



# **NORTHWEST** Christian Church

A Growing Family Journeying Together To Be More Like Jesus

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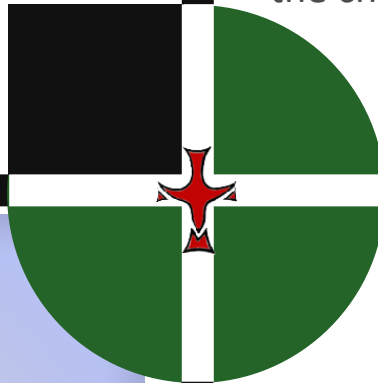
Prizes for best Summer appetizer,  
entrée, and dessert



Throughout the story of the Bible, God's people have often found themselves in exile. Whether displaced from the land of their home or ruled over by a foreign power, the people of God have often lived in a world that doesn't understand them and sometimes even hates them. We can relate. We live in exile too, close to God yet far from home. How are we supposed to live while we're in exile? This summer, the youth ministry will walk through the Book of 1 Peter to find out about: The Real Deal, The Power of Hope, The People of God, The Battle at Hand, The Value of Suffering, The Trap of Despair, that We're Never Alone, and how our story is To Be Continued. Youth Groups will meet each Sunday on the Lower Level from 6-8 pm.

# move

This summer, CIY Move will explore the life of Elijah and help students understand that we are called in God's story. The story God has been writing since the beginning of time isn't over; it's To Be Continued. CIY Move is a week-long conference for high school students on the campus of Hope College in Holland, MI. This year's CIY will be June 17-22. We will leave from Northwest at 8:30 am on Monday, June 17th and return to the church by 3:00 pm on Saturday, June 22nd. All students will need a completed medical release form to attend.



Events calendar:

## June

- 2nd: Youth Group Game Night**  
*Board/Card Games (6-8 pm on Lower Level)*
- 9th: Summer Kick Off - Knight's Action**  
*\$25 per person (1-8 pm)*
- 16th: NO Youth Groups**  
*Father's Day Holiday*
- 17-22: CIY Move (Sr. High only)**  
*Leave @ 8:30 am; return by 3:00 pm*
- 23rd: Summer Youth Groups**  
*6-8 pm on the Lower Level (6th-12th gd.)*
- 30th Summer Youth Groups**  
*6-8 pm on the Lower Level (6th-12th gd.)*



## Missions



The Missions Team would like to share a letter received from Shonna Ingram of Pioneer Bible Translators with the congregation.

Please keep Shonna and her ministry in your prayers

Shonna writes:

Two of their children have just finished their first year of college  
 She led a 7 week on-line trauma healing training workshop for missionary care leaders.  
 Her Career Guidance team presented a new team development course to ministry leaders  
 This month she is working with two intern teams that are heading overseas  
 She is meeting one on one with all participants of the development workshop  
 She continues to be in contact with people all over the world who are in need of coaching and training  
 Next month she will co-lead a team of trauma healing facilitators to present a workshop to 20 missionary families that have been evacuated from their ministries. Some of these missionaries were interrogated and physically assaulted, some were burned. They are hurting emotionally and physically.

Shonna also thanked NWCC for the \$500.00 sent to her from the Hearts of Love donations.

Please keep Shonna and her ministry in your prayers.

# PARTY in the PARK

6.29.19  
1-4 PM

FREE FUN EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY AT OAK GROVE PARK

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### Staff

Steve Higgs, **Minister**  
 Scott Monette, **Youth Minister**  
 Robert Gerton, **Director of Worship**  
 Michelle Oberheim, **Children's Ministries**  
 Connie Honigs, **Adm. Assistant**

## Monthly Financial Information

### Elders

Date	Attendance	Giving	Now is the Time	Budget
5/5	149	\$5,186.94	\$660.00	\$7,052.50
5/12	129	\$6,540.40	\$125.00	\$7,052.50
5/19	140	\$6,170.57	\$75.00	\$7,052.50
5/26	101	\$4,736.68	\$75.00	\$7,052.50

Zone 1 - Jay Dexter  
Steve Wiese

Zone 2 - Brent Owen  
James Zelhart

Zone 3 - Pat Owens  
Travis White

# June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2 FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY</b> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 6-8pm Youth Group Game Night	3	<b>4</b> 9am Food Pantry 10am Staff Mtg	<b>5</b> 6pm Praise Team Practice	<b>6</b> 7pm Committee Mtgs	7	8
<b>9</b> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 1-8pm Youth Group Kick-Off	10	<b>11</b> 9am Food Pantry 10am Staff Mtg	<b>12</b> 6pm Praise Team Practice	<b>13</b> 7pm Elders' Mtg	14	15
<b>16 FATHERS DAY</b> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	17	<b>18</b> 9am Food Pantry 10am Staff Mtg	<b>19</b> 6pm Praise Team Practice	20	21	22
	CIY High School - Holland Michigan					
<b>23</b> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 6-8pm Youth Group	24	<b>25</b> 9am Food Pantry 10am Staff Mtg	<b>26</b> 6pm Praise Team Practice	27	28	<b>29</b> Party in the Park 1-4pm
<b>30</b> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:30am Taste of Northwest 6-8pm Youth Group						

## June Birthdays

01 ..... Sarah Mundhenke	18 ..... Mackenzie Jones	27 ..... Craig Fahs
02 ..... Jay Dexter	19 ..... Connie Kennedy	27 ..... Angie Markus
02 ..... Jan Wise	19 ..... Diane Owen	
06 ..... Rhonda Edgecombe	21 ..... Linda Ossowski	
12 ..... Rachel Kennedy	23 ..... Marissa White	
14 ..... Chuck Oswald	26 ..... Greg Oberheim	

