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Pastor's Corner

“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the Good News!”

Mark 1:15 (NIV)

According to Mark’s gospel account, the verse above records the very first words Jesus spoke publicly. He meant them to be important because he was announcing his purpose for coming into the world. He was announcing what would happen to the world, and what people’s response must be.

Jesus declared that God was coming into the world in a different way than before. God was entering the world by way of a person. The world would never be the same again. God’s kingdom (God’s presence and rule) would bring new values. A greater power than the power of the Romans would be present. Nature would be altered by the working of miracles. Relationships would change. Love would overcome evil and hate. Life would add another dimension beyond this human existence. All the old ways of living would be turned upside down.

However, people would have to change also. So Jesus said, “Repent.” The call to repentance was a call to change. That’s what the word he used meant. A change of attitude, a change of heart. Loving God was more important than loving one’s self. Following God’s will was to be the preeminent desire of every person. Loving and caring for others was second to loving God. Wrong attitudes and actions were to be confessed and forgiven. Jesus’ call to repentance was a call to a radical change of lifestyle.

Christ’s first words still ring in our ears today. We need to remember daily that the kingdom (God’s presence and power) is here! We need to begin each day talking with God, asking for God’s help and guidance. We need to reach out through the day for the Holy Spirit’s assistance in everything, acknowledging that we can’t make it on our own. But to do that we, too, have to repent. We, too, need to change the way we think about things. No longer can our minds rule us. We must let the Holy Spirit provide the wisdom we need. No longer can we use others for our gain, or hide our wrongs without confessing them. No longer can we seek power and self-fulfillment. No longer can we live only for today and not for eternity.

Jesus calls this summons to repent, “the Good News.” It is good news because it frees us from ourselves and the structures of this world, and helps us live in God’s world, in God’s kingdom. But we have to believe it is good news, and not just another restriction laid upon us to make life difficult. God made us to live in God’s world by God’s “rules” and in God’s presence. God loves us and wants us to change daily. And Jesus promises to help us change. But we have to embrace what Christ wants for us. This world is ultimately in God’s hands, and we can continually change with God’s help.

In the Name of Christ,

Buddy 😊

WORK AS WORSHIP

Join us February 23rd for a 1 day Video Conference LIVE from Dallas with some of the most outstanding speakers in the country on how our faith can impact our work!

This event cost only \$25 per person and includes lunch. NWPC will refund \$10 to each person who attends, but you must register for the retreat at: <https://www.workasworship.org> and to get more information.

February Celebrations 2018

Birthdays

Feb 01 Kevin Billman
02 Layla Goodwill
02 Charlie Jones
04 Cori Dunagan
06 Shirley Betts
08 Jill Lester
10 Randy Jones
10 Heidi Swanson
10 Buddy Ward
13 John Lawson
13 Jaylene Swanson
17 Lynn Olsen
18 Ron Davies
19 Fonda Johnson
19 Mathew Tower
20 Jerry Lester
21 Nyssa Brumagin
21 James LaRusch
22 Justin Slack
23 Jan Maze
23 Penny Wolboldt
25 Susan Stout
26 Teresa Blumquist
26 Heather Nelson



Nursery Workers

Feb 04 Joshua Ward
11 Missy Turner
18 Anne Ward
25 Lois Marshall

Youth Nursery Workers

Feb 04 Natasha Ferry
11 Natasha Ferry
18 Natasha Ferry
25 Natasha Ferry

Sanctuary Flowers

Feb 04 Penny Wolboldt
11 Jim and Ruth Morrison
18 Barb Hoehn
25 Mark and Sheryl Ash

Ushers

Nancy Grinnen
Brian Wood
Kelley Wood
Gracie Wood

Hospital Visitor

Denise Cederquist

Coffee Hosts

Feb 03 Boy Scouts Soup and Pie
18 Judy McElhatten

Communion Servers—February 11

Ken Bakewell
Teresa Blumquist
Martha Brackemyre
Nancy Bullock
Maureen Gonano
Christina McClellan

Anniversaries

Feb 24 Jerry and Debbie Stuart

Lay Leaders

Feb 04 Boy Scouts
11 Bill Gross
18 Celia Gross
25 Lynn Bricker

Greeters

Feb 04 Jim Ashbaugh
11 Martha Brackemyre
18 Nancy Bullock
25 Lynn Collins

Sound Booth

Feb 04 Stephen Ashbaugh
11 Joshua Ward
18 Gary Brumagin
25 Nyssa Brumagin



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Birthdays

Jan 05 Kathy Olson
 07 Kyle Phinney
 09 Debbie Stuart
 10 Ivy Whilton
 11 Charles Lucks
 13 Kathy Whittemore
 15 Shawn Billman
 16 Avalynn Swanson
 16 Harrison Williams
 18 Adam McCoy
 20 Alex Ferry
 20 Cristian Johnson
 20 Kenny Lasecki
 22 Carol Pusateri
 23 Al Brumagin
 23 William Swartz
 24 John Caito
 24 Ryan Knopf
 24 Alicia Trojanowski
 25 Cindy Fiscus
 27 Skyler Lester
 29 Betsy Goodwill
 29 Richard Holmes

Anniversaries

Jan 22 David and Janet Maze 62
 29 Todd and Caroline Benson

Lay Leaders

Jan 07 Ruth Morrison
 14 Darrell Pusateri
 21 Sarah Wilson
 28 Chris McClellan

Greeters

Jan 07 Mark Ash
 14 Lynn Olsen
 21 Teresa Blumquist
 28 Christina McClellan

Sound Booth

Jan 07 Joshua Ward
 14 Gary Brumagin
 21 Nyssa Brumagin
 28 Jim Ashbaugh

Nursery Workers

Jan 07 Anne Ward
 14 Ruth Morrison
 21 Lois Marshall
 28 Charlene Swanson

Youth Nursery Workers

Jan 07 Natasha Ferry
 14 Julia Claypoole
 21 Natasha Ferry
 28 Natasha Ferry

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Maureen Gonano
 Jerry Nelson
 Ellen Nelson
 Kathy Whittemore

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Trish Posten

Coffee Hosts

Jan 14 Nancy Grinnen & Lynn Collins
 28 Jim & Ruth Morrison



What is the 30 Hour Famine?

North Warren Presbyterian Church and youth have been participating in World Vision's 30 Hour

Famine each year for more than 10 years. Over this period of time, a significant number of our young people have seen the material wealth they all enjoy and often take for granted, and that much of the world's population suffers without even life's basic necessities. This one-day lock-in provides a program of spiritually based, challenging, but fun activities that make the youth think about their place in God's creation in ways other activities cannot do. But just what does our financial support do. Perhaps these excerpts from the World Vision web site will help.



World Vision



Mozambique, Rwanda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Chad, Ghana, Mauritania, Mali, Niger, Sierra Leone, Myanmar, Tanzania, Afghanistan, Syria, Lebanon, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Peru, Brazil, North Korea and the United States.

In 2016, 815 million people were hungry.

That's 11 percent of the world's population, or one of every 9 people alive.



So, if you see one of the youth around the church, instead of waiting to be asked, why not offer to provide a bit of support to them. Your gift to World Vision through them just may inspire a Christian spirit of giving in that young person that you would never expect.



Sight and Sound Trip

North Warren Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a trip to the Sight and Sound Theatre production of Jesus in Lancaster, PA on May 14 – 15, 2018. We will leave at noon on the 14th and return during the evening of the 15th.

Jesus is an action-packed musical stage adventure – a journey alongside the most important person to ever walk the earth, and the

In 2016, your funds raised through 30 Hour Famine went to the following countries:

Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Uganda, Angola, Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Malawi,

everyday people whose lives he transformed forever.

Audiences will experience the story come to life on a three-sided stage, featuring one of the largest state-of-the-art LED screens in a theatrical venue ---along with Sight & Sound's famous animals...on stage and in the aisles.

Trip will be all-inclusive:

Deluxe Motor Couch, Hotel, Evening meal, Breakfast, Show ticket, Buffet Lunch after show.

Cost Per/Person- Single - \$335, Double - \$250, Triple - \$222, Quad - \$210

A Nonrefundable deposit is required at time of reservation – \$50.00 per reservation. If the full reservation is paid by 2/28/2018 – you can save \$10.00/per reservation. Last date to place

reservation is 3/15/2018. There are 52 seats available on the bus – about half gone as of this writing.



The earlier we sell out, the earlier we can make final payment to Sight & Sound and get better seats at the theater. If filled up a waiting list will be established (deposit required and returned if no space available) if any cancelations are made.

What a great Birthday, Anniversary, or Mother's Day gift! Trip is the day after Mother's Day.

Questions? Contact Gary Olson @ 723-3704 or the Church Office.

Seed Money put to good use at Adamsville

The Seed Money given by the Presbytery in the amount of \$214 was used by the Adamsville Church to enhance their worship service. They took the money and purchased new computers. They are now able to use this screen during worship and offer more exploration and discovery, new resources and discussions of faith

Each church in the Presbytery got this same amount of seed money. We used ours in the Playground and Park

Ladies Luncheon Prayer Group

The women will meet on Thursday, February 8th at the church at 11:30 AM. All women of the church are welcome. More information will be published in the weekly bulletin as it becomes available.



Work as Worship 1-Day Local Church Retreat

God has a purpose for us on this earth. That calling is to be on mission for God where He has placed us. And since many people spend the majority of their waking hours on the job, we have to stop compartmentalizing life into "spiritual activities" and "work activities." How are we living examples of the gospel while we work?

You're invited to the Work as Worship Retreat, where eleven influential business leaders and pastors will discuss what it looks like to connect faith and work. Taking place as a 1-Day



Local Church Retreat on February 23, 2018, the live event in Dallas will be web-streamed to over 2,000 churches around the world and North Warren Presbyterian is one of them..

Speakers



Patrick Lencioni

New York Times Best-Selling
Author of *The Five Dysfunctions of a Team*



Matt Chandler

Lead Pastor
The Village Church
Dallas, TX



Joel Manby

President & CEO of
SeaWorld and Author of
Love Works



Anne Beller

Founder of Auntie
Anne's, Speaker, and
Author of *Wish of Faith*



Phil Vischer

Creator of *VeggieTales*
and Founder of
Jellyfish Labs



Christopher Brooks

Senior Pastor
Evangel Ministries
Detroit, MI

Join Patrick Lencioni (Author, *The Five Dysfunctions of a Team*), Joel Manby (CEO, SeaWorld), Phil Vischer (Creator, *VeggieTales* and *Jellyfish Labs*), Wendy Davidson (President, US Specialty Channels Kellogg Company), Matt Chandler (Lead Pastor, The Village Church), and others in a day filled with real-life stories, biblical teaching, and practical wisdom that will equip believers in the marketplace to see their work as an opportunity to care for their families, fulfill their calling, and bring glory to God.

On the web, you can go to <https://www.workasworshipretreat.org> to learn more or register for the Retreat.

Putting Biblical Principles to Work

How rich are you? Most of us would respond to that question with a recitation of our material possessions. We would list bank accounts and their contents, stocks, bonds, houses, vehicles, and other so-called assets as tangible evidence of our wealth.

But is that how rich we are? Not really. Adrian Rogers said this, "If you want to know how rich you are, add up everything you have that money can't buy and what you've sent on to heaven. That's how rich you really are."

There are two ways to send money on to heaven, or as the Bible phrases it, to "lay up treasures in heaven." One is to give to the work of the Lord. As we do that, particularly through giving our tithes and offerings here at North Warren Presbyterian Church, we make deposits in what one writer described as the "Bank of Heaven." Another way to accomplish that goal is to give to meet the needs of other people. That's the admonition provided by the Apostle Paul in 1 Timothy 6:17-19 when he instructed Timothy, "Command those who are rich in this present world . . . to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age. . . ."

Compared to many people in the world, all of us — to one degree or another — have been richly blessed by God. That's why we need to apply Paul's counsel to our lives. As we follow his instruction, giving in the name of the Lord Jesus to meet the needs of others, we "lay up treasure" for the coming age.

One of the primary reasons God provides material blessings to us His children is that we might through those material provisions minister in His name to other people. According to Matthew 25:40, when we do that, even to what Jesus described as the "least" of His brothers, it is as though we have done it unto Him.

As one writer expressed it so well, "Investing in the lives of others and growing in our relationship with God are spiritual treasures. They are not subject to destruction or thievery.

They are fully protected. Their value never diminishes." Or as an anonymous poet wrote, "Shall the great Judge say, when my task is through, that my soul had gathered some riches, too? Or shall at the last it be mine to find that all I had worked for was left behind?"

As you consider your true wealth and what really counts for eternity, think about this: How much better to be a poor person who is spiritually rich than a rich person who is spiritually poor.

How rich are you?

Volunteer Opportunities



It seems that we need to run this column more often lately. As one need is filled, another one sprouts up to take its place. Of course, some committees, like

Property, are always in need of willing workers.

- Property Committee has some projects that need some attention.
- The Sound Booth staff has gained a new recruit in training, but could still use another new one.
- Sharing Place is currently recruiting volunteers for 2018–2019.
- Other committees are always in need of volunteers to help with projects.

It is never too late to contact someone on one of the committees or the church office and let them know of your willingness to put your faith into action.

No Birthday?

Do we not list your birthday or anniversary? It's not that we don't like you, but more likely than not, we just don't have that information.

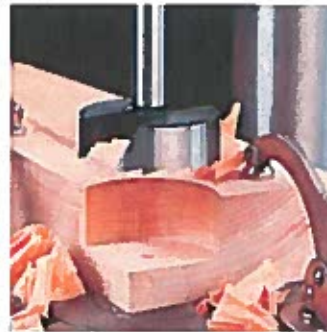


Drop us an email @ secretary@nwpchurch.org (or a phone call) and let us know that info and we're more than happy to include you in our list of celebrations.

Final Thoughts from the Secretary

Each month we find more things to talk about than we really have room for in this little newsletter. We found some interesting articles about safety around the home and workplace and how it is all our responsibility. Okay, that makes sense; that will be a good reminder. Everyone knows this stuff, but we all need to hear it once in a while.

Well, before it got typed, I had the exact experience we had been discussing. Stupid things that we know are unsafe, and we know we need to do something different to correct the situation, but we just don't quite get around to it. Let's just say that a drill press



and a 2-inch Forstner bit wins when challenged with a forefinger. Fortunately, even at my advanced age of nearly 65, I still have pretty good reflexes and I just nicked the finger. The nail is still pretty messed up and will be for another 2 or 3 months.

So, lesson learned. Don't put off correcting the situation. Clean that sidewalk off. Scrape that windshield. Clamp that workpiece. Get up from that computer every once in a while. **NOW!** You know what you're doing wrong. The good Lord blessed us with some common sense-pay attention to it. And stay safe.

See you in church.

NWPC Kids' Christmas Party

Youth Helpers

Cade Poston
Stephen Ashbaugh
Julia Claypoole

Thank you for your help in this outreach for children!



PENNY SUNDAY

Don't forget Penny Sunday, the **first** Sunday of each month, to support our church's mission fund. The February Penny Sunday is Feb. 4th. March is also the 4th! Profits from the pop machine continue to support the youth mission fund.



THANK YOU for your generosity!

Spring 2018 Footsteps Weekend

When: April 13th—15th
Where: Camp Mission Meadows
Who: High School Students
Cost: FREE (we have funds available)
Register by mid-March

Talk to Anne Ward or Ruth Morrison



High School Sunday School is studying how *Jesus Changes Everything* with Nick Hall from *Right Now*. Come and be challenged in your faith Sundays at 9:30 a.m.!



Check Facebook (Anne Ward or North Warren Presbyterian Church), the Sunday bulletins, and the youth bulletin board for any additions, corrections, and/or changes to any Youth Group activities. There might be some changes since the printing of this newsletter! Church's website is www.nwpcchurch.org.



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Sweetheart Dinner

Mark your calendars. You do not want to miss this one. This is the event of the season.

The Sweetheart Spaghetti Supper will be Wednesday, February 14th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. This annual event in Fellowship Hall has been going on since 2007 and benefits World Vision's efforts to eliminate child hunger. The cost is a donation.

Take-outs are available, but why would you want to do that when you have such a "romantic and luxurious" setting as Fellowship Hall decorated

in a Valentine's Day/Big Band theme. A lot of the fun is socializing with the other folks around you at the dinner. Whether you have a "sweetheart" or not, come down to the church, invite a friend and show them that Christians aren't all stern faced sourpusses that the stereotpe might portray us as. The light of Christ makes all the difference in us when it comes to that. 😊