



We are happy to welcome our new pastor, Jon Watt, and his family. So we've planned a celebration after worship on their first Sunday, July 11. In true Northwood style, there will be fun and music and a catered luncheon.

*You must sign up **TODAY** for the lunch by contacting Jane Wright so a plate can be ordered for you.*

The theme for the luncheon will be "Fiesta" so wear your fiesta outfit and join in the fun



Mark your calendars for Northwood's
Vacation Bible School...

Everywhere Fun Fair!

We are excited to be meeting this summer to learn where **God's World Comes Together!** Attendees will be visiting Bible Bazaar, Creation Zone, Innovation Station, and Global Games; and of course a stop at the Eatery Expo!

Volunteers are needed! If you have a love for children and God's word, we have a place for you to help. Teachers, snack helpers, and support leaders are all welcome!

Contact Vanessa Mueller for more information or to volunteer,

News from the Day School

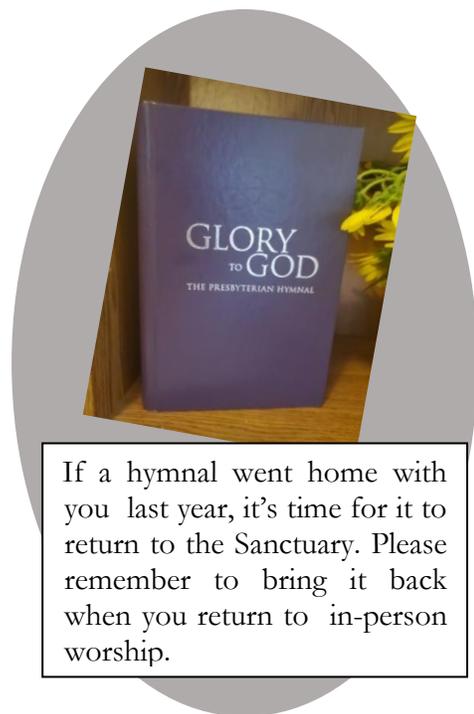
by Martha Sherrod

The Day School is *HIRING!* We are looking for new teachers to join our staff. Please pass this on to anyone who would like to work for a top accredited faith-based childcare center. The Day School staff is truly a family with fantastic leadership and wonderful families.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the virtual Auction. \$5000.00 was raised for improvements to the infant and toddler play yard! Our little ones are going to love their new outdoor “digs”!

The staff and children of the Day School can't wait to welcome Pastor Jon!! We look forward to showing him all the wonderful things the children are doing and learning. Pastor Jon, you are welcome to come on down and join us for stories, songs, art, and lots of great learning!

We also can't wait to start welcoming visitors once again. Thanks for your prayers and support of your Day School.



If a hymnal went home with you last year, it's time for it to return to the Sanctuary. Please remember to bring it back when you return to in-person worship.



Circle Fellowship in the Summer

Circles continue to meet for fellowship during the summer months.

The Saturday Circle will meet for brunch at a date and time and location to be announced. Contact is Charlotte Canaday

The Wednesday Circle will meet Wednesday July 14 for lunch. Contact Judy Harris for time and location.

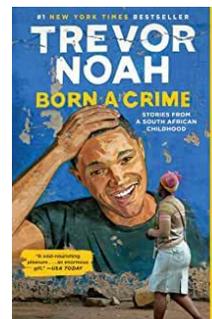
The Monday Evening Circle will meet Monday, July 12 at 6:30 p.m. for diner at John the Greek on Thousand Oaks. Contact for the event is Sherryl Walsh.

All women are welcome at every circle.

Contemporary Book Club

The Book Club is reading non-fiction for the summer. On Sunday, July 25, at 6:30 pm, they will discuss *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah. This will be a hybrid in-person/Zoom meeting.

Everyone is invited to join us! Contact Judy Harris for the link or location.



PW BEACH RETREAT

2021

SAVE THE DATE:

OCTOBER 1-4

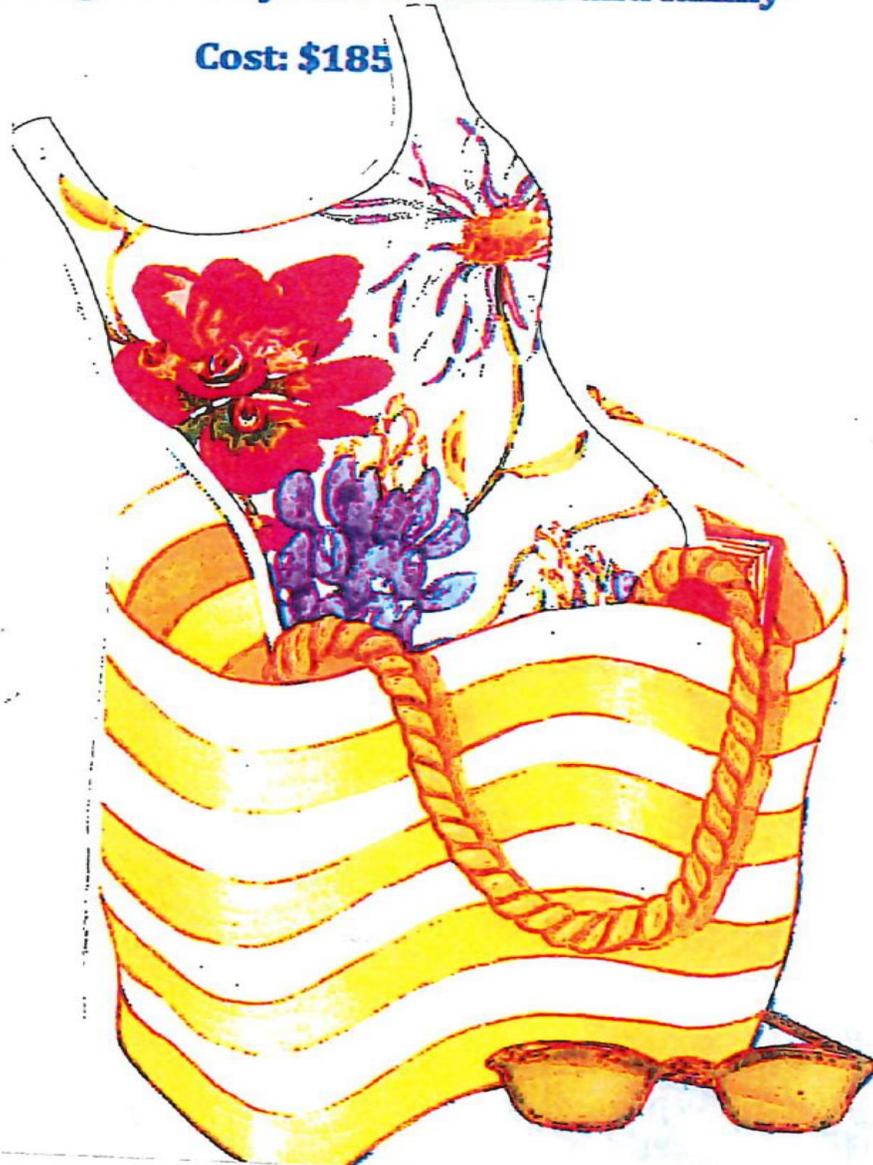
At last we return to SUN and FUN on the Coast

Northwood Presbyterian Women takes you to

Corpus and Port Aransas

3 days and nights with your PW friends and family

Cost: \$185





Session Report for June

The stated Session meeting was held May 25 in the Activities Room.

Day School Budget, presented by guests Chris Fuentes, board president and Rebecca Cranfill, director. Session approved the Day School budget for 2021-2022. The budget, created by the Day School Board, includes a number of items that had to be eliminated last year. These include enrichment events, scholarships, social events for parents, and a salary increase for staff. There will also be a tuition increase.

Audio Concerns, presented by guest Ray Tolbert. Session approved purchase of microphones, stands, and cables that are needed for worship in the Sanctuary.

Treasurer's Report, presented by Bob Lord, treasurer. Northwood is within budget for the first five months as income has exceeded expenses.

Capital Improvements, presented by Jennifer Rivera, Building and Grounds chair. Session approved purchase of a refrigerator and chest freezer to replace equipment that is no longer working. Purchases will be made from capital improvement funds.

Fellowship Report, presented by Nancy Byers, chair. Session approved additional money for fellowship events since we are now able to meet together.

Christian Education Report, presented by Vanessa Nyquist, co-chair. Vacation Bible School will be held August 2-5. VBS will include children ages 4 through rising fifth grade and will use a curriculum that's been successful before.

Team Reports

Building and Grounds, Jennifer Rivera and Beverle Grounds. Thanks to volunteers who spent their Saturday cleaning, purging, replacing, and reorganizing the church building. The building missed and needed attention. As groups begin to use the building, there have been service calls on air conditioning, new security doors, and attention to roof repair.

Congregational Care, Sheron Antczak. Regular calls are no longer needed for most congregation members but will continue for those who need care or simply a call to lift their spirits.

Fellowship, Nancy Byers. There will be a welcome dinner for Pastor Jon Watt, monthly after-worship fellowship, and a return of our traditional festivities. These things required an addition to the team's budget which Session approved.

Membership and Evangelism, Linda Kendall and Gail Clowe. We will have a banner to welcome the Watt family. Flyers will be mailed to the congregation and added to backpacks of Day School students. The team is strongly encouraging everyone to wear a lanyard with nametag.

Mission and Service, Elizabeth Hewins and Anne Little. Agape Ministry sent two pickup trucks for food from *(Continued on next page)*

July Celebrations

Birthdays

- 3 Ryan Mueller
- 4 Stephanie Balderas
Becca Morgan
Gayle Millard Lord
- 13 Annemarie Mudd
- 13 Dylan Mines
- 16 Jane Huffstickler
- 26 Sally Ramsey
- 27 Jean Heins
Jane Wright
- 29 Melissa Johnson

Anniversaries

- 11 Don & Gail Clowe

the May food drive. Agape is moving to be more ministry-oriented and we will continue to support them. The Pentecost special offering was extended through June since it began late.

Personnel and Administration, Cotton Clark. Committee members completed an online Safe Church and Risk Management program to earn more than \$2000 credit on our annual insurance premium. The roof is being inspected for hail and/or wind damage, and the property valuation will be reviewed before our policy renewal date.

Worship, Anne Detweiler. Guest preachers continue until Jon arrives July 11. New self enclosed communion elements used in May and June are easier to access and are supposed to taste better. Sunday worship has been averaging about 45 congregants.

Special Report from Mission Presbytery meeting on June 19, Elizabeth Hewins. All of the documents and reports from the meeting are available as Packet 2 from the meeting and can be found on the Mission Presbytery website. Additionally, the entire meeting is available to watch on the Mission Presbytery YouTube channel.

Significance of meeting date. Worship, prayers, and speakers recognized the significance of meeting on June 19 – Juneteenth. Keynote speakers were Rev. Andries Coetzee, and candidate Natarsha Sanders who spoke on “Letter from the Birmingham jail” written by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The discussion related Dr. King’s letter with the Matthew 25 lessons. The entire discussion is available on the Mission Presbytery YouTube channel.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance: Mission Presbytery policies and procedures on Disaster Preparedness and Assistance are very detailed and specific for a church. A copy is available from Mission Presbytery. The Disaster Preparedness team has long recognized the need to some type of vehicle to carry supplies to disaster recovery areas. To this end, Westlake Hills has donated \$30K toward purchase of a vehicle/truck to support disaster recovery missions. They recommend more fund-raising efforts to purchase a \$65K truck.

By the way, have you noticed?

On June 12 there was an All Church Clean Up, and it shows! More than two dozen members pitched in to clean and organize throughout the building.

Worship Team concentrated on the Narthex, Sanctuary, Choir Room, and Robe Room. Pews were restocked with Bibles and hymnals, and new lanyards with name tags are ready for you to use.

Closets got a good cleaning in the Youth Room and classrooms. Library books are now on the correct shelves and old magazines went to recycling. Worn and stained furniture was hauled away as was an amazing amount of “stuff” that hadn’t been used in years. Light bulbs were replaced, and parlor furniture was moved to the Activities Room in preparation for repairs.

One hard-working group dared the hot weather to clear out plants and shrubs that were killed in this winter’s freeze, and piles of leaves and refuse disappeared from the yard.

In short, the building got a much-needed spiffing up. Many thanks to all of the caring people who helped.