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**Northwest
Christian Church**

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November Newsletter

Comings and Goings

What a whirlwind it has been the past few months. As I heard that pastoral candidate interviews were beginning, I started to work up my profile (like a long form resume for pastors). As I heard the second round of interviews might be starting up, my profile was approved by the powers-that-be and I began to circulate my information to churches who were seeking a pastor. Around that time, my wife sought and received approval to work entirely remotely, opening my search from Central Ohio to, well, the United States.

The church I thought I really wanted passed on me—fast. Perhaps the search committee experienced a similar thing—maybe a candidate that they thought looked great on paper but withdrew early in the process because they were snatched up by a different congregation. Job searches, no matter if you're the person seeking employment or the employer seeking an employee, is usually trying. As much time as is spent on the presenting document—my profile, all told, was nearly 30 pages long (now imagine reading through a stack of them for a number of candidates)—thoughts conveyed on paper only go so far. My interest in First Christian Church in Wilson, NC, where I'll begin as Senior Pastor in January, was tepid. After a 90-minute zoom interview, I was totally convinced that I was called to that group, and I learned soon enough that they felt the same way. When they started their search, I'm sure a UCC pastor from Ohio was the last thing on their minds. I thought it would be nice to end up in North Carolina—in the Western part, in a UCC church. Wilson is 90 miles from the Atlantic Ocean, and FCC is so steeped in Disciples culture that its building is the home to the Regional Office in North Carolina, and Barton College, a Disciples university, is less than two miles away. Man (me, in this case) plans, God laughs.

There's no way to explain the way our paths have come together and now diverge again, without bringing God's call into the conversation. Sometimes we think we know what we want. Sometimes we think we know who we want. Proverbs 16:9 says it best: "The human mind plans the way, but the Lord directs the steps." I've always been a believer in the idea that things generally work out the way they are supposed to, although I fight against the idea most of the time. Friends, as my friend Rev. Joyce Wealand prepares to start her ministry here the day after mine ends, all I can say is that my belief that things end up the way they're supposed to has been reinforced.

Peace, Pastor Scott

The Worship Committee is busy preparing for Advent and beyond. We want you to know of several events:



Repairing Decorations: on Friday, December 1st beginning at 10 am, the decorations used to adorn our church need to be brought to the sanctuary from storage and readied for use. Anyone who loves to tie bows, fluff wreaths, hot glue ornaments, etc. is encouraged to come.

Hanging of the Greens: on Saturday, December 2nd beginning at 10 am, we welcome everyone to help decorate our sanctuary, narthex, halls and doors for Advent. We will meet in the sanctuary. Easy directions provided.



Poinsettias for Advent and Christmas: we will again offer poinsettias from 5th Avenue Floral for purchase to use in our sanctuary for the third and fourth Sundays of Advent as well as Lessons and Carols Concert on 12/17 and Christmas Eve 12/24. The plants can be taken home after the Christmas Eve service. Your contribution to our worship space will be recognized in the program and bulletin. Look for sign up information in the Narthex November 12, November 19 and November 26. Payment of \$15 per plant is due at sign up.



Lighting the Advent Wreath: please let Rebecca know if you would like to light our wreath during our Worship Services at 10:30 for Advent: December 3, December 10, December 17 or December 24. Everything you need will be sent to you in advance and it's a wonderful way to prepare for the coming of our Lord.



Advent Materials for Church and Home: keep watching the table in the Narthex for new materials and ideas for your Advent preparations at home and at church, for adults and children.

Want to be involved with the Worship Committee as an ongoing participant? Let the church office know and you'll be included in committee e-mails and meetings (we only have a few-promise!)





HeartSisters

**Join us for Heart Sisters
Monday, November 27th at 7:00 P.M.
(fellowship starting at 6:00 P.M.)**

Connecting...to God, to each other, to community

Join us this month as we work off those Thanksgiving calories by doing many hands-on service projects. There will be plenty for everyone to do regardless of your ability. Some possible projects include creating taco spice packets for NNEMAP, knitting/crocheting prayer shawls, making neck warmers for ourselves and to share with a friend – other projects will be considered as we get closer to the date.

The Fellowship Hall will be open at 6:00 P.M. and you are welcome to bring your own dinner and have a time to visit together. You are also encouraged to invite a friend – this is a great way to share the “radical hospitality” of NWCC with others. If you require transportation assistance or childcare, please contact Debbie Stephan (deb@stephanhouse.net) or the church office.

Thank You, Pastor Scott!

Join us Sunday, Nov. 19, for an Appreciation Potluck after service.

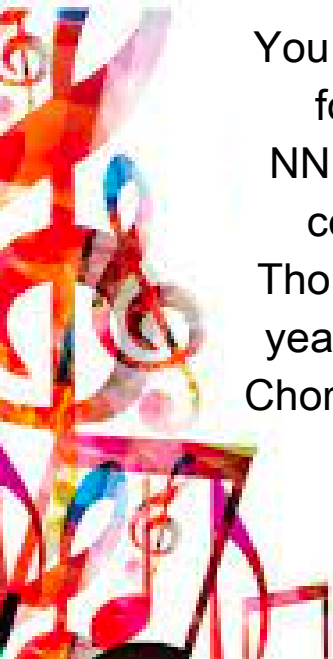
We will be thanking Pastor Scott Schieber for his service as interim minister at NWCC since October 2022.

His last Sunday with us will be Nov. 26.

We wish him well as he accepts a call to serve at First Christian Church in Wilson, North Carolina, starting on January 1!

Bring a dish to share and gather in the Fellowship Hall around noon.

Beverages and place settings will be provided.



You are invited to a wonderful night of music at this year's Harmony for Hunger concert. This concert is a major fundraiser for the NNEMAP pantry and highlights incredible musical talents from the central Ohio area. Representing NWCC, Lori Beals and Brian Thompson will share a musical number with flute and clarinet! This year, the OSU Men's Glee Club and the OSU Men's and Women's Chorale will be the featured performers. A silent auction will also be held with a wide variety of goodies for you to bid on.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the door or stop by the information table in the Narthex and see Debbie Stephan.



NNEMAP
food pantry

**It's time to do some
holiday shopping!**

Once again, NWCC will be helping to support the Holiday Shoppe at NNEMAP. Last year, over 1500 children received gifts through this wonderful program.

Starting mid-November, stop by

Join us for Heart Sisters
Monday, November 27th at 7:00 P.M.
(fellowship starting at 6:00 P.M.)

Harmony for Hunger Concert
Friday, November 17th at 7:30pm
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
2151 Dorset Rd Upper Arlington, Oh 43221



the display in the Narthex to see what gifts are needed and return your purchases by Sunday, December 11 Oh . Gifts are accepted for children of all ages from birth through high school.

Volunteers are needed to help at the Holiday Shoppe from December 18th - 22nd . If you are interested or would like additional information, please contact Debbie Stephan.



Your Preparation For Our New Minister!

PICTURES! PICTURES! PICTURES!

Yes, we are excited for our new minister, Rev. Joyce Wealand to learn our names and for us to get to know her.

Your self-photos to aid in her identification of you will be COLLECTED during November and prior to Thanksgiving by sending them as email or text attachments to office@northwestchrisitan.org or TEXT #?. Submit either a family or individual photo(s). You can submit a photo (selfies with a plain background are OK) or seek the help of a church member who will be taking photos in the Narthex area just outside the sanctuary of our church for a short time immediately after the 10:30 a.m. worship service on November 5th, 12th, and 19th. Remember these photos are just for identification purposes in our “Instant Church Directory” – not for prom night, award recipients, or wall hangings.

Contact Information will be collected and received in the same way as photos. First and Last name of each person in the photo (left to right and back to front type of listing), address, telephone number(s), and email address(es).

We hope to have everyone’s photo(s) and information in the directory when she starts at Northwest on December 1st! So, get to this task as soon as possible; it will take time for the office to get all that information added. We don’t want YOU to be forgotten OR to be just a mysterious face without a name!



*Northwest Christian Church
Music Program presents*

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

*featuring the Chalice Choir, Chalice
Bells, Joyful Noise, brass and other
musicians*

Sunday, December 17, 2023

3:30pm

1340 Fishinger Road

Upper Arlington, OH 43221

Northwest Christian Church
You are invited to a festive Christmas Dinner
following the Chalice Arts Program
Lessons and Carols

Sunday, Dec. 17, 5:00pm

Christmas Dinner

An Italian Dinner

provided by "Catering by Scott"

Meat or Vegetable Lasagna, or Chicken Parmesan (gluten-free)

Field Greens Salad with assorted dressings

Roasted Redskin Potatoes

Fresh Green Bean Amandine

Fresh Baked Breads

Dessert Bar – by NWCC bakers

Reservations Required by Dec. 6!

Purchase your tickets in the Narthex,

or contact the church office by

Dec. 6 to make your reservation

\$15 per adult, \$10 per child, \$45 max per family

Questions?

Call Rebecca in the church office, 614-457-6290

office@northwestchristian.org or call Lori Beals

614-439-4342, lnbeals@yahoo.com

November Birthdays

11/1 Jerry Anglim

11/2 Judy Fife

11/6 Paul Lantis

11/9 Corinne Femia

11/12 Chris Femia

11/12 Rhonda Rose

11/14 Barrett Taylor

11/17 Sydney Badgeley

11/17 Adam Smith

11/18 Kyle Penhorwood

11/25 Levi Eddy

11/25 Sam Moore

11/27 Jack Strawn

11/30 Christian Brongers



11/7 Chris and Kelley Femia

11/8 Tom and Sheri Lisak

11/9 Lucy Frank and Ryan Ulch

11/18 Adam and Karen Smith

11/25 Paul and Pat Lantis

Dear Pastor Scott,

Thank you and Northwest Christian Church for all of the support shown shown to UACA and our Golden Bear Scare event. We had over 5,800 people attend! We can't thank you enough for all of the logistics and planning it takes to allow us to utilize your lot. It is so kind of your church to allow this for the citizens of UA!

Fondly,

Stacie Caruso, Dan Tatalovich, Kyle Edwards & Matt Schmidt

Should you have any pastoral needs or concerns, please let our Pastor know.

Pastor Scott Schieber, Interim Minister: schieber@columbus.rr.com

Dr. Tim Sarsany, Minister of Music: tsarsany@gmail.com

Tracy Qian, Accompanist / Organist

Rebecca Bean, Secretary: office@northwestchristian.org

Madison Buty, Child Caregiver

Karly Dearth, Child Caregiver

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