

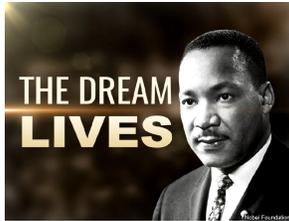
**Northminster Presbyterian Church**

“Caring for all with

God’s love and grace.”

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**5<sup>th</sup>  
Annual**

**Martin Luther King Jr.  
Peace Walk**

**Monday, January 16, 10:00 am  
City Hall, Salinas**

**Sponsored by: Interfaith Leaders of Salinas**

# *Northminster News*

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Happy New Year!

Every 365 days, we celebrate a new year. We get a new calendar with new pictures; we have to remember to write “2023” on our checks; some make a “new year’s resolution.” And the new year is represented by a baby, fresh and new, ready to take on the next 365 days.

In the Christian faith, however, our “new beginning” is something different. The apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthian church: “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 have a relationship with Christ, we put aside the “old ways” and begin living a new life, following the way of Jesus.

When was your “new beginning?” I grew up in a Presbyterian Church. From the time I can remember, I was in church each Sunday morning, usually coloring the bulletin, or resting with my head in my mother’s lap. I started attending Sunday School when I was five, and faithfully went to Sunday School and Youth Club each week. Like many Presbyterians (and others in the mainline churches), I didn’t have a radical “conversion” moment. When I was 12 years old, I was sitting with my camp counselor “Chickenlegs” at Redwood Camp, and he asked me if I was a Christian. We had a great conversation about what it means to be a follower of Jesus, but until that point I’d never

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# CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

## Weekly Events

<u>Sundays</u>		<u>Returning</u>
9:00 am	Adult Sunday School - Room 11	1/8
9:00 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Rm	1/8
10:00 am	Worship Service - Sanctuary/Online	
11:00 am	Coffee Fellowship - Lobby	

<u>Mondays</u>		
12:30 pm	Senior Singers Rehearsal - Geneva Rm	2/6

<u>Tuesdays</u>		
10:00 am	Women's Bible Study - Library	1/10

<u>Wednesdays</u>		
3:30 pm	F.L.O.C.K. - Ministry Center	1/11
4:30 pm	Children/Youth Handbells - Bell Rm	1/11
5:30 pm	Youth Connection - Geneva Rm	1/11

<u>Thursdays</u>		
8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Fellowship-Geneva Rm	1/12
10:00 am	Knitting Club - Library	

## Other Events

<u>January</u>	
2	Office, Daycare closed for holiday
2 6:00 pm	Board of Deacons Meeting
6 1:00 pm	Deadline for Annual Report articles
8 9:00 am	Adult Sunday School resumes
8 9:00 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsals resume
8 6:00 pm	SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
10 10:00 am	Women's Bible Study resumes
11 3:30 pm	Children & Youth Programs resume
12 8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Fellowship resumes
15	Newsletter Deadline
16	Office, Daycare closed for holiday
16 10:00 am	MLK Jr Peace Walk - City Hall, Salinas
22 6:00 pm	SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
23 6:30 pm	Session Meeting



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- 1 Tom DeLay
- 1 Chris Vivit
- 5 Rebekah Loder
- 12 Jessica Blake
- 13 Laura Hunter-Michels
- 15 Tom Crompton
- 19 Nanci Crompton
- 19 Dick Palmer

- 22 Judy Sonico
- 30 Carolyn Bohn

### February Early Birds

- 4 William Cuda
- 4 Tom Westoby
- 8 Kiki Montero



## January Anniversaries

- 16 Ken & Laura Hunter-Michels . . . . . 41<sup>st</sup>
- 26 Dick & Nancy Palmer . . . . . 60<sup>th</sup>

### 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.

## Ways to Support the Ministry of Northminster!

- Tithe** A portion of your income
- Memorial Fund** Gifts in memory or honor of important people in your life
- Deacons** Gifts support the needy in our community
- Volunteer** Your time & talents lent to church programs - youth, Sunday School, church officers, worship services, mission, outreach, and more

## From the Pastor continued

really thought about what it meant to be a “Christian.” It was at that moment that my relationship with Christ became “real” to me, but nothing changed. I was still the same rather nerdy kid who wore black glasses and played the cello and went to church every Sunday and Wednesday. Because Jesus had always been part of my life.

I am a “new creation” every day, when I greet my Lord and we start the day together. We don’t need to wait for a new year to become new, or to have a life-changing conversion experience to become new. Every day, Christ renews us. Every day, the old is gone and the new has come.

So this year, 2023, resolve to live your life as “new creation” in Christ, following his teachings and loving God and your neighbor.

See you in church!

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## Prayer Partners Wanted!

Do you have a little spare time and are looking to fill it, doing something essential? 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, we call the prayer team to mobilize our spiritual army. We issue regular updates for those requests, and pass along answered prayer with praise reports.

If you would like to join the team, please call Micki in the church office at 831-449-2717, option 3.

## Annual Report

The end of the year means it’s time to review where we went in the year that was 2022...and where we are headed in 2023! 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 6, to [micki@northminster.org](mailto:micki@northminster.org) so it can be shared in the Annual Report, which will be reviewed at the **Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 5.**

## *Women’s Bible Study*

Our group will return from the Christmas break on Tuesday, January 10, meeting at 10:00 am in the library. We will finish the final chapter of Listening to God, and begin a new study soon. Fresh from learning about God’s word we share prayer concerns and enjoy light, Covid-safe refreshments. If you’re not able to join us live, we can also meet online! Contact leader Terry Heffington for details.

## 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 8 and 22.**

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

## Our Homebound Friends



Emma Price - Brookdale  
Ted Selvester - Unknown



# Our Condolences...

...To Claire Vincent and family. Beloved husband, father, grandfather and man of God, Jim Vincent, died suddenly on November 11, 2022. He was 83.

Jim was the epitome of Christ's "good and faithful servant", in his love and care for his family and those around him. He walked through life exercising the gifts of the Spirit, ministering to all with his gentle, humble spirit and serving the church as an elder, deacon, usher, driver, faithful worship attender, Sunday school student (and occasional sub leader), Men's Breakfast participant, and groundskeeper. In what we think he might have regarded as his most important work of the faith, he also assisted multiple pastors over the years in bringing home communion to the homebound and shut-ins of our community. He was always upbeat, gracious and quick with his trademark laugh, and nary a cross word from him comes to mind.

All these wonderful remembrances of this "good and faithful servant" were recalled at a Celebration of Life on December 3rd. All whose lives Jim touched agree that those words were indeed speedily and whole-heartedly uttered by our Savior as He welcomed Jim home.

Please continue to keep Claire and family in prayer, and all who keenly feel his absence, until the day of reunion.

...To Doris Wason and the family of Dorothy "Dotie" Slater. Dotie died peacefully in her sleep on December 22, 2022; she was 94.

Dotie was a fire cracker, 94 with the energy and sass of a 64 year old, in spite of the curveballs life threw at her: the death of her daughter in recent years and the death of her husband a number of years ago. Together they owned and operated El Camino Press, employing local residents such as Northminster's Thomas Wason.

Dotie was an accomplished knitter, crocheter and seamstress, and when friend Doris Wason joined the "Over the Rainbow" knitting group meeting at Northminster, it wasn't long before Dotie was all in with the group, knitting squares for cancer patient blankets, pillows for Memorial Hospital patients (until Co-vid shut that down), and hats and scarves for Northminster's ministry to the homeless. She even had a connection to Northminster's Bill and Marie Barnhill!

Dotie is survived by her granddaughter and son-in-law, and friends like Doris Wason and the knitting group. She desired to not have a service, but her and her husband's remains will be dispersed on a California lake property that they owned. Prayers for the family are appreciated.

Thank you to all in our Northminster family for your kind words, calls and expressions of care after Jim's passing. Your notes and memorial gifts are a fine tribute to his legacy, and deeply appreciated by me and the family. We are holding up as best as we can, and your love makes all the difference.



So grateful for you all.

Claire Vincent and family

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## Worship Tech Crew

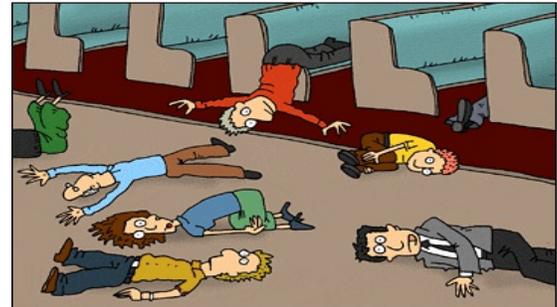
Worship Tech Director- Bill Lane  
Worship Tech Assistant Director - Nathan Emerson  
Lead Worship Tech - Tom Foliard  
Tech Crew - Dominic Vivit  
Apprentice Tech - Juliette Loder

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## Church Staff / Participants

Pastor . . . . . Andy Rausch  
Organist/Choir Accompanist . . . . . Claire Vincent  
Director of Music . . . . . Dana Vivit  
Parish Associate . . . . . Bill Lane  
Daycare . . . . . Claire, Sue, Ruby, Iris, Jubilee,  
. . . . . Jessica, Ale, Esme, Jazmin  
Executive Assistant . . . . . Jackie Gash  
Bookkeeper . . . . . Sue Brockett  
Preschool/KinderPrep . . . . . Amanda Robles, Victoria Pajas  
Custodian . . . . . Jesse Perez  
Set Up Techs. . . . . Tom Foliard, Bob Hynes  
Grounds. . . . . Bob Hynes, Terry Heffington  
Church Secretary. . . . . Micki Brown

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