

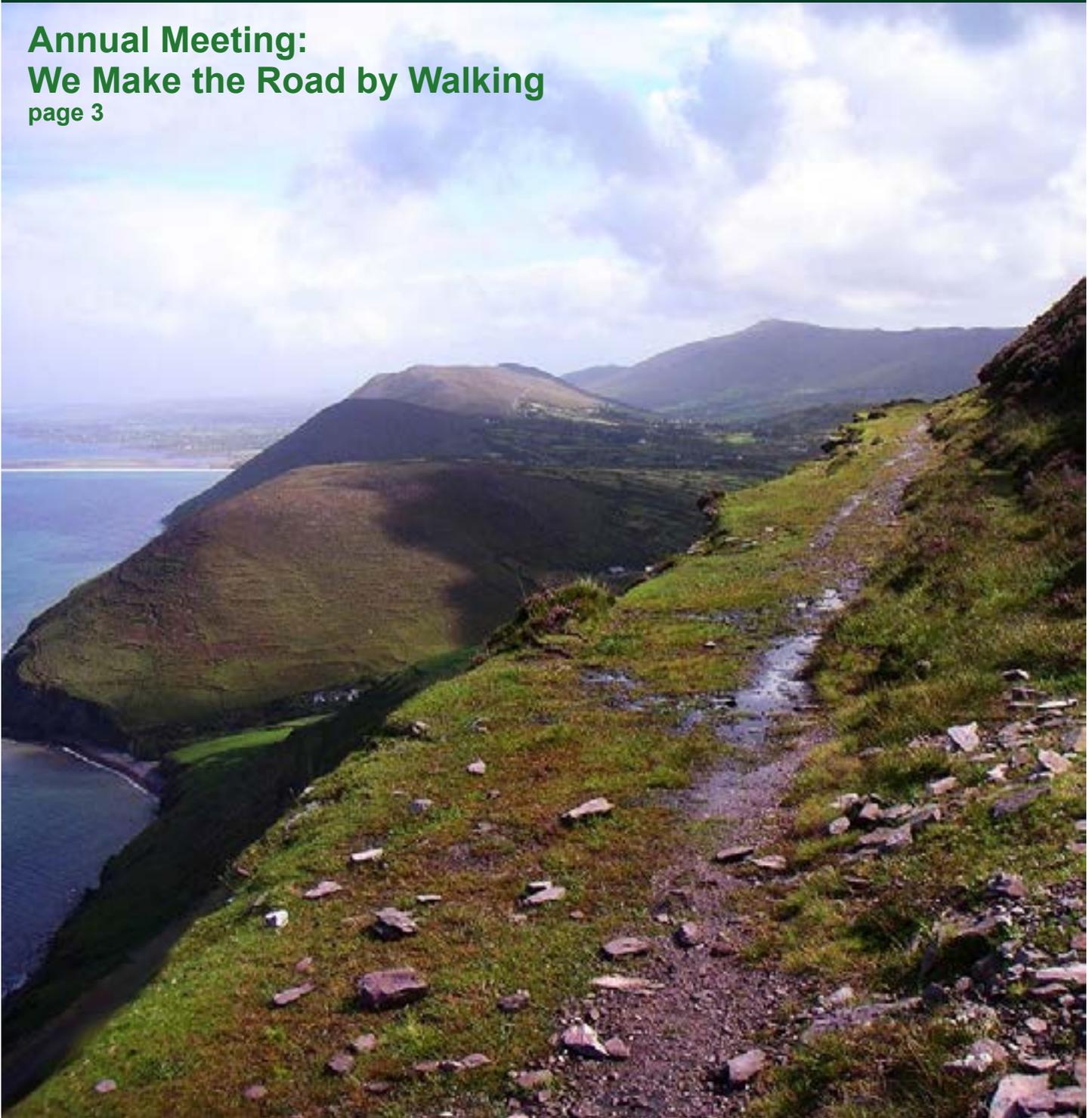
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A Different Perspective on Sabbatical

- by Carol McDonald

While Pastor Teri has immersed herself in the sacred sites of indigenous peoples, it has been a gift to immerse myself in the life and ministry of this community of disciples. I've been part of Northminster since December, 1989; I've taught adult education, assisted in worship, even preached occasionally, but had never before leaned so deeply into the inner workings of this particular sacred site. I guess you could say I took a Sabbatical from retirement!

When this journey began, I thought I might spend 15 hours or so at the church each week. I soon learned I wanted to be in the building a whole lot more than that! I soon realized how much I've always valued being part of a staff team and how much I'd missed that since I retired. I soon decided it was often more productive for me to work at Teri's desk than at my dining room table! And, oh my, have I learned from and about you!

- You are visibly and genuinely committed not only to this congregation, but to the church of Jesus Christ.
- You have talented, capable, and deeply dedicated persons serving in every staff position.
- You are generous with time and talents and money – thank you!
- You say thank you regularly and genuinely.
- You don't boo when the preacher talks about money.



- You appreciate the effort that goes into every endeavor – Sunday morning worship, Day of Caring, Work Days, hosting Spirit and Place, hospitality for Drumstick Dash, Clothe a Child, and so much more.
- You responded to the challenge to “Go and See” – as you shared your hopes and financial commitments for 2018.
- You have nooks and crannies and storage closets in this building I bet some of you haven't even discovered!
- You say thank you regularly and sincerely.

It's now my turn to thank you ... thank you for welcoming me into my “retirement sabbatical.” I am beyond grateful to every member of the staff – for we truly walked this journey together. Thank you Ruth, John, Marko, Jim, Marland,

Cheryl, Maureen, Lori, Nancy, Susan, Tim, Joe, Robbie, Stephanie, and Melissa! Thanks to Betty Bowers for feeding us so wonderfully each Wednesday evening, to Clarice Stegall for making our Wednesday staff lunches possible, to Eileen Alsop and all the other volunteers who enter the Gathering Place doors each week with smiles on their faces. Thank you to the teams and committees and Session who didn't take a sabbatical but who met to make faithful decisions.

As my “sabbatical” concludes and I return to “retirement,” I go with a full heart: thankful for your support, your trust, and your encouragement. I'm very much looking forward to Pastor Teri's return and know you are, too! And I'm eager to discover what – together - we will “Go and See” in 2018!

Annual Meeting: We Make the Road by Walking Sunday, January 28, at Noon

Lunch will be served, to those with reservations, at noon on Sunday, January 28th, 2018. The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of Northminster Presbyterian Church will follow at 12:45 pm. Join us as we look at the past year and begin to envision the year ahead.

Once again, Circle 3 will be servers for the Annual Meeting Luncheon. The menu is beef stroganoff with mushroom sauce served over noodles, green salad, rolls, and assorted cookies and bars. The cost is \$10 per person, children 3-11 \$6, family maximum \$30.

Make reservations by calling the church office at 317-251-9489, at the sign-up table in the Gathering Place on Sundays, January 7, 14, 21, or on the Events page of our

website. **Reservation deadline is Thursday, January 25, at 4 pm.**

Our symbol for the day will be socks! Socks of all colors, for all ages from babies to adults! **Please help us build a sock collection to share with a local mission agency.** Bring new socks - any size, any color - to the big yellow bin in the Gathering Place - starting on Sunday, December 31 and continuing until the morning of January 28. We are promised a cold winter and all God's children should have socks to warm their feet!

Annual Meeting Reports

The deadline for submission is Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at Noon. Email those to Nancy Sala: nancys@northminster-indy.org.

Worship in January

We have moved through Advent and Christmas; January brings us to the season of **Epiphany – the 6 Sundays prior to Lent** - when we will celebrate that Jesus has come to save the whole world. The season's scriptures point us to baptism, calling, discipleship, healing, and the authority of the One born in that lowly manger in Bethlehem.

We begin on January 7 with the baptism of Jesus, the ordination and installation of our new Elders and Deacons, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and all children older than pre-school in worship for the entire service.

The following Sundays move towards Transfiguration Sunday on February 11, when Jesus, Moses, and Elijah will meet on a high mountain.

We look forward to Teri Thomas being in the pulpit on Sunday, January 7, and anticipate Marland Pittman's first preaching assignment on Sunday, February 11.

In between, the word will be proclaimed with power and the music offered by our choirs and instrumentalists will nourish our spirits.



Church School in January

As we begin a new year, our Church School and Preschool will continue its use of Seasons of the Spirit. The following prayer is part of our curriculum for Sunday, January 7th. Let's work to keep the theme alive all year long.

God of power and of love, at his baptism you called Jesus your beloved son and sent your Spirit upon him. May we, born of water and of the Spirit, know ourselves to be beloved by you. Help us to rejoice in the new life to which you call us. Amen.

January 7, 2018

Focus Scripture: Mark 1:4-11

The preschool will ponder what it means to be God's beloved children as they read of the baptism of Jesus. What kinds of things can we do to help share God's love we others?

Christmas Outreach - Thank You!

On behalf of the Mission Team, we thank everyone who bought and brought toiletries to Northminster for Westminster Neighborhood Ministries. We collected almost 300 shampoos, conditioners and deodorants from you, the congregation. We are grateful! Thank you.

On behalf of the Deacons, we thank everyone who contributed funds for our annual Clothe-a-Child program which buys new

January 14, 2018

Focus Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

The children will learn to recognize God's call in the story of Samuel and Eli. Who are those who, like Eli, can help us listen for God's word?

January 21, 2018

Focus Scripture: Mark 1:14-20

This week we will learn to hear the call to follow Jesus in the story of the fishers. What kinds of things can we do to show that we are followers of Jesus?

January 28, 2018

Focus Scripture: Mark 1:21-28

We will focus to recognize Jesus as a powerful teacher and healer who builds community. What might we tell others about Jesus' powerful love.

winter clothes for the children of School 55. We also thank all the shoppers and helpers who participated on December 7th. A special shout out to Deacon Mike Shannon and his experienced helper, Maureen Purcell. They made the program happen, as did John Purcell and Don and Dolly Craft. We are grateful! Thank you.

Fourth Sunday Adult Education

Join us at 10 am on January 28th, downstairs in the Board Room, as Associate Pastor Ruth Moore leads us in our discussion of Painting the Stars – a video led series about science and faith.



Bake Sale Was a Success!

The Presbyterian Women had a successful bake sale, and we want to thank everyone who bought and donated. We are especially grateful to everyone who brought food in. We made \$300 this year. That allows us to buy sewing machines to provide stable income for 3 families. We'll also be purchasing 2 bicycles for pastors in Zambia, allowing them to work in multiple prayer houses and make visits.

If you'd like to learn more about the projects we've chosen to support, or to donate online, please visit presbyteriangifts.org.

Thank you again for your generosity!

Mission Team Visits Westminster Neighborhood Services

On Wednesday, November 15, Carrie Savage-Zimmerman (photo, left) and Brooke Kyle (photo, middle) from the Mission Team visited Westminster Neighborhood Services Family and Adult Services building on the city's Near Eastside. They delivered a \$3,000 check to support Westminster's ongoing care of Indianapolis families struggling with poverty, stress, illiteracy, hunger, and joblessness.

Ashlee Walls, Director of Major Gifts, was kind enough to give us a tour of the facility. Although it was cold and rainy outside, inside, the Westminster facility was warm and bustling with local seniors waiting to shop the volunteer-staffed food pantry on a special senior day. While clients checked in and waited to shop, they could enjoy a hot cup of coffee and a warm lunch served in their soup kitchen.

Oak Street Health also had staff present, providing a first point of health care for any client visiting that day.

Going into the back storage area, we saw a couple of young men organizing pantry donations which now include infant care items thanks to a new grant from Christ Church Cathedral. Families with infants will now be able to obtain



diapers, baby food, formula, and other necessary items to help care for their newest family members.

Ashlee took us through the kitchen, where volunteers prepare and serve a hot meal to some 1,000 homeless and low income families each month. The soup kitchen is open Mondays from 3-6pm and Thursdays from 8:30-11:30am. We finished our tour looking at classrooms for GED/HSE (high school equivalency) and ESL classes as well as the open computer labs.

Interested in Getting Involved?

Ashlee indicated they are most in need of volunteers for Westminster's Food Pantry shift on Mondays from 3-6 pm. Volunteers join Westminster staff in distributing food and basic hygiene items, assisting with the intake process, helping clients select items from the pantry, or assisting with check out.

Westminster also needs volunteers on Wednesdays from 1-3pm in their open computer lab helping clients work on resumes, filling out job applications, obtain an email account, etc.

If you are interested in volunteering at Westminster, please visit <http://westmin.org/get-involved/get-involved/> or contact Lauren Rollings at 317-632-9785 or email at lauren.rollings@westmin.org.

If you are interested in donating to the pantry, please visit <http://westmin.org/programs/family-adult-services/food-pantry/> for an up-to-date list of needed items.

Invite Someone to Northminster with Facebook

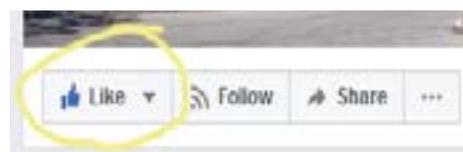
Lesson 1: Liking our Page

Social media is fun, but it's also a useful tool for inviting friends and family to events your church.

First, if you're not "friends" with Northminster, please search for our page by typing in the name of our church in the search bar at the top of the page.



Once you've found us, "Like" our page by clicking the button below the church photo.



Next month, we'll talk about "sharing" events!

January Birthdays

Brooke Kile	1/2	Pat Johnson	1/14
Mary Ann Perkins	1/2	Emily Keesling	1/14
Nancy Dynes	1/3	Cathy Lord	1/14
Jack Jones	1/3	John Plunkett	1/14
Roslynn Lancaster	1/3	Ann Bruce	1/15
Russell Wareham	1/3	Joanne Jones	1/15
Linda Bell	1/4	Catherine Richardson	1/15
Susan Martin	1/4	Jackie Schmidt	1/16
Steve Neterval	1/4	Kate White	1/16
Susan Neville	1/4	Doug Hooper	1/17
Emily Plunkett	1/4	Elisa Deer	1/18
Casey Siegrist	1/5	Janet Ingram	1/18
Vicky Smith	1/5	Erin Bristow	1/19
Joseph Fulnecky	1/6	Alma Miller	1/19
Jesse Noneman	1/6	Charlie Scheuermann	1/20
David Wheeler	1/6	Aimee Scheuermann	1/20
Joan Wheeler	1/6	Kay Smith	1/20
Clint Winkler	1/7	Judi Morr	1/23
Victor Perkins	1/9	Benjamin Plunkett	1/23
Marty Brooks	1/10	Scott Calwell	1/25
Jill Fouts	1/11	Jean Burton	1/26
Tula Mae Cross	1/12	Mary Baxter	1/27
Kris Phegley	1/12	Connie Coleman	1/28
Liz Aelick	1/13	Ann Engel	1/29
Dan Ent	1/13		

Sound & Spirit presents: Philatroi String Trio

Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra violinists Philip Palermo, Zachary Depue and Michael Isaac Strauss present a concert of diverse chamber repertoire. Join us in the Northminster sanctuary for this free concert at **4:00 pm on Sunday, February 11.**



January 2018 Calendar Highlights

1/1	All Day	Office & Building Closed
1/2	7:00 PM	Team Meeting Night
1/9	4:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting
1/14	12:00 PM	#foodandfaith
1/14	12:15 PM	High School Student Lunch
1/14	12:15 PM	Worship Planning
1/14	4:00 PM	Presbytery MLK Service
1/14	5:30 PM	Middle School Fellowship
1/15	All Day	Building Closed - MLK Jr. Day
1/16	10:00 AM	Preschool Open House
1/16	7:00 PM	Session Meeting
1/17	10:00 AM	NorthStars "Scams & Schemes"
1/18	7:00 PM	Foundation Meeting
1/19	Fri-Sun.	Pokagon Weekend Retreat
1/22	1:00 PM	Ministerial Support Committee
1/23	7:00 PM	Circle 3 - Sarah Circle
1/28	10:00 AM	4th Sunday Adult E
1/28	12:00 PM	Annual Meeting & Lunch

Hospital Visitation from Pastors

Please remember that because of HIPPA rules, hospitals will not call Northminster and tell us when you are in the hospital. Even if you give the hospital the name of our church, they will not pass on your hospital admission to us.

When you are admitted to the hospital, please have a family member call the church (317-251-9489) and let us know of your illness. Then the pastors or Stephen Ministers can come and visit you.

January Youth Group

- 1/7 Youth Group, 5:30-7:30pm @ NPC
- 1/14 Youth Group, 5:30-7:30pm @ NPC
- 1/21 Retreat weekend, No Youth Group
- 1/28 Youth Group, 5:30-7:30pm @ NPC

Celebrating Two Years of 3B

These women have been working out together for two years in the Board Room under the banner of 3 B - Body, Brain and Belief. No sloughing off in this group! We may be standing or sitting, but always moving, walking a mile, or sometimes two! Come join us on Mondays and Thursdays at 1:30 pm! Questions? Contact Senior Ministries Coordinator, Denise Harrington, at 317-509-7085.



NorthStars Events

Avoiding Scams and Schemes

Have you ever been scammed? Come and learn about protecting your personal information on-line, mail orders and prize scams. Scams come in various forms - by mail, phone, email and data breaches. This presentation is how to protect your information and say NO to becoming a victim. Learn all about the scams that are hitting our area from Sharleigh Poin-dexter from the Better Business Bureau. On Wednesday, January 17th, enjoy the warmth of Calvin Hall at 10:00 A.M. at Northminster Church in the middle of the winter. Lunch will be served for \$6, following the presentation. This event is open to the public, but reservations are a must by Friday, January 12th.

Reservations can be made by contacting Marty or John Brooks at n9kyc@yahoo.com or phone: (317) 848-6995. Reservation can also be made by calling the church at (317) 251-9489. Money for lunch will be collected at the door.

Hope to see you there!

Butler Basketball – February 3

Yes, it is the middle of football season, but basketball has been scheduled and tickets are available. NorthStars are going to the DePaul game on Saturday, February 3. It starts at 12:00. Ticket prices are \$40 and in section 307. The seats do not have backs, but, do have cushioned seats and are in rows 2 and 3. We also have seats available in the (close) accessible section for those who have the need. These tickets are \$50. Reservations and payments can be made at any time with Bob Bowers at betbobbowers@att.net or 317-259-7366. Food will be planned for after the game. Details on this will be forthcoming at a later date. See you at the game! GO DAWGS!

Middlers Get Together

Middlers are people in their mid 40's-early 60's, and we will gather for dinner and fun at 6 pm on Saturday, January 6th at the home of Tony and Jennifer Dzwonar.

The main course will be provided by the church but you are asked to bring a side dish, a dessert, or any fermented beverages you prefer. Please let Tony and Jen know if you can attend: 317-797-8722 or dzwonar@me.com.

