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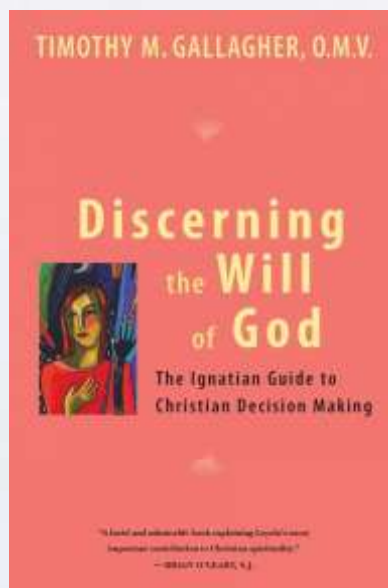
NEW LENTEN SERIES:

Discerning the will of God: The Ignatian Guide to Christian Decision Making

Join Northwoods this Lenten season at our new Lenten series! It will start with the Ash Wednesday service on Feb 14th at 7 PM. Then, the groups will meet the following three Wednesdays; 2/21, 2/28 and 3/07 from 6-7 PM. The topic will be: "*Discerning the will of God: The Ignatian Guide to Christian Decision Making*". There is no book, instead we will encourage the participants to watch the movie, *All Saints* (2017). The link for the trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

The movie can be watched (rent) on youtube and amazon for \$4.99.

A copy of the movie on a flash drive will be available from Pastor David.



Church Events

- Feb 4th -Super-Bowl Sunday
- Feb 4th – Coffee Connections
- Feb 10th— All Church Dance @ 6pm
- Feb 14th – Ash Wednesday Service @ 7pm
- Feb 14th—Lenten Series starts @ 6pm
- Feb 16th – Friday Night Dinner & a Movie
- Feb 19th Church Office Closed
- Feb 25th Symphony North Concert @ 4pm.

The Next Step...

#WholsJesus?

Dear Friends,

When was the last time you asked someone an important question?

Many people asked Jesus some important questions of life:

What must I do to inherit eternal life?

Which commandment in the law is the greatest?

Who is my neighbor?

And Jesus also asked others some essential questions:

What are you looking for?

What do you want me to do for you?

Do you love me?

Jesus once asked his disciples, "Who do the people say that I am?" And the disciples responded, "Elijah, John the Baptist, or one of the other prophets." Then Jesus asked them, "But who do YOU say that I AM?" Some people believe that questions continues to be one of the most important questions in life.

My Lenten sermon series is entitled, "#WholsJesus?" where we will seek to answer to Jesus' question to his followers, "Who do you say that I AM?" Our focus will be the great "I AM" statements of Jesus:

"I AM the Way"

"I AM the Gate"

"I AM the Good Shepherd"

"I AM the Light of the World"

"I AM the Bread of Life"

"I AM the Vine"

"I AM the Resurrection and the Life."

An appropriate next question for us to consider is who I AM in relation to Jesus' I AM statements? My hope and prayer is that this Lenten season you will take another step toward a closer walk with Jesus on your faith journey.

With much love and appreciation,



Dr. Paul Nazarian

Pastor

Congregational Care

Northwoods Prayer Chain

“But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.” This quote from Psalm 66:19 is the heart of our prayer ministry. Judi Kenyon faithfully coordinates our prayer chain, e-mailing out requests almost daily to over 170 people who are committed to pray. Requests come through the prayer concern cards in the pews, through our pastors, and/or through members. If you would like to become active in this prayer ministry by receiving these e-mailed prayer requests and praying for our members and their family and friends, or if you have a prayer request you would like to be shared with our prayer chain please contact Judi Kenyon at micah6dash8@comcast.net.



SUPPORT groups

On-going Support Groups:

AA—Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at noon in Room 404

SAA—Tuesday Evenings, 6:30-8:30 in Room 404

OA—Wednesday Evenings, 7:00-8:00 in Oasis

Congratulations to Clyde and Ginny Hill on the birth of their granddaughter, Savannah Noelle Hill, on December 20, 2017. Savannah's parents are Brad and Kim Hill.

Sympathy is extended to Joe and Patricia DeLaTorre on the death of Joe's son, Larry DeLaTorre, on December 13, 2017.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Chuck Porth who died on December 18, 2017.

Sympathy is extended to Marcia Cole on the death of her sister, Lois Snider, on December 19, 2017.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Jane Van Rheen who died just before Christmas. Jane was a member and worked on staff at Northwoods for many years.

Sympathy is extended to Lecina Linehan and her family on the death of her grandmother, Daisy De Windt, on December 30, 2017.



FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER & A MOVIE! Please join us on **Friday, Feb. 16.** for "The Trouble with Harry ." Dinner will provided and served in **Grace Place at 6:00 PM**, followed by commentary by **Debbie Shelley** with the film in the **Chapel at 7:00 PM**. The price for dinner is **\$10 per person with a reservation or \$12 at the door** (cash only – no checks or credit cards). Popcorn and candy will be available for a donation in the Narthex before the film. Make your reservation Sunday, Jan. 28

or Sunday, Feb. 4 in the Narthex before and after the 9:30 service. If you have never attended Movie Night, you are in for a treat!

UPCOMING FILMS:

- FEB 16:** The Trouble with Harry – Alfred Hitchcock
MARCH 23: Bell, Book, and Candle – Jimmy Stewart & Kim Novak
APRIL 13: Remember the Night – Barbara Stanwyck & Fred MacMurray
MAY 18: The Lady Killers – Alec Guinness & Peter Sellers

Women's Spring Conference 2018

Spring will be here before we know it and we invite women of all ages to join us for the **Women's Spring Conference on Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 10 AM to 3 PM.** Watch for registration beginning in March.



We will explore our "Spiritual Type," (our preferences for worship, prayer, music, etc.), and how it influences our encounters with others and with God. This event will include both some lecture time as well as interaction within small groups, and we will be welcoming Rev. Dr. Nora Fitch as our Conference Leader.

Nora is currently serving as Head Pastor for St. Thomas Presbyterian Church on Memorial Drive in Houston. Previously, she has served as Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Odessa, Texas and at First Presbyterian Church in Angleton, Texas. She completed her Doctor of Ministry degree at Austin Seminary in May, 2011. Prior to going to seminary, Rev. Dr. Fitch was a Registered Nurse with a M.Ed. from University of Houston, a BA from UT Austin, and a BSN from UT Health Science Center. As an RN, she worked in critical care at Hermann Hospital, as a school nurse in Alief ISD and was Assistant Manager at the Institute for Preventive Medicine at The Methodist Hospital. In addition, she has served as a Corporate Training Manager for Mars, Inc. Married to Jim Fitch, they have three grown children and four grandchildren.

All Church Dance – February 10
50+ and the Church Life Ministry Team are sponsoring an all-church dance on Saturday, February 10 from 6-8 PM. Sharon and Mal Thompson from 50+ are working with Church Life on all the details. Please look for sign-ups in the Narthex and plan to attend this fun event. We will have a professional caller to teach us some dances.



Calendar & Events

Weekdays

Mondays	
AA	12:00 PM Room 404
Tuesdays	
Men's Bible Study	6:30 AM Room 211
Tai Chi	8:45 AM Gym
Meaningful Myths	10:00 AM Room 211
Spanish Class	10:00 AM Room 221
AA	12:00 PM Room 404
RheumaTalk (2nd Tuesdays)	1:00 PM Oasis
SAA	6:30 PM Room 404
Wednesdays	
Jesus & The Gospels Class	9:30 AM Room 211
AA	12:00 PM Room 404
Youth Group	6:00 PM Youth Building
ESL Class	6:30 PM Grace Place
OA	7:00 PM Oasis
Yoga	7:00 PM Room 211
Fridays	
Classics Class	10:30 AM Room 211
AA	12:00 PM Room 404

Sundays

Worship Services	
Chapel Service	8:15 AM Chapel
Traditional Service	9:30 AM Sanctuary
Modern Service	11:00 AM Fellowship Hall
Bilingual Service	5:00 PM 406 (Yth Bldg.)
Sunday School	
Elementary	9:15 AM Grace Place
Preschool	9:15 AM Yellow & Green
Family Fellowship	10:30 AM Grace Place
Youth Sunday School	9:30 AM Youth Bldg.
World Craft Store	10:30 AM By Oasis
Bible Studies & Other Classes	
Parents Bible Study	9:30 AM Scout Bldg.
Gospel of John	9:30 AM Room 211
Gospel of Luke	10:00 AM Conf. Room
Gospel of Luke	11:00 AM Room 211
Contemporary Issues	11:00 AM Chapel

COFFEE Connection

Come Join Northwoods!

If you are interested in joining Northwoods then join Pastor Paul the first Sunday of the month to ask questions and learn more about Northwoods!

Ash Wednesday

February 14th

ASH WEDNESDAY

Begin Lent with a Contemplative Service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. It will be a service of quiet reflection, scripture, music, and the imposition of ashes.

ADULT *Ministries*

MIDWEEK CLASSES

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 6:30 a.m., Room 211

Led by Pastor Paul

MEANINGFUL MYTHS OF THE BIBLE

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m., Room 211

Led by Stewart MacColl

JESUS AND THE GOSPELS

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., Room 211

Led by Phineas Washer & David Puig

SPANISH CLASS

For beginner and intermediate students

Thursdays in Room 211

Beginner Class 9:00 AM - Intermediate Class at 10:30 AM

Led by Lic. Yelitza Caraballo and Dr. David Puig.

ESL CLASS

For beginner and intermediate students

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:30 AM in Room 406 and 6:30 PM in Room 211

Led by Anne Swisher and Carmen Gonzalez.

CLASSICS CLASS

Fridays, 10:30 a.m., Room 211

This class enjoys learning together by bringing professors into the classroom through DVD classes offered by the The Great Courses company.

SUNDAY CLASSES

BIBLE STUDIES

GOSPEL OF JOHN—Led by David Gordon

9:30 a.m. in Room 211

GOSPEL OF LUKE—Led by Johnie Wood

10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room

GOSPEL OF LUKE—Led by David Puig

Starts April 8th - 11:00 a.m. in Room 211

PARENTS BIBLE STUDY—Led by Ryan Reitzammer



CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

As we move into the 501st anniversary of Martin Luther and the founding of the Protestant Reformation, Contemporary Issues continues its six week series on Celebrating the Reformation (Mostly Presbyterian and Lutheran).

Jan. 28th - *My Land of Luther Tour*. Elder, Joanne Purdy of St. Stephen Presbyterian will show slides of her recent trip to the "Land of Luther," noting places in Germany and Europe significant to the founding of the Protestant Reformation.

Feb. 4th - *Why Austin Seminary Matters* presented by the Rev. Dr. Rose Niles, Houston Development Officer for the seminary. Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, TX is one of ten Presbyterian Seminaries aligned with our denomination.

Feb. 11th - *Heirs of the Reformation*. John and Nancy Hathaway, members of The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church, are among the many whose lives, actions, and contributions to the Church have been enriched by their Presbyterian heritage. John recently represented the presbytery as a commissioner to General Assembly. Nancy has distinguished herself in leadership positions in her congregation. The couple will talk about what being Presbyterian has meant to them.

Feb. 18th - *Seeing the Sacraments through Presbyterian and Lutheran Eyes*. Presbyterian minister, John Purcell, has, in his retirement, served several Lutheran congregations as an interim pastor. He will discuss similarities and differences in the two denominations, especially in the understanding of the sacraments.

Feb. 25th - *Why I Have Found Serving on the Presbyterian Courts Worth My Time*. Elder Mort McPhail, as much as any one most likely, has invested time, energy, and thought to participating in the courts of the church, both locally and on presbytery. We've asked Mort to tell us why.

DISCOVERY WOMEN FEBRUARY 13, 2018

[Mark your calendar now! You do not want to miss the rare opportunity to meet and hear Anne Wilson and her mother Marion Takehara. They will be our speakers for the Discovery Women's meeting. We will begin at 10:00 a.m. in Room 221.](#)

The topic for the program will be "The Effects of WWII on Four Generations of Women." . In short order, you will hear the experiences of one family forced to deal with the realities of that time.

If you would like to participate in our Mission Project for the year, bring a cleaning product or a cash donation for this purpose. The items will go to NAM to help mothers of school aged children as they transition out of the shelter environment into more independent housing for their families. Also, check your cabinets and drawers for those small size personal care items which will be taken to the Hope Center.

If you have any questions, please contact Barb Owen at 713-252-5655 or Sherry Schultz at 281-793-1810

Children and Family *Ministries*

“LIKE” us on FACEBOOK to receive updates and parent resources!

Check out our updated Northwoods website page!

Contact Lindsay@northwoods.org



THANK YOU!

For the month of January, we focused on Commitment. Growing in faith is not something that happens by simply cramming information about the Bible into a child's brain. The knowledge in their head means nothing if we don't help kids experience what that knowledge can do in their heart. To experience faith, we want kids to practice their faith and that takes commitment. God keeps all His promises and puts His plans into action. Because God has kept His promises to us, we can make a plan and stick to it. One of the best plans you can make is to commit to an ongoing relationship with Jesus. Commit to practicing faith by reading God's Word, praying to Him consistently, talking about Him with friends, and living out your faith every day.

Joyful Jams was a huge success at the Family Christmas Eve Service! Thank you to all who participated and also to our volunteers.



Children's Ministry has several big events coming up!

Easter Eggstravaganza will be on Saturday, May 31st, from 10 am - 12 pm. We will do our annual butterfly release on Easter Sunday at 10:45 between the Traditional and Contemporary Services. CMT is looking for volunteers to help with both events. Please let Lindsay know if you are able to give your time!





YOUTH

Contact ryan@northwoods.org

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WINTER RETREAT 2018

We had a wonderful time at Camp Cho-Yeh for our winter retreat, planned and led by the Krew (our high school-aged, youth leadership team) on January 5th-7th to wrap up winter break! Our youth engaged in worship, large group gatherings, small group discussion, games, free time and a service project. A huge thank you goes out to Sadie Smith, Emma Swanson & Brandt Swanson as our High School leaders who did a fantastic job preparing and leading this event under the guiding hands of Leah McFadden (Super-Volunteer and adult leader on the Krew & PYCC)! Special thanks goes out to our chaperones and drivers: Virginia Herrera, Melissa McCollum, Mark McCollum, Valerie Dunmire & Laurie Nodine! Our youth definitely had a great time bonding and were challenged to take their personal faith journey to the next level with Jesus!



RISE SERVICE: FEBRUARY 28TH

Everyone is welcome to join us for our RISE worship service, completely youth-led, on Wednesday at 7pm in the youth building. Our youth plan the service and lead all elements -- from music and scripture reading to the sermon itself! Parents, siblings and everyone else is invited to join us for this special monthly service!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: FEBRUARY 4TH

While there is a big game on this day, we are joining with youth across the nation to help TACKLE HUNGER. You will see youth ready with soup pots to collect donations after each service with 100% of the donations going straight to help stock NAM'S food pantry. Please help as we seek to make a difference in our community! Checks can be made out to Northwoods and non-perishable goods are welcome too -- but your dollar goes further when NAM can purchase at wholesale prices! Thank you for your support as together we help meet the needs of the community! Youth are encouraged to wear their football fan gear & be ready to be energetic as we TACKLE HUNGER!



SUMMER 2018

- ⇒ High School Mission Trip to Osage Nation in Oklahoma: June 25th-29th
- ⇒ High School Synod Youth Workshop at Tulsa University: July 8th-14th
- ⇒ Junior High Jubilee at Mo Ranch: July 8th-12th
- ⇒ Junior High Summerquest Missions Week at NAM: July 23rd-27th

Giving tree!

Thank you to all who gave alternative gifts this Christmas! Nearly \$21,500 was given to 8 different organizations! Parents were able to give their children toys this Christmas and have warm feet during the winter months through NAM and Aldine Family Hope Center. Heifer Project helped families get an animal that can serve as sustainable income and Habitat for Humanity helped families have a home to live in. Due to your gifts young girls will get the care they need coming out of trafficking through Home of Hope and Bonding Against Adversity helped legal immigrants through the difficult process to become United States Citizens. We were able to donate over 50 bags of toys to children at NAM, 30 toys for Aldine youth & 15 holiday baskets for the homebound. Your generosity helped many people this holiday season!

SOUPer” Bowl Sunday!

On February 4, Super Bowl Sunday, Northwoods will have its own “SOUPer Bowl” to help restock NAM’s Nutrition Center. Bring dollars to our youth in the narthex who will be taking collections in soup pots, or bring canned soup to our food bins. If you’re having a party, ask your guests to bring cans of soup, too!



Have a Heart and Give Blood

Donate at our Blood Drive on February 4, 8:00-12:30. If possible, make an appointment in advance at our table the previous two Sundays or by calling Melissa Ross (281-353-1042). If you can't give blood, help by volunteering at our drive or providing snacks for our donors.

Cleaning Out Your Closets?

Donations of gently used clothing, furniture, etc. are needed at NAM's "Treasure of the Heart" Store. Take them to the donation door at 15702 Bammel Village Dr, Houston, TX 77014. Or clothing can be dropped off at the NAM bin on the Northwoods back parking lot. For more information, visit www.namonline.org or call (281) 885-4555.



Valentine Gifts with a Heart

Shop for the one you love and at the same time help artisans in developing areas in the world to earn needed income for their families. Our fair-trade World Crafts Store is open Sundays, 10:30-11:00 and well as for special events.

MISSIONS

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Navajo Reservation Arizona Mission Trip - April 21- 28th

Information Meeting – Tuesday March 13th
6:30pm or Sunday March 17th 10:30am (no
need to attend both meetings just the meeting
that works best for you)

Per person expenses are \$275 includes
transportation to Albuquerque and most meals.
Scholarship assistance is available. April 1 is
the deadline to sign up! Work will be coordinat-
ed by the reservation's Navajo Missions Inc. If
you are interested please E-mail Beth Kauffman
at Beth@northwoods.org.



Free Tax Help!

Trained AARP volunteers offer to anyone of any age free help in filling out and filing income tax forms. To locate a near-by site and to find out what to bring, visit www.aarp.org/taxaide or call 1-888-227-7669. Thank you to our many Northwoods AARP volunteers for providing this service.

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Next Logger Deadline – February 12th!

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LEGACY GIVING: Simple Ways to Give

One simple way to leave a Legacy Gift to Northwoods Presbyterian Church is to use the beneficiary designation on savings and retirement accounts, as well as life insurance policies. These can be done with no cost, and typically only require you to sign a new beneficiary designation form.

Retirement assets and similar accounts are called Income in Respect of a Decedent (IRD) assets. This is taxable income that's earned during life but not received before death, so it is never included in an income tax return. This may be assets in Individual Retirement Accounts or 403(b) plans, accrued Interest on Certificates of Deposit and savings bonds, nonqualified stock options, deferred payments of capital gains, or other income that is earned but not acquired.

Naming the church as the beneficiary of these gives the estate and heirs the best tax benefits, since it avoids both income and estate taxes.

Life insurance that is no longer needed also can be an excellent gift, too. Naming the church as a primary or contingent beneficiary of an existing or new life insurance policy will result in a federal estate tax deduction for the full amount of the proceeds payable to the church regardless of policy size.

Because individual situations vary, be sure to consult your financial and tax advisors or Texas Presbyterian Foundation, designed to help church members create a lasting legacy through planned gifts. As always, if you have questions or would like to inform Northwoods of your Legacy Gift, please contact any member of the Northwoods Legacy Giving Team or email legacygiving@northwoods.org.