Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church
A Stephen Ministry Church

January 25, 2015

Come, Grow, Go!

Ministers: All Members of the Church
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The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by
Dick & Connie Evans
In Honor of their
91st Anniversary
Friends of Northwood

The rose on the baptismal font is in honor of the birth of
EVELYN JOANN COX
infant daughter of Chris and Debra (Musgrave) Cox, and proud grandparents, Sam and Barb Musgrave.

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2015 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!

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO:

Sunday, January 25th:
Emily Cantin
Monday, January 26th:
Mildred Martin, Barbara Musgrave,
Westen Patel
Tuesday, January 27th:
Linda Feller, Katelyn Nelson,
David Tobassen
Wednesday, January 28th:
Rina McGrath, Dean Rabenstein,
Nadia Rodewald
Thursday, January 29th:
Vicki Parker, Jeanne Stephen
Friday, January 30th:
Etta Cooke, Gary Jones, Maryann McLarty,
Andrew Booth
Saturday, January 31st:
Jim Highberger, Kelly Jordan,
Nicole McManus, Steve Miskiewicz

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

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

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: Nathan Rodewald

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year) Room 3
Teachers: Dan Gipson & Mauricio Estavil

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: Kathleen & Todd Pope

3rd & 4th Grades Room 12
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 12.
Teachers: Joan & David Tobassen

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 Koch (jackieandjerry@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: Whose money is it? How do we prioritize allocating resources? We’ll use the tenets of our Reformed faith and Scripture as Garry Justice and Barbara Englehart lead our discussion of God and Wealth. 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.

HYMN NOTES: “Come, Great God of All the Ages” (309) was written by Mary Jackson Cathey (b. 1926) in 1987 for the capital cornerstone campaign of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. The campaign was undertaken to obtain funds for building maintenance after the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) voted to longer contribute to the church’s upkeep. “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy” (305) was written in 1988 by Brian Dill and won first place in a Presbyterian hymn writing competition. Dill is Associate Pastor of North Lakeland (FL) Presbyterian Church. Both hymns lift up the church’s mission of the past, present and future and could be counted as “new hymns” although both appeared in The Presbyterian Hymnal, 1990.
Order for the Public Worship of God
January 25, 2015
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
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
(11:00) Linda O'Leary

OPENING VOLUNTARY
"Cantilène" Rachel Laurin
(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
(No physical contact at this time.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS
8:15-Don & Nancy Stevens
9:30-Mary & David Scroggins
10:45-Mary & Mark Green
11:00-Roger and Barbara McCausland
11:00-Carol Jung
11:00-Nancy Marshall

*HYMN #309 “Come, Great God of All the Ages” ARBOT’S LEGH

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)
Almighty God, who sent the promised power of the Holy Spirit to fill disciples with willing faith: we confess that we have held back the force of your Spirit among us; that we have been slow to serve you, and reluctant to spread the good news of your love. God, have mercy on us. Forgive our divisions, and by your Spirit draw us together. Fill us with flaming desire to do your will, and be a faithful people; for the sake of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 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.”

ANTHEM
“Lord, Lead Us On” Joseph Martin

Let us take up the cross till we the crown obtain,
And gladly reckon all things loss so we may Jesus gain.

Lord, lead us on. Lord lead us on. By your own hand, Lord, lead us on.
We would be faithful, true and strong. Lord, raise us up and lead us on!

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
“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.”

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING
“ Prelude on DENNIS” Emma Lou Diemer
(based on the tune of the closing hymn “And Are We Yet Alive?”)

*Doxology—#806 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.

*PRAYER OF PREDUCTION

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING
Revelation 3:1-6 (NRSV)

*HYMN #305 “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!” DARWALL’S 148TH
(Please Stand.)

SCRIPTURE READING
Mark 1:14-20 (NRSV)

SERMON
“Are We Alive or Dead?” Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN “And Are We Yet Alive” DENNIS

And are we yet alive, and see each other’s face? Glory and thanks to Jesus give for his almighty grace!
Preserved by power divine in full salvation here,
Again in Jesus’ praise we join, and in his sight appear.
Yet out of all the Lord hath brought us by his love;
And still he doth his help afford, and hides our life above.
Let us take up the cross till we the crown obtain,
And gladly reckon all things loss so we may Jesus gain.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (11:00)
(The meeting will begin at noon, immediately after the closing hymn.)

*BENEDICTION (8:15)

CLOSING VOLUNTARY (8:15) arr. David H. Lowe
“Lead On, O King Eternal”
(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. A closer look is welcomed if you wish to come stand next to the organ console.)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.