

THE TOWLINE

**August
2024**



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Dear NPUCC Friends,

As I am writing to you, I just wanted to say that yesterday I was on a vessel that is 71 years old; The S.S. Badger. It is quite the experience to see Lake Michigan from a perspective of history. This vessel has seen 13 U.S. Presidents come and go; it has gone from railroad cars to motor vehicles, to a national monument. To think about the many trips it has taken across Lake Michigan and to think of the amount of people who have taken the Badger, it makes me think about the impact this 6650 tons vessel has made in one area is extraordinary.

I think the same could be said for NPUCC! This summer and the work of this church has made me think about all of the impact THIS church has made since it's start 70 years ago. Whose lives have we touched? How have we transformed with our faith? Who has come to our doors to awe and wonder at the magnificent work that has been undertaken in the name of God?

As you pray this month of August and what it means to be 'church', please think about the ways you pause and wonder at the magnificence of our time.

May God Bless you!

Rev. Bruce Wilson

We are very thankful that Pastor Bruce agreed to serve as NPUCC sabbatical Pastor this Spring and Summer. We have enjoyed his easy-going manner, positive energy, shared messages at the pulpit, and compassion. He has been a blessing. His last Sunday to preach is August 25. Thank you Pastor Bruce!

I also want to thank our generous congregation for all you do. I appreciate people rolling up their sleeves, ready to help at a moment's notice. This church hums along with the spirit of God.

Let us all welcome Pastor Amy back to the office on August 22 and to the pulpit September 1. We look forward to hearing about her sabbatical time in the months to come.

May all of our spirits be lifted with joy,
Nancy Knudsen, Moderator

August Calendar of Events

ONLINE: invitations/directions for accessing these events will be shared via email:

- Sunday Worship Services: 10:00 am
- Bibles & Brews: Fridays, August 9th, 7:00 pm.

IN-PERSON:

- Sunday Worship Services: 10:00 am, Sanctuary
- Communion: Sunday, August 4, 10:00 am, Guest Pastor Rev. Carol Shellenberger
- Wednesday August 7 “Lunch Bunch” potluck, Lynn’s deck
- August 11 “All Church Picnic” following Worship
- Church Council meeting: Tuesday, August 13, 10:00 am, Vicki’s deck
- Tuesday August 13: Church office closed to visitors due to carpet cleaning
- Friday August 16: Slot Car Racing, 5:00-10:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
- August 18 “Camp Fire Sunday” Worship Outdoors or in Fellowship Hall – **No Zoom**
- Parish Care Committee meeting: August 14th, 1:00 pm.
- August 21: Pastor Bruce’s last day as Sabbatical Pastor
- August 22: Welcome Pastor Amy back from Sabbatical (office day)
- August 25: Guest Pastor

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We encourage you to wear a mask if you have a cold or cough. There is an increase in Covid-19 transmissions in our community. If you have symptoms or do not feel well, please stay home and join us on Zoom. Masks are available at church if needed. *Thank You*

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Fellowship, Food & Fun



Come join us on Sunday August 11 for our annual All Church Picnic following worship

Drinks and main dish will be provided

Please bring your favorite appetizer, salad or dessert to share ~ or just bring yourself!



Campfire Song Sunday

Join us for worship August 18 as we remember the

fun times we had at camp or around the campfire.

Special Music Guest Rachel Teigen Brackett will be leading us in song with her guitar, wonderful voice, and enthusiasm!

Following worship join us for some **Smore** treats!

SUNDAY SCHOOL



There is no Sunday school during the summer. Coloring pages are available as you enter the sanctuary for worship.



LUNCH BUNCH — WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7 @ 11:30 AM

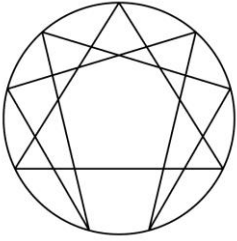
We will be meeting up for a potluck this month on Lynn's back deck... here's a flashback to 2018. Bring your favorite dish to share. Coffee, iced and hot tea will be provided.

Looking ahead to September, hopefully we'll be going back to Rose Pho.

Always at 11:30 am and Wednesday but actual dates are yet to be determined.

Contact Malinda with any questions or suggestions for lunch places.

ENNEAGRAM



We will not be meeting while Pastor Amy is on sabbatical May 23 – August 21. Our schedule after she returns is:

September – Type 6

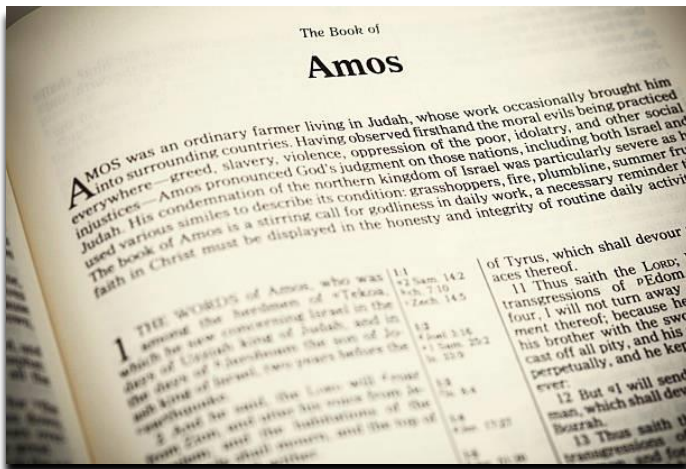
October– Type 7

November – Type 8

December – skip

January 25 – Type 9

BIBLE & BREWS



We'll be meeting up via **Zoom only** at 7 pm on Friday, August 9 to finish our summer study/discussion of The Book of Amos. We are not using a separate study guide.

In September, we plan to study the Gospel of Thomas using Beyond Belief: The Secret Gospel of Thomas written by Elaine Pagel, as recommended by Shannon. There are

copies at the King County Library but if you'd like me to purchase you a book, let me know whether you'd like new or used.

WEBINAR WITH SPEAKERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY



On Thursday, August 8 from 6:30 to 9 pm , join a virtual gathering of Audubon Around the Sound: A Puget Sound coastal resilience tour featuring speakers, field trips, and community events aimed at bringing conservationists together to protect Puget Sound's coastal habitats in a changing climate.

Black Hills Audubon Society continues the conversation of Audubon Around the Sound by hosting guest speakers: Naomi Gebo, Coastal Resilience Project Coordinator with the Department of Ecology and Jay Krienitz, Coast and Oceans Management Unit Supervisor with the Department of Ecology. Click [HERE](#) to register for the conversation.

**CREATION JUSTICE MINISTRIES –
Mallory McDuff with Special Guest Ellen
Davis on Our Last Best Act**

August brings us face to face with our mortal passage through Mallory McDuff's Our Last Best Act, which examines the ecological and spiritual dimensions of life's final chapter.

McDuff integrates the concept of a 'good death' with the stewardship of creation, offering paths to a legacy that transcends material inheritance and nurtures the continuity of the community and Creation itself. This session will inspire a sacred dialogue on how our final choices can reflect a commitment to God's creation and embody our values for future generations.

To register for this discussion on August 12, 3 pm-4:15 PST (6 pm-7:15 pm EDT), click [HERE](#).

**OPEN HOUSE AND VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION**



- ♥ We're eager to show off our remodel! I'm attaching a save the date below for our Open House & Volunteer Appreciation event. Please share it with anyone and everyone!
- ♥ Walk for Women- (previously Walk for the Women) will be Saturday September 14 at 10 AM. More info soon!

TAKE THE CLIMATE HOPE VOTER PLEDGE

The Green Team will have postcards for you to sign to take the pledge "I pledge to vote as an act of hope for present and future generations" but if you'd rather, you can also pledge online by clicking [HERE](#).

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Do you have a social or environmental justice book that you've read and would like to recommend to others? Send its name to Lynn and she'll include it in the next Towline.

Goodbye and Best Wishes to Weronika



It has been a pleasure working with Weronika over the last several months. Her last day in the office is August 8th. She and her children will be joining her husband in Germany. We wish them the very best. Weronika, please come by the church when you return!



August Birthdays

Joan Held 08/11

Stacie Latimer 08/18

Pearl Riba 08/18

John Held 08/21

Connie Clark 08/23

Jill Nedved 08/28



August Anniversaries

Mike & Jana Cook 08/01

Susan Andresen Sasis & Ruben Sasis 08/06

Belinda & Derek Allender 08/16

**If you don't see your August birthday or anniversary
on this list and would like to be included,
please let Weronika know at
info@npucc.org or 206-824-1770.**