

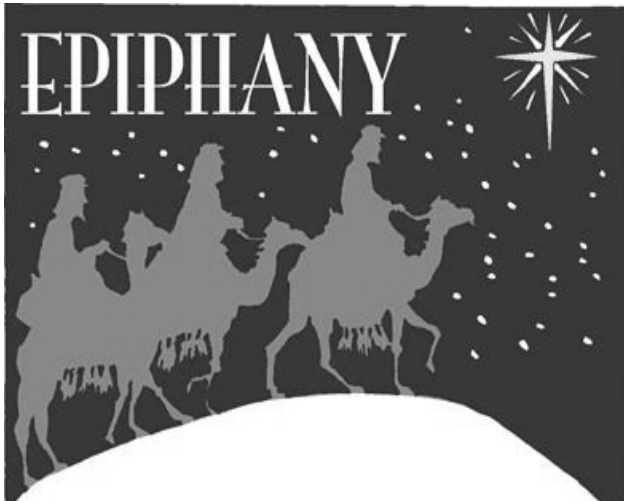
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January 2025
Northwood News

Note from the Pastor:

Happy New Year! In the rush of Advent, Christmas and now Epiphany and New Year (football and now basketball games!) celebrations, I hope the beginning of this new year brings all of us a time to slow down and listen in – to God, to family and friends and to fellow congregation members.

My prayer for you and your family as we end this Advent and Christmas season and enter the new year of 2025 is to continue to consider the hope and peace, which we discussed over Advent, that we have in Jesus Christ. Most of all, I want us to celebrate the new year by reflecting with gladness for a caring church family and thankfulness to God for a ministry here at Northwood that grows our faith in Christ and reaches out into our world and into the future as well.



First of all, thank you to the Deacons for the nice Coffee Time cake and sign to celebrate my 15 years of ministry here at Northwood last month. While I started November 1, 2009, this month in 2010, was my installation service as Pastor here at Northwood. The main sermon at the Installation Service was from my friend from Phoenix and a Whitworth board member, Rev. Gayle Parker. We listened to her preach something we probably all need to hear again, even 15 years later: “It’s Him Again!”

In those quiet and loud moments, as we begin this new year, let’s look and listen for those moments, too, when we as a church, the body of Christ, can point out, “it’s Him again!” As we pack up our Advent and Christmas items for another year (Unhanging of the Greens, by the way, is on January 5), let’s head into this New Year with a renewed sense of our awesome God who reminds us to listen to Him/Christ!

This month, too, is our annual congregational meeting – on, Sunday, January 26, immediately following worship (members, please stay to make our quorum and non-members are welcome but without voice/vote). The Session elders will present a balanced budget, 2025 officer nominating committee members (thanks to those who already signed up) and an annual corporation meeting, which includes voting for new Corporation officers and the major change to our Church Bylaws in making Deacons now a committee of the Session; your elders approved this unanimously in November. The change will be that anyone, member or not, can be a part of our church committees, but the Deacon Moderator will have to be ordained and/or installed.

In Christ’s service, Rev. Sue Keim

Session Highlights

Session Report – December 2024

At their December 17, 2024 meeting, Northwood Session Elders:

1. Approved the balanced 2024 General Fund Budget, the Pastor's compensation to be sent on to the Congregational Meeting, scheduled January 26, 2025, for the annual Congregational Meeting immediately following worship and the reminder that a 2/3 vote for Bylaw changes is needed with the change to make Deacons a committee;
2. The new budget also includes a 3 percent increase in minimum age;
3. Shared from Christian Ed. that the adult small group Bible study will continue to meet;
4. Approved Rev. Ted Mattie as preacher for December 29 but also as fill-in pastoral care with Rev. Katie Haney out of town in December;
5. Heard reports from all Session committees, the Deacons meeting in November and approved the November 2024 financial report.

--Rev. Sue Keim, Moderator

Northwood Presbyterian Church

Financial Update:

November 30, 2024

Total Income:	\$178,801.14
Total Expenses:	\$170,050.32
<u>Gain/Loss:</u>	\$8,750.82

Per Capita (SAME; no increase) for 2025: \$39.00

Per Capita Income for 2024 as of Nov. 30: \$1363.00 – thank you!

*Thanks for giving faithfully to the ministry and mission of Northwood
as we ended last year together!*

Congregational Meeting:

Sunday, January 28, immediately following worship

Business:

- *Approval of Pastor's 2025 compensation
- *Acceptance of General Fund Budget for 2025
- *Elect 2025 Officer Nominating Committee members
- *Annual corporation meeting to elect new officers voted in last July.
Elect new Officer Nominating Committee.



Corona Virus Update

We continue to have an optional mask mandate inside the church building until further notice! Our Session elders decided to follow the state's guidelines. All of the Covid protocols are posted in our building. We also continue sending weekly emails with worship/choir music videos from Facebook and the Sunday announcements and bulletins (at the Sanctuary entrances, too). If you'd like us to mail you hard copies of any of the weekly items, monthly newsletters or an audio C.D. from Sundays, please call the church office. Please bring to worship, mail, or leave your tithe in the Office Administrator's box outside the church office. Thank you for your faithfulness and patience during this long pandemic, Rev Sue Keim

Mission & Outreach

Mission & Outreach Thank You's

Mission and Outreach thanks you for knitting, crocheting, and purchasing hats, scarves, gloves, and socks for the Christmas tree in the Narthex/ lobby this holiday season! We will decorate the tree with all that you bring and will then take it all, after Christmas, to Cup of Cool Water, a street ministry downtown for teens. Cup of Cool Water is always so appreciative of all that you provide for the kids who are in need. Thank you for your generosity in helping youth keep warm.

-Jane Nielsen, Mission & Outreach Elder

Christmas Angel Tree

For some years, we at Northwood have enjoyed helping a Linwood family with Christmas gifts and holiday dinner fixings. This year, we hosted a family whose sons attend Linwood Elementary School and Shaw Middle School. We delivered all the food and gifts the week before Christmas. The Mission & Outreach Committee thanks all of Northwood.

-Sally Almond, Mission & Outreach Committee

Worship & Music

Unhanging of the Greens

Please join the Worship & Music Committee and volunteers to take down the Christmas tree in the Sanctuary on Epiphany Sunday, January 5. Let's be sure to finish up our season by taking down and storing all the Christmas decorations -- much like you did to put them up this year -- safely, at your own convenience and/or when the church office is open. Many thanks from Worship & Music to the merry team of decorators who came over at their own times during Thanksgiving weekend to decorate the church for Christmas!

Advent Wreath & Christmas Thank You's

As we end this Advent and Christmas season, I'd like to thank all who participated in the four Sundays of reading and lighting our Advent wreath this year: Scott and Tami Robinson, Bill Ailes and Donna Harvey, John Stramiello and Jacob McMurtrey, Mike and Gayle Fetcho and Jane Nielsen and Rod and Carol Christenson (Christmas Eve) and the Cathcarts on December 29. Let's be grateful, too, for our Christmas Eve service help: greeters the Christensons, reader/worship assistants Mary Ann Barney and Ray Schatz plus special music: cellist Cathy Brown.

-Rev. Sue Keim

Worship Assistants for January

January 5 - Sharon Cathcart
January 12 – Cathy Brown
January 19 – Bob Brown
January 26 – Mary Ann Barney

January Greeters:

January 5 – Carol Christenson
January 12 - Gerry & Susan Riddle
January 19 - Terry & Jane Nielsen
January 26 - Mike & Gayle Fetcho



Fellowship

Fun Friday - January 17

Fun Friday is January 17. 17 is Fun Friday. We are excited to hear Bill Ailes tell us about the world of working for the USPS (United States Postal Service). Potluck at 6 p.m. in Celtic Hall, followed by his presentation.

Thanks to everyone who helped make December 20 Fun Friday and Wassail on Sunday, December 22 -- both a great success. We sang carols with Cathy Brown playing the requests from the hymnal and wrote group cards to people who could not attend on Friday. The Wassail was highly praised, but the cookies made by everyone was a delight.

The November Fun Friday was attended by over 30 people. As usual the food was great for the pot luck and Scott Robinson did a great job presenting his 2nd trip to Tanzania. He even had the host of the 2 trips from Whitworth come to the event. It was very fun and informative.

January Birthdays

3 De Baskin
9 Sue Goleeke
14 Sharon Cathcart
24 Donna Harvey



Northwood Presbyterian Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Susan L. (Sue) Keim
Office Administrator: Holly Christoff
Treasurer: Donna Harvey
Custodian: Michael Stitt

Choir Director: Bob Brown
Pianist/Organist: Cathy Brown
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NORTHWOOD CALENDAR

January 2025

Monday - January 1

Happy New Year!

Meals on Wheels (no calendar yet-sorry)

Epiphany Sunday – January 5

10:30 am Worship/Communion

Sharon Cathcart, Worship Asst.

Coffee Time

Un-hanging of the Greens

Monday – January 6

1:00 pm Adult Small Group Bible Study

Tuesday – January 14

6/7 pm Committee Night

Wednesday – January 8

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Sunday – January 12

10:30 am Worship Service

Cathy Brown, Worship Asst.

Coffee Time

Worship & Music Committee

Monday – January 6

1:00 pm Adult Small Group Bible Study

Wednesday – January 15

10 am Annual Report article deadline for staff
& Officers/Committee chairs

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Friday – January 17

6 pm Fun Friday Potluck

Sunday – January 19

10:30 am Worship Service

Bob Brown, Worship Asst.

Coffee Time

Monday – January 20

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Tuesday – January 21

7 pm Session

Wednesday – January 22

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Thursday - January 23

Newsletter deadline

Sunday – January 26

10:30 am Worship Service

Mary Ann Barnney, Worship Asst.

11:35 am Annual Congregational Meeting

Coffee Time

Wednesday – January 29

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal

