

Northwood Presbyterian Church
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July/August 2025
Northwood News

From the Pastor

First of all, this combined summer edition of our church newsletter is for both the months of July and August. Summer worship began on Sunday, June 22, with our much-cooler 9:30 a.m. time through Labor Day weekend. We also welcomed new and continuing church officers both June 22 and 29 (some folks get installed each year as they've accepted a year-to-year or one-year term). Please see the list inside on the Session Highlights page.

This summer, as you know, I am retiring – retiring effective Sunday, August 10, 2025, after I turn 67 years old so this is my last newsletter article! I will, however, have my final Sunday, with two weeks of vacation, a little earlier on: Sunday, July 27, 2025. This picture is from my installation day in a very cold January Sunday of 2010 (notice the Monteiths and Priors in the background!)

While I look forward to enjoying my retirement, I have really appreciated this church family during my 15 years here as your Pastor and Head of Staff, especially the past 4-5 years, when it has been important for us to band together in our continuing Covid world! I also did have my medical leave, too, for another bigger spinal surgery on May 15-June 8 which included a surprising extra Sunday because of my face cancer surgery; thank you to Rod Christenson, Ken Cathcart and Rev. Katie Haney, too, for filling in those Sundays! I do look forward, too, to doing this fill-in in my new town when I am a retired pastor...

I also will be sharing more in my final sermon and message to you all, but let's continue to look to and learn: from the past, in the present and then hopefully to the future God has planned for Northwood as I preach to you: "All the People Said Amen." From 1 Thess. 5:

-In Christ's love, Pastor Sue Keim



Session Highlights

Session Report – June 2025

At their June 17, 2025, meeting, the elders:

1. Examined and approved the new and continuing church officers to be installed on Sunday, June 22 and 29, at worship (please see the list of elders and deacons below);
2. Approved the pastor's pulpit supply during vacation in August: Rev. Sheryl Kinde-Pyle, our Presbytery Executive, for August 3 with Communion and Rev. Scott Kinder-Pyle on August 10 (please see Interim Pastor info below);
3. Next meeting is Tuesday, August 19, at 7 p.m.;
4. Approved the May 2025 financial report, and heard reports from Session committees in attendance.

-Rev. Sue Keim, Moderator

Northwood Presbyterian Church

Financial Update:

May 31, 2025

Total Income:	\$79,948.79
Total Expenses:	\$81,271.43
<u>Gain/Loss:</u>	\$61,322.64

Per Capita for 2025: \$39.00

Per Capita Income so far this year: \$1,027.00 – thank you!

*Thanks for giving faithfully to the ministry and mission
of Northwood!*

Interim Pastor Info

The Session of Northwood Presbyterian Church is proud to announce that the Reverend Scott Kinder-Pyle will assume the position of an interim pastor of Northwood Presbyterian Church upon the retirement of Reverend Sue Keim. Scott will start as interim pastor on 8/15/2025. He received his undergraduate degree at Pennsylvania State University, and then obtained a Masters of divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1988. In 2008, he received a Doctor of Ministry degree from Columbia Theological Seminary. He has been active in ministry in multiple different roles and most recently has been the interim pastor at Salem Lutheran Church here in Spokane. In addition, he currently serves as chaplain for Gentiva hospice. Scott is married to Reverend Sheryl Kinder-Pyle the current Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of the Inland Northwest. They have two grown sons. While Scott is originally from the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania area, both he and Sheryl have developed to love for the Pacific Northwest and Spokane area. Please join the Session in welcoming Scott to his new position with Northwood.

Pastor Nominating Committee Forming

At this time the session of Northwood Presbyterian Church is in the process of forming a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) . This committee is tasked with calling the next pastor for Northwood Presbyterian Church. The committee can be made up of any active member of Northwood Presbyterian Church. If you are interested joining this committee, please contact any member of the session. We need input from the entire congregation regarding what they would like in a new full-time pastor. You do not need to be a formal member of the Northwood congregation, or on the pastor nominating committee for your voice to be heard regarding the next pastor. Once the pastor nominating committee has been formed, the committee will actively solicit input from all of Northwood regarding the next pastor. Please pray for the committee as well as our church regarding this process.

CHURCH OFFICER TRANSITIONS/INSTALLATION(S):

THANK YOU to the following Officers who are going off (Deacons): Sally Almond, Cathy Bowers & Sharon Haven

Installation Date(s): June 29 & June 22 at the end of worship service:

****New/continuing Church Officers: Deacons Moderator Joe Simpson, Susan Anderson, Elder, Clerk of Session, Carol Christenson, Elder, Worship & Music; Rod Christenson, Elder, Christian Ed. (all 1-year terms)***

Thank you to the 2025 Officer Nominating Committee: Moderator/Elder Ken Cathcart, Deacon Rep. Cathy Bowers, Bill Ailes, and Robin Johnson!

Here are other important transition dates for all of our church officers:

- No regular officer or committee meetings in July, and in August, committees will meet as scheduled by the committee chair/elder.
- Session, please put Tuesday, August 19, 7 p.m. on your calendars (watch for more info later).

Deacon Reorganization

Earlier this year, the congregation passed the Session recommendation to reorganize the Deacons into a committee. This means that members and non-members alike can now serve. With this in mind, we are asking people to sign up for a 2-month commitment to be the face of the Deacons. Suggestions for making this role meaningful could include sending birthday cards, get well cards, visiting shut-ins or at least sending them a card reminding them that we continue to hold them in our prayers, keep our church family in your prayers, or maybe volunteer to help in the kitchen during coffee hour a Sunday or two. These are not requirements, simply suggestions of things that you can do. It does not take a lot of time. Most of it could be done from your kitchen table. If you are willing, a sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. To help us move forward through this upcoming transition, it will take us all working together. If you have any questions, talk to Joe Simpson, Deacon Moderator.

Northwood Presbyterian Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Susan L. (Sue) Keim
Office Administrator: Holly Christoff
Treasurer: Donna Harvey
Sound Technician: Joette Detlaff

Choir Director: Bob Brown
Organist/Pianist: Cathy Brown
Custodian: Michael Stitt
Interim Pastor: Rev. Scott Kinder-Pyle

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Church Office Hours: Tuesday thru Thursday, 9-2

Worship & Music



Summer Worship Schedule

SUMMER WORSHIP UNDERWAY - 9:30 AM!

Through Labor Day weekend

Please contact Choir Director Bob Brown if you'd like to participate in Special Music this summer!

July & August Greeters:

Week 1: Carol Christenson

Week 2: Susan and Gerry Riddle

Week 3: Jane and Terry Nielsen

Week 4: Gayle and Mike Fetcho

Week 5: Carol Christenson

July Worship Assistants

July 6	Bob Brown
July 13	Cathy Brown
July 20	Jane Nielsen
July 27	Cathy Bowers

August Worship Assistants

August 3	Taffy Potter
August 11	Rod Christenson
August 17	Tami Robinson
August 25	Scott Robinson
August 31	vacant

FALL KICK-OFF SUNDAY:

September 7 - 10:30 a.m. Worship Services begin

Choirs & Praise Team Return!

First Choir Rehearsals of the fall season:

Wednesday, September 3

6 p.m. Hand Bells (Bell Loft) & 7 p.m. Vocal Choir (Sanctuary)

Christian Education

Adult Small Groups

The Monday adult small group plans to re-start in September! The group had a great study last spring on the church lectionary. Our elder for Christian Ed. this year is Rod Christenson. Please contact him if you have any ideas for a new Bible or topical study, or see the Christian Ed. bulletin board in the hallway for more information and/or to sign up for the fall study.

Congratulations to Graduates of 2025

Gayle & Mike Fetcho's grandchildren graduating: Addy Pierce, Oregon State University & Henry Pierce, West Valley High School, Markus Fetcho, Mead High School. Jane & Terry Nielsen's grandchildren graduating: Ash Johnson, Lake Washington High School & Jackson Nielsen, Portland State University. Terry & Taffy Potter's granddaughter Natalie Potter, Eastern Washington Univ. (EWU) with a Bachelor of Science (cum laude) in Geology; Rod & Carol Christenson's granddaughter Jayn Moore with a Master's degree in Education for English Language Learners, EWU.

Mission & Outreach

Community Garden

We dedicated and blessed with prayer the church Community Garden after worship on Sunday, June 29. Mission & Outreach began cleaning out the garden beds and did a planting in May. Thanks to everyone who signed up for a plot once again this year! If you need more information, you can talk to anyone on the committee. They are: Gayle Fetcho, Sally Almond, Betty Thompson, Cathy Bowers, Liz Hall-Thies, and Jane Nielsen.

Mead Food Bank

Mission and Outreach would like to thank you for the 174 pounds of food you recently donated to the Mead Food Bank and delivered to them Sunday, June 22nd. Their shelves did not have much to give to the many families who would be waiting that afternoon. I learned that they have served as many as 95 families with a total of almost 400 people within those families. They need canned vegetables, canned fruit, tuna, boxes of macaroni and cheese, crackers, spaghetti O's, and anything that is shelf stable. They were thrilled with the food you helped provide. Please consider adding some of these items on your grocery list. Thank you. --Elder Jane Nielsen, Mission & Outreach

Fellowship

Fun Friday Potlucks

Are now finished for the summer

See you Friday, September 16, 6-8 p.m.!

July Birthdays:

- 1 Dion Davis
- 3 Randy Anderson
- 11 Betty Thompson
- 12 Andrew Goss
- 14 Kathy Venum
- 17 Lee Fish

July Anniversaries:

- 7 John & Cyndi Stramiello



August Birthdays:

- 5 Steven Cathcart
- 7 Sue Keim
- 10 Joni Marler
- 12 Elouise Engle's 101st birthday!
- 18 Liz Thies
- 19 Rowen Nollette
- 25 Tami Robinson

August Anniversaries:

- 18 Ray & Liz Schatz

Please let us know if you'd like your birthday or anniversary info in the newsletter!



Summer

July/August

JULY 2025

Friday – July 4



Happy 4th of July!

Church Office Closed

Sunday – July 6

9:30 am Worship Service with Communion

Bob Brown, Worship Assistant

Coffee Time

Monday – July 7

Meals on Wheels

Wednesday – July 9

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Thursday – July 11

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Sunday – July 14

9:30 am Worship Service

Cathy Brown, Worship Assistant

Coffee Time

Tuesday – July 16

NO Session or Committee meetings in July

Sunday – July 20

9:30 am Worship Service

Jane Nielsen, Worship Assistant

Cathy Brown, Children's Message

Coffee Time

Sunday – July 27

Rev. Sue Keim's retirement service/reception

9:30 am Worship Service

Cathy Bowers, Worship Assistant

Coffee Time

AUGUST 2025

Sunday – August 3

9:30 Worship with Communion

Rev. Sheryl Kinder-Pyle preaching

Taffy Potter, Worship Assistant

Coffee Time

Monday – August 4

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Wednesday – August 6

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Thursday – August 7

Meals on Wheels

Friday – August 8

Meals on Wheels

Sunday – August 10

9:30 am Worship Service

Rev. Scott Kinder-Pyle's first Sunday

Rod Christenson, Worship Assistant

Coffee Time

Sunday – August 17

9:30 Worship Service

Tami Robinson, Worship Assistant

Coffee Time

Tuesday – August 19

7 pm Session Meeting

Saturday – August 23

September Newsletter Deadline

Sunday – August 24

9:30 Worship Service

Scott Robinson, Worship Assistant

Coffee Time

Sunday – August 31

9:30 am Worship service

Coffee Time