



## *Church Mouse*

**Northwest Community Church**  
**May 2022**



### **View from the Manse**

I do appreciate the support for my visit with Dad and for the impromptu birthday recognition. I pinned your signed card on the bulletin board in my office for a reminder. Somehow, “69” does not seem as exciting as I thought when I was “16.”

While Westi and I really enjoy our annual preaching/mission trip to the Eastern UP of Michigan, it feels too soon for a three-week leave from you all. I plan to stay in touch by phone and Internet, and will moderate the May session meeting from ZOOM.

Westi has made plans to visit her brother and cousins in Washington state during June. She is still very excited about a planned trip in 2023 with our daughter Meg to Ireland and Scotland. No doubt they will return with all manner of tartans and stories of ancestors.

My Red Cross work plugs along. As a Disaster Spiritual Care provider, I dealt with one client whose Columbus, OH home was destroyed by fire. Thank God, no lives were lost and there is supportive family in town. I work with the Volunteer Services director dealing with employee safety, satisfaction, and conflict management. We will be

assisting volunteer supervisors as they respond to complaints by volunteers.

My aikido instructor has finally convinced me that I can pass the test for black belt, whenever it comes. Not that I don't try.

Not much to say about the yard. The daffodils are beautiful. I trust the grass won't grow too tall in my absence, or I may need to buy several goats.

Faithfully, Rev. Jim the Interim.  
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Blessings!

### **Reminder**

**Saturday April 30th from  
8:30am to 4:15pm at church.**

**Lifeway Women Live simulcast**

**Cost is \$30 for the in person  
program or \$20 for the online  
program.**

**Come support our church and  
improve your faith.**

**June Mouse deadline**

**Saturday May 28th.**

## MISSION NEWS

During March at least 12 large boxes of clothing were collected from you, 10 of the schools in the District, and from community members and a couple other churches. This was a very fruitful partnership between our church and the Northwest Local School District. We've a lot of sorting to do to determine how much of these donations can actually be used in the closet; please let Jean or Doris know if you have some time to help out.

Thank you for donating during the month of April to Navigators, CHS Sr Unpaid Fees and SON. We will report on your giving amounts next month.

## MAY ACTS OF COMPASSION:

**Presbytery Pentecost Offering** – This month we do a monetary offering for PCUSA's Pentecost Offering. This offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by our congregation to make an impact in the lives of young people within our community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Since 1998, over \$15M has been raised for ministries that benefit younger members of God's family. When giving, designate "Pentecost."

**S.O.N. Ministries** – In addition to our weekly loose change offering, we are supporting SON's monthly collection requests. During May our main collection will be cereal to help ensure children in our community continue to get breakfast throughout the Summer. They are also collecting vegetable and tomato soup, toothbrushes, and deodorant throughout May. You may donate product itself or give financially. Look for the blue bags in the Deacon's box and put your donations in the marked bags. When giving financially, designate "SON."

For all Mission collections you can contribute via actual donation of items or financially by cash, check (look for the green Act of Compassion envelopes in the pews) or the church's online giving tool. Just be sure to include a designation so we know the project to which you are donating.

THANK YOU, as always, for your faithful and generous giving.

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7)

**It's not what you gather, but what you scatter.**

## Forever Youngs

**We will be going to Bob Evans on Colerain for lunch on Friday May 13th at noon. Call Jill or Pat with your reservations.**

## Session Notes from April 25

The new website will be up and running soon! Doris Haubner shared the most recent version of the website with session, and it looks great. The web address will remain the same (northwest-church.org).

Trustees reported on a lot of general upkeep of the church. The new HVAC unit in the kitchen and Fellowship Hall area has been installed, as well as two more Wifi thermostats. The cub scouts went around the property and picked up sticks and debris prior to the first mowing of the season. The floor in the Fellowship Hall was cleaned and waxed after the rummage sale. The old blue covers on the dividers in the Fellowship Hall have been remade and installed by Peggy, our secretary. The termites are back in the Side by Side classroom, so that will need to be treated.

Church representatives met with the Colerain Township Police Department who walked through the building and gave some safety and security suggestions. The trustees will assess and prioritize the suggestions and begin implementing some of the suggestions that can be easily addressed.

The laptop in the sanctuary's office does not have the capability to connect to our 5G Wifi, so Session authorized the trustees to look into purchasing a new one.

The church's financial information has been submitted to the Presbyterian Foundation, and a report from them analyzing our finances is expected in a few weeks. This will be shared with the congregation in full when it is available.

Session approved a motion that the Lifeway Women's Simulcast Event can include their Event Store. This gives participants the ability to purchase Lifeway materials, and NWCC receives 30% of the proceeds.

Session also approved a motion from the Mission committee to submit an application to PC(USA) for the Use of Restricted Funds to support transportation services for students attending Elife release programs. The application will be submitted to Presbytery. If it is approved there, it will work its way through the system.

A motion was also made for Northwest Community Church to join the Colerain Township Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit Organization group.

The Worship Committee reports that Rev. Jim will be out of town three Sundays (May 15, 22, and 29) due to a prior commitment to preach at a church in Michigan. The Rev. Erwin Goedicke and Rev. Monnie Caine will fill the pulpit in his absence.

A discussion was held regarding the passing of communion elements vs. prepackaged elements. It was decided to have a 3-month trial of passing the prepackaged communion elements in trays in the manner in which we used to do pre-Covid and then re-evaluate.

The next Session meeting will be Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm by Zoom, since Jim will be in Michigan.

## Church Officers

### Session

Rev. Jim Brazell Jr - Moderator  
Phyllis Peacock - Nominating  
Donna Lischer - Congregational Life  
Sharon Suder - Personnel  
Lori McDonough - Worship  
Lynn Bradley - Christian Education  
David Denny - Mission

### Deacons

Pat Ossenschmidt Chairman  
Samantha & Scott Jasper  
Jo & Steve Liming  
Marilyn Lang  
Jan West  
Elaine Kolb

**Trustees Allen Rahm**, Finances; **Josh Denny**, I.T.; **Ron Peacock**, Building & Grounds;  
**Sharon Stratman**, Stewardship; **Tom Hannon**, Treasurer

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**MOUSE DEADLINE**

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*We are all your people.*  
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