CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

• Join Miss Rosie and Youth Helpers every Tuesday from 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm for a children's story time via Zoom! Follow the link: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/185925188

• Children’s Ministry is sending out personal notes to the children of Northwood so watch for your note in the mail. If you want to receive a note for your child or grandchild contact Justine Davis at childrensminist-try@northwoodpc.org.

• Please be sure to check out and “like” the Children’s Ministry Facebook group. Each week we will have a children’s Bible lesson posted along with other activities. https://www.facebook.com/groups/633579497423839/?source_id=263480270372443

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Given the guidance from the Presbytery and public health officials, we have suspended all group gatherings, including Christian Education for children, youth and adults until further notice. We are exploring ways in which we can meet virtually. Please use our website for up to date information.

Experiencing God Class, led by Vicki Krueger
If you’d like to join the Experiencing God class virtually via Zoom at 10:30am on Sunday mornings, please contact Vicki Krueger via email at vickilee33@aol.com and she will send you the meeting details each week.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

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HYMN NOTES:

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (465)
The Canadian poet, Joseph M. Scriven, composed the text around 1855 to comfort his mother “in a time of special sorrow, not intending that anyone else should see it.” There is a fourth stanza rarely included in any hymnals today that describes heaven as a place where praise will replace prayer:

Blessed Jesus, thou hast promised Thou wilt all our burdens bear,
May we ever, Lord, be bringing all to thee in earnest prayer.
Soon in glory, bright, unclouded, there will be no need for prayer;
Rapture, praise, and endless worship shall be our sweet portion there.

This hymn in its warm musical setting extends the intimate characterization of Jesus as a mother, gently rocking and comforting a child, to a friend who shares and bears our sorrows, bears our prayers, and carries them to God. The tune is named CONVERSE after its composer, Charles C. Converse. There have been several attempts to improve the harmonies of this tune including one by Van Denman Thompson included in the 1935 Methodist Hymnal. In an unparalleled action responding to thousands of complaints from church members, the uniting conference of The Methodist Church (1939) voted to remove that harmonization and restore the original in their new hymnal.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, April 26: Diane Lynn, Jessie Lusk, Tom Michaels, Rosalie Bradford, Eli Jeffre, Isaac Jeffre, Lukas Ruiz
Monday, April 27: Troy Harris, Shaun Flaherty, Olivia French
Tuesday, April 28: Judy Hood
Wednesday, April 29: Wayne Rodewald, Jarrett Mattson
Thursday, April 30: Jane Archerd, Sarah Flaherty
Saturday, May 2: Steven Lawrence

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by

Bill and Louise Mylin
In Honor of Our Wedding Anniversary

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2020 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

“Their light is like the light of dawn, shining brighter and brighter until the morning.”

Isaiah 60:19

“...those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.”

Isaiah 40:31
Order for the Worship of God  
April 26, 2020  
3rd Sunday of Easter  
11:00 AM Worship Service lectionary  
CUT TO WORSHIP  
CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)  
Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, rejoice!  
People: All: Today we choose to rejoice. Today we choose to worship and give thanks.  
Leader: Seek the peace of God that will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.  
People: Today we choose God’s peace; today we place our trust in God.  
Leader: Turn your hearts away from the distractions and disappointments of life that will always flow in and flow out like the tide.  
All: We come to worship God who alone, is worthy of praise and cares for us!  
OPENING VOLUNTARY “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” David Cherwien  
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor  
HYMN #804 (refrain) “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” Marion  
STANZAS 1, 3, 5 Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
(refrain) Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Yes, on through life’s long path, still chanting as ye go,  
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe:  
(refrain) Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
(refrain)  
CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor  
PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)  
O God, still creating, we hear your Easter promises of a new day and abundant life, and we are skeptical. We expect things to go on the same as they always have, from bad to worse. The future makes us afraid and the present is full of the unknown. Forgive our lack of faith, our quickness to believe that you do not hear us, and our pessimism about tomorrow. Do a new thing in our hearts, and let us be glad and rejoice in your abundant care; through Christ we pray.  
Amen.  
GRACE I’ve laughed on the mountain, I’ve suffered success,  
Rejoiced in my blessings—in more than in less:  
I’ve tasted the good life while praising His name,  
But sunshine or shadow it’s always the same.  
—text by John W. Peterson © 1978 by Simplogation, Division of the Zondervan Corp  
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER  
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.  
CALL TO OFFERING  
PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
HYMN “Lord of All Hopefulness” Slane  
Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust ever child-like, no cares could destroy:  
Be there at our waking and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:  
Be there at our homing and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
Be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.  
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WE GROW IN THE WORD  
SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 4:1-13 (RSV)  
SERMON SERIES Faith in Unprecedented Times #4 “Are You an Optimist or Pessimist?” Chris Curvin, Pastor  
SMALL GROUPS WE GO OUT TO SERVE  
HYMN #465 (refrain) “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” Converse  
What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit! O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!  
Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he’ll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.  
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COUPLED VOLUNTARY “If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee” David Cherwien  
Stephanie Carson, Music Director  
God’s Blessing to You