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# News & Views

A newsletter of Northminster Presbyterian Church



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## February Worship

Sunday, February 4, communion is served by intinction. There will also be a service for anointing for healing and wholeness. The theme for the day is Secrets. Shhh, I can't tell you any more.

Sunday, February 11, we celebrate the Transfiguration. Marland will have his first experience preaching at Northminster. Be here to support him.

Wednesday, February 14, may be Valentine's Day out in the world, but here at Northminster we will be participating in Ash Wednesday worship with the imposition of ashes. This is all about God's love for us and **Standing on God's promises.**



Sunday, February 18, is the first Sunday of the Lenten Season. Teri will explore the idea of covenant and Noah and what it means for us as we continue **Standing on the Promises.**

Sunday, February 25, continues our theme as we look at Abraham, the deals he made with God, and the **promises** God made to him.

## Teri's Tales of Sacred Places

February 11th at 12:15 PM in Calvin Hall

Come have a sandwich and hear about Teri's sabbatical, what she saw, what she learned, what she experienced. All that, in less than

an hour, including Q & A. Lunch is a free-will donation, but please register by calling the church office at 317-251-9489.

## 2018 Stewardship Update

Increased pledge	82
Decreased pledge	19
Stayed the same	73
New Pledgers	8
New but had been giving or pledged in previous years	28
No pledge	156
<b>Total Households Sent Cards</b>	<b>366</b>

*( We still need \$75,000 to meet our 2018 budget. )*



## New Member Becky Peterson

Becky transferred her membership to Northminster from a sister church in Georgia. She is a public relations consultant and owns her own business. Becky is already active in the choir. Please welcome her warmly!

# Ash Wednesday - February 14

## Ashes-to-Go

Come by for Ashes-to-Go on Ash Wednesday (February 14th) from 4:00 until 6:00 pm in the south parking lot. Tell your friends and strangers on the street. Ashes and a prayer without ever leaving the comfort of your car - what a great way to begin the journey of Lent! Community invited. Call 317-251-9489 for more information.

## Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

There will be a simple soup supper prepared and served by the Congregational Life Team on Ash Wednesday, February 14th from 5:30-6:30 pm in Calvin Hall. Reservations are requested and a free will offering will be taken. Reservations can be made at <http://bit.ly/NPCsoupSUPPER> or in the church office (317-251-9489).

## Worship

The Ash Wednesday service, including the imposition of ashes, will begin in the sanctuary at 7:00 pm.



## Adult Ed – Sunday mornings in Lent

### Public Faith

Join Master of Theology student and church member, Kyle Trowbridge, as he leads us in “*Public Faith, Private Lives; Private Faith, Public Life*,” a discussion on the question: “What does our faith say about our commitments in political and public life?” This course will meet at 10 am downstairs in the Board Room from Feb 18 - March 25, aiming to begin a conversation at the church level, using intellectual and theological resources – mostly and purposefully, Protestant and/or Reformed resources – to build up public and political formation for 21st century Presbyterians.

Questions? Contact Kyle at [kyletrow@yahoo.com](mailto:kyletrow@yahoo.com), or come and meet Kyle and ask questions on Sunday, February 11, at 10 am. (There will be no book or materials fee for this class.)

For more information and to register for the course: 317-251-9489 or <http://bit.ly/PublicFaithNPC>.

### Curious Conversations

Want to learn more about Northminster, its mission and ministries? Want to meet other people new to the congregation? Don't have a clue what it means to be a Presbyterian? Then please join our next Curious Conversations discussion group on two Sundays in a row, Feb. 4 and 11, at 10 am in the Conference Room. Questions? Contact Associate Pastor Ruth Moore at [ruthmoore@northminster-indy.org](mailto:ruthmoore@northminster-indy.org) or 317-251-9489.

### Painting the Stars

Due to our Lenten Adult education study, the Painting the Stars class will not meet in February or March. We will resume on Sunday, April 29, at 10 am in the Board Room.

## IHN / Family Promise

During the recent IHN/Family Promise week (December 17-24), once again Northminster members stepped up, volunteering over 200 hours for guest families. Many, many thanks for your time commitment. We provided meals, spent nights, supervised activities, and even took parents shopping for holiday gifts. Our next IHN/Family Promise week begins Easter Sunday, April 1, through April 8, 2018. Please mark your calendar and look for sign ups in the Gathering Place and on-line during March.



## February Church School

We will begin the season of Lent this month. Our Preschool and Church School continues its use of Seasons of the Spirit. The following prayer comes from our Pre-school curriculum for Sunday, February 4th: *“God of our beginnings and endings and every transition in between, help us to recognize our need for healing and to understand the ways we are formed by its process, even when a resolution is never in our sight. Amen.”*

**February 4, 2018** Focus Scripture: Mark 1:29-39. The preschool

children will be encouraged to talk about the most familiar pattern of care in their lives: the care of parents. The lesson will also help them make a connection between the care that they receive from parents and the theme of compassion, and offering care to others.

**February 11, 2018** Focus Scripture: Mark 9:2-9. The children will hear an amazing story of Jesus on a mountaintop and explore ways of listening to God. What are some ways we can listen to Jesus today?

**February 18, 2018** Focus Scripture: Genesis 9:8-17. This week we will discover ways to take part in God’s promise of renewal for all creation. What can we do as a congregation to take part in God’s promise to all creation?

**February 25, 2018** Focus Scripture: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16. Our lesson this week will be learning about God’s promise to Abraham, Sarah, and all people. What are some of the things we can do each day to show that we are people of God?



### #foodandfaith

#foodandfaith is a group of people in their 20’s, 30’s and early 40’s who meet for lunch and discussions on the 2nd Sunday of the month. On February 11th, #foodandfaith participants are encouraged to attend the luncheon and presentation by Teri Thomas on her sabbatical adventure. (Please call the church to register for lunch.) We will gather at Fat Dan’s (5410 N College Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46220) on March 11th at noon to plan for other activities throughout the year. Check Facebook and the NPC weekly email for more information. Free childcare is available at the church during our lunch time.

## Northminster Youth Group in February

**February 4** - Super Bowl of Caring collection at 9:00 and 11:00 am services. Youth Super Bowl and fantasy football winner recognition party at 6:00 pm at the Plunkett’s home, after the half time show.

**February 11** - Youth group meets from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at Northminster.

**February 18** - No Youth group.

**February 23** (Friday) - Italian Night set up (time to be determined)



**February 24** (Saturday) - Italian Night youth fundraiser from 6 to 8:30 pm at Northminster. (Youth will need to arrive early to prepare.)

**February 25** (Sunday) - No Youth group.

### Seeking College Connectors

Thank you to all who contributed to the college care packages over the holidays! We would like to continue to support our college students by keeping them connected, individually, with the Northminster congregation while they are away at school. If you would be interested in becoming a supporter of our college students, or would like to know more, please contact Mo Wilson at [mwilson@northminster-indy.org](mailto:mwilson@northminster-indy.org)

## Senior Ministries

### PresbyDay

Happy New Year! Presby Day resumes on March 8, 2018 at Faith Presbyterian Church (8170 Hague Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46256). Stay tuned for details!

### Caregiver's Support Group

All caregivers are welcome, Monday, February 5th at 6:00 pm, and Wednesday, February 7th at 1:00 pm, at Northminster in the Conference Room (admin wing.)

### 3B Continues!

Come and join us on Mondays and Thursdays, 1:30 pm, downstairs in the Board Room. We are doing lightweights, aerobic and strength training. Exercise improves circulation and keeps the body healthy. Therefore, we do 3B!

### Alzheimer's Support Groups for Caregivers

This support group continues to take place at Irvington Presbyterian (55 Johnson Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46219) on the 3rd Tuesday each month, in the parlor at 1:00 pm.

### Grief Support Groups

All of our groups are free of charge and last for six weeks. Registration is required due to limited space.

The Loss of Spouse support group will meet from March 6 – April 10, at Irvington Presbyterian Church (55 Johnson Ave, Indianapolis 46219), on Tuesdays, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Register by calling 317-621-4646 or online at [www.ecommunity.com/grief](http://www.ecommunity.com/grief). This support group is offered by InTouch Bereavement Services of Community Home Health.

### Mindfulness

Your Senior Ministries Coordinator, Denise Harrington, would like to open an invitation, to all those who are grieving, to attend an event at Faith Presbyterian Church on **Saturday, February 10th**, from 1:30 - 3:30 pm.

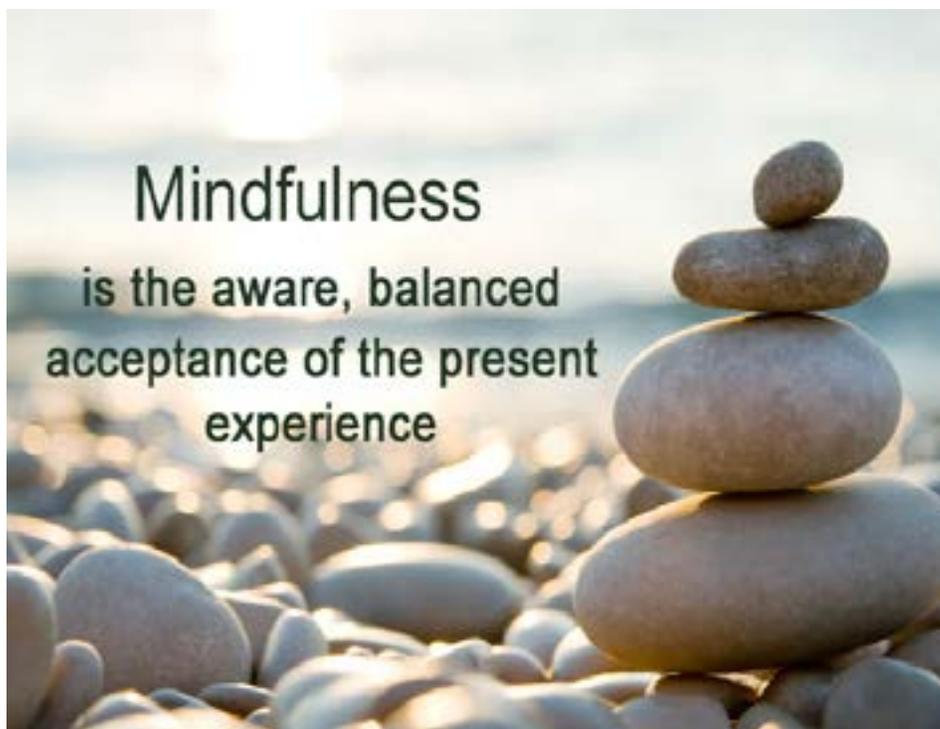
"Mindfulness is the aware, balanced acceptance of the present experience."

This FREE program will be presented by InTouch Bereavement and Community Healing Hearts. Come and learn to practice mindfulness-based coping skills that will support healthy expression and healing throughout the grief journey. Connect. Remember. Be Mindful.

Register by calling 317-621-4646. All ages welcomed! Faith Presbyterian is located at 8170 Hague Road, Indianapolis, IN. Questions? Contact Denise Harrington.

### Contact Denise

Your Senior Ministry Consultant, Denise Harrington, is here to answer questions, provide information and referrals, regarding Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Caregiving, Rehabilitation Therapy, Estate Planning, Grief, Probate and Guardianship, and Elder Law. Contact Denise: Call 317-509-7085 or email her at [dharrington@northminster-indy.org](mailto:dharrington@northminster-indy.org). She also available at the Northminster on Thursdays.



## Sound & Spirit presents: Philatroi String Trio

Sunday, February 11, 4:00 pm

No more football on Sunday afternoon? No problem. Sound & Spirit presents an hour long concert, featuring three local “fiddlers,” at 4:00 pm on Sunday, February 11th.

Violinists Phil Palermo and Zachary DePue and Violinist Michael Strauss will play diverse repertoire in this free concert. On any given night, any or all three of these musicians might be playing either as soloists, with chamber groups, or with major orchestras somewhere in the world. Any of the three is a captivating performer in his own right. Put all three together and the elements are in place for a magical musical experience.

Phil Palermo was appointed associate concertmaster of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra in 1985, a post he still holds. He studied at Indiana University, Julliard and Aspen. Mr. Palermo has played with the Canale Quartet and the Spring Mill Quartet. He is currently a guest artist with the Ronen Chamber Ensemble and the Tippecanoe Chamber Music Society. Zach DePue has served as concertmaster of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra since 2007. He studied at the Cleveland Institute of Music and the Curtis Institute of Music. Mr. DePue was a founding member of Time for Three, a



unique group that performs classical, folk, bluegrass and pop tunes. Mr. DePue’s ongoing love of bluegrass, jazz and classical music has enabled him to expose the violin to a wide range of audiences.

Michael Strauss served as principal violist with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra for 18 years. He studied at Mannes College of Music, the Banff Centre for the Arts and Curtis Institute of Music. Mr. Strauss has held faculty positions at Indiana University, DePauw University, Butler University, Swarthmore College and University of the Arts in Philadelphia. In addition to a heavy private teaching schedule, Mr. Strauss teaches graduate level students at the Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University.

Northminster friends and members may recall all three of these musicians played last December 17th in the Chancel Choir’s presentation of Bach’s Christmas Oratorio. To hear them up close in Northmin-

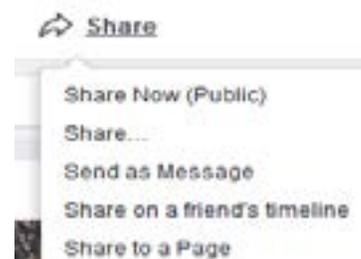
ster’s intimate sanctuary is a genuine treat.

Brings friends and loved ones and join us for this free concert! Child-care will be available.

### Invite Someone to Northminster with Facebook

#### Lesson 2: Sharing Events

Last month, we learned to “like” Northminster on Facebook (see January News & Views). In order to share a Northminster Facebook post or event, simply click “Share” at the bottom of the post and then choose “Share Now (public).” That’s all there is to it! You’ve just shown that post to your friends on Facebook!



## Gleaners Volunteers Needed – March 15

Each month the massive Gleaners Food Bank collects and distributes more than 2 million pounds of food to hungry Hoosiers in 21 counties in central Indiana. They do this with only about 70 employees. How is this possible, you might ask. It is possible only because of the 21,000 yearly volunteers that stream in and out of their facilities.

This is the 5th year that Northminster has volunteered to supply a minimum of 30 workers for an afternoon shift. They have a clean, safe working environment with standing or sitting work stations to accommodate individual needs.

We may sort and process food for pick-up, or perhaps stuff some of the 10,000 food bags for kids that are distributed each Friday. This is a great opportunity to meet and interact with other church members whom you might only know casually.

On Thursday March 15, 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 \$6.00 each. Carpooling will be available, leaving the church at 11:45 AM.

Everyone is invited to this event, but please call NorthStars co-hosts

Durrett @ 317-430-6500, or Gudge @ 317-844-7139 to reserve your spot on the assembly line.



## The Julian Center

Founded in 1975, The Julian Center is the largest organization supporting victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other life crises in Indiana. They touch the lives of over 6,000 Hoosier survivors each year and empower them to recover and build a life for themselves and their families absent of abuse. The Julian Center empowers survivors of domestic and sexual violence and creates a community where every individual is safe and respected. They are proud to be the largest organization of its kind in Indiana.

Since 1975, they have assisted more than 66,350 people and educated over 365,750 others on the causes and effects of domestic and sexual violence and its impact on



our community. Every day they assist hundreds of individuals and families in their quest to live a life free of violence.

*Photo: Debbie Grush with Catherine O'Connor, President/CEO of the Julian Center, accepting the donation check from Northminster.*

## Race for the Cure

The race is coming up on **April 28, 2018**. Mark it on your calendars and get ready to join the Northminster team to fight breast cancer! More details in the next issue of News & Views.



# Italian Night

**Saturday, February 24, 6 - 8:30 pm in Calvin Hall**

All ages of Northminster members and friends are invited to come and enjoy the evening. A delicious pasta dinner is served at 6 pm. There are games for the kids to play, and a silent auction too! (This event is still in the planning stages, but we currently do not plan on having a Live Auction.) Plus, door prizes!

Italian Night fundraising enables Northminster to subsidize and

provide financial scholarships for youth (6th grade to college-age) to attend Mission Trips and Spiritual Conferences for students. This year we plan to have a group attend a conference at Montreat. More details will be provided at Italian Night. These conferences have a huge impact on the faith of our youth and help them to build life-long friendships.

Watch for additional details, ways to contribute to our silent auction, or to volunteer for the evening in our weekly emails and bulletin. Questions? Please contact Cheryl Plunkett at [cplunkett@northminster-indy.org](mailto:cplunkett@northminster-indy.org).

Cost: Free-will offering. Please call the church at 317-251-9489 to RSVP.



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## February 2018 Calendar Highlights

2/3	12:00 PM	NorthStars - Butler Basketball
2/4	9:00 AM	Souper Bowl Of Caring Collection
2/4	10:00 AM	Confirmation Call-Out - Students and Parents
2/4	10:00 AM	Curious Conversations
2/4	12:05 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal and Lunch
2/6	7:00 PM	Team Meeting Night
2/11	10:00 AM	Curious Conversations
2/11	12:00 PM	Teri's Tales of Sacred Places
2/11	4:00 PM	Sound & Spirit - Philatroi String Trio
2/13	4:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting
2/13	6:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
2/14	4:00 PM	Ashes to Go
2/14	5:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Soup Supper
2/14	6:30 PM	Chancel Choir Warm-Up
2/14	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Worship Service
2/16	6:00 PM	Preschool Parents' Night Out
2/18	10:00 AM	Confirmation Class
2/18	10:00 AM	Lenten Study - Public Faith
2/18	12:05 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Mozart
2/20	7:00 PM	Session Meeting
2/23	All Day	Italian Night Set-up
2/24	6:00 PM	Italian Night
2/25	10:00 AM	Confirmation Class
2/26	1:00 PM	Ministerial Support Committee
2/27	7:00 PM	Circle 3 - Sarah Circle

## February Birthdays

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