

Northminster Presbyterian Church

“Caring for all with

God’s love and grace.”

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Northminster News

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Dear friends,

Our chilly summer is nearly over, and many have taken a “vacation from church” this summer, like they take their vacations for real. Or maybe there are people reading this article who haven’t just taken a summer vacation from church, but haven’t been to church in a long time.

This month, I want to talk about coming home: finding our spiritual dwelling place.

The word “home” suggests feelings of comfort, security, and belonging. People desire a place where they are known and loved, where they truly belong. The biblical narrative of coming home offers a framework for understanding spiritual journeys with God and relationships within God’s family, the church.

You remember the “Parable of the Prodigal Son.”

The younger son, after losing his inheritance, finds himself in a distant land, facing the results of his actions. In desperation, he “comes to his senses” and decides to return, hoping to be treated as a hired hand.

The father, filled with compassion, sees his son from afar and runs to welcome him home, restoring him to his place and celebrating his return. Luke tells us, “But while he was still in the distance, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him” (Luke 15:20) This story highlights God’s mercy and grace. It reminds us that no matter how far someone strays, God’s love pursues, welcoming them back into God’s family.

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CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

Weekly Events

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 Connection - Room 24

On break

Mondays

12:30 pm Senior Singers Rehearsal - Geneva Rm x

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

3:30 pm F.L.O.C.K. - Ministry Center x
 4:30 pm Children/Youth Handbells - Bell Rm x

Thursdays

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

Other Events

August

10 6:30 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
 12 7:00 pm Women's Online (Zoom) Bible Study resumes
 15 Newsletter Deadline
 17 11:00 am Glendale Tack's 100th Birthday Celebration (Gym - See article)
 18 Gym re-opens to regular use
 24 6:30 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.

7 Shyanne Johnson
 8 Karen Towle
 11 Dan Towle
 12 Molly Flanagan
 17 Glendale Tack



19 Keith Sonico
 27 Tino Montero
 30 Suzan Wurz

September Early Birds

2 Linda Westoby
 6 Stacy Wilmoth Kolescar



6 Patti & Randy Bangs 36th
 14 Jim & Suzan Wurz 48th
 16 Tom & Linda Westoby 45th
 20 **Bert & Jeanne Robinson** **59th**

September Early Birds

4 **Dan & Karen Towle** **60th**
 8 **David & Rhonda Baird** **52nd**

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



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 Contact micki@northminster.org

Our Homebound Friends



Emma Price - Vista Harden Ranch (Brookdale)
 Ted Selvester - Texas
 Joy Lohuis - Ivy Park (Villa Serra)
 Jean Monarque - Ivy Park
 Dorothy Walker - home

Serving Christ-in the Homeless

Northminster partners with the SHARE (Salinas Housing Advancement Resources Education) Center to meet the needs of the homeless by providing and serving dinner for our brothers and sisters on the **second and fourth Sundays, August 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 (new time!) if bringing to/serving at the Center, 845 E. Laurel Drive**

Women's Online Bible Study

Women's Online Bible Study resumes on **Tuesday, August 12**, at 7:00 pm on Zoom. We are studying Sermon on the Mount, which is a good study, resuming where we left off on chapter 9. All interested women, contact Elder Terry Heffington for study material and login information

UPCOMING STUFF

- ☞ The Rev. Bil Lane will be preaching here on August 24 in a pulpit exchange. Pastor Andy will be in Gonzales that day!
- ☞ FLOCK begins on September 3 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm and will include a new Percussion Time!
- ☞ Youth Group, open to kids in 6th grade and up, meets Sundays at 5:30

A Special Celebration: Glenndale Tack's



Birthday

Sunday, August 17, 11:00 am (appx.)

Right after worship join us for this special celebration, with lunch provided by Cocina 1932.

Please let us know by phone or email if you are attending so we have a good headcount.

See you there as we help the Tack family celebrate this awesome milestone!

Gym News

Notice: The gym will re-open to regular use on Monday, August 18!

Church Staff / Participants

Pastor Andy Rausch
Organist/Choir Accompanist Claire Vincent
Parish Associate Bill Lane
Daycare Jerrianna, Sue, Ruby, Ale,
..... Emely, Elizabeth, Cecilia, Berenice, Yesenia
Executive Assistant Jackie Gash
Treasurer Sue Brockett
Preschool Amanda Robles
Custodian Jesse Perez
Set Up Techs. Tom Folliard, Bob Hynes
Grounds. Terry Heffington
Church Secretary. Micki Brown



FIRST OFF, I'M HAPPY TO SEE THAT SO MANY OF YOU ARE ENJOYING THE NEW STREAMING OF OUR SERVICES ONLINE ...

From the Pastor

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Our being as Christians extends beyond a personal relationship with God to finding our place within the body of Christ, the church. The Apostle Paul reminds us that in Christ, people are united as one body, with each member playing a vital role. (1 Corinthians 12:1-16) The church is where people experience community, shared faith, and support.

So if you've been away from the church for a short summer vacation, or you've found yourself not coming to church for a variety of reasons, remember that you are a beloved child of God and are always welcome to God's home, the church. And if you've just been watching us on your computer screen, I invite you to come back to the physical house of God (if you can!), and feel the love and warmth from your brothers and sisters.

See you in church!
Andy



PURPLE COOLER

- ▼ 1/3 cup (3 oz.) frozen grape juice
- ▼ 1/2 cup milk
- ▼ 1 cup vanilla ice cream
- ▼ Put the ingredients in a shaker with a tight lid.
- ▼ Shake it up and serve it.

*Makes 1 large or 2 small drinks



