



newsletter







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June 2025

June 1 	9:30 AM Worship/Communion (No Sunday School) "Breaking Chains" Acts 16:16-34 10:30 AM Chandler 50th Anniversary Celebration—C <i>Wear RED next Sunday for Pentecost Sunday!</i>
June 8 <i>Newsletter Deadline!</i> 	9:30 AM Worship/Sunday School PENTECOST SUNDAY "The Spirit Behind the Scenes" Acts 2:1-21 
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June 29 	9:30 AM Worship/Sunday School Holy Conversation with Jackie Robinson

SAVE THE DATE!

Take Me Out to the Ballgame Friday, June 20th

Join us for a night out at Werner Park in Papillion as the Omaha Storm Chasers take on the Durham Bulls on Friday, June 20th at 7:00 PM. There will be fireworks after the game. Tickets are \$15. If interested, please let Pastor Alex know by Sunday, June 8th.



*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!*

Our Northwest Hills Church family continues to donate to the Holy Cross Lutheran Church Food Pantry (our community partner that we support year round). **This month the request is for canned soups and pasta.**

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity in helping provide non-perishables to those in need and experiencing food insecurity in our immediate community. A bin is located in the Commons for this year round support.



CRAFTERS! We so enjoy gathering Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 PM to let our synergistic creative juices flow! All are welcome! You can bring your own crafts, or we have several to choose from. No “super talent” needed: we will help you! Thank you for joining us as we build up our “inventory” for the big Craft Fair in October. Many hands make the work light. Come for an enjoyable time of creativity and fellowship! If you have any questions, please contact Leigh Powell.



THE WEDNESDAY CRAFTY LADIES are looking for donations of bowling balls (yes, *bowling balls!*) and flatware (spoons, forks, etc.) for special projects. Donations can be dropped off (*very carefully!*) at the church office, and we'll get them to the ladies.

REMINDER: Did you know we have a “lending library” of DVDs, CDs, books, and puzzles? Right inside the office entrance door in Room 119 there are shelves stocked with selections to fit anyone’s tastes. We are purely on an “honor’s system” – just take what you’d like, and bring back when done so someone else can enjoy! (If the room is ever locked for some reason, please have a staff member unlock for you so you can take advantage of our wonderful little lending library!)

PROJECT HOPE is no longer participating in the “Direct Your Dollars” program with Family Fare, so we are no longer collecting Family Fare receipts. Thank you, everyone, for your past participation to support Project Hope.

EYEGLASSES donations are still being accepted. We take them to the Lion’s Club to bless others with the gift of vision! Donation basket is located in the Commons above the coat rack.

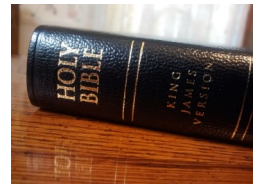
RUTH CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, June 3rd at 11:00 AM at Jason’s Deli, 12320 “L” Street, Omaha for a great time of food and fellowship. If you have any questions, please call co-chair Kathleen Hammond at 402-981-3630.

WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION will have their annual picnic in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, June 5th at 12 noon. We supply the meat and ask each lady to bring a side dish or salad. All of the ladies of the church are invited! Questions? Please contact Kathleen Hammond.

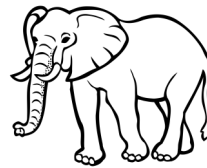
SARAH CIRCLE will meet as needed. For any questions, call Terri Burright, 402-659-6913.

MEN’S MINISTRY BREAKFAST: We look forward to getting together on Saturday, June 7th at 9:00 AM in the Commons. It is a BYOB: “Bring Your Own Breakfast.” All men of the church are invited for this great time of fellowship!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES are held at 10:00 AM in Room 128. All are invited to come and enjoy this great time of fellowship around the precious Word of God!



REMINDER: we are collecting “**white elephants**” throughout the year for our October sale! No clothes** or broken items, please. There is a large green bin in the Board Room (down the hall across from the main church office) for your items. Thank you for your contributions!



CLOTHES** are being collected year-round for the Open Door Mission. New or clean, gently-used clothing can be deposited in the specially-marked bin in the Commons. Thank you for your kindness!

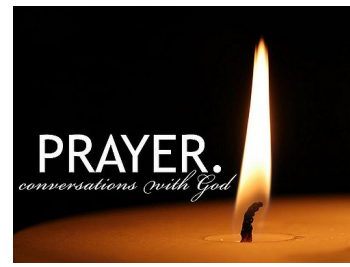
REMINDER: Please be sure to check out our “You’ve Got Mail” table, especially if you have a birthday or anniversary. Helps us as a church be wise stewards of our resources with saving on postage. Thank you!



COFFEE: The little blue Commons Coffee Coffe is hungry and needs to be fed....thank you in advance for your kind donations to keep the hot coffee flowing!

**MISSION & SERVICE PROJECTS
ARE TAKING A BREAK
FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS
(June/July/August)**

**See you back in September when we start
gearing up for Trunk or Treat!
In the meantime, here are some pictures from
the recent Block Party on May 18th:**



Prayer chain requests can be called to Ardell Reuter at 1-918-703-1068 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: Sandy Christopherson, Dianne Hasch (Dianna Cupps' friend), Jeff Walton, Susie Ryan, Cierra Ervin, Kyle Hurt & Jacoby, Marchelle Conrad, Peg Hawkins (friend of Annie Kuti), Steve Swift, Jerrie Wilcox, Tom Vincent, Nikki Heim, Elaine Jenkins, Cindy Key, Joanne Mears, Vicky (Nikki Heim's daughter); Suzy Salonen, Linda Nelsen, Urban family

On-Going Cancer Treatment: Mike Lambert, Mary Larson, Patricia Gename (Mary Hinman's daughter), Gail Schroeder, Dave Merriam, Sue Day, Sharon McNutt (Ruth Negus' friend's sister), Betty Benskin, Judy Intlekofer, Gail Formanack (friend of Bev Ambrosius), Gary Dutton, Ena Nolan, (Leigh Powell's niece), Bill Owens, Linda Sexton

"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

**HE HEALED THE ONE
WHO ARRESTED HIM,
SERVED THE ONE WHO
BETRAYED HIM, AND
LOVED THE WORLD
WHO CRUCIFIED HIM
THAT'S MY JESUS**



FROM PASTOR ALEX WOLF

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

Over the summer months, there will be education opportunities on Sunday mornings after the worship service about the history and polity (or organization) of our congregation, Northwest Hills Church, and our denomination, the United Church of Christ. There's a lot to cover regarding those topics and we'll only scratch the surface. But why is it important to know the history and polity of our own church and our denomination?

I believe we should study history because history doesn't stay behind us. Studying our history helps us understand how events in the past made things the way they are today. With lessons from the past, we not only learn about ourselves and how we came to be, but we also learn how to make wise decisions in the future.

The origin of the United Church of Christ only dates back to 1957, but our history goes back further and is full of interesting stories—the epic journey of the Pilgrims from England to the shores of North America, the waves of emigration by German Protestants seeking spiritual and political freedom, the beginning of the anti-slavery movement, and the exciting movement to reunite divided branches of Christ's church.

Out of that desire for unity, our own congregation of Northwest Hills is a result of the merger of four churches: First Congregational Church of Irvington, Third Congregational (Plymouth) Church, Western Hills United Church of Christ, and Central Park Congregational Church. Within our pews are stories of homesteaders and farmers, businessmen and women, teachers and pastors who have made an impact on our community in the name of Jesus.

If these little tidbits piqued your interest, I encourage you to join in on these sessions. God has done amazing things within Northwest Hills and the United Church of Christ—they're stories worth telling and knowing!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Alex



Sermon Topics and Scriptures for June

June 2025 Sermons

June 1—Acts 16:16-34, “Breaking Chains”

**June 8—Pentecost Sunday! Acts 2:1-21,
“The Spirit Behind the Scenes”**

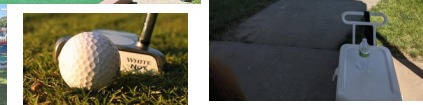
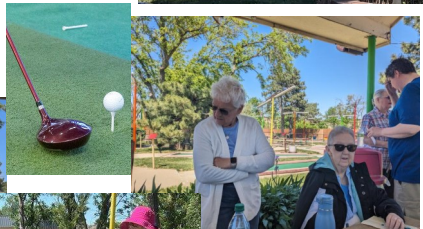
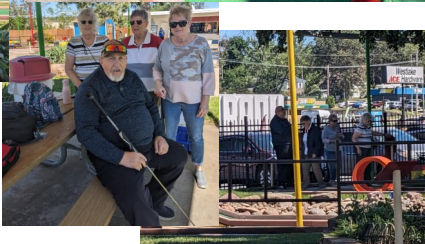
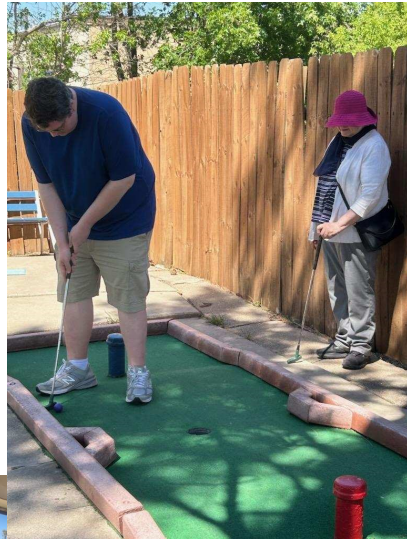
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A group of approximately 15 people, including men, women, and children, posing for a group photo outdoors on a sunny day. They are standing and sitting on a red bench in front of a building and trees.



Congratulations!

Property Tax Homestead Exemption: the VAS (Volunteers Assisting Seniors) is offering assistance for residents of the Omaha Area to complete the application. Member Rick Scofield is assisting with VAS in providing in person or telephone assistance. If you have any questions about this exemption or to make an appointment, and what to bring, you may contact him at 402-680-4705 or call the VAS at 402-444-6617. The deadline for filing is June 30.

Adult Learning Opportunities

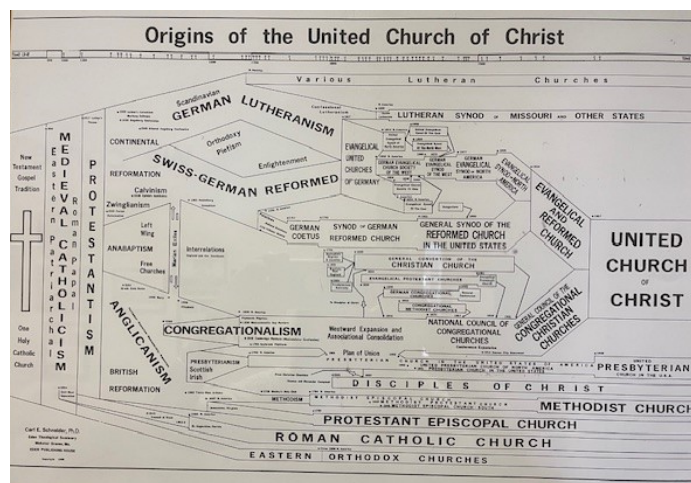
All are invited to participate in our continuing Sunday Morning Adult Education classes to grow and learn together as a community of faith. These sessions are scheduled for the third Sunday of each month. We meet in Room 128/Choir Room.

We began on Sunday, May 18th after worship with the history of the United Church of Christ. Feel free to come for one session or for all of them!

June 15 – Polity of the United Church of Christ

July 20 – History of Northwest Hills Church

August 17 – Polity of Northwest Hills Church



The **CANASTA CLUB** will meet on Thursday, June 19th in the Fellowship Hall. Plan to arrive in time to start playing by 10:00 AM. Please bring your own lunch. Dessert will be provided by Team #5 (Fritzie and Annie).

If you have any questions, or would like to join, please contact Deb Shafer at 402-999-1052 or ddshafer@outlook.com.

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

 * You are invited! *
 * Allen and Linda Chandler are *
 * celebrating their 50th Wedding *
 * Anniversary Sunday, June 1st. *
 * and are inviting you to enjoy *
 * refreshments following church! *

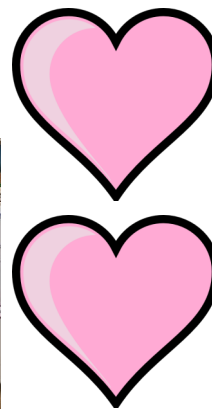


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KIDS QUEST!!
EPIC Youth
PK-High School



JUNE 1 No Sunday School: enjoy the service with your family!

JUNE 8 “The Great Commission”

JUNE 15 Mission Project!

JUNE 22 “The Widow’s Mite”

JUNE 29 “Philip”



JUNE 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Worship/Communion (No Sunday School) 10:30 Chandler 50th Wedding Anniversary Fellowship—C	2 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	3 11 Ruth Circle @ Jason's Deli	4 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafting-128	5 12 noon Women's Assoc. Annual Picnic—FH	6 5-7 Wedding Rehearsal—S	7 9:00 AM Men's BYOB—C 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group-19D 4 PM Allie (Bebemiss) Wright wedding
8 9:30 Worship Sunday School <i>Strengthen the Church Offering</i>	9 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	10 7 PM Scouts-FH	11 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafting-128 1-2 Living Water Mtg.—Library	12 7 PM Church Council Meeting—Rm. 128	13 6-10 PM Old Dominion Dancers—FH	14 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group—19D
15 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 Father's Day Coffee—C (Fellowship Cmte.) 10:30 "Polity of the UCC" - 128	16 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	17 7 PM Scouts-FH	18 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafting-128	19 10-2 Canasta—FH	20 7 PM Stormchasers Game	21 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group—19D
22 9:30 Worship/Sunday School 10:30 Fellowship—C (Ruth Circle)	23 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	24 9 AM Newsletter Crew—C 7 PM Scouts-FH	25 10 Bible Study-128 1-3 Crafting-128	26	27	28 9-11 AM Lambert Prayer Group-19D
29 9:30 Worship/Sunday School	30 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH					S: Sanctuary C: Commons L: Library FH: Fellowship Hall

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

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
	12 Kenneth & Ruby Peterson	