



NORTHWOOD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday Worship: 9:00 am

The little church with a BIG heart.



Reverend Brian Cornell

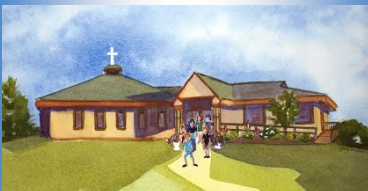
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www.northwoodesko.com

FIND US ON FACEBOOK @ Northwood United Methodist Church, Esko MN (include *ESKO MN* in the address) for the most current information and event albums.

DIRECT ANNOUNCEMENTS to Shirley Brandt for the bulletin by Tuesday by 5:00 pm and/or for the weekly newsletter by Monday afternoon at: shirleybob15@gmail.com.

Please also cc to Ann Butler at: annonpond@yahoo.com



PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Wednesday, March 11 ~ Worship Meeting at 5:30 pm; Finance Meeting at 6:45 pm; Administrative Council meeting at 7:00 pm.

Sunday, March 15 ~ Bishop Bruce Ough will be in the pulpit at Asbury UMC at 10:00 am. Northwood has been invited to worship with Asbury on this special Sunday. **There will be no worship service at Northwood on this Sunday.** Clyde Iron's banquet room has been reserved for 12:15 pm following the Asbury UMC worship service for everyone who desires to share a meal with Bishop Ough. You order from the menu and pay for your own meal.

Wednesday, March 18 ~

- Education meeting at the home of Daisy Rose at 6:30 pm.
- Trustees meeting at Northwood UMC at 6:30 pm.

Thursday, March 19 ~ Sewing For Mission from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. We need a good turnout to sew lap cushions for Esko students in need.

Sunday, March 22 ~

- UMCOR Sunday! Gifts to UMCOR Sunday lay the foundation for all United Methodist Committee on Relief work by covering the cost of doing business. This means all contributions designated to specific programs can go 100% to those programs because UMCOR's basic expenses are covered. Prayerfully consider a generous gift to UMCOR this year!
- A Chicken Parmesan Dinner will be held at Norton Park UMC from noon to 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$11 for adults, \$6 for children 3-10 and free under 3. **Please call Claudia at 218-269-3508 for presale tickets by March 15.** A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. A bake sale will also be held.

Wednesday, March 25 ~ Youth Event from 6:00 to 7:30 pm! Just a Touch of Love Drive for Harbor House Crisis Shelter at NUMC.

Friday, April 3 ~ Outreach meeting at the home of Kora Cavanaugh, 21 6th St, Cloquet, at 9:30 am.

Saturday, April 4 ~ Youth event at 7:00 pm! Mercy Me and Jeremy Camp concert at Amsoil Arena.

Thursday, April 9 ~ Experience our annual Judeo Christian Seder Meal at 5:30 pm. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex to indicate your desire to attend.

Sunday, April 12 ~ Easter morning breakfast at 8:00 am! A delicious breakfast of egg bakes, fruit salad and baked goods followed by the Easter service at 9:00 am. There is a sign-up form in the Narthex for breakfast baked goods.

Sunday, April 26 ~ Spring Auction at 10:30 am! Bring items for auction or think of a service item to auction. If you haven't attended in the past, now is the time to check out this fun, laugh-a-minute, fast-paced fundraiser that will guarantee enjoyment! You could very well be going home with some very unique items! If you can't attend, please consider donating an item or a service to the auction.

COLLOQUIES with Pastor Brian

Worship God and Love Others

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?"

²⁹Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one;

³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

³¹The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these."

³²Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other';

³³and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question. (*Mark 12:38-34*)

Given that Northwood UMC is joining Asbury UMC for worship on March 15 to hear Bishop Ough preach and Norton Park UMC is celebrating a baptism, we may not get too far this week in Dr. Levine's study of Jesus' Passion. If we were to read and digest her informed perspective, we would be reminded how difficult some of Jesus' teachings were to people of his day. To be fair, Jesus' teachings are STILL difficult for people of our day. That said, after two millennia of gloss and constant repetition, we might have gotten used to the sound of these revolutionary ideas.

What does it look like to love God with all parts of ourselves? Since we are moderns, it is often hard for us to think of our selves as whole parts. We have gotten used to talking about our emotions, rarely considering how they affect our bodies or cloud our vision. Or how our body's health affects our spiritual selves and the capacity to heal emotionally, to evolve or to offer forgiveness. Yet it is all intertwined.

The Hebrew people didn't always make such distinctions. Yet as Greek thought and customs pervaded their language and culture, the gospel writers had to consider their audience. They would need to hear about how to love God with their whole selves, naming each part of the individual as a piece making up the whole. Yet the message is important for us as well. We might think we can forgive and let that be a spiritual decision. But if we have not followed through on the forgiveness with our hearts, our minds and the actions of our bodies, our commitment is hollow.

This week, let me invite you to consider and identify one way that you might give ALL of yourself in an action to Worship God and love Others. It might take some time. But all good... and challenging teachings are hard. And, worth it.

Peace to you today and in the week ahead,

Pastor Brian

PLEASE REMEMBER - NORTHWOOD UMC IS MEETING FOR WORSHIP AT ASBURY UMC at 10:00 am to listen to Bishop Ough preach. We are then invited to eat with him and the community at Clyde Iron Works at 12:15 pm following services.

PRAYER MINISTRY . . .

The tea light candles we light on the altar each Sunday remind us of our ministry of prayer to the military service personnel and their families within our congregation. Especially Gavin Day stationed in Fort Campbell, KY, nephew of Dan and Beth Belden and grandson of Dennis and Julie Day, Kevin Jensen, cousin to Daisy Rose and Holly Compo, deployed to Japan and Alex Lammi serving in Memphis, son of Barb and Ted Lammi.



JOYS, CONCERNS, GRATITUDE & NEEDS . . .

- It was a joy to have the Girl Scout Troop 4139 recognized and participating in the worship service on Sunday, March 8. This troop currently serves 22 girls!
- Shirley shared that the Cub Scouts are participating in a derby in the Twin Cities this weekend.
- It was a joy for Shane's grandson, Riley, be with her in worship on Sunday, March 8.
- Prayers of condolences to the family of Frank, friend of John Thierer, who passed away this week after battling cancer for the past four years.
- Prayers for the victims and their families affected by the recent Tennessee tornadoes.
- Prayers of healing for Joyce Allison, a former member of Northwood UMC, who fell and broke her hip this past Friday resulting in hip surgery.



PRAYER CARDS ARE AVAILABLE from the ushers prior to the worship service.

If you would prefer the Pastor to receive your prayer request in writing rather than verbally at Joys and Concerns, please complete a prayer card and place it in the offering plate.

Outreach

OPPORTUNITIES WITH PASTOR BRIAN . . .

For the foreseeable future on the second Tuesday of each month, Pastor Brian is preaching at several senior centers. These include North Shore Estates, 7700 Grand Ave, Duluth, at 10:00 am, Sunnyside Healthcare Center, 512 Skyline Blvd, Cloquet, at 2:15 pm and Inter-Faith Care Center, 811 3rd St, Carlton, at 3:15 pm.

Pastor would LOVE to have company to participate musically, help pray, or even to preach. Please let Pastor Brian know if you are interested. And, visitors / congregants are always welcome to come listen and/or visit with the residents — they so look forward to being smiled at or appreciated.



BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA®

Sunday, March 22.
7:00 to 8:15 pm
Esko BS Troop 152
meeting at Northwood UMC.



girl scouts

Monday, March 16 & 30.
5:30 to 6:30 pm
Esko GS Troop 4139
meeting at Northwood UMC.

YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS . . .

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| March 22 | No Sunday school. |
| March 25 | Just a Touch of Love Drive for Harbor House Crisis Shelter from 6:00 to 7:30 pm at NUMC. |
| April 4 | Mercy Me (and Jeremy Camp) concert at Amsoil Arena at 7:00 pm. |
| May 10 | No Sunday school. |
| May 13 | Roadside Cleanup from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. |



See you in church! and till then ...

SCATTER JOY, INSPIRE HOPE, SHARE LOVE, AND SEEK PEACE.