

Northminster Presbyterian Church
"Caring for all with God's love and grace."

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**Special
Fellowship
Outing**
to

Steinbeck House
Saturday, January 28

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Northminster News

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From Your Pastor

Dear friends,

Happy New Year!

I am so excited about 2012! We had a wonderful year here at Northminster in 2011, and I am really looking forward to our continued growth and excitement!

St. Paul wrote in his second letter to the Corinthians, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" In the new year, we can celebrate our relationship with Christ, and the

newness that Christ can bring into our lives and into our relationships.

We had some great experiences in 2011 as a congregation: the "Service Service" Sunday in August was well attended and a great success! Music Camp and Vacation Bible School this summer attracted and ministered to a large number of community children and their families. The Day Care is growing like crazy, reaching out to families in our community. Several mission groups have used our facilities to sleep in as they do their work here in Salinas. Our "Murder Mystery" night was a great success, and we're planning another one in February.

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CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

Regular Events

(Check the Sunday bulletin for updated info.)

Sundays

- 8:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study - resumes 1/15
- 10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Cribbage Club
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Connection - resumes 1/8

Mondays

- 12:30 p.m. Senior Singers Rehearsal - resumes 1/23
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts

Tuesdays

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - resumes 1/17
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Martial Arts

Wednesdays

- 3:30 p.m. F.L.O.C.K./Satellite - resumes 1/11
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells Rehearsal - resumes 1/4
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - resumes 1/4

Thursdays

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Fellowship
- 6:00 p.m. Martial Arts

Fridays

- 6:00 p.m. Martial Arts

Saturdays

- 6:00 p.m. Cornerstone Fellowship - resumes 1/7

Other Events This Month

January

- 2 Office Closed for New Year's Holiday
- 2 6:30 pm Board of Deacons
- 3 7:00 pm Men's Grief Support Fellowship resumes
- 8 11:15 pm Worship & Arts
- 11 3:00 pm Personnel Committee
- 10 5:30 pm I-HELP Homeless Meal/Lodging
- 15 Newsletter Deadline
- 15 11:00 am Annual Meeting
- 15 11:15 am Fellowship Potluck
- 15 11:15 am Outreach
- 23 6:30 pm Session
- 24 5:30 pm I-HELP Homeless Meal/Lodging
- 28 12:00 pm Fellowship Lunch @ Steinbeck House
- 31 5:30 pm I-HELP Homeless Meal/Lodging

January Birthdays



- 1 Tom DeLay
- 5 Rebekah Loder
- 6 Harry Wardwell
- 9 Bob Rogers
- 12 Jim Cherry
- 13 Laura Hunter-Michels
- 16 Shirley Booth
- 20 George Barr
- 21 Nancy Forsman
Dick Palmer
- 22 Judy Sonico
- 28 Rosemary Simas

February Early Birds

- 1 Bob Leighton
- 3 Margaret Smith
- 4 William Cuda
- 6 Mae Hushbeck
Tom Westoby
- 8 Kiki Montero
John Sutherland
- 9 Marilyn Barr



January Anniversaries

- 12 Alisa & John Sutherland 4th
- 16 Ken & Laura Hunter-Michels 30th
- 26 Dick & Nancy Palmer 49th
- 26 Norton & Pat Strand 61st**

February Early Birds

No early anniversaries this month

Fellowship Events

Fellowship Potluck

Join your Northminster friends at our monthly Fellowship Potluck, Sunday, January 15, after the Annual Meeting, where the food is good, and the fellowship is better!! This is the perfect opportunity to have those in-depth conversations not always possible on Sunday mornings after worship, so enjoy fellowship the way Jesus did – at meal time! If you can't bring a dish to share, don't let that stop you from coming; we like your cooking, but we love YOU more!



*Fellowship Lunch
Outing*
at the world-famous
Steinbeck House
Saturday, January 28,
12 noon

Enjoy Ham & Mushroom Crepes, Salad, Dessert and Beverage, all for just \$25, including tax and tip! Reservations required! Headcount to be turned in to the restaurant by **January 18th** so sign up in the narthex **ASAP!**



ATTENTION WIDOWERS!

The Men's Grief Support Fellowship is taking a brief holiday break. We will meet again on Thursday, January 3, 2012, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Bob Selvester. Our group of friends invites any man who has experienced loss - whether recently or belatedly - for a special time of study and sharing. We are currently going through the book, "A Grief Observed" by C. S. Lewis. God is giving us "beauty for ashes" as we share our journey through grief together. Contact Bob Selvester if you would like to join us on the journey.



Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the congregation of Northminster Presbyterian Church will be held Sunday, January 15th, directly following the 10 a.m. worship (approximately 11:00 a.m.)

This is a great opportunity for official members of the church to participate in the PC(USA)'s uniquely democratic process. Non-members and friends of the ministry are also welcome - don't miss it! Our monthly Fellowship Potluck will follow the meeting.

You Can Help I-HELP

You can help in the ongoing battle against local homelessness! Northminster will host the men of the Inter-faith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program on **Tuesdays, January 10, 24 and 31, at 5:30 p.m.** The men will enjoy a meal and fellowship with you, then a shower and a safe night's rest. If you can provide an item for the meal, please sign up in the narthex and bring your item to the kitchen by 5:30 p.m.

Speaking of I-HELP, we are continuing our I-HELP sweatshirt drive. The need for warm sweatshirts is ongoing, especially during these particularly chilly times. If you'd like to help, please bring the items by the church office. **Sweatshirts should be size XL or larger, and in any color but red or blue.** Your gift will provide a warm hug in Jesus' name to our homeless friends!



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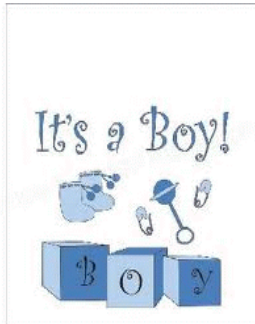
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PASTOR FOUND A WAY TO MAINTAIN HIS CONGREGATION DURING THE FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For November 2011

	Monthly:	Year-to-Date:
Income:	\$54,747	\$543,102
Expense:	\$29,732	\$458,764
Difference:	\$25,015	\$ 84,337



Congratulations to Leah (Tack) and Mark Huebscher on the birth of Jack Thomas on December 1. Jack is the couple's second son, along with big brother Ethan, 2, and the second grandchild for doting grandparents Larry and Debbie Tack, and great grandparents Glendale and Gladys Tack!

From the Pastor continued

Of course, we've lost some folks this year as well, some who have gone on to be with their Creator. Even now we think of our friends who died in 2011: Zaida Selvester, Lois Robinson, Art McDole, William Flory, Joyce Smith, Thelma Young, Doris Means, Don Lumpkin, John Simas, Carmen Wildt, Lucille Ash, Bert Viales, Doris Otmar, Rheu Hjortshoj, Del Scott, Dr. Ed Perez and Eva Krause. Their families continue to feel their loss, and so do we. Still other members and friends left the area, and some have gone to other churches. We miss them all, but we remember that change is part of life.

In this coming year, let us continue to grow! Share what Northminster Presbyterian Church is with your friends; invite them to join us and see what we're about. And above all, join me in prayer, as we lift up to God our church family, our community and our world. Prayer is powerful, my friends. St. Paul wrote to the Christians in Thessalonica: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

Your pastor,
Andy



Our Homebound Friends

- Beulah Adams - The Ridge
- Florence Bower - Madonna Drive Care Home
- Jim Cherry - Santo Nino Care Home
- Bob Leighton - Eden Care
- Emma Price - Navajo
- Dorothy Cavanagh, Rita Hignel - Madonna Manor
- Bob Rogers - Napa Care Home
- Wanda Stark - home (Florida)
- ☺ Contact Micki for mailing information.

Church Staff / Participants

- Pastor Andy Rausch
- Organist Claire Vincent
- Director of Music Dana Vivit
- Choir Accompanist Adrienne Noggle
- Daycare Laura Hunter-Michels, Susan Fox
- Michelle Dominguez, Tasha Layman
- Preschool/KPLaura Hunter-Michels, Krynda Michels
- Custodian Pete Gomez
- Church Secretary Micki Brown



Coming Events

NPC Concert Series
"A Gift of Love"
Saturday, February 11

Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday, February 22

"Last Train to Paris" Mystery Dinner
Friday, February 24

More details coming soon!

