

Northwood Presbyterian Church
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September 2025
Northwood News

Note from the Pastor

You May Think I'm Only Here as a Fill-In, to Get You from Point A to Point B...

But, on the contrary, between the start of my Interim Ministry and the calling of your next, newly-installed pastor, my intentions are to do the following:

1. Invite you to wonder (with me) about the Love of God as revealed in Jesus of Nazareth, and to embody that love for you and among you *"with fear and trembling..."* (Philippians 2:12);
2. Celebrate the ministries of the past and present at Northwood Presbyterian... while also grieving interpersonal disappointments and losses;
3. Ask you—the members and friends of this community of faith—to imagine how you are perceived differently from the outsider's point of view;
4. Cultivate the curiosity and the imagination which positions Northwood Pres. on the cusp of the particular mission which God's Spirit has in store for the coming years;
5. Challenge you to slow down and savor the Abundant-Grace-Rhythms of God, who provides in times of wilderness-transition the prayerful sustenance needed to engage in neighborly and covenant relationships;
6. Train you to appreciate and to develop allies (perhaps non-Presbyterian, perhaps non-Christian) who may want to work alongside you in ministries to the most vulnerable;
7. Encourage you to offer mutual encouragement as well as honest, constructive feedback regarding words and behaviors which prompt toward encounters of authentic trust;
8. Teach you about the possibilities of a Transforming Presence in worship services which take courage in the face of passages like Jeremiah 7:4—*"Do not trust in these deceptive words: 'This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord...'"*;
9. Promote the discipline of 'Lament' when confronted with profound despair and anxiety over institutional and cultural change; and
10. Learn from you about the Inscrutable Mystery of God in both our failures and our successes—which translates to lots of tears and laughter.

Peace in Christ~
Pastor Scott

P.S.—Please let me know if you'd like to talk face-to-face, if you have any ponderings or questions about the 'Interim' process, or if you just want to shoot the breeze. I'm eager to get to know you, and have you know me. Peace~CSKP

Session Highlights

Session Report – August 2025

At their August 19, 2025, Session meeting, the elders:

- Voted in new moderator: Rev. Scott Kinder-Pyle;
- heard that Fall Kick-off Sunday is Sept. 7, and that vocal choir and bell rehearsals will resume September 3;
- approved September 19's (Fun) Friday Fellowship , Real Restoration, presenter is Greg Holder, this is a Christian organization which rescues and restores girls and women affected by sexual exploitation in 6 countries and the remainder of the fall's potlucks;
- approved the food drive running through September for the Mead Food Bank with back-to-school snack items;
- approved the July 2025 financial reports from Treasurer Donna Harvey;
- heard reports from Session Committees.

-Rev. Scott Kinder- Pyle, Moderator

New & Continuing Church Officers

For the office of Deacon: Class of 2026/new Joe Simpson, Moderator. For the office of Elder: Class of 2026 continuing : Susan Anderson (Clerk of Session), Carol Christenson (Worship & Music), Rod Christenson (Christian Education).

Administration & Finance Committee

We are proud to announce our interim pastor: Reverend Scott Kinder-Pyle. He began his interim pastorship on August 14, 2025. Pastor Scott likes interaction with the congregation, so if you have any questions, comments, or positive feedback, please feel free to contact him. His office hours are listed on the door to the Pastor's office. Please note that he is hired for 35 hours per week. Please remember that Pastor Scott still works part time for hospice.

Financial Update:

June & July 31, 2025

June

Total Income: \$14,505.50

Total Expenses: \$16,611.48

Gain/Loss: -\$2,105.89

July

Total Income: \$14,290.52

Total Expenses: \$13,662.50

Gain/Loss \$718

Per Capita for 2025: \$39.00!

Worship & Music

Return to Fall Worship time - September 7!

Our worship services return to 10:30 a.m. on Fall Kick-Off Sunday, September 7

Fall Choir & Handbells Kick-off September 3:

*Bells – 6:00 p.m. in Bell Loft
& Vocal – 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary!*

September Worship Assistants

Sept. 7	Ray Schatz
Sept. 14	John Stramiello
Sept. 21	Bill Ailes
Sept. 28	Cathy Bowers



Summer Special Music Thank You's!

I want to thank our musicians who played and sang solos and ensembles. It is always wonderful to hear the musical talents we have in this church. A special thank you to Cathy Brown who worked with the solo and ensemble singers to have them ready to perform. *Thank you one and all.*

We always welcome new members. Our groups are no audition and needing only a heart to praise God. If you would like to be part of Northwood music, contact Bob Brown or just arrive at the above rehearsal times. All are welcome.

-Bob Brown, Northwood Music Director

Fellowship

Fun Friday Potluck - September 19 & the Fall season

Fellowship Friday (AKA) Fun Friday) will be having our potluck and speaker on Friday, September 19th in Celtic Hall. Bring a dish, salad, dessert, that you can share for a 6:00 pm meal. The speaker will be Greg Holder representing an organization called Real Restoration. This Christian oriented organization rescues, restores and educates girls and women affected by sex exploitation in six different countries (Nepal, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Uganda and Kenya. There is sign-up for food in Celtic Hall on the Fellowship bulletin board.

-Sharon Cathcart, Fellowship Elder

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



Birthdays

2 Jacob McMurtrey
20 Janis Goss
20 David Simpson

Anniversaries

10 Bob & Cathy Brown
23 Rod & Carol Christenson
29 Teddie & Ken Bell

Mission & Outreach



As kids, many of us remember the first few weeks of school in the Fall. We'd come home after school and would be **HUNGRY!** **The Meat Food Bank** is in need of food/snacks for kids' lunches and after school snacks, individual serve applesauce, fruit cups, cheese and crackers, peanut butter & jelly, pretzels, and anything else you can remember wanting when you were a child. Meat Food Bank serves as many as 95 families each week. Please add some items to your grocery list and bring them to church. Thank you!

-Jane Nielsen, Mission & Outreach Elder

Community Garden

Please watch for fruit or vegetables each Sunday this summer/fall from our church's Community Garden. Thanks to everyone who's had a plot once again this year! If you need more information, you can talk to anyone on the committee: Gayle Fetcho, Sally Almond, Betty Thompson, Cathy Bowers, Liz Hall-Thies, and Jane Nielsen.

A Big Thank you!

I want to thank everyone for the potluck party and the gifts and well wishes for my retirement. (-from Pastor Sue!) Her address is 5300 NE 82nd Ave. Apt. 101, Vancouver, WA 98662. After Sept. 5th her phone # remains the SAME. Pastor Sue's e-mail is susankeim@comcast.net.

Community News



Northwood Presbyterian Church's Website has some changes. Scott Robinson had volunteered to become our new webmaster for www.Northwoodpres.org. He has revised and updated content for you to explore and enjoy. Please email him at webmaster@northwoodpres.org if you wish to share anything on the website. He also may invite people from outside of our church building to visit us inside the building on any Sunday morning. Please **cc** the office too, so any new updates can be inserted on the web calendar and the church's master calendar too.

Be Bold for Jesus Conference- October 3-4 at the Spokane Convention Center. Register @BB4J.com

Northwood Presbyterian Church Staff

Interim Pastor: Rev. Scott Kinder-Pyle

Office Administrator/Wedding Coord.: Holly Christoff

Organist/Pianist: Cathy Brown

Sound Technician: Jo Detlaff

Choir Director: Bob Brown

Treasurer: Donna Harvey

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Wednesday, September 3

6:00 pm Bell Practice

7:00 pm Vocal Choir Practice

Meals on Wheels

Thursday, September 4

Meals on Wheels

Friday, September 5

Meals on Wheels

Sunday, September 7 - Kick-off Sunday

10:30 am Worship Service/Communion

Ray Schatz, Worship Asst.

Coffee Time

Tuesday, September 9

6&7 pm Committee Night

Wednesday, September 10

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 14

10:30am Worship

John Stramiello, Worship Asst.

Coffee Time

Tuesday, September 16

7:00 pm Session

Wednesday, September 17

6:00 pm Bell Practice

7:00 pm Vocal Choir Practice

Friday, September 19

6:00 pm Fun Friday Potluck, Fellowship Hall

"Real Restoration"

Sunday, September 21

10:30 am Worship

Bill Ailes, Worship Asst.

Coffee Time

Tuesday, September 23

Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, September 24

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 28

10:30 am Worship Service

Cathy Bowers, Worship Asst.

Coffee Time

Monday, September 29

Meals on Wheels

