

# Newsnotes from Northwood

*The Newsletter of Northwood Presbyterian Church*

## FROM REV. HEATHER

### World Communion Sunday, October 3, 2010

#### *Ecumenical Observance Began in 1936*

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) originated in the Presbyterian Church (USA). In 1936, for the first time, the first Sunday in October was celebrated in Presbyterian churches in the United States and overseas. From the beginning, the celebration was planned so that other denominations could make use of it and, after a few years, the idea spread beyond the Presbyterian Church.

World Communion Sunday is one of the most venerable of "special Sundays." The day has taken on new relevancy and depth of meaning in a world where globalization often has undermined peace and justice – and in a time when fear divides the peoples of God's earth. On this day we celebrate our oneness in

Christ, the Prince of Peace, in the midst of the world we are called to serve – a world ever more in need of peace-making.



It is a call for all Christians - of whatever background - and of whatever theological tradition - to recollect that we are in fact one in Christ - and that the table we receive communion from is God's table - not our own. Men, women, and children of every language, color, and nationality gathering in fields, straw huts, brick schools, wooden shacks and stone cathedrals are praising God and entering into both a physical and spiritual communion with one another as the planet turns under the gaze of the sun and the stars that God has placed over us all.

#### This Month's Highlights

- Bible Study begins—Wed., Oct. 6th
- Church Work Day—Sat., Oct. 9th
- Crosswood, Inc. Annual Meeting—Sun., Oct. 17
- Lunch Bunch—Wed., Oct. 27th
- Remembering all members who have died, Oct. 31st

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## NORTHWOOD WORSHIP SERVICES

Oct. 3—World Communion Sunday  
*Lam. 1:1-6; Ps. 137, 2 Tim. 1:1-14,  
Luke 17:5-10*

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Oct. 10—*Jer. 29:1-4; Ps. 66:1-12, 2 Tim. 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-9*

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Oct. 17—*Jer. 31:27-34; Ps. 119:97-104; 2*

*Tim. 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8*

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Oct. 24—*Joel 2:23-32; Ps. 65; 2 Tim. 4:6-8,  
16-18, Luke 18:9-14*

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Oct. 31—*Hab. 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Ps. 119:137-144;  
2 Thess. 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10*

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## THE NORTHWOOD FAMILY

### PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

#### Those who are sick

Rev. Heather, Judi Poppos, Emma Hart, Bob Wright, Gene Weithoner, Brenda Stidham's nephew, Andrew Opoku, Grace Aaron's friend, Cpt. Anderson, Louise Beers' husband, Gloria Pendleton's niece and sister, Ernest Leach's niece, Henriette Brown's daughter, Dottie Peregoy, Louise Lawson's son, and all friends and relatives who need our prayers.

#### Ongoing Prayers

Dylan Bodkin in the Marine Corps, Don Rishebarger, Gail Oakes' granddaughter's friend, Bob Leslie, Abbadean Robertson, Barbara and Vaughn Marker, Al and Fran Minnigh, Carrie Hughley, Dottie Slavcoff's sister, Evelyn Wall's daughters, Emma Hart's daughter, Ros and George Ludwig, Betty Barnes' sister-in-law, Doris Cotts' son, June Barth's brother, Grace Aaron's cousin, Sahr Bockai's son, Gloria Pendleton's niece and sister, Audrey Norris's son-in-law, Paul Brumfield, Ernie Leach's daughter.

**Suffering Loss** - Elizabeth Puwo on the loss of her niece Yvonne a year ago, and for her sister Theresa and mother Christina. Prayers of peace for her family after the death of her father.

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

**Prayers of Thanks**—A new grandson for Sharon and Dave Peters, Alden, son of Laura Peters. For the return of the chancel choir and the lovely music. Prayers of Thanksgiving for the success of Judi Poppos' surgery.

**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; 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; for the oil spill; for the flood victims in Pakistan and victims in the mine disaster in Chili. Prayers for the peace talks in the Middle East; Prayers for Laurie Mical and family dealing with a large tree which fell on their house. Prayers for the nominating committee as they select the pastor nominating committee.

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.

### October Birthdays

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Charley Bodkin      | 23. Matthew Atiemo |
| 2. Sharon Snodgrass    | 23. Mark Atiemo    |
| 3. Mary Virginia Ellis | 24. John Bodkin    |
| 3. Peter McPhie        | 25. June Barth     |
| 4. Peg Magner          | 26. Richard Biddle |
| 6. Grace Aaron         | 26. George Brown   |
| 8. Connie Brown        | 30. Betty Newton   |
| 12. Karen Maisto       | 31. David Atiemo   |
| 22. Tracey Banda       |                    |

### Directory Changes

Main number for Presbytery: 240-514-5348

Jim Buffington: call church office for number.

PFC Bodkin, Dylan

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Dylan is now at Camp Pendleton, so if you would like to send him a card, or a note, I'm sure he'd enjoy to receive some mail. Please keep Dylan, and the Bodkin family in your prayers.

**Disaster Fund**—If you would like to help the victims of the floods in Pakistan, you can write a check to Northwood Church and it will be forwarded to the PCUSA Disaster Fund.

## FROM THE INTERIM YEAR TEAM

### Coming to Terms With History

*“Following a pastor’s departure for whatever reason, a congregation usually needs to resolve its feelings: Loss, grief, anger, relief, guilt, and panic about the future. ‘Letting go’ of that pastor is critically important task for a congregation as it begins to prepare for a new pastoral leader.*

*In addition, churches sometimes have ‘old issues’ or conflicts that were never fully resolved and that tend to resurface in unsettled times. A congregation needs to be released from any inappropriate or crippling power of the past, in order to be fully ready for a future with a new leader.”*

~Intentional Interim Ministry Guidelines  
National Capital Presbytery (Revised 2/2/07)

Though I was not in church, I understand that the Timeline Project for Northwood, which was undertaken by members of the Interim Year Team (IYT), was unveiled on Sunday, September 12, 2010. Who is it for? It is primarily for us! For you, Northwood! For new folks visiting! For our next installed pastor! For the glory of God that this church has such a rich story to tell about how Christ called people together in this place. However, that doesn’t quite tell the whole story.

It’s about “Coming to Terms with His-

tory” (the first of the five developmental tasks for the Interim time). Northwood really needs to celebrate their history as a positive aspect of who they are right now. This creation was to be a helpful illustration of that history. History shapes identity, and as we move forward to select a Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) to search for the woman or man God is calling to lead us into our future, we need to remember our past so that all of us know who we are as a community.

This display speaks volumes about who we are here at Northwood! The IYT used their gifts of creativity and knowledge of Northwood’s history, and the history of our country, to create this display because Presbyterians believe in educating ourselves and making use of the gifts God has given to us with “imagination, intelligence, creativity, and love” (from the vows for elder ordination).

This very action has been done over and over again in the history of Northwood, even unto this wonderful new timeline, and continues into the future, as we “Discover a New Identity” (second developmental task). And what a bright new identity we hope for, as we move forward intentionally, with patience and awareness, as people of faith.

Peace,

Therese Taylor-Stinson (IYT)



## NEW MEMBERS’ CLASS

Rev. Heather invites all visitors to the New Members’ Classes which will begin on Sunday, October 31, at 9:00 a.m., and will continue on Sundays November 7 and 14, to learn more about Northwood Church.

Those who wish to join the church will be received into membership on Sunday, November 14th. Please let Rev. Heather, or the church office, know if you will be attending. You are welcome to come and hear about the Presbyterian church, and the opportunities Northwood has to offer.

### Thank You

I am grateful and humbled by the outpouring of God’s love through the members of Northwood Church to me while I was recovering for many months from hip surgery. Your prayers, cards, calls, practical help and other kindnesses were so beneficial to my recovery.

Thank you. Gail Oakes

At the Congregational meeting on September 19th Betty Newton was elected as an elder to the Session—Class of 2011.



Come and hear more about Northwood Church.

# October 2010

## Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 <i>World Communion</i>	4	5	6 <i>Bible Study</i>	7 <i>Choir Practice</i>	8	9 <i>Church Work Day</i>
10 <i>Dedication of Connie Gordon Room</i>	11 <i>Columbus Day</i>	12 <i>Book Group</i>	13	14 <i>Choir Practice</i>	15	16 <i>Session Retreat</i>
17 <i>Crosswood Annual Meeting</i>	18	19	20 <i>Bible Study</i>	21 <i>Choir Practice</i>	22	23
24 <i>Dedication of Church sign</i>	25	26 <i>Scrabble</i>	27 <i>Lunch Bunch</i>	28 <i>Choir Practice</i>	29	30
31 <i>All Saints Day</i>						

- **Oct. 3**—Celebrate World Communion
- **Oct. 6**—Bible Study—11:00 a.m.
- **Oct. 9**—Church Work Day—9 a.m.
- **Oct. 10**—Dedication of Connie Gordon Youth Lounge during worship
- **Oct. 12**—Book Group—10 a.m.
- **Oct. 16**—Session Retreat 9-12 noon
- **Oct. 17**—Annual Crosswood, Inc. meeting after worship.
- **Oct. 24**—Dedication of Church Sign
- **Oct. 26**—Scrabble—1:00 p.m.
- **Oct. 27**—Lunch Bunch—12:30 p.m.

## STEWARDSHIP TIME IS COMING SOON!

It is that time of year again, when we need to begin thinking about our stewardship commitment, especially as Northwood begins the process of the search for a permanent pastor.

We need everyone to consider how they can contribute not only financially, but also with their time, and their talents. Everyone can help in some capacity - maybe making phone calls from home, or if someone calls to ask you to serve as an usher, greeter, liturgist, communion server, acolyte or in some other capacity, say yes! It would be even better if you would call and volunteer to the people coordinating these activities. Just call the church office.

As the saying goes "It takes a village" - well, in our case "It takes the whole congregation". We are lucky to have so many good leaders, but we need more, so consider your talents when asked to serve.

We have many expenses just to run the building, in fact, we have contracts totaling almost \$70,000 annually for heating/air-conditioning maintenance, landscaping, trash collection, janitorial service, utilities, security service,

copy machine maintenance, mandated fire inspections, general insurance, pest control and snow removal.

We also strive to contribute as much as we can through mission - general mission funds to Presbytery; donations to Mid-County United Ministry and Interfaith Works, both local missions; aid to two International Missionaries, and support of the school in Ghana through Grace Aaron. These expenses are all included in your pledge. However, there are two special offerings, JOY at Christmas and One Great Hour of Sharing at Easter and the opportunity to contribute to disaster funds through PCUSA, if you wish to.

Pledge Sunday is November 14th, and closer to that time you will receive a letter and a pledge card to fill out and return by that date. Please prayerfully consider adding a percentage to your pledge of last year, and if you haven't pledged before, we invite you to do so for 2011, in joyous gratitude to God's gifts and in faithful response to Christ's call.

The Hope Ministry



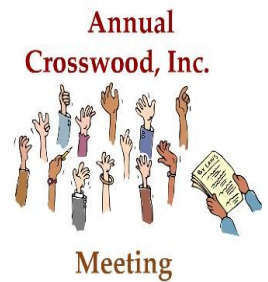
## PATHWAYS UPDATE

**Open and Learning**—Each of the six Pathways school programs began the year with well-prepared staff and students who need and benefit from our teachers' and therapists' professional dedication and creativity. Already alternative learning experiences are in full swing, therapeutic discussion groups and activities are underway, and internships, apprenticeships and work opportunities are in place. At Pathways-DuVal Re-Entry, students have had the opportunity to work with and learn from poet-in-residence Carol Peck, through a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council. The support of Pathways' wide network of agencies, businesses, organizations and individuals enables our students to learn and

grow. We are particularly appreciative of the Northwood Church congregation, whose members continue to provide breakfast for students at Pathways-Northwood, now located in Hyattsville. With support like that, we can say definitively that the year is off to a good beginning.

### CROSSWOOD, INC. ANNUAL MEETING CALL

*The Annual meeting of the membership of Crosswood, Inc. for the purpose of electing directors, and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting, will be held at the close of the 10:00 a.m. worship service at Northwood Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 17, 2010.*



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Children's Enrichment Guest Speakers

Elmer Lantz discussed some of the mission activities he is involved in at Northwood. On October 17th, Nancy May will be meeting with the Sunday School class to teach them how to make the communion bread.

Children in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and younger, are invited to the Enrichment program after the Children's Time. Those aged 7 or older will return to worship to participate in Communion.

**The Teen Group**—On Sept. 26th the teens learned how the counters ensure that donations to the church are processed properly. In October they will learn about providing

communion to our shut-ins.

**Confirmation Class** Mark your calendars for January—June, 11:30–1 p.m. on Sundays.

**All youth and adults** are encouraged to attend the class being led by Rev. Robert Angus which continues through Oct 24. We are looking at common myths and misperceptions about the origins of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, reviewing the present situation on the ground and discussing the challenges that lie ahead. You will receive a free study book with DVD. This is an important and timely discussion.

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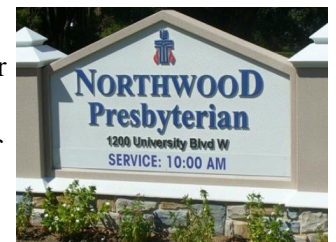
*"Nancy May will teach the children how to make Communion Bread."*

## NEW CHURCH SIGN

The anticipated new sign along University Boulevard is now installed next to the driveway to the big parking lot and the old one taken away. Montgomery County Park and Planning would not approve placement of the sign on the original foundation site, but directed us to place it near a driveway and closer to the street. Nancy May and Dottie and John Slavcoff saved the flowers which were around the old sign and replanted them around

the new one, and removed the landscaping which was there, to better see the sign. Later there will be more landscaping lighting.

Memorial Funds given in loving memory of Wing Wong, Gordon Whitt, Anna Perkins, Shirley Cargal, Robert Callis, Laura Callis Pilla and Dorothy Brumfield were used to purchase this welcoming sign for Northwood Church. A dedication is being planned.



## SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING AT NORTHWOOD



**The Chancel Choir** rehearsals on Thursday evenings beginning at 7:30 p.m., in the sanctuary. The choir meets at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the new music room with many thanks to Greg Catrett for taking the leadership in getting the room set up. Come and visit us!

**The Bible Study Group** will meet on Wednesday, October 5, at 11:00 a.m. at the church. Gloria Pendleton will lead the study and welcomes everyone to come and join the discussion.

**Book Discussion Group.** The book group will meet on Tuesday, October 12th at 10:00 a.m. in the Media room at church, to discuss the book "Olive Kitteridge" by Elizabeth Strout. There was a good discussion last month on "A Team of Rivals" by Doris Kearns Goodwin. You are welcome to come.

**Scrabble Players** get together on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. at the church, and so will be playing again on October 26 at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and play.

**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. Please come and join the group. If you would like to request a prayer, please contact the church office or list your prayer on the Prayer board in the Narthex.

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry** will gather in Knox Hall after worship on Sunday October 24th. Bring your knitting with you. If you enjoy knitting, or would like to learn how, please join us. We are now knitting prayer shawls, lap robes, helmet liners for the troops in Afghanistan and Linus blankets for babies. If you would like more information please contact Eleanor McIntire.

**Lunch Bunch** is on the calendar for Wednesday, October 27th. Parish Care invites everyone to come and bring a sandwich to share. There will be soup, and everything else will be provided. This is a great opportunity to get together and enjoy some conversation.

## MISSION REPORT

We want to thank everyone who participated in the Interfaith Works Back To School Program this year. The final information on contributions has not been published but Northwood has contributed 20 back packs. The school supplies included paper, 3 ring notebooks, pencils, pens, and crayons, scissors, etc. in good supply. A VERY LARGE THANK YOU for all of your support.

Interfaith Works is asking again for your support in the United Way Campaign #8230 and the Combined Federal Campaign #77702. Please consider this designation as it will help provide 35000 children and adults with shelter, jobs skills, clothing, meals and social services.

Northwood is still collecting computers,

monitors, printers and related equipment used and in need of repair. Capital PC User Group Inc. will issue a statement listing what was donated for your tax deductions. Bring these items to church with you and Mission will deliver. If you are unable to handle the items call the office and arrangements will be made for pickup.

Please continue bringing non-perishable food to the food basket. Donation go to Mid-County United Ministries until Northwood collects for Thanksgiving baskets in November. MUM does ask that donations must not be expired as putting this type of item in the basket only makes excess work separating and disposing.

Elmer Lantz



## REPORT FROM THE HOPE MINISTRY

The Hope Ministry has been very busy on several big projects recently. We have received three bids to have the big oak tree on the west side of the building taken down, as it began to split during the big storm a few weeks ago and now poses a danger. We are getting a third bid to repair, seal and re-stripe both parking lots. There are some holes where the school buses turn around, which must be taken care of. We are in the process of assessing the janitorial contract and decreasing the service, as without Pathways, the upstairs doesn't need as much cleaning during the week. It is budget time and Stewardship season will soon be here.

The Hope Ministry, together with Jim Kennedy and John Slavcoff, have finalized an Agreement document, which has been approved by the Session, to offer to Christ Gospel Church, a congregation from Ghana, to use our church for worship on Sundays from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and a prayer meeting in the sanctuary on Wednesday evenings. The contract is being offered initially for a three-month trial period after which a contact may be signed for a year.

Many other things have kept the Hope Ministry busy - overseeing the redecorating of the rooms in the back of the church, and with help from Alison Crichton and Stacey Sharpless, furniture has been ordered and all the Sunday School supplies and equipment have been updated. Take a look when you are next in church. The Session approved the naming of the lounge as "The Connie Gordon Youth Lounge" in her memory, as money for the furnishings were from the CE fund she created for Northwood Church.

The choir returned for the fall to find a lovely new music room in Room 1—no more trying to fit around the equipment in the Child Care room downstairs! Thanks to Greg for overseeing the change.

Please notice the new church sign which was installed on September 14th near the entrance to the big parking lot along University Blvd.

The Hope Ministry would like to thank Gail Oakes for her dedicated leadership of the Memorial Committee over the last 12 years. She has decided it is time to pass this on to someone else. If you are interested, or know someone who would enjoy working with the Committee to make the decisions as to how to spend memorial funds which are received in memory or honor of loved ones, please contact the Hope Ministry or the Church Office. Members of the Memorial Committee are: Dottie Slavcoff, Clara Kennedy and Fred May.

**The Personnel Committee** wishes to thank everyone who took the time to complete the review documents associated with the Interim Pastor's Performance Review. This committee was established by the Session about twelve years ago and follows guidelines set up by the Presbytery. It acts as counsel and support to the pastor and to other full or part-time employees. It is an independent committee composed of two members of Session, and three members from the congregation at large (two who should be elders). The current members are: Session - Gail Oakes and Dave Ellis; congregation at large - Kelly Sharpless, Betty Newton and Bernard Stinson.

### Church Fall Work Day

Saturday, October 9th,  
beginning at 9:00 a.m.

### Everyone is invited!

Come and bring the family, there is plenty that needs to be done. We will be cleaning and organizing the storage area in the back of the church, cleaning windows, dusting pews, etc., so bring your cleaning equipment with you. Also, there is plenty of yard work so bring your gardening tools as well. Refreshments will be served for the volunteers. It is very rewarding to sit together over some goodies and a drink and to talk about how much has been accomplished.



Growing in faith, hope and love ...



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## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR OCTOBER

Oct. 1 - Fri. Revelation 3:14-22  
Sat. Psalm 62

**October 3** - Habakkuk 1:1-4; Ps. 37:1-9  
2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10

Mon. 2 Kings 18:1-8,k 28-36  
Tue. 2 Kings 19:8-20, 35-37  
Wed. Matthew 20:29-34  
Thu. Isaiah 7:1-9  
Fri. Revelation 1:12-29  
Sat. Psalm 3

**October 10** - 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c, Ps. 111  
2 Timothy 1:80-15, Luke 17:11-19

Mon. Numbers 12:1-15  
Tue. Leviticus 14:33-53  
Wed. Luke 5:12-16  
Thu. Nehemiah 13:1-3,23-31  
Fri. 2 Timothy 2:1-7  
Sat. Psalm 61

**October 17** - Genesis 32:22-31, Psalm 121  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8

Mon. 1 Samuel 25:2-22  
Tue. 1 Samuel 25:23-42  
Wed. Luke 22:39-46  
Fri. 2 Timothy 2:14-26  
Sat. Psalm 57

**October 24** - Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22,  
Psalm 84:1-7, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18,  
Luke 18:9-14

Mon. Daniel 5:1-12  
Tue. Daniel 5:13-31  
Wed. Luke 1:46-55  
Thu. 1 Samuel 2:1-10  
Fri. 2 Timothy 3:1-14  
Sat. Psalm 84

**October 31** - Isaiah 1:10-18, Psalm 32:1-7  
2 Thess. 1:1-4, 11-13, Luke 19:1-10

**DAILY  
BIBLE  
STUDY**

