

## Northminster Presbyterian Church

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

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# Northminster News

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Dear friends,

How many of you heard (all too often!) when you were raising your kids—“I’m bored!” Either you came up with some creative, incredible, entertaining afternoon of activities for your bored children, or, more likely, you said, “OK. So go outside and play!”

Tolstoy defined boredom as “a desire for desires.” Psychoanalyst Adam Phillips called it “that state of suspended animation in which things are started and nothing begins, the mood of diffuse restlessness which contains that most absurd and paradoxical wish, the wish for a desire.” Those are rather esoteric definitions of a condition that really just gives us the feeling that something is missing, but we can’t quite say what.

Child psychologists agree that boredom is actually good for child development. Boredom can actually help them develop skills, creativity and self-esteem. A child who can find a creative way out of boredom will grow into an adult who is self-assured and confident, a self-starter who is often very creative.

But do you ever find yourself bored with God, or bored with the church? Every Sunday, the same old thing—some songs, boring responsive readings, same old boring hymns, and then the sermon... boy, that can be a snooze-fest! It’s easy to fall into a rut when it comes to attending worship, to having a close relationship with God. You want to sleep in on Sunday morning, you’ve already read the Bible, and besides, it’s hard to understand.

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# CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

## Weekly Events

	<u>On Summer Break</u>
<u>Sundays</u>	
9:00 am	Adult Sunday School - Room 11
9:00 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Rm ✓
10:00 am	Worship Service - Sanctuary/Online
11:00 am	Coffee Fellowship - Lobby
<u>Mondays</u>	
12:30 pm	Senior Singers Rehearsal - Geneva Rm ✓
<u>Wednesdays</u>	
3:30 pm	F.L.O.C.K. - Ministry Center ✓
4:30 pm	Children/Youth Handbells - Bell Rm ✓
5:30 pm	Youth Connection - Geneva Rm ✓
7:00 pm	Women's Online Bible Study ✓
<u>Thursdays</u>	
8:00 am	Men's Summer Breakfast-Waffles (W Alvin Dr.)
10:00 am	Knitting Club - Library

## Other Events

<u>June</u>		
8	6:00 pm	Preschool Graduation (4's, KP)
11	6:00 pm	SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
12	8:00 am	Day Camp begins
12	1:00 pm	VBS "Twists & Turns" begins
18	10:00 am	"Board with God" Sermon series starts
25	6:00 pm	SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
26	6:30 pm	Session Meeting
<u>July</u>		
4	9:00 am	Independence Day Board Gaming Starts
4	12:00 pm	Independence Day BBQ
5	9 - 5 pm	"Willing Wednesday" - Beach/Park Cleanup
9	6:00 pm	SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
12	9 - 5 pm	"Willing Wednesday" - Feed the Hungry
15		Newsletter Deadline
19	9 - 5 pm	"Willing Wednesday" - Clothe the Naked
23	6:00 pm	SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
26	9 - 5 pm	"Willing Wednesday" - Flood Relief

## **Worship Tech Crew**

Worship Tech Director - Bill Lane  
 Worship Tech Assistant Director - Nathan Emerson  
 Lead Worship Tech - Tom Folliard  
 Apprentice Tech - Juliette Loder

## June

- 4 Rick Giffin
- 3 Daniek Blake
- 7 Kristine Abbott
- 7 Aimee Cuda
- 12 Vee Thomas
- 15 Sophia Bohn
- 15 Jim Wurz
- 16 Perla Bernardez
- 16 Ken Tunstall
- 18 Alan Balch
- 21 Jane Hembree



## July

- 5 Ken Michels
- 6 Virginia Cherry
- 6 Liz Hibbard
- 12 Jackson Abbott
- 14 Robert Hynes
- 15 Bert Robinson
- 19 Edna Harris
- 20 Gerda Van Meter
- 23 Helen Busk
- 23 Apolinario Vivit
- 29 Mackenzie (Fuller) Hatrell
- 31 Chelsea Palmer

## August Early Birds

- 7 Shyanne Gonzalez
- 8 Karen Towle



## June

- 10 Lonnie & Terry Heffington . . . . . 34<sup>th</sup>
- 23 Larry & Debbie Tack . . . . . 50<sup>th</sup>
- 16 Charles & Dorothy Walker . . . . . 55<sup>th</sup>

## July

- 24 Gerardo & Jan Dominguez . . . . . 14<sup>th</sup>
- 27 Gavin & Kristine Abbott . . . . . 20<sup>th</sup>

## August Early Birds

- 6 Patti & Randy Bangs . . . . . 34<sup>th</sup>

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

# Vacation Bible School



**June 12-16**  
**Grades K - 6<sup>th</sup>**

**DayCamp 8:00-1:00pm \$50**  
**VBS 1:00-5:00pm \$60**

**Kids, bring your friends!**  
**Adults, sign up to help!**

**Sign up in the office or online at**  
**[northminster.org](http://northminster.org)**



## *Women's Bible Study Update*

The Women's Online Bible Study will be taking a break for the summer. We'll be back around September and ready to dive back into the Word!

## SPECIAL REQUEST

The Salinas Women's Shelter needs donations of baby wipes, and diapers size 5, 6. They are also in need of kitchen items (except coffee mugs), such as pots, pans, plastic containers, utensils, etc. You may leave your donations in the narthex until the last Sunday in June, June 25.

## Our Homebound Friends



Alan Balch - Ivy Park (Villa Serra)  
Emma Price - Brookdale  
Ted Selvester - Texas  
Trudy Tresch - Home  
Gerda Van Meter - Home (Cayucos)

## 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

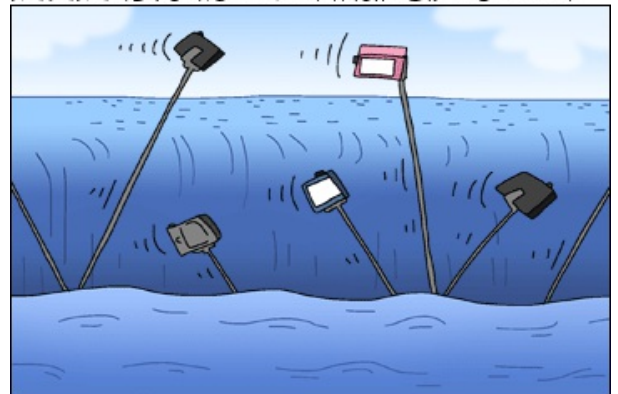
dinner for our brothers and sisters on the **second and fourth Sundays, June 11 and 25, and July 9 and 23.**

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 6:00 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

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**THERE WERE SO MANY SELFE STICKS AT THE CROSSING OF THE RED SEA THAT IT WAS NEARLY CLASSIFIED AS ANOTHER PLAGUE**



INDEPENDENCE  
DAY

BBQ &  
BOARD GAMES

TUESDAY  
JULY 4

9:00 AM PRE-EVENT GAMING  
12:00 PM BBQ - COALS READY

GAMES & FELLOWSHIP  
THE REST OF THE DAY!

**"Willing Wednesdays"**  
**Coming in July**

There's no better way to teach our youth how to be a servant than to model it!! And if you're willing, we've got the Wednesdays to do just that!



These intentionally intergenerational opportunities to minister to our community are open to youth entering 7th grade through adult.

**Block your calendar for these dates, starting around 9:00 and ending around 5:00 p.m. (maybe earlier).**

- July 5 Beach or Park Clean Up
- July 12 Feed the Hungry
- July 19 Clothe the Naked
- July 26 Flood Relief

Any necessary details will be shared via announcements the Sunday prior. We hope you'll join us!

Because need doesn't take a vacation...

**From the Pastor**  
continued

This summer, my summer preaching series is going to be called "Board with God?". Yes, I know I spelled "bored" wrong! If you don't know yet, I am an avid board game player, along with Bill Lane, who got me started in this hobby. This summer, we are going to look at how game playing is related to our spiritual life, and how our spiritual life can be enervated and enhanced through the theology of play.

My series will start on June 18, when we will celebrate our week of Vacation Bible School, which, coincidentally, is "Twists & Turns: Following Jesus Changes the Game." And then, all through June and July and into the beginning of August, I will explore how game theory and the theology of play can enhance our relationship with God and the church. Following worship, I will have a few games out for you to play during the fellowship time.

So come and play with me this summer! If you haven't been to church in a while, this is a good time to come on back!

See you in church!  
Andy

**Church Staff / Participants**

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