HYMN NOTES: “Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending” (348)
This “second coming” hymn was written by Charles Wesley (1707-1788). He used the first line but completely recast the rest of a crude hymn by John Cennick (author of the famous “Wesley” table grace, “Be Present at Our Table, Lord”). The ideas and language are borrowed from the book of Revelation and based on Revelation 1:7, “Behold, he cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see him...” The language is apocalyptic and should be interpreted symbolically, not literally.

The tune, named HELMSLEY, is by Thomas Oliver (1725-1799) who adapted a melody he heard being whistled. He was born in Wales and received little in the way of formal education. He spent his life’s vocation as a shoemaker, but after hearing a sermon of George Whitefield, he was led to join the Methodist Society and in 1753 became a traveling evangelist until his death. Oliver is buried in Wesley’s tomb at City Road Chapel cemetery.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Jody Beattie
In honor of Betty Beattie’s birthday
Friends of Northwood

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2013 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!

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (14/15 School Year) Room 3, move to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children’s Message
Teacher: Justine Ruiz

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year) Room 3
Teachers: Kim Blackmore, Melissa Patel

1st to 5th Grades Room 8
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: Tracey Birch, Mr. Bill, Jean Swintek

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 service 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

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

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 Koski (jackieandjerry@verizon.net), Chair of Worship Team. (Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month).

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15 TODAY:

TCI (Today’s Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11
The TCI class will meet at 9:30 in rooms 9 & 11 today to continue the discussion on the list of some of the most critical Christian issues facing all of us in today’s society. The discussion will be lead by Bill Bitner. Coffee and cookies is an added bonus to the class get together.

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EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 &15 TODAY:
Led by Vicki Krueger.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....
Sunday, November 30th: Carol Anderson, Kelly Makal, Hiten Patel
Monday, December 1st: Roland Watkins, Martha Carlard
Wednesday, December 3rd: Betty Beattie, Kerry McDermott, Sue Miskiewicz, Bob Redpath, Jonathan Stevens
Thursday, December 4th: Jackie Race
Friday, December 5th: Shane Alexander, Zachary Cox, Robert Fucso, Harry Seckman
If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!

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SOLID ROCK

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The Advent Candle Song

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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