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Pastoral Ponderings - by Teri Thomas

A pilgrimage is a journey one takes to receive enlightenment, to experience a sense of deepening, to find wholeness. (*Personal Pilgrimage*, p.13)

The idea of pilgrimage began in the time when people believed in many localized gods. If you wanted to experience a particular god you had to travel to where s/he lived. Later religious traditions identified holy sites as places where a holy person had lived or where religious relics could be found. Today people take spiritual pilgrimages to Stonehenge, the Camino de Santiago, Lourdes, Mecca, Jerusalem, and more.

In addition to pilgrimages that take us to actual places, there are spiritual pilgrimages that take us to new understandings of the Holy, new experiences of faith, or new activities of the Spirit. This type of pilgrimage could take the form of a silent retreat in a desert monastery, a time set aside for prayer and meditation, or a deliberate study of scripture that leads our faith in new directions.

This fall I am embarking on both types of pilgrimage. I will travel and visit sacred places of indigenous people in Australia, New Zealand and Peru. At the same time I will be on a spiritual pilgrimage and I am inviting you to come along. I will be guided in my spiritual journey by a book by Brian McLaren called *We Make the Way*

by *Walking: A year-Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation*.

While I am gone, your spiritual leaders here at Northminster, coordinated by Carol McDonald, will be leading a study of the same book. There are details elsewhere in this newsletter, but this is your opportunity to journey with me on a personal, spiritual pilgrimage. This is a quest for aliveness, seeking a life that is meaningful, grateful, blessed. If you have faith this study might take you deeper in your own journey. If you have lost your faith it may give you hope for some new destination. If your spiritual life is dull or boring this study may inspire and enliven your faith. This is designed for folks of all ages and all faith experiences. The group will meet on Wednesday evenings beginning September 27th. Journey on, Dude!

While I am gone I ask that you please respect the divisions of labor we have put in place so that no one person is overwhelmed. Carol McDonald is acting head of staff so if you are not sure who to ask, ask her. I know it is easier to go to Ruth for everything because she knows everything and you know her. Please don't do that to Ruth, it is simply not fair to ask her to do her job and mine. Carol will handle mine. Besides, I want a few things to go wrong in my absence so you still want me back in January.

Church Picnic – September 10

You are invited to enjoy a delicious chicken dinner prepared by Jug's Catering on Sunday, September 10, at noon.

Now is the time to get your ticket: \$9 for adults, \$5 for age 5 to 12, and no charge for under 5. Family maximum is \$30. You may purchase tickets online (on the Featured Events page of our website), in the Gathering Place during Sunday Fellowship hour, or by calling the church office at 317-251-9489.

Come and enjoy a great meal and fellowship. This event is sponsored by the Congregational Life Team.

What Do Deacons Do?

The Deacons hosted a back to school lunch for all the teachers at School 55. They also delivered all the school supplies you donated. Thank you for your generosity!



September Worship

September 3rd is a communion Sunday and the sacrament will be served by intinction at both services. The scriptures take us into a discussion of good and evil. Maybe we should watch Star Wars?

September 10th is Kick-Off Sunday. We will distribute 3rd grade Bibles, commission our teachers, and recognize everyone who took part in the summer study on race and privilege. The church picnic follows the second service so

we must get out on time but there will be a short sermon on loving neighbors.

September 17th there will be a brief worship opening the Day of Caring at 9:00. Then folks are off to various mission projects in the building and the community. Come join us for this huge outreach event. Wear your t-shirt and come prepared for a wonderful experience. (No 11 am worship, due to Day of Caring event.)

September 24th we will commission Teri in worship and send her off for her sabbatical. We will also commission Carol McDonald and Jim Montgomery as they begin their short-time service with us. This will be the last time Teri preaches until January unless some Amazonian tribe decides to have her preach for her supper. There will be a reception between services to wish her well.

Annual Day of Caring: Sunday, September 17th

The Mission Team invites you to participate in a different kind of worship on Sunday, September 17.

The Mission Team has been busy organizing a number of activities for Northminster's second annual Day of Caring. We will have a brief worship service at 9am for all participants before heading out to our projects. The Mission Team has arranged for a wide variety of activities, both on-site at the church as well as off-site at our partner organizations.

We're looking for chefs, navigators, childcare specialists, gardeners, crafters, writers, hygiene kit makers, cleaning enthusiasts, and donation sorters of all ages and abilities! You can even participate if you'll be out of town on September 17th by helping us write letters to service members to be delivered during the holiday season. We also encourage you to invite your friends, extended family, coworkers and neighbors to join us for the morning.

Sign-ups will be available in the Gathering Place each Sunday at 10 am or online on the Featured Events page of our website.

How will God be revealed to you and how will you reveal God's love to others that day? We hope you will join us and find out.

Please note: There is no 11 am worship service on September 17th.

Submitted by Northminster Mission Team.

Butterbraids Fundraiser

Deacons will be selling Butterbraids on Sundays in October! Delivery date is November 8, from 5:30-8 pm. Flavors and prices: \$14 - Apple, Blueberry and Cream Cheese, Carmel Roll, Cream Cheese, Cherry, Raspberry, Cinnamon, Strawberry and Cream Cheese. \$15 - Double Choco-

late, and Four Cheese and Herb. New Item: Wooden Spoon Cookie Dough! Flavors and prices \$15 - Candy Delight, Cranberry Oatme Medley, Peanut Butter Perfection, Snickerdoodle, Sweet Macadamia Nut. Proceeds will benefit Deacon projects, such as School 55 and Clothe-a-Child.



Capital Campaign Update

The congregation has made pledge commitments totaling more than \$1.3 million dollars toward the Abundant JOY Capital Campaign’s goal to raise \$2.5 million over the next three years. While we have not met that goal, your contributions are going right to work to pay off debt and establish

a mission endowment. The organ portion is being held in an Organ Fund, which will be invested by the Northminster Presbyterian Church and continue to accept new contributions until such time as there are sufficient funds to build a new organ.

As of July 31, 2017, members and supporters made payments of over \$264,123 towards Abundant JOY Campaign pledges. If you have not yet made a commitment to the Abundant JOY Capital Campaign and would like to learn more, please contact Pastor Teri Thomas.

| | Goal | Pledge Commitments | Received as of July 31, 2017 |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Organ | 1 million | 520,000 | 105,649 |
| Debt Reduction | 800,000 | 416,000 | 84,519 |
| Mission Endowment | 700,000 | 364,000 | 73,955 |
| TOTAL | \$2.5 million | \$1.3 million | \$264,123 |

Who Does What?

With Debbie Bulloff’s retirement and Teri’s sabbatical many of you are wondering who is doing what. We have excellent folks in place to keep things moving. Carol McDonald, a Presbyterian minister, will serve as head of staff. Jim

Montgomery, another of our retired clergy, will assist with worship and pastoral care. Our seminary intern, Marland Pittman, will move around and fill in as needed so he can try his hand at a little of everything. Cheryl Plunkett will be working

with the staff in covering Christian Education until we determine how to design that position. Lori Schlachbach will increase to full time and keep the office running. Here is a list for you:

Head of Staff & Session Moderator
Worship

Carol McDonald
Carol McDonald, Ruth Moore, Jim Montgomery, Marland Pittman and John Wright

Pastoral Care
Sunday School

Ruth Moore, Jim Montgomery, Marland Pittman
Ruth Moore, Cheryl Plunkett

Kid’s Clubs

Julie Shannon

Pokagon

John Wright

Adult Education

Carol McDonald

Stewardship

Carol McDonald

Fill in the gaps and help

All of you! Look for the list of ways you can keep Northminster moving ahead.

What is Our Shared Ministry?

As we were thanking Debbie Bull-off for her many years of service to the children and families of this community before her well-earned retirement, I was reminded how grateful I am for all of the amazing staff here at Northminster. NPC has been blessed with faithful, caring, inspiring, intelligent and hard-working leaders.

As we are trying to fill Debbie's shoes – and we know it will take time to do it right – those faithful, caring, inspiring, intelligent and hard-working staff members are stepping up and stepping in to continue the teaching and loving of our children and families. Every member of Program Staff is picking up some part of Debbie's job. Thank you! In addition, Cheryl Plunkett will be joining the staff temporarily and on a very part-time basis to help with Sunday School.

However, we know there will still be a lot to cover, which is where you come in....

You may recall that Teri challenged the session and membership to start asking "What is our shared ministry?" rather than "What should our pastors/staff do?" This is a perfect opportunity to meet that challenge with action. There are many opportunities to get involved in the teaching and caring of our children, each other and the community. Find a place to show your gratitude and support for staff and to exercise our shared ministry - accomplishing two goals in one! Here are just a few possibilities:

Maintain the worship bags

Take Sunday School attendance each week at 9 or 11

Serve as a helper in the preschool or the nursery on Sunday morning

Teach K-2 or 3-5 once a month at 9 or 11

Help with Kid's Club at the 10:00 hour (with other members and staff)

Help Betty Bowers with Wednesday Night Dinners

Please take the time to thank our fabulous staff with words and with deeds. Show your appreciation and share your faith by getting involved. To help with Kid's Club or Wednesday Nights email Julie Shannon at jshannon@northminster-indy.org. For any of the other positions listed above please email Cheryl Plunkett at cplunkett@northminster-indy.org. If you are not sure where to help you can contact Pastor Ruth Moore at ruthmoore@northminster-indy.org.

Homecoming Luncheon and Presby Day – September 14

Our third annual Homecoming Luncheon for our homebound and other seniors will be held on Thursday, September 14th in Calvin Hall. The format will be a bit different than last year, as we are combining it to coincide with Presby Day and seniors from Faith and Irvington Presbyterian churches will be joining us. The day starts at 10 am with singing, devotions and some time with our preschoolers. The featured speaker is Jim Shella who is a local journalist and fellow

Presbyterian. Lunch will be served at noon.

Homebound seniors, and seniors in retirement home will receive a written invitation but all seniors are invited to this event. Come and visit with your friends!

Reservations can be made in the church office at 317 251 9489. For more information please contact our Senior Ministry Consultant Denise Harrington at 317-509-7085

or deejharrington@gmail.com, or Associate Pastor Ruth Moore at 317-251-9489 or ruthmoore@northminster-indy.org. Please let us know if you need transportation.



Education Opportunities

Curious Conversations

Would you like to learn more about Northminster and its ministries? Have an interest in becoming an official member? Just curious about who we are as a congregation? Then join us on October 1 and 8 at 10 am in the Conference Room for some Curious Conversations. If you know someone who would be interested in these conversations please invite them. Please let Associate Pastor Ruth Moore know if you can attend. ruthmoore@northminster-indy.org or 317-251-9489.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

The Women's bible study group will start up again on Tuesday, September 12th at 11 am in the Board Room. Women of all ages are invited to attend and enrich the group. We study the lectionary scripture passages for the upcoming Sunday. We pray together, support one another in our faith journeys and we have a lot of fun. Please join us and invite a friend to come with you. For more information contact Associate Pastor Ruth Moore at ruthmoore@northminster-indy.org or 317-251-9489.

Fourth Sunday Adult Education begins at 10 am September 24

"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 September 24 downstairs in the Board Room. We will meet on most 4th Sundays throughout the program year. For more information contact Associate Pastor Ruth Moore at ruthmoore@northminster-indy.org or 317-251-9489.

Continuing the Journey: Exploring Racism and White Privilege

Are you reading? Watching? Listening? Have you shared your resources on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place? Access the resource list at <http://bit.ly/RacismNPC>. On Sunday, September 10, we will:

- 1.) Have one final summer conversation at 10 a.m. in the Board Room (lower level), discuss next steps, and
- 2.) Celebrate, at both 9 and 11 a.m., all who have participated in this summer's journey. Watch for further opportunities to continue these explorations and conversations!

We Make the Road by Walking: A different Wednesday Night Bible study for 2017-2018

Have you signed up? Have you purchased your book?

This study will begin on Wednesday, September 27, 2017, and conclude on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, from 6:00 – 7:15 each week.

There will be 22 sessions with breaks for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, and Holy Week. Detailed schedule will be distributed on September 27.

We'll study "We Make the Road by Walking" by Brian McLaren, a year-long quest for spiritual formation, reorientation and activation. Each chapter begins with 2 or 3 Scripture passages which we will consider in relationship to McLaren's narrative. While the text does not move systematically through the Bible, we will explore a wide expanse of the Biblical narrative in our study. Primary leadership will be provided by Parish Associate Carol McDonald.

Session 1 on September 27 will focus on the Preface, Introduction, and Chapter 1 of the book. You are encouraged to utilize the Common English Bible translation for our study, but any translation is appropriate!

Please sign up! Books have been ordered and are now available in the church office for \$7 per copy. And remember ... you can join us for supper at 5:30 p.m. each Wednesday (you'll need to sign up with the church office by Monday).

The Protestant Reformation: Then and Now

Throughout the 5 Sunday mornings in October, we will be commemorating events that began five hundred years ago in Europe.

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Education Opportunities, continued

On October 31 in 1517, Martin Luther posted his Ninety-Five Theses on the door of the Wittenberg Cathedral. This event has traditionally been seen as launching the Protestant Reformation.

Discover what brought about Luther's distaste for many of the Roman Catholic traditions of his

day. The class will take place on Sunday mornings at 10 am in the Board Room, downstairs.

Led by the Rev. Dr. Jim Montgomery, this class will allow individuals to understand why the Reformation happened, what it was really about, and its influence on us as 21st century Presbyterians.

The class will use A Brief Introduction to the Reformation by Glenn S. Sunshine as its guide, and Jim will share other resources, including a brief book by Martin Marty entitled October 31, 1517: Martin Luther and the Day that Changed the World, for those interested in further understanding.

Youth Fellowship

September 3rd: 10 am donuts in the youth room. There will be a time for an informal gather and chat time before 11am worship. Youth Activities schedules will be available.

September 10th: All Church picnic – Youth will gather together for lunch during this event. No evening Youth Fellowship.

September 17th: Day of Caring! Please participate in this wonderful morning of service. Youth Fellowship, 5:30-7:30 pm, for all middle school and high school students!

September 24th: 12:15pm -1:15 pm. High School Student Lunch. Youth Fellowship, 5:30-7:30 pm, for all middle and high school students.

Starting in October – Each month will have 1-2 lunches after church specifically for high school students to gather for prayer, support, discussion, and food. Youth Fellowship will be moved to 5:30-7:30 pm. Pizza from 5:30-6 pm. Games, mixers, activities 6-6:45

pm and Study, discussion, and Prayer – 6:45-7:30 pm. **We ask that families contribute \$4 per youth group for pizza –or \$15 per month** to help cover the cost of pizza, lunches, and general food supplies for Youth Activities. There will be family events for students and their whole family to participate in, like Day of Caring on September 17th and Trunk or Treat on October 29th.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or for more information –my email is jshan-non@northminster-indy.org or Cell # 317-753-6985.

Parents & Students, please sign up for REMIND!

Many of you are familiar with Remind. I use this for upcoming reminders, changes, and added de-

tails. REMIND helps tremendously with communication. I will work to remove graduated members off in the next month.

Students and parents can join by texting the class code to the phone number 810-10 (for US residents only). 810-10 is the same for everyone.

To: 81010

Message: @npcyo

(Message - our Class Code is: @npcyo)

Students and parents don't need smartphones, just any phone that can receive text messages. Go to <https://youtu.be/vFihhkKqmp4> to watch a video on how to sign up for REMIND.



Christian Education: Family Ministries Happenings

- by Debbie Bulloff

All School age children (K-5th gr) will attend worship with their parents and celebrate Communion with the Congregation on Sunday, September 3, 2017. After Time with Children, Toddlers and Preschoolers will proceed to their classrooms (R. 136, R. 113) on the 1st floor of the C.E. wing for child care as it is a holiday weekend. Nursery, Toddler and Preschool Church School and care are available every Sunday. Church School for K-5th graders will be offered at both services, after the Time with Children on Sundays, September 10 and 24. Child Care will be available for all registered children for the morning of Day of Caring on September 17.

Church School Volunteers are needed!

The Northminster Church School needs your help to teach/help care for our children as they begin traveling on their faith journeys. If you love Jesus and children and have one Sunday a month to teach/help in the Nursery/Toddler Room, Preschool Church School, Church School (formerly Children's Church) or as an assistant in our new Kids Club at 10:00 a.m. between services, please let Ruth Moore know of your availability ASAP!

Wednesday Night Dinners

Dinners are available at 5:30 pm in Calvin Hall. Meals are kid-friendly and we always have a salad and a

vegetarian option. Reservations are due to the Church Office on Mondays at Noon. Adults, \$5/meal. Kids, \$2.50. Pay by cash, check, or credit card.

Wednesday Night Child Care

Child Care will be available for all Wednesday evening programming, 6:00-8:00 pm, for babies-Middle School. Please sign your children in on the clipboard outside the Playroom (Room 203) upstairs in the Christian Education wing.

Save the Dates!

Bible Sunday - September 10

At both services! Celebrate with our 3rd graders as they receive their Merriman Bibles in Worship. This is a much anticipated opportunity for our children. Families of 3rd Graders should receive special invitations in the mail!

Spirit & Place POWER, Nov. 4

At Northminster Church, 2:00-4:00 pm. *An Outrage: Using the Power of Social Justice for Change*. Join us with our partners, Kheprw Institute, Indy10 Black Lives Matter, SURJ Indy (Standing Up for Racial Justice) and The Salt Project as we consider two films about lynching in America, participate in a social justice activity and join in a community conversation. Register at spiritandplace.org after September 1st. This is a free program.

Questions or want to volunteer for this important program? Check with Carol McDonald for details.

Pokagon: January 19-21, 2018

Northminster's biennial trip to the Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park. We have 20 rooms reserved for a fun time together tobogganing, birdwatching, playing games, swimming in the heated indoor pool and just relaxing. Watch for more information coming soon! John Wright will be leading this event.

A Note from Debbie Bulloff

Thank you from my heart to all of you who helped support our Christian Education Ministry to children, families and adults these past 12 + years with your hands, hearts, gifts, and talents! It could not have been a more fun, caring, learning experience for me! What began as an interim position became a calling and a passion. Blessings and prayers going up for all of you!

Love to you all - Debbie
(aka Mrs. Bulloff)



Parents with a Passion

Welcoming All Parents! September 6, 13, 20 & 27, 6:15-7:15 pm. We meet upstairs in the Knox Room. Parenting is often a rewarding and fulfilling experience, but it can also be challenging, stressful, and hectic. Figuring out the time and space to incorporate

and teach our beliefs and share our faith with each other requires energy, knowledge, and support. Join us on Wednesday nights from 6:15-7:15 pm for Parents with a Passion. We take time to share our ups and downs, learn from resources and presenters, and from

each other. Various topics will be: relationships, dealing positively with strong emotions (ours and our children's), faith topics like forgiveness, repentance, holiness, love a more! Plus, we pray, laugh, discern together, and support each other!

Kids Club!

10:00 - 10:50 am, Sundays

Kids Club kicks off on Sunday, September 10, at 10 am, for grades K-2 and 3-5. We hope to split into two groups when we can. On September 10 we will move, play, and pray in new and fun ways. On September 17, there will be no Kids Club because it will be NPC's

Day of Caring. Come and serve in our community! September 24: "Hands On" We will be exploring the Bible stories with Legos! For Parents with a Passion, KIDS CLUB, and Youth Fellowship, Please contact Julie Shannon at jshannon@northminster-indy.org or 317-251-9489 ext. 26.



Fellowship Get Together for mid 40's through early 60's – Saturday, September 9

A new fellowship group met last spring at the home of Andy and Lisa Longo and we vowed to meet again. So we will gather at Ruth and Mark Moore's house (3019 Gorham Ct., Carmel, 46033) on Saturday the 9th at 5:30 for another

get together and to plan for the future. Plus we need a name for this group!) Mark and Ruth will provide the main course and drinks (bring your own "adult" beverages) and we ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to share.

RSVP to Ruth (ruthcmoore@northminster-indy.org or 317-753-3164.) Look for an email invitation soon and invite yourselves no matter what your age if you would like to attend. The more the merrier!

NorthStars Visiting the Levi Coffin Historical Site

Join us on Tuesday, **September 19**, for a trip to the Interpretive Center and home of Levi and Catherine Coffin. The bus and cars will leave Northminster at 10 am and travel to Richmond for lunch at Carver's Restaurant. Then we will travel six miles north to Fountain City and the Coffin Historical Site. The Coffins are known for their work

with the Underground Railroad, helping free about 2,000 slaves before the Civil War. We will gather at the Interpretive Center for a brief video and have a guided tour of the home. In the eight-room brick home we'll observe the hiding places and unique features that concealed the people living

there. We'll hear stories about how the Coffin's "lived by God's laws rather than the laws of humans." We expect to return around 4:30 pm. Cost is \$8 per person, payable prior to departure, to Mick or Elle Keppler, 317-549-2358, keppler2@sbcglobal.net. Let us know if you plan to attend or have questions.

Real Men Are Stephen Ministers

“I was looking to become more involved in helping others, when I heard about Stephen Ministry. The training was extremely helpful. I learned how to listen better and how to give comfort to others. Being a Stephen Minister has deepened my faith and allowed me to grow spiritually.” - Malcolm, Atlanta, Georgia, Architect and Structural Engineer.

“Young or old, Stephen Ministry will greatly enhance your life skills. My one regret is having not become a Stephen Minister years ago.” - Robert, Omaha, Nebraska, retired Electric Utility Manager.

“I believe as a Christian we need to serve others and use our spiritual gifts. As a Stephen Minister I am

able to use my gifts: praying, listening and being non-judgmental. As a Stephen Minister my faith has grown.” - John Reed, Northminster Presbyterian Church, retired.

For information on becoming a Stephen Minister, contact Carol Campbell, John Reed, or Tony Dzwonar. We are planning an October start date for our next training class. In the meantime, please encourage someone who is a member of NPC to join you in submitting an application. You will go through 50 hours of training, preparing you to become a Stephen Minister. All training sessions will be held on Monday evenings from 6 - 8 pm. We would love to receive a record number of applications for the

2017-2018 training class. The need for your ministry is great.

September Birthdays

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| Aaron Eberhard | 9/1 |
| Martha Adcox | 9/3 |
| Tina Humbert | 9/3 |
| Kate Keesling | 9/3 |
| Cy Donnelly | 9/5 |
| Chloe Holewinski | 9/5 |
| Mike Shannon | 9/5 |
| Mark Gritton | 9/6 |
| Bob Gudgel | 9/9 |
| Betty Young | 9/9 |
| Betty Sue Drake | 9/10 |
| Mark Durham | 9/10 |
| Emma Moore | 9/10 |
| Suzanne Kerr | 9/13 |
| Rick Nelson | 9/14 |
| Tom Buchanan | 9/15 |
| Sara Neitzel | 9/15 |
| Rob Rothrock | 9/15 |
| Troy Hill | 9/16 |
| John Lisher | 9/19 |
| Loui Nelson | 9/19 |
| Bill Erdel | 9/20 |
| Elle Keppler | 9/20 |
| Nannette Kinney | 9/20 |
| Barbara Meriweather | 9/20 |
| Mary Garrett | 9/21 |
| Melodie Sarver | 9/21 |
| Art Angotti | 9/25 |
| Betty McCoun | 9/25 |
| Alan Hill | 9/26 |
| Cleo Barnes | 9/28 |
| Don Craft | 9/28 |
| Judy Hall | 9/28 |
| Mary Hedlund | 9/28 |
| Debbie Bulloff | 9/29 |
| Julie Stark | 9/29 |
| Yvonne Parker | 9/30 |

September Calendar Highlights

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| 9/4 | All day | Building Closed |
| 9/5 | 7:00 PM | Team Meeting Night |
| 9/6 | 1:00 PM | Caregiver Support Group |
| 9/9 | 5:30 PM | 40's and 50's Fellowship |
| 9/10 | 10:00 AM | Continuing the Journey: Racism Discussion |
| 9/10 | 12:00 PM | All-Church Picnic |
| 9/11 | 6:00 PM | Stephen Ministers |
| 9/12 | 11:00 AM | Women's Bible Study |
| 9/12 | 4:00 PM | Finance Committee Meeting |
| 9/12 | 7:00 PM | Deacons Meeting |
| 9/14 | 10:00 AM | Presby Day and Homecoming Reunion |
| 9/14 | 6:00 PM | Worship Planning Party |
| 9/17 | 9:00 AM | Day of Caring |
| 9/17 | 4:00 PM | Sound & Spirit - Calan (Celtic Band) |
| 9/19 | 7:00 PM | Session Meeting |
| 9/23 | 6:00 PM | Preschool Fall Fest |
| 9/24 | 10:00 AM | 4th Sunday Adult Ed: Painting the Stars |
| 9/24 | 12:05 PM | Music Committee Meeting |
| 9/26 | 9:00 AM | Newsletter Assembly |
| 9/27 | 6:00 PM | We Make the Road By Walking - Bible Study |

3B: Mondays & Thursdays

1:30 pm in the Board Room

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! We are now doing lightweights, aerobic and strength training.



Caregiver Support at Northminster

Caregiver Groups now take place monthly at Northminster Church. Contact Denise Harrington for more information at 317-509-7085 or dharrington@northminster-indy.org.

Do you know someone caring for someone with Dementia or Alzheimer's Disease? Tell them about

Teepa Snow. She is an Occupational Therapist and an expert in caring for people with Dementia. She will be in Indianapolis on September 21, at Ivy Tech (2820 N. meridian St., Indpls, 46208). Register at: www.regonline.com/teepasnow2017

Presby Day in September - by Denise Harrington

September's Presby Day will feature Jim Shella! He will have some interesting stories to share from his long and productive career in journalism, at **10 am on September 14.** (For details on Presby Day and making reservations, see Homecoming Lunch / Presby Day details on page 5.)

Jim Shella has retired from being WISH-TV 8's political reporter, as well as being host and producer of the Emmy-nominated Indiana Week in Review.

Before coming to WISH-TV in 1982, Jim worked as a reporter for WOTV, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

He began his career at WMT in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. A native of Jasper, Minnesota, Shella attended St. Cloud State University, where he graduated with a BA in Mass Communications.

While at WISH-TV, Jim twice received the Sagamore of the Wabash Award. He has also received the Larry Conrad Award from the Indianapolis Press Club, as well as numerous AP, UPI, and SPJ awards.

Jim is active in diabetes charities and lives in Indianapolis with his wife Connie.

Need to Contact Denise Harrington?

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

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

She is also available at the church on Thursdays.



Sound & Spirit presents: Calan

Sunday, September 17, 4:00 pm, in the Sanctuary at Northminster

Five young musicians bring traditional Welsh folk music to a new generation of fans all over the world. Calan is an exciting Welsh folk group who see themselves as a new generation of ambassadors, taking Welsh traditional music around the world, while raising some eyebrows with their deliberate presentation. They breathe new life into old traditions through their sparkling melodies, foot tapping tunes and spirited Welsh step dancing. Calan performs great music with a flair for humor and fun. As with all Sound & Spirit concerts, admission is FREE.



B2SE Says “Thank You!”

The Back to School Extravaganza held at St. Luke’s Methodist Church on 86th Street was once again a rousing success. Approximately 1,300 needy kids serpentine through the entire church facility, along with their siblings and parents, on August 29th. They received Back Packs, School Supplies, Clothing, Shoes and Books provided by the First Mennonite Church, Second Presbyterian Church, St. Luke’s Methodist Church and of course ourselves.

We want to thank you all for taking on the most difficult job of all in collecting and laundering the clothes that we received from the Carmel-Clay Schools and the

Washington Twp. Schools. There were over 1,800 hanger items, 500 hats, 750 “T” Shirts and 1,000 miscellaneous items that were all processed by our congregation. How many loads of laundry would you guess that to be? Thanks to Connie Coleman we have entered a new relationship with the J C Penney Co. We purchased from the Mission Team’s annual budget 1,000 pairs of new blue jeans and distributed them to the children. \$1,800.00 was given to us for this purpose by our friends at the First Mennonite Church. Without their help we would not have been able to meet our goal. More than 200 people from our congregation were

involved with the process of collecting and preparing the clothes, delivering and setting up the store, and manning the store on that great day. Many Mennonites participated in the endeavor as well.

I cannot begin to tell you how proud I am of our congregation and the number of you who participated in this event. Without the tremendous coordination of so many people it just simply would not happen! As Matthew 25:21 says, “Well done, my good and faithful servant.”

In Christ - Jerry Gray