

Announcements

Christmas Families

We want to thank all those who generously provided gifts for our Christmas families. If you haven't brought your gift in yet, please bring it to the church as soon as possible. We will begin distributing gifts this week.

Be sure to mark your calendars for our special services and events!

- Our drama department will present a play, "We Four Kings," on Friday, December 19 at 7 pm in the Ministry Center. Don't miss it!
- For those who are grieving a loss or struggling through a difficult time, our Blue Christmas service will be Sunday, December 21 at 2 pm in our Sanctuary.
- We will have two Christmas Eve services: a family-oriented service at 6 pm in the Ministry Center and a traditional candlelight service in the Sanctuary at 8 pm. We hope you will join us and invite your friends!

Find details about all of these and more at nwumc.com/Christmas.

Calling all bakers!

We are looking for donations of Christmas cookies – some will be donated to Star House, a drop-in center for homeless youth, and some will be served here on Christmas Eve. Please contact Denise Gorden at the church office if you can help.

Women's Retreat March 6-7

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.

Opportunities to Serve

- Northwest will cook for Manna Café on Wednesday, December 17. People are needed to donate food, cook, and transport the food to Broad Street UMC. Signup sheets are in the Hall.
- We will provide breakfast at the Church for All People on Sunday, December 28. Volunteers are needed to provide egg casseroles and other breakfast items. Signup sheets are in the Hall and online; the link is in your Northwest Happenings email.



Northwest
CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Nursery care and children's small groups meet weekly at 9:30 and 11:00. Check in and out is at classrooms. Newborn-3 years are in the nursery. Preschool-Kindergarten meet in Room 214 and Grades 1-5 are downstairs in Room 111. Contact Doris Ing (dorisi@nwumc.com) for more information.



Northwest
YOUTH

Small groups are at 9:30 and 11 a.m. every Sunday in the youth room (112 downstairs) and evening youth group is from 6-8 p.m. in the Haven and includes dinner.

Be sure to join us for our Christmas party tonight at Pastor Chris' home!

Our annual trip to the Christmas Shop at the Church for All People will be Saturday, December 20. Contact Zach (zach.peterson360@gmail.com) or Pastor Chris (cbrinker19.23@gmail.com) for more information.

Join our Online Community

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:



Find more announcements, sign up for emails, fill out our online connect card and more at nwumc.com/connect.



Download the Church Center App to stay connected.



youtube.com/northwestumc



Page: facebook.com/nwumc
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Scan this QR code with your phone's camera to go directly to the connect page, nwumc.com/connect.

Last Week's Attendance

9:30 Sanctuary Service

174 in the building, 74 online

11:00 Gathering

57 in the building, 32 online

WELCOME

9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service

December 14, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Lighting the Third Advent Candle

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Announcements

O Holy Night

Prayer

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Scripture - Isaiah 35:1-10

Message - Joy in the Desert

Offering - Please pass the plate down your row

O Come, All Ye Faithful (verse 3)

Holy Communion

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Sending

Postlude

Mary Kay Purdy & Phil Esala

United Methodist Hymnal #213

Stan Fuller

Bryan Olsheski

United Methodist Hymnal #196

Pastor Chris Rinker

United Methodist Hymnal #234

United Methodist Hymnal #203

Please remember to silence your cell phone during worship.

Our pastors

Pastor Mebane McMahon, Lead Pastor

Pastor Chris Rinker, Associate Pastor

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Office hours

Monday - Thursday 9-3

Friday 9-noon



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11 a.m. Gathering Service

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Phil Nagy

Multiplied

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