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June 2025  
*Northwood News*

## Note from the Pastor

This month of June, let's be grateful for God's love and spiritual growth expressed through our heavenly and earthly fathers, marriages (always so amazing that at least six couples in our church family have anniversaries this month!) and the produce and flowers starting to grow in our community garden and church grounds.

So, here are the important activities in our worship and church schedule throughout this coming month of June (please mark your calendars!):

1. The first/Ascension Sunday, June 1, is still when you'll have one last Sunday with my medical leave's preaching sub/communion presenter, Rev. Katie Haney, whom our church sponsored for her seminary and then ordination.
2. PENTECOST SUNDAY is June 8 this year! Let's be sure to wear red and celebrate the birthday of the church in Acts 2! On Pentecost, we celebrate God's amazing Holy Spirit power that rushes like a mighty wind and tongues of fire! I also want to thank the Worship & Music Committee's hard work in taking down the white Easter banner and getting the tongues of fire banner up!
3. Rehearsals for our Bell Choir, vocal choir and praise team finish up for the school year on Wednesday, June 11 – thank you to all of them for their dedication this year!
4. This year on Father's Day, June 15, will be our final 10:30 a.m. service until Labor Day. We also will go back to the lectionary's verses on fatherly love/the Good Shepherd's love in John 10. And, Happy Father's Day!
5. SUNDAY, JUNE 22, AFTER Father's Day, is when we start our summer worship time of 9:30 a.m. That's also when summer worship Special Music begins, too. Please let Choir Director Bob Brown know if you'd like to sign up to participate in our special music this summer. We also have scheduled for 9:30 A.M., on Sunday, June 22 at the end of worship, our installation service of new and continuing church officers (Elders and Deacons). This is mandatory, so please let me know if any of you need to change to a different date.
6. And the fifth Sunday, June 29, will be our annual Garden Sunday when we dedicate and bless our Community Garden, and be blessed by carrot cake for our Coffee Time that day. As this photo, taken this new year of our Mission & Outreach bulletin board, reminds us, let's be the first to plant seeds of kindness in all of our relationships: with our loving Lord, with our families, with each other as fellow children of God and with our community as we begin this summer together!



-In Christ's love and kindness, Rev. Sue Keim

# *Session Highlights*

## **Session Report – May 2025**

At their May 20, 2025, meeting, Northwood Session Elders:

1. Voted in a temporary moderator for this meeting: Rev. Katie Haney – thanks to her(!);
2. Changed summer worship time to 9:30 AM hour beginning Sunday, June 22;
3. Reviewed, as the Transition Team, the result of the May 4, 2025, special meeting to hire an Interim Pastor beginning August 15, 2025, our next step in the Pastoral Transition;
4. Reviewed the slate of new and continuing church officers from the Nominating Congregational Meeting on May 11, and scheduled welcome and ‘examination’ of new and continuing officers at the June 17 Session meeting with a potluck at 6:00 p.m. and an installation of officers for June 22;
5. Accepted the Financial Report for April 30, 2025 and heard reports from all committees.

-Rev. Susan (Sue) Keim, Moderator

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## ***Northwood Presbyterian Church***

### **Financial Update:**

April 30, 2025

<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$63,718.48</b>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$69,563.64</b>
<b>Gain/Loss:</b>	<b>\$5,845.16</b>

**Per Capita for 2025: \$39.00**

Per Capita Income so far this year: \$1,207.00 – thank you!

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### **Nominating Congregational Meeting – Thank You to:**

Here is the slate of Church Officers (Elders & Deacons) approved by the Congregation on  
Sunday, May 11:

1. Elders: Class of 2026 – Susan Anderson (Clerk of Session), Carol Christenson (Worship & Music), Rod Christenson (Christian Education)
2. Deacons: Class of 2026 - Joe Simpson (Moderator)

***Thank you to the 2025 Officer Nominating Committee:***

***Moderator/Elder Ken Cathcart, Deacon Rep. Cathy Bowers, Bill Ailes, and Robin Johnson!***

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### **New 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 Transition Schedule**

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

- Tuesday, June 17, 6:00 p.m. Incoming & Outgoing Officers Potluck followed by 7:00 p.m. Session meeting, Fellowship Hall - new and continuing officers (both Elders and Deacons) to be 'examined' by the current elders.
- Installation of new officers – Sunday, June 22, 9:30 a.m. service; and THANK YOU to outgoing officers: Sally Almond, Cathy Bowers, Sharon Haven.
- Meetings have July off (for summer) with an annual Officer Training & Planning time usually done at the August. Deacons and Session meetings; please check with Interim Pastor Rev. Scott Kinder-Pyle for more info about that.



## *Worship & Music*

### **SUMMER WORSHIP HOUR BEGINS:**

**Sunday, June 22, 9:30 AM AFTER Father's Day**

***Choirs finish Wednesday, June 11, 6:00 PM - Bells & 7:00 PM - Vocal Choir***

**SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC:** Please contact Choir Director Bob Brown if you'd like to sign up for Special Music this summer!

### **Worship Assistants for June:**

June 1 –Tami Robinson

June 8 (Pentecost Sunday) –Scott Robinson

June 15 (Father's Day & Trinity Sunday) – Bill Ailes

June 22 (first 9:30 service) – Ray Schatz

June 29 -Scott Bassett

### **June 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

**Adult Small Group Study continues – please see Elder Rod Christenson for more info --  
See you in the Fall for more Bible studies!**

## *Fellowship*

### **Fellowship Committee**

**FUN FRIDAY POTLUCKS ARE FINISHED FOR THE YEAR - See you September 19**

#### **June Birthdays**

- 4 MaryAnn Barney
- 8 Rod Christenson
- 14 Bob Brown
- 15 Carol Christenson
- 16 Jane Nielsen



## *Christian Education*

**June Anniversaries**

13 Randy & Sue Anderson  
14 Ken & Sharon Cathcart  
14 Lee & Julie Fish  
29 Scott & Tami Robinson  
29 Todd & Liz Thies

## *Mission & Outreach*

### **Meals on Wheels Thank You**

Mission and Outreach would like to thank everyone who generously contributed recently to the MOW birthday gift items. They will be used in birthday gift bags by Meals on Wheels to give to the clients on or near their birthdays. As a driver, we see the smiles on their faces when a meal and a birthday remembrance is brought to them. The main office appreciated all that we collected to give them. Thank you again.

-Jane Nielsen, Elder, Mission & Outreach

### **Pentecost Special Offering**

The Pentecost Offering helps guide young people in Christian formation from their earliest years to young adulthood. With our gifts, we are there to help build these youngest members of the body of Christ into the people God would have them become. 40% stays with our congregation, 25% supports young adult volunteers, 25% supports ministries with youth, and 10% is devoted to children at risk. When you give to the Pentecost Offering, which is June 8, you are helping to provide opportunities for young people to grow and share in their faith in Christ. Thank you for giving generously.

-Jane Nielsen, Elder

### **Community Garden**

We will dedicate and bless the church Community Garden after worship on Sunday, June 29. Mission & Outreach began cleaning out the garden beds in May! If you'd like to share either a half or whole bed, please let us know. If you need more information, you can talk to anyone on the committee. They are: Gayle Fetcho, Sally Almond, Betty Thompson, Cathy Bowers, Liz Theis, and Jane Nielsen.

-Elder Jane Nielsen, Mission & Outreach

**Spring Mission & Outreach Bulletin Board – Thanks to Gayle Fetcho and Jane Nielsen**



**Ascension Sunday – June 1**

10:30 am Worship, Self-Serve Communion  
Rev. Katie Haney preaching

**Wednesday – June 4**

6:00 pm Bell Choir  
7:00 pm Vocal Choir

**Pentecost Sunday – June 8**

10:30 am Worship Service  
Coffee Time  
Worship & Music Committee

**Monday – June 9**

Meals on Wheels

**Tuesday – June 10**

6/7 pm Committee Night

**Wednesday – June 11**

Meals on Wheels  
Final Rehearsals for:  
6:00 pm Bell Choir  
7:00 pm Vocal Choir

**Thursday – June 12**

Meals on Wheels

**Friday – June 13**

Meals on Wheels

**Sunday, June 15**

***Happy Father's Day!***

10:30 am Worship Service  
Bill Ailes, Children's Message  
Coffee Time

**Tuesday – June 17**

7 pm Session Mtg. with new Officer candidates

**Sunday – June 22 – Summer Worship**

**9:30 am Worship Service**

Installation of New & Continuing Officers

**June 23** - July/August Newsletter Deadline

**Garden Sunday – June 29**

9:30 am Worship Service  
Garden Dedication  
Coffee Time

**Northwood Presbyterian Church Staff**

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

Choir Director: Bob Brown  
Organist: Cathy Brown  
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