

Northminster Presbyterian Church

“Caring for all with

God’s love and grace.”

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Worship service returns
to the Sanctuary!

Sunday, September 5
10:00 am

See Pastor’s Letter!!

Northminster News

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Welcome home!

Have you ever gone on vacation, especially a long trip? Traveling is great, but you lie out of suitcases, and unless you’re on a cruise or staying with a relative for a long period of time, you’re constantly packing and unpacking, and getting used to a new bed, and new sounds at night. When you’re traveling, you get to see new things, you get to have new experiences, you taste new foods and make new friends.

And yet, at the end of the trip, you’re just ready to get home.

To your own bed.
Your own schedule.
Your own washing machine.
Your cat!

Over the last year and a half, we have been on a trip, and “What a long strange trip it's been,” to quote Jerry Garcia of The Grateful Dead.

COVID-19 shut us down, and for a while all we had was weekly Scripture chats on YouTube with Bill Lane and me. Then we set up worship in the parking lot, and became “Drive-In Church.” Thankfully, we had the equipment and Bill’s wizardry to pull it off well. When it got too cold, we moved inside, but with only the worship leaders. A grant from the Presbytery of San Jose and a generous gift from a couple of members allowed us to live-stream the service, and some still came to the parking lot. Christmas Eve was pretty special, with worship both inside and projected in the parking lot.

(Continued inside.)

CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

Regular Events

<u>Sundays</u>		<u>Returning</u>
9:00 am	Adult Sunday School - Room 11	
9:00 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	TBA
10:00 am	Worship Service - Sanctuary/Online	9/5

<u>Tuesdays</u>		
10:00 am	Women's Bible Study	9/7

<u>Wednesdays</u>		
3:30 pm	F.L.O.C.K. - Ministry Center/Zoom	9/8
5:30 pm	Youth Connection - Geneva Room	

<u>Thursdays</u>		
8:00 am	Men's Breakfast - Geneva Room (New Time)	
10:00 am	Knitting Club - Library	

Other Events

September

- 2 8:00 am Men's Breakfast Resumes (New Time)
- 5 10:00 Worship Returns to Sanctuary -- Wear bright clothes!!
- 6 Office, Daycare Closed for Holiday
- 6 6:30 pm Board of Deacons Meeting
- 7 9:00 am Preschool 2021-2022 Begins
- 7 10:00 am Women's Bible Study Resumes
- ~~11 2:00 pm~~ Margaret Smith Memorial - Moved to 2/19/22
- 12 11:00 am Relay For Life Baked Potato Fundraiser
- 12 6:00 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
- 15 Newsletter Deadline
- 18 10a-8p Relay For Life - Salinas Airport
- 25 5:30 pm Meet for walk in Kiddie Kapers Parade
- 26 6:00 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr
- 27 6:30 pm Session Meetings



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 Contact micki@northminster.org

- 2 Linda Westoby
- 6 Stacy Wilmoth
- 12 Warren Sonico
- 12 Larry Tack
- 13 Pat Henderson
- 14 Micki Brown
- 16 Emma Price
- 18 Louis Hembree
- 23 Jackie Gash
- 28 Cindy Lumsden
- 29 Barbara Perry
- 30 Thomas Thomson



- October Early Birds
 8 Ryan Bangs



- September
- 4 **Dan & Karen Towle** 56th
 - 8 David & Rhonda Baird 48th
 - 26 Paul & Rubye Riggs 29th

- October Early Birds
- 6 **Jeff & Felisa Hoogendyk** 53rd
 - 7 **Louis & Jane Hembree** 54th
 - 8 Tino & Jessica Montero 17th

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



Our Homebound Friends

Emma Price - Brookdale
 Ted Selvester
 Grace Bryan - Chicago

From the Pastor

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Then last Easter, we moved into the gym. We are blessed to have this large facility that let us practice social distancing while still being together. A resurgence of the virus required that we put masks back on, but we were still together.

In September, we are going to go home! We will head back into our beautiful sanctuary, with the magnificent organ leading us in worship. Oh, there will still be a few things that will be different: first, the repair work from the car that tried to drive into the sanctuary is finally getting underway, so there is a hole in the chancel wall. We will still need to wear masks for the safety of everyone, but especially for the children and vulnerable who can't be vaccinated. There will be tape lines to help us keep separated. We won't have coffee and snacks after worship until it is safe.

But we'll be home! We can "unpack!"

We'll still be streaming the service, of course. That is now a permanent part of our worshipping experience.

So, beginning September 5, I'll not only see you in church—I'll see you in the sanctuary!

Keep safe!

Andy

SUPER SPUD SPECTACULAR! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12



Support our fabulous Baked Potato fundraiser to benefit Relay For Life! Eat them here or take them home to enjoy!

Donations of potatoes, butter, sour cream, cheese, bacon bits, green onions, etc. are welcome and appreciated! See Lisa Loder if you can help, and thank you!!!

OTHER NEWS

FLOCK (Friends Learning of Christ's Kingdom) begins on September 8 for kids age 5 through 5th grade. We start in the Lobby on Wednesdays at 3:30 and end up in Room 21 with singing, games, crafts, and Bible lessons!

Handbells for 3rd grade through high school meets in Room 13 from 4:30 to 5:30 each Wednesday.

Men's Breakfast Fellowship starts on September 2 at 8:00am (NOTE THE NEW, MUCH FRIENDLIER TIME!) in the Geneva Room. Chef Jeff makes breakfast, and we talk about God and life in general.

Women's Bible Study meets each Tuesday at 10:00am beginning September 7 in Room 11. We are continuing our study of "The Cross."

Chancel Choir rehearsals will return in October on Sunday mornings - yes! Sunday mornings - at 9:00am in the Choir Room (watch for the date announcement). All singers are welcome. Special masks will be available.

Chancel Bells begins October 6 at 6:30pm in the Bell Room (Room 13).

Join Fire Chaplain Andy Rausch and the Salinas Fire Department at 10:00am on Saturday, September 11 at Fire Station 1 (on West Alisal) as we remember the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

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I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW A BENEVOLENT
GOD CAN LET BACK-TO-SCHOOL HAPPEN TO
GOOD PEOPLE

Serving Christ – in the Homeless

The new SHARE (Salinas Housing Advancement Resources Education) Center is now opened and Northminster will continue to minister to the needy by providing and serving the meal for our homeless brothers and sisters on the **second and fourth Sundays, September 12 and 26.**



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 4:00 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



**LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR...
WITH COOKIES?!**

Northminster will once again join area churches in providing "Cookies for Cowboys", September 23-26 at the California Rodeo. The rodeo contestants' and their families hang out in the Hospitality Center hosted by the Salinas Fellowship of Christian Cowboys. Their favorite snack in the center is the homemade cookies donated by local bakers like you!

If you can minister to these visitors with a practical gift of cookie love, please sign up in the narthex. **The cookies will be picked up Wednesday, September 22**, so please have them wrapped in sturdy, non-returnable containers. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you! "Inasmuch as you baked cookies for the least of these cowboys, my brethren, you baked them for me." (Matthew 25:40, Cowboy Hospitality Version)



Get Your Parade On at the
Kiddie Kapers Parade
Saturday, September 25

Kids are invited to meet at 5:30 pm in the Salinas High parking lot (S. Main St) to walk with us in the parade! Children of all ages welcome! For more info call Miss Sue at 831-262-9608!

Relay For Life
Team Soles for Souls



Saturday, September 18
10:00am – 8:00pm
Salinas Municipal Airport

Got your walking shoes on? It's time again to walk in memory of loved ones lost to cancer, or in honor of survivors and fighters. It's a time to FIGHT BACK against this disease which has taken so much from so many.

You can walk at the event as a fundraising part of the team! You can support other team members! You can support our fundraisers (see previous page) or make a donation! It all goes to fund the cure!!

Together we can make a difference - one step at a time. Talk to Jackie Gash, Suzan Wurz or Lisa Loder to get involved.

Church Staff / Participants

Pastor Andy Rausch
Organist/Choir Accompanist Claire Vincent
Director of Music Dana Vivit
Parish Associate Bill Lane
Daycare Laura Hunter-Michels, Tasha,
. . . SueS, Claire, Daisy, Alondra, Victoria, Angeles, Ruby
Executive Assistant Jackie Gash
Preschool/KinderPrep Laura, Amanda Robles
Custodian Jesse Perez
Set Up Techs. Tom Folliard, Bob Hynes
Grounds. Jim Vincent, Bob Hynes, Terry Heffington
Church Secretary. Micki Brown