

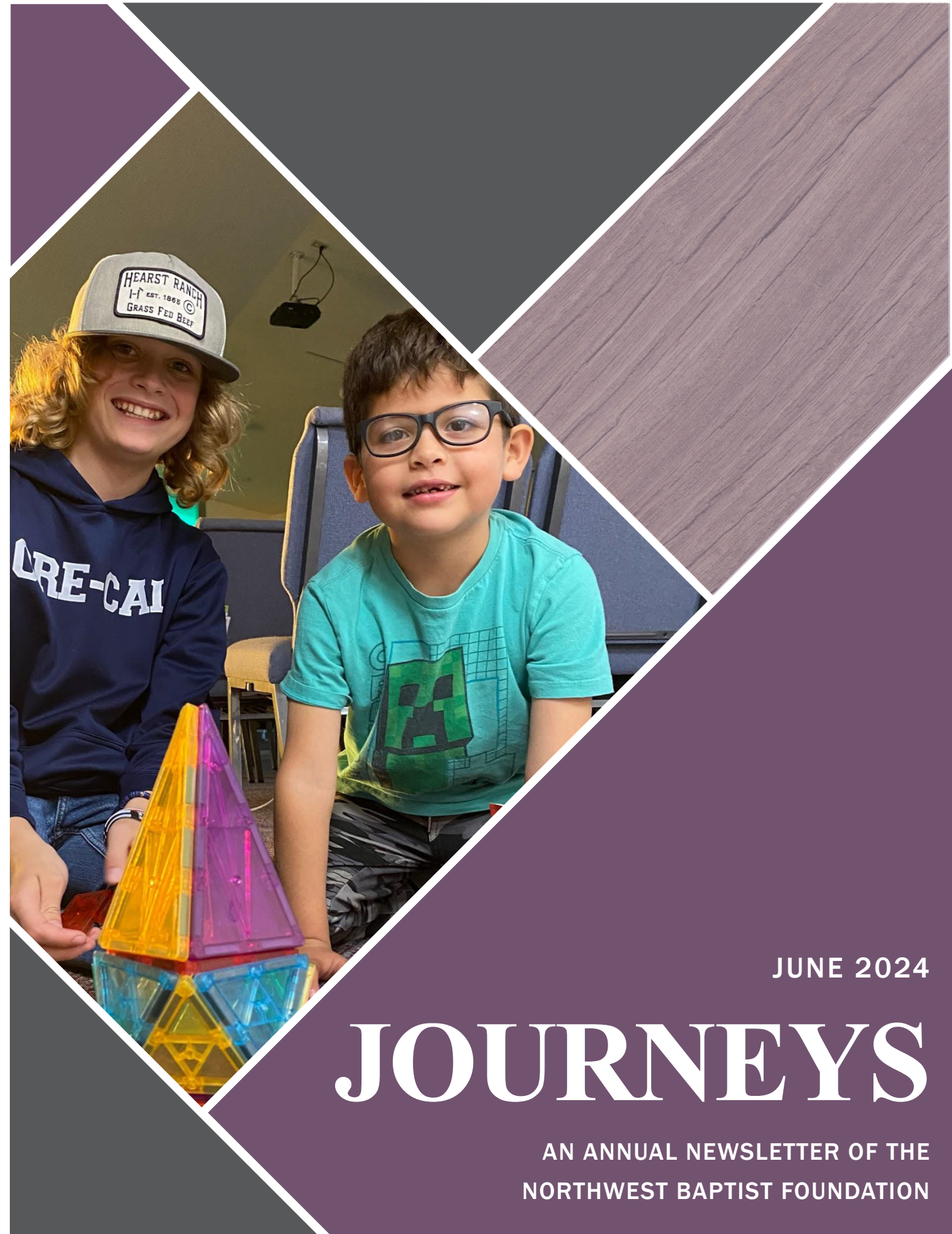


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In the new Baptist building in Vancouver, the Northwest Baptist Foundation is installing a piece of art to honor all of our donors through the years. On our website, we have created a virtual donor wall to name and share stories about these donors and their legacies of Kingdom giving. The donor wall is a work in progress. Please visit www.nwbaptistfdn.org/our-donors to view it, and if you have additional information or stories about a donor, please share them with us!

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JOURNEYS

AN ANNUAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
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A NEW CHURCH GETS CREATIVE

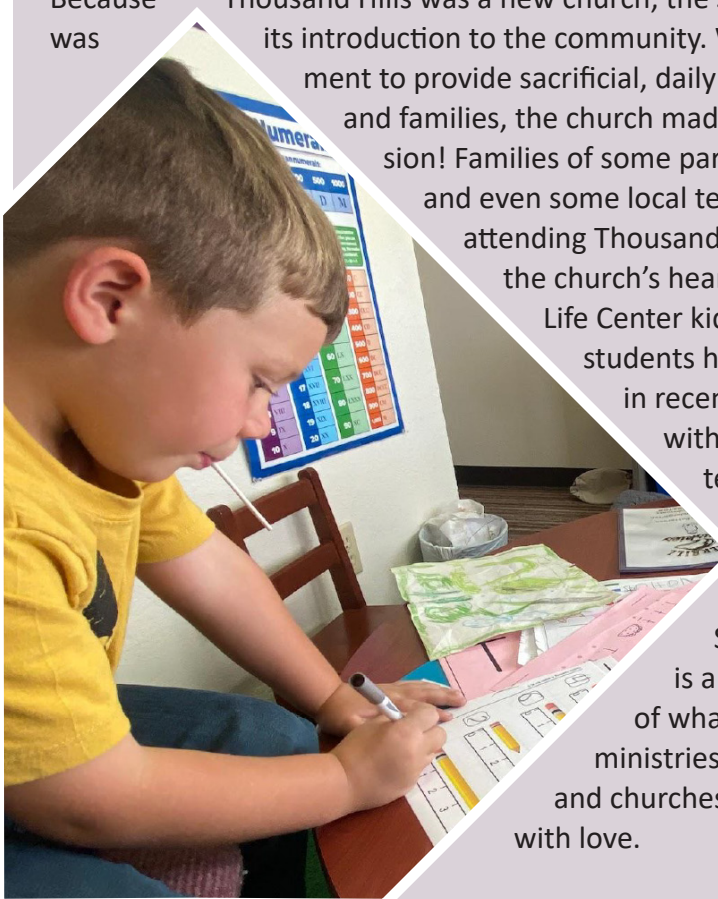
The Innovative Ministry Grant takes dollars given to spread the Gospel in the Northwest and makes them available for churches who want to try something big and different to reach their communities.

Thousand Hills Church in Merrill, Oregon is a church re-plant that started in 2022 with support from Baptist Church on Homedale in Klamath Falls and the High Desert Association. Despite being new, Thousand Hills had a big idea. They wanted to start the Merrill Student Life Center to serve local children, including those whose families are not part of Thousand Hills or any other area church.

With an Innovative Ministry Grant as part of its funding, the Merrill Student Life Center is the only free afterschool program in the Merrill area. Workers pick up participating students from school, and the students receive hot meals, tutoring, mentorship, and Bible lessons and play a lot of games. This school year, the Student Life Center serves 29 students.

Because Thousand Hills was a new church, the Student Life Center was its introduction to the community. With its commitment to provide sacrificial, daily ministry to children and families, the church made quite an impression! Families of some participating students and even some local teachers started attending Thousand Hills after seeing the church's heart. Several Student Life Center kids and parents of students have come to Christ in recent months. Working with students in the afternoons is having an eternal impact!

The Merrill Student Life Center is a beautiful example of what God can do when ministries partner together and churches attempt big things with love.



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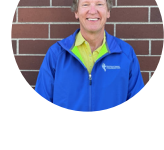
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CHURCH SCORES A SPARE

For more than two decades, the sound of glossy bowling balls striking pins filled the inside of a local, family-owned bowling alley in northern Washington. Soon, those sounds will be traded for the voices of men, women, and children worshipping the Lord in the new home of Ukrainian Baptist Church of Everett ("UBC"). Growth within the church precipitated the need to move from its 1,400 sq. ft. building to a larger space that could accommodate its expanding, multi-generational congregation. With much prayer and patience, UBC identified Glacier Lanes nearly two miles away as a perfect location for a new church home. At nearly 18,000 sq. ft., with ample room for congregational worship and dedicated meeting spaces for various church ministries, UBC is excited to renovate and transform the bowling alley into a new type of community hub centered on Jesus Christ and the hope that He brings.

The Northwest Baptist Foundation is proud to partner with UBC and its network of sister churches to enable this purchase! If your church is interested in learning more about lending options, please call our office or email jessica.adams@nwbaptistfdn.org.

SPECIAL DONOR

One day in 2018, a man named Donn came to the Northwest Baptist Foundation office and said that he would like to aid churches and people in churches. He didn't have a specific recipient or need in mind, so Foundation staff set up the Special Purpose Fund. From covering bank fees for a church hit by a natural disaster to dental work for a young ministry employee to defraying costs for youth attending conferences, the Special Purpose Fund matches flexible gifts like Donn's to needs. The Foundation hears of special needs through the Convention, Baptist Associations, and church members around the region.

In the years since, Donn has returned regularly to give to the Special Purpose Fund, blessing people and churches during his lifetime. If you would like to join him in giving to the Special Purpose Fund, please contact our office.

GENEROUS SISTERS

Layuna and Frances were sisters living in different places, but both had a heart for spreading the Gospel and wanted to bless others beyond their lifetimes. Layuna lived in Texas, while Fran lived in Washington. Fran included the Northwest Baptist Foundation in her estate plan, directing that the gift go toward church development and student ministry. During a visit to Washington, Layuna learned about the work of Baptist churches and Gateway Seminary (then Golden Gate) and wanted to support Christ-centered work in the Northwest. She named Northwest Baptist Foundation as beneficiary on multiple life insurance policies, with money earmarked for scholarships and providing training for church members.

Through these generous sisters, many lives have been and will be touched as the Good News is proclaimed in the Northwest.