EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children’s Message.
Teachers: Nathan Rodewald & Kelsey Probst

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (13/14 School Year) Room 3
Teachers: Lindsey French & Laura Gajentan, Melissa Patel

1st & 2nd Grades Room 16
Teachers: Mr. Bill Sutton & Janet George

3~5th 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 8.
Teachers: Todd & Tanya Adkisson

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children’s Message.
Teachers: Barbara Englehart & Carissa Johnston

Next Sunday is Communion Sunday, when we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. During the coming week, prepare yourself through prayer and the reading of scripture to receive the grace our Lord offers to all at His table. Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Elder Jackie Koski, Chair of the Worship Team, at jackieandjerry@verizon.net prior to communion Sunday.

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15 TODAY:
Is there anything in Scripture about New year’s? Join as we take a look. Class starts at 9:45 but come early for coffee and goodies and chat time. I think we’ll be surprised what the Lord has to say. Led by Jane Sutton and Jeanette Holloway.

TCI (Today’s Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11 TODAY:
There will be no TCI Class today. Join us next week!

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15
TODAY: “Christian.” Ask 100 people to define what it means, and you’ll get 100 different answers. In this series, we will explore the truth and fiction behind one of the most famous brands in all of history. Led by Vicki Krueger.

MUSIC NOTES:
The music at the offering today is an arrangement of a 15th century German carol that was part of a mystery play acted in church around the crib. The refrain of the carol is:
He came among us at Christmastide, at Christmastide in Bethlehem;
Men shall bring him from far and wide Love’s diadem:
Jesus, Jesus, Lo, he comes, and loves, and saves, and frees us!
The organ arrangement is by Keith Chapman, who as a child organ prodigy, began organ study at age 5. In 1966 at the age of 20, he was appointed organist at the famous Wanamaker Department Store organ—the largest playable organ in the world. He helped make this organ world famous through his concerts and radio broadcasts during his 23 year tenure. Tragically, he and his wife were killed when their twin-engine plane (which he was piloting) crashed in the Colorado Rockies in 1989.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by

Bunny Biter
In Honor of Bill Biter’s Birthday, 12/25

Hugh & Margie Gott
In Honor of Our 44th Wedding Anniversary

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! PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO:
Sunday, December 29th: Carolyn Voytko
Monday, December 30th: Kaleb Adkisson, Doug Winder
Tuesday, December 31st: Mark Johnston, Nancy Turner
Wednesday, January 1st: Jacob Matthias, Evan McLendon
Thursday, January 2nd: Cambia Catarelli, Vicki Stedman, Sheena Watkins, Robert Wood
Friday, January 3rd: Rocky Davis, Pat Simmons
Saturday, January 4th: Pam Jeffre, Louise Mylin, Martha Tobiassen
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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FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY
ACOLYTES:
(8:15) Isaac Jeffre
(11:00) Emily Pursley

GREETERS:
(8:15) Youth
(11:00) Youth

USHERS:
(8:15) Youth
(9:30) Youth
(11:00) Youth

VAN DRIVER: Jerry Koski

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian Church
A Stephen Ministry Church
December 29, 2013

Ministers: All Members of the Church
E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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Order for the Public Worship of God
December 29, 2013
1st Sunday after Christmas Day
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

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

PRAYER OF PREPARATION
OPENING VOLUNTARY (Joy to the World"
(AColytes symbolically bringing in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
(Please complete the bulletin insert, "FRIENDSHIP SHEET," and place it in the offering plate later in the service).

*HYMN #114 (Joy to the World"

SILENT MEDITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)
God of love, as we reflect back on this past year and prepare to live out our faith in the year upcoming, we confess our weaknesses, failures, and transgressions: Our broken promises, our slackness and misuse of time and opportunity, our selfishness and our love of ease, our inconsideration and indifference toward others, our lack of faith in your promises and your providence: O Dear Lord, for these sins of commission and omission, may you show us mercy, grant us forgiveness and by your grace empower us to live faithful lives that make a difference for Jesus’ sake in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

SOLO (Remember a Bethlehem"

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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."

SERMON

When the Celebration of Christmas Fades in the Face of Life’s Challenges

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #136 (Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

*Benediction

CLOSING VOLUNTARY (Joy to the World"

YOU ARE INVITED TO REMAIN...