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# News & Views



A newsletter of Northminster Presbyterian Church



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## Clothe-a-Child – Play a Role!

Thursday, December 7, 9 am – 1 pm, Sears, Castleton Square

Our Clothe-a-Child project provides warm clothing to School 55 children in need. Volunteers are needed to shop with the children, serve lunch, and help with the check-out process at Sears.

We will have sign-up sheets in the Gathering Place on Sunday mornings, and on the Deacon's bulletin board in the Choir hallway, throughout November. You may also sign up online at: <http://bit.ly/2017ClotheAChild>.

This important event would not be possible without many volunteers and generous donations from you! Each year it takes around \$10,000 and 60-80 people to be successful. Clothe-a-Child envelopes can be found in this newsletter, in your giving envelope boxes, and in the pew racks at church.

Contact Mike Shannon for details: [mshannon@miller-eads.com](mailto:mshannon@miller-eads.com).

## November Worship The Church Year Draws to a Close - by Carol McDonald

That's not a misprint! The Church Year and calendar year are not one and the same. The Four Sundays of November will march us to the conclusion of another liturgical year.

On November 5, we will celebrate All Saints' Day. The Beatitudes from Matthew's gospel will guide our reflection and we will gather at Christ's Table to receive communion. Children older than pre-school age will remain in the sanctuary for the entire worship service.

On November 12, we will be guided by the well-known words of Joshua, chapter 24: "Choose This Day Whom You Will Serve." And Matthew's gospel for that day from chapter 25: 1-13 reminds us to "be ready."



*Rev. Carol McDonald*

On November 19, we will be invited to consider what it means to risk, what it means not to live in fear.

November 26 is Christ the King Sunday – the final Sunday of the church year. The familiar parable in Matthew 25:31-46 will be our guide as we explore, "what sort of kingdom will it be?"



## Go and See – Some Special Thank You's!

The season of stewardship and generosity always calls forth special gifts. For this year's efforts, we are particularly grateful to Jill de las Alas for designing our logo, to Mary Boris for crafting the beautiful communion table cloth, to Lisa Longo for procuring the generosity banner from the PC (USA), to Carol Frohlich for the clever crocheted loaves and fishes, to Mason King and Tori Kincaid for assisting with the Narrative Budget, to Bob Bowers, Joyce Mallette, Debbie Grush, Matt Kroeger, Emma Longo, Victor Perkins, Maureen Purcell, and Mike Boris for their Sunday morning invitations to "go and see," to the Northminster staff for kind helpfulness, to Chad Kincaid for coordinating all the efforts ... and to all of you for your commitment to the life and ministry of Northminster Presbyterian Church.

Go and See: what will God do with our gifts in 2018?!

## Update from Personnel Committee and Christian Ed Team

We know there are many questions about what's next in the areas of Children, Youth and Families here at Northminster. We want to share with you our process for filling the positions recently vacated by Debbie Bulloff and Julie Shannon.

First of all, we have quality interim leadership in place. **Cheryl Plunkett** (*photo: above right*) is working with our Church School program. **Maureen "Mo" Wilson** (*photo: below right*) began her time with us on October 8 to oversee Sunday evening youth groups and Sunday morning Kids Club activities. And we are blessed by leadership from Ruth Moore and Melissa Hopkins – as well as a host of committed volunteers, who are taking on additional duties during this time of transition.

Debbie Bulloff and Julie Shannon were with us for many years and leave big shoes to fill. Seeking new staff persons will be neither quick nor easy. We have interviewed current staff to get their

ideas about future directions and staffing in these areas. You have participated in an on-line survey offering us your ideas for future directions and staffing for these program areas. A sub-group representing both teams is now using all the data collected to draft job descriptions which will go to both Personnel and Christian Education for approval. Next, a Search Committee will be appointed; we will advertise the position(s), receive and review applications, and prepare to invite folks for interviews. Though we do not have a hard and fast deadline, we hope to be fairly far along in the process by the time Teri Thomas returns from Sabbatical.

We value and welcome your input as we continue to move through this transition. Please feel free to reach out to Liz Neterval, C.E. Chair, ([eneterval@gmail.com](mailto:eneterval@gmail.com)) or to Allison Gritton, Personnel Chair, ([allgritton@indy.rr.com](mailto:allgritton@indy.rr.com)) with questions, comments, ideas.



## Welcome to Maureen "Mo" Wilson

On Sunday, October 8, we welcomed Mo Wilson to Northminster as our Acting Director for Youth Ministry and Kids Club. Mo grew up in Indianapolis where she attended Brebeuf High School and became Presbyterian at Second Presbyterian Church. She is a graduate of Xavier University in Cincinnati (B.A.) and McCormick

Theological Seminary in Chicago (M.Div.) Mo most recently served Irvington Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis as, first, Director of Children and Youth Ministries and, then, as Temporary Supply Associate Pastor. Mo's other work experience includes service as a Chaplain Intern at St. Vincent Hospital, as an intern for the Indiana University

Conscience Project, and as a seminary intern at Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church in Chicago. Prior to entering seminary, Mo served the Presbyterian Church (USA) as a Young Adult Volunteer in Northern Ireland. We are grateful that her season of discernment – and ours - have coincided! Welcome, Mo!



## Your Website has a New Look!

Your Northminster website has a whole new look. Next time you visit [www.northminster-indy.org](http://www.northminster-indy.org), you'll notice the new design reflects the light and warmth of our church and congregation. It is also works beautifully on phones and tablets. Here are a few features you may not notice right away.



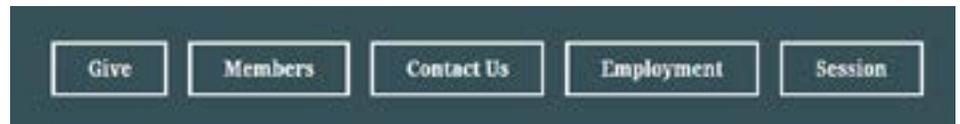
The updated logo does more than look pretty. Click on it from any page on the website and you'll return to the home page.

Click on Events to see what is happening at Northminster, get the details, and register or make reservations online. There is even a button to share the event with your friends by email or your favorite social media.

Explore the menu in the upper right corner to find the master calendar, life events, our blog, groups you can join and information about our programs and mission.

Scroll down to the middle of the home page to listen to past sermons and watch Sunday services live.

At the bottom of the menu you'll find links to the Member, Giving and Session pages. The Member page includes a login button and instructions for ShelbyNext, our online directory and church database. The church calendar and other information specific to members can also be found here.



## Christmas Giving Begins in November

Clothe a Child needs your donations and to sign up to help for this annual event on Thursday, December 7th. (*See article on page 2, and donation envelope inside this newsletter.*)

Westminster Neighborhood Ministries needs our donations of shampoo, conditioner and deodorant for its Christmas baskets. (Shampoo/

conditioner combos count as 2 donations.) We need 300 of each toiletry and the Dollar Store is a great place to purchase these items. WNM serves families and children in the growing inner city of Indianapolis' eastside. Donations will be collected in the yellow bin in the Gathering Place all through November.



## Thank You for Your Participation in the 2017 Day of Caring!

The 2nd annual Northminster Presbyterian Day of Caring was an overwhelming success! Thank you to the 150+ individuals and families at Northminster who dedicated their morning worship time to serving others at one of our partner organizations or at the church. 2017 Day of Caring by the numbers:

- 100 women's and 25 children's hygiene kits assembled for the Wheeler Mission Center for Women and Children in downtown Indianapolis

- 90 craft kits assembled for Wheeler Mission's Fall Festival at the Center for Women and Children in downtown Indianapolis

- 30+ casseroles prepared and frozen at Northminster for future congregational needs

- 30+ letters written to Northminster congregational members who are home bound

- 50+ letters written to service members to be delivered for the holidays

- 2+ hours of sorting donations at the Julian Center which serves survivors of domestic violence

- 2+ hours of sorting donations and cleaning at Exodus Refugee Center which supports refugee families new to Indianapolis

- 2+ hours of deep cleaning at Westminster Neighborhood Services which serves inner-city residents of Indianapolis's Near Eastside.

- 2+ hours of invasive plant removal and trash pick in partnership

- with the Broad Ripple Village Association

- 2+ hours of gardening and weeding at Dayspring Center which serves those who are homeless and at-risk of homelessness in Indianapolis

- 2+ hours of home improvement projects at a Northminster congregant's home

- 2+ hours of providing free childcare at Northminster for parents/families participating in the Day of Caring

If you would like to be more involved with planning next year's Day of Caring, we'd love your input! Please contact Brooke Kile at [brookekile@yahoo.com](mailto:brookekile@yahoo.com) if interested.



## Drumstick Dash Hospitality

Northminster once again plans to open its doors to the community during the Drumstick Dash on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23. Over 15,000 runners and walkers will go past our church during the 14th Annual event, a major fundraiser for Wheeler Mission, one of our Mission partners.

We cheer for the fast runners, then provide hot chocolate, water, warm

spaces and restrooms to the slower walkers/runners/families.

Come and join this Community Outreach. Arrive by 8:30 am (before the roads are closed); please park in the North parking lot. The excitement will end by 10:30 am.

Our hospitality is always appreciated and it is a fun way to start Thanksgiving Day.



For more information, contact Dolly Craft at 317-502-2080 or [dollybike@aol.com](mailto:dollybike@aol.com)

## Poinsettia Christmas Donations

Your Worship Team is busily planning for the Advent season here at NPC. As in years past, the congregation is invited to honor or remember loved ones, while at the same time supporting the beautiful display of poinsettias that will decorate the church on Christmas Eve. The 2017 Poinsettia donation form is enclosed in this newsletter. Additional forms can be found on the information tables in the church narthex and Gathering Place.

Forms and checks must be received by the NPC office no later than December 15, 2017, and donations will be recognized in the bulletin for the 10:00 A.M. worship service on December 24.

As always, the Worship Team is thankful for the many ways in which the NPC congregation contributes to meaningful worship, both at Advent and throughout the church year.



## Interfaith Thanksgiving Dinner

**Sunday, November 19**

Enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner and entertainment, beautifully inspired by Kenyan Culture, as we celebrate how our diverse faith traditions are collaborating to assist our brothers and sisters in Kenya as they provide vital resources to the total and partial orphans with in their communities.

Tickets are \$25, the cost to provide daily lunch for one child for an entire school year.

To learn more and purchase tickets, visit [globalinterfaithpartnership.org/FoodForThought](http://globalinterfaithpartnership.org/FoodForThought).



## November Adult Education Opportunities

### **We Make the Road by Walking: Wednesday Night Bible Study**

This study will continue through Wednesday, April 18, 2018, from 6:00 – 7:15 each week. We are studying “We Make the Road by Walking” by Brian McLaren, a year-long quest for spiritual formation, reorientation and activation. Rev. Carol McDonald is leading our discussions.

### **Fourth Sunday Adult Ed – Painting the Stars**

“When I have a terrible need of – dare I say, religion? – then I go outside at night and paint the stars.” - Vincent Van Gogh. Celebrating

the communion of science and faith, the 4th Sunday Adult education class will use the video series and discussion entitled, *Painting the Stars*. It explores the promise of evolutionary Christian spirituality. We will begin at 10 am on November 26, downstairs in the Board Room. Contact Associate Pastor Ruth Moore at 317-251-9489 or [ruthmoore@northminster-indy.org](mailto:ruthmoore@northminster-indy.org).

### **Spirit & Place**

Northminster will again host an event as part of the Spirit & Place Festival. Join us in Calvin Hall on Saturday, November 4, from 2-4 p.m. We will watch the film, “An



Outrage,” a documentary about lynching and systemic racism in America, and then engage in a community conversation about changing the legacy of violence and power against people of color. Please register at <http://bit.ly/2017spiritPLACE>.

## Sunday Programming for Children

Childcare will be offered for babies-3 year olds from 8:45 am – noon.

Preschool Church School will be available for children 3 – Pre K, from 8:45-noon.

Children can attend worship with their parents at 9 and 11 am and be dismissed after the Time with Children.

Church School will be offered for Children K-5th grade at 9:20 and 11:20 am. Children will attend worship with their parents at 9 and

11 am, and are dismissed after the Time with Children. On 1st Sundays, elementary aged children remain in the sanctuary for communion with their families.

Kids Club will be available for K-5th grade kids from 10-11 am. Each Sunday we will do hands on projects, movement and games, art and drama, or a mission project. Children can come in at any time during this hour as their schedules and the schedule of their parents permit.



## November Birthdays

Craig Williams	11/1	Jack Mart	11/18
Becky Erdel	11/2	Suzan Stoops	11/18
John Purcell	11/2	Carol Campbell	11/19
Nancy Moritz	11/3	Barbara Belt	11/20
Katherine Robinson	11/3	Jane Eyler	11/20
Robert Barrows	11/6	Haley Holdaway	11/20
Nancy Leffler	11/6	Dick Kraege	11/20
Girtha Perkins	11/6	Carol Mann	11/20
Mary Ann McCormick	11/7	Dick Dunbar	11/22
Becky Brooks	11/8	Michael Longo	11/22
Mick Keppler	11/8	Emma Longo	11/22
Kristin Keltner	11/10	Andrea Newsom	11/22
Gary Ryan	11/10	Mary Sue George	11/24
Linda Theobald	11/10	Ivo Kask	11/25
Charles Walker	11/10	John Karpicke	11/26
Mary Shebek	11/11	Nancy Andrews	11/27
Dale Theobald	11/11	Barbara Hill	11/27
Matt Robinson	11/12	Lauren Palladino	11/27
Steven Sarver	11/13	Douglas Sherow	11/27
Pat Ward	11/13	Beth Ladd	11/28
Everett Fleming	11/16	Bob Ross	11/29
Laura Hedrick	11/16	John Carr III	11/30
Elaine Purdue	11/16	Corinne Imboden	11/30
Ted Engel	11/17		

## Second at Second Food Pantry Callup

We are looking for a few good NPC'ers who have the Second Tuesday afternoon of each month available, and would like to contribute their time and energy. This is our designated slot to serve at the Second Presbyterian Food Pantry for approximately four hours each month. Training is included, plus, great fellowship!

Oh, and the Food Pantry is always in need of plastic, paper, and cloth bags. These can be dropped in the wire bin labeled "Food Pantry" across from our church office any-time. Call or email John Reed (ph: 317-257-8784/email: [bjkreed@comcast.net](mailto:bjkreed@comcast.net)) with any questions you might have or if you are interested in signing up.

## Thanks!

In addition to all of the support from our Northminster congregants, Mission Team extends its heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the driving forces behind this year's Day of Caring — (drum roll, please), Brooke Kile and Debbie Grush. The extraordinary time and prayerful effort by these two women caused our success as a faith community. Feel free to give them a hearty handshake and/or pat on the back. They deserve it!

## November Calendar Highlights

11/4	2:00 PM	Spirit & Place Festival
11/5	5:00 PM	Community Conversations
11/7	4:00 PM	Finance Committee
11/7	7:00 PM	Team Meeting Night
11/14	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
11/14	7:00 PM	Indpls. Women's Chorus Rehearsal
11/16	8:30 AM	Deacons - Thanksgiving Baskets
11/17	9:00 AM	NorthStars - Palladium Trip
11/18	12:00 PM	Cranes Trip/ Boy Scouts
11/23	8:30 AM	Drumstick Dash Hospitality
11/23 & 11/24		Building Closed (Thanksgiving Break)
11/26	10:00 AM	4th Sunday Adult Ed - Painting the Stars
11/27	1:00 PM	Ministerial Support Committee
11/28	9:00 AM	Newsletter Assembly
11/28	7:00 PM	Session Meeting

## Presby Day in November

Nov. 9, 10 am, at Irvington Presbyterian Church

Come enjoy our guest speaker, Richard Gunderman (*photo, below*). It is remarkable how little many Hoosiers know about the history of our state and its amazing people. Some of the greatest athletes, composers, entertainers, entrepreneurs, innovators, leaders, musicians, philanthropists, politicians, preachers, public servants, scientists,

teachers and writers in U.S. history were nurtured by this soil. Yet too many Hoosiers have no idea that they share an Indiana connection. Richard Gunderman is Chancellor's Professor in the Schools of Medicine, Liberal Arts, and Philanthropy at Indiana University. Please RSVP by Nov. 7th to 317-356-7225.



## Caregiver Support

**Caregiver Support Group** meets monthly the 1st Monday at 6:00 pm & the 1st Wednesday at 1:00 pm in the conference room at Northminster. "Most people who take on the role of caregiver aren't prepared for how it quickly takes over your life and the challenges you face. But caregiving can be a meaningful, even somewhat pleasant journey.

The key? Be fearless; be empowered." - Cindy Laverty. Call Denise Harrington for more information 317-509-7085.

**Alzheimer's Support Groups for Caregivers** This group continues to meet at Irvington on the 3rd Tuesday each month, in the parlor, at 1:00 pm.

## 3B - Body, Brain, Belief

**Mondays & Thursdays, 1:30 pm in the Board Room**

Come join us at 3B for laughter, lightweights, aerobic and strength training. Exercise helps maintain the ability to live independently

and reduces the risk of falling and fracturing bones. Therefore, we do 3B! Come join us to learn more.

## 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](mailto:dharrington@northminster-indy.org) or call her at 317-509-7085.

She is also available at the church on Thursdays.

# Stephen Ministers: The After People

People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.

*Stephen Ministers are there:*

- ... *after* the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- ... *after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ... *after* the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ... *after* the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."
- ... *after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."
- ... *after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ... *after* the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ... *after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ... *after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ... *after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the After People. They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.

[www.stephenministries.org](http://www.stephenministries.org)

For more information, contact Northminster members, Carol Campbell (clrjcampbell@sbcglobal.net), John Reed (bjkreed@comcast.net), or Tony Dzwonar (dzwonar@me.com).

THE ARTS AT NORTHMINSTER

# SOUND

and spirit



**CALAN**  
9.17.17 @ 4:00

Five young musicians bring traditional Welsh folk music to a new generation of fans all over the world. Combining fiddle, bagpipes, harp, guitar, percussion, step dancing and vocals, this international award-winning folk band plays its first ever Indiana concert.

**PHILATROI - STRING TRIO**  
2.11.18 @ 4:00

Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Violinists Philip Palermo and Zachary DePue and Violist Michael Isaac Strauss present a concert of diverse chamber repertoire.

**MOZART - MASS IN C MINOR**  
3.18.18 @ 4:00

Northminster Chancel Choir, soloists and orchestra present a Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart masterpiece. With its magnificent choruses, ornate solos and sonorous orchestral sections, the "Great" Mass in C minor represents a summation of all the influences on Mozart.

**VOLUME FIVE**  
4.13.18 @ 7:00

The critically acclaimed bluegrass band Volume Five brings their soulful singing, great harmonies and precision picking to Indianapolis. Nominated for Song of the Year and Emerging Artist of the Year at the 2017 IBMA Awards.

**TANNAHILL WEAVERS**  
5.18.18 @ 7:00

Trend setters in and ambassadors of Scottish traditional music, the award-winning Tannahill Weavers make a stop on their 50th anniversary tour.



## NorthStars - Upcoming Events

On **Friday, November 17**, NorthStars will travel to the **Great American Songbook at the Paladium** in Carmel. The Great American Songbook is a concept, an archive, a library and someday, a museum. The staff is actively collecting American music – sheet music, scores, records, discs, films, videos – published from 1900 to the early 1960's. Included, but not limited to, are composers George Gershwin and Cole Porter, jazz artists Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald, pop singers Frank Sinatra and Pegge Lee, and iconic musicals from the forties and fifties such as “South Pacific” and “My Fair Lady.” Elvis, this is not.

The NorthStars will be attending a program featuring the career and music of Meredith Wilson, best

known for “Music Man” and “The Unsinkable Molly Brown.” An archivist will speak, and participants will have an opportunity to listen to and view artists on their own. The program is free, but donations are welcome.

The church bus (cost \$2 per person) will leave Northminster at 9:15 am on Friday, November 17, for the 10 am program. The groups will have lunch at Matt the Miller's Tavern (11 West City Center Dr., Carmel). The bus will return to the church by 2 pm. For reservations and details call Lowell and Pennie Lumley (317-549-2864) or Eileen Alsop (317-255-3248).

### 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](mailto: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!

