

**Northminster Presbyterian Church**

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

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**Vacation Bible School**



**June 13-17**  
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# *Northminster News*

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Dear friends,

I hope that you will pardon our getting the May newsletter out late. Totally my fault! Micki kept bugging me for this letter!

But I'm actually glad that I was so delinquent. Yesterday, it was revealed that the Supreme Court of the United States is most likely going to reverse the 1973 ruling "Roe v. Wade," leading some states to outlaw abortion. What I have been seeing over and over again is that our country is quite polarized on this and a number of issues.

Some support Donald Trump. Others can't stand him.

Some are pleased that Roe v. Wade will be overturned. Others are dismayed.

Some wish that the US had an open border policy, accepting refugees from all sorts of political firestorms. Others would like to see a higher wall built along the border, and stricter immigration laws in place.

What all of this can and has led to is a divided country. And a divided church. The church, however, should be a place where we can all be united for ministry in spite of our differences.

In our congregation at Northminster we have all sorts of opinions on political and religious issues. Feelings have been hurt, either intentionally or by accident.

Paul wrote, "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28) And I can add a more current touch, "There is no longer Republican or Democrat, there is no longer progressive or conservative; for all of us are one in Christ Jesus." (St. Andrew 5:3)

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# CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

## Regular Events

### Sundays

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

### Mondays

- 12:30 pm Senior Singers Rehearsal - Geneva Rm

### Tuesdays

- 10:00 am Women's Bible Study - Library (new location!)

### Wednesdays

- 3:30 pm F.L.O.C.K. - Ministry Center
- 5:30 pm Youth Connection - Geneva Room

### Thursdays

- 8:00 am Men's Breakfast - Geneva Room
- 10:00 am Knitting Club - Library

## Other Events

### May

- 2 6:00 pm Board of Deacons Meeting (Library)
- 4 4:00 pm PS/KP Raffle Prize Drawing (Regular)
- 5 6:00 pm PS/KP Open House/Grand Prize Drawing
- 8 6:00 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
- 15 Newsletter Deadline
- 22 6:00 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
- 23 6:30 pm Session Meeting
- 29 3:00 pm Senior Singers Spring Concert
- 30 Office, Daycare Closed for holiday



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- 3 Annabelle Gonzalez
- 8 David Baird
- 8 Jannadi Blake
- 8 Andy Rausch
- 12 Jordan Montero
- 15 Lisa Loder
- 16 Rubye Riggs
- 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



- 29 Tom & Nanci Crompton. . . . . 18<sup>th</sup>

### June Early Birds

No early birds; check full list next month!

\* If your name is not on this list and you would like to add it, please contact the church office.

## Our Homebound Friends



Emma Price - Brookdale  
 Ted Selvester - Unknown

## 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, May 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

## From the Pastor continued

As the mid-term elections are getting ever closer, and debate about this Supreme Court ruling gets discussed, let us remember that we are all, indeed, followers of Christ, together. As a church family, we should let our ministry together guide our interactions. As Paul said to the church in Philippi: "I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord." (Philippians 4:2) And let us all do the work to which God has called us: whether as Elders or Deacons, as volunteers on Sunday morning or those who clean up the church grounds, as people working to end hunger and fight cancer. We are "all one in Christ Jesus."

And as Paul said, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice."

See you in church!  
Andy

### 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

## Northminster Preschool/KinderPrep Open House/Prize Drawing Friday, May 6, 6-7 pm

Join the families from Northminster Preschool/ KinderPrep for their Annual Open House/Raffle. This is their major fund raiser for the year, so come out and support our fabulous school, by purchasing raffle tickets and by checking out the awesome projects they've completed this year!

The Raffle always contains fun and fabulous prizes - from museum admissions to food; recreation tickets to services - which will be drawn Thursday night, May 5<sup>th</sup>. On Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> we'll draw for the grand prize: **4 Disneyland gift cards, valued at \$900.00!!!** Need not be present to win (but it's more fun to see the winner win!!) **Tickets: An inflation-busting \$1 each for a chance at these great prizes!**



UNDERCOVER BOSS WAS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO FIND OUT WHAT ALL THE DISCIPLES WERE THINKING

## Church Staff / Participants

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

**Kids! Parents! Volunteers!  
Mark your calendars!!**

## **Vacation Bible School**



# **June 13-17**

**Day Camp 8 am - 1 pm / \$60 per child  
VBS 1 pm - 5 pm / \$60 per child**

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**Sign up with Pastor Andy, Pastor Bill or online at  
[www.northminster.org](http://www.northminster.org)**