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# News & Views

A newsletter of Northminster Presbyterian Church



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## A JOYful Conversation – by Mason King

Conversations about faith and money are notoriously awkward, even among family members and folks who have been friends for years. But members of Northminster’s congregation say their visits from representatives of the capital campaign have been congenial, professional and even illuminating. “It was simply a very nice conversation,” said Carol Frohlich, who received Blake Schlabach and Mike Boris on her back porch over glasses of ginger ale. “And it’s obviously a very organized campaign. I appreciated that.”

Campaign representatives will continue visiting with fellow church members for several weeks to answer their questions face-to-face about the \$2.5 million goal. The church hopes to raise that sum over three years to buy a new organ, further strengthen the church’s financial position and embark on more ambitious mission work in Indianapolis and abroad.

Over the course of each conversation, the representatives suggest a total campaign contribution over three years, in part based on members’ prior giving and current financial situation. “It wasn’t anybody twisting my arm and saying, ‘This is what you must give,’” Frohlich said. “It was just a suggested idea. Now, whether or not I can reach that number, I’m still working on it.”

Pete and Deb Ronco recently met with Tony and Jennifer Dzwonar over lunch to discuss the campaign. After some congenial chatter, Jennifer sheepishly brought out a binder of campaign information, Deb said. “We briefly went through the binder and we talked more about the church in general and some issues and questions,” Deb said. After the Dzwonars suggested a contribution amount, “We nodded and said, ‘OK, we’ll think about it.’”

For the Roncos, the giving process including letting the information sink in for a few days. “One evening we got out the bank account and the checkbook and the list of all our priorities for the year,” Deb said. “We talked through it and came up with something we were both comfortable with.”

The conversations also are opportunities to share feedback on the campaign and ideas about worship and the life of the church. For example, Deb said she had questions about the organ project and how contributions would be apportioned if the campaign didn’t reach the full \$2.5 million goal. (The money would be divided in pre-set percentages for the three major initiatives.)

Frohlich expressed hope that the church could find space to offer exercise programs for members. She also suggested the church make more use of the stage in the lower level, in particular for

younger members to perform. “Our church is known for its wonderful music program, and it would be wonderful to expand that,” Frohlich said. “Some kids respond so beautifully to dramatic expression. It’s just another way to reach our young people.” She praised the campaign visits as a way to reach members on a personal level and talk about the church’s future. “The ideas started flowing and we talked about some of the ideas for mission, and we had a lot of ideas bouncing back and forth about things we’d like to see happen,” she said.



## October Worship – by Teri Thomas

**October 2nd** is World Communion Sunday. Join us for the sacrament. Teri Thomas will be preaching on From Grumbling to Gratitude.

**October 9th** we will explore the idea of Abundant JOY in the place where we find ourselves. Teri Thomas is preaching. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism.

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## Pastoral Ponderings - by Teri Thomas

How is your JOY Journal coming? Remember? I suggested we each keep a journal for two months and record each day:

1. Where we experienced joy this day
2. Where we were able to share joy this day

I would love to hear any stories you have to share. We will be having JOY testimonies in worship each Sunday this month. I always find it moving and inspiring to hear how members of this congregation find joy in the church and its ministry. We also have testimonies on the website from some of our members who are not eager to stand in front of the congregation to speak, but still have a story to share.

Visits for the Capital campaign continue this month. We will receive your Annual Pledge Card and any outstanding capital pledges on Commitment Sunday, October 30th. While we are all excited about the Capital projects I do hope you are prayerfully considering your annual pledge

as well. The day to day needs of the church continue and as you all know the price of everything seems to be going up.

Your annual gift to Northminster accomplishes so many things for so many people. On Bible Sunday we were stampeded by a huge number of children in worship. These kids are great and they deserve the best we can provide. We need Church School materials and programs for youth. We need to provide support and fellowship for all their parents. Your gifts cover that as well as weekly worship, staff salaries, utility bills, piano tuning, HVAC maintenance, lawn care, Stephen ministry materials and training, computers, phones, copy machines, and of course the coffee and donuts on Sunday morning.

In addition to all that, your weekly gifts to Northminster reach out to the community and to the world in mission. You are feeding hungry children, providing water for isolated villages in Africa, offering shelter to abused families here in Indianapolis, caring for the home-

less, and meeting basic human needs for neighbors and strangers.

Thank you for all you do as part of this congregation and for the many ways you support these ministries. I experience joy every week when I experience your commitment and your dedication. The faith you demonstrate and share is life changing.

So as Paul wrote, "Now as you excel in everything- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you – so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking." (2 Cor 8:7)

Thanking God for our Abundant JOY! See you in church.

### October Worship

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**October 16th** we will celebrate our Abundant JOY. Teri Thomas will help us explore Paul's second letter to the Corinthians 8:1-7.

**October 23rd** is going to be a Sunday of even more joy. Teri Thomas will be preaching on Joel 2 and 2 Timothy 4.

**October 30th** the lectionary takes us back to one of our favorite stories, Zacchaeus climbing a tree. This is Commitment Sunday for both the Annual Campaign and the Abundant JOY capital campaign. Bring your pledge cards so we may dedicate them in worship.



(2016 Day of Caring - letter writing)

## Sound & Spirit Seeks Your Support - by John Wright

Sound & Spirit, the arts at Northminster Presbyterian Church, is planning a season of outstanding and eclectic concerts. We need your financial support to help us provide a place where all may come to experience the magic of live music free of charge. Many of you have supported Sound & Spirit for over a decade. You are the financial backbone of the series and you are the reason each May we begin thinking about continuing the series the next year. Some of you have not yet been able to contribute to Sound & Spirit. We are hoping you can do so this year. The amount of giving is not as important as the number of people who step forward to contribute.

As a “music fan,” you understand that music is at the heart of being human. In addition to the expression of emotion, music is critical to how our minds work and how we experience and respond to stimuli. Contrary to ideas that art and music belong to the right brain and language and mathematics are left brain functions, neuroscientists now understand that music is distributed throughout the brain. It seems that music unites both persons with each other and unifies a person within him/herself.

In the 1960s the late Pete Seeger used folk songs and spirituals to energize groups to sing



about causes for social justice that moved people to action. He understood the power of music to change people and to bring people together as one. I am not suggesting our concerts at Sound & Spirit are designed to bring about social change, however, I do know people have been moved to hear a sorrowful Irish fiddle tune, and I've seen people dance in the back of the church when the professional bluegrass band The Travelin' McCourys played "Uncle Pen." Two years ago after a performance of Bach's St. John Passion with choir and orchestra, a person came up to me and said, "I've never been here before and I don't know much about Bach, but I sense that this is important and soulful music."

So I encourage you to support what I believe is important and soulful music this season. On this year's schedule, we plan to offer choral and orchestral works, Celtic and Bluegrass bands and chamber music. We take pride in offering a diverse range of music because we know humans are so different and how they respond to music differs

greatly. And we know that regardless of the genre of music, it will be of high artistic quality. We live in a time that is often confusing and frustrating. As a supporter of Sound & Spirit, you help provide the opportunity for others to experience something profound, and that is truly a gift.

To make a contribution (**deadline is October 31**), you may:

- 1) Mail a check to the church (earmarking the check "Sound & Spirit") Northminster Presbyterian Church, 1660 Kessler Boulevard, East Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46220
- 2) Contribute online by visiting [www.northminster-indy.org/music/sound-spirit/](http://www.northminster-indy.org/music/sound-spirit/)

The levels of contributions are:

|             |               |
|-------------|---------------|
| Saints      | \$2000 and up |
| Angels      | \$1000 – 1999 |
| Patrons     | \$500 - 999   |
| Benefactors | \$250 – 499   |
| Donors      | \$100 – 249   |
| Friends     | up to \$99    |

Thank you for your financial and spiritual support!

## Sound & Spirit sets a Gypsy Mood – by Maureen Purcell

Sunday, October 9, 4:00 pm



We are very lucky in Indianapolis to have such magnificent music programs that surround and gift us with their teaching, voices, instruments and musical brilliance. The spirit in Sound & Spirit comes from a multitude of musical traditions that perhaps we never expected to hear but that enriched us. Last year, joining Celtic, Bluegrass, spirituals, English psalms, contemporary masses, came Hawaiian, of all things. Instruments somewhat like a Celtic string, or similar to the Irish drum, telling sad stories like the spirituals, and choral like a Durufle mass. And yet not.

So comes the opening act of the 2016-17 Sound & Spirit performance, Sunday, October 9, at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Gypsy Moods, the brain child of our

own Marko Petricic (*above left*) on bayan and Paris Orchestra's Mathieu Neveol (*above right*) on violin, brings to life the authentic dances and songs from Balkan lands' rich folklore.

The Bloomington Herald said, "at its core are influences from the gypsy musical tradition of the Balkan region and France - and an Indiana University classical music education." As you might imagine, Gypsy music is full of passion, romance, and color, and likely Petricic and Neveol came of age hearing it. Several years ago, the duo teamed up and brought their considerable talents, blending bayan and violin to the unique brand of Balkan folk music.

While Marko Petricic is an accomplished bayan-accordion performer,

winning awards in international competition, we know him best as organist at Northminster, and professor at the University of Indianapolis. He has been guest organist/choir master around the city but also at the Church of the Holy Trinity in New York City and St. Patrick's Cathedral. His many recitals on both instruments have taken him all over the world, including back home to Serbia.

Mathieu Neveol is from France and won his first violin gold medal at the age of 15. His studies brought him to Indiana where he earned the Performer Diploma in 2002. He maintains an active schedule as a soloist and in chamber music. While performing with Marko in America and Europe, Mathieu also plays French gypsy music with the trio NOMAD LIB.

From Bach to jazz to bluegrass, Sound & Spirit concerts celebrate regional and international artistry. They are presented free of charge to the Broad Ripple Community and beyond. Funded by supporters and the audience, a free-will offering is received to maintain standards of future events. Childcare is available.

For more about this and future Sound & Spirit concerts, you may visit [www.northminster-indy.org/music/sound-spirit/](http://www.northminster-indy.org/music/sound-spirit/).

# WAMM: Worship through Arts, Music and Mission

- in the Gathering Place at 10:00 am

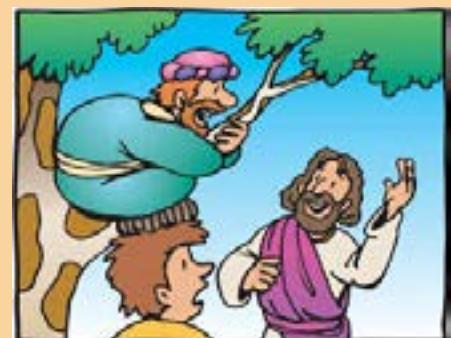
**October 2:** Meet us in the Gathering Place to share bread from our family traditions as we celebrate Communion with Christians all over the world on this day.

**October 9:** Interested in sharing Scripture through drama on Sunday? Join us at 10:00 a.m. for an organizational meeting to join this sharing Ministry.

**October 16:** How can we seek justice for others in our community, nation and world? Join us in the practice of advocacy through conversations with our Mission Team.

**October 23:** Connectivity practice. Help weave a web to illustrate God's love and our connection to one another.

**October 30:** Climb up in a sycamore tree for the Lord is passing by with Zacchaeus!



## Christian Education & Dates to Save!

### Adult Education

**Wednesday nights, 6:00 pm** in the Board Room. We are using Disciple Fast curriculum. This 24 week study is divided into 12 weeks each of Old and New Testament focus. Register by calling 251-9489 or by emailing Debbie Bulloff at [dbulloff@northminster-indy.org](mailto:dbulloff@northminster-indy.org). Materials cost is \$15 for each 12 week Study Guide. Class leaders this semester are Rev. Carol McDonald and Rev. Jim Montgomery. It's not too late to join us!

### Fourth Sunday Bible Study – Conference Room at 10 am

Join Associate Pastor Ruth Moore on **October 23 and November 27** for study and discussion on the topic, "Books That Didn't Make the Bible and Why." How did Christians decide what books got into the bible? And what about the ones that didn't? Should we care about them?

### World Communion Sunday

#### - October 2

Join us as we celebrate Communion together with Christians all over the world. Please bring your family's favorite bread to share at WAMM time along with the story of why it's your favorite. Please let Debbie Bulloff know of your participation in this fun, delicious, sharing time by September 30th!

### Trunk or Treat

Join us on **Sunday, October 30**, from 4:30-6:00 pm in our parking lot. This community event needs helpers to bring decorated cars, and costumed folks to hand out candy. Candy donations for Trunk or Treat will be collected in the Gathering Place during the month of October. There will be a casual dinner for volunteers after Trunk or Treat in Calvin Hall. Contact Julie Shannon ([jshannon@northminster-indy.org](mailto:jshannon@northminster-indy.org)) or Debbie Bulloff ([dbulloff@northminster-indy.org](mailto:dbulloff@northminster-indy.org)) to reserve

your spot in the parking lot and at dinner.

### Spirit and Place Home 2016

**November 12 from 2 - 4 pm at Northminster.** "Refugees Welcome" will be a collaboration with Northminster, Exodus Immigration, the Polis Center and Yardbox Films. "Refugees Welcome" will explore the concept of Home through refugee perspectives with creative placemaking through art, faith, and data. The world is experiencing the worst refugee crisis since WWII. This event will show the local impact of the refugee crisis by providing an interactive, safe, and creative forum to discuss this topic. We hope to define our personal sense of home in collaboration with those who are creating new homes. We will uniquely tell stories by interactively translating data into art. Participants will create their own original art depiction of home as part of this experience.

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## Christian Education / Family Ministries Happenings (*Continued from page 6*)

Register on the Featured Events page of our website.

**Joyful Noise on Christmas Eve**  
 Families, if you will be in town on Christmas Eve and your children and youth would like to participate in the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve "Joyful Noise" worship service, please email Debbie Bulloff (dbulloff@northminster-indy.org.) We will cast the pageant soon.

All School age children (K-5th gr) will attend worship with their parents and celebrate Communion with the Congregation on World Communion Sunday, October 2. Look for the Children's Worship Bulletin which will be available along with the regular Sunday Worship bulletin. After the Time with Children, Toddlers and Preschoolers will proceed to their classrooms

on the 1st floor of the C.E. wing for Church School and care. Children's Church for K-5th graders will be offered at both services after the Time with Children on Sundays October 9, 16, 23, and 30. Nursery, Toddler and Preschool Church School and care will be offered every Sunday.

## Church School in October - by Debbie Bulloff

Consider the scripture and talk with your friends and family about the question at the end of each week's lesson. Copies of all of the Bible Stories from the Seasons of the Spirit curriculum are available in your child's classroom. The booklet, Living the Season after Pentecost at Home is also available. We are following the Lectionary for Year C. This is the Season of Pentecost.

**October 2:** 2 Timothy 1: 1-14 Preschoolers will talk about sharing Jesus' story with others and sharing the good news! They are part of the story, too! How do we pass on our faith to others?

**October 9:** Luke 17: 11-19 Ten People Healed Gratitude as a way of life is illustrated in the story of Jesus healing the 10 and the Samaritan who returned to thank Jesus for changing his life. How can practicing gratitude change our lives?

**October 16:** Luke 18: 1-8 A Voice for Justice Jesus teaches justice in the story of the persistent widow and the powerful judge who believed in no one but himself. God is concerned about justice. The world doesn't seem to be. How can we find reasons to hope to be able to continue to seek justice?

**October 23:** Luke 18: 9-14 Dance of Pride and Humility The Church School will consider the story of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector as Jesus shows that God listens to everyone's prayers. No one is better before God. We are all welcome and loved.

**October 30:** Luke 19: 1-10 Salvation for All Jesus uses the example of Zacchaeus, a tax collector, as a way to illustrate God's welcoming love for all. How can we take Jesus "home" like Zacchaeus did? How can we help others to do the same?

## Youth Fellowship

- by Julie Shannon

**October 2:** 9:30 am -10:45 am – Sunday morning Youth gathering for Worldwide Communion. Please meet in the Youth room. At 11 am we will attend worship together. There will be a food surprise, also.

**October 7-9:** High School Retreat at Pyoca. (No high school Sunday evening, but middle school youth will meet from 6 – 8 pm.

**October 16:** Regular Youth Fellowship 6 - 8 pm for grades 6 – 12. We'll play some new fun games!

**October 30:** Intergenerational Trunk or Treat from 4:30 - 6 pm and then pizza 6 - 6:45 pm. Dress in your Halloween best and help give out candy from 4:30 - 6 pm with the NorthStars and other members of the church. Bring your whole family for this fun. (After Trunk-or-Treat we'll assemble college care packages.)

**3B program**  
body • brain • belief

Under Christ's control, all the different parts of the body fit together, and the whole body is held together by every joint which it is provided. When each separate part works as it should, the whole body grows and builds itself up through love.

(EPHESIANS 4:15-16)

"THE MORE ACTIVE YOU ARE, AND IT DOESN'T MATTER WHEN YOU START, THE MORE BENEFIT YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE."

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT  
DENISE HARRINGTON AT 317-509-7085



**Mondays & Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.**  
Northminster Presbyterian Church  
1660 Kessler Blvd E Dr, Indpls, IN 46220  
317-251-9489

**Tuesdays at 1 p.m. & Thursdays 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 46256  
317-849-1930

## Presby Day at Northminster

Join us at Northminster on Thursday, **October 13**, at 10:00 am. Jamey Merrick will give us the history and stories about Crown Hill Cemetery. Crown Hill has a 150 year rich heritage for the people of Indiana.

This presentation includes noting the famous families and individuals buried and/or entombed at Crown Hill. Call 317-251-9489 to RSVP by October 6th. Lunch is \$5. Contact Denise Harrington: [dharrington@northminster-indy.org](mailto:dharrington@northminster-indy.org).

## Parents with a Passion

Parents with a Passion meets on Wednesday nights from 6:15 - 7:15 pm. We welcome all parents for a time and place to share your experiences, your ups and downs, to laugh, reflect, and pray.

**Oct. 5: Share time:** Overexposure. What are ways you explain "loaded words" or images that our children are bombarded with? Share some challenging topics you all have discussed as a family.

**Oct. 12: Music:** Exploring and discussing music with our children & teens. We will listen to some music, we will explore lyrics, and share how music can bring us closer to our kids.

**Oct. 19: Animate Video:** Cross – Where God Is –Naida Bolz-Weber. What is it about us that makes us always choose the Bedazzled Cross and not the actual one?

**Oct. 26: Pastor Ruth** will be with us and lead us in a discussion on planning and caregiving with our aging parents. Questions? Contact Julie Shannon at [jshannon@northminster-indy.org](mailto:jshannon@northminster-indy.org) or call 317-753-6985.

## Tuttles Orchard

Come out for a day of fellowship, shopping and lunch in Greenfield on Wed., October 19 from Noon to 2 pm. We will take the church bus. Call 251-9489 to reserve your spot! Contact Denise with questions: [dharrington@northminster-indy.org](mailto:dharrington@northminster-indy.org).

## The 2nd Annual Homecoming Reunion

On Thursday, November 3, at 11:00 am, the 2nd Annual Homecoming Reunion will commence, including a brief worship service and lunch. This event is for members and friends who often have a hard time worshipping with us on Sunday mornings due to health or transportation issues. We are also inviting all who may want to join the celebration and see old friends! Transportation provided. Call the church office at 317-251-9489 to RSVP and let us know if you need a ride.



## October 2016 Birthdays

|                    |       |                    |       |                  |       |
|--------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|------------------|-------|
| Jimmy Moehring     | 10/1  | Dwight Moritz      | 10/12 | Frank Sauer      | 10/21 |
| Jim Mann           | 10/1  | Cheryl Plunkett    | 10/12 | Liz Neterval     | 10/21 |
| Jerry Gray         | 10/1  | Barb Stayton       | 10/12 | Mike Boris       | 10/22 |
| Gabe Keltner       | 10/1  | Char Swenson       | 10/13 | Jan Drac         | 10/22 |
| Marilyn Beattey    | 10/2  | Gayle-Sue Murphy   | 10/13 | Judy Nelson      | 10/24 |
| Jenny Moehring     | 10/2  | Barbara Berting    | 10/13 | Benjamin Johnson | 10/24 |
| Nancy Hill         | 10/2  | Jim Aelick         | 10/13 | Hitch Learned    | 10/24 |
| Bill Dynes         | 10/3  | Chad Kincaid       | 10/13 | Abby Hunter      | 10/25 |
| Mary Buchanan      | 10/4  | Lori Schlabach     | 10/14 | Marci Robinson   | 10/25 |
| Joan Buchanan      | 10/4  | Courtney Fisher    | 10/14 | Sarah Hittle     | 10/26 |
| John Coleman       | 10/5  | Megan Klinginsmith | 10/15 | Barb Angotti     | 10/26 |
| Heather Banks      | 10/5  | Becky Merkel       | 10/18 | Chuck Cornett    | 10/27 |
| Jennifer Fisher    | 10/6  | Anne Nation        | 10/18 | Allison Gritton  | 10/28 |
| Cullen Hooper      | 10/6  | Pat Kilbury        | 10/18 | Mae Leech        | 10/28 |
| Nancy Gradolf      | 10/6  | Bob Rogers         | 10/19 | Hannah Plunkett  | 10/28 |
| Scott Hawks        | 10/8  | Debbie Everett     | 10/19 | John Brooks      | 10/29 |
| Melissa Hopkins    | 10/8  | Dorothy Moos       | 10/19 | Charisse Acklin  | 10/30 |
| Marge Ashby        | 10/10 | Amy Johnson        | 10/20 | Jeff Kinney      | 10/31 |
| Betty Belschwender | 10/10 | Beth Spradlin      | 10/20 | Grayson Auer     | 10/31 |
| Jo Wright          | 10/10 | Bill Diehl         | 10/20 | Anita Day        | 10/31 |
| Pennie Lumley      | 10/11 | Keegan Browne      | 10/20 | Doris Harmon     | 10/31 |
| Dawn Boys-Sibley   | 10/11 | Mary Kay Henry     | 10/20 |                  |       |
| Iona Smith         | 10/12 | Eunice Hughes      | 10/21 |                  |       |

## October Calendar Highlights

|          |              |                                    |
|----------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| Oct. 2   | 9 & 11 AM    | Peace & Global Witness Offering    |
| Oct. 2   | 9:15 AM      | Youth Bagels & Bible Breakfast Mtg |
| Oct. 3   | 1:30 PM      | 3-B Exercise                       |
| Oct. 4   | 7:00 PM      | Team Meeting Night                 |
| Oct. 5   | 6:00 PM      | Disciple Fast Track                |
| Oct. 8   | 12:00 PM     | #foodandfaith                      |
| Oct. 9   | 4:00 PM      | Sound & Spirit: Gypsy Mood         |
| Oct. 13  | 10:00 AM     | Presby Day at Northminster         |
| Oct. 19  | 12:00 PM     | Tuttle Orchard Trip                |
| Oct. 20  | 8:00 AM      | NorthStars Metamora Trip           |
| Oc t. 23 | 10:00 AM     | 4th Sunday Adult Ed                |
| Oct. 25  | 9:00 AM      | Newsletter Assembly                |
| Oct. 23  | 10:45 AM     | Congregational Meeting             |
| Oct. 30  | 9 & 11 AM    | Commitment Sunday                  |
| Oct. 30  | 10 AM, 12 PM | Special Coffee Hour                |
| Oct. 30  | 4:30 PM      | Trunk or Treat                     |

## Foundation Minute – by John Purcell

Where there's a will, there's a way. True enough. But when the subject is planned giving, a will isn't the only way.

Several giving techniques are available—with different practical, financial, and tax consequences—but planned giving to Northminster doesn't have to be complicated.

As a simple example, you can name the church as a beneficiary on a regular bank or brokerage account. Typically called "pay-on-death" (POD) or "transfer-on-death" (TOD) accounts, they are easy to establish, give you maximum lifetime control, and at

your death pass the assets directly to the recipients you've chosen—all without involving a trust, will, or probate process. During your lifetime, you can choose investments, change beneficiaries, increase or decrease your eventual gift (through deposits or withdrawals), and even cash out the account altogether.

If you decide to use a POD/TOD account, don't forget that it will control what happens to those assets at your death, no matter what you've said in your will. And don't do this alone. Seek advice from a qualified estate planning professional.

## Peace and Global Witness Offering

– by Carrie Savage-Zimmerman



It is that time again. On Sunday, **October 2nd**, the Peace and Global Witness Offering will be received. The mission of this Special Offering remains dedicated to promoting peace and standing against violence. In the past, we have directed the funds to our community's Ten-Point Coalition. This group, headed by Reverend Charles Harrison, is made up of ministers and other faith leaders who put their feet and their faith to work on the streets and sidewalks of Indianapolis. 25% of each offering defrays the expenses of the Coalition as they strive to bring and maintain peace, through Christ, to our neighborhoods.

In the past year, they have made a significant positive impact in the Butler-Tarkington neighborhood specifically, staying violence, resulting in over 300 days without a violent death.

Consider this your opportunity to promote peace in our backyard, and be a witness to the power of Christ around the world. You can contribute online or with pledge envelopes that can be found in the pews.

In Christ's name and message, thank you.

## NorthStars October Events

On Thursday, **October 20**, North Stars will take the Whitewater Valley Railroad from Connersville to historic **Metamora** where we will visit an old grist mill and can ride a horse drawn canal boat. We will leave the church at 8 am and return about 4 pm. Tickets

for the train are \$24. For information and/or reservations, contact Sara Sarno at 722-9360, [sarasarno8176@comcast.net](mailto:sarasarno8176@comcast.net) or Mary Ann or Allen McCormick at 549-3171, [bamccormick1@att.net](mailto:bamccormick1@att.net). Deadline for reservations is October 13.

An Intergenerational Opportunity  
On **Sunday, October 30**, NorthStars will join Northminster young people in putting on "**Trunk or Treat.**" (See article on page 6).

## What Do Deacons Do?

The Deacons are fundraising for their ministry and mission projects and need your help. Please see separate article about supporting them by buying Butter Braids in October.

The Deacons will be bringing communion to those who are home bound on Sunday, October 2nd. If you would like to be added to or deleted from their list, please contact Associate Pastor Ruth Moore at 251-9489 or [ruthcmoore@northminster-indy.org](mailto:ruthcmoore@northminster-indy.org).

## Butter Braids are Back!

The Deacon's Butter Braid® pastry fundraiser is underway now, October 2 - 23. Order on Sunday mornings in the Gathering Place in October (complete and bring in the form that is included in this newsletter.) Delivery to Northminster is Wednesday, November 9. Butter Braid® brand pastries are made with exquisite sweet

dough that is hand-braided around mouthwatering fillings such as cinnamon, cream cheese and a variety of fruit fillings. The pastries arrive frozen, allowing customers to store until ready to prepare. Visit [www.butterbraid.com](http://www.butterbraid.com) for additional product details. Thank you for your support!

## Interfaith Hospitality Network

**– by Dolly Craft**

From August 28 to September 4, Northminster was home to 4 families from the Family Promise/ Interfaith Hospitality Network. It was the first week of leadership for new Co-Chairs Nancy Jarrell, Kathryn and Gabriel Goncalves, and Dolly Craft.

According to our Volunteer Logs, Northminster members contributed 308 hours of time preparing meals, setting tables, driving the van, playing with children, spending the night, doing laundry, and just being good hosts. We were excited to have some new volunteers during this rotation. Many thanks to all for the generous donation of time and talent.

Northminster will host IHN families for three weeks in 2017. We will keep you advised of the dates – and welcome new and returning volunteers to this important community outreach!



## Clothe-a-Child stated! – by Maureen Purcell

We tried this last year and it worked beautifully. Rev. Ruth Moore and I took a couple of hours at Sears in early September and nearly bought out their school uniform inventory. Sears will mark them “paid” and store them until Thursday morning, December 1, when we and the School #55 kiddoes show up for our annual shopping spree.

Sears’ Amy Baston scanned over 150 uniforms that included girls’ and boys’ shirts and pants from sizes 4 to 16. Amy has helped our shoppers for several years and promises to continue with the party in their break room, covering tables with brown paper and crayons for drawing and pizza (lots of cheese and pepperoni)!

We will need shoppers, baggers, refreshment, and activities help.



*"Amy Baston of Sears scans 160 uniforms at 2015 Clothe-a-Child event"*

Soon we will be ready to offer our on-line sign-up. We'll also have sign up and job descriptions in the Gathering Place on Sundays throughout November.

Meantime, tell your friends and family they are welcome to join us too. Last year we had three generations of Durretts!

## Pet Blessing - Celebrate the Animals in your Life!

**12:30 pm, Sunday, Oct. 9, at Northminster**

All types of animals are welcome if accompanied by a well-behaved human! The animals will participate in a short group service, receive individual blessings and a certificate. For details contact the church office at 317-251-9489 or go to our website: [www.northminster-indy.org](http://www.northminster-indy.org).

