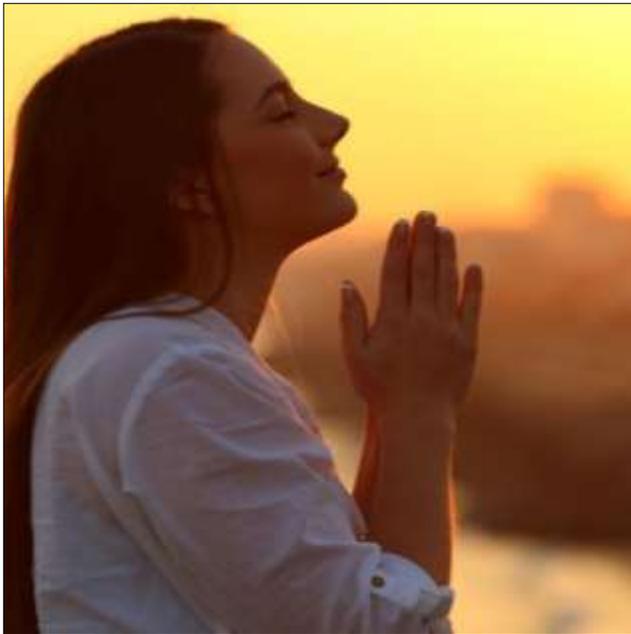


## 40 Days of Prayer



Since I arrived in November of 2018, Northwood Pres has been in my prayers. I give thanks for the welcome, the words of encouragement, the wisdom, and the upbeat spirit that I have encountered here. I have also been praying for the Spirit's comfort and discernment at Northwood PC as we move through this time of transition. Last month I wrote about the Self-Study that is already underway, and the elders who are tasked with enabling each person to share their experience of and dreams for Northwood. But it occurred to me that we all can (maybe should) be doing something now...Praying.

What if we all committed ourselves to 40 Days of Prayer for Northwood Pres? Great things begin with prayer, and prayer prepares us for what God will be

doing in our midst. During the exodus, Israel fought battles against their enemies. Moses raised his hands in prayer and when he did, the battle went favorably for Israel. When Moses got tired and his arms dropped the battle went against them (Exodus 17:9-13). Jesus, according to Luke (6:12), spent all night on the mountain in prayer before calling his disciples. Several years ago, I learned that Billy Graham would bring his Crusade to a city only after a diversified group of religious leaders committed to praying for the Crusade for one year.

Prayer is something we all can (and should) be doing as we wait to see what's next. Sunday June 9th is Pentecost. I hope everyone will join us in worship and wear red....the color of the Spirit. That day we will ordain and install new elders (leaders) in the Church. I will also begin a series of five sermons, titled 40 Days of Prayer. I will also commit to preparing (with help) weekly prayer guides for those who would like some assistance with their prayer time. For the prayer warriors at Northwood, I would welcome your help in putting together these weekly prayer guides. For members and friends of Northwood, you are invited to join me by praying individually or gathering in weekly prayer groups to pray with others. I would love to hear of your experiences and insights in prayer, if you are willing.

If Pentecost means anything, it means that God is still present with us. Who knows where the Spirit will blow us next. Remember to wear red on June 9th. To God be The Glory.

Blessings,  
Pastor Dick

## Hello to Newly Elected Session Class

The new Session class of four members will be installed and begin work this fall. Two of the newly-elected class have served before, Sheron Antczak at Northwood and Tommy Moreno at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church. The other two new members, Karissa Arnett and Nancy Byers, were introduced in the May *Breezeway*.

### Sheron Antczak



Sheron has been a Northwood member for 43 years. During this time, she has served the Presbyterian Church and Presbyterian Women at all levels.

At Northwood, in addition to being a ruling elder, Sheron chaired an associate pastor search committee, organized the first Alternative Gift Market and chaired subsequent markets, and helped plan mission trips to Mexico. She has represented Mission Presbytery at General Assembly, attending four times as a voting delegate or as a committee member. She also was vice moderator for the Theological Issues

and Institutions Committee.

Just as busy in PW, Sheron filled various slots here including moderating our PW. She was also moderator for PW of Mission Presbytery and of Synod of the Sun, and she served on the Search Committee for Churchwide PW. Synod PW also selected her to participate in a Global Exchange to the Middle East. That trip led to 15 years of raising funds for Christian managed agencies in Palestine.

Sheron has two children, Christy Harless and Rob Antczak (who have great spouses), eight grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

### Tommy V. Moreno, Jr.

Tommy is truly a lifelong Presbyterian. From birth, he was a member of Emmanuel PC where his great-grandfather, grandfather, and father helped build the church brick by brick. As part of Emmanuel's Youth Group, he served as one of the first eight Hispanic delegates to a Youth Conference in Montreat, and he graduated from Pan American Coeducational International College Preparatory High School (now Pan American High School). At Emmanuel, Tommy served as a deacon and elder and as clerk of the Session for six years. He also served five years as program director for the House of Neighborly Service.



Tommy joined Northwood in 2018. These days you'll find him singing in the choir and "Gray Tones" and serving on the Day School Board. He also serves as Northwood's representative to Habitat for Humanity.

Tommy enjoys time with his family and grandkids, golfing, fishing, playing tennis, and coaching and playing fastpitch softball. He announces fastpitch games for St. Mary's University and is helping start a women's fastpitch team at Palo Alto College. He is currently working on his third retirement at Texas Department of Transportation and in his "other spare time" looking for more things to do.

## Finance and Stewardship

### 1st Quarter 2019 Financial Summary

- Our Endowment Fund balance has increased by \$97,708, from \$1,262,669 to \$1,360,377 due to changes in the market. We have now regained the losses that we saw in the last half of 2018.
- Likewise, our Investment Funds at New Covenant have increased by over \$20,000, from \$258,397 to \$278,477.
- Member and visitor giving is about 2.5% under budget – the budget for the 1st quarter is \$52,258, and actuals were \$50,975. Remember to turn in your pledges!
- Total expenses are well under budget – the budget for the 1st quarter is \$80,828, and actuals were \$63,247.



Summer is here... come chill at Vibe!

Gather around the “campfire.” Find nourishment for your body and soul!

**Saturday June 15th**

Doors Open - 6:00 pm    Shared Meal - 6:30 pm    Worship - 7:00 pm

Great music! Great food - bring a dish to share!

Fried chicken and chocolate dessert will be served!

Childcare is available.

*VIBE is a casual, relaxed worship experience featuring a community meal, live music, and interactive discussion in a welcoming environment.*



**RESERVE THE DATE:** Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> (**Pentecost**).....

Let's get together for fellowship and a **Pot Luck Salad/Dessert!**

**WHERE:** The Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.

Please stop by the Sign up Board in the Narthex and let us know how many of you will be coming as well as an idea of what

you would like to bring. **REMEMBER:** It **IS** Pot Luck

which means **ANYTHING GOES!**

Look forward to seeing you!

Your Fellowship Team

## What's Happening at the Day School

*Martha Sherrod*

On May 10 the Day School held its annual end-of-the-year dinner celebration and silent auction. We rocked the night Disco Fever style!! A good time was had by all. Through the silent auction, we raised in the neighborhood of \$10,000 for upgrades and equipment for the playground!!! A huge thanks to everyone who donated and bought items and helped make the evening happen. We are not talking about just more "stuff" for the kids to play with when they are outside. We are talking creative art, dramatic play, gross motor activities, and much more. The playground is a true outdoor learning environment.

The official school year may be coming to a close, but the Day School will be in full swing throughout the summer with our two four-week summer sessions. We want to take an opportunity to thank Mr. Middleton for planning all the wonderful enrichment programs this year. A huge thank you to Mr. Owen for providing music to all our classes every week. And a BIG thanks to the parents and church members of the Day School Board who work so hard in every aspect of the Day School.

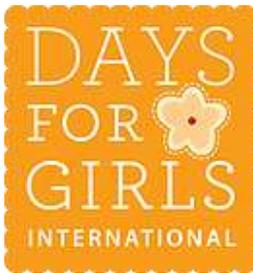
And thank you, Ms. Rebecca, for working so hard for all of us and helping us continue our goal of Texas Rising Star accreditation!

When you have time this summer, come on down and see all the great things happening in your Day School!!!



### Reading Buddies

New Buddies are always welcome. If you have an occasional free morning and would enjoy sharing books with our Day School children, talk with David Middleton.



## Days for Girls News – Spring 20

*Patty Clark*

San Antonio North Central Team  
Northwood Presbyterian Church

Northwood's group has again in 2019 sent kits and supplies to the new Days for Girls Enterprise in Lundazi, Zambia. The Enterprise ladies, Stellah Mwanza, Miriam Nyirenda Phiri, Eunice Zimba, and Cecilia Shawa, are especially appreciative of the flannel and the panties, items which cannot be easily obtained in Zambia.



In April, two of our own, Martha Sherrod and Patty Clark, visited Zambia. One of the days there, they participated in a Days for Girls Distribution. On April 8, the Enterprise visited the Hoya Secondary School where 71 girls attended the presentation and received their kits. The ladies gave a dynamic presentation on menstrual health, and the kits were distributed by Mr. Francis, the school principal, Mr. Moffat, from the CCAP/Z Education Department, and Mr. Willima, from the CCAP Health Department.



In other news, the CCAP/Z Health Department has received a \$40,000 PW grant for cervical cancer screenings in Zambia. Melissa Johnson will be in Texas in September-October 2019 speaking about their work in Zambia.



The San Antonio North Central Days for Girls team will continue to have a regular work day on first Saturdays – June 1 and August 3, 9 a.m. to noon – in the Activities Room. We will be preparing kits and supplies to send to Zambia in the Fall.



Have you been patiently waiting to hear more about the recent Mission Trip to Zambia? Come to worship June 2 when Martha Sherrod and Patty Clark share their experiences!



## MEN'S SUNDAY

### June 16th, 2019



**QUESTION #1** What happens on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of next month.....the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.....that's right! It's the **FOURTH JULY**

**QUESTION #2** And what does our Northwood family do on the **4th OF JULY** ?

Right again!!!! We join with the Northwood Homeowners Association in putting on a Community Celebration to include a parade, games, cupcake walk, Bouncy House, and many other activities.

Yes, there will be food and even a Dog Station so your furry four-footed friends can enjoy the holiday with you.

The planning has begun and we will need all kinds of volunteer help (friends and family) of all ages.

A detailed Sign-Up Board for the  will be going up in the Narthex very soon.

**PLEASE** take time to stop by and see what activity interests you...sign up...and we will be in touch. Look for further information in the E-Notes as well as the bulletin during the month of June.

