

Newsnotes from Northwood

The Newsletter of Northwood Presbyterian Church

MOVING FORWARD

The Northwood Session met for its first meeting of the new program year. The meeting was moderated by Presbytery's Stated Clerk, Rev. Richard McFail.

As one of the first orders of business, the Session approved the membership of the Interim Search Committee: Gail Oakes - Chairman, John Slavcoff, Kendra Queen and an alternate member, Sharon Atteh-Chi.

This committee now is responsible for preparing a position description and compensation package for an Interim Minister. Once approved, this package will be sent to Presbytery to be posted on its web site and the Interim Search Committee will receive applications from interested Interim Ministers. When a candidate has been identified, the choice is vetted by Presbytery and the Interim Minister will be appointed by the Northwood Session. The Committee members will keep the congregation up to date on their progress. While we do not know when we will select an Interim Minister, we are optimistic that our search will proceed well.

Once our Interim Minister is on board, it is his/her responsibility to work with the Northwood congregation to determine where God is

leading us and what future opportunities await us. The contract with an Interim Minister is typically one year. This gives the Minister time to use his training to prepare the congregation to receive its new permanent Pastor. I want to stress again that an Interim Minister **cannot** be considered as a candidate for our permanent pastor.

Rev. McFail encouraged members of the Session to be optimistic and see this as an exciting time for renewal and to look forward with expectation to the future that will unfold before us. He also told us to feel comfortable in our leadership roles.

I encourage all members of the congregation to look forward to our future with an Interim Minister and beyond to a time when we once again have a permanent pastor at Northwood. Please keep all the members of the Session in your prayers, especially the members of the Interim Search Committee, and volunteer to help us as we move forward together in this new adventure.

Nancy May, Clerk of Session



This Month's Highlights

- Church Workday—Oct. 10, 9 a.m.
- Crosswood Annual Meeting—Oct. 18
- Women's Fall Meeting—Oct. 24
- Lunch Bunch—Oct. 28

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October Worship Services

October 4—World Communion—Rev. Robert Angus, Pastor Emeritus
Job. 1:1, 1:1-10, Psalm 26, Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16

October 11—Rev. Bruce Bowen
Job 23:1-9, 16-17, Psalm 22:1-15;
Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 1:0:17-31

October 18—Rev. Rebecca Neville
Annual Crosswood Corp. Meeting
Job 38:1-7 (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9,
24, 35c; Heb. 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

October 25—Rev. Holly Ulmer
Job 42:1-6; Psalm 34:1-8(19-22), He
brews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

THE NORTHWOOD FAMILY

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Those who are sick

John Bodkin, Emma Hart, Evelyn Wall; Connie Wilcher, Sharon Taylor, Rev. Alice Winters. All friends and relatives who are sick.

Ongoing Prayers

Al & Fran Minnigh, Keziah Ogundipe, Judi Poppos, Don Newton's brother-in-law, June Barth's brother, Emma Hart's daughter, Audrey Norris' grandson, Patricia Beinsu's son, Marty Hale's mother, Teddy Jones, Susan Neibur, Carrie Hughley, Paul Brumfield, Abadean Robertson, Jim Buffington's sons, Ernie Leach's daughter, Sharon Atteh-Chi's mother, Louise Beers' niece's husband, the Hughley family.

Home Bound—Larry Malloy, Piroja Mojgani, Dorothy Brumfield, Peg Wagner, Barbara Callis, Dottie Peregoy, Kwong Lim, and all nursing homes residents.

Prayers of Thanks – Andrew Opoku back from Ghana; thanks that Al and Fran Minnigh and Keziah Ogundipe are back in church. Thanks for those working with Sunday School children. Great-grandson for Evelyn Wall.

Suffered Loss – Carl Johnson on the loss of a good friend, Floyd Woods; Elizabeth Puwo and family on the loss of her niece; Sahr Bockai on the loss of his sister.

Missionaries—Rev. Alice Winters in Colombia and Ginger Boyd in Cameroon. Prayers for all who work in the world missions.

Other Prayers

Our nation; peace justice and mercy in the world; for our country; the military personnel serving overseas; comfort for those with mental disease; those in need of life's necessities; for those unemployed and for our economy; safety from HINI flu. Please pray for the Session as we search for an interim minister.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following changes and additions to your church directory.

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Tel. # - Bob Wright – 301-598-6302

Tel. # - Jim Buffington—301-598-3033

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LETTER OF THANKS

We thank you for your generous and thoughtful donation to the Interfaith Works School Supply Drive. Your gifts will be greatly appreciated. Thanks again. Interfaith Works.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

SPECIAL THANK YOU

This month our thanks go to someone who has spent more time at Northwood than even the employees! He has faithfully watered all the plants, including the Hope Garden, several times each week, pulled weeds, mowed grass and generally taken care of whatever needs to be done. He and Kelly Sharpless worked most Thursdays during the summer fixing various things around the church.

Once again this fall, he contributes as a member of session and attends the Hope and Faith Ministry meetings. He gives people a ride to church on many Sundays. As Treasurer, he watches the bank accounts, invests money and reminds us of our responsibilities (see page 3). He leads the Adult Sunday School class and would welcome all to join!

Big thanks to Bob Leslie.

Daylight Saving Time ends November 1. Remember to turn your clocks back!



REPORT OF THE TREASURER

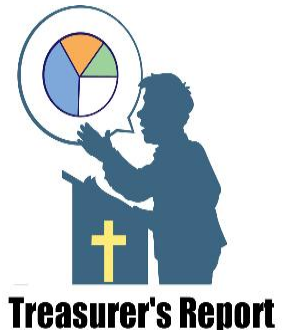
As expected, August was not a very good month. Offerings were down, primarily due to people being out of town, and we spent about \$3,600 repairing the HVAC unit for the educational building, resulting in a deficit for the month of about \$8,400. September is already looking better in offerings. Please make a special effort to catch up if you have fallen behind on your pledge.

The question has been raised “Can we at Northwood afford a new pastor?” My answer is unequivocally “Yes!” While it is true we ran a big deficit last year that was because we were fixing up the building for the 50th anniversary. And while we expected a big deficit this year, so far we have received more offerings than the pledges led us to expect, and we

have held the line on spending. I believe we could finish this year with a slight surplus.

The first draft budget for next year assumes an Interim pastor at about 85% of Rev. Tim’s salary and also that Pathways will vacate their space in the middle of the year. Even with these ‘hits’ to the budget, it currently looks like we will end next year with only a small deficit under \$10,000. We have enough savings to go a number of years with deficits in the \$10 to \$20,000 range.

What if we lose members? Yes, we are going to lose members, but we also have the opportunity to gain new members. New members are our lifeblood and will ultimately determine our success. Bob Leslie, Treasurer



SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING AT NORTHWOOD

Northwood’s Women's Association - Saturday, October 24, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Speaker: Sara Parker, Ph.D. Mark your calendar and look for a signup sheet in Makemie Hall and plan to come and bring your friends and neighbors.

Daytime Bible Study Group will meet on Wednesday, October 7th and 21st, at 1:45 p.m. in Makemie Hall. Seats are still available. Please come join us.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will gather again on October 25th after church in Knox Hall.

Come and Sing in the Choir! You would be welcomed warmly on Thursday evenings at 7:15 and everyone appreciates your contribution each Sunday morning.

Scrabble Players will gather together on Tuesday, October 27th at 1:00 p.m. at the church.. You are all invited to come and play.

Prayer Group – come and gather together in prayer with other Northwood members each Friday morning at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Please call the Church Office if you have a special prayer request. Everyone is welcome.

Book Discussion Group October 13 and November 10 at 10 a.m. For October we chose “My Father's Tears and Other Stories” by two-time Pulitzer Prize winner, John Updike.

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Lunch Bunch will be a Halloween celebration this month, October 28th to be exact, and at 12:30 p.m. on the ghoolist dot! Bring your sandwich to share and we will provide two different kinds of soup, chips, cookies and drinks. Our entertainment will be a hot topic for the month with George Brown speaking. Come and hear what he has to say about fire prevention. See you then!

Eleanor McIntire, Parish Care

Esther Circle—Plans are being worked out for a new leader. The Circle will meet at the church in the evening. If you are interested in joining this circle, please contact Clara Kennedy or Gloria Pendleton.



October 2009

Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Choir Practice</i>	2 <i>Prayer Group</i>	3
4 <i>Guest: Rev. Bob Angus</i>	5	6	7 <i>Bible Study</i>	8 <i>Choir Practice</i>	9 <i>Prayer Group</i>	10 <i>Church Work Day</i>
11 <i>Guest: Rev. Bruce Bowen</i>	12 <i>Office Closed</i>	13 <i>Book Group</i>	14	15 <i>Choir Practice</i>	16 <i>Prayer Group</i>	17 <i>Rain-date for Work Day</i>
18 <i>Crosswood Annual Meeting</i>	19	20	21 <i>Bible Study Session</i>	22 <i>Choir Practice</i>	23 <i>Prayer Group</i>	24 <i>Women's Meeting</i>
25 <i>Prayer Shawl Ministry</i>	26 <i>Crosswood Board</i>	27 <i>Scrabble Players</i>	28 <i>Lunch Bunch</i>	29 <i>Choir Practice</i>	30 <i>Prayer Group</i>	31

- **Oct. 4**—Rev. Dr. Robert C. Angus, Pastor Emeritus will be in the pulpit.
- **Oct. 7 & 21**—Daytime Bible Study, 1:45
- **Oct. 10**—Church Work Day, 9 a.m.
- **Oct. 11**—Rev. Bruce Bowen in the pulpit
- **Oct. 18**—Crosswood, Inc. Annual Meeting
- **Oct. 13**—Book Discussion Group, 10 a.m.
- **Oct. 24**—Women’s Association Fall Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- **Oct. 25**—Prayer Shawl Ministry, 11:15
- **Oct. 26**—Crosswood Board Meeting, 7:30
- **Oct. 27**—Scrabble Players, 1:00 p.m.
- **Oct. 28**—Lunch Bunch, 12:30 p.m.

UPDATES



Faith Ministry Report

Northwood needs people to assist with our Christian Education Program. Volunteer for one Sunday a month to bring the word of God to our children by helping out in one of our Sunday School programs for children. Contact Alison Crichton at 301-989-8479 if you are interested.

On September 16th Session approved an idea from Faith Ministry. Each session member will pray weekly for ten Northwood members and friends. We continue to ask you to pray for each Session member.

Congratulations

Two of our Northwood members have been nominated to serve on Presbytery Committees – Gloria Pendleton on the Stewardship Committee and Therese Taylor-Stinson on the Committee on Ministry. Nancy May already serves on the Records Review Committee, so Northwood is well represented at National Capital Presbytery.

Nominating Committee

The congregation elected Ben Atiemo, Barbara Marker, and Myron Robertson to the nominating committee. The two session members on this committee are John Slavcoff and Marty Hale. Please contact any member of the Nominating Committee if you are willing to be considered for election to the Session or if you would like to suggest another member of Northwood for the four openings for 2010.

Usher Captains Needed

For a number of years Isaac Daniels has faithfully recruited ushers, recorded the worship services and tidied the sanctuary. We can’t thank you enough, Tweetie. Now it is time for him to have a rest. That means Richard Biddle will become head usher and Peter McPhie will continue as the assistant. **THEY NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER.** Please call them or the church office to offer your help.

MISSION NEWS

Project Reboot – For the past several years some Northwood members have volunteered at Project Reboot, which is part of the Capital PC Users Group, Inc. Project Reboot refurbishes donated computers (Pentium III's and up) which are provided to qualified low income families, and nonprofit organizations, and to the visually impaired with special software.

Many families have school children who really need a computer at home. Recipients must have a referral from a qualified social service agency, either County or private. If you have used computer equipment you would like to donate to Project Reboot, you may call the church office, or contact Carl Johnson or Elmer Lantz, who can arrange to transfer the equipment. A printed receipt is provided for your donation, which is tax deductible.

Reboot is open on Mondays from 1- 5:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Each computer is loaded with a Windows XP operating system for a \$10 licensing fee charge to the recipient. The new location was opened in January at 4 Choke Cherry Road, Rockville, MD 20850, just off Shady Grove Road across from the Home Depot. Telephone during office hours: 301-330-0034.

Ginger Boyd is in Europe and has finished her paper, made her presentation in Cologne Germany, and all went well. She needs to

meet with her professors concerning her dissertation. It is a busy time, with the school year starting. Ginger is asking for financial help for a fund that has been helping with Mbam languages. The National Involvement Fund or NIV has a shortfall and is asking Ginger and others like her to find support. You can help by contacting Wycliffe Bible Translators, P.O. Box 628200, Orlando FL 32862-8200.

Manna Food Center is moving to 9311 Gaither Rd. Gaithersburg MD 20877. For details go to WWW.MANNAFOOD.ORG

Interfaith Works is asking for additional support with the school supplies program. Nearly 3000 low-income Montgomery County school children received backpacks. There are still children who need this assistance. Interfaith is asking for: Backpacks grades 3-12, Pencil Box & Pencil Pouch, Box of Colored Pencils, Pocket Folders, Dividers, pack of 8, and Packs of Filler Paper. If you can supply any of these items please bring them to the office and they will be delivered.

Carroll House Men's Transitional Center. On August 19th we provided hot dogs, potato salad, and watermelon for the men to have a cookout. Dates for further participation will be provided later. Contact Gloria Pendleton.

Elmer Lantz



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CELEBRATING THE SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP OF ELDERS

All elders in National Capitol Presbytery and their spouse or guest are invited to join the PCUSA Stated Clerk, Gradye Parsons, in **Celebrating the Spiritual Leadership of Elders** on Oct. 30 6:00 p.m. at the Virginia Theological Seminary 3737 Seminary Rd., Alexandria and Oct. 31 from 9 to 1 at the Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St., NE,

Vienna.

Saturday's workshop will be a continuation of Friday night's presentation. You are encouraged to attend both events, but if you can only attend one, please feel free to do that.

More information and registration forms are on the sign-up table in Makemie Hall.





FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

In case you forgot to mark your calendars for the fellowship events which have been planned for the year, here is another chance!

Annual Steak Fry – Saturday, November 21st – this event will be held in conjunction with the packing of the Thanksgiving Baskets which Northwood provides for the hungry in our community. Remember to bring canned and other non-perishable goods and put them in the food bin in Makemie Hall.

Everyone will have the opportunity to help others as they also enjoy the fellowship of a cookout. You are asked to bring a side dish or a dessert to add to the buffet.

Christmas Reception – Sunday, January 17th – A special reception will be held in Makemie Hall following the 10 a.m. worship service, with lots of goodies and a chance to sing some carols together.

Congregational Meeting Luncheon – Sunday, January 17, 2010 – A sandwich lunch will be provided while the congregation holds its annual business meeting.

Chinese Dinner – Sunday, March 14th – Louise Lawson has agreed to coordinate another wonderful dinner out at a local Chinese Restaurant. Make sure you don't miss the special treat.

Easter Breakfast – Sunday, April 4th – It has been the tradition at Northwood to hold a Sunrise Worship Service on Easter morning, followed by Easter breakfast together in Makemie Hall.

End of Year Picnic – Sunday, June 13th – The program year of the church ends with a cookout and lots of good food, which will follow the worship service.

International Dinner – Saturday, July 17th – A chance to celebrate our ethnic heritage by bringing a dish to share from your country of origin, or simply your favorite dish.

If you can help with any of these events, please contact a member of the Love Ministry, or the Church Office.

PATHWAYS PROGRAMS OFF TO A GOOD START

The school year has been underway for several weeks at Pathways. Our seven educational and therapeutic school programs have begun well, and we have enjoyed welcoming parents and families to Back to School Nights at each of our sites.

Pathways is committed to working with families and encouraging parent involvement in their child's education. During Back to School Nights, families learned more about the academic instruction and therapeutic support offered at the school their child attends and meet the staff who work with their student each day. Similarly, many of our students are enthusiastic about the year ahead and open to learning about themselves and the world around them. Students from The Pathways School-Northwood, for example, recently expressed interest in attending the public forum

on health care reform held at the University of Maryland, during which President Obama spoke. News of the trip and what the Pathways students learned there will be covered in an upcoming issue of *The Pathfinder*. Stay tuned!

Call: Crosswood, Inc. Annual Meeting

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 18, 2009. The nominees for Directors are Donald A. Newton and Ernest Leach, Jr. from Northwood Church and Sandra Picus-Rush from the community-at-large.



IN RECOGNITION

To the many people at Northwood who diligently take on tasks on an ongoing basis to make sure the life of the church goes smoothly, **thank you.**

For Communion:

Those who bake the bread, Nancy May, Irma Ramroop, Shelby Rothrock, Audrey Norris, Grace Aaron, Rose Wong and Emma Hart;

Kendra Queen for coordinating Communion Servers and for those who serve each month;

Audrey Norris for organizing for Communion to be taken to the home bound, and for those who take it on a rotating basis;

Judi Poppo who prepares the elements for Communion.

For Worship:

Connie Brown for acquiring liturgists and greeters for each service, and for all those who are the liturgists and greeters;

Isaac Daniels, Head Usher, and his usher captains Richard Biddle and Peter McPhie, and all those who serve as ushers during the year;

Pam Monroe for organizing the Acolytes, and all the young people who serve as Acolytes;

Judi Poppo who puts on the coffee each Sunday morning and also coordinates the Chancel Flowers and for those who provide the flowers in memory of loved ones or in honor of a special occasion;

Karen Maisto for coordinating the counters, and the teams of counters who stay each Sunday to count the offering and take it to the bank;

Fred and Nancy May who change the parameters when needed and make sure the choir robes are cleaned each year. Nancy also files all the choir music.

Our Music Director, Gregory Catrett and all the choir members who faithfully attend rehearsals and provide special music during the summer worship services;

The Children's Music Director, John Marlowe and the children who sing so beautifully and Bill Harris who helps when needed.

For Christian Education:

The Adult Class coordinator, Bob Leslie

For those who teach our children – Alison Crichton, Stacey Sharpless and Michelle Duru and the nursery attendants.

For those who care for the building and grounds:

The Wednesday Work Crew for all they do; Mort Rian, Al Minnigh, Mac McIntire and Fred May

Fred May who checks the lights each week and schedules building use;

Bob Leslie and Kelly Sharpless who fix things, indoors and outside each Thursday;

The Mary Bodkin Hope Garden volunteers coordinated by Karen Maisto;

Those who weed the gardens, Bob Leslie and Nancy May.

For those who help in the office:

The Newsnotes Team – Gail McGuire, Nancy May, Audrey Norris, Gene Weithoner;

Those who help to cover the office when Judy is away;

The Friday Prayer Group who fold the bulletins and put the inserts in the registration folders each week;

Don Newton who keeps an eye on our insurance papers;

Our Treasurer, Bob Leslie, who watches over our finances; Assistant Treasurer Fred May, who signs all the checks; Nancy May, Clerk of Session; Gail McGuire, Financial Secretary.

For Mission:

Elmer Lantz who delivers the clothes and food from the bins, and with Carl Johnson passes on used computers to the Reboot Program;

Barbara Marker who collects the Sunday grocery coupons and gives them to the Coupon Ministry;

Gloria Pendleton for gathering change to donate to the Heifer Project and leadership of the Women's Association with Clara Kennedy. She also leads the Wednesday Bible Study

The Parish Care ladies, led by Eleanor McIntire, who take the chancel flowers to the home bound or members who are ill, provide receptions for memorial services and other special occasions, send cards to those who are sick and visit the shut-ins. They also organize Lunch Bunch.

Gail Oakes coordinates the Memorials to make sure that gifts given are used to benefit Northwood Church's ministries.

Please let Judy know if your name is missing.



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DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR OCTOBER

Thu., Oct. 1 – Zechariah 101:1-12
Fri. Acts 4:13-31
Sat. Psalm 5

Sun., Oct. 4 – Genesis 2:18-24, Psalm 8,
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16
Mon. Deuteronomy 22:13-30
Tue. Deuteronomy 24:1-5
Wed. Matthew 5:27-48
Thu. Jeremiah 3:6-14
Fri. 1 Corinthians 7:1-16
Sat. Psalm 112

Sun., Oct. 11 – Amos 5:6-7, 10-15, Psalm
90:12-17, Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-
31
Mon. Deuteronomy 5:1-21
Tue. Deuteronomy 5:22-33
Wed. Matthew 15:1-9
Thu. Amos 3:13-4:5

Fri. Hebrews 3:7-4:11
Sat. Psalm 26

Sun., Oct. 18 – Isaiah 53:4-12, Psalm 91:9
-16, Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45
Mon. 1 Samuel 8:1-18
Tue. 1 Samuel 10:17-25
Wed. John 13:1-17
Thu. Genesis 14:17-24
Fri. Hebrews 6:1-20
Sat. Psalm 37:23-40

Sun., Oct. 25 – Jeremiah 31:7-9, Psalm
126, Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 10:46-52
Mon. Exodus 4:1-17
Tue. 2 Kings 6:8-24
Wed. Mark 8:22-26
Thu. Jeremiah 33:1-11
Fri. Hebrews 7:1-22
Sat. Psalm 119:117-24

