Sunday, May 17th:
- Kenny Giese, Adrienne Roberts
- Leslie Heycock, Bill Mylin, Mike Nigel

Monday, May 18th:
- Nancy Johnson, Bill Martin, Michele Nigel
- Sandy Estaddy, Mimi Judd, Jim Roberts,
  Christopher Youngblood

Wednesday, May 20th:
- Char Segesman

Thursday, May 21st:
- Nancy Johnson, Bill Martin, Michele Nigel
- Sandy Estaddy, Mimi Judd, Jim Roberts,
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Friday, May 22nd:
- Harriet Jackson

Saturday, May 23rd:
- If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

ACOLYTES:
- (8:15) James Birch
- (11:00) Graham Thompson

GREETERS:
- (8:15) Fred & Charlotte McQuow
- (11:00) Evelyn & Pete Towns

USHERS:
- (8:15) Janet George, Ellen Stoup, Bill Lewis, Bob MacFall
- (9:30) Bill & Louise Myline
- (11:00) Doug & Georgianna Winder, Jon Mills, Steve Winder

VAN DRIVER: Ed Puschmann

PRESS RELEASE

Welcome to Northwood Presbyterian Church
A Stephen Ministry Church
May 17, 2015

Dear Northwood Family,

In February I shared information with you about the planned renovations to the Pre-school and Childcare rooms located in the main building. Since that time, the bid process has been completed and the bid awarded to the Coastal Reconstruction Group. Demolition of the existing space will begin on Tuesday, May 26.

I want to thank you for your faithful support of this much needed renovation and the many ways it will help us accommodate all those who come here to grow in faith. As of today, we have pledges (some fully paid and some still outstanding to be paid by yearend) and non-pledge gifts (already received) totaling the estimated $80,000 cost that was projected when this process began. This is a wonderful accomplishment all to the glory of God. Without your faithfulness we could not have moved forward.

Now, if you’ve ever done a project like this at your own home, you know how these things unfold. The costs that you began to identify in that very first trip to Home Depot or Lowes came more and more into focus as the tradesmen needed to complete the project were named. Your church, here at the church, is no different. The lowest and best bid that came to the table are on the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 8.

Teachers: Melissa Patel & Pam Jeffreys

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds – 5th grade (14/15 school year)

Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays.

If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Dawn Winder, Chair of Worship Team. (Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month.)

Middle & High School Christian Education

Come join us for combined middle/high school Sunday School. We will be studying the “Elements” of our faith. Through new and exciting curriculum, we will learn how to grow in our walk with:

9:30 AM Youth Room
11:00 AM Youth Room
9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY

Class has ended for the summer. Join us at Rally Day on Sunday, September 13 for information on our study for 2015-2016.

TCI (Today’s Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11

TODAY: We will be looking at the relationship between truth and change and dealing with the questions: “If something is true, how can it change?” and “If something changes, how could it have been true in the first place?” We will be seeing how we might face these questions both as members of the church and members of society. Garry Justice will be leading the discussion. Coffee and cookies are available.

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15

TODAY: We are studying Nehemiah—a story that begins with his fellow Jews reporting that the walls and gates of Jerusalem were in terrible shape. God put it on his heart to rebuild the walls. Join our class to find out just how Nehemiah went about accomplishing this feat and how God’s love and faithfulness works in our lives on a daily basis.
Order for the Public Worship of God
May 17, 2015
7th Sunday of Easter
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WE GATHER
(LET the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins.
Please silence electronic devices.)

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

OPENING VOLUNTARY
(8:15) “Come to the Music” Joseph M. Martin
Westminster Youth Choir
(11:00) “Rejoice Greatly” Susan E. Geschke
Celestial Handbells (3rd-5th grade)

(Welcome & Announcements)

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
(please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

*HYMN #260 “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” HYFRYDOL

WE CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION (Together)
O God of holy mystery and eye-opening grace, we give thanks that You take seriously the hard questions about life and faith. Sadly we often don’t take those questions as seriously as You do. Life gets busy and there is always one more person to see, one more thing to do, and one more place to go. Forgive us when we confuse busyness with faithfulness. When life circumstances push us to wrestle with questions of faith, doubt, life and death, forgive us for trusting the wisdom of this age rather than You and Your Word. By Your grace, may we never hesitate to come to You with questions that press upon our hearts. May we trust that there is nothing that can separate us from your love that is found in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #381 GLORIA PATRI
“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.”

ANTHEM “In Thee Is Gladness” arr. Daniel Kallman
In thee is gladness, gone is all sadness; Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By thee are given the joys of heaven, thus the only Savior art.
To serve thee ever, forsook thee never, we bow before thee, love and adore thee.
Alleluia, alleluia!
In him is gladness, gone is all sadness, he who once was dead is raised.
Jesus is giving life to the living, now and ever let him be praised.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN (Children age 3 (by 9/14) through fifth grade may go to Room 3 for Children’s Sunday School.)

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

May 17, 2015
7th Sunday of Easter
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.”

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING “Spirit, Like a River” David Lantz III
Westminster Youth Choir
Spirit, like a river flow in my heart, gently guiding my soul
Spirit, like a river come and set your course in me.
Spirit, like a cool wind, blow through my life, gently guiding my soul.
Spirit, like a cool wind come and set your course in me.

One holy family, one holy place sharing in the unity of God’s grace.
He has provided for us from above His Spirit of love.

*DOXOLOGY—#606 OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*HYMN #321 “The Church’s One Foundation” AURELIA

WE GATHER

SCRIPTURE READING (SESSION 51)
Psalm 139:1-7 (NRSV)

SERMON
“A Clandestine Q & A” Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

COUNTDOWN
“Rejoice Greatly”
Susan E. Geschke
Celestial Ringers (3rd-5th grade)

MEET & GREET
“Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed”
“Good To Be Alive”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHAREING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE UNITE IN BLESSING

Creed: I believe in God, the Father, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

COMMUNION AND BLESSING

*HYMN #321 “Old Hundredth”

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