HYMN NOTES: “To God Be the Glory” (634)
This hymn was written for children by the blind hymn writer, Fanny Crosby (1820-1915) and published in 1875. Crosby is probably the most popular and widely sung hymn author in America. The hymn was all but forgotten until Cliff Barrows was gathering materials for the Billy Graham London Crusade in 1954 and included in the crusade. It became a favorite and was used at the Nashville Crusade at Vanderbilt University the same year. The text differs from other Crosby gospel hymns in that it is objective in nature—a straightforward expression of praise to God—not simply a personal testimony or a subjective idea about a Christian experience. She was the author of over 8,500 gospel hymns including 1,000 unpublished manuscripts found in 1972 by Hope Publishing Co. British hymnologists reference her work using her married name, Fanny Jane Van Alstyne.

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church
A Stephen Ministry Church
January 18, 2015

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (2014/15 School Year), Room 3, join us in the multi-age Sunday School worship class after the Children’s Message.
Teacher: Justine Raiz

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year) Room 3
Teachers: Melissa Michalk Long & Amy Kemerer

1st & 2nd Grades Room 16
Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 16.
Teachers: Steve Cantin & Jeremy Stephen

3rd-5th Grades Room 5
Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 5.
Teachers: Melissa Patel & Pam Jeffre

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds – 5th grade (14/15 school year) join us as we bring the Bible to Action through games and activities in room 3 beginning at 11:00. Should your child like to attend worship up until the Children’s message, they can join in on the fun in room 3 after the Children’s Message or remain in worship with their parents.
Teacher: Barbara Englehart & Nancy Stevens

CHILDREN Welcome to the Lord’s Table
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 Jackie Koehl (Jackiekoehl@verizon.net), 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 God.
9:30 AM Youth Room
11:00 AM Youth Room

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15
TODAY: Join us as we study different Biblical Figures each week! Coffee and cookies are provided!

TCI (Today’s Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11
TODAY: Creation: My God is Great! Led by Ken Tobiassen. Be part of the conversation while enjoying cookies and coffee.

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 &15
TODAY: Led by Vicki Krueger.
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O Morning Star, how fair and bright Thou beam-est forth in truth and light!
O Sovereign meek and lowly. Thou root of Jesse, David’s Son, Thy Lord and Master.
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