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## Announcements & Updates for Sunday, September 13, 2020

1. **NWBC Supports Emerson School Year Start** – In March, Reading 4 Success came to an abrupt end with the closing of all MPS schools. As Emerson starts up again, we want to remind them of our care and support. One practical opportunity is to give school supplies through the donation bin in our lobby or [donating money online](#) through the church website that will be used to buy supplies.

Supplies especially needed are: paper, pencils, pencil sharpeners, index cards, folders, pencil pouches, small dry erase boards, dry erase markers, postage for mailing cards and certificates home to acknowledge attendance and achievement, and Amazon gift cards (small amounts such as \$10) to help teachers offset printing and other costs of working from home.

Thank you for your prayer support for these students and teachers as they engage virtually with instruction. See Melissa Springer with any questions.

2. **Fall Bible Study** – This Fall, Northwest is starting a Sunday morning Bible Study, beginning Oct. 4 at 9:00 AM. We will be studying through the book of Isaiah. The study will be held in the Fellowship Hall, and will go through December. Social distancing measures will be in place. If you are interested in attending, please [fill out this form](#) so we can get a head-count and have enough study guides for everyone. If you are interested in attending, but can't meet in person, we will have a Zoom call available for the study. Please indicate on the signup form if you plan to attend via Zoom.
3. **Neighborhood Prayer Walk Ministry** – Join us on Tuesday evenings through the Autumn season as we walk through our neighborhood and pray. Please meet us at church at 6:00 PM. We will go out in pairs, finishing by 7:00 PM. Bring a mask and observe social distancing as you go. Questions? Contact Melissa Springer or Bonnie Lee.
4. **Where do we go from Here?** – These are challenging days for all of us, and we all have been impacted. The Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention has been facing challenging times as well, with area churches meeting at 30 to 60% of pre-COVID levels, and the convention facing a 25% loss in funding. MWBC hopes the State Missions Offering will help make up some of this ministry loss. Last year, only 17% of MWBC churches participated in the offering. If this year's participation can be doubled, we can refocus and fund vital ministries, such as Disaster Relief, Urban Ministry, Cross-cultural Missions to name a few, within our two states.

Please consider making a sacrificial gift this year. The future of our work depends on it. To give to the State Missions Offering, simply [give here online](#), or write "State Missions" in the subject line if giving via check/cash. To learn more about the State Missions Offering, visit [mwbc.org/smo](http://mwbc.org/smo).

5. **FreeWill** – Northwest, through the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention, has collaborated with [FreeWill](#) to give our church members access to a free will writing solution. Everyone needs a will, but more than 70% of American adults don't have one because the process can seem complicated or scary. FreeWill solves that problem by allowing anyone to write an easy and accessible, legally valid will online in under 25 minutes, for free! Visit our specialized site at [FreeWill.com/MWBC](#) to write your will for free, and ensure your church stays strong for generations to come. For more information, visit [MWBC.org/FreeWill](#).
6. **Online Prayer & Small Group Meeting** - Join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00 PM for a time of prayer and small group discussion. To join the meeting, download the Zoom app, visit the Zoom website, or dial in with a landline or cell phone (1-312-626-6799). Enter the Meeting ID: 628 735 214. More information is [posted here](#).
7. **Spiritual growth resources available** – Visit [nwbc-tosa.org/resources/](#) to find resources that can help you stay faithful to God and connected with each other so that we can be his presence in the world.
8. **Masks Required at Northwest** – Per [Emergency Order #1](#), face masks or coverings are required to be worn by all persons age 5 and older, unless exempt, while inside the Northwest Baptist Church building. For those that do not have a mask or forget to bring one but would still like to worship with us on-site, we have a supply of masks available to give out. For those preferring to stay home during this time, we continue to invite you to join us for Online Worship, available on the [Online Worship page](#).
9. **Prayer Requests** - If you are in need of prayer, know someone who is in need of prayer, or have a praise you would like to share, we would love to pray for you. Prayer requests can be submitted using our [prayer request form here](#). Requests are sent directly to our pastors.
10. **Giving** - Our church offers online giving. To give online, [Click here](#). For those who are used to giving on Sunday via a check, we are also able to accept those through the mail (4373 N. 92nd St. Wauwatosa, WI 53222).