



Northwest News for November 2023

Pastor Search Team News

The Pastor Search team has been busy having Zoom interviews with the candidates that the Center for Healthy Churches provided for us. The Center did the initial “leg work” to provide names of people who have agreed to submit resumes for our consideration. Our initial conversations have been “getting to know each other.” We have shared how we feel God has led our church up to this point and why we believe in our future. They have shared their faith journey and the gifts they feel God has given them. We have enjoyed each of the conversations we have had. We will move towards more in-depth conversations exploring scenarios and situations that would help us determine their ability to be an effective pastor for our church.

We are leaning on God’s understanding in this process and waiting on his timing. Please continue to pray for God to lead this process and to provide the necessary wisdom and discernment to make the decision that follows His will for our church.



Mystery Dinner Tour

Another delightful evening is planned for Friday, [November 3](#), with the next installment of the Mystery Dinner Tour. We will leave the church at [5:30 p.m.](#) Glenn will fire up the church van and we will enjoy another evening of good food and good fellowship. Climb aboard and join in the fun.

Thanksgiving Potluck November 12 Following Worship

November 12 NWBC will host a fellowship feast, at noon, right after the Sunday Service. Please bring an item to share and join us in fellowship and culinary delight. Invite your friends and neighbors to worship and fellowship with us. Ham will be provided by the church.



Awesome Autumn Dessert Auction for Global Missions

“Missions—that’s the way we roll” was a statement made at one of our Pastor Search conversations. And we were ROLLING October 29 at our annual Dessert Auction for Global Missions. The phrase, “fun times,” doesn’t even come close to describing the joy and excitement that we experienced. There is something about meeting together to fellowship and sharing a meal that brings a group together in common unity. We had a large crowd intent on raising money to support CBF Global Missions. Our goal was to raise \$7001, and we were able to raise \$9890 (as of Oct. 31) by auctioning off many delectable desserts. 100% of the money raised will go to our field personnel as they work to be the presence of Christ throughout the world. Just imagine how many lives will be impacted by our church’s generosity. It is not too late to make your donation for global missions. You can make that online, drop in the offering plate, mail to the church, or put in the drop box. Be a part of making a difference and helping to equip our field personnel to do God’s work.

Proverbs 21:5a tells us that “Good planning and hard work leads to abundance.” The missions team and volunteers came through, and God spoke to our church abundantly through our checkbooks. Many thanks to the people who planned, decorated, prepared and served food, and cleaned up, as well as those who attended, and invited friends to join us. Special thanks to Phil and Dana Capshaw; Phil was the auctioneer, and Dana kept the money log.

In Matt’s sermon Sunday, he emphasized the joy of church fellowship. We bless others by opening our lives to them and offering them the gift of community. When we share life and break bread together, God will show up. Northwest is blessed to be a church that offers community—a place to come and be a part, to feel loved, and to see God.

Let’s get ready for the

******Madill Girls Home Christmas Party******

This year’s party for the girls from Madill is scheduled for December 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A gift list will be available later in November. When you select a child’s name, be certain to sign the list so we know someone is shopping for that child. Please limit gifts to \$35. Please have your gifts at the church by December 6 so that we can be certain every child will have a gift. Then, Sunday evening, come meet the girls and share in pizza, a talent show, and caroling!

Veterans’ Center Christmas

As in the past we celebrate Christmas at the Veterans Center by providing a gift of a sweatshirt for our Veteran family. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please purchase a regular crewneck sweatshirt in the size range of Large, XL, and 2X and bring to church by December 13. Please bring the sweatshirts unwrapped—we will wrap so all the gifts look the same. Also, we would love for you to join us at our Christmas service where we share our gifts and love with our Veteran family. I promise you it will speak to your heart. Next month’s newsletters will share date and time specifics.

Save the Dates

Daylight Saving Time ends November 5. Set your clock back one hour!

December 3: Ardmore Community Chorale Christmas Concert, 2:30 p.m.

December 4: Ardmore Community Chorale Christmas Concert, 7:00 p.m.

December 6: Gifts for Madill girls are due at the church

December 10: Madill girls’ Home Christmas Party, 6:00 p.m.

December 13: Gifts for the Veterans Center are due at the church

Church Calendar

November 1/Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

November 3/ Friday

5:30 p.m. Mystery Dinner Tour

November 5/ Sunday: DST ends– set your clock back one hour!

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

November 6/ Monday

6:00 p.m. Ardmore Community Chorale rehearsal

November 8/ Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting/ Finance

November 12/ Sunday

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

Noon Thanksgiving Potluck Fellowship

November 13/ Monday

6:00 p.m. Ardmore Community Chorale rehearsal

November 15 Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting/ Business Meeting

November 19/ Sunday

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

2:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

November 20/ Monday

6:00 p.m. Ardmore Community Chorale rehearsal

November 22/ Wednesday– office closed

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

November 23/ Thursday– Happy Thanksgiving!

November 26/ Sunday

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

November 27/ Monday

6:00 p.m. Ardmore Community Chorale rehearsal

November 29/ Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Office hours: Monday- Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

To give online go to

<https://onrealm.org/nwbcardmore/Give>

Friends: As you are leaving the church buildings, especially if you are one of the last ones to leave, please make sure to jiggle the doors behind you to ensure that they are locked properly. If the door seems jammed or won't close completely, quickly and firmly depress the crash bar and try again. Thank you for your help!

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