

Newsnotes from Northwood

The Newsletter of Northwood Presbyterian Church

This Month's Highlights

- Branching Out Luncheon—Sun., Sept. 11th
- Sunday School begins, Sun., Sept. 11th
- Choir begins again, Sun., Sept. 11th
- Presbyterian Women—PNC meeting at Northwood Church—Sept. 24

From Rev. Maggie

Needless to say, between the shaking and the blowing by the earthquake and Hurricane, Irene, it has been an eventful summer. But as the saying goes “time flies when you are having fun” and I am having a great time at Northwood! Your concern and care for one another in the name of Christ is amazing. A dedicated, prayerful group gathers each Friday at 10:00 a.m. to place your expressed concerns and joys into the hands and heart of God. Weekly hospital and home visits and phone calls are also made. If you have a pastoral care need, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Another way we care for one another at Northwood is through our weekly and timely participation in the worship life of our community. Our Sunday worship begins promptly at 10:00 a.m. I encourage you to make Sunday worship a priority and to invite others into this terrific and hospitable community.

In early July the new 2014 class, as well as continuing Session members enjoyed lunch followed by an afternoon of officer training. In worship on July 24, Marquessa Brown and Stacey Sharpless were ordained as ruling elders and Ben Atiemo and Gordon Goodlett were installed to the same office. A 2011-2012 Northwood Calendar of Events has been determined and the Session is hard at work reorganizing and setting priorities for the min-

istry teams of Faith, Hope, and Love. Budget and Stewardship Committees are being formed to consider financial priorities and goals for 2012. With gratitude the Session accepts Karen Maisto’s service as Church Treasurer and is very delighted that Byron Wong has accepted the position for the remainder of the year.

On August 28 we welcomed into membership Alison Barrat and her children Eva, age 4 and Brodie, age 18 months. Alison joined by Reaffirmation of Faith and Brodie received the Sacrament of Baptism. Alison’s bio and a family photo will appear in the October Newsnotes. **Confirmation Class** for youth in Grades 8 - 12 is now forming. An Orientation Meeting for interested youth and their parents is scheduled for Sunday, September 18 at 9:00 a.m. in Knox Hall.

Betty Newton and a team of a dozen creative folks have been hard at work planning “**Branching Out.**” Everyone is invited to join this All Church 2011-12 Kick Off Celebration in Makemie Hall on **September 11** following worship. Adult education begins anew at 9:00 a.m. and Enrichment for Children from 10:15-11:00 a.m. also has exciting plans for the fall. I look forward to this happy day as we rejoice in God’s redeeming and fulfilling work among us.

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SERVICES AT NORTHWOOD CHURCH

Sun., Sept. 4—Communion—Rev. Hayward
Exod. 12:1-14; Ps. 49; Rom. 13:8-14; Matt. 18:15-20

Sun. Sept. 11—Worship—Rev. Hayward
Exod. 14:19-31; Ps. 114;
Rom. 14:1-12; Matt. 18:21-25

Sept. 18—Worship—Rev. Maggie Hayward
Exod. 16:2-15; Ps. 105:1-6, 37-45;
Phil. 1:31-30; Matt. 20:1-16

Sept. 25—Worship—Rev. Maggie Hayward
Exod. 17:1-7; Ps. 78:1-4, 12-16;
Phil. 2:1-13; Matt. 21:23-32.



The Northwood Family

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Those who are sick

Abbadean Robertson, Henriette Brown, Evelyn Wall, Ben Atiemo, Emma Hart, Vincent Queen, Gail McGuire, Elijah Barnes' friend, Betty Newton's son-in-law, the Lawson's two friends, and all friends and relatives who need our prayers.

Ongoing Prayers

Dylan Bodkin in the Marine Corps in Afghanistan, Ben Atiemo, Jim McGeogh, Andrew Opoku, Gene Weithoner, Bob Wright, Barbara Marker, Al and Fran Minnigh, and Paul Brumfield. Clara Kennedy's sister, Dave Ellis's family, Brenda Stidham's parents, John & Dottie Slavcoff's son-in-law, Grace Aaron's sister, Sharon Ludwig's father, Doris Cotts' son, Vadne Henline's daughter, Bob Lawson's cousin, Judi Poppos' brother and sister-in-law, Gail McGuire's brother-in-law, Dottie Slavcoff's sister, The Beinsu Family, Ernie Leach's brother, Sahr Bockai's son, Audrey Norris' son and son-in-law, Puwo family, Maggie Ndi's sister and children, Rose Mokon's mother, Vivian Mbangawah family.

Suffering Loss - The Monie Family on the loss of Judy's father.

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

Prayers of Thanks—For the Pastor Nominating Committee as they seek a new permanent pastor; John and Dottie Slavcoff celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary; Clara Kennedy for her healing; Louise Beers' move to her new home in Pennsylvania; the engagement of Judy and Peter McPhie's son Doug; baptism of Brodie Barrat, son of Alison and James Barrat and reception of Alison as a new member.

Missionaries—Rev. Alice Winters; 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 for South Africa and the refugees in Somalia. Two friends of Mame Opoku, one who stabbed the other.

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

September Birthdays

3. Gordon Goodlett	25. Rose Mokum
6. Bob Leslie	27. Carrie LeCompte
14. Rebecca Opoku	27. Meg McGeogh
15. Dave Ellis	28. Judi Poppos
20. Fred Barnes	30. Louise Beers
21. Sarojini Ford	

From the Church Office—Many thanks to those who filled in while I was on vacation: Audrey Norris, Betty Newton, Dottie Slavcoff, Fred and Nancy May, Betty Barnes, Elvie Barbour and especially Gail Oakes who prepared the Sunday bulletins.

The office hours for the fall are 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. M-Th., and 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. on Fridays beginning after Labor Day.

New Address for Louise Beers:
120 Aspen Lane, Room 109
Huntingdon, PA 16652

Judy



BRANCHING OUT LUNCHEON—FALL KICK-OFF

Branching Out in Faith and Fellowship

*Great blessings belong to those who
don't listen to evil advice,
who don't live like sinners,
and who don't join those who make fun
of God.*

*Instead, they love the Lord's teachings
and think about them day and night.*

*So they grow strong, like a tree planted by
a stream—*

*a tree that produces fruit when it should
and has leaves that never fall.*

Everything they do is successful.

~Psalm 1:1-3

On **Sunday, September 11, 2011**, Rev. Maggie Hayward and the elders and leaders of Northwood church will lead the congregation in a time of fellowship after worship as we explore our gifts and talents in conjunction with the "Great Ends of the Church." The great ends of the church are:

- The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind;
- The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God;
- The maintenance of divine worship;
- The preservation of the truth;
- The promotion of social righteousness;
- and
- The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

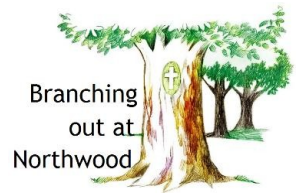
In addition to a catered lunch with desserts

prepared by Grace Aaron, our time together will be very interactive as we get to know each other more intimately, discover our gifts and talents that can be offered in service to Northwood and beyond, and creatively build a banner that displays the great ends of the church and the talents we possess to bear fruit for the Kingdom. All generations will be involved in this activity with our children being acorns representing their youth and the idea that they are seeds of the next generation, and each adult as leaves bearing fruit on the branches.

During dessert, there will be a brief explanation of upcoming events for the fall season at Northwood and information on the "New Beginnings," the Presbytery program to help congregations infuse new life, leadership, and mission into their communities.

Please mark your calendars for this seminal event. Your attendance is vital to the success of our church. Let's explore together what invitation God is giving to Northwood toward new and exciting beginnings!!

Trust the Lord completely, and don't depend on your own knowledge. With every step you take, think about what he wants, and he will help you go the right way. Don't trust in your own wisdom, but fear and respect the Lord and stay away from evil. If you do this, it will be like a refreshing drink and medicine for your body. ~Proverbs 3:5-8.



THE PATHWAYS SCHOOLS—30TH YEAR

The 2011-2012 school year for Pathways has begun. It's a big one for us because it marks the 30th year since members of the Northwood Presbyterian Church came to the rescue of a small special education school that had been renting space in their building.

The Pathways Center opened in 1982, beginning a mutual and deeply beneficial relationship with the Northwood congregation that endures to this day.

In recognition of that history and the importance of our community of support we have chosen "Moving Forward Together" as the theme for the year. We do anticipate many exciting moments of progress and celebration in 2011-2012.

To stay current with these events and developments, please remember to visit us on the web at www.pathwayschools.org and sign up to receive our email newsletter, *The Pathfinder*.



30th Anniversary Year

September 2011

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Schedule of Events

				1	2 Prayer Group	3 Tamil Church meets
4 Sacrament of Holy Communion	5 Office Closed Labor Day	6	7 Parish Care	8 PNC Meeting Choir Practice	9 Prayer Group	10
11 Worship Branching Out Celebration Luncheon	12	13 Book Group	14	15 PNC Meeting Choir Practice	16 Prayer Group	17 Presbyterian Meeting Tamil Church meets
18 Worship Ministry Meetings Prayer Shawl	19	20 Child Care Board Meeting	21 Session Meeting	22 PNC Meeting Choir Practice	23 Prayer Group	24 Presbyterian Women—NCP at Northwood
25 Worship New Beginnings Leadership Training	26	27 Scrabble Players	28	29 PNC Meeting Choir Practice	30 Prayer Group	

- **Sept. 7**—Parish Care meeting, 1 p.m.
- **Sept. 8**—Choir Practice begins, 7:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 11**—Sunday School for Adults and Children begins, 9 a.m.
- **Sept. 11**—Branching Out Celebration Luncheon—after worship
- **Sept. 13**—Book Group, 10 a.m.
- **Sept. 18**—Prayer Shawl Ministry, 11:15
- **Sept. 20**—Child Care Board, 7:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 21**—Session Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 24**—Presbyterian Women meeting
- **Sept. 27**—Scrabble Players, 1 p.m.

SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING AT NORTHWOOD

Book Discussion Group - The discussion will be on Ken Follett's new book "Fall of Giants." It traces the lives of its characters through the Twentieth Century and centers on events leading up to the first world war, the war itself, its aftermath, and how it affected each family. Please come and join us in the Media Room to share your ideas about the book.

Scrabble Players will get together again Tuesday, September 27th, at 1:00 p.m. in Makemie Hall. Mark your calendars and plan to come and join us.

Prayer Group—The Prayer Group meets on Fridays at 10:00 a.m. at the church, to pray for those who are on our prayer list and other requests from Sunday morning prayers. This is a meaningful time to pray together.

Chancel Choir - The choir will begin rehearsing on Thursday, September 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary and will sing during worship on the 11th. If you enjoy singing and would like to sing with the choir, please be in touch with Greg Catrett, Music Director.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on September 25th following the worship service in Knox Hall. You are invited to come and join with others to knit prayer shawls and lap robes to comfort those who are suffering.

The Bible Study Group will begin again in October - date to be announced. Gloria Pendleton will lead the group using the 2011-2012 Horizons Bible Study - Confessing the Beatitudes written by Margaret Aymer, associate professor of New Testament and chair of Biblical Studies at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, GA.

The study group will be using the Bible, curriculum, and the DVD which teaches the nine lessons that corresponds with the study. It begins with her talking with Rev. David Gambrell of the Office of Theology about confessions, and with Drs. Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty and Clifton Kirk-Patrick about the ACCRA Confession. I also have a handout received in her class at the Big Tent. The starting date up will be in the bulletin.



**Northwood's
Activities**

2011-12 Tentative Calendar

All Church Events/Session Meetings/Confirmation

KEY: Bold Text = Required Elder Attendance

September Celebrating Northwood Month!

Sun.	4	10:00 am	Worship (Communion)
"		Sun. 11	10:00 am Worship (September 11 th Tenth Anniversary)
"		11:00 am to 1:00 pm	Northwood Celebration Lunch!! ("Branching Out")
Sun.	18*	10:00 am	Worship
"		11:30 am to 12:45 pm	Ministry Meetings – Faith, Hope, Love
Wed.	20	7:30 to 9:15 pm	Session Mtg.
Sun.	25	10:00 am	Worship (New Beg. & Stewardship Moment for Mission)
"		11:30 am-3:00 pm	New Beginnings <u>Leadership</u> Training

October New Beginnings/Stewardship Emphasis Month

Sun.	2	10:00 am	Worship (World Communion) (N. B. & Stew. Momt. 4 Mission)
"		11:00 am	New Beginnings/Stewardship Kick off Brunch
Sun.	9	10:00 am	Worship
"		4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	New Beginnings Gatherings – Session 1
Sun.	16	10:00 am	Worship (Guest Pastor Rev. Holly Ulmer)
"		11:30 am to 12:45 pm	Ministry Meetings – Faith, Hope, Love
Wed.	19	7:30 to 9:15 pm	Session Mtg.
Sun.	23	10:00 am	Worship
"		4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	New Beginnings Gatherings – Session 2
Sun.	30	10:00 am	Worship (Reformation Sunday)
"		11:00 am	Trunk or Treat (church parking lot)
"		4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	New Beginnings Gatherings – Session 3

November New Beginnings/Stewardship Emphasis Month

Sun.	6	10:00am	Worship (Communion) (Pledge Dedication)
"		11:30 am to 12:15 pm	Session Council Mtg. (Ministry Chairs and Pastor)
"		4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	New Beginnings Gatherings – Session 4
Sun.	13	10:00 am	Worship
"		11:30 am to 12:45 pm	Ministry Meetings – Faith, Hope, Love
"		4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	New Beginnings Gatherings – Session 5
Wed.	16	7:30 to 9:15 pm	Session Mtg.
Sun.	20	10:00 am	Worship (Reign of Christ Sunday)
"		11:00 am	Thanks-Living Potluck/Baskets/Church Decorating
"		4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	New Beginnings Gatherings – Session 6
Sun.	27	10:00 am	Worship (1 st Sunday of Advent)

December

Sun.	4	10:00 am	Worship (2 nd Sunday of Advent) (Communion)
Sun.	11	10:00 am	Worship (3 rd Sunday of Advent)
"		11:00 am	"Festival of Joyful Anticipation" Lunch and Activities!
Sun.	18	10:00 am	Worship (4 th Sunday of Advent 10:00)(Choir Cantata)(Joy Gift)
"		11:30 am to 12:45 pm	Ministry Meetings – Faith, Hope, Love
Wed.	21	7:30 to 9:15 pm	Session Mtg.
Sat.	24	7:30 pm	Worship (Christmas Eve)
Sun.	25	10:00 am	Worship (Christmas Day)

January

Sun.	1	10:00 am	Worship (Communion)
Sun.	8	10:00 am	Worship (Baptism of the Lord)
“		11:30 am to 12:45 pm	Session Council Mtg. (Ministry Chairs and Pastor)
Sun.	15	9:00 am	Confirmation Orientation (youth and parents)
“		10:00 am	Worship (Race Relations Sunday)
“		11:30 am to 12:45 pm	Ministry Meetings – Faith, Hope, Love
Wed.	18	7:30 to 9:15 pm	Session Mtg.
Sun.	22	10:00 am	Worship
		11:00 am	Annual Meeting Potluck
Sun.	29	9:00 am	Confirmation
		10:00 am	Worship

February

Sun.	5	9:00 am	Confirmation
		10:00 am	Worship (Communion)
Wed.	8	7:30 to 9:15 pm	Session Mtg. (A DATE CHANGE)
Sun.	12	9:00 am	Confirmation
		10:00 am	Worship (A Service of Healing and Wholeness)
“		11:30 am to 12:45 pm	Ministry Meetings – Faith, Hope, Love
Wed.	15	7:30 to 9:15 pm	<u>NO</u> Session Mtg. (Rev. Maggie out)
Sun.	19	10:00 am	Worship (Guest Pastor)
Wed.	22	7:30 pm	Worship (Ash Wednesday)(Guest Pastor)
Sun.	26	10:00 am	Worship (1 st Sunday in Lent) (Guest Pastor)

March

Sun.	4	10:00 am	Worship (2 nd Sunday in Lent) (Communion)
“		11:30am to 12:45pm	Session Council Mtg. (Ministry Chairs and Pastor)
Fri. 9 – Sun. 11		Overnight	Reformed Institute Confirmation Retreat (Bishop Claggett)
Sun.	11	10:00 am	Worship (3 rd Sunday in Lent) (Guest Preacher)
Sun.	18	9:00 am	Confirmation
“		10:00 am	Worship (4 th Sunday in Lent)
“		11:30 am to 12:45 pm	Ministry Meetings – Faith, Hope, Love
Wed.	21	7:30 pm	Session Mtg.
Sun.	25	10:00 am	Worship (5 th Sunday in Lent)

April

Sun.	1	10:00 am	Worship (Palm Sunday) (Communion) (Choir Cantata)
Thu.	5	7:30 pm	Worship (Maundy Thursday/Communion)
Sun.	8	7:30 am	Worship (Easter) (One Great Hour of Sharing)
“		9:00 am	Breakfast and Egg Hunt
“		10:00 am	Worship
Sun.	15	9:00 am	Confirmation
“		10:00 am	Worship
“		11:30 am to 12:45 pm	Ministry Meetings – Faith, Hope, Love
Wed.	18	7:30 pm	Session Mtg.
Sun.	22	9:00 am	Confirmation
“		10:00 am	Worship
Sat.	21	6:00 pm	International/Chinese Dinner
Sun.	29	10:00 am	Worship

FROM THE HOPE MINISTRY

From the Financial Secretary

Summer is coming to a close and many vacations are over. School is starting. It's time to get back to work. I will be printing pledge statements at the end of August so everyone can make sure you're up to date and can catch up between back-to-school spending and holiday spending, which is just around the corner. I hope you will also evaluate your financial commitment to our work and be thinking about your pledge for next year. That's just around the corner, too. As always, if you have any questions, just call me.

Gail McGuire, Fin. Sec.

The Hope Ministry would like to thank Nancy and Fred May who have spent many hours over the summer during the hot weather, trying to keep on top on the weeds. If you are willing to help out with some gardening, please contact Nancy May or the Church Office. The janitor has waxed all the floors and cleaned the carpets, so the church is in good shape and looks welcoming. The final touches are being completed with the leases of the two churches that use our sanctuary, to be in compliance with Presbytery. Having the two church use our space is working our very well.

Peter McPhie



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Ginger Boyd in Cameroon reports continuing landlord problems but hopes it will improve. A real blessing has been sharing her house and life with Pastor Roger and Vivienne Mbttto and their two daughters since February. Work is going well with more opportunities to help university students as well as language and translation teams with their linguistic problems. Her dissertation is moving along slowly, but she is grateful for the many opportunities she has and wouldn't change "jobs" with anyone!

School Supplies Drive - Thank you to all who responded to the back for school supply request. Fifteen shopping bags full of supplies were delivered to Interfaith Works. These will

help local students in Montgomery County.

Community Volunteer Opportunities -

Check the bulletin board across from the coffee, cookies and cake!

Pathways Breakfast Program - For the past couple of years, Northwood members have provided breakfast foods for the students at the Northwood/Hyattsville site. The staff feels it has made a big difference for the students to receive breakfast at school. If you can help, please be in touch with Susan Johnson. It involves purchasing food from a list (about \$30) and leaving it in the kitchen on the Sunday morning you are scheduled, about every 8 weeks, or less if more people volunteer.

"It is made a big difference for the students to receive breakfast at school."

Presbyterian Women—NCP

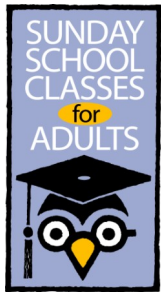
On Saturday, September 24, 2011, the Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women of the National Capital Presbytery, will be held here at Northwood from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Rev. Maggie Hayward will welcome the women to Northwood. The Bible Study Leader is Rita Boyer, a certified Christian Educator who has served churches in Pennsylvania and New Jersey for the past thirty years.

There will be a continental breakfast, four

workshops in the morning, lunch, and four workshops in the afternoon. The registration fee is \$10.00. You can call me or pay at the door. However, it would help Warner Memorial (the host church) with the planning to register by Monday, September the 19th. Hopefully, this Fall Gathering will motivate you to attend the daytime Bible group so that we can all learn together.

Gloria Pendleton.





Come and join the class.

Give Northwood's Adult Sunday School Class a Try!

Northwood's Adult Sunday School class will resume on Sunday, September 11, 2011, with a new curriculum entitled: *Judson Bible Journeys for Adults*. The theme for the 3-month study from September through November is "Covenant Communities."

The three units in this quarter study all focus on God's covenant as manifested in communities. The lessons consider the persons whom God chose as covenant leaders, the invitations God offered to enter into community, people's responses to the invitations, and the nature of God's new covenant community.

This seems to be a fitting study for Northwood as we plan a new beginning with a new installed pastor. How is God inviting Northwood to enter into community in a new way?

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Who are the leaders God is calling forth in and through this new community? What is our appropriate response to this invitation? Through reflection on the Biblical stories of the covenant communities God called forth, we may learn something about our own calling at this time and how we might respond.

Here is one such invitation: Come join the Adult Sunday School class in this study as we form spiritual community during our time together each Sunday. One way we can begin to be open to God's invitation to us is to begin to expect such an invitation and to join one another in prayer, reflection, and action. Let's rebuild our Adult class and support one another in strengthening our understanding of God's call to us at this very special time.

Adult Sunday school begins at 9:00 a.m. in room 8, every Sunday.

Therese Taylor-Stinson

FROM THE SESSION

The Session has been meeting through the summer months this year to make preparations for the coming program year. They will be leading the three Ministries as follows:

FAITH MINISTRY

Gail Oakes, John Slavcoff and Ben Atiemo

HOPE MINISTRY

Peter McPhie, Bob Lawson, Brenda Stidham, Gordon Goodlett and Elmer Lantz

LOVE MINISTRY

Stacey Sharpless, Nancy May, Sahr Bockai, and Marquessa Brown

Nancy May was elected Clerk and Brenda Stidham Assistant Clerk of Session.

Session elders welcome members of the congregation to participate in the ministries and their activities. Please call Nancy May if you have questions about the responsibilities of each ministry or if you would like to help with the work of one of the Ministries. The descriptions of the Ministries is in the front of the church directory.

The New Beginnings Program

It is time to begin the third phase of the New Beginnings Program. We plan to convene the House Meetings in early October. The schedule calls for a series of six meetings where group members will discuss what is happening at Northwood now, and eventually discern where God is leading Northwood into the future.

Northwood began the first phase of the New Beginnings in early May when Dr. Boumgarden spent the day at Northwood where he learned from us about our church and made an assessment of Northwood. The second phase took place in June when a number of us attended the cluster meetings with other local churches participating in the program.

Please watch for more information on the House Meetings in the next few weeks and be prepared to sign up to attend the ones most convenient for you.

Nancy May, Clerk of Session



**Session
Ministries**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Children's Enrichment Class - Age 4 to Pre-Confirmation

Class Registration starts: August 28

Classes start: September 11

Class time: Starts after the Children's Message and runs to the end of Church Service

We have exciting changes and a new, dynamic program planned for Children's Enrichment Class this year. Our curriculum will follow a thematic approach, with several weeks spent learning different aspects of a specific area of Bible study. The first three lesson units will take us thru January 6, 2012. The lesson units will be reinforced with both Rotating and Permanent Stations that will bring them alive for our children. The Stations will be easy to follow and age appropriate.

Our Rotating Stations will 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.

One main goal for children's stewardship is to participate in the Heifer International Program, which has provided millions of families in 128 countries with livestock so they may be self-reliant. ***We want our children to buy a cow!*** This will require their effort throughout the year. First, we encourage each child to donate whatever amount possible from their own money. Second, our children will earn money that will go toward the cow purchase. For each enrichment class they attend money will be contributed toward the cow. Also, the teachers will decide how well the children participate in each class as a group, and an additional contribution toward the cow will be made depending on the level of group participation for each week!

We encourage all our members to take a look at our Permanent Stations, which will be on display in Makemie Hall starting Sept. 11.

Finally, because we want an energetic and

involved program this year we need your help! We are asking each parent and any interested members to assist with at least one class each unit. The program and activities will have been planned, but to assist the moving of children through the Stations we would appreciate your support. **Class Registration and Enrichment Volunteer Sign-Up will begin August 28.**

Enrichment class starts after the Children's Message and runs until the end of church service. The lesson units thru January 6, 2012:

Dig Into the Bible

Unit Leader: Alison Crichton

Our children will explore how God helped and inspired the storytellers to keep the stories of the Bible alive and how we read and study the Bible to help us live faithfully. We will teach stories from Daniel 1 – 6 and songs from the Psalm 119 and Psalm 150. Dates – September 11 through October 9, 2011.

Living God's Word – Money & Time

Unit Leader: Melissa Duru

Our children will learn that as children of God, we are called to practice good stewardship by giving generously of our talents, time and money. We will explore stories from 1 Peter 4 and Mark 12. Dates – October 16 through November 20, 2011.

Journey to Bethlehem

Unit Leader: Stacey Sharpless

In our final unit our children learn of Advent and our Bible stories will teach how people in Bible times waited with anticipation for the coming of the Savior. Our Bible stories will come from Luke 2 and Micah 5. Dates: November 27, 2011 through January 6, 2012.

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

Question: Who was in Ocean City riding on the back of a tandem and is 90 years old? Did you guess the answer? Eunice Holmes!

New Question: Which members have worked for The Pathways Schools? There are 5 possible names!



Growing in faith, hope and love ...



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DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

Thu., Sept. 1—Jeremiah 17:5-18
Fri. Revelation 3:1-13
Sat. Psalm 17

Sun. Sept. 4 - Ezekiel 33:7-11, Ps. 119:33-40, Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20

Mon. Leviticus 4:27-31; 5:14-16
Tue. Deuteronomy 17:2-13
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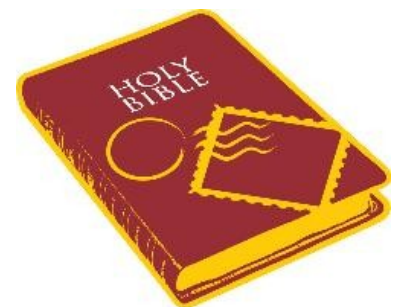
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