



Have your been Wondering?

The first time we made cheese balls here at Northwest, was 23 years ago, in December of 1989. In the early fall of 1989, we had a joint meeting with a group of Day Care (now named Learning Center) parents, Church Board and members and Day Care Staff to discuss a joint fund raiser. A young Day Care mother had two single recipes for Holiday and Old English cheese balls. We all thought it might be a fun project and the church folks were accustomed to having almost monthly fund raisers to keep our obligations paid; so we set a date, in December, before Christmas, and started making plans for the event. Since the church had no extra funds to pay for all the cheese ball supplies, the Day Care paid for everything and they were paid back from the profit of the project. The Day Care Center, which was booming and had a waiting list for families wanting to enroll their children, continued to pay all the expenses for ingredients through 1998. We always had enough profit to pay for the

e x p e n s e s .

That first year of the project was really a learning experience for all who participated. All the mixing took place at the



church. Each CB (Cheese Ball) was mixed separately either in a home style mixer or by gloved hands. Someone made cute colorful hats so the workers could cover their hair. Each correct ounce of creamed cheese and cheddar cheese spread had to be cut and weighed, the crushed pineapple had to be hand squeezed dry of the juice, the spices had to be measured for each individual ball, the chopped onions, peppers and pineapple measured for the Holiday ball. Each finished ball was wrapped in clear plastic wrap and tied with yarn in a bow at the top; red yarn for the Old

English and white for the Holiday. It took the crew the entire day from 8am until 5pm to make up the 302 Old English and the 227 Holiday that had been ordered and the 67 extra, which sold before the day was over. Each ball was sold for \$4.00. It was a huge relief, when we made enough to pay the expenses and have \$1,460.90 in profit for the 50% split between the Day Care and the Church. We had such a good time in the fellowship that we decided to do it the next year again, and again and again for 23 years. By 1997, we were making over 1000 cheese balls

Over the past 23 years, the process has been stream-lined. With the advent of computer programs, the recipes have been re-figured; so more than one CB could be mixed using large mixers. In the 90's, we used to haul all the supplies to various places where they allowed us to use their large mixers. For three years, we were

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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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The Cheese Ball Project cont.

able to mix in the kitchen at LaSalle High School (1991-1993), once in the Portage Manor kitchen (1994) (as I recall we mixed until 1am that night), three times in the American Turners kitchen (1995-1997) but all the mixing now takes place in the church kitchen. We bought a used mixer from the Hudson Lake School, when it closed, in the late 90's and another big mixer from someplace and Camp Millhouse lets us borrow their big mixer. We now use three mixers to

mix up cheeses to make 1500 CBs each year. Someone was kind enough to donate three very accurate food scales; so that the cheese ball weights are correct. We've also purchased fruit pressers; so we no longer have to use cheese-cloth or colanders to squeeze the juice from the pineapple.

In all these years, we have always enjoyed the fellowship and the many cookies, soups, sandwiches, pizza, candies and other snacks that

people brought along to share, during the CB project. You know how the Methodists love to eat!!!! Of course we have had mishaps also. The one that I remember the most, is when a large container of pineapple juice was spilled on the middle of the kitchen floor. That turned out to be pretty sticky situation.

Written by Nancy Gring, as recalled from church files and remembered by other folks who were around when it all began.

Applying Bible Principles

A few years ago, the world was thrown into confusion and chaos. The Middle East had oil, and the rest of the world wanted that oil. This was a crisis situation. The perception was that we were running out of oil. In reality, that wasn't the situation at all. We were not running out of oil. As Larry O'Nan described it, "The core problem was a matter of imbalance, greed, and selfishness. Competition had created an environment where we thought we needed to get something before someone else got it."

Just as perception created an illusion that the world was running out of oil, perception has created an illusion when it comes to giving to the work of the Lord and to His ministry at Northwest. The perception is that our financial resources are insufficient to enable us to

give . Some of us think that we simply cannot afford to give.

But that's not the situation at all. Even poverty (something which is probably not descriptive of anyone in our midst) is not a reason for not giving to the Lord. The Christians in Macedonia were very poor. As 2 Corinthians 8:2 describes them, they were in "extreme poverty." Yet, even in that situation, they were full of joy and gave as much as they were able—and more. How could they do that?

The reason they gave abundantly, eagerly and willingly out of their "extreme poverty" was that they "gave themselves first to the Lord." That's the secret of giving that honors God. When we give ourselves to Him wholeheartedly and without reservation of any kind,

then our financial resources will follow.

During the reign of Oliver Cromwell, the government ran out of silver with which to make coins. Cromwell sent his men everywhere to see if they could find more of the precious metal. They returned to report that the only silver they could find was in the statues of the saints which were on display in various cathedrals. "Good," replied Cromwell. "We will melt down the saints and put them into circulation."

As you consider the offering which will be received next Sunday at Northwest , and as you consider the resources God has placed at your disposal, will you be "melted down" for His service and His glory? Like the Macedonian Christians, will you—regardless of your financial situation—first give yourself to the Lord and then allow your financial resources to follow?



Prayer Network: Power of a Praying Church

Throughout the month of January 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.

- **Marcia Dills**
- **Dick and Patti Lutz**
- **Al Spromberg**
- **Walt Taberski**

If you have a prayer concern you can call or e-mail your concern to Rosie Yaw or Jo Wise (co coordinators).

Rosemerry Yaw
269-683-6388
e-mail: rosiebr2@juno.com
Jo Wise 574-272-9398

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 or Jo Wise.

Jo Wise & Rosemerry Yaw are the co-coordinators.



Become Part of Our Prayer Chain

January Scripture

January 1, 2013

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13
Psalm 8
Revelation 21:1-6a
Matthew 25:31-46

January 6, 2013

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

January 13, 2013

Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 20, 2012

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

January 27, 2013

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

*"He sustains all things
by His powerful word"*

Hebrews 1:3 NRSV

A Golden time at Golden Corral: January 27th

Have you tried out the New Golden Corral in Mishawaka? NO! Here is your opportunity to join some of your Church family for a Golden time at the Golden Corral.

Sunday January 27
at 12:00 (noon).

Join your Church family



for great food and great fellowship!!

Please RSVP by January 20th to Kimberly Peterson at 574-850-3469. Or sign up in the Narthex on the bulletin board.

Attendance December

December 2	125
December 9	125
December 16	127
December 23	127
December 24	160
December 30	89



Hacienda Fundraiser for Burkina Faso trip!

Pastor Vickie and Rachel Parks are going to Burkina Faso, Africa in February. Burkina Faso is the 3rd poorest county in the world. 85% of the population do not have access to clean drinking water.

“Every 20 seconds a child dies due to lack of clean drinking water”

While in Burkina Faso they will be visiting some of the villages where wells have been dug or will be dug. They will be building relationships and also educating. After a well had been dug in one village, the people continued to get sick. On a visit

such as the trip Pastor Vickie and Rachel will be on, they discovered that the villagers would go to the well to get water and on their way back to the village they would put a dip of the unclean stream water into the clean well water.

A fundraiser to offset the cost of the trip is set for **January 13th at Hacienda** on Portage Ave.

On January 13th, which happens to be Rachel's Birthday, eat at Hacienda for lunch or dinner or stop and buy a gift card. You will need

to present a special coupon showing that you are supporting the fundraiser. That is all you have to do and Hacienda will give 20% of your total guest check, to the cause.

Statistics show that every 20 seconds a child dies in our world from lack of clean drinking. You can be a part of Changing the World and all you have to do on January 13th is have a meal with your family or friend at Hacienda.

Coupons will be available in your Sunday bulletins.

Learning Center Chapel Time Readers

Every week a member of our congregation takes time out of their day to read a Bible story to the children of our Learning Center. If you would be willing to give of yourself every few months, please contact Rosie Yaw .

Teach the Children that ...



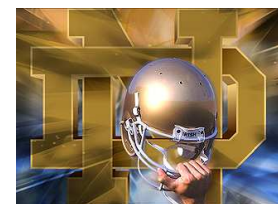
- January 4: Sharon Robertson
- January 11: Charlene Larrison
- January 18: Marilyn Sellars
- January 25: Rosie Yaw

Are You Ready For Some Football!



Join Pastor Vickie and ND fans as they cheer on the Fighting Irish when they play Alabama for the National Championship Monday January 7th.

We will gather at the church at 7pm. Bring a snack and beverage.



Go Irish

January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5 8:30 am Men's Group B. Brendan McDaniel
6 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 3:30 pm Troop 30055	7 3:30 pm Piano 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	8 3:30 pm Piano 6 pm Finance 7 pm Ad Council B. Dorothy Webb	9 3:30 pm Piano 5:30 pm Friends of Christ B. John Cosman	10 3:30 pm Piano 7 pm Youth Group	11	12
13 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 3 pm Club 456+ B. Rachel Parks	14 3:30 pm Piano 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	15 Feb. Newsletter Deadline 3:30 pm Piano 7 pm UMW 7 pm Cub Scout Commit-tee	16 3:30 pm Piano 5:30 pm Friends of Christ	17 3:30 pm Piano 7 pm Youth Group	18	19 8:30 am Men's Group
20 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 3:30 pm Troop 30055 B. Don Boyer	21 3:30 pm Piano 6:30 pm Cub Scouts B. Barb Burks B. Patti Lutz	22 3:30 pm Piano 7 pm Trustees	23 3:30 pm Piano 5:30 pm Friends of Christ	24 3:30 pm Piano 7 pm Youth Group B. Pastor Vickie B. Daniel Grey	25 B. Dwight Miller	26
27 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 3 pm Club 456+ B. Flonnie Toll	28 3:30 pm Piano 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	29 3:30 pm Piano B. Gail McDaniel	30 3:30 pm Piano 5:30 pm Friends of Christ B. Marietta Smith	31 3:30 pm Piano 7 pm Youth Group		

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Church®*



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www.northwestchurch.com

Sunday Worship 9:00

Kidz Praise 9:00 (after the chil-
dren's message)

Sunday School (all ages) 10:15

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What's Happening this Winter at Northwest?



Save These Dates!

January 13: Support Rachel Parks' trip to Africa by having lunch or dinner at Hacienda on Portage Ave. If you can't go that day stop and get a Gift Certificate. Hacienda will give a portion of the sales to Rachel.

January 27: Group trip to Gold-

en Corral. 12:00 RSVP to Kimberly.

February 3: Annual Super Bowl Party. Bring your favorite snack and join your Church family for some Football and Fellowship.

February 9: Thirteenth Annual Polish Dinner at Allies. More information to come.

February 16: UMW sponsored Spaghetti dinner. Proceeds to support camper Scholarships. More information to come.

March 2: Children's Learning

Center Trivia Night. More details will be announced.

March 23: Easter Egg Scramble. An EGGstravaganza of an event. Look for more details in February.

If your group has an activity submit it to Patty Suddarth to get it in the Newsletter