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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- 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 childrensministry@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

Wednesday Bible Study, led by Cindy Huffman

The Sunday Bible study has moved to Wednesdays and is meeting on Zoom. The group is studying the book of Ecclesiastes. If you’d like to join the Wednesday Bible Study that meets on Wednesdays at 7:00pm, please email Cindy Huffman at lucindy@aol.com and she will forward you the Zoom link.

All are welcome!

Experiencing God Class, led by Vicki Krueter

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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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Monday, July 20:
Mary Kreuziger, Linda O’Leary, Dan Jeffre

Tuesday, July 21:
Jill Friedman

Wednesday, July 22:
Ted Whitten, Joanne Spigarelli, Kayla McDermott

Thursday, July 23:
Heather Villafanca, Mike O’Leary, Jill Manning

Saturday, July 25:
Eric Gajentan, Lauren Mackie, Eli Scales, Ethan Scales

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

Friends of Northwood

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!

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord; not for men.”
~Colossians 3:23
CALL TO OFFERING

HYMN #175  “Seek Ye First”  LAFFERTY
Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
And His righteousness,
And all these things, shall be added unto you,
Alleluia, Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find.
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Alleluia, Alleluia

You shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Alleluia, Alleluia

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING  Matthew 13:44-46

SERMON  “Life’s Hidden Treasure”  Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #223  “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”  HAMBURG
(Stanzas 1, 2, 4)
When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY  “Allegro on ST. ANNE”  Paul Manz

BENEDICTION

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU