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June 2022

June 5 PENTECOST SUNDAY 	9:30 AM Worship/Communion 9:30 AM Sunday School in the Park 1-4 PM Chin Church PENTECOST SUNDAY: wear red!
June 12  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!	9:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School in the Park 1-4 PM Chin Church 5-9 PM BLOCK PARTY!!
June 19 	9:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School in the Park 10:30 AM Father's Day Fellowship—C 1-4 PM Chin Church
June 26 	9:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School in the Park 1-4 PM Chin Church



Congratulations!



Jessica Brusnahan has been awarded Werner P. Jensen Scholarships from Northwest Hills Church for the 2022-2023 school year. Jessica's impressive application described how her involvement and service at Northwest Hills and her Christian community outreach continues to build a strong foundation as she continues to pursue higher education. We wish Jessica continued success as we, her church family, continue to lift her up in prayer.

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!

Thank You



On May 22nd we honored those who help with music, sound, and video. We thank and honor our music providers for their many hours of practice to give us anthems, music of praise, special music, vocal and instrumental solos:

Darwin Barker	Barb May
Jean Barker	Ginger Morelock
Wayne Bennett	Ruth Negus
Geore Bilger	Barb Renicker
Linda Burnham	Jackie Robinson
Dennis Burright	Susan Ryan
Annette Carlin	Duane Salonen
Gerry Conry	Laurie Salonen
Cierra Ervin	Margaret Scofield
Jan Jacobsen	Rick Scofield
Glenda Kalina	Pam Sondag
Paula Markuson	Pastor Alex Wolf

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We gather Wednesdays at 10 AM Room 128. All are welcome! Come join us for great discussion and fellowship around the Word of God! Kathleen Hammond will be leading the June 1st Bible Study!

WOMEN'S ASSOC. will have their next meeting on Thurs., June 2 at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall.. This is our **ANNUAL POTLUCK PICNIC**: meat will be furnished. Everyone to bring a side dish or dessert. Questions? Call Kathleen Hammond, 402-981-3630.

RUTH CIRCLE will be meeting Tuesday, June 7 at 6:00 PM at Roma's Italian Restaurant at 605 Fort Crook Road North in Bellevue for our June outing. Also, collections for June are for the Northwest Hills Block Party on Sunday, June 12th. Please call Ginger Morelock at 402-312-5126 with any questions.

HANNAH CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 1:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Devotions: Sue Slowik; dessert provided by Carol Olsen. Mission project for June collection will be mac 'n cheese!

SARAH CIRCLE: no meetings until September. For any questions, call Terri Burright, 402-659-6913.

CHURCH COUNCIL will be meeting on Thursday, June 9th at 7:00 PM in Room 128.

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST

The men of Northwest Hills Church will be getting together again for a Men's Ministry Breakfast! We will postpone a week and meet **Saturday, June 11th at 9:00 AM in the Commons**. 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!

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!!

Our next craft afternoon will be **June 14, 2022 in Room 128**. It has been so much fun getting together again for another year of crafting! We welcome new, fresh ideas! Anyone who has an interest in helping with craft items is invited to attend these fun and productive afternoons. **Don't be intimidated: no special skills are required!** You can either bring a craft project to work on or there are many to choose from. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call Sherry Mitchell at (402) 498-3597. We look forward to many afternoons of crafting with friends, while working toward Northwest Hills' October Craft Show!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO OWN A PIECE OF NORTHWEST HILLS CHURCH HISTORY?



We have available two 12-foot, padded PEWS in storage downstairs (red padded cushion) and about six to eight HEAVY old eight-foot tables in assorted colors and styles. Best reasonable offers accepted. For details, please contact Wayne Bennett, Building & Grounds Committee Chair, at 402-669-7475.

The **CANASTA CLUB** will meet on Thursday, June 16th in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your own lunch. Dessert will be provided by Team #13 (Judy and Judy). Plan to arrive in time to start playing by 10:00 AM. Congratulations and THANK YOU to Deb Shafer, who has agreed to be our new Chairperson! If you have any questions, or would like to join, please contact Deb at 402-999-1052.

We still need subs (men or women). Please contact Lois Gapen at 402-572-6792 or Ardell Reuter at 1-918-703-1068.



TWO FORCES COMBINING:
FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE
and
MISSION & SERVICE COMMITTEE
JUNE COLLECTIONS

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 12th from 5-9 PM, for our first BLOCK PARTY!! We will have food and games, then end the night with a movie. We will be inviting people in our surrounding neighborhood to come and enjoy a time of fun to meet us and their other neighbors.

We will have food, yard games, children's activities, a "Cake Walk" and BINGO. We will end the night with a movie at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary.

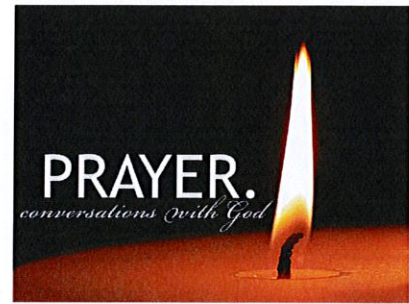
- We are looking for someone to volunteer face painting or dress as a clown and do balloon animals.
- We need all those that bake (or don't — "store bought" works too!) to donate baked goods for the Cake Walk.
- If you have yard games we could use for the night, let us know!
- We will also need the following: hotdogs, buns, individual chip bags, cookies, ketchup, mustard, relish, cookies (baked or store bought), napkins, plates, plastic forks, iced tea and lemonade mixes.
- We are in the process of collecting donated items for prizes in BINGO and the children's games. We are asking for new or gently-used items.

In order for this to be successful, we need EVERYONE'S HELP! We have sign-up sheets in the Commons area: sign-ups will be for Set Up, Clean Up, Serve Food, Help with Activities, Bringing Baked Goods (for the Cake Walk).

Thank you in advance as we launch this new
adventure and outreach to our immediate
community!

Thank you, EVERYONE!

Kathy Caito, Mission & Service Chair
Kathleen Hammond, Fellowship Chair

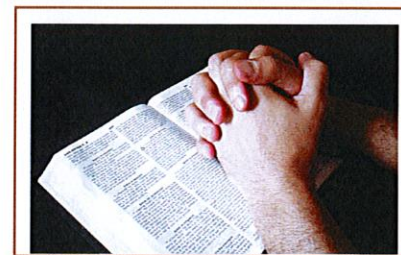


Prayer chain requests can be called to Lois Gapen at (402) 572-6792 or the church office at (402) 572-8392.

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: Nancy Norton (friend of Carol Scott), Sandy Christopherson, Al Cummings (Janet Delehoy's brother), Fred & Carol Scott, Connie Klaumann, Drew Botsakos, Dianne Hasch (Dianna Cupps' friend), Barb Karstens, Jeff Walton, Susie Ryan, Cierra Ervin, Faith Hurt, Kelly Pitts, Bill Runolfson

On-Going Cancer Treatment: Mike Lambert, Mary Larson, Sharon Kirby (Janet Delehoy's sister-in-law), Gail Schroeder, Dave Merriam, Sue Day, Robert Baker, Sharon McNutt (Ruth Negus' friend's sister), Betty Benskin, Judy Intlekofer, Bill Owens, Marvin Schoonover (Pat Mollak's brother), Gail Formanack (friend of Bev Ambrosius), Paul Nitsick, Gary Dutton, David Arthur (friend of the Vincents), Susan Higginson, Vicki Nolan, (Leigh Powell's sister), Ena Nolan, (Leigh Powell's niece), Tracy Else



"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.

For the past few months, I've used this space to explain the significance of some of our worship practices. Christian worship services are filled with beautiful color, imagery, and meaning. But have you ever wondered how the worship service is planned?

As the pastor, I am responsible for putting together a significant portion of the weekly worship service. Believe it or not, the sermon and liturgy do not miraculously appear on my desk every Monday morning (sometimes I pray it would!). The centering piece of the worship service is most often the Scripture text. How do I choose which Scripture passage to use? I first pray for the Holy Spirit to guide me in choosing Scripture texts. I ask for the answer to the question of what does the Spirit want to say to the people of Northwest Hills Church? The church season also lends its assistance to choosing the texts. Around Advent and Christmas, I choose Christmas-themed texts. Around Lent and Easter, I often choose appropriately themed texts. You get the idea.

With the Scripture passage chosen, I try to craft the rest of the liturgy around its theme. The call to worship is either reflective of the theme, or a portion of a psalm that helps us get in the proper attitude to worship. I write the prayers used in the service. I sometimes use liturgical resources to help in my writing of the prayers.

I share the Scripture text with Suzy Parsons, our Christian Education Director, and Suzy usually plans her children's message around it. We often discuss the text and its meaning together throughout the week as she writes her message.

The choosing of the music is also a collaborative effort. Barb Renicker, our musical director, and I sit down weekly and ensure that the hymns and choral anthems are appropriate for the worship service. We often try and connect the music and lyrics with the Scripture and theme of the day.

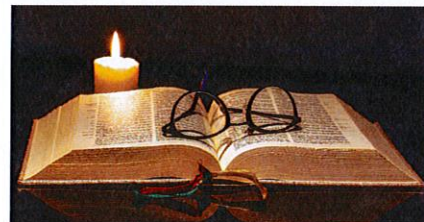
And don't forget the sermon! When I write the weekly sermon, I start in prayer over the Scripture text, asking for the Holy Spirit to guide me in my understanding and writing. I try and summarize the message of the text in one sentence, which helps guide me in keeping my sermon on point. I also ask for the Spirit's help in determining how the text applies to our lives today. I consult commentaries and theological articles written on the text to help me understand difficult parts or phrases.

I often outline my sermon by reflecting upon the questions What? So What? and Now What? The What? section explains the text, the So What? section explains its significance or implications on our lives, and the Now What? section is about what we do with what we've learned. When all three of those questions are answered, the sermon flows from my heart and mind, through my fingers and the keyboard, and onto the page.

Worship is at the heart of this community we call the church. All our planning is for the worship and glory of God. My prayer every week is that our worship services here at Northwest Hills Church glorifies God and continue to transform all of us into the image of Christ.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Alex



Sermon Topics and Scriptures for June

Come, Holy Spirit

June 2022 Sermon Series

We Christians often talk about God the Father and Jesus the Son, but mention the Holy Spirit only in passing. Who is the Holy Spirit? What does the Spirit do? In June, we'll spend some time getting to know the third Person of the triune God.

- June 5 (Pentecost) – John 14:15-27, "Receiving the Holy Spirit"
- June 12 – Ephesians 5:1-20, "Filled with the Spirit"
- June 19 – Galatians 5:6-26, "Living by the Spirit"
- June 26 – 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, "Gifts of the Spirit"



NORTHWEST HILLS SINGLES & FRIENDS!

BABE McDANIEL MEMORIAL
MINIATURE GOLF TOURNAMENT
JUNE 18, 2022

The singles will be playing miniature golf at Putting Plus located at 9216 Maple Street, on Saturday, June 18, 2022, beginning at 2:00 PM, followed by dinner at Romeo's, 2395 North 90th Street, around 4:00 PM.

We look forward to a fun golf outing honoring our longtime committee chairman, Babe McDaniel.

Linda Nelsen & Sherry Mitchell,
Co-Chairmen



Singles & Friends is open to all Church members, friends, single or not! ***If plans should change or the event is postponed, we will notify everyone.***

Come join the festivities!

Any questions, please contact
Ginger Morelock at 402-312-5126.



The Women's Association will stop collecting containers for the months of May and June; please recycle any containers at home

during these months. Questions? Contact Kathleen Hammond or Lois Gapen.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING SUNDAY, June 5th

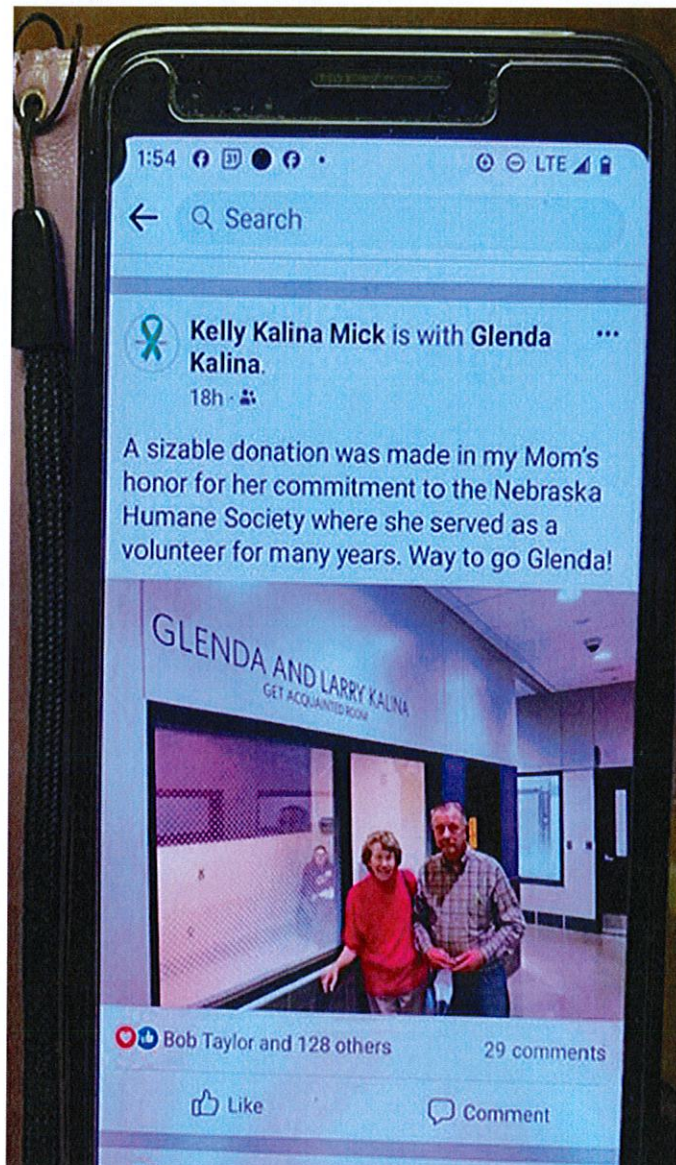
The Strengthen the Church Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC> The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in our conference and across the denomination. We will receive the Strengthen the Church offering on Pentecost Sunday, June 5th.



REMINDER: Please be sure to check out our "You've Got Mail" table, especially if you have or will be celebrating a birthday or anniversary. Thank you!



Just recently Northwest Hills Church found out a large donation has been made in Glenda and Larry Kalina's honor for the many years Glenda served as a volunteer at the Nebraska Humane Society! How wonderful!

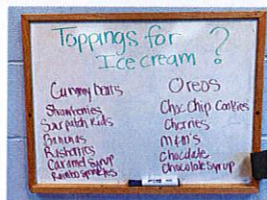


05/20/2022
Our staff
after
another
successful
preschool
graduation



PRESCHOOL GRADUATION!

We will miss our little ones this summer!!



Northwest Hills Preschool



SPROUT, BLOOM, GROW

The last month of preschool was a busy one!!! For Mother's Day the kids made gifts for their moms and on Friday, May 6th, we invited moms to come join their child in activities from 9:00-9:30 AM. Everyone had a good time and the kids enjoyed showing their moms their favorite morning activities.

We had our Preschool Picnic at North Oaks Park on Wednesday, May 11th. We walked to the park and parents met us there with a sack lunch for their kids. The kids love to be at the park.

Graduation was held on May 20th in the Sanctuary with a reception in an ice cream reception in the Commons. This year's graduation theme was "Our Future is So Bright We Gotta Have Shades!!"

Preschool Registration

We are now enrolling students for the fall. If you have neighbors, friends or relatives with children ages 3-5, Northwest Hills offers a great preschool program Monday-Friday. Cost is \$175/month for Monday through Friday classes, and \$125/month for M-W-F classes. Registration forms are



available in the church office and visits can be scheduled with Suzy. Our preschool Open House is set for Wednesday, August 24th from 6:00-7:00 PM.

Just a reminder: as of June 1st, Suzy will reduce her hours to Tuesdays and Thursdays each week and the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month.



Journey to the Living Waters Women's Retreat was held May 13th and 14th. There were great conversations, fellowship, learning, and enjoying the lake. Cheryl and Heather Morehouse graciously provided the women with a painting class. We have some serious artists in our midst!!



*Thank you, ladies!
You were all such
great students and
good sports trying
something new!*

*Love,
Cheryl & Heather*





PK-4th Grade

We are going to the park!! Sunday School in the Park returns this summer beginning June 5th. Meet down at North Oaks Park (93rd & Ellison) at 9:30 AM. PARENTS DROP OFF KIDS AT 9:30 AND PICK UP DIRECTLY AFTER CHURCH SERVICE.

We will be using a Vacation Bible School format this summer. Each week will include a Bible story/lesson, craft, and snack. Join us for the fun...and bring a friend!

EPIC Youth



EPIC Youth will not meet during the summer; however, you are welcome to help out at the park on Sunday mornings (see above for details).

EPIC Omaha Mission Week is planned for June 26-July 1. **We need a minimum of four youth to commit to the week for this week to happen.** Please let Suzy know if you will be attending. Friends are welcome!! Plans are to spend the mornings helping out in the Omaha community and the afternoons and nights at the lake house. There is no cost to the youth for this event

JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10 AM Bible Study—128	2 12 noon Women's Assoc. Annual Potluck Picnic—FH	3	4
5 9:30 Worship/Communion 9:30 SS in the Park! 1-4 Chin Church-S	6 6:45 PM AA Mtg.—FH	7 6 PM Ruth Circle Roma's in Bellevue 7 PM Scouts—FH	8 10 AM Bible Study—128 12-3 Kensington—C	9 7 PM Church Council Mtg—128	10	11 9 AM Men's Breakfast—C
12 9:30 Worship 9:30 SS in the Park! 1-4 Chin Church-S 5-9 BLOCK PARTY!! NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	13 6:45 PM AA Mtg. —FH	14 1-3 Crafters-128 7 PM Scouts - FH	15 10 AM Bible Study—128	16	17	18 2 PM Singles Golf at Putting Plus followed by dinner at Romeo's at around 4:00 PM
19 9:30 Worship 9:30 SS in the Park! 10:30 Father's Day Reception-C 1-4 Chin Church-S	20 6:45 PM AA Mtg. - FH	21 1:15 PM Hannah Circle—FH 7 PM Scouts—FH	22 10 AM Bible Study—128	23	24 6-10 Old Dominion Dancers—FH	25
26 9:30 Worship 9:30 SS in the Park! 10:30 Fellowship-Sarah Cir.—C 1-4 Chin Church-S	27 Youth Mission Week 6:45 PM AA Mtg. - FH	28 Youth Mission Week 9 AM Newsletter Crew—C	29 Youth Mission Week 10 AM Bible Study—128	30 Youth Mission Week	July 1st Youth Mission Week	S: Sanctuary C: Commons L: Library FH: Fellowship Hall

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Olivia Hultman	12 Christina Beal	20 Kenneth Johnson
1 Barbara Karstens	14 Cheryl Morehouse	24 Wyatt Stricker
1 Laurie Salonen	14 Ashley Tracy	25 Stephanie Henkel
3 Tyler Stricker	14 Lauren Tracy	26 Nancy Ressel
5 Adam Markuson	16 Madeline Carlin	27 Jennifer Hunter
6 Austin Infante	17 Heather Antoniak	29 Andrew Key
9 Ernest Summers	19 Steve Shafer	30 Judith Intlekofer

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

1 Allen & Linda Chandler	10 Larry & Glenda Kalina	23 Kevin & Lisa Hall
2 Mark & Dianna Cupps	12 Steve & Barbi Beberniss	26 Bob & Tiffanie Bergamine
4 Ed & Beth Perley	12 Corwin & Nancy Miller	29 Charles & Catherine McIntosh
10 Mark & Martha Allen	12 Kenneth & Ruby Peterson	