Community Service*, which will teach our children inspiring stories of stewardship and engage them in the numerous charitable activities of the church.

Children's Summer Music Program - Sunday, October 16 the congregation received a delightful gift from the children, who sang the Kyrie, followed by *In my Heart There Rings a Melody*. This was the culmination of the summer music program offered during Enrichment time, which was led by Kim Machado, with Alison Crichton's assistance. Originally, they were scheduled to do this the end of August, then Hurricane Irene interfered. It was a joy to see and hear them.

Kim Machado will provide a music program for the children in November and December during the fellowship hour. We look forward to seeing and hearing them during Advent and Christmas.

Northwood's Adult Sunday School Class meets in Room 8, at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings, led by Therese Taylor-Stinson. They are studying a new curriculum entitled: *Judson Bible Journeys for Adults*.

FROM GINGER BOYD IN CAMEROON

Praise God for the peace that continued during and after the official announcement of the results of the presidential election. President Paul Biya was re-elected with 77.98 % of the votes cast. His swearing in will be within 15 days. Pray for the President-elect and the country of Cameroon. Pray for peace, for integrity and wisdom of all leaders, for effective development of all areas of the country, and that the needs of all Cameroonians will be met.

Despite all the problems concerning my living situation, I am managing to make some progress on my thesis and work as a consultant in linguistics. I am thankful to God for his grace and provision in the midst of troubles.

Please pray for me while I begin making plans for furlough for 2012.

Don't forget to turn your clocks back 9 on Saturday/Sunday November 6th for the end of Daylight Savings Time.



Growing in faith, hope and love ...



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DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

Nov. 1 - Tue. Ezekiel 13:1-16

Wed. Matthew 23:13-28

Thu. Malachi 1:6-2:9

Fri. 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

Sat. Psalm 5

Sun. Nov. 6 - Amos 5:18-24, Psalm 70
1 Thess. 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

Mon. Joel 1:1-14

Tue. Joel 3:9-21

Wed. Matthew 24:1-14

Thu. Amos 8:7-14

Fri. 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Sat. Psalm 63

Sun. Nov. 13 - Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18,
Psalm 90:1-12, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11,
Matthew 25:14-30

Mon. Zechariah 1:7-17

Tue. Zechariah 2:1-5; 5:1-4

Wed. Matthew 24:45-51

Thu. Job 16:1-21

Fri. 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12; 5:12-18

Sat. Psalm 9:1014

Sun. Nov. 20 - Christ the King

Ezekiel 34:1-16, 20-24, Psalm 95:1-7a

Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46

Mon. Esther 2:1-18

Tue. Esther 8:3-17

Wed. John 5:19-40

Thu. Ezekiel 33:7-20

Fri. Revelation 19:1-9

Sat. Psalm 7

Sun. Nov. 27 - First Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37

Mon. Zechariah 13:1-9

Tue. Zechariah 14:1-9

Wed. Matthew 24:15-31

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