

Newsnotes from Northwood

The Newsletter of Northwood Presbyterian Church

NEW INTERIM PASTOR AT NORTHWOOD CHURCH

This Month's Highlights

- Welcome to Rev. Maggie Hayward, new Interim Pastor at Northwood
- Congregational Meeting—July 10
- Prayer Group continues through the summer

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It is a joy to be called to serve as the Interim Pastor at Northwood! As I write this I have officially completed Day One at the office, yet I already feel very much at home among you. You are an inviting, welcoming, and accepting congregation with a rich history of wonderful ministries in worship, education, fellowship and mission. The Interim Pastor Search Committee has my sincere gratitude for their diligence in the interview process. I look forward to our time together as we serve side by side to shape this particular body of Christ into all that God intends in order that together Northwood may continue and expand its ministries to each member, the Silver Spring community and into the world.

A bit about me... I have been joyfully married since 2006 to Larry Hayward, Pastor at Westminster Church in Alexandria, VA. I recently began study toward a Doctor of Ministry degree with an emphasis on preaching at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary which allows me two weeks a year with close proximity to three young adult corn-fed Iowans that call me Mom. Ordained in 2008 as Associate Pastor at Falls Church Presbyterian I have also served as a church educator with congregations in five states including my native state of Texas. I enjoy communicating the gospel to people of all shapes and sizes in lively, creative ways. In the near future I plan to learn to play the Celtic harp, but I do not anticipate sprouting wings to fly.

My regular office hours will be Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. I invite you to make an appointment to share the joys and concerns of your lives or you may take your chances and just drop by on a whim to chat if

you happen to be passing by the church.

Typically, on Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon I will be making home, hospital, and retirement community visits. If you or someone you know could use a Wednesday pastoral visit, please let me know by emailing or calling the church office. Also, it is helpful to let me know if you will be hospitalized for any reason. Saturdays and some evenings will be spent working at home and of course, I will be here on Sunday mornings. Early Sunday afternoon appointments and visits may also be scheduled.

On June 17 and 18, elders of the Northwood Session and I experienced ten hours of orientation and training in the *New Beginnings* program that will be initiated this fall. Six congregations in National Capital Presbytery have committed to embark in this effort designed to encourage churches to transform from "membership" churches to "discipleship" churches. Through a partnership between the Disciples of Christ and the PCUSA, *New Beginnings* assesses both a congregation's strengths and the challenges it faces, as it seeks to engage in ministry that is not just surviving, but thriving. On another note, a majority of the presbyteries have passed the new form of Government section of the PCUSA's constitution, including Amendment 10A concerning ordination standards of homosexual and heterosexual persons. See articles on pages 5 and 6 of this issue of Newsnotes for further information.

Again, I thank you for the call to Northwood. See you in church!

Rev. Maggie
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THE NORTHWOOD FAMILY

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Those who are sick

Abbadean Robrtson, Clara Kennedy, Gail McGuire, Vadne Henline's daughter, Grace Aaron's sister, Bob Lawson's cousin, Sheila Hughley's cousin, Audrey Norris' son, Brenda Stidham and her parents, friends of Gloria Pendleton, who need our prayers.

Ongoing Prayers

Dylan Bodkin in the Marine Corps. Ben Atiemo, Emma Hart, John & Dottie Slavcoff's son-in-law, Sharon Ludwig's father, Doris Cotts, Jim McGeogh, Doris Cotts' son, Andrew Opoku, Clara Kenney's sister, Bob Wright, Judi Poppo's brother and sister-in-law, Gail McGuire's brother-in-law, Dottie Slavcoff's sister and friend, Gene and Betty Weithoner, The Beinsu Family, Ernie Leach's brother, Al and Fran Minnigh, Sahr Bockai's son, Audrey Norris' son-in-law, Paul Brumfield, the Puwo family, Maggie Ndi's sister, Rose Mokom's mother, the family of Vivian Mbangowah.

Suffering Loss - Rev. Heather Bobbitt on the loss of her father. Elizabeth Puwo in Cameroon on the anniversary of her father's death. Ben Atiemo on the loss of his father and Andrew Opoku on the death of his brother.

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

Prayers of Thanks – For our new Interim Pastor, Rev. Maggie Hayward. For the Pastor Nominating Committee as they seek a new permanent pastor. Connie and George Brown on the birth of a grand-daughter to their son Mark and Valerie. Al and Fran Minnigh celebrating their 66th wedding anniversary.

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; 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; the victims of the series of storms, tornados, floods and wildfires that have caused loss of life and severe damage to homes and property throughout the US; Ben Atiemo and Andrew Opoku traveling to Ghana.

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. And are on our website.

SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

July	August
3. Susan Johnson	3. Betty Weithoner
4. Joseph Turay	4. Rose Wong
5. Judy Fink	7. Sarah Fuller
6. Alison Crichton	7. Emma Hart
7. Mary Rhoades	7. Fran Minnigh
10. Kanayo Duru	9. Summer Rothrock
11. Kelly Sharpless	9. Andrew Thompson
12. Kenda Tucker	10. Anikwe Duru
15. Elijah Barnes	10. Nancy May
15. Andrew Opoku	11. Dylan Bodkin
16. Patricia Beinsu	12. John Slavcoff
17. Mame Opoku	13. Zoe Irvin
19. Winona Peace	14. Byron Wong
21. Allen Minnigh	16. Kendra Queen
23. Bryan Banda	20. Nick Cavis
24. Lorna Collins	22. Eric Beinsu
29. Jim McGeogh	31. Johnny Peace
30. Audrey Norris	31. Princess Spaine

New Address for Dylan Bodkin

Dylan has been deployed to Afghanistan. Maybe you could send him some mail at the following address:

LCpl Dylan Bodkin
1st ANGLICO
UNIT 42640
FPO AP 96427-2640

Our thoughts and prayers are with Dylan and all our troops serving overseas.

SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING AT NORTHWOOD

The Bible Study Group will begin in the fall of 2011 using the 2011-2012 Horizons Bible Study, "*Confessing the Beatitudes*," written by Margaret Aymer. She is Associate Professor of New Testament and Chair of Biblical Studies at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia. An ordained minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), serving within the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta and an outstanding speaker. Audrey Norris and I heard her as the keynote speaker at the Presbyterian Women's Church Wide Gathering down in Louisville, Kentucky several years ago.

In July I will be attending the Big Event out in Indiana, and will attend her class. The Horizons magazine for Presbyterian Women, May/June 2011 is devoted to reading and understanding the Bible. I will purchase copies of the magazine, Bible study, and other resources to use in the fall. You do not have to be a bible scholar to join us, but just have a desire to learn and understand the Word of God. We are all learning together, please come and study with us. Gloria Pendleton

Book Discussion Group - The group will get together again on Tuesday, September 13th at 10:00 a.m. in the Media Room. This group is for **men as well as women**. The book for the

summer months is 985 pages long, so you will have plenty of time to read it.

The discussion will be on Ken Follett's new book "Fall of Giants" which is the first book in "The Century Trilogy." It will trace 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.

Scrabble Players will resume after the summer, on Tuesday, September 27th, at 1:00 p.m. at the church. Mark your calendars.

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. On Sundays you have the opportunity to give a written prayer by filling in a prayer request forms in the black Fellowship Pads in each pew, and placing it in the offering plate. This is a meaningful time so please come and join us.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will gather again in the fall, on the last Sunday of the month. Please keep on knitting during the summer.

Presbyterian Women - Please mark your calendar for Saturday, September 24, 2011. Presbyterian Women of National Capital Presbytery will hold its Fall Gathering at Northwood from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Details later.

FROM THE HOPE MINISTRY

The air conditioners have been serviced for the hot summer months, and the technicians managed to finally find the breakers that cut off the big outside unit. The new landscaping company keeps the grounds looking neat and tidy, and thanks to the Wednesday Work Crew for trimming bushes and trees, especially the Azaleas beside the patio. We also appreciate the time given by Fred and Nancy May who have been battling the weeds.

Outside lights have been installed around the new church sign - check it out when you pass the church in the evening. There are now signs on all the rooms in the back of the building to

find where you need to go.

May was a good month for income, and our expenses were less as we didn't have a pastor. Please keep up the good work in getting your pledges in on time, especially over the summer. \$15,000 has been transferred from the CIF to the General Fund as requested by Session, to be available if necessary. We are hoping to get a Budget Committee formed to begin the process of creating a budget for 2012.

Thanks to Dave Ellis for all his work on the Hope Ministry this past year, as he rotates off Session.

Peter McPhie, Hope Ministry

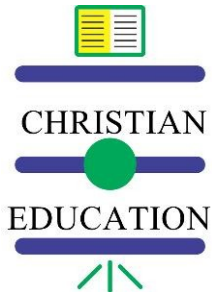


Small Group Events



NORTHWOOD

HOPE
MINISTRY



Don't miss the Children's Music Program

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Children's Summer Music Program. A summer music enrichment program is being held on Sundays, **June 19 – August 28**, after the Children's Time, when the children leave the worship service. This will be a time of singing, fun and learning for all ages of children. At the end of the summer they will make a presentation to the congregation. When you are not on vacation, we hope you will be here! We are very happy to have Kim Machado lead the group.

Adult Sunday School will resume on September 11, 2011, with a new curriculum entitled JOURNEYS for adults, led by Therese Taylor-Stinson. The theme is "Covenant Communities." The three units in this curriculum all focus on God's covenant as manifested in communities. The lessons consider the persons whom God chose as covenant leaders, the invitations that God offered to enter into community, people's responses to the invitations, and the nature of God's new covenant community.

The writer of the curriculum is a friend and colleague of Therese Taylor-Stinson. Rosalie Norman-McNaney is an ordained American Baptist pastor and spiritual director formed by the Shalem Institute of Spiritual Formation in Washington, D.C. The lesson exercises use many of the contemplative spiritual practices

encouraged at Shalem.

Rosalie spent 20 years in administration of early childhood and special ed programs and she served as Director of Special Needs ministries for the American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts. Rosalie also served at the national level as Director of the American Baptist Homes and Hospitals Association. Rosalie is currently a part-time Interim Pastor at an American Baptist church in Rhode Island.

This promises to be a fruitful study for the Interim time at Northwood, helping us to identify God's invitation to those among us, and those desiring to be among us, as leaders of this community; and decide how we might respond to these invitations as a spiritual community moving through the 21st Century.

Please help us to fill up the room on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. We have great discussions in a safe and faith-filled environment. You will be welcomed with Joy!

Big Tent, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Gloria Pendleton will attend the 12th Annual National Multicultural Conference, and tracks in The Theology of Stewardship, and Presbyterian Women's Bible study, from June 28 to July 2, 2011 at Indianapolis, Indiana, to bring some information back to Northwood. Please keep Gloria in your prayers.

CHURCH PICNIC

What a wonderful picnic we enjoyed on Sunday June 12! While the weather kept us inside, it was a relaxing time to enjoy good food, reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. About 75 people did just that. I want to thank all the people who pitched in to make our picnic a success.

A special thanks goes to the cooks Guy Traynor and Bernard Stinson, who slaved over the charcoal fire in very hot conditions and presented us with hamburgers, veggie burgers and hot dogs at just the right time. I also want to thank Judi Poppos, Susan Johnson, Judy McPhie and Dottie Slavcoff for all their help

before and after the event. My thanks also to all who whisked away the tables and chairs once we were finished. Maybe next year we can have a real picnic outside under the oak tree.

Nancy May, Coordinator

Chancel Choir - Thank you to Greg and Barbara Catrett for volunteering to host the end of the year choir party. Many thanks to Greg for his leadership this past year, and to all those who gave their time and talent to the choir. We will miss Bill Harris, our tenor who will not be able to continue next year. The choir will begin again after Labor Day.



FROM REV. DR. G. WILSON GUNN, JR., GENERAL PRESBYTERY, NCP

In May the deciding vote was taken on revising G-6.0106b to read in a fashion which does not preclude a Presbytery or a congregation from ordaining and installing monogamous homosexual persons in committed relationships from elected office. Some Presbyterians grieve this action while others support it. This action signals a shift in our life together as Presbyterians which liberal, conservative, progressive, evangelical, and middle of the road folks recognize as something that will not likely shift back. We Presbyterians tend to hem and haw on an issue for 30-40 years before it settles into something. Most folks from both sides of the aisle and even the middle section seem to agree that this shift will probably not shift back.

The question then is how shall we live in a community of mutual submission and mutual forbearance on this side of this shift? We need to talk about that together. For some who read the Bible more as an exact moral guide, they continue to see the Scriptures as forbidding homosexual practice. For others the inclusion of persons previously excluded is right and proper. They note that what we know about homosexuality now is more than was known by the biblical writers and thus it is appropriate to adjust our morality accordingly. Each values the Biblical text as unique and authoritative. Each disagrees with the other regarding the moral indication of the text. Both read the text in a fashion valued by our church.

As I read the new wording of G-6.0106b, the particular Presbytery and the particular congregation is charged with the assessment of the gifts any candidate for elected office might manifest. In that regard a congregation may still exclude practicing homosexual persons from office. A Presbytery is still free to exclude homosexuals from minister membership in the Presbytery. Yet also a congregation may discern the gifts for ordained office on the part of a homosexual person for the office even while the Presbytery in which they reside may choose to exclude monogamous homosexuals from minister membership in the Pres-

bytery itself. And vice-a-versa. Even as I offer this distinction, I expect there are those who will differ with it. We Presbyterians are, after all, constitutionally contrarian. It's one of our endearing qualities.

Our next chapter will be one about how we might listen, care, and honor the perspectives of those with whom we differ. How might those who promoted this change care for those who opposed it? How might those who opposed it continue in conversation with those who supported it? Can we practice a forbearance that honors the integrity of the other with whom we differ? What does that look like?

Our reality is that almost every congregation includes people of both of these perspectives as well as some who have more nuanced positions, some who have more naive perspectives, and some who are just not that invested in this issue. How we have the next chapter of this conversation will have everything to do with the capacity of our more diverse congregations to continue to stay engaged with each other in ministry, mission and spiritual formation. Now we are invited to the practice of mutual forbearance in a culture that is more vociferously included. This is an opportunity to witness to the world how people of diverse perspectives can remain in conversation and covenant with each other.

Some wonder if we are becoming a church that just shares a polity and a pension plan. I'd add a few other things most of which are right there in our ordination vows. What I see sweeping across the church is a wonderfully networked set of congregations who work with other Presbyterians, across denominational lines, and in some instances across interfaith lines pursuing the Mission of God in the world in specific places. What I experience in you is a holiness of Spirit in congregations of every political inclination, cultural style, and language. What I see in you is the people of God, one in spirit, diverse in opinion, networked remarkably in mission and ministry. You all continue to be in my prayers. I pray that you will be in each other's as well.



Change of Ordination
Standards

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS—CHANGE OF ORDINATION STANDARDS



What has changed in the ordination standards of Ministers of the Word and Sacrament, elders and deacons?

The primary change is the removal of language from the PCUSA constitution that required those ordained “to live either in fidelity in the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman or chastity in singleness” and replacing it with the words that those ordained must be “joyfully submitting to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.” The amendment also requires that “The governing body responsible for ordination and/or installation shall examine each candidate’s calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of office... Governing bodies shall be guided by Scripture and the Confessions in applying standards to individual candidates.” Presbyteries make that determination for ministers of word and sacrament: Sessions make the determination for elders and deacons.

How did the change in ordination standards happen?

The change was recommended by the 2010 General Assembly and has now been approved by a majority of the 173 presbyteries in the United States. Fifty-five percent of the ministers and elders voting in those presbyteries have approved the amendment.

May congregations now ordain people who are openly gay?

The new standards do not list specific behaviors that would automatically exclude someone from consideration for ordination, a change from the previous language. Each examining body is responsible for looking at all possible factors to determine if someone is being called to ordained ministry.

What if an ordained minister, elder or deacon changes presbyteries or churches?

If pastors, elders, and deacons are ordained in one location and move to another, they shall be examined according to the standards of that ordaining body before being able to take office. Those standards may or may not

conform to the standards that were used by the body that originally ordained them.

Will a congregation be required to change anything?

A congregation cannot be forced to receive pastors or ordain elders and deacons of whom they do not approve. The congregation retains the right to elect its officers.

Is the ordination of sexually active gays and lesbians mandated?

No, it is not required, but it is no longer prohibited by specific Constitutional language.

Is a presbytery required to receive, by transfer of membership, an ordained sexually active gay or lesbian minister?

No, each presbytery determines which ministers to receive into its membership.

May a congregation continue to uphold the previous standards?

Yes. The authority for ordaining elders and deacons is fully vested in the local congregation. The new language calls the ordaining body to be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying ordination standards to individuals.

May a congregation or presbytery now ordain or install a sexually active homosexual?

Yes, if after a thorough examination, the congregation or presbytery believes the person to be called by God to serve as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament, elder or deacon and not to be living in violation of the church’s ordination standard, its Confessions, or Scripture.

Does the new language give candidates who are sexually active outside the covenant of marriage between a woman and a man the “right” to be ordained?

Nobody has a “right” to be ordained. Ordination is based on a sense of God’s call as confirmed by the ordaining body.

(These and other questions are printed out and available on the table in Makemie Hall).

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR JULY AND AUGUST

Bible Readings for July

Fri., July 1, 1 John 4:1-6
 Sat., July 2, Psalm 119:161-168
Sun., July 3 - Zechariah 9:9-12, Ps. 145:8-14
 Romans 7:15-25a, Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
 Mon. Jeremiah 27:1-11, 16-22
 Tue. Jeremiah 28:10-17
 Wed. John 13:1-17
 Thu. Jeremiah 13:1-11
 Fri. Romans 7:1-20
 Sat. Psalm 131
Sun., July 10 - Isaiah 55:10-13, Psalm 65:1-13, Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-20
 Mon. Leviticus 26:3-20
 Tue. Deuteronomy 28:1-14
 Wed. Matthew 13:10-17
 Thu. Proverbs 11:23-30
 Fri. Ephesians 4:17-5:2
 Sat. Psalm 92
Sun., July 17 - Isaiah 44:6-8, Ps. 86:11-17, Romans 8:12-25, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-42
 Mon. Nahum 1:1-13
 Tue. Zephaniah 3:1-13
 Wed. Revelation 14:12-20
 Thu. Daniel 12:1-13
 Fri. Galatians 4:21-5:1
 Sat. Psalm 75
Sun., July 24 1 Kings 3:5-12, Psalm 119:129-136, Psalm 105:1-11, 45b, Romans 8:26-39, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
 Mon. 1 Kings 3:16-28
 Tue. 1 Kings 4:29-34
 Wed. Mark 4:30-34
 Thu. Proverbs 1:1-7, 20-33
 Fri. Ephesians 6:10-18
 Sat. Psalm 119:121-128
Sun., July 31 - Isaiah 55:1-5, Ps. 145:8-0, 14-21, Ps. 17:1-7, 15, Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21

Bible Readings for August

Mon., Aug. 1 - Deuteronomy 8:1-10
 Tue. Deuteronomy 26:1-15
 Wed. Matthew 15:32-39
 Thu. Exodus 16:2-15, 31-35
 Fri. Acts 2:37-47
 Sat. Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29
Sun., Aug. 7 - 1 Kings 19:9-18, Psalm 85:8-13, Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b, Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-33
 Mon. Genesis 7:11-8:5
 Tue. Genesis 19:15-29
 Wed. Matthew 8:23-27
 Thu. Job 36:24-33; 37: 14-24
 Fri. Romans 9:14-29
 Sat. Psalm 18:1-19
Sun., Aug. 14 - Isaiah 56:2, 6-8, Psalm 67, Psalm 133, Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32, Matthew 15:10-28
 Mon. 2 Kings 5:1-14
 Tue. Isaiah 66:18-23
 Wed. Matthew 8:1-13
 Thu. Acts 15:1-21
 Fri. Romans 11:13-29
 Sat. Psalm 87
Sun., Aug. 21 - Isaiah 51:1-6, Ps. 138, Ps. 124, Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20
 Mon. 1 Samuel 7:3-13
 Tue. Deuteronomy 32:18-20, 28-39
 Wed. Matthew 26:6-13
 Thu. Isaiah 28:14-22
 Fri. Romans 9:30-10:4
 Sat. Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32
Sun., Aug. 28 - Jeremiah 145:15-21, Psalm 26:1-8, Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c, Romans 12:9-21, Matthew 15:21-28
 Mon. 2 Samuel 11:2-26
 Tue. 2 Samuel 11:27b-23:15
 Wed. Matthew 12:22-32



Daily Bible Readings for the Summer

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?*

FROM THE SESSION

New Beginnings Program



Session voted to participate in the *New Beginnings* Program sponsored by the General Assembly Mission Council, to address the fact that Northwood is facing a decline in membership and resources. Session members felt it offered an opportunity for our church to come together in a common goal for our future.

The New Beginnings assessment was held on May 11, 2011. The assessment included a complete tour of the facilities and property, as well as an hour-long meeting with financial officers of the church to discuss finances. The assessment visit also included a “windshield tour” of the community to confirm the demographic data.

That evening, Rev. Carla Gorrell conducted an Appreciative Inquiry session with about 40 participants from the congregation. These folks discussed their engagement with the church, their perceptions about congregational life today and their opinions about the congregation’s position on the Congregational Life-Cycle scale.

The assessment report was delivered to eight Session elders who were delighted that our Interim Minister, Rev. Margaret Hayward attended the Cluster Event with them. Key leaders from five other churches in our Presbytery received their introductory materials at the Cluster Event as well. This Cluster Event was held over two days last weekend.

We are all looking to be more intentional about what we do as a church. This may require some shifts in thinking. To accomplish this we will be spending six small group sessions looking at what it takes to be a vital congregation, interpreting our New Beginnings Assessment, looking at our community and exploring options for our future. The focus of this discussion will be different from anything we have done before.

Please be looking for more information about how you can participate in these important group discussions we hope to begin in early fall. We are hoping that at least 50% of our average worshipping community will participate in these group sessions. The sessions will be scheduled so that participants can select a day and time that works best for them.

Call for Congregational Meeting

The Session of Northwood Presbyterian Church calls a Congregational Meeting for Sunday July 10, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service for the purpose of amending Northwood's By-Laws to comply with the New Form of Government and any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Thank you

A big thanks goes to the Interim Pastor Search Committee for selecting Rev. Margaret (Maggie) Hayward. Despite planned vacations by all three members, Nancy May, Gail Oakes and John Slavcoff, they worked diligently and after only six weeks made their decision. We all appreciate their dedication to Northwood Church's ministry.

Rev. Maggie began her ministry at Northwood on June 21st and we welcome her to Northwood.

Elections

At the Congregational Meeting following the worship service on Sunday, June 5th, John Slavcoff of the Nominating Committee placed in nomination Ben Atiemo, Marquessa Brown, Gordon Goodlett and Stacey Sharpless, for the Session—Class of 2014. They were approved unanimously.

John thanked the Nominating Committee: Carl Johnson, Fred May, and Irma Ramroop from the Congregation and Gail Oakes, Session Representative, for their hard work.

The congregation elected Betty Barnes, Therese Taylor-Stinson and Tim Taylor for the Nominating Committee for 2012.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Interfaith Works - School Supplies Program. 44,000 children in Montgomery County public schools qualify to receive free and reduced-price meals at school. For their parents, the cost of rent, utilities, and food accounts for the entire family budget, and the \$50 it takes to buy new school supplies is just too much.

This program distributes new backpacks filled with age-appropriate school supplies to these struggling families. These supplies give students the tools and confidence they need for a successful school year. This year the hope is to provide backpacks to 3,000 children in need. If you have a problem shopping, we have several people who will use donations to purchase items below. Judy will accept donations. There will be a box in Makemie Hall at the table for the school supplies which will be delivered to 751 Twinbrook Parkway.

Items needed are:

Backpacks, grades K to 12
Composition books, packages of lined paper
Box of colored pencils, box of crayons,
Erasers, large pink or white,
Glue bottle/glue stick,
Highlighter, pens, red and black,
Pocket folders and tab dividers,
Package of Big Markers,

3-ring binders (3" wide)
Pencil box & pencil pouch, #2 pencils
Ruler, scissors

Interfaith Works also is asking people to join in their Neighbors Stand Together program. Sessions/ training is held at Wilkins Ave. Women's Assessment Center, a Homeless Shelter for Women, 12250 Wilkins Ave. Rockville, MD 20852. Please contact Heather Steed, Development Assoc. 301-315-1096 or hsteed@iworksmc.org. Dates and times: July 7, 8:30 a.m., July 19, 4:30 p.m., Aug. 2, 8:30 a.m., Aug. 18, 4:30 p.m., Sept. 8, 4:30 p.m. and Sept. 20, 8:30 a.m.

The Senior Connection - This is a shoppers program seeking to help disabled seniors who are unable to get their groceries into their homes on a regular basis. They match individuals 60 years and older having incomes of \$30,450/year or less and couples having \$34,800 or less with volunteer shoppers. Shoppers are matched on a one-to-one basis and will shop either for or with a senior. The time commitment to serve is 2-3 hours a week for 6 to 12 months. Often long-lasting relationships form as a result. Call Greg Muncill, Shoppers Program Director, at 301-942-1049 or by email to greg.muncill@seniorconnectionmc.org.



PATHWAYS SCHOOL NORTHWOOD AT HYATTSVILLE

I am pleased to say that our first year as a merged program was successful. We will continue to review and revise programming to meet student needs as we do at the end of each year. Special opportunities for our students this year included therapeutic horseback riding, a story telling alternative therapy activity, drama performances, a talent show, an entrepreneurship program, a cross site football even, and a community environmental science program.

An end of year highlight was our graduation at the church. Many thanks to the congregation members for attending and supporting this event. It was great to see so many familiar faces. Our seniors

earned their diplomas and will be attending community colleges. The eighth grade promotion was the following day. Our merge also meant that the middle school students will have less anxiety transitioning to high school, since most will be remaining in the building.

Last, but not least, heartfelt appreciation goes to all of those who continued to provide items weekly for our breakfast program. The waffles, French toast, cereal, bread, juice, and milk helped all to a healthy start to the day!

We look forward to your support for the 2011-21 school year!

Laurie Mical, Principal



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GRADUATES CONTINUED

High School Graduates

Kristin Nicole Cotter, granddaughter of Gordon and Dottie Whitt and daughter of Cyndie and Steve Cotter, graduated from Walter Johnson High School in the top 5% of her class. She has been a member of the Honor Society and has enjoyed playing on W.J.'s Field Hockey team for four years. Kristin is a National Merit Scholar and will be entering Princeton in the fall.

Rosemary Girard, granddaughter of Rose Wong, graduated from Wakefield High School in Arlington, Virginia. She was accepted into the honors program at James Madison University where she will attend beginning this fall. She plans to double-major in Communications Studies and English.

(Note: These two young women are daughters of Cyndie Whitt and Sharon Wong who spent their childhood and teen years involved in Northwood Church activities. And going further back, to the 1940's, Kristin and Rosemary's maternal grandfathers, Gordon Whitt and Wing Wong were school classmates in Washington D.C. at McKinley High School and later both Gordy and Wing graduated George Washington University.)

Nathan Moore, grandson of Bob and Louise Lawson, graduated from UMBC with a degree BS Magna Cum Laude in Geography and Environmental Systems and BA Magna Cum Laude in Mathematics.

Congratulations Graduates!

