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News & Views

A newsletter of Northminster Presbyterian Church



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Northminster Choirs Resume

- Wednesday, August 22

Choir is a great place for spiritual and musical learning and formation. Our children's, youth and adult choirs are open to all, regardless of experience, and convene Wednesday, August 22nd. There is no sign up procedure, simply

show up at the first rehearsal! Children and youth rehearse once a week (Wednesdays) and sing once a month in worship. The Chancel Choir rehearses once a week and sings each Sunday in worship.

Wednesday Evening Choir Rehearsal Schedule

Celebration Choir (K – 2nd grade), 6:15 – 7:00 pm, Room 203

Robbie Foote, director (rfoote1006@gmail.com)

Peace Choir (3rd – 5th grade), 6:00 – 7:00 pm, Choir Room

Director to be determined

Bel Canto (6th – 11th grade), 6:00 – 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

John Wright, director (johnwright@northminster-indy.org)

Chancel Choir (age 16 and up), 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Choir Room

John Wright, director (johnwright@northminster-indy.org)



Hymn Festival Sunday- August 19

In the fifth chapter of Ephesians, Christians are encouraged to “sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord.... giving thanks to God at all times.” On Sunday, August 19th in both morning worship services, we plan to do just that as the

Chance Choir and instrumentalists lead us in a joyous Hymn Festival. Anyone 15 years of age and up are invited to sing with the choir on this Sunday. Simply show up at 8:30 or 10:30 a.m. to rehearse. NO experience is necessary!

Keep Sound & Spirit Alive



For over 10 years *Sound & Spirit, the Arts at Northminster Presbyterian Church*, has featured eclectic concerts appealing to a wide array of audiences. From Bach to bluegrass, sometimes the music is sacred; sometimes it is secular. One style may appeal to you more than another, but the music makes an impact on all who experience it. The common denominator for the various soloists and groups appearing on the series is excellent quality. Since 90% per cent of our funding comes from private donors, we all have a vested interest in maintaining the quality of the series. For those who have contributed in the past, we sincerely thank you. Your ongoing support – not only financial, but also your presence and your advocacy – has helped us continue the tradition of music of the highest quality FREE of charge to all in Central Indiana. Whether you are a past supporter or a potential new supporter, we sincerely hope you will consider a gift to *Sound & Spirit*, regardless of the amount. Please help us keep the series alive another year as we make plans for the 2018-2019 season.

Both the arts and charitable giving are powerful reminders of who we
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Joy, Joy, Joy and even more Joy!

- by Pastor Teri Thomas

We are just about half way through our Abundant Joy capital campaign. In 2016 we asked you all to prayerfully consider making a three-year pledge to raise funds for three specific areas in the life of the church. A total of \$1,288,568 was pledged to be paid over a three year period. So far, we have received \$628,373. How's it going? In one word...great. If you want more than one word...here it is.

You pledged a total of \$515,427 for a new organ. This is only about half of the total cost for an organ and its installation, so we have not been able to begin this project. The funds are being invested by the Foundation and will continue to grow and we seek more funding. We encourage folks who did not pledge to make individual gifts to what is now called "The Organ Fund". John Wright and Marko Petricic will tell you about the need. Once the Abundant Joy campaign has been completed the Session will decide how to go about securing the rest of the funding needed for the organ.

You pledged \$360,799 for a new Mission Endowment Fund. These dollars are also invested and growing until the campaign is completed. Once the total pledged has been received the Mission Team will select special projects to be funded by the growth of the endowment. The principal will remain and grow to allow even more mission in the future. These

projects will be above and beyond those already in our annual budget.

You pledged \$412,342 to cover the campaign costs and reduce the loan we have with Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program of our General Assembly. The campaign costs have been covered and we apply the income from the campaign as it comes in to reduce the principal on the loan. So far to date we have lowered our debt by \$53,777.



I want to thank all of you who made pledges during the Abundant Joy campaign. One of the great things about this congregation is that you do indeed honor your pledges and the money comes in as expected. IF you were not here when we held this campaign, it is not too late to take part. You can get a pledge card from the church office and jump right in. You can also make one-time gifts to the campaign by letting Lori know your gift is for the Abundant Joy capital campaign.

If you have other questions, please let us know. The JOY is abundant, and we hope you can share it as well.

Keep Sound & Spirit Alive

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are as human beings. We give to those organizations or causes that we feel are important, or to those which we feel sustain others. We hope you will find Sound & Spirit to be such an organization. At any given *Sound & Spirit* concert, the music may entertain, delight, challenge, give meaning to, interpret, raise awareness, transport, and stimulate.

As a contributor to *Sound & Spirit*, your name(s) will be included in the list of supporters in each concert program. Your tax-deductible donation goes directly to sustaining the musicians who appear on the series. Northminster Presbyterian Church graciously pays our "overhead" costs. Put simply, we need your assistance to maintain and advance *Sound & Spirit's* tradition of artistic excellence and accessibility.

DEADLINE to receive contributions is Friday, Sept. 21, 2018.

You may make a contribution in two ways:

- 1) Online at <http://www.northminster-indy.org/sound-and-spirit/>
- 2) Mail or bring a check to the church office. Checks may be made out to Sound & Spirit.

The levels of contributions are:

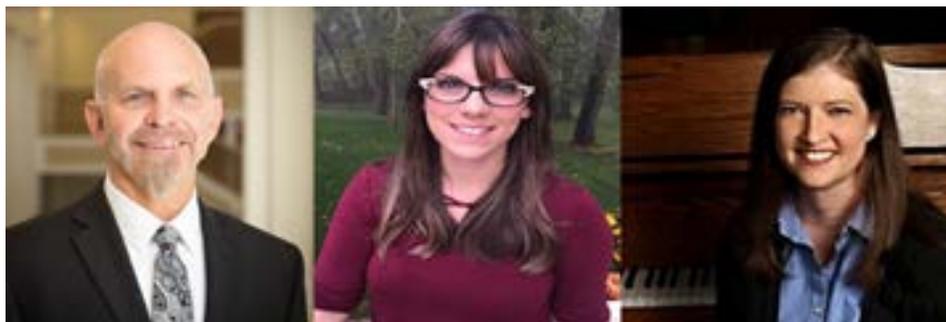
- Saints (\$2000 and up)
- Angels (\$1000 – 1999)
- Patrons (\$500 - 999)
- Benefactors (\$250 – 499)
- Donors (\$100 – 249)
- Friends (up to \$99)

Musical Presentation

Thursday, August 9 at 11:00 am

The Music Directors for Northminster, Irvington and Faith Presbyterian Churches will come together to do a musical presentation for

your enjoyment. This FREE presentation, at Northminster, will offer vocal and instrumental music. Invite your friends!



John Wright, NPC Amy Studabaker, IPC Pat Rozeboom, FPC

Day of Caring - Sunday, September 16

Mark your calendars for Day of Caring on Sunday, **September 16**. We will spend our morning connecting with our neighborhood and mission partners through service. There will be a short worship service at 9 am, but no worship service at 11 am because we will worship that day by serving others.

There is a project for everyone! All ages and abilities can participate either at the church and in the community. At various sites, we will help our partners sort donations, paint, clean, and do yard work. In the church building, we will write letters to our church homebound members, make meals for those in need, and pack bags with supplies for those who are homeless.

Stop by the table in the Gathering Place to sign-up for a project and to learn more about our partners,

including the Dayspring Center, Exodus Refugee Immigration, Joy's House, the Julian Center, Westminster Neighborhood Services, and Wheeler Mission. (Sign up on our website beginning in early August.)



There will be childcare provided for young children and the Deacons are selling Northminster t-shirts for you to show your NPC spirit and caring out in the community. We hope to see you on this special day!

August Worship

- by Teri Thomas

Sunday, August 5th, will be a communion Sunday. We continue through the Letter to the Ephesians. This is a very short book, easy to read. This week is Eph 4:1-16 and the author talks of being bound together.

Sunday, August 12th, we move to Eph 4:25-5:2 and the theme is peace. This is also the Sunday we have the blessing of the backpacks. Bring your school backpack and we will bless them and the students who carry them.

Sunday, August 19th, we are challenged in Ephesians 5 to sing songs and hymns and spiritual songs. Come and sing with us.

Sunday, August 26th, is the last Sunday of our series on Ephesians. We look at the armor of God and what it means for us.

Prayer List Changes

It is important to keep the prayer list up-to-date. Please let the office know of any persons listed on the current prayer list who may be removed or added. (Beginning in September, a person will be listed for one month, unless a request is made to place them on the "chronic illness or long-term treatment" listing.)

Indiana Churches Offer 4,122 Letters for the Hungry!

Thanks to all of you who wrote or personalized a letter to Congress in support of programs for the hungry as part of the Bread for the World Offering of Letters.

Our letters were combined with those from 51 other Indiana churches and groups, and 4,122 letters (30 from NPC) were delivered during visits to the local offices of our senators and representatives. African Methodist Episcopal, Baptist, Catholic, Disciples of Christ, Episcopal, Lutheran, Mennonite, Presbyterian, United Methodist, United Church of Christ, Unitarian Universalist and other groups combined efforts to remind our elected leaders that hunger is an issue that needs to be addressed now.

When meeting with a staff member of Senator Joe Donnelly, who received 992 letters, Bread members learned that Senator Donnelly is given a report every Friday afternoon that enumerates the letters, emails and phone calls that have come to his office during the week.

Other letters received:

- Senator Todd Young - 1032 letters
- Congresswoman Brooks - 385
- Congressman Carson - 316
- Congressman Hollingsworth - 168
- Congressman Messer - 151
- Congressman Rokita - 62
- Other – 6

Writing letters is affective and our legislators recognize that we are watching what bills they are writing/co-sponsoring and how they are voting on hunger issues.

This united action is vital in order to be heard above the din of fake news and daily head-spinning false statements. We must continue to focus on what we can and must do – to champion the needs of the hungry – the children, the disabled and the elderly and those who are struggling to overcome life-changing events that can happen to any one of us at any time. As Christians we believe in caring for all of God's children. Let it be so.

Mission Team News

In the photo, below, Jerry Gray - Dayspring Center, check presentation (from the Mission Team).



IHN/Family Promise August 12-19

We are preparing to host homeless families through IHN/Family Promise, providing providing hospitality and compassion to temporarily displaced families from Aug. 12 - 19. Please consider donating an hour or two (or more) of your time, helping with meals, driving the van, spending time with the children of these families, or spending the night at the church. Sign-up in the Gathering Place on Sundays, or online: <http://bit.ly/IHNfpAug12-19>

Questions? Contact Dolly Craft (dollybike317@gmail.com) or Nancy Jarrell (njvjarrell@att.net), or see us on Sundays.

What Do Deacons Do? - by Ruth Moore

The Deacons will be providing a back to school lunch for School 55 teachers on Friday, Aug. 3rd.

New Giving Opportunity

Through the end of August, we will be **collecting school supplies** for John Strange Elementary

School. School 55 has a new community partner that is providing school supplies for them this year. John Strange has requested the following items: crayons, pencils, Ticonderoga pencils, glue sticks, dry erase markers – black, disinfectant wipes, gallon zip lock bags,

hand sanitizer, pink pearl erasers and Kleenex boxes. These supplies are for the students, teachers and staff. Please pick up something on the list the next time you are out shopping and place them in the yellow bin in the Gathering Place.

Church School in August

9:00 am Church School (grades K-5th) is back in session. All classes will meet for both services, excluding the first Sunday of the month, Communion Sunday, when children grades K-5th remain in worship.

We continue in ordinary time in the church calendar. Our Preschool and Church School use the curriculum of Seasons of the Spirit. The following prayer and scripture focus come from our Seasons of the Spirit Preschool curriculum for August: *God who is the source of love, our teacher in love, love itself, transform each one of us that we might together be a healthy body living that love. May we live a courageous love where anger transforms the harm of injustice and oppression into justice and liberation. Amen.*

August 5th: Ephesians 4:1–16
Community is important, and those who live in the community which Paul calls the body of Christ are called to hold the mind of God, rather than the mind of self or traditional social order. The nature of a good, cohesive community is set when all members are seen to be,

August Birthdays

8/1 Edy Merida
8/1 Brad Ronco
8/3 Charles Bishop
8/3 Sandra Corbitto
8/3 Sandra Learned
8/3 Adam Williams

and feel as if they are valued and of worth with the community. Body building is thus complicated, but incredibly worthwhile.

August 12th: Ephesians 4:25—5:2
Love is not easy, soft, or nice. Sometimes, it can begin with anger and then take that anger as the impetus for challenging injustice, seeking liberation, working for healing. The church is called to be such an agent for transformation in the world; ourselves transformed by the love of God.

August 19th: Ephesians 5:15–20
In the tradition of the wisdom literature of the Hebrew Scriptures, a life lived according to wisdom is a life of health, wholeness, and peace. This is the life God created for all, into which all are invited through Jesus the Christ, and which is encouraged through all the readings this week.

August 26th: Ephesians 6:10–20
Our time with Ephesians concludes with encouragement to cover ourselves with spiritual practices that will enable us to “stand firm” on the way of God.

8/4 Patrick Gresham
8/5 Fese Mokube
8/6 James Bork
8/6 Garrett Reasoner
8/6 Steve Swanson
8/7 Dorothy Burnside
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August Youth Group

Indianapolis Indians game! August 12th

Meet main entrance at the corner of West and Maryland at 1:15 p.m. Adults and children invited. Sundays are Kids Eat Free, Kids 14 and under receive voucher for a free hot dog, a bag of chips and a bottle of water with price of admission. Vouchers can be picked up behind section 108. Current plan is to get lawn seating and ticket price will depend on the size of our group, So RSVP to Maureen Wilson at mwilson@northminster-indy.org Bring the family!

Pool Party at the Crooks August 19

5:00 – 7:30 p.m.



All-Church Open Mic Night August 24

5:30 – 7:30 pm at NPC. Bring a pitch-in food item and your talent!

Questions? Contact Maureen (Mo) Wilson, Director of Education and Youth Ministries, 317-251-9489 ext. 18, or mwilson@northminster-indy.org

August Calendar Highlights

8/7	7:00 PM	Team Meeting Night
8/9	11:00 AM	Free Musical Presentation
8/11	10:00 AM	Recycling Event
8/12	All Week	IHN / Family Promise week begins
	12:00 PM	Recycling Event
	1:15 PM	Youth Fellowship - Indians Game
8/13	6 & 7 PM	Stephen Ministers
8/14	4:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting
	6:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
8/16	6:00 PM	NorthStars Planning Meeting
8/21	6:00 PM	Session Meeting
8/22	5:30 PM	Wednesday Night Dinner
	6:00 PM	Bel Canto
	6:00 PM	Peace Choir
	6:00 PM	Child Care
	6:15 PM	Celebration Choir
	6:15 PM	Parents With a Passion
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
8/24	5:00 PM	All-Church Open Mic Night
8/27	10:30 AM	Stephen Ministers Leaders
8/28	9:00 AM	Newsletter Stuffers
8/30	8:30 AM	Preschool Open House

(August Birthdays, continued)

8/7	Debbie Grush	8/18	Matthew Kroeger
8/7	Stella Shannon	8/21	Caroline Beck
8/8	Mary Clark	8/21	Monica Brase
8/8	Marilyn Mart	8/21	Sally Simpson
8/8	Maureen Purcell	8/22	Leah Shannon
8/9	Jeremy Gray	8/23	Kelley Smith
8/9	Susan Karpicke	8/24	Adam McGoff
8/9	Joseph Komenda	8/24	Mary Walker
8/10	Evelyn Ronco	8/25	Brenda Reed
8/11	Lauren Robinson	8/25	Donna Walker
8/12	Katherine Mann	8/26	Jennifer Calwell
8/13	Betty Busch Benz	8/26	Jamie Schulte
8/14	Ronald Calkins, J.D.	8/28	Ryan Auer
8/15	Jack Belschwender	8/28	Jeffrey Schmahl
8/15	Amy Skeels	8/28	Doug Thorpe
8/15	John Swisher	8/29	Donald Haney
8/16	Damon Auble	8/29	Terri Palladino
8/16	Teresa Sherow	8/30	Andy Longo
8/18	Sarah Gray	8/30	P E MacAllister
8/18	James Jordan	8/31	Molly Fenneman

All Church & Community Picnic

Sunday, September 9 at Noon

The E-Team and the Congregational Life Team are co-sponsoring an all church and community picnic on the 9th after worship. We will have a bounce house, games for the kids, entertainment and food trucks for you to buy your own lunch. No reservations or prepaid tickets are required, just come and join in the fun. (*The south parking lot next to Kessler will be closed that day for picnic set up.*)

Recycling Event

The deacons are sponsoring a two-day electronics recycling event on Saturday, August 11, from 10 am to 2 pm, and Sunday, August 12, from 12:30 to 2:30 pm.

Recycle Force will take anything with a cord: personal and office computers, consumer electronics, office equipment, telecomm equipment, small appliances, refrigerators, freezers, toasters, microwaves, and more. There will be a \$20 fee for each television and anything with refrigerant.

Questions? Contact Carol Frohlich at 317-840-5071.

T-Shirts for Sale

It's not too late - order your Northminster t-shirt by August 28th! Forms are on information tables at church or go to <http://bit.ly/2018NPCtshirts>

Homecoming Reunion

The 4th Annual Homecoming Reunion is fast approaching on Thursday, **September 13, 2018 at 11:00 am**. The Reunion is an opportunity for members who are unable to attend worship on a regular basis to come for a time of fellowship and lunch. All members who would like to see friends they don't get to see on a regular basis are welcome to attend. There will be a brief worship service, followed by lunch (which will be provided by the Forum again this year!) Please call the church office at 317-251-9489 to **RSVP by September 3rd**.



(Above: 2017 Homecoming Reunion)

Caregiver Support Group

All caregivers are welcome! Wed., August 1 at 1 pm, and Monday, Aug. 6 at 6 pm, in the Conference room next to Ruth's office. You don't have to be a member of NPC to attend.

Contact Denise

If you have questions about Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Caregiving, Rehabilitation Therapy, Estate Planning, Grief, Probate & Guardianship or need a referral for Elder Law, contact Denise Harrington (dharrington@northminster-indy.org or 317-509-7085). Look for Denise at worship on the 3rd Sunday of each month, and in the church office on Thursdays.

NorthStars Planning Meeting

On Thursday, August 16th, we will gather for our annual planning session for NorthStars. Please come with your creative ideas for monthly activities, including trips, concerts, mission possibilities, and places of interest. If you have never planned or led an event, please consider it. We are always looking for new people and program ideas!

This past year, we helped assemble food backpacks for needy children at Gleaners, observed beautiful stained glass windows in Richmond, IN, and visited the Link Observatory near Bloomington, IN.

We will meet in Calvin Hall at 6:00 P.M. for a pitch-in-dinner. Set up will be at 5:00. Please bring a dessert or a salad / side dish of your choice. We will supply pulled pork and chicken for sandwiches, and will provide the drink. We will be taking a donation of \$2.00 per person at the door.

Please email n9kyc@yahoo.com or call Marty and John Brooks at (317) 848-6995 by Monday, August 13th if you plan to attend. Bring a friend. Hope to see you there!