

January

at Northwest

Worship

This January our message series will be Light for the Long Road, starting on Epiphany Sunday, January 4. Each Sunday we have 2 worship services: a traditional worship service at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary and online and the Gathering service led by our praise band at 11:00 a.m. in the Ministry Center and online. Both services include nursery care and small groups for children and youth. Visit our website at nwumc.com/worship for more information.

Martin Luther King Day Service

We will be participating in a joint worship service on Martin Luther King Day (Monday, January 19 at 7 p.m. at Woodland Christian Church. Dr. Tim Ahrens, recently retired Pastor of First Congregational Church in downtown Columbus will share the message. This service is a ministry of the Racial Reconciliation Coalition, which consists of a growing number of churches committed to racial reconciliation. All are welcome!

Connect

Sacred Planning: Getting Our Affairs in Order

This four-week series led by Pastor Mebane invites us to approach life planning as an act of faith, love, and spiritual wisdom. Together, we'll explore the practical steps that help us "live well and leave well"—from organizing important documents to naming our values, shaping our legacy, and easing the burden on those we love. Each session will have a different focus:

- Saturday, January 10: The Funeral File
- Saturday, January 17: Preparing for a Move
- Saturday, January 24: Planning Ahead: Directives, Decisions, and Details
- Saturday, January 31: Leaving a Legacy

Each session will be from 9-10:30 a.m. in room 212. Rather than something to fear, Sacred Planning becomes a holy practice that honors our lives, strengthens our families, and reflects our trust in God's unfolding care. Contact the church office for more information or to sign up.

Women's Retreat

March will be here before you know it, and registration is open for our Women's Retreat. This year we will be at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Dublin. You can spend the night or come and go as you please. To learn more and to register, visit nwumc.com/womensretreat. Please note: this year you must make your own room reservation with the link provided on our website. Join us for a time of study, relaxation, and fellowship; and invite a friend to join you! If you have any questions, please call the church office.

Kids and Youth

Nursery care and Kids Small Groups continue to meet every Sunday during both the 9:30 and 11:00 services. Each Sunday includes a lesson and fellowship time.

Youth Ministry is available for students in 6th-12th grade. Small groups meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 and 11 and evening youth group from 6-8 p.m. Youth group will resume on Sunday, January 11 with a snow tubing trip to Snow Trails. The youth will also be holding their annual sub sale starting January 18 as they prepare for the annual summer 2026 mission trip, open to adults and youth. A team will be going to Tuscon, Arizona June 21-26 and registration is happening now. Contact Pastor Chris in the church office for more information.

Serve

Service is at the heart of who we are here at Northwest. Here are a few of the service opportunities happening in January.

- Each month we collect a different item for the NNEMAP Food Pantry. In January we are collecting tissues which can be placed in the shopping cart in the Hall anytime during the month.
- Annual Valentine Collection: We are again collecting boxes of Valentines for local students. Valentines can be brought to the church anytime from January 11 - February 1 and placed in the box on the table in the Hall.
- We will deliver Brown Bag Lunches on Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 19. Contact the church office (614-451-2825, info@nwumc.com) for more information on how to help.
- We serve breakfast at the Church for All People on the 4th Sunday of each month. Our January date is January 25. Visit nwumc.com/connect for the sign up.
- Another monthly ministry partner is the Linden Market. We take soup and sandwiches on the third Thursday of the month. Volunteers can make soup at home and bring it to the church. Containers are available in the kitchen. Contact the church office for more information.

Find us online

Stay up to date with everything happening at Northwest by joining our email list, and following us on Social Media. Here are some helpful links:



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Questions?

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