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Northwest United Methodist Church

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Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden.



Luke 19:30

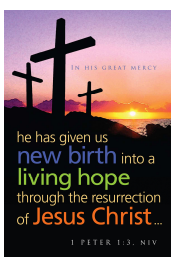
Jesus Celebrates Passover with the Disciples...Thursday March 28, 6 pm



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son....

JOHN 3:16, NIV

He is not here, for he has risen...
Sunrise Service: Easter Morning 7am



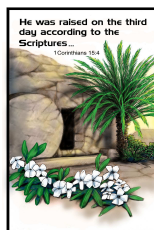
Start Passion week as Jesus started...
Palm Sunday March 24, 9am



"UNLESS I WASH YOU, YOU HAVE NO PART WITH ME."
JOHN 13:8



It is finished...
Good Friday, March 29, 7pm



He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...
CORINTHIANS 15:4

He is risen indeed, Hallelujah...
Easter Celebration: March 31, 9am

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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Stewardship/Evangelism Give Back Project

We are blessed to know where our next meal is coming from, most of us have food in our pantries but not everyone does. So *lets give back!* Lets bless others as we have been blessed . We will be collecting select food items to bag and deliver to someone who may not otherwise have had an Easter meal.

We will be collecting Small Canned Hams, Instant Potatoes, canned Vegetables, canned Fruit, Rolls and Stuffing mix. Our plan is to pass out these meals on March 30th. Our goal is at least 20 bags so we need your help. A list will be posted in the narthex. All items need to be at church by Sunday March 24th.

Join us on March 30th at 10am as we go out in the community to pray and deliver Easter Meals. What a great way to spend Holy Saturday, the end of Lent, doing God's work.

Jesus said **"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me"**

Matthew 25:40

Applying Bible Principles

When Samuel was seeking someone to succeed Saul as King of Israel, he examined the sons of Jesse. In that process, he considered their stature and physical characteristics in great detail, only to be told by God, "Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

That *modus operandi* on God's part has not changed over the centuries of time. He still looks at the hearts of men and women. He is not as interested in how things appear on the outside, but what they are really like on the inside. And God's scrutiny extends to every area of our lives, including our giving.

Specifically, He wants to know not just what or when we are giving, but **why**. He is not so concerned about the amount or the percentage but with the reason or motive why we give. It's not that amounts or percentages are not important, for they certainly are. But what is of greater importance is **why** we give.

If we only give out of a sense of duty, to impress someone, to keep a commitment we made, or to "do our part," we've missed the point. If we only give a certain amount or percentage because we've always given that way, we've missed the point. If we parcel out money to help "poor ol' God pay His bills," we've missed the point.

God owns it all! He doesn't need our money to pay His bills. He doesn't want us to give out of a sense of obligation or duty or habit. Nor does He want us to give to impress someone else. He wants us to give out of hearts motivated by love for Him in response to His love for us. He wants us to give as part of our worship and praise to Him. He wants us to give because giving is part of His way of growing Christians.

There's an old Indian fable about a mouse who, like all mice, was afraid of cats. A wizard felt sorry for him and offered to help him lose his

fear. With the mouse's approval, the wizard turned him into a cat. The cat, however, was afraid of dogs, so the wizard turned the cat into a dog. But the dog was afraid of tigers, so the wizard turned the dog into a tiger. When the wizard discovered the tiger was afraid of hunters, he exclaimed in disgust, "You're hopeless. What you need is a change of heart. And that I cannot give you."

If our giving is motivated by anything other than a heart of love for God, we need a change of heart. We need to realize afresh that God owns everything and that we are just managers and stewards. We need to realize that when we give, we are only giving back to God what was rightfully His in the first place. And we need to understand that when we give out of love for God and not out of habit or duty or obligation, we are giving in a way that truly honors and glorifies Him.

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Prayer Network: Power of a Praying Church

Throughout the month of March 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.

- Pete & Aletha Ashley
- Dick & Patti Lutz
- Bob & Jody McCuddy
- Steve & Helen Yaw

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 .



**Become
Part of
Our
Prayer
Chain**

Attendance February

February 3	115
February 10	127
February 13	66
February 17	122
February 24	

March Scripture

March 03, 2013

[Isaiah 55:1-9](#)
[Psalm 63:1-8](#)
[1 Corinthians 10:1-13](#)
[Luke 13:1-9](#)

March 10, 2013

[Joshua 5:9-12](#)
[Psalm 32](#)
[2 Corinthians 5:16-21](#)
[Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32](#)

March 17, 2013

[Isaiah 43:16-21](#)
[Psalm 126](#)
[Philippians 3:4b-14](#)
[John 12:1-8](#)

March 24, 2013

[Isaiah 50:4-9a](#)
[Psalm 31:9-16](#)
[Philippians 2:5-11](#)
[Luke 22:14-23:56](#) (or [23:1-49](#))

March 28, 2013

[Exodus 12:1-14](#)
[Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19](#)
[1 Corinthians 11:23-26](#)
[John 13:1-17, 31b-35](#)

March 29, 2013

[Isaiah 52:13-53:12](#)
[Psalm 22](#)
[Hebrews 10:16-25](#)
[John 18:1-19:42](#)

March 31, 2013

[Acts 10:34-43](#)
[Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24](#)
[1 Corinthians 15:19-26](#)
[John 20:1-18](#) (or [Luke 24:1-12](#))

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

Hebrews 1:3 NRSV

March Volunteers

Sunday Morning Praying

3rd Dorothy Webb
10th Donna Adams
17th Rosemerry Yaw
24th Art Ruehle
31st Nancy Gring

Chapel time Fridays at 9:30

1st Helen Yaw
8th Pat Wolf
15th Martha Brown
22nd Pastor Vickie
29th Good Friday CLOSED

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To be Ushers and to bring refreshment on Sunday. Share your gift of hospitality with the Church. Sign up in the Narthex on the Bulletin Board.



EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE 2013

Saturday March 23
Starting at 9am
Egg Scramble at 10:30



14th Annual Community
Easter Egg Scramble
Photos with the Easter Bunny
Activities, Craft & Snacks (inside)
Egg Scramble at 10:30 (outside)
Snow, Rain or Sunny



Candy Needed
Individually Wrapped.
Place in Basket in Narthex
Look for information on the
Egg Stuffing **Egg**stravaganza
were we Stuff a Gazillion Eggs

WE NEED YOUR HELP
Date to be announced!

What does Hunting Eggs Have to do

What does hunting eggs have to do with the resurrection of Jesus? Well, to be frank, nothing.

Bunnies, eggs, Easter gifts and fluffy yellow chicks all stem from pagan roots. According to the University of Florida's Center for Children's Literature and culture, the origin of the celebration and the origin of the Easter Bunny can be traced back to the 13th century pre-Christian Germany,

when people worshiped several gods and goddesses. Easra was the goddess of spring and fertility. Her symbol was the rabbit because of their high reproduction rate. According to History.com, Easter eggs represent Jesus' resurrection. However, this association came much later when Roman Catholicism became the dominant religion in Germany in the 15th century.

The tradition of making nests for the rabbits to lay eggs in soon followed. Eventually the nest became decorated baskets and the colorful eggs were swapped for candy, treats and small gifts. So while your children are hunting for eggs this year think fondly of this tradition and impress the other parents at the Easter Egg Hunt.

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 3:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 30055 A. Mike & Heather Mangus B. Julie Knight B> June Kerschmer	4 3:30 pm Piano Lessons 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	5 3:30 pm Piano Lessons 6 pm NCLC Board	6 3:30 pm Piano Lessons 5:30 pm Friends of Christ 7 pm Youth Group	7 3:30 pm Piano Lessons B. Jill Kovach	8 B. Thomas Spencer	9
10 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 3 pm Club 456+ B. Daniel Gardetto	11 3:30 pm Piano Lessons 6:30 pm Cub Scouts A. Gerry & Sondra Gardetto B. Missy Hatfield	12 3:30 pm Piano Lessons 6 pm Finance 7 pm Ad Council B. Lea Pitcher	13 3:30 pm Piano Lessons 5:30 pm Friends of Christ 7 pm Youth Group	14 3:30 pm Piano Lessons B. Brenda Frick	15 April Newsletter Deadline	16 8:30 am Men's Group 4 pm UMW Spaghetti Dinner
17 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 3:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 30055 B. Sandi Ernst	18 3:30 pm Piano Lessons 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	19 3:30 pm Piano Lessons 7 pm UMW 7 pm Cub Scout Committee	20 3:30 pm Piano Lessons 5:30 pm Friends of Christ 7 pm Youth Group	21 3:30 pm Piano Lessons A. Brenda & Eric Frick	22	23 9 am Easter Egg Hunt
24 Palm Sunday 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 3 pm Club 456 + A. Randy & Connie Harper	25 3:30 pm Piano Lessons 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	26 3:30 pm Piano Lessons 7 pm Trustees	27 3:30 pm Piano Lessons 5:30 pm Friends of Christ 7 pm Youth Group	28 6 pm Maundy Thursday Service	29 7 pm Good Friday Service B. Norm Hansen	30 8:30 am Men's Group A. Ken & Kerry Miller
31 Easter Sunday 7 am Sunrise Service 8 am Easter Breakfast 9 am Easter Celebration						

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Check out our WEBSITE
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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Spaghetti Dinner: Help send a child to camp!



March 16th 4:30 - 6:30

Tickets available before & after worship
or at the door

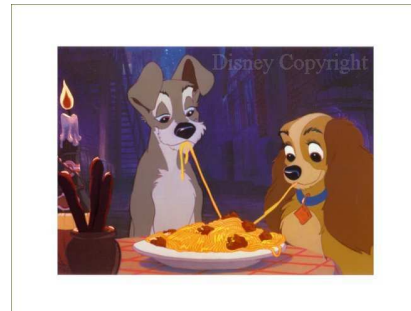
Adults \$7 Children 4-11 \$3.50

At the door \$8 Children \$4.

Children under 3 Free.



Couples Special !



Dinner for two served to you at a private table

a Flower for your special someone

A Bottle of Sparkling Grape Juice to Share

And special music play for you at your table

Just \$25 presales only with reserved time.

Menu: Salad
Spaghetti
Breadsticks

Beverage
Desert