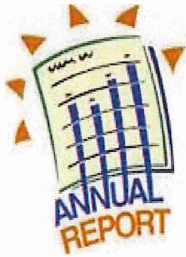


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Annual Meeting / Annual Report

2020 is gone and in the rear view mirror!!!
2021 stretches out before us, full of promise!
While ministry was a bit "curtailed" in 2020
thanks to COVID, the body of Christ at
Northminster was well and working in our
community!

On **Sunday, January 24 immediately after worship** we will
take a look at the year that was at our **Annual Meeting!**
Worship and the meeting will be in the parking lot and the
meeting will be on Zoom online. We will review the Annual
Report and approve the 2021 Pastor's Terms of Call.
We hope to see you there!

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Special Shelter-in-Place Issue

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Dear friends,

2020 has been, to say the least, strange!

But there are many things we can be thankful for in this past year. Even though we had to stop worshipping together in the sanctuary, we have been able to worship together in our parking lot and online. Thanks to the amazing audio-visual skills of Parish Associate Rev. Bill Lane, we can remain connected. Bill has helped St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Temple Beth-El with their adaptations to online worship as well as several churches in the Presbytery and beyond!

We are thankful that our Daycare Center has remained open, serving the childcare needs of essential workers. Although hours were cut, our daycare staff has continued to work hard loving the kids. Northminster Preschool/KinderPrep has been able to remain open, although with a smaller enrollment, and their 2020 Christmas program was a smashing success! (Again, thanks to Bill's expertise!) Parents and

grandparents were thrilled to be able to see their children perform on video. The Christmas-tree thumb drives they received will be cherished forever! And I am especially thankful that although we had a COVID scare a couple of times, everyone is well.

We continue to serve at the Salinas Warming Shelter. Twice a month or more, we are able to provide warm, nourishing meals cooked with love in your kitchens. We are blessed to have Lisa Loder, Roger Antón and Jackie Gash providing leadership. I am thankful that the apartments in China Town have opened and are providing services, and the new Transitional center is open at the Good Nite Inn.

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CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

Events online, except where noted.

* - Email andy@northminster.org for Zoom links

Regular Events

(**when shelter in place orders are lifted)

Sundays

10:00 am Streaming Worship - Parking Lot/Online

Tuesdays

**10:00 am Women's Bible Study - Geneva Rm

Wednesdays

12:00 pm Scripture Chat with Andy & Bill (video)

3:30 pm F.L.O.C.K. - Zoom*

5:30 pm Youth Connection - 1st/3rd Wed - Zoom*

**5:30 pm Youth Connection - 2nd/4th Wed - Geneva Rm

Thursdays

9:30 am Pastor's Bible Study - Zoom*

**10:00 am Knitting Club - Geneva Rm

Other Events

January

- 1 Office, Daycare closed for holiday
- 3 5:30 pm Warming Shelter Meal (Bring to church)
- 4 6:30 pm Board of Deacons - Zoom*
- 5 9:00 am Preschool/ Resumes (3's)
- 5 12:30 pm KinderPrep Resumes
- 18 Office, Daycare closed for holiday
- 24 10:00 am Worship & Annual Meeting - Parking Lot and Zoom*
- 25 6:30 pm Session - Zoom*
- 31 5:30 pm Warming Shelter Meal (Bring to church) (Special Date)



- 1 Tom DeLay
Chris Vivit
- 5 Rebekah Loder
- 13 Laura Hunter-Michels
- 15 Tom Crompton
- 19 Nanci Crompton
- 21 Nancy Forsman
Dick Palmer
- 22 Judy Sonico
- 30 Carolyn Bohn

February Early Birds

- 3 Margaret Smith
- 4 William Cuda
Tom Westoby
- 8 Kiki Montero



January Anniversaries

- 16 Ken & Laura Hunter-Michels 39th
- 26 Dick & Nancy Palmer 58th

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.

From the Pastor

continued

I miss seeing you in the pews. I know that many of you miss seeing each other, and giving and receiving hugs. I know that we miss our time together.

I hope and pray that soon we will be back together. Maybe by Easter we will be able to worship in person! (Remember, we thought we might be back together for Easter in 2020!) Or it might not be until this summer. The vaccines are rolling out, and when it is safe for us to be together, we will be!

2021, like all new years, is an opportunity to take stock of where we've been and where we are going. In this new year, we will continue to worship together (one way or another!), we will continue to pray for one another, we will continue to serve the needy. St. Paul gives us these instructions: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

We can rejoice in the Lord, for all that God has done for us and continues to do.

So Happy New Year! Keep safe!

Andy

The Gift of FOOD!

These days, the need for assisting the homeless is greater than ever! And our Northminster family is on top of it, providing meals for the Salinas Warming Shelter on our regular days, and special dates as needed.



Due to COVID safe practices, **please bring your gifts of food to the church by 5:30 pm.** We will transport the items to the shelter.

Sunday, January 3
 Sunday, January 31 (Special date)

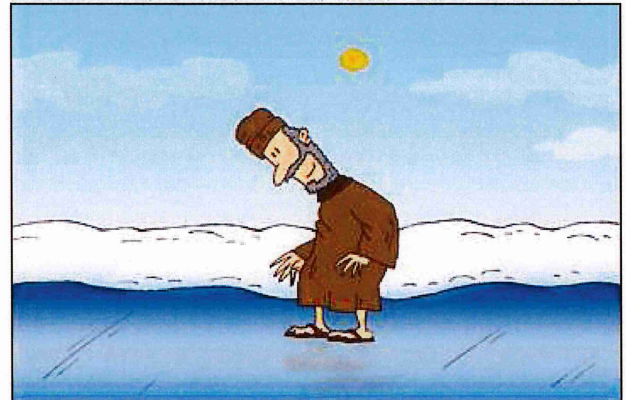
God bless you for your compassionate care for our homeless neighbors, the "least of these".



Our Homebound Friends

Gerda Van Meter - Pacific Coast/Kindred
 Ann Binns - Brookdale
 Emma Price - Brookdale
 Ted Selvester - Windsor Skyline
 Grace Bryan - Chicago

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Thanks to Ondrej Paska (See Matthew 14:24-33) 01-04-2008
PETER FINDS HIS FAITH TO BE MUCH STRONGER IN THE WINTER

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, 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.

Help the Preschool with a Smile...



AmazonSmile, operated by Amazon (amazon.com) is a simple way to support your favorite non-profit every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experiences as Amazon, with AmazonSmile donating 0.5% of your eligible purchases to your favorite charitable organization, such as Northminster Presbyterian Preschool/KinderPrep!

AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser, or the Amazon shopping app for iOS or Android phones (below). You can use your existing Amazon account at AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding/baby registry or other accounts are also the same.

To start...

1 - Join AmazonSmile (web browser): Go to smile.amazon.com Click "Get Started" After logging in to an existing account, or creating a new one, select Northminster Presbyterian Preschool as your charity to support.


2 - Get the App (phone)! Download the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app on your phone, in the App Store for iOS or Google Play for Android.


3 - Turn on AmazonSmile (on the app). Open the app and find "Setting"s in the main menu. Tap on "AmazonSmile" and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.


Now you're ready to shop and help support our fabulous Preschool/KinderPrep - something to really SMILE about!


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Pastor Andy Rausch
 Organist/Choir Accompanist Claire Vincent
 Director of Music Dana Vivit
 Parish Associate Bill Lane
 Daycare Laura Hunter-Michels, Tasha,
 Susan, Jerrianna, Claire, Teresita, Esmerelda,
 Camila, Yvonne, Allie, Jennifer, Anais
 Executive Assistant Jackie Gash
 Preschool/KinderPrep Laura, Amanda Robles
 Custodian Jesse Perez
 Set Up Techs. Tom Folliard, Bob Hynes
 Groundskeepers . Tom McKey, Jim Vincent, Bob Hynes
 Church Secretary Micki Brown


 As the new year begins, think about what may be ahead for you!!


January's  fall from above;


February finds us with  full of love.


In March comes spring with  breaking through;


April's showers make the  green and new.

We honor our  on a day in May;


In June we remember  on his day.


July brings picnics,  and fun;

The "dog days" of August bring hot, hot .

September  take us back to school;

October  turn gold and the air turns cool.

 Day comes in November each year,

And in December we're filled with  cheer.

A year full of new days is given to you....

Thank God and remember him in each thing you do.

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