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August 2021

August 1 	9:30 AM Worship /Communion 10:30 AM Lemonade Stand! - C 1-4 PM Chin Church 
August 8 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE! 	9:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School Out Back 1-4 PM Chin Church
August 15 	9:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School Out Back 1-4 PM Chin Church
August 22 	9:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School Out Back 1-4 PM Chin Church
August 29 	9:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School Out Back 10:30 AM Family Church Picnic! 1-4 PM Chin Church 

EPIC YOUTH Summer Recap! Sunday, August 1st



Lemonade Stand!

Sunday, August 1st after service.

Proceeds will be combined with VBS offering and given to the Holy Cross Food Pantry.



"Thank you in advance for your support!" - CE Dept.

Deadline for articles/information for the monthly newsletter is usually the second Sunday for the next month's newsletter. Thank you in advance for your contributions!

PASTORAL VISITS

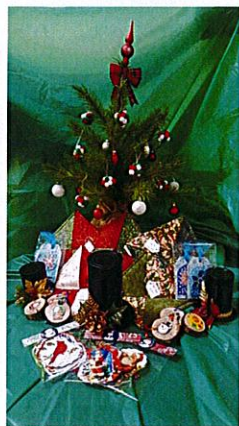
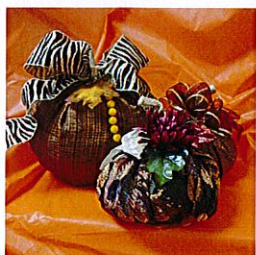
If you would like a home visit, please let Pastor Alex know via a phone call, email, or note on his desk to set up a date and time. With the COVID-19 pandemic, Pastor Alex isn't always sure who is comfortable with in-person visits and who is not. If you are comfortable, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Pastor Alex is also available to visit those who are hospitalized or going through rehab at a facility. Because hospitals and other institutions do not notify the church when a patient is admitted, we need for you or a family member to notify us. For emergencies, Pastor Alex can be reached at (402) 649-4564.

Whether at home or in the hospital, Pastor Alex is more than happy to accommodate your request for pastoral care.

CRAFT GROUP!

The next craft afternoon will be **Tuesday, August 10, 2021 in Room 128**. We welcome new ideas for the upcoming year and I know we are all excited to resume another year of crafting. Anyone who has interest in helping with craft items is invited to attend these fun and productive get-togethers. **No special skills are required!!** Please continue to work on your individual craft items at home if you are unable to attend. You can either bring a craft project to work on or choose from a craft in the craft room. Questions? Please feel free to call Sherry Mitchell at (402) 498-3597. We look forward to many wonderful afternoons of crafting with friends, while working toward Northwest Hills' Craft Show in October!!



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Morning Bible Study continues each week at 10:00 AM in the **LIBRARY**. The fellowship and discussions have been wonderful. This month we are discovering nuggets of truth from I and II Samuel. All are welcome!

CHURCH COUNCIL 7 PM Thurs., **Aug.19** Commons.

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST

The men of Northwest Hills Church will be getting together again for a Men's Ministry Breakfast! We will meet Saturday, August 7th in the Commons at 9:00 AM. It is a "BYOB: Bring Your Own Breakfast" or you can eat breakfast before you come. Mark your calendars to plan on attending for a great time of fellowship!



Women's Association: Will meet Thursday, August 5th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies of the church are invited! Questions? Call Kathleen Hammond, 402-981-3630.

Hannah Circle: Will meet Tuesday, August 17th at 1:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Devotions by Alice Larson, dessert by Carol Olsen. Questions? Call Lois Gapen, 402-572-6792.

Ruth Circle: Will meet Monday, August 16 at 6:30 PM in the Commons. Questions? Call Ginger Morelock, 402-312-5126.

Sarah Circle: Does not meet in the summer months. Questions? Call Terri Burright at (402) 659-6913.

CANASTA: Our next session will be on August 19th in the Fellowship Hall. We begin at 10 AM and everyone should bring their own lunch. Dessert will be provided by Team #12 (Molly and MaryAlice). If anyone would like to learn the game or take a refresher course, Lois Gapen and Ardell Reuter are willing to teach you. If you have any questions, please call Judy Intlekofer at 402-651-2947.

FAMILY & FRIENDS CHURCH PICNIC!

SUNDAY, August 29, 2021

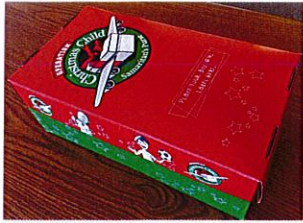
The upcoming family picnic will be held Sunday, August 29th following the morning service. We are asking families with the last name beginning with A-J to bring a **salad or vegetable** and the last name beginning with K-Z to bring a **dessert**. The meat, baked beans, chips and drinks will be provided. **Please bring your own table service for your family.** Come and bring family and friends and join us for a day of fellowship and help us end the last days of summer and jump start the beginning of the fall Church and Sunday School activities. **We look forward to seeing you all!**



MISSION & SERVICE SUMMER COLLECTION

(AUGUST: our final summer month to collect!)

We are coming down to the wire with our collection for Operation Christmas Child! A big THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed items and cash towards the shipping of these boxes! (Shipping is \$9 a box.)



If you are unable to get out to shop, or just wish someone else would do the shopping for you, we have a solution! Kathy Caito (Mission & Service Chair) and her granddaughter Maliha will be HAPPY to go shop for the items we will still need to "round out" items for each of the Christmas boxes! See Kathy Caito for details or to give her cash to shop.

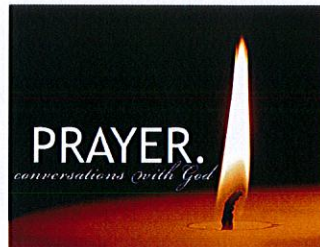
A **GREAT** place to go shop for Christmas Box items is the Dollar Tree store, where everything truly is \$1! Summer clothing and school supplies are going on sale right now, so there are opportunities to stretch buying power.

Some of the items still needed to "round out" the content for the boxes: flip flops (all sizes), personal care items, lip balms, sundresses/shirts/tops—all sizes, SMALL picture books, crafts, school supplies.

REMEMBER: these items have to be small enough to fit into a shoebox (an example box is in the display in the Commons). Fortunately, when we start packing in October, we will be able to take new items out of their original packaging to make everything fit.

Items that **CANNOT BE INCLUDED:** candy, gum, toothpaste, boy guns, knives, military figures, chocolate, food, seeds, fruit snacks or rollups, lotions, medication, vitamins, breakable items. Aerosol cans.

Please grab a list from the display for more details. Again, THANK YOU to our NWH family for your participation!



Prayer chain requests can be called to Lois Gapen at (402) 572-6792 or the church office at (402) 572-8392.

Thank you for your kind responses regarding updating our prayer list. We are always encouraged to hear when our loved ones are much improved. Please continue to let us know of any changes so that we can update our list and assure that the prayers going out weekly are the most current and urgent needs expressed. Thank you in advance. The ongoing list is below:

Continued Prayer Requests: Dirk Huston (Janet Delehoy's nephew), Nancy Norton (friend of Carol Scott), Michael Gulliams (Bev Ambrosius' nephew), Sandy Christopherson, Al Cummings (Janet Delehoy's brother), Sharon Marchese (Kathleen Hammond's sister), Carol Scott, Lynn Hammond, Drew Botsakos, Kathleen Hammond, Mary LaHood, Dianne Hasch (Dianna Cupps' friend), Barb Karstens, Jeff Walton, John Gerken (Sheri Swift's cousin), Susie Ryan, Weldon Stockfleth, Cierra Ervin, Justin Everett (Sherry Mitchell's cousin's son), Sally (Ginger's cousin in Florida), Nicki O'Neil

On-Going Cancer Treatment: Mike Lambert, Mary Larson, Sharon Kirby (Janet Delehoy's sister-in-law), Dick McCoy, Gail Schroeder, Dave Merriam, Sue Day, Robert Baker, Sharon McNutt (Ruth Negus' friend's sister), Betty Benskin, Judy Intlekofer, Bill Owens, Pam Burright, Marvin Schoonover (Pat Mollak's brother), Ken Lemons (Jim Lemons' son), Coleen Vincent, Gail Formanack (friend of Bev Ambrosius), Paul Nitsick, Gary Dutton, David Arthur (friend of the Vincents), Dave Koll

"He sent His Word, and healed them"

— Psalm 107:20

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

— Isaiah 53:5

FROM PASTOR ALEX WOLF

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

In July, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ (UCC) convened their 33rd meeting. The General Synod is the biennial meeting of representatives from UCC congregations, conferences, and organizations across the nation. The General Synod together elects the national officers and seeks the Holy Spirit's guidance to determine the direction of the general programming of the denomination. From 1957 in Cleveland, Ohio to 2019 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, General Synod met in a physical location throughout the United States. This year was different. Because of the pandemic, this year's General Synod was virtual.

Despite being virtual, the diversity of the UCC was still on display. Through all the plenaries, committees, workshops, and other meetings held via Zoom, people from various church groups, backgrounds, and theological positions still gathered together as the body of Christ.

When I mention to someone that I'm a pastor in the United Church of Christ, they often ask what the UCC is like. I admit that I struggle a bit with the answer. We're not Baptist, Methodist, nor Lutheran. I often say we're congregational, but there's more to it than that. Our executive conference minister, the Rev. Brigit Stevens, put it, I think, in the best way I've heard it so far: we live in covenant. What does it mean that we live in covenant? It means we function like a family.

Every congregation within the United Church of Christ is autonomous, meaning, we determine for ourselves how we worship and act as the church in our own unique setting. But we are not self-governed. The authority of the church belongs to her sole Head, Jesus Christ. We are all accountable to Christ. Yet, we believe Christ has authorized us to be his servants in the world. We share authority not only with Christ but with our sibling congregations. We are not only accountable to Christ but also to each other. We love one another, we rejoice with, bear with, disagree with, and forgive one another. We are not separate from one another, yet we do not exercise a hierarchy that regulates from the top-down. No, we are a covenant family that walks together in all of God's ways. This can sometimes be tough to do. Like families, we do not always see eye-to-eye on various things, yet we strive to be one in Jesus Christ.

This is a good reminder for the church, both on the national and local levels. We worship, work, and play as one people in Jesus Christ. We are a family. General Synod, conference and association gatherings, and weekly Sunday worship are family reunions. We gather as the children of God to live in covenant. It can sometimes be messy, families sometimes are, but what would we do without our family?

In Christ's love,

Pastor Alex



Sermon Topics and Scriptures for August

You Asked For It: August 2021 Sermon Series

The sermons in the month of August are all about your questions about Scripture and the Christian faith. You asked for it, so here are your answers!

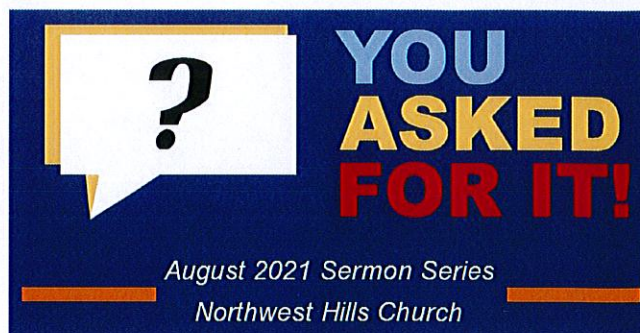
August 1: Summer Recap According to Our Youth

August 8: "Can I Really Do Everything Through Christ?" -
Philippians 4:10-20

August 15: "Why Do I Have to be a Sheep?" - Psalm 23

August 22: "How Much Should I Give?"
- 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

August 29: "How Many Rooms Does God Need, Anyway?"
- John 14:1-14



From Our Christian Education Department....

Sunday August 1st is Youth Sunday. Let's support the youth and show them how important they are in the life of the church. The youth will be leading the service and telling the congregation about the serving they did during their Mission Week.

Thank you to everyone who helped out in any way during our summer activities:

- ⇒ Pinwheel delivery
- ⇒ Knights of North Castle Vacation Bible School
- ⇒ Sunday School in the Park
- ⇒ Youth Mission Week.

What a busy summer....it would not have been possible without the help of all our GREAT volunteers! A special thank you to **Dennis Burright** for making the "book/puppet stage" for VBS. It turned out great. I'm sure it will be used again!!

Chef, planner, nurse, counselor, chauffeur, teacher....that's **Margaret and Rick Scofield!** What a blessing they are to the youth!! A very heart-felt thank you to Margaret and Rick for once again helping out with the Youth Mission Week. Even though we didn't travel to Missouri, the week was very meaningful for our youth.

In Christ's love,

Suzy



"Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!"

Psalm 98:4, English Standard Version

We are inviting you to join the choir as a new member! Some sing high, some sing low, and some sing in-between. Come make a joyful noise! We are a friendly bunch and will help you find your parts and get all settled in. Male and female voices are needed. Help us fill up the choir loft and fill the sanctuary with glorious praise! He is worthy! Please contact Barb Renicker for details on how to get started.

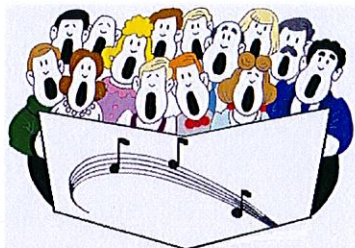
The **Bell Choir** will start up Tuesday practices at 7:00 PM on September 7th.

The **Choir** will start up Wednesday practices at 6:30 PM on September 8th.

Remember.... "Jesus replied, I tell you, if these people keep silent, the stones will cry out in praise!" *Luke 19:40 Amplified Version*



You don't want to be outdone by a bunch of rocks, do you?



THANK YOU

"A big THANK YOU to all of my Church Family Members: those who have been able to be my taxi driver to appointments; I have received visits, a lovely prayer shawl, cards, calls and countless prayers. I also have had friends and family helping me out with tasks I am not able to do right now. I am truly blessed by you all! Thank you, Northwest Hills Church Family!"

- Sheri Swift

"Thank you so much, EVERYONE, for all of the prayers, cards, calls, and well wishes after my spinal fracture Mom and I are going to seriously focus on staying healthy and stop feeding the medical community with so much support!! We're so blessed to have such a loving group of Christ-followers surrounding us!"

- In Christ's love, Nicki O'Neil

SINGLES & FRIENDS!

AUGUST OUTING

Saturday, August 21st, 12 noon

Fellowship Hall

INDOOR PICNIC!



This month's fun activity is our indoor picnic and games. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided. Please join us and bring your favorite side dish or dessert. After dinner, we will beak out playing cards, dominos or farkle to name a few games. All are welcome!

Please join us for great food, great company and lots of fun.

Thanks to our hosts Joanne Mears, George Bilger, and Lois Gapen. Any questions, contact Ginger Morelock, 402-312-5126.



Northwest Hills Preschool



SPROUT, BLOOM, GROW

We are gearing up for another great year of preschool!! We are still taking registrations for Northwest Hills Preschool in both 3 and 4/5 year old classes. Open House will be Wednesday, August 25th, 6-7 PM.

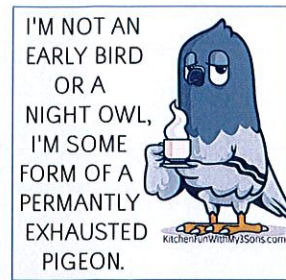
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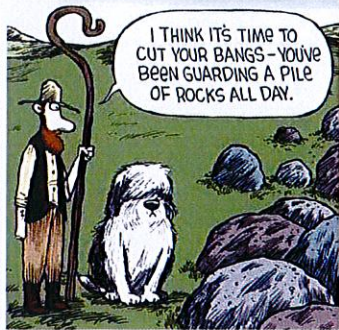
**CLASSES START SEPT. 7TH
402-572-8392 to register**



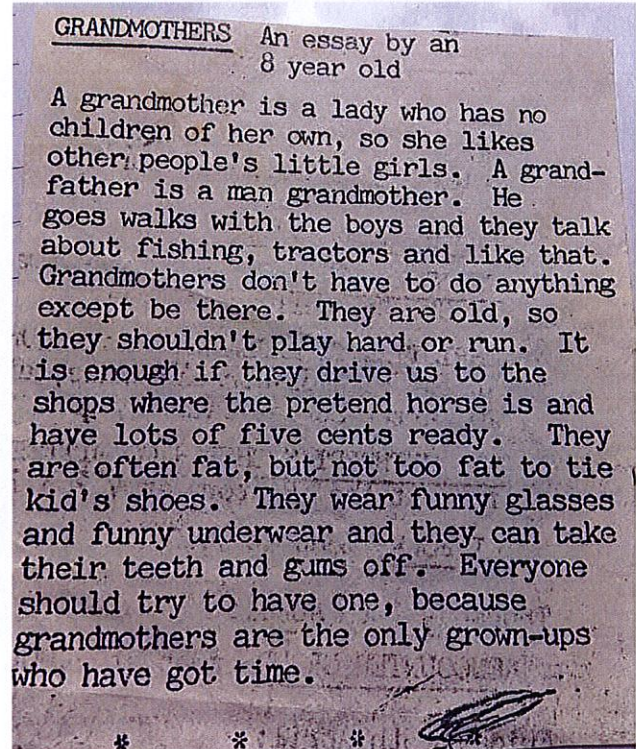
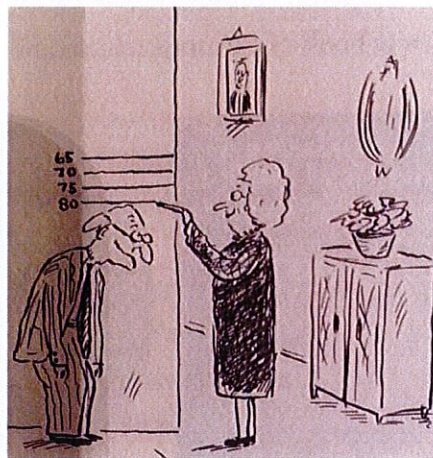
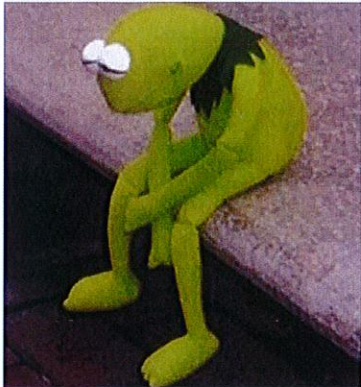
Just for a smile...



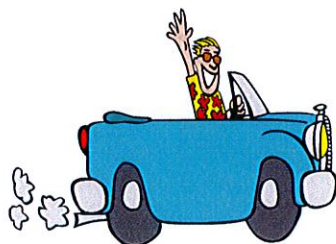
Me after watching 12 minutes of Masterchef



I feel like I'm already tired tomorrow.



I know I shouldn't have done this, but I am 83 years old and I was in the McDonald's drive-through this morning and the young lady behind me leaned on her horn and started mouthing something because I was taking too long to place my order. So when I got to the first window I paid for her order along with my own. The cashier must have told her what I'd done, because as we moved up she leaned out her window and waved to me and mouthed "Thank you.", obviously embarrassed that I had repaid her rudeness with kindness. When I got to the second window I showed them both receipts and took her food too. Now she has to go back to the end of the queue and start all over again, Don't blow your horn at old people, they have been around a long time...



LIES MY MOTHER TOLD ME

By I Might Be Funny

1. "It's illegal to drive with the overhead light on."
2. "If you swallow your gum, it will stay in your stomach for 7 years."
3. "Keep making that face & it'll freeze like that."
4. "I have eyes in the back of my head."
5. "You can't swim for 30 minutes after eating."
6. "Don't sit so close to the TV, you'll go blind."
7. "The dog went to live on a big farm."
8. "I'm just running into the store for *one* thing."
9. "A watermelon will grow in your stomach if you swallow the seeds."
10. "Maybe...I'll think about it."

© I Might Be Funny



AUGUST

Kids K-5th Grade Happenings



August 1	Help out with the Lemonade Stand after church service (No Sunday School). For the month of August we will be continuing our Sunday School outdoors, but will be held in our "outdoor classroom" behind the church. Come and join us in the fresh air!!	10:30 a.m.
August 8	Sunday School: "We have the power!"	9:45 a.m.
August 15	Sunday School: "Let's be sheep!!"	9:45 a.m.
August 22	Sunday School: "What can I give?"	9:45 a.m.
August 29	Sunday School: "One way."	9:45 a.m.



EPIC Youth

6th Grade– Young Adult

EPIC Youth Sunday morning discussion will resume September 12th..

August 1	Youth Sunday! We will recap what we did during Mission Week. YOU are in charge of the service! Help the congregation understand what it means to be young in today's world and help out with the Lemonade Stand after church service.
August 15	Serving Sunday: join your friends for a mini mission project.



AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Worship/Communion-S 10:30 Lemonade Stand-C 1-4 Chin Church-S	2	3 7:00 Scouts-FH	4 9-12 noon last Pre-school Play Date 10:00 AM Bible Study—L	5 12 noon W/A-FH	6	7 9:00 AM Men's Breakfast-C
8 9:30 Worship-S 9:45 Sunday School out back 1-4 Chin Church-S NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	9 6:45 PM AA Mtg. Rm. 128	10 1 PM Crafts-128 7:00 Scouts—FH	11 10 Bible Study-L 11-2:30 OES Meeting-C	12	13 Wedding Rehearsal	14 1 PM Budwell/Dean Wedding
15 9:30 Worship-S 9:45 Sunday School out back 1-4 Chin Church-S	16 6:30 Ruth Circle-C 6:45 PM AA Mtg. Rm. 128	17 1:15 Hanna Cir-FH 7:00 Scouts - FH	18 10 Bible Study-L	19 10 Canasta-FH 7 PM Church Council Mtg-C	20 6-9 Old Dominion Dancers—FH	21 12 noon Singles & Friends Indoor Picnic & Games-FH
22 9:30 Worship—S 9:45 Sunday School out back 1-4 Chin Church-S	23 6:45 PM AA Mtg. Rm. 128	24 7:00 Scouts—FH	25 10 Bible Study-L 6-7 Preschool Open House	26 9 Newsletter Crew-C	27 Wedding Rehearsal	28 4 PM Thorn/McDermott Wedding
29 9:30 Worship—S 9:45 Sunday School out back 10:30 ALL CHURCH PICNIC! 1-4 Chin Church-S	30 6:45 PM AA Mtg. Rm. 128	31 7 PM Scouts-FH				S: Sanctuary C: Commons L: Library FH: Fellowship Hall

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1 Janet Nitsick	8 Brandon Hultman	19 Jodi Infante
2 Diane Fields	10 Geraldine Miller	19 Bobby Bergamine
2 Rachel Truckenbrod	10 Rick Scofield	21 Clay Massa
6 Mark Allen	11 Taylor Markuson	22 Matthew Key
7 Jerry May	12 Elaine Jenkins	26 Alondra Vincent
7 Christine Burrignt	13 Bonnie Grimmett	27 Linda Burnham
7 Linda Nelsen	13 Judy Stockfleth	
7 Nicki O'Neil	16 Steve Jacobsen	

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

2 Paul & Janet Nitsick	20 Darwin & Jean Barker
7 Rick & Stephanie Henkel	20 Peter & Laurie Massa
7 Steve & Debbie Shafer	21 Bill & Suzy Parsons
12 Roger & Nan Schwes	24 Dennis & Terri Burrignt