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Try Something New: Pastoral Ponderings - by Teri Thomas

It seems like summer keeps getting shorter and shorter. With schools beginning in early August fall activities resume as well. So you don't have much time left but why not try something different for summer?

This summer I have cut back on my regular yoga classes and started a different kind of yoga called Iyengar. The first class I went to was so hard and I was so lost and confused. But I told myself, "It is just for the summer. You can quit in August." So I forced myself to do something new. Now I love it and can't wait for class.

So why don't you try something new at church? It gets light very early in the summer so why not give the Men's Prayer Breakfast a try on Wednesday at 7:30 am? Choir doesn't meet in the summer so how about acting as a coffee hour barista for a week? Attendance drops a bit in the summer so would you balcony folks consider moving down to the main level so visitors don't think we are empty? On July 30th John will organize a one Sunday choir for singers of all abilities and all ages. Why not sing in the choir for a Sunday this summer?

You really only have about a month of summer left. You can do anything for a month. Somebody once said, "Behold, I make all things new." Let's try it!

Summer All Generations Ensemble (SAGE)

On Sunday, July 30, we are inviting families, couples, singles - regardless of age or musical experience - to sing in worship. No experience in choir? No problem. Can't read music? No problem. We'll meet at 10:30 a.m. and rehearse the music. All are welcome, including children. This is a great opportunity to not only sing in worship, but to experience the service from the chancel.

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, July 30, and come sing with us in SAGE (Summer All Generations Ensemble).



July Worship

Sunday July 2 is the 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time. The story in Genesis 22 of Abraham binding Isaac is a difficult one. It raises questions of violence, trust, obedience, and more. Join us for this exploration. Communion will be celebrated at both services.

Sunday July 9 is the 14th Sunday of Ordinary time. In Romans 7 Paul is troubled by his own behavior. He does the things he knows he should not and can't do the things he knows he should. That sounds like addiction. After losing her own son to a heroin overdose, Justin Phillips created an organization called Overdose Lifeline. She will be here to talk about faith and addiction.

July 16, the 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time, the passages in Matthew and Romans talk about freedom in Christ. Freedom from what? Freedom for what?

July 23rd both Genesis and Romans focus us on parenthood, adoption, and God's presence in our lives.

July 30th Paul tells the Romans that sometimes we do not know what to pray and then he launches into a sermon that we often hear at funerals (Romans 8). Was that Paul's intent? Jesus gives more examples of kingdom living in Matthew 13.

Stewardship - by Chad Kincaid

"How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked. "Go and see." When they found out, they said "Five-and two fish." This year's stewardship theme is "Go and See". It is based on Mark 6:38 where Jesus astonished his disciples by using a few fish and loaves of bread to feed thousands of men, women and children. This message seeks to encourage us to experience discovery and wonder through mission. Stewardship is such an important part of our Christian mission.

As a child I was always fascinated by this miracle of Jesus. I would imagine the disciples thinking "how will we feed all these people" or "this is never going to work". Then at the moment of almost running out of food and people going hungry there was plenty for all. I was awe struck. I remember asking my father about it. I asked more about the logistics of the act than the faith that was involved. My father patiently at first tried to explain the over-arching significance of the

meaning of the miracle. But then I kept peppering him with questions like "so would the baskets just continue to be filled with fish?" My father finally replied if Jesus can walk on water and raise the dead he can feed five thousand people. That answer did satisfy my grade school self.

Now looking back I wonder if my skepticism was similar to the disciples. How in the world can this be done? We probably all have moments where we think it cannot be done. How can we improve our world when there is so much bad news? What difference can I make? Maybe the answer is as simple as "Go and See". As I reflect on this I truly appreciate this short call to action. I find comfort in how Jesus asks his disciples and us to just try. To me it's a very optimistic thought. Go try and see what happens. Most of the difficult problems I face in my job and elsewhere can be overwhelming at first, case in point writing an article



for News and Views. I sit and worry how will I pull this off? I don't want to let anyone down. I generally find the hardest part is getting started.

As this year's stewardship campaign heads to the eventual Commitment Sunday on October 29 I invite you to "Go and See". Can you get a better understanding of what God wants your mission to be? Go and see. Can you expand your aid to your community? Go and see. Can our Church change and grow with the times to continue to help members and others? Go and see. Can I (with much help from others) really pull off an entire stewardship campaign for the Church my family has come to love? Go and see.

July Calendar Highlights

July 1	12:00 PM	Preschool Parent Orientation
July 4	All day	Building Closed
July 6	6:00 PM	Worship Planning Party
July 9	10:00 AM 2:00 PM	Exploring Racism and White Privilege #foodandfaith
July 11	4:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting
July 13	11:45 AM	Exploring Racism and White Privilege
July 15	7:00 AM	Montreat Youth Conference
July 20	7:00 PM	Foundation Meeting
July 25	9:00 AM 6:30 PM	Newsletter Assembly Mom-to-Mom Group
July 26	9:30 AM	Spiritual Striders

Church School Helpers Needed

If you are willing and available to help out in the Nursery, Preschool Church School, or Children's Church at either Worship Service this summer, please let Debbie Bulloff know of your interest. We background check all adults who teach/assist with our babies, toddlers, children, and youth at Northminster Church.

Mission Team Wants YOU! - by Carrie Savage-Zimmerman

We are looking for a core group of 6-12 people to provide primary support for the refugee family that we hope to receive by the end of year. Every congregant is invited to give this unique opportunity prayerful consideration. Should you feel called to respond, contact Tom Stayton (tstayton@gmail.com) or Victor Perkins (victor.perkins@usfc.com) soon for further details.

In April, Mission Team Co-chair Victor Perkins visited Gleaners Food for a tour and check presentation. Following is a portion of Gleaners' thank-you:

"Thank you for coming in to present your generous donation. Without organizations like Northminster Presbyterian Church, we would not be able to make the impact needed on food-insecure Hoosiers in our community. Your \$4,000 donation helped us provide 12,000 meals in your community. Ways in which your donation can help your community:

BackSacks: Weekend Meals for Kids - Three schools nearby have the BackSack program with approximately 210 students participating.

School-Based Pantries - We have 53 school-based pantries on our service area to help provide stu-



dents and their families easy access to food.

And much more."

Photo Above: Mission Team member Victor Perkins presents Northminster check to Gleaners Food Bank representative Alexandra McMahon.

July Birthdays

Donald Durrett	7/1	Jinny Bork	7/12	Pete Ronco	7/27
Peter Kirles	7/1	Sara Sarno	7/12	Mason King	7/27
Eric Mokube, Jr.	7/3	William Ramey	7/13	Joyce Mallette	7/28
Robert Berting	7/4	Virginia Smith	7/13	Saundra Gillaspy	7/29
Abigail Auer	7/4	Michael Schmahl	7/14	Victoria Merida	7/29
Carol McDonald	7/5	Gail Rothrock	7/15	Cherokee Gudgel	7/30
Eileen Alsop	7/5	Jennifer Wareham	7/15	Jason Boone	7/30
Phillip Ball	7/5	Emily Buchanan	7/16	Norma Turner	7/30
Deborah Ronco	7/5	Kathryn Chellgren	7/16		
Andrew Schmahl	7/6	Jennifer Dzwonar	7/16		
Emma Skeels	7/7	Carol Freeman	7/16		
Corinne Larew	7/8	Anne Purcell	7/17		
Susan Crook	7/8	Jacob Boris	7/18		
Julie Shannon	7/8	Nancy Jarrell	7/18		
Judith Thorpe	7/8	Abigail Eberhard	7/18		
John Gaidoo	7/8	Hadley Moore	7/22		
John Wright	7/9	Emily Foga	7/22		
Diantha DeGraw	7/10	Edwin Hunter	7/25		
Sara Till	7/10	Pamela Constable	7/25		
John Litel	7/11	Anne Ricchiuto	7/25		
John Dynes	7/11	Avery Smith	7/26		
Matthew Boris	7/12	John Call	7/27		

Family Promise - IHN Report

Thank you to the many volunteers during our recent week of Family Promise/IHN guest hosting. We, again, logged over 300 hours of volunteer time. Our next hosting week is in December. Contact Dolly Craft (dollybike317@gmail.com) for details, or look for future sign up opportunities.

Day of Caring: Sunday, September 17 - by Ruth Moore

Mark your calendars now for the Day of Caring on Sunday, September 17th. We will once again go out into our community in service to connect with our neighborhood and mission partners. 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.

There will be opportunities at both the church and in the community and will involve all ages and abilities. We will partner with Julian Center for domestic abuse, Exodus Refugee Resettlement, DaySpring

Family Shelter, Habitat for Humanity, Westminster Neighborhood Ministries and Broad Ripple Neighborhood Association. We will sort clothes, paint, clean, pick up trash, and do other jobs our partners need done.

In the church building we will write to our service personnel and our church homebound members. We will provide childcare for preschoolers so their parents can serve, make meals for those in need and pack bags with supplies for homeless clients served at Wheeler Mission.



There will be lots of opportunities for you to participate and help on this special day. Beginning in August you will be able to sign up for a project on-line or in the Gathering Place. The Deacons will be selling Northminster t-shirts for you to show your NPC spirit and caring out in the community. Look for more specific information in August and plan now to participate.

Supplies for School 55

It's time to collect school supplies for School 55. Please remember these teachers and students as you are shopping in the next few weeks. Some requested items are spiral notebooks, construction paper,

copier paper, crayons, rulers, glue sticks, Kleenex, pencils and pens. Please put your contributions in the yellow bin in the Gathering Place, and the Deacons will deliver them to the school. Thank you!

What Do Deacons Do?

The Deacons will be selling Northminster t-shirts as a fundraiser and to show your NPC spirit as we participate in the Day of Caring on September 17. We will have a new color for this fall so even if you have an NPC t-shirt you will want another one! Look for more information on ordering, size, and price in the August News and Views.

School 55 Honor Banquet
The Deacons hosted the annual Honor Banquet for School 55. Twenty excited students dressed in their best attire came with a family member to be honored, to be photographed and to "eat out." Balloons and blue and yellow goodie bags trimmed the tables. Each was given a book and a medal. After the delicious lasagna meal, Principal Hinton presented the honor certificates.

Save the Date: Clothe-a-Child

Ahhh, summertime, movies on the lawn, fireworks and barbeques and friends floating on the lake. It's going to be a hot one. You'll be leaning over those Deacon Flower Sale herbs and annuals, weeding away and wishing it was Christmas. (You know you will.) So go inside, read News & Views, check your calendar and save this date: Thursday, December 7th, 2017, Clothe-a-Child, 9 am -1 pm. Post it on Facebook, Tweet, Instagram, phone a friend, and reminisce. Didn't we have fun last year? Let's do that again.

Christian Education: Family Ministries Happenings

All School age children (K-5th gr) will attend worship with their parents and celebrate Communion with the Congregation on Sunday, July 2. Look for the Children's Worship Bulletin, available along with the regular Sunday bulletin. After the Time with Children, Toddlers and Preschoolers will go to their classrooms on the 1st floor of the C.E. wing for Church School and care. Nursery, Toddler and Preschool Church School and care is available every Sunday. Church School for K-5th graders will be offered at both services, after the Time with Children on Sundays, (except July 2.) We'll have videos, crafts, and snacks as we journey through Matthew and Genesis to learn stories of our faith.

Church School in July

Consider the scripture and talk with your friends and family about the question at the end of each week's lesson. We are following the Lectionary for Year A.

July 2

Matthew 10: 40-42

Even a Cup of Cold Water. Preschoolers will talk about making new friends and welcoming them by listening to the story of Jesus and how the disciples learned to show God's welcoming love to others. When you welcome one you welcome Jesus too. How can we be welcoming?

July 9

Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Delight The children of the Church

School return to the stories of Genesis. A servant of Abraham is sent to find a wife for Isaac. Rebekah must make a big decision with God's help. Where could we look for signs of God's presence and help in our own lives?

July 16

Genesis 25: 19-34

Division: Isaac's twin sons, Jacob and Esau, make poor choices. We will talk about how God stays with us through all the choices we make. What could you do to help make peace?

July 23

Genesis 28: 10-19a

Promises Jacob continues to trick his way into honor and blessing. But at Bethel, God freely gives Jacob a blessing. "I am with you." God speaks the same words to us. Can you hear them?

July 30

Genesis 29: 15-28

Honor Jacob finds the tables turned when he becomes the victim of trickery. Jacob behaves with honor and learns to work with God to live into God's promise. What helps us remember that God is with us when we are having a hard time?

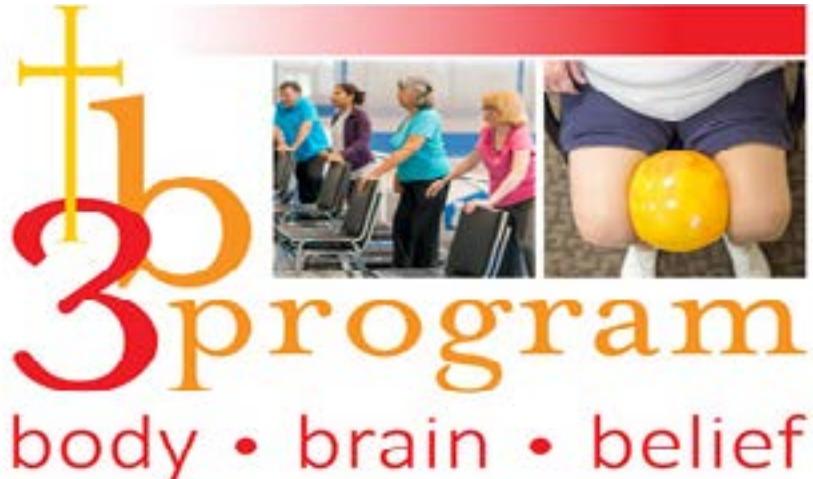
WAMM: Worship through Arts, Music and Mission - July

Gathering Place at 10:00 a.m. Stories under the Stairs continue. Little Round Table activities for our youngest children. Share a cup of cool water with others! Sing with Miss Olivia on July 9th! Paint

some rocks. Find a thin place. Follow an obstacle course. Get coffee/snacks and see what is happening!

2017 VBS Music & Arts Camp Thank You!

Thanks and praise to all who helped with and attended Vacation Bible School/Arts Camp in June! Pastor Teri Thomas, Pastor Ruth Moore, the Deacons, John Brooks and the E Team, our Art Crew: Mandy Ellington, Sally Gray, Liz Neterval, Emma Longo, Danielle Howard, Anne Ricchiuto; our Music Crew: Olivia Browne, Stephanie Kroeger, Katie Bulloff, Todd Ellington, Jill de las Alas, Nancy Flamme; our Drama Crew: Monica Brase, Christie Call, David Cornett, Charlie Bawcum; our Creative Writing/Publications Crew: Maureen Purcell, Cheryl Plunkett, Tori Kincaid, Chad Kincaid, John Purcell, Emily Plunkett; our Technical Crew: Lori Schlabach, Jeff Schmahl, Mike Boris; Yoga Crew: Tracey Hart, Megan Hochbein; Games Crew: Julie Shannon, David Cornett; Preschool Crew: Melissa Hopkins, Becca Haag, Haley Holdaway; Child Care Crew: Jackie Sands, Emily Plunkett, Jessie Pike; Snacks Crew: Teresa Sherow, Nan Diehl, Susie Scott; Dinner Crew: Cheri Gudgel, Janet Ingram, Amy Gudgel Stults, Sophie Stults, Clay Stults; Behind the Scenes Crew: Susan Glant, Teri Thomas, Ed Harvey, Nolan Harvey. - *Blessings and XOXOXO Debbie Bulloff*



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Mondays & Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.

Northminster Presbyterian Church
1660 Kessler Blvd E Dr, Indpls, IN 46220
317-251-9489

Tuedays at 1 p.m. & Thuredays at 10 a.m.

Irvington Presbyterian Church
55 Johnson Ave, Indpls, IN 46219
317-356-7225

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Faith Presbyterian Church
8170 Hague Rd, Indpls, IN 46258
317-849-1930

Presby Day in July

Kate Kunk from CICOA will present Seniors & Balance. Our community resource presentation will be from Indianapolis OASIS on their new program Matter of Balance. Kirsten Fredericks will be our presenter.

There can be many causes of unsteadiness. There are many ways to prevent falls. There are exercises to help prevent falls.

Join us for our next Presby Day to learn how to stay safe at Faith Presbyterian Church, July 13, 10:00 am. Galen Schwarz, Supply Pastor at Faith, will lead our devotion. Lunch cost will be \$5 per person. RSVP at 317-849-1930 by Tuesday, July 11.

Need to Contact Denise Harrington?

Your Senior Consultant, Denise Harrington, is here to answer questions about Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Caregiving, Rehabilitation Therapy, Estate Planning, Grief, Probate and Guardianship or a referral for Elder Law.

Email Denise at dharrington@northminster-indy.org or call her at 317-509-7085.

She is also available at the church on Thursdays.

Northminster Bridgerama

We are looking for people who like to play Bridge. It's a great way to stimulate your mind and become better acquainted with other mem-

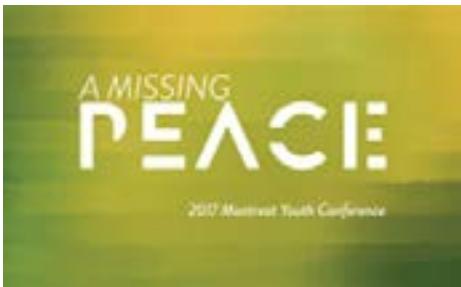
bers. We play once a month in each others' homes from September through May. Please call Marilyn Mart to learn more: 317-542-1186.

NorthStars Head to Holliday Park

On Thursday, July 20, the NorthStars will gather at Holliday Park, 6363 Spring Mill Rd., to listen to the Indianapolis Jazz Orchestra perform a "Back Home in Indiana Tribute." Let's celebrate our Indiana heritage together with a picnic! Bring your own picnic dinner, a blanket or chairs to sit on, and join

us at 6:30 for good fellowship and good music! The concert begins at 7:00 and is free. Contact Pam or Jon Constable (conjn@comcast.net or 317-201-3873) or Eileen Alsop (317-255-3248) by July 15 to let us know if you plan to be there or to ask questions.

Youth Fellowship - by Julie Shannon



Montreat & More Montreat!

A wonderful group of 22 adults, teens, and children attended Montreat's Worship & Music Conference in June. Our high school youth are headed to the Montreat Youth Conference from July 16th-22nd. We are staying in private housing (which is really close to everything) and are joined with some students from Whitelick Presbyterian Church. A Missing Peace is the conference theme. Please

pray for our group: Megan & Aidan, David, Leah, Julie, Marie, Emma, Steve, Becca & Stacia. Thanks to all the adults, middle school & high school youth who helped out in Vacation Bible School in June! You were fantastic volunteers, alongside the adult volunteers, sharing Christ's Love with all the kids –through your participation in dramas, music, craft, & games. THANKS!

Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference

Our group had an incredible time at this conference. Thank you to chaperones – Nancy Flamme, Mike Shannon, & MaryAnne Ruegger –who helped to make this trip possible. Take time to ask Caroline

Keltner, Lilly Banks, Stella Shannon, Isa Ruegger, Ally Yohn, and Audrey Neterval about their experience at this conference. Thank you all for all your support! PEACE, LOVE, NETTA!

Graduate Recognition

Northminster has another graduate to recognize. Emily Keesling graduated with her Masters in Social work from the Jane Adams School of Social Work at the University of Illinois. (We apologize that we did not include Emily in our previous graduate articles.) She currently lives and works in Chicago. Congratulations to Emily! We know she will do amazing things serving others!

Continuing the Journey: Racism and White Privilege

Northminster's Summer Read/Listening/Watching Club is for children, youth, and adults! Lists of suggested books, articles, movies, and podcasts for all ages are available in the Gathering Place and on all the information tables, as well as on the Featured Events page of our website.

A “reporting board” is available in the Gathering Place so you can share your discoveries with all of us! Join us on any or all of the following dates for discussion (facilitated by Parish Associate Carol McDonald):

Sunday, July 9 – 10 am. Calvin Hall.

Thursday, July 13 – 11:45 am. Gathering Place. Bring your lunch. Beverages provided.

Sunday, August 27 – 10 am. Calvin Hall.

Thursday, August 31 – 11:45 am. The Gathering Place – Bring your lunch ... beverages provided.

Sunday, September 10 – All Readers/Listeners/Watchers will be celebrated in Worship at both 9 and 11 am.

More Resources in the Church Library

We have book displays supporting Continuing The Journey-Racism and White Privilege Summer Reading/Listening/Watching Club on the Library table. Come upstairs via the elevator or Gathering Place stairs and check them out!