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# News & Views

A newsletter of Northminster Presbyterian Church



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## Back to School Extravaganza – by Jerry Gray

Each year it takes a tremendous effort from the entire congregation to make B2SE a success. It requires a number of activities during the course of the summer to prepare for the final event at St. Luke’s Methodist Church. I have included below a schedule of those events and the number of people we need to achieve this goal. They are as follows:

June 27th Wed. – 9:00 am – noon @ Northminster – Sorting & Hanging clothes – 10 people

July 13th Fri. – 5:00 – 7:30 pm – Family Friday Night - sorting & hanging

July 18th Wed. – 9:00 am – noon @ Northminster – Sorting & hanging clothes – 10 people

July 25th Wed. – 9:00am – noon @ Northminster – Inventory boxing & preparation – 20 people

July 27th Fri. – noon @ Northminster – Load Truck – 6 young people

July 27th Fri. – 4:00 – 6:00 pm @ St. Luke’s – Set up clothing store – 20 people

July 28th Sat. – 9:00 – noon – 1st shift at the store – 20 people

July 28th Sat. – Noon – 3:00 – 2nd shift at the store – 20 people

You can sign up for these work sessions online at the church website. It is an excellent opportunity for families to work together on a mission project. Please be a part of the church team.

P.S. Please do not forget the laundry bags of clothing in the Gathering Place that need to be washed!

## Your Congregational Nominating Committee is Working

Do you know a member of Northminster who is faithful in attendance and concerned with the care and nurture of our members? We are looking for ten new deacons and one youth deacon to be involved in member care and community outreach. The deacons meet five times a year on the second Tuesday night. Deacons help with mission projects, School 55, Clothe-A-Child, and serving communion. They also help us stay in touch with the homebound, provide transportation assistance, and make emergency meals. This is not a position where you simply attend meetings. Our deacons do hands on ministry.

Do you know a faithful church member who can see the big picture

and provide visionary leadership for the future? We need five elders and one youth elder to serve on the Session. These people need to have the interest, the ability, and the time to attend session meetings each month on the third Tuesday, and to chair a Team, which meets the first Tuesday of the month. This is not a job for observers. We need folks who can step up and make things happen. Elders are expected to attend Presbytery meetings as needed and assist with communion and baptisms when requested.

Do you know a member of the church who understands numbers and people and money? We need new directors for the Foundation Board. These folks need to be able

to understand investments and be generous in nature and practice.

Please pray for the future of our church and for the necessary leadership to guide us. Then suggest names – perhaps your own - for the various positions. You may put a note in the offering plate or leave it in the church office.



## July Worship - by Teri Thomas

In the month of July, we will finish our sermon series on the Books of Samuel and we will begin a new series on the Book of Ephesians. It helps to have the big picture of these books and we encourage you to read through the whole story ahead of time. It will help you tie the pieces together. There is so much more than we can cover in a sermon.

Sunday, July 1st is the fifth in our series on Samuel. This week we

look at 2 Samuel 1 and think about how God saves. Communion will be served by intinction at both services.

Sunday, July 8th we take our last look at Samuel in 2 Samuel 5. The theme is- God Unites.

Sunday, July 15th we begin a series of sermons on the Book of Ephesians. We will start in the first chapter and look at Paul's understanding of adoption, chosen, and inheritance.



Sunday, July 22nd we move to the second chapter of Ephesians and think about aliens. Is he talking about a UFO?

Sunday, July 29th Ephesians 3 takes us into a discussion of God's love.

## Northminster Food Barrels - by Marty Brooks, Nancy Hill and John Reed

Please consider making a contribution to the Northminster Food Barrels when coming to church on Sunday or any other convenient time. One barrel is located in the hallway across from the church office. The other barrel used to be in the Narthex, but has been moved next to the southeast doors at the top of the ramp.

Donated food is taken to Westminster Neighborhood Services, Inc. (2325 East New York Street), which provides basic human necessities and educational opportunities to support and empower at-risk children and families on the near eastside of Indianapolis. The food is taken by the Deacons of Northminster every 6 to 8 weeks, or when full, to be included in the Westminster Food Pantry.

Food banks say the focus should be on "whole, unprocessed or minimally processed foods" to help

create healthy meals. Instead of donating foods that are high in salt, sugar and highly processed grains, bring foods that are high in protein, healthy fats and whole grains instead.

The best non- perishable foods items to donate are:

1. canned beans
2. dry beans
3. peanut butter/other nut butters
4. rolled oats
5. canned fruit in juice, not syrup
6. canned vegetables, with no or low sodium
7. low sodium soups
8. canned tuna in water
9. canned chicken
10. brown rice
11. quinoa
12. nuts, unsalted
13. seeds, unsalted
14. shelf stable milk and milk substitutes
15. whole grain pasta

16. low -sodium pasta sauce
17. popcorn kernels
18. unsweetened apple sauce
19. canned stews, chilli
20. whole grain, low sugar cold cereals
21. olive or canola oil
22. canned tomatoes
23. dried fruits, no sugar added
24. honey
25. chicken, beef and vegetable broths and stock

Canned goods with pop-top lids are better than canned goods that require a can opener. Avoid foods packaged in glass and don't donate foods that are past the expiration date.

This is an on-going ministry of Northminster and the Deacons appreciate your participation.

## IHN Family Promise

On the first Sunday in June, the lectionary was from 1 Samuel 3. After hearing his name called three times, Samuel finally answers, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening". At a time where compassion is needed, we invite you to listen to God's call to assist Indianapolis families in need. Our next week of hospitality for homeless families referred to us by IHN/Family Promise is **August 12-19**.

We need food preparers and servers, drivers, activity helpers, and overnight hosts, as well as set-up

helpers, clean up helpers, and laundry assistance. If you have not volunteered in the past, we would be glad to match you with an experienced volunteer, so you too can help and experience the gratification of compassion.

IHN Coordinators will be in the Gathering Place at 10 am and noon, beginning July 15. Also look for on-line sign-ups in mid-July.

Our congregation has always listened and answered the call. Let's continue to serve these families.



## NorthStars – Change of Plans

There has been a change in the entertainment for the Holliday Park summer concert series. Rather than Matt Roush, the **Knot Brothers (photo, above)** will now be performing. (This change was made by the Indy Parks Department because Matt Roush is unable to perform.) Please join the NorthStars and friends on Thursday, July 19th, at 6:15 pm, at Holliday Park (6363 Spring Mill Road), to listen to the Knot Brothers. "Knot Brothers are a fusion of rap, rock, and electric dance music with the ability to play pop and indie acoustic sets as well. This genre-binding duo makes

audiences from all walks of music tap their toes to their tunes." Come and share some fellowship with Northminster members or better yet, bring a friend. Bring your own picnic dinner (a variety of food truck vendors will also be available), a blanket or chairs to sit on, and join us at 6:15. We will have an area reserved for our group. The concert begins at 7:00 and is free! Also, be aware of weather conditions. Contact Marty or John Brooks at (317) 848-6995 or email us at n9kyc@yahoo.com by Tuesday, July 17th, to let us know who is coming. Hope to see you there!

## Stephen Ministers Do Care

Stephen Ministers do care  
Through God's love spread  
everywhere.

If your hurt is deep indeed,  
We can help you in you need.

Sorrows shared and comfort too;  
Warmth of love to see you  
through.

If you'll ever need for these,  
We will help you search for  
peace.

Confidentiality.

It's one thing that has to be.  
Ever holding words secure,  
Trusted friends you can be sure.

Stress of illness, don't despair,  
We will always meet you there;  
Help in time to face your grief,  
Comfort, solace, and relief.

Distress, worry, care and strife,  
Let us show you God is life.  
And with Jesus, royal Son,  
We will help you, one on one.

- Jim Borrell, Allentown, PA.  
(Tune: "Take My Life, that I May  
Be")

## Shakespeare and the Mysteries of Religion: Hamlet's Faith Journey

Church member, Bill Dynes, will be leading this Adult Education class, from 10:15 - 10:45 am, downstairs in the Board Room, on Sundays, beginning July 8. More details coming soon!

## Northminster T-shirts for Sale



The Deacons are selling Northminster T-shirts again! This year's version will be in YELLOW and orders will arrive in time for everyone to wear their shirt to our 3rd Annual Day of Caring on September 16th. The shirts will be tagless and made from 100% pre-shrunk cotton. Adult shirts are \$15 in sizes S - 4XL and Youth shirts are \$10 in sizes XS - XL. Place your order by using the enclosed form and mailing it with your payment to the church office, or go to <http://bit.ly/2018NPCtshirts>. Orders close August 28th with all proceeds benefiting the Deacons fund. Questions? Please contact Barb Hill: [barbhillhome@gmail.com](mailto:barbhillhome@gmail.com) or 317-850-4238.

## All-Church Nights!

Please join the Christian Education team this summer for Friday evening fellowship activities. We will share a pitch-in style fellowship picnic outdoors with a theme for the evening from **5:00 – 7:30 pm**. Bring your family and something to share. All are welcome!

### Mission Night - July 13

Bring the family, a pitch-in food item to share, and a nonperishable food donation for Gleaners. We will focus our time and talents on some of the missions of the church, **PLUS FOOD!**

August 24th – Open Mic Night.

Questions? Contact Maureen Wilson (317-251-9489 or [mwilson@northminster-indy.org](mailto:mwilson@northminster-indy.org)).



## Summer Camp Scholarships

It's not too late to get to camp! If your child is planning on attending a faith based camp, retreat or conference this summer the church has scholarships and other resources available. If you are interested in applying, or would like to know more about camps such as PYOCA, Geneva Center or Montreat contact Mo Wilson ([mwilson@northminster-indy.org](mailto:mwilson@northminster-indy.org)) for more information.

## Mission Team News

In the photo, below, Mission Team Co-chair Tom Stayton presents a check to Craine House Executive Director Suzy Pierce, May 2018.



### General Fund Financial Snapshot for the Period Ending: May 2018

	Actual Jan - May	Budget Jan - May	Previous Year Jan - May 2017
Operating Revenues	\$ 479,912	\$ 471,835	\$ 469,789
Operating Expenses	\$ (427,126)	\$ (478,789)	\$ (438,689)
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 52,786	\$ (6,954)	\$ 31,100

## Church School in July

9:00 am Church School (grades K-5th) will not meet in July. The 11:00 am Church School will continue to meet, and all classes will be back in August. Both Nursery Care and Preschool classes will be available for both services in July. We continue 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 July: *For the sake of others and for the sake of ourselves: we approach you, God. Whether we come boldly or tentatively, we are looking for your accepting grace. We seek a touch that brings healing. We seek the strength to do good. We seek a meaningful life. We seek you. Hear us. Touch us. Heal us. Be with us as we live. Amen.*

### July 1

#### Mark 5:21–43

God is with us in all the circumstances of our lives. Sometimes we know it instantly; at other times it is only with hindsight that we notice it. Today we see God's grace impact the lives of people who have experienced loss, and a community wrestling with what a Christ-centered life looks like.

### July 8

#### Mark 6:1–13

The unwelcome reception that Jesus received in his hometown and his instruction on how to leave

an inhospitable place illustrate how we can miss out on something special if we aren't open to God's spirit. For the spirit dwells and moves in ways that do not always conform to our own expectations and conventions.

### July 15

#### Ephesians 1:3–14

Who are we? Many voices compete in answer to that question. When we still all else and hear God speak that we are blessed, what joy may then overflow!

### July 22

#### Ephesians 2:11–22

This week's readings celebrate God's loving vision for healing, wholeness, and unity. In this Season after Pentecost, we are invited into deeper reflection on what this vision means for the life of the church.

### July 29

#### John 6:1–21

It is easy to spend time focusing on the miracles that are the headline stories of today's gospel reading, but perhaps in doing so we miss an important revelation. Today's focus reading invites us to examine, once again, who the person of Jesus was and what he revealed about the reign of God, its welcome, generosity, and dependability as we journey further into the land of faith.

## July Youth Group



**July 1st** Trip to the Ronco's lake house 9:00 – 4:45 pm. Limited spaces available, please RSVP to Mo Wilson to reserve a space: [mwilson@northminster-indy.org](mailto:mwilson@northminster-indy.org)

**July 8th** Justice Advocates of Whitewater Valley Presbytery presents Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence at Faith Presbyterian Church 4:00 - 6:00 pm.

**July 13th** All-Church Mission Night 5:00 – 7:30 pm at NPC. Bring a food item donation for Gleaners.

**July 19th** Mission Project at Gleaners. Meet at NPC at 1:00p.m. We will get back to the church hopefully by 5:30 pm traffic permitting. Volunteers will need to register at: <http://bit.ly/GleanersNPCyouth>

**July 28th** NPC All-Church volunteer opportunity with Back to School Extravaganza. Sign up online at: <http://bit.ly/2018B2SE>

**July 29th** Youth Group at NPC, 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

## July Calendar Highlights

7/1	9:00 AM	Youth Group - Trip to Ronco's Lake House
7/3	7:00 PM	Team Meeting Night
7/4	All day	BUILDING CLOSED
7/8	10:15 AM	Shakespeare/Adult Ed (1st class)
7/8	12:00 PM	Worship Planning Party
7/8	4:00 PM	Youth Fellowship - Justice Advocates Film
7/9	6 & 7 PM	Stephen Ministers
7/10	4:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting
7/10	7:00 PM	E-Team/Congregational Life Team Meeting
7/13	5:00 PM	All-Church Friday Night - Mission Night
7/17	7:00 PM	Session Meeting
7/19	1:00 PM	Youth Group - Mission Project at Gleaners
7/23	10:30 AM	Stephen Ministry Leaders
7/31	9:00 AM	Newsletter Stuffers

## July Birthdays

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

## Upcoming All-Church Events



### Church/Community Picnic Sunday, Sept. 9 at Noon

We're having an all-congregation and community picnic, with food truck meals this year! We will have a bounce house for kids, music, games and fun. Plan to attend and invite your friends!



Day of Caring

Whitewater Valley Presbytery

### Day of Caring Sunday, September 16

We will worship-by-doing on September 16. We'll start with a short worship service at 9 am, and then go out into the neighborhood to do community projects with our mission partners. There will be projects to do at church, too. All ages will be able to participate and we will have child-care for our littlest ones. There will be no worship service at 11 am that day.

## Senior Ministries

### What is Palliative Care?

In an article from AgingCare.com by Carol Bradley Bursack and Dr. Kimberly Angelia Curseen, M.D., a palliative care physician affiliated with the Emory University Health-care System, we learn that palliative care is focused on providing relief from the symptoms and stress of a serious illness—whatever the diagnosis may be. Palliative care can also be provided in conjunction with curative treatment. “Palliation can be provided at first diagnosis or late into the disease process because access is based on the needs of the individual,” says Dr. Curseen.

Palliative care is delivered by an interdisciplinary team of medical professionals that works closely with a patient’s specialist to develop an individualized symptom management plan and help accomplish treatment goals. Palliative care teams are composed of doctors, registered nurses and other specialists who work together with a patient’s primary doctor. These teams can provide care in the hospital, at clinics, and, in some programs, through home visits. Other professionals like massage therapists, dieticians, pharmacists and chaplains may be added to a patient’s care team as well. “The purpose of this diverse group of experts is to help the patient and their family members understand

the disease as well as all available treatment options and facilitate communication and collaboration amongst all the patient’s health care providers,” explains Dr. Curseen.

### Caregiver Support Group

All caregivers are welcome! You don’t have to be a member of NPC to attend our support meetings on Monday, July 9, at 6:00 pm, and Wednesday, July 11, at 1:00 pm, in the Conference Room in the administration wing.

### 3B Exercise

3B is in Calvin Hall every Monday and Thursday at 1:30 pm. We do light weights, aerobic and strength training. Exercise improves circulation and keeps the body healthy. Therefore, we do 3B! Come join us to learn more!

### 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 (photo, right) at [dharrington@northminster-indy.org](mailto:dharrington@northminster-indy.org) or 317-509-7085. Look for Denise at worship on the 3rd Sunday of each month.



## Do You Love Weddings?

We are losing our wonderful Wedding Coordinator and wonder if you know anyone who might be interested.

You need to be loving, patient, kind and great with details. This position is paid per wedding.

Contact the church office (317-251-9489) for details.

