



Coming Soon: VBS 2013



Everywhere Fun Fair takes children to a global celebration with the look and feel of a world's fair. Children will make friends with neighbors around the world and discover that God's love can be found everywhere, including their own neighborhoods.

Wednesdays 5:30-8:15

- June 12th:** Neighbors are Friendly
- June 19th:** Neighbors are Giving
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Won't You Be My Neighbor?



Sign up will be in Narthex soon!
Don't know what you can do, we will help find a place for you .

What does it take to have a successful VBS?

- YOU,** to donate Food, & Drinks!
- YOU,** to recruit neighborhood children!
- YOU,** to volunteer!

- Food Preparation
- Pavilion Set Up
- Craft Help
- Guides

Sunday
Worship 9am
Kidz Praise 9am
After Children's Message

Sunday School
10:15
Every other Sunday
Club 456 plus! 3pm

Wednesday
Friends of Christ 5:30
Youth Group
7:00 to 8:30 pm

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Members of Northwest United Methodist Church

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Applying Bible Principles

“Coercion” is action which makes us do something, usually by force or threat or punishment. For example, the threat of a ticket or the fine which results causes us to regularly check our speed when driving. We are “coerced” into obeying the law, whether we want to or not.

Some people give to God because of coercion. They envision God as a glorified “bully” who is seeking to extract from them some of their hard-earned money. They reason, howbeit incorrectly, that if they fail to give to Him, then somehow, divine punishment will result.

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That concept is totally foreign to the Scriptures. In fact, as the Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthian church, God wants us to give not because we have to, out of fear, or because we are required to do so. Rather, His desire is for us to give because we want to, because we have decided in our hearts to give in a

manner which makes our giving something to be richly enjoyed.

Search the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation, and you will discover God’s universal principle concerning giving: Give willingly from the heart. Not because someone is “coercing” you to give. Not because in a moment of emotional duress you make a commitment to give. Not because you desire to avoid punishment or discipline. Give because you want to, because you’ve decided in your heart to give.

A gentleman known as “Chaplain McCabe” was seeking to raise a

million dollars for missions. In his quest, he often struggled with discouragement and disappointment as he encountered tight-fisted Christians who refused to give to God. One day, while going through the mail, he came across a tattered note from a young boy. Written in a boyish scrawl and liberally punctuated

with blots, the letter read: “I’m sure you’re going to get a million dollars for missions. And I’m going to help you get it, too. So here’s a nickel towards it. It’s all I’ve got right now, but if you need any more, just call on me.”

Chaplain McCabe told that wonderful story around the world, and it was greatly used by God to challenge people everywhere to give literally millions of dollars to missions. As far as we know, no one forced that young boy to give all he had or even to write a letter. No one pressured him to part with his nickel. He did so willingly because somewhere in the recesses of his heart, he had decided to do so.

As you consider the Northwest United Methodist Church ministry and all that takes place in and through our church for God’s glory, will you do the same? Will you give “not reluctantly or under compulsion,” but willingly from the heart, with the full realization that “God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7)?

NELSON’S PORT-A-PIT

Friday, May 17, 2013

12:00 PM—6:00 PM at Northwest

10:00 AM—6:00 PM at Walgreens

at the corner of Cleveland and Bendix

Carry out only!

Sponsored by Northwest Children’s Learning Center

\$6.00 for 1/2 chicken

\$3.00 for pit potatoes

(while supplies last)



Prayer Network: Power of a Praying Church

Throughout the month of May the following families or persons will be lifted up in prayer by our Prayer Ministry Team. Please add these families to your own prayer list.

- Greg & Chris Benninghoff
- Joe Lightner
- Dwight & Sally Miller
- Marie Yarbrough

If you have a prayer concern you can call or e-mail your concern to Rosie Yaw.

Rosemerry Yaw
269-683-6388
e-mail: rosiebr2@juno.com



The prayer chain is a very important part of who we are here at Northwest UMC. We invite anyone that would like to be a part of this important ministry to contact Rosemerry Yaw .

Attendance April

April	7	119
April	14	102
April	21	122
April	2	125

April Scripture

May 5, 2013

[Acts 16:9-15](#)
[Psalm 67](#)
[Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5](#)
[John 14:23-29](#)

May 12, 2013

[Acts 16:16-34](#)
[Psalm 97](#)
[Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21](#)
[John 17:20-26](#)

May 19, 2013

[Acts 2:1-21](#)
[Psalm 104:24-34, 35b](#)
[Romans 8:14-17](#)
[John 14:8-17 \(25-27\)](#)

May 26, 2013

[Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31](#)
[Psalm 8](#)
[Romans 5:1-5](#)
[John 16:12-15](#)



May Volunteers

Sunday Morning Praying

5th Mary Ann Nimitz
12th Jackie O'Blenis
19th Marsha Dills
26th Georgia Boyer

Chapel time Fridays at 9:30

3rd Helen Yaw
10h Stacey Proctor
17th Eric Covey
24th Steve Yaw
31st Martha Brown

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To be **Ushers** and **Greeters**

To **bring refreshments** on Sunday. Share your gift of hospitality with the Church. Sign up in the Narthex on the Bulletin Board.



Stewardship/ Evangelism

Because of your generosity we handed out 20 Easter meals in reusable bags to our neighbors in need. Thanks to our Northwest family each bag had a 3 lb ham, box of instant potatoes, a can of vegetables, can of fruit, 2 cans of soup, a box of stuffing, dinner rolls and couple of handfuls of Easter candy.

It is very hard to describe in words the experience of knocking on a door and handing a bag of food to a totally un-expecting person. There is a WOW factor, your really doing something for me? One woman asked "how did you get my name" we responded "We did not have any names we're just randomly knocking on doors" she simply but

genuinely responded "Thanks so much".

God led us to those in need, most everyone humble accepted our gift. We knocked on several doors where no one answered, as Pastor Vickie was leaving one building a lady looked out her bedroom window to see who was there, so a bag was handed to her through the window. The best reaction was a little boy holding a handful of candy "look mom Easter candy!" and then bravely thanked two strange women. We knew there would not be an Easter basket full of candy and chocolate bunny for this little boy, but thanks to our reaching out he would have a nice meal.

This experience allowed all five of us, who went out into the community, to become sensitive to how little some have (one apartment did not have any furniture in the living area), and how much we have. Our hearts felt the depression of this community less than a mile from the front door of Northwest.

Let us continue to spread God's love by being the seed planter so God can complete his work of winning souls. Thank you for helping make this project a great success. Prayerfully consider joining us for future projects as we continue to reach out in our community.



"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink."
Matthew 25:35



Tuesday May 21 at 7pm the United Methodist Women's meeting will be focusing on human trafficking. Our speaker is from **Destiny rescue**. There are an estimated 1.2 million children trafficked each year – the majority of them being lured, bribed or

forced into the sex-trade. That's one child every 26 seconds. Destiny Rescue is dedicated to rescuing children from human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

They help rescue the sexually exploited and enslaved, restore the abused, protect the vulnerable, empower the poor and are a voice for children that can't speak up for themselves. They

provide kids rescued from sexual exploitation a safe, loving home to grow up in, medical care, counseling, schooling, vocational training and all daily needs required to be integrated back into society successfully.

They also help protect vulnerable children from being trafficked. They offer them financial assistance, a good education, vocational training, and, in some instances, a place to live.

The United Methodist Women open this meeting to the entire congregation. We as Christians need to be aware what goes on in the world around us and possible right here in the USA.

Join Us May 21st at 7pm



May 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>5</p> <p>9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 2 pm NCLC Open House 3:30 pm GS Troop 30055</p>	<p>6</p> <p>3:30 pm Piano Lessons 6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>7</p> <p>3:30 pm Piano Lessons 6 pm NCLC Board B. Tonya Nickerson B. Jody McCuddy</p>	<p>1</p> <p>3:30 pm Piano Lessons 5:30 pm Friends of Christ 7:00 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>2</p> <p>3:30 pm Piano Lessons B. Mary Ryan</p>	<p>3</p> <p>A. Terry & Shelby Russell</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Mother's Day 9 am Worship B. Brooklyn Eslick</p>	<p>13</p> <p>3:30 pm Piano Lessons 6:30 pm Cub Scouts A. Ric & Stacey Proctor</p>	<p>14</p> <p>3:30 pm Piano Lessons 6 pm Finance 7 pm Ad Council B. Carolyn Jena B. Randy Harper</p>	<p>8</p> <p>3:30 pm Piano Lessons 5:30 pm Friends of Christ 7:00 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>9</p> <p>3:30 pm Piano Lessons B. Victoria Schrader B. Kristin Schrader</p>	<p>10</p> <p>A. Jody & Bob McCuddy</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:30 am Men's Group A. Ken & Connie Van Nevel</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 3:30 pm Troop 30055</p>	<p>20</p> <p>3:30 pm Piano Lessons 6:30 pm Cub Scouts A. Greg & Chris Benninghoff B. Marge Renner</p>	<p>21</p> <p>3:30 pm Piano Lessons 7 pm UMW 7 pm Cub Scout Committee B. Eric Covey B. Jo Wise</p>	<p>15</p> <p>3:30 pm Piano Lessons 5:30 pm Friends of Christ 7:00 pm Youth Group B. Lori Renner</p>	<p>16</p> <p>3:30 pm Piano Lessons</p>	<p>17</p> <p>12 pm NCLC Port A Pit B. Martha Brown</p>	<p>18</p> <p>A. Don & Georgia Boyer</p>
<p>26</p> <p>9 am Worship 3 pm Club 456+ B. Rosetta Miller</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Memorial Day</p>	<p>28</p> <p>3:30 pm Piano Lessons 7 pm Trustees</p>	<p>22</p> <p>3:30 pm Piano Lessons 5:30 pm Friends of Christ 7:00 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>23</p> <p>3:30 pm Piano Lessons B. Gavin Proctor B. Shellee Rose</p>	<p>24</p> <p>B. Carol Christensen</p>	<p>25</p> <p>8:30 am Men's Group 1:00 pm Caitlin McClain Graduation Party</p>

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Check out our WEBSITE
www.northwestchurch.com

Sunday Worship 9:00

Kidz Praise 9:00 (after the
children's message)

Sunday School 10:15

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VBS 2013: Registration



Children Ages 3 years thru 5th grade
Are invited to join us for this years
adventure.

One Child \$5, 2 or more Children \$10
Adults \$10 (Includes Study Book)
Kids Shirts come with Registration
Adult T-shirts can be ordered for \$7.00
sizes 3x and over add \$2

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Starts with a light kid friendly dinner at
5:30, Parents invited to stay during meal and are encour-
aged to join their children during VBS with a study just
for them that goes along with the same scriptures the
kids will be learning.

ONLINE REGISTRATION STARTING ON MAY 6th
Go to our website www.northwestchurch.com

*Follow the link on our website and register for this year's
VBS*