

**Northminster Presbyterian Church**

“Caring for all with

God’s love and grace.”

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**Senior Singers Spring Concert**

**Sunday, May 3, 3:00 pm**

**Sanctuary**

See inside for more information!



# *Northminster News*

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Dear Church Family,

May is the best month for birthdays! Mine, one of my sisters, my mother... all May birthdays, so May is the best month for birthdays! (Logical, right?)

May is also (usually) the month we celebrate the birthday of the church. That day is called Pentecost, and it is celebrated 50 days after Easter. (And since Easter is a “moveable feast,” based on the Jewish calendar, the day of Pentecost also shifts around.) This year, Pentecost will be celebrated on May 24.

Pentecost is considered to be the birthday of the church because that is when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles, and inspired them to tell the story of Jesus. The apostles were in the “upper room” in Jerusalem, waiting for something to happen as

they’d been instructed by the risen Jesus. Then, “suddenly, a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.” (Acts 2:2-3) Scripture tells us that they were “filled with the Holy Spirit,” and they had the ability to speak other languages.

That ability to speak other languages bit was important. What we call Pentecost coincides with the Jewish festival of Shavuot, and so Jerusalem was filled with all sorts of outsiders who didn’t speak the local language. But all of them heard the

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# CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

## Weekly Events

On Summer  
break

### Sundays

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School - Room 11
- 10:00 am Worship Service - Sanctuary/Online
- 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship - Ministry Center
- 5:30 pm Youth Group - Room 24

### Mondays

- 12:30 pm Senior Singers Rehearsal - Geneva Rm ✓

### Tuesdays

- 7:00 pm Women's Online Bible Study - Zoom

### Wednesdays

- 3:30 pm F.L.O.C.K. - Ministry Center

### Thursdays

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

## Other Events

### May

- 3 3:00 pm Senior Singers Spring Concert
- 10 6:30 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
- 15 Newsletter Deadline
- 17 11:00 am Fellowship Potluck
- 17 11:00 am Session meeting (date change)
- 24 6:30 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
- 25 Memorial Day - Office, Day Care, Preschool closed for holiday



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Do we have your email address?

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- 3 Annabelle Gonzalez
- 8 David Baird
- 8 Jannadi Blake
- 8 Andy Rausch
- 12 Jordan Montero
- 15 Lisa Loder
- 24 Jeff Cuda
- 24 Gerardo Dominguez
- 24 Nancy Palmer
- 30 Joy Lohuis



### June Early Birds

- 1 Rick Giffin
- 3 Daniek Blake
- 7 Kristine Abbott
- 7 Aimee Cuda



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### June Early Birds

No early birds; check full list next month!

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

## Our Homebound Friends



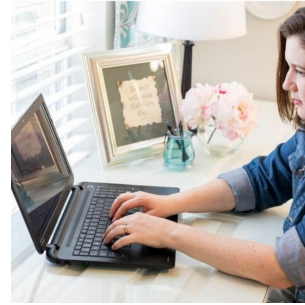
- Marilyn Barr - Madonna Gardens
- Emma Price - Vista Harden Ranch (Brookdale)
- Ted Selvester - Texas
- Carol Suggett - Ivy Park
- Dorothy Walker - home



## Senior Singers Spring Concert

Sunday, May 3, 3:00 pm  
Sanctuary

Join your favorite vintage voices for a wonderful program of sacred AND patriotic music, in celebration of America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday this year! Donations are welcome and will go to the group's expenses.



## Women's Online Bible Study

We invite the women of our church to join us Tuesdays, 7:00 pm on Zoom for our current study *Waiting for God*. And, of

course, you are welcome to invite your friends! Please contact Terry Heffington for study guides or login information.

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Coming next month...

## Serving Christ—in the Homeless

Northminster partners with the SHARE (Salinas Housing Advancement Resources Education) Center in meeting the needs of the homeless by providing and serving



dinner for our brothers and sisters on the **second and fourth Sundays, May 10 and 24**. 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 6:30 pm if bringing to/serving at the Center, 845 E. Laurel Drive.**

## Adventure Play

*A new kind of VBS!*



June 15-19, 9:00 am-5:00 pm

June 22-26, 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Grades 1-6

Only \$75/week

Children discover who they are through free (unstructured) play, Bible stories and more!

## Fellowship Potluck



On Sunday, May 17, 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!



WELL THAT EXPLAINS IT ... YOU'VE BEEN STUDYING FROM THE KING JAMES BOND VERSION

## Donations Update:

Thank you to all who have donated clothes, personal hygiene items and food to our local homeless population. Your gifts are greatly appreciated.

*"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Mathew 25:40*

If you have items to donate - deodorant, small bottles of hand sanitizer, feminine hygiene items, and bar soap - you can drop them off any time at the collection bin in the narthex.

## From the Pastor continued

message of Jesus' resurrection, "each in their own language." Some scholars have questioned whether this was a miracle of the apostles *speaking* other languages, or was it a miracle of each one *hearing* in their own language? Whatever, the message spread like wildfire, "and that day about three thousand persons were added" to the number of believers. (Acts 2:41)

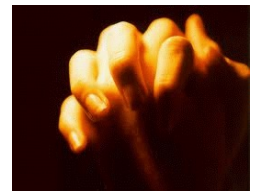
In this season of Pentecost, let's learn from that first Pentecost. First, let's pray for a fresh outpouring of the Spirit, both in your own life and in the life of this congregation. Then, think about the diversity of languages spoken and heard that day. The Holy Spirit can unite us across our differences, whether those are language, political or anything else. And finally, how do we share together in the work of this church? Luke tells us that "All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need." (Acts 2:44) How can we work together with the abundance that God has given each of you to minister to our community?

Happy birthday!  
See you in church!

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## Prayer Partners Wanted!

Do you have a little spare time and are looking to fill it? When you hear about the suffering of friends or around the world are you moved to talk to God about it? **Then we need you on our prayer team!**



When we receive a request for prayer, the prayer team mobilizes to intercede for our families and communities. We issue updates for those requests, and pass along answered prayer through praise reports.

If you would like to join the team, please call leader Terry Heffington or the church office.

## Church Staff / Participants

- Pastor . . . . . Andy Rausch
- Organist/Choir Accompanist . . . . . Claire Vincent
- Parish Associate . . . . . Bill Lane
- Daycare . . . . . Jerrianna, Sue, Ale, Emely, Elizabeth, Berenice, Yesenia, Erica, Jasmine, Laura, Jasmine S
- Executive Assistant . . . . . Jackie Gash
- Treasurer . . . . . Sue Brockett
- Preschool . . . . . Amanda Robles
- Custodian . . . . . Jesse Perez
- Set Up Techs . . . . . Tom Folliard
- Church Secretary . . . . . Micki Brown