

Northminster Presbyterian Church

“Caring for all with
God’s love and grace.”

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Board Games & Family Fun!!



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10:00 am to ...?
Geneva Room**

Northminster News

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Happy New Year!

2023 is gone, 2024 is here. You know, it wasn’t really that long ago that everyone was stressing about the change from the 1900s to the 2000s, and all the chaos that that switch was supposed to have caused to technology.

Of course, nothing happened.

Usually, nothing happens when the year changes. Oh, there are some new laws that go into effect on January 1. Staying up late and singing “Auld Lang Syne” is kind of fun. Many people make New Year’s resolutions that are quickly forgotten.

But I find it interesting that New Year’s Day comes exactly two weeks after Christmas Day. Christmas is the day we celebrate a newness that came into the world over 2,000 years ago, when God broke into the world as the little human Jesus. Bringing a new beginning to humanity, and new chance to be connected with God.

Paul put it well when he wrote to the Corinthians, “So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” (2 Corinthians 5:17) When we live in Christ, we are made new, each and every day. The sins of our past, even our very recent past, are gone because of the love and grace of Christ.

So, this year, 2024, I invite you to remember that you are a new creation, that you are a beloved child of God. Invite others to come and see this Jesus, and tell them that they can be made new in Christ as well. As the old Spiritual Christmas song tells us, “Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!”

If you’ve been away from worship for a while, I invite you to come back. Let worshipping together be your New Year’s resolution.

See you in church!
Andy

CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

Weekly Events

Sundays

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School - Room 11
- 9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Rm
- 10:00 am Worship Service - Sanctuary/Online
- 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship - Ministry Center

Mondays

- 12:30 pm Senior Singers Rehearsal - Geneva Rm

Tuesdays

- 10:00 am Women's Bible Study - Library

Wednesdays

- 3:30 pm F.L.O.C.K. - Ministry Center
- 4:30 pm Children/Youth Handbells - Bell Rm
- 5:30 pm Youth Connection - Geneva Rm
- 7:00 pm Women's Online Bible Study

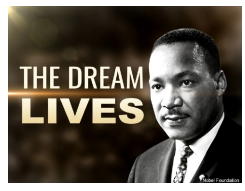
Thursdays

- 8:00 am Men's Breakfast - First Awakenings
- 10:00 am Knitting Club - Library

Other Events

January

- 1 Office, Daycare Closed for holiday
- 1 10:00 am **Board Games & Family Fun**
- 9 10:00 am Women's Bible Study resumes
- 10 3:30 pm FLOCK resumes
- 10 5:30 pm Youth Connection resumes
- 10 7:00 pm Women's Online Bible Study resumes
- 12 Annual Report Articles due
- 14 6:00 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
- 15 Newsletter Deadline
- 15 Office,
Daycare
Closed for
Holiday
- 21 11:00 am Fellowship Potluck
- 22 6:30 pm Session Meeting
- 28 6:00 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.



Worship Tech Crew

- Worship Tech Director - Bill Lane
- Lead Worship Tech - Tom Folliard
- Apprentice Tech - Juliette Loder

- 1 Tom DeLay
Chris Vivit
- 5 Rebekah Loder
- 12 Jessica Blake
- 15 Tom Crompton
- 19 Nanci Crompton
Dick Palmer
- 22 Judy Sonico
- 30 Carolyn Bohn



February Early Birds

- 4 William Cuda
Tom Westoby
- 8 Kiki Montero

January Anniversaries



- 26 **Dick & Nancy Palmer 61st**

February Early Birds

No early anniversaries this month

* If your name is missing from this list and you would like to add it, please contact the church office.

Our Homebound Friends



- Virgileen Day - Home
- Emma Price - Brookdale
- Ted Selvester - Texas
- Trudy Tresch - Home
- Gerda Van Meter - Home (Cayucos)

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Fellowship Potluck



On Sunday, January 21, join us after worship (11:00 ish) for a Fellowship Potluck!!! Bring your favorite dish to share as we fellowship around a meal – just like Jesus did!

If you are not able to bring an item, don't let that stop you from joining us!

Serving Christ—in the Homeless

The SHARE (Salinas Housing Advancement Resources Education) Center is open and meeting the needs of the homeless and Northminster will continue to minister to them by providing and serving dinner for our brothers and sisters on the **second and fourth Sundays, January 14 and 28**. You can help by providing gifts of food for the meal and/or by helping to serve it. **Please bring items to the church by 5:00 pm or by 6:00 pm if bringing to/serving at the Center, 845 E. Laurel Drive.**



"Lord, we know you'll be coming through this line today. So help us to treat you well."

-Mary Wallis' prayer, serving the D.C. homeless

ANNUAL REPORT



The end of the year means it's time to review where we went in the year that was 2023...and where we are headed in 2024!

If you are an elder, program coordinator or ministry leader, please share information on your group or event with a brief article and submit it **by Friday, January 12**, to micki@northminster.org so it can be shared in the Annual Report, which will be reviewed at the **Annual Congregational Meeting**.



Our Condolences...

...to Doris Wason and family. Beloved son Rick died in August 2023 after a very brief battle with cancer. He was 66 years old. A resident of Salinas, he sold magazines and, after retiring for better health, he took up woodworking and crafted many items of function and beauty that were admired by many.

Rick is survived by his mother, Doris, a son, three brothers, a sister, and a number of nieces and nephews. The Wasons family came from various distances to gather for the holiday, and then laid Rick to rest on the waves of Monterey Bay that he loved to surf, on a beautiful, God-blessed morning.

Women's Bible Study

Our group will return from the Christmas break on Tuesday, January 9, meeting at 10:00 am in the library. The Online Study will return Wednesday, January 10 at 7:00 pm. Both will start a new study on the Lord's Prayer.

We enjoy fellowship, prayer and refreshments, so join us! Contact leader Terry Heffington to get the study book, and for online login details.



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Celebrate "A New Year and A New You!"

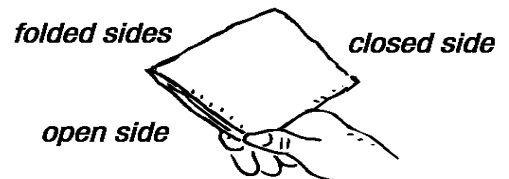
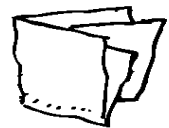
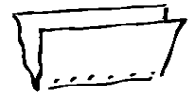
Make a paper noisemaker to celebrate with.

You will need:

- * a piece of notebook or copier paper
- * crayons or markers
- * ruler
- * scissors

How to:

1. Cut a piece of paper 7" or 8" square.
2. Color it or write "Happy New Year & Happy New You" on it.
3. Fold paper almost in half. The bottom edge should be 1/2" from the top. Crease the fold well.
4. Fold in half side-to-side with the shorter flap inside. Crease well.
5. Hold the paper tightly between thumb and index finger at open corner where there are only 2 thicknesses.
6. Quickly flick your arm and wrist downward. The inside paper will pop out and make a loud snap.



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LET'S START TODAY'S SERVICE OFF WITH OUR ANNUAL POST-HOLIDAY BREATHING EXERCISES

Church Staff / Participants

- Pastor Andy Rausch
- Organist/Choir Accompanist Claire Vincent
- Director of Music Dana Vivit
- Parish Associate Bill Lane
- Daycare Jerrianna, Sue, Ruby, Jubilee, Ale, Esme, Emely, Kaitlyn, Elizabeth, Cecilia
- Executive Assistant Jackie Gash
- Treasurer Sue Brockett
- Preschool Amanda Robles, Victoria Pajas
- Custodian Jesse Perez
- Set Up Techs. Tom Folliard, Bob Hynes
- Grounds Bob Hynes, Terry Heffington
- Church Secretary. Micki Brown