



New Consecration Sunday Report

What we do with what we have makes all the difference in the world. In fact, what we do with what we have has the power to change the world. True worship and the forsaking of false, shiny gods, calls us to offer our talents, gifts and resources to God for use beyond our wildest dreams.

God directs us to bring our tithe to God's storehouse as God's means of provision. We are the **only hands** that God has to rebuild the places long devastated. We are the **only feet** to carry the good news to the poor. We are the **only bank account** that God has to save people on the planet. **WE ARE IT!!** That's why what **we** committed to on New Consecration Sunday matters.

Our preliminary count on Sunday indicated that we had increased our giving by 14%! Last year's pledges were finalized at \$176, 953. Preliminary pledges for 2014 total \$206,867. That total may change slightly as we estimate giving for those who are not at New Consecration Sunday. Those not present will be sent a pledge card to return to us, so some adjustments may be made.

However, what a blessing! God is using YOU as God's means of provision for our church and community.

So you might ask, how could we get such a blessing of an increase. Prayer is the answer. Every person who attends Northwest UMC was prayed for by name the week leading up to New

Consecration Sunday. Prayed for by Pastor Vickie AND prayed for by your Leadership and Finance Teams. Every attender of Northwest was lifted up and prayed to be relieved from the bondage of debt, prayed to be blessed in their work life; prayed to be open to trusting God in their own savings and giving plans. Prayed that each person might begin to trust God enough to step up to the next step in their giving.

But this isn't the end, it's only the beginning. How you honor your pledge that was made to God and your church is up to you. God and your church are counting on you to honor your pledge even if you miss a Sunday. God's work continues 24/7 through the ministries of NWUMC.

God has a plan for us. That plan will happen through each and every one of us through our earning, saving and giving. I don't know about you, but I can't wait to see how he uses these blessings for His purposes.

Pastor Vickie



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
Senior High Youth Group
7-8:30

Ministers:
**Members of Northwest
United Methodist Church**

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Applying Bible Principles

Have you ever asked yourself why you should give to God? After all, if God owns everything as the Scriptures claim, surely He doesn't need our help to pay His bills. Why, then, should the Christian faith place such a great emphasis on giving?

There are many reasons why we give, but one of the best motivators is that we should give as an act of worship, out of love and adoration for our blessed Lord who has given so much to us. Hearts that have been touched by God's love and by His sacrifice will naturally want to respond by giving. Such giving is an integral part of worship. In fact, it is worship, just as much as praying or singing or preaching. Or as one contemporary author expressed it, "Grace and gratitude belong together like heaven and earth. Grace evokes gratitude like the voice an echo. Gratitude follows grace as thunder follows lightning."

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When we give in that spirit, out of gratitude for God's grace shown to us, our giving takes on a whole new dimension. Like Cornelius, one who "... gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly," our prayers and gifts will "come up as a memorial offering before God" (Acts 10:4). Thus, as we give to the Lord through our worship, we evidence the grace of God in our lives.

On the wall of President Lyndon Johnson's White House office hung a framed letter written by General Sam Houston to Johnson's great-grandfather Baines more than a hundred years earlier. Sam Houston's signature makes the letter valuable, but the story behind it is much more significant. Baines had led Sam Houston to Christ, and Houston was a changed man.

The day came for Sam Houston to be baptized—an incredible event in the eyes of those who

knew his previous life-style. After his baptism, Houston stated that he would like to pay half the salary for the minister. When someone asked why, his simple reason was, "My pocketbook was baptized, too."

Like other followers of Christ throughout the centuries, Sam Houston demonstrated the reality of God's grace in his life by reciprocating that grace in the form of financial giving. Sam Houston worshipped God through his giving, and his gifts gave fresh evidence of the grace of God at work in his life.

As you give to the Northwest United Methodist Church ministry, will you do so out of love and devotion as part of your worshipful praise? Will you thereby allow your prayers and gifts—like those of Cornelius—to "come up as a memorial offering before God"?

Volunteer at **PROJECT WARM** (starts **December 1st**)

It is time to sign up to serve a snack and or visit at Project Warm. This year Project Warm will be housed at Hope Ministries on Michigan St. (The old Hope Rescue Mission). Sign up at www.projectwarmsb.org.

The box is in the Narthex to collect men's new white socks, Gently used men's winter coats, warm hats, gloves, toothpaste, deodorant. Project Warm will need 2000 pairs of socks this winter. Do your part to prevent someone from dying on the streets of South Bend this Winter.



Prayer Network: Power of a Praying Church

Throughout the month of November 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.

- Marge & David Canfield
- Jayson, Jill and Devin Kovach
- Staci Nagy
- David, Lynette, Mackenzie & Brandon Wideman

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 .

Attendance October

October 6	141
October 13	120
October 20	136
October 27	126

November Scripture

November 1, 2013

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Psalm 149 or 150
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31

November 3, 2013

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4,
11-12
Luke 19:1-10

November 10, 2013

Haggai 1:15b-2:9
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,
13-17
Luke 20:27-38

November 17, 2013

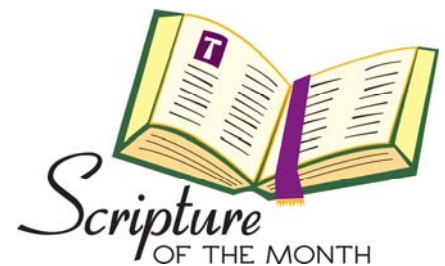
Isaiah 65:17-25
Isaiah 12 or Psalm 118
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

Nov. 24, 2013

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Luke 1:68-79
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

Nov. 28, 2013

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 100
Philippians 4:4-9
John 6:25-35



Are you reading this Newsletter?
Call Pastor Vickie and let her know
287-7272

November Volunteers

Sunday Morning Praying

November 3 Mary Ann Nimtz
November 10 Jackie O'Blenis
November 17 Dorothy Webb
November 24 Art Ruehle

Chapel time Fridays at 9:30

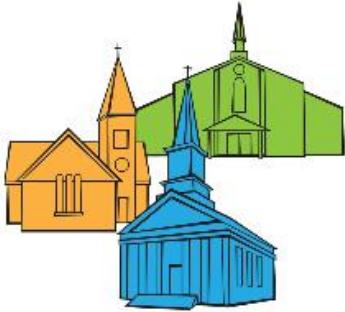
November 1 Georgia Boyer
November 8 Don Boyer
November 15 Jody McCuddy
November 22 Colleen Schrader
November 29 Eric Covey



Call Rosie Yaw
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If you would like to help with
either of these vital ministries.



Annual Charge Conference: November 24th



CLUSTER CHARGE CONFERENCE

The 2013 Annual Charge Conference is at **Clay UMC Fire House Located on Cleveland Road on Sunday, November 24 at 6pm.**

There will be two Clusters attending. Our cluster, the "Methodist in Ministry to South Bend" which Includes Northwest, Clay, First and Grace UMCs. And the "Alive Cluster".

The Annual Conference is a time to celebrate the successes of the Church and a time to conduct the business of the Church. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the Charge Conference. All members of the Administrative Council are expected to attend as voting members of the Charge Conference.

Join the Administrative Council and take this time to meet our new District Superintendent, Rev. Larry Whitehead. If you have questions, see Pastor Vickie.



Join us for our Annual Hanging of the Greens Service Sunday, **November 24, 2013** After Sunday School at 11:30 am

Hanging of the Greens

We'll start with PIZZA for lunch and then we will decorate our Church for Advent. Learn about the Symbols that you see on the tree as the Children and young at heart read the meanings of each Christmas ornament, before it is hung on the Christmas Tree.

We'll sing, decorate and light our outside Nativity Scene.

This is a time for your family to join your Church family and prepare for the Advent Season together. Young or old, all ages are asked to join the service.



NOVEMBER 2013



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1

B. Sally Miller
B. Abby Russell
B. Larry Buckmaster
B. Diana Korpai
B. Aubrey Segro
B. Alyssa Moreland

2

3 Daylight Savings Ends
9 am Worship
10:15 am Sunday School

4 3:30 pm Piano Lessons
6:30 pm Cub Scouts

3:30 pm Piano Lessons
6 pm NCLC Board

5 3:30 pm Piano Lessons
6 pm Friends of Christ
7 pm Youth Group

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7 pm Youth Group

3:30 pm Piano
7 pm Bible Study

7 3:30 pm Piano
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5:30 pm Friends of Christ
7 pm Youth Group

8 A. Arnie & Jackie O'Brien
B. Judy Kring
B. Elliott Knight

December Newsletter Deadline

9 B. Jordan Harper
B. Griffin Ernst
B. Martha Kouis

10 9 am Worship
10:15 am Sunday School

B. Pam Cosman

11 3:30 pm Piano Lessons
6:30 pm Cub Scouts

B. Rhonda Clifton
B. Wanda Wilcox

12 3:30 pm Piano Lessons
6 pm Finance
7 pm Ad Council

3:30 pm Piano Lessons
5:30 pm Friends of Christ
7 pm Youth Group

13 3:30 pm Piano Lessons
5:30 pm Friends of Christ
7 pm Youth Group

3:30 pm Piano
6 pm Cheeseballs

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B. Griffin Ernst
B. Martha Kouis

16 3:30 pm Piano Lessons
5:30 pm Friends of Christ
7 pm Youth Group

17 9 am Worship
10:15 am Sunday School

B. Linda Shenefield

18 3:30 pm Piano Lessons
6:30 pm Cub Scouts

B. Evelyn Kovachevich

19 3:30 pm Piano Lessons
7 pm UMW
7 pm Cub Scout Cmte

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5:30 pm Friends of Christ
7 pm Youth Group

20 3:30 pm Piano Lessons
5:30 pm Friends of Christ
7 pm Youth Group

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6 pm Cheeseballs

21 3:30 pm Piano
6 pm Cheeseballs

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5:30 pm Friends of Christ
7 pm Youth Group

22 4 pm Cheeseballs

A. Glen & Pat Klopfenstein

23 8 am Cheeseballs

A. Dean & Amy Benninghoff

24 9 am Worship
10:15 am Sunday School
11:30 am Hanging of the Greens

B. Cathy Perman
6 pm Charge Conference

25 3:30 pm Piano Lessons
6:30 pm Cub Scouts

A. Eric & Trina Covey

26 3:30 pm Piano Lessons
7 pm Trustees

B. Larry Pitcher
B. Katie McDaniel

27 3:30 pm Piano Lessons

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6 pm Cheeseballs

28 Thanksgiving

B. Bob Grey

29 A. Shellee & Kathy Rose

3:30 pm Piano Lessons
5:30 pm Friends of Christ
7 pm Youth Group

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www.northwestchurch.com

Sunday Worship 9:00

Kidz Praise 9:00 (after the
children's message)

Sunday School 10:15

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CHEESE BALLS



Thursday November 21st, Evening

Friday November 22nd, Evening

Saturday November 23rd, Early am till about 2pm

➡ SIGN UP IN NARTHEX ON YOUTH BULLITEN BOARD

Sell! Sell! Sell!

➡ Pick up your order form and Pre-Sell Cheese Balls

Old English: A Cheddar based Cheese Ball

Holiday: A Cream Cheese based Cheese Ball

