

February 2017



News & Views

A newsletter of Northminster Presbyterian Church

CTS President Matthew Boulton, Guest Preacher - Sunday, February 26

Professor of Theology, Matthew Myer Boulton (*photo, right*), will be preaching at the 9:00 and 11:00 am service at Northminster Presbyterian Church on February 26th. The President of the Christian Theological Seminary will be addressing, through sermon, the issue of poverty and the impact of the Faith and Action Project initiatives on our local community. Faith and Action Project is a CTS sponsored

calling for our congregation and others in our community to make a collaborative effort to reduce poverty in Indianapolis. President Boulton is the author of three books on Christianity and is well known for his community interaction and his effective speaking.

A reception with refreshments will be held in Calvin Hall during the 10 o'clock hour to greet President Boulton, with a 20 minute question and answer period where we may make further



inquiries about the Faith and Action Project. Please plan on attending and welcoming President Boulton and his important message to all of us at Northminster.

February Worship

Sunday, February 5, is the 5th Sunday after Epiphany. Both the prophet Isaiah and Jesus are pretty clear on what is expected from the faithful. Why is it so hard? Communion will be served at both services.

Sunday, February 12, is the 6th Sunday after Epiphany. Deuteronomy challenges us to follow the law that God has set before us, but then Jesus

expands on the Hebrew law in Matthew 5: 21-37.

Sunday, February 19, we welcome guest preacher, the Reverend Jim Montgomery (*photo, right*). Jim is a regular worshipper here at Northminster and co-teaches our Wednesday night Bible Study. Welcome him as he leads worship this morning.

Sunday, February 26, is Transfiguration Sunday. One of the goals

of Northminster is to transfigure our community and work for the elimination of poverty.



VISIT US ON SUNDAYS AT 9:00 OR 11:00 AM

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The Lenten Journey: Seeking Travel Companions

– by Rev. Carol McDonald

The church year moves quickly from Advent to Lent – a 6½ week journey to the cross and empty tomb. We begin in the wilderness and conclude in a crowded city. The Jesus of the Lenten scriptures calls us to repentance, self-examination, to take a good look at our lives of comfort and ease, and challenges us to reach out to those on the margins of our neighborhood, our city, and our world.

Plan to join us for the Lenten Journey 2017!

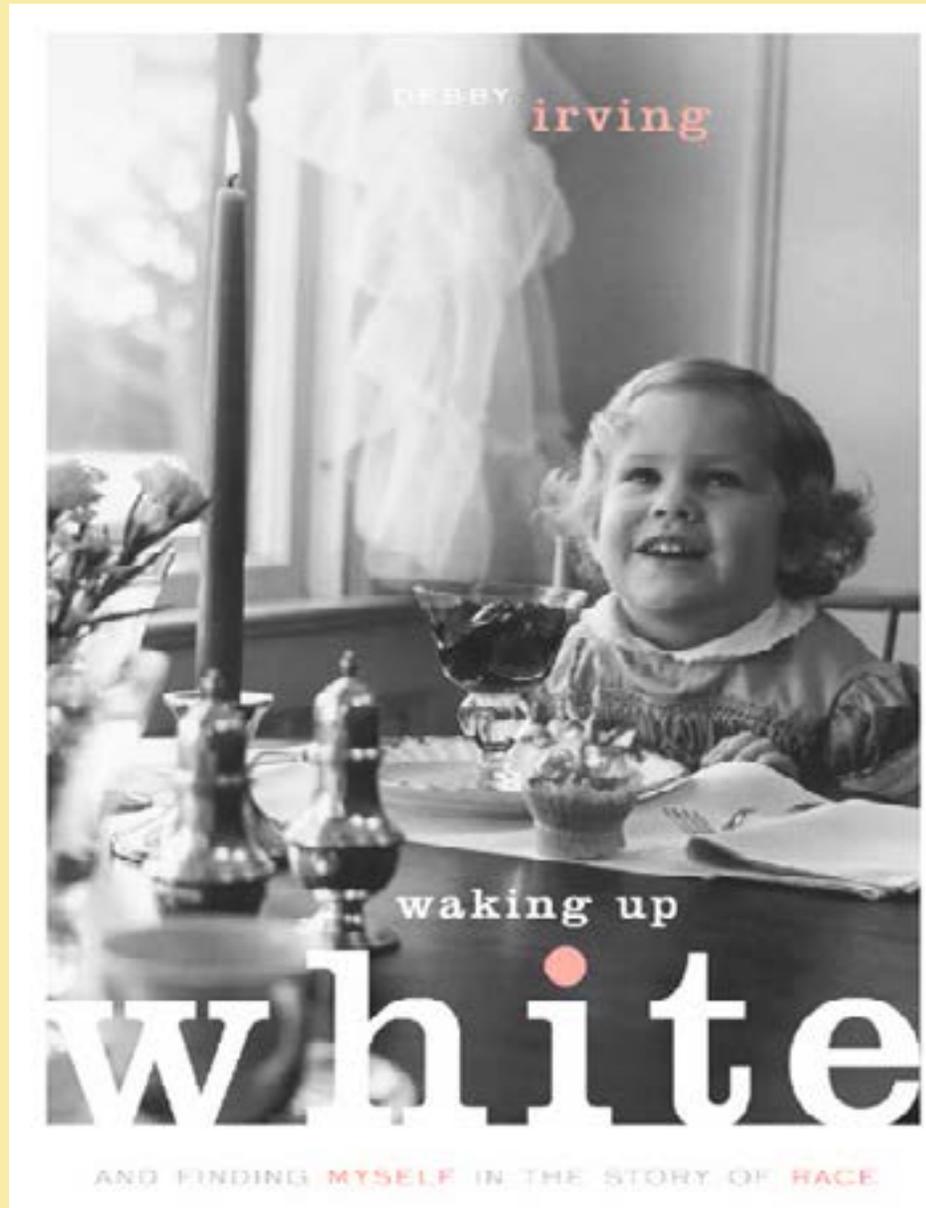
Week 1: Sunday, March 5 - First Sunday in Lent

10-11 a.m. (Calvin Hall) Introduction to *Issues of Racism and White Privilege*. Led by Carol McDonald, Northminster Parish Associate.

6:15 – 7:45 pm. (Gathering Place) Book Discussion: *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving. This book is being read across the Presbyterian Church (USA), thanks to our Co-Moderators, the Revs. Denise Anderson and Jan Edmiston and is also the book-of-the-year for the Synod of Lincoln Trails. Discussion will be led by Carol McDonald.

Thursday, March 9 - 11:45 am – 1:15 pm

(Gathering Place – bring your lunch; beverages and cookies will be provided!) Book Discussion: *Waking Up White* by Debby



Irving. If you weren't able to join us on Sunday, this is your chance to discuss this helpful book. Led by Carol McDonald.

Week 2: Sunday, March 12 – Second Sunday in Lent

10-11 a.m. (Calvin Hall) "What Is Racial Identity and How Does It Develop in EACH of Us?" Led by the Rev. Jessica Vasques Torres, Organizer/Trainer for Crossroads Antiracism Organizing & Training.

Jessica is a graduate of Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, and has worked in the Office of Racial Reconciliation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), with Interfaith Worker Justice, and has served on the staff of McCormick Theological Seminary Chicago.

12:15 – 1:30 p.m. (Calvin Hall – Light Lunch will be available.) "What Is Racial Identity and How
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Does It Develop in EACH of Us?" Led by Jessica Vasques Torres.

Week 3: Sunday, March 19 – Third Sunday in Lent

9:00 and 11:00 am: J. Herbert Nelson, Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (USA) will be preaching at both worship services.

10-11 a.m. (Calvin Hall) J. Herbert Nelson will share his vision for a more inclusive PC (USA.) Elected as Stated Clerk by the 222nd General Assembly in 2016, J. Herbert Nelson is the first African American to hold our denomination's highest elected office.

Week 4: Sunday, March 26 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

10-11 a.m. (Calvin Hall) "What Is Microaggression and What Does It Have to Do With Me?" Led by the Rev. Laura Mariko Cheifetz, Vice President of Church and Public Relations at Presbyterian Publishing Corporation of the Presbyterian Church (USA.) Laura is a graduate of McCormick Theological Seminary and has served on the staffs of McCormick Seminary in Chicago and the Fund for Theological Education in Atlanta.

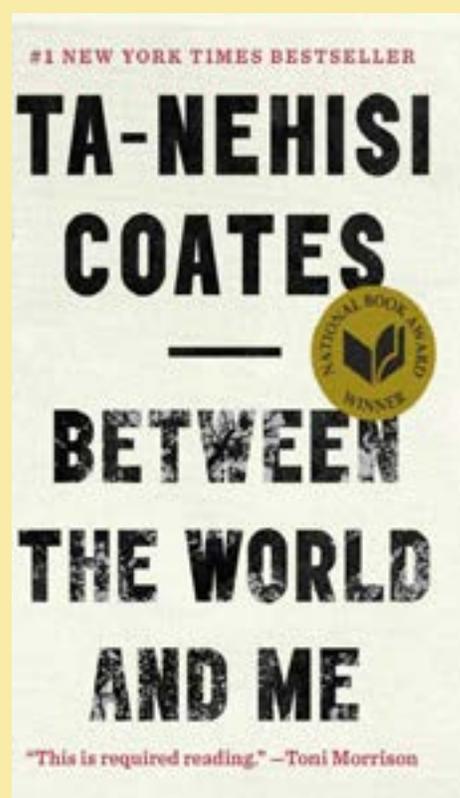
12:15 – 1:30 p.m. (Calvin Hall – Light Lunch will be available) "What Is Microaggression and What Does It Have to Do With Me?" Led by Laura M. Cheifetz.

Week 5: Sunday, April 2 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

10-11 a.m. (Calvin Hall) "Where Do We Go From Here?" Leader: The Rev. Molly Casteel, Assistant Stated Clerk and Manager for Equity and Representation, Presbyterian Church (USA.)

6:15 – 7:45 p.m. (Gathering Place) Book Discussion: *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. This profound work pivots from the biggest questions about American history and ideals to the most intimate concerns of a father for his son and offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation's history and current crisis. Led by Carol McDonald.

Thursday, April 6, 11:45 am – 1:15 pm (Gathering Place – bring your lunch; beverages and cookies will be provided!) Book Discussion: *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Not able to



join us on Sunday? This is your chance to be in conversation about this helpful book!

Week 6: Sunday, April 9 - Palm Sunday

We march, with Jesus, into Jerusalem.



Disciple Fast Track: New Testament

This 12 week session on the New Testament begins Wednesday, February 1, and continues through April 26. Please register on the Featured Events page of our website, or by calling the church office at 317-251-9489. New Testament

Study Guides are \$15. Email Debbie Bulloff (dbulloff@northminster-indy.org) so we can order enough Study Guides. Revs. Carol McDonald and Jim Montgomery (both honorably retired PCUSA ministers) will facilitate this spring semester.

Curious Conversations

– February 5 and 12 at 10:00 am

Are you curious about the ministry and mission of Northminster? Would you like to get involved? If so join us at 10 am in the Conference Room on Sundays, February 5 and 12. While this is not a new member class, this is the first step in becoming an “official” member of NPC. Please RSVP

to Associate Pastor Ruth Moore at ruthmoore@northminster-indy.org or 317-251-9489 ext. 14.

Childcare will be provided.



Fourth Sunday Adult Education

– February 26 at 10 am

Led by Associate Pastor Ruth Moore, we continue with our video series from Marcus Borg entitled: “*Embracing An Adult Faith – What it means to be a*

Christian.” Session 2 is about Jesus. Each session is independent of the one before it, so even if you can’t join us every fourth Sunday, join us when you can.

Family Ministry Events in February

Wednesday Night Dinners are available each Wednesday at 5:30 pm in Calvin Hall. Please make a reservation with the church office (317-251-9489) by noon on Mondays. Meals are kid-friendly and we always have salad and a vegetarian option. Adults \$5. Kids \$2.50. Pay with cash, credit or debit card.

Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting, Feb. 7 at 7:15 pm
Brainstorming for VBS/Arts Camp. Our theme is Pentecost! Dates: Sunday, June 4, from noon to 3:00 pm, and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 5, 6 and 7, from 5:45 to 8:00 pm. Plan to bring your friends and

neighbors. For ages 4 by May 1, 2017, through Middle School.

Community Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 15, 10:00 am.

This is a Rain or Shine event. Mark your calendars now. Bring your friends and bring your baskets. Ages Toddlers-5th Grade. Grandparents, aunts and uncles are welcome. Let Debbie Bulloff know if you can hide eggs, lead groups, clean up, etc (dbulloff@northminster-indy.org). Service hours are available to youth.

Membership App and Online Access to Launch Feb. 14

On February 14 members will receive an email inviting them to **ShelbyNext**,



Northminster’s upgraded church management system. It is technology used by churches of any size to communicate with, connect and engage members of their congregation.

Lori Schlabach demonstrated ShelbyNext at the Annual meeting on January 29. Members will be able to view the church directory, update their own contact information, review their giving record, contribute and check the church calendar on their own computer or smart phone. Those who missed the annual meeting will have many opportunities to learn more throughout February and March. Member volunteers who have already been using ShelbyNext will be available in the Gathering Place on Sundays, starting February 19, to answer questions and help new users.

Youth & Family Activities – by Julie Shannon

Souper Bowl of Caring

- February 5

We need youth at 9:45am and at 10:45 am (after the 9 & 11am worship services) to help collect these donations. This money and the canned food items all go to local organizations –like Inter-faith Hospitality Network (IHN) and Westminster Neighborhood Ministries food pantry.

Souper Bowl of Caring was started by one youth group in North Carolina and is now nationwide –earning millions each year to Tackle Hunger locally.

In 2016, Souper Bowl of Caring empowered 6,846 participating groups to collect over \$10.4 million in cash and food items which impacted over 5,000 charities all across the United States.

In 2017, we are hoping to make an even larger impact, and we can't do it without your help.



February 5

The Fantastic Super Bowl Party at the Plunkett's home at 5:30 pm
Address: 5307 E. 75th St. 5:30 to halftime. Bring a snack to share and be ready for the announcement of the fantasy Football winner.

February 12th

Morning Gathering from 10-10:55am. We will work on sharing the love of Christ with others and help write and make valentines for Homebound.

February 17th

Friday evening Skyzone or Laser Tag? We will take a vote in January and details will go out early February as to place, cost, etc.

February 19th

Regular Youth Fellowship 6-8pm. Engage your creativity. We will enjoy our pizza & games & also explore some creative ways to pray and play.

Friday, February 24th at 5pm

Help set up for the Kenya Carnival at Second Presbyterian Church.

Sunday, February 25

Kenya Carnival. (See article, this page.)

February 26th

No Youth Programming.

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper - March 1

The Congregational Life Team will host a soup dinner on Wednesday, March 1, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in Calvin Hall. Come to enjoy a variety of soups prepared by team members. The 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday service will follow in the Sanctuary.

Call the church office (317-251-9489), sign up at the coffee bar on Sundays, or make your meal reservation on the Featured Events page of our website so we can be sure to prepare enough soup for everyone. A free-will offering will be collected to cover the costs.

WAMM: Worship through Arts, Music and Mission

Gathering Place at 10:00 a.m.
Stories under the Stairs continue.
Little Round Table activities for our youngest children.

Valentines for our home-bound folks. Write a note to let someone special who can't journey to Church know that we are thinking of them and love them.

February 5 and February 12, 2017
Join us as we design and make

Christian Education

All School age children (K-5th gr) will attend worship with their parents and celebrate Communion with the Congregation on Sunday, February 5. Look for the Children's Worship Bulletin which will be available along with the regular Sunday Worship bulletin. After Time with Children, Toddlers and Preschoolers will proceed to their classrooms on the 1st floor of the C.E. wing for Church School and care. Children's Church for K-5th graders will be offered at both services, after the Time with Children on Sundays February 12, 19 and 26. Nursery, Toddler and Preschool Church School and care will be offered every Sunday.

Church School in February

Consider the scripture and talk with your friends and family

about the question at the end of each week's lesson. The booklet, Living the Seasons: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany is available. We are following the Lectionary for Year A with focus on the Gospel of Matthew.

February 5

Matthew 5: 13-16

Salt and Light

Salt makes food taste better. When you live in God's love, you make life better for others. How can we be salt? Also, be a light to the world. Don't hide your light away, let it shine for others. How can we be God's light in the world?

February 12

Matthew 5: 21-24

Heart-felt

The Church School will explore Jesus' teachings about how God's love can work through us. "Always

work to make things right between you and your family and friends." This is sometimes very hard. How shall we live in the way Jesus wants us to live?

February 19

Matthew 5: 38-48

Going Beyond

How can we love others the way that God loves us? Who is our neighbor? What about our enemies? It takes courage, discernment, teaching, and community to live in God's way. How shall we begin?

February 26

Matthew 17: 1-9

Glorious Mystery

As the Season after the Epiphany closes on a holy mountain, we hear God's voice again telling us, "Listen to Jesus." The Transfiguration reminds us all to listen, to live in the mystery. How shall we do this?

February Calendar Highlights

2/1	11:30 AM	Staff Retreat
2/1	6:00 PM	Disciple Fast Track - New Testament
2/2	6:30 PM	Presbytery Event
2/5	8:00 AM	SOUPer Bowl Sunday
2/5	10:00 AM	Curious Conversations
2/7	12:00 PM	Team Meetings
2/12	4:30 PM	#Food&Faith
2/19	4:30 PM	NorthStars Butler Basketball
2/25	12:00 PM	Kenya Carnival @ 2nd Pres.
2/26	10:00 AM	4th Sunday Adult Education
2/26	10:00 AM	Reception for President Matthew Boulton
2/28	9:00 AM	Newsletter Assembly
2/28	6:30 PM	Mom to Mom group

Church Library News

Get ready for Lent by visiting the Church Library, upstairs next to the elevator. Is your small group needing Lenten study materials? Want to do a daily study on your own? We have many books and materials on the big table in the Library, and on the book cart in the Gathering Place on Sunday mornings. Just print your name and phone number on the book card, put it in the card holder and borrow the materials.

February 2017 Birthdays

Frances MacAllister	2/1	Gloria Hardesty	2/16
Terri Hubbard	2/1	Thomas Hubbard	2/17
Norma Wilson	2/2	Susan Hardesty	2/17
Lawrence Church	2/2	Kaitlyn Boller	2/17
Patricia Freije	2/3	Cheryl Mack	2/17
Lowell Lumley	2/4	John (Lex) Cavins	2/18
Kathryn Bulloff	2/5	Betty Bowers	2/19
Carol Frohlich	2/5	Susan Holewinski	2/20
William Freije	2/7	Lela Boys-Sibley	2/20
Olivia Smithers	2/7	Mary Boris	2/21
Steve Keltner	2/7	Mark Yohn	2/21
Blake Schlabach	2/8	Aidan Yohn	2/21
Weimer Hicks	2/9	Robin Litel	2/22
Mary Beth Riner	2/9	Jill de las Alas	2/23
Georgeanna Tutrow	2/10	Kathryn Goncalves	2/23
Kathryn Clayton	2/10	Jon Constable	2/25
Kent Jackson	2/13	Elizabeth Cornelius	2/25
Joni Hughes	2/13	Susan Hedrick	2/25
Linda Furuness	2/13	Frances Barrows	2/27
Gabriel Boris	2/14	John Hawks	2/27
Mary Kask	2/15	William Lord	2/28
Mary Lisher	2/15	Wesley Lancaster	2/28
Lauren Schmahl	2/15	Barbara Farris	2/29
Margaret Collins	2/16		

IHN Family Promise Clothing Drive

Northminster's Mission Team and IHN Coordinators invite church members to participate in the Spring Family Promise Clothing Drive.

During the month of February through Sunday, March 12, we invite you to bring clean, gently-used, adult and children's clothing (no shoes or household items) and place them in the yellow cart in the Gathering Place. If possible, bring your donation in a white kitchen trash bag.

During the week of March 13-18, the Mission Team/IHN Coordinators will deliver accumulated bags of clothing to the IHN Day Center. Goodwill then sends a truck to pick up all the bagged clothing and provides vouchers for the IHN guests to shop at any Central Indiana Goodwill store, where they are able to choose what clothing size they need for themselves and their children. This is an easy way to support IHN/Family Promise – and clean your closets!

What Do Deacons Do?

The Deacons are busy making plans for 2017. Deacons raise their own budget for care and outreach into the community. Look for their annual plant fundraiser coming this spring!

Foundation Minute – by Robert Rothrock

Wills. Have you done one? Do you need to update a previous will? I wrote this for the foundation minute last January and the answer is still yes. It is easier said than done.

Giving through your will is really not about death - it's an affirming experience that celebrates the values and goals that you cherish most. As legacy expert Richard Radcliffe puts it, bequests are "life driven, death activated."

Your gift to the Foundation is your view of the future. Do you like the music program or Clothe-a Child at Northminster? Would you like to see them continued and expanded? Do you think there are more and unnamed ministries yet to be identified? A gift in your will to the Foundation could make that happen. If you have questions, contact the church office and they will put you in touch with one of the board members of the Foundation.



Kenya Carnival

Saturday, February 25 - 12 noon to 4 p.m.

at Second Presbyterian Church (7700 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46260)

What is the Kenya Carnival all about? The Kenya Carnival raises money for G.I.P. – Global Inter-faith Partnership. G.I.P. goal has always been a simple one: to keep vulnerable children in school and address the obstacles that might hinder their success.

Since 2008, Kenya Carnival/STEP UP has raised more than \$200,000 to help 273 Kenyan students attend high school. These bright, ambitious students overcome seemingly insurmountable odds to succeed in school.

In Kenya, our programs are called the Umoja Project. “Umoja” means unity in Kiswahili and we build our programs upon a foundation of people who have come together from different faith

communities and different cultures to respond to the urgent needs of some of the most vulnerable children in the world. Our partnership extends beyond an exchange of goods and services and now includes strong relationships established among youth and young adults, as well as women’s groups, in Kenya and Indiana. Together we are creating a web of care for our students.

This past November, the youth held a pancake breakfast and we raised \$555 that went directly to a Kenyan student’s school tuition.

Want to join the fun? Contact globalinterfaithpartnership@gmail.com. Middle school and high school students can participate in the Youth Leadership Team. The

Youth Leadership Team in Indiana is comprised of middle and high school students from various congregations and schools.

Although the primary focus is to raise money to provide educational expenses for the Umoja Project secondary students, the students do more than fundraising. They connect with Kenyan students through periodic Skype conversations, exchanges of letters and prayer requests and joint training sessions. Also, groups of Indiana youth have visited Kenya to spend time with the students of the Umoja Project. Email Julie Shannon, jshannon@northminster-indy.org if you are interested in G.I.P.’s Youth Leadership Team.

Weekend Food for Kids

Volunteers Needed for Gleaners "Backsack" Project

- by Bob & Cheri Gudgel



On Thursday, March 16, The NorthStars fellowship group will again sponsor a Northminster workday at Gleaners Food Bank. Volunteers will work the assembly line which stuffs bags of food for school kids who are known to lack nutritional food at home. Gleaners distributes 10,000 of these bags every Friday through schools in central Indiana.

This year our work shift has been reduced from 3 hours to 2

Parents with a Passion

Parents with a Passion continues to meet every Wednesday in February from 6:15-7:15pm, upstairs in the Knox Room. We are a fun support group for parents, and newcomers are always welcome!

We'll focus on the parenting topics of improving communication with our children, building their confidence, helping them deal with embarrassment, helping

hours, making our work load very manageable for our senior workers. They have standing and sitting work stations to accommodate individual needs. We will meet at Gleaners at 12:30 pm for lunch and orientation and then work from 1:30 to 3:30 PM. Box lunches will be provided for \$6 each. Carpooling will be available, leaving the church at 11:45 am.

Gleaners, like all area food pantries, has seen a recent drop in cash donations. If you cannot volunteer your time, please consider a cash gift. Their buying power with suppliers allows them to convert your \$25 gift into almost \$50 dollars worth of food! You can make payment to Northminster Church tagged Gleaners Project. Contact Cheri or Bob @ 317-844-7139 to reserve you place on the assembly line!

them self-regulate and be self-reflective, and we will discuss the most common parenting traps.

Each gathering will involve discussion, scripture, prayer, some humor, and always support. For more information contact Julie Shannon: jshannon@northminster-indy.org or 317-251-9489 ext. 26.



Preschool and Mothers'-Day-Out Registration Begins

Northminster Community Preschool and Mothers'-Day-Out Programs are registering children for the 2017-2018 school year. Registration begins January 31, 2017.

We currently have openings in our Mother's Day Out program as well as our preschool. Registration forms will be available in the preschool hallway. For additional information or to schedule a tour, please call Haley Holdaway, Director of Preschool, at 317-251-9489, or email at preschool@northminster-indy.org.

Thank You

Northminster members and friends: Thank you to all who made 2017 Italian Night a huge success, to all who donated items, attended the event, and volunteered for this wonderful evening. Thank you for all your support of Northminster's Youth Program!



Associate Concertmaster of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. Phil Palermo; Austin Hartman, Violin; and Michael Strauss, Viola, present a concert of diverse chamber repertoire.

Admission is free. | Childcare provided.
www.northminster-lady.org
 Northminster Presbyterian Church
 1100 Kenzie Blvd. East Drive
 Indianapolis 46220 | 317.251.9488

Just Three



Sunday, March 19 at 4 pm

Senior Matters: Activities for Older Adults

Your Senior Consultant, Denise Harrington, is here to answer questions, provide information and referral. If you have questions about Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Caregiving, Rehabilitation Therapy, Estate Planning, Grief, Probate & Guardianship and need a referral for Elder Law, contact Denise Harrington at 317-509-7085. She is also available at Northminster on Thursdays.



3B Exercise

We have classes each Monday and Thursday at 1:30 pm. Come out and join us. We have fun exercising and laughing. Each week new exercises are introduced.

Presby Day

Presby Day resumes on Thursday, March 9, at Northminster. Please stay tuned to hear more about the exciting things planned for 2017. Last year was great success! If you didn't attend, come and check it out this year. Each month we have new, exciting and interesting speakers.

Sound & Spirit presents: Just Three Sunday, March 19, 4 pm

Just Three fiddlers from the Indianapolis Symphony and long-time Northminster concert musicians, present a *Sound & Spirit* concert of diverse chamber music.

Associate Concertmaster Phil Palermo, Austin Hartman and

Michael Strauss jam on violin and viola in the sanctuary. Tell your friends this unusual opportunity is intimate, probably brilliant, FREE, including the childcare. Save this date. More details will be coming soon in the next issue of *News & Views!*

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

Mission Team continues to round out its roster of volunteers for Northminster Day at Second Presbyterian's Food Pantry. You can sign up for a four-hour shift the Second Tuesday of each month by contacting John Reed by phone 317-257-8784, or email: bjjkreed@comcast.com. Feel

free to customize your schedule if another time and day works better for you. Training is included! And if time isn't your "bag", you can always recycle paper and plastic ones (bags, that is) in the donation barrel located across from the church office.