



NORTHWOOD

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday Online Worship: 9:00 am

A church with a BIG heart!



Reverend Brian Cornell

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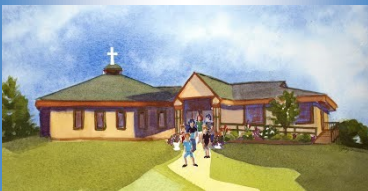
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FIND US ON FACEBOOK @ Northwood United Methodist Church, Esko MN (include *ESKO MN* in the address) for the most current information and event albums.

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!

Sunday, July 5 ~ Laity Sunday! We will be joining together with all nine of the Twin Ports UMC for a joint online service led by church laity. It will be livestreamed from First UMC and may be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/Northwood-United-Methodist-Church-Esko-MN-113344768735604/> or https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCizZVSYdgxa81_CEBbIXQyw?view_as=subscriber

Wednesday, July 8 ~ Administrative Council Meeting in a socially distant setting at 7:00 pm. Please bring a mask and lawn chair in case we decide to meet outside.

Sunday, July 12 ~ Facebook or YouTube Live Worship service at 9:00 am. Links to view the video will be emailed out prior to Sunday. The link will also be on Northwood UMC's website at www.northwoodesko.com

All online worship services dating back to March 22, 2020 may be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/Northwood-United-Methodist-Church-Esko-MN-113344768735604/> or on the Worship page at Northwood's newly updated website at www.northwoodesko.com

Please send your Tithes and Offerings to Northwood UMC, P. O. Box 295, Esko MN 55733

SHOUT OUTS FOR . . .

- The special music on Sunday, June 28 "At This Table" performed by Phyllis Kruell and sung by Kim Herring, both from Asbury UMC .

CHECKING IN . . .

Where have you See God? Need God? Feel Joy? Feel Gratitude?

Please share your thoughts by calling Pastor Brian at 828-434-6995 or emailing bcornell@wnccumc.net

If you would like to share your thoughts in the newsletter, please email to Shirley at shirleybob15@gmail.com and/or Ann Butler at annonpond@yahoo.com



Happy Summer Everyone!

Last week Pastor Brian and I were having a conversation about all the changes that have occurred in our lives over the past few months. And, while he is on vacation, I was asked to share some of my thoughts and feelings.

Do you know the commercials with the Captain Obvious Guy? I like him! I have a habit of stating the obvious . . . so here goes . . .

It is very obvious that we are in unprecedented times with a pandemic, with the political scene, and coming face-to-face with all the racial issues. It is obvious that all this turmoil and uncertainty has affected all of us in some way. It is most obvious that I cannot know how in-depth all this change has impacted you so I will share how it is impacting my family and me. And, if you find yourself saying "ME TOO!" shoot me an email or call me when we can help, pray and uplift one another.

Some of my turmoil and uncertainty includes a major change in the way I do my job, the death of my friend and coworker, my mother having major surgery, and my husband losing a day of pay during a pay period . . . BAM! If I wasn't on my knees before praying, I certainly am now! Prayer works and is most powerful! Now, school is out for the summer, I have wonderful friends and family that have supported me through the grieving process, my mother is healing well, and Keith and I are more than fine financially. All of those things causing turmoil are adjusting and becoming better.

THEN, the idea of a daycare within the church was shared. **PLEASE REMEMBER THESE ARE MY THOUGHTS.** Well, let's just say that my thoughts were not positive to start with. I was caught off guard with all of this and I do not do well with being caught off guard.

I felt that the place that I have come to love and be very comfortable in was being invaded on all sides. I thought we have had enough change this year . . . just leave this all alone. Don't mess with my Fellowship Hall where I love to have delicious treats and have conversations with my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ! Don't mess with the Fireside Room with all our good Bible studies and council meetings. Don't change what I know to be so comforting especially when I can't even be in that space right now because of a pandemic!

Here's where I might go a little southern on you soooooo hang with me. Hank Williams, Jr. had a song about attitude adjustment — something like a little tap on the head or something like that. In my family we say when you stray a little or a lot of ways from the Good Lord he gives you a little tap on the head. Ready? Here is what was laid on my heart. Shane, you have prayed to be shown what is needed in your church community and how do we serve the community and you say all that time that there is nothing more precious than a child. So find a way to get your heart right. Let go of all of the "stuff." Do your part to ease others' hearts about this change and see all the possibilities.

Please know as I have laid my heart bare to you, my intent is only to do just that and if by laying my heart bare helps anyone, then it is a blessing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at shanealou31@yahoo.com, 205-478-4174.

Peace and Love in Christ,

Shane

JOYS, CONCERNS, GRATITUDE & NEEDS . . .

- Continuing prayers for everyone and all circumstances being affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Prayers for Shirley Fahrenholz who is having triple bypass surgery tomorrow, July 1, at St. Luke's Hospital. She will be in the ICU unit on the 6th floor.
- Prayers for safe travel as the Cornell family travels south to see their families.
- A joy that John Cavanaugh had a great time at Scenic State Park with his grandchildren. They had the joy of catching a lot of sun fish!
- Prayers for Denny Day who is having hip surgery on July 8.
- Prayers for Jo's family who are in law enforcement in Mankato, MN.
- A joy for Pastor Brian who provided two baptism services this past week.
- Prayers for the Propp family as Bonny's mother and father were interred on June 26.



*Prayer requests may be texted or called in to Pastor Brian at 828-434-6995.
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VIDEOS NEEDED . . .

The worship team is looking for videos or a collage of pictures about 3 minutes in length to be played as a backdrop for Sunday's Special Music each week. Nature videos would be most appropriate. If you have a good eye and camera, please e-mail your result to Pastor Brian at bcornell@wnccumc.net



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, and Alex Lammi serving in Memphis, son of Barb and Ted Lammi.



It's summer and the lawn needs mowing!

Contact Gary Sather at 879-0041
to have your name added to the mowing schedule!

See you virtually and until we meet again . . .

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