

**Northminster Presbyterian Church**

“Caring for all with

God’s love and grace.”

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**Sunday, November 5**



Remember to move  
your clocks  
back one  
hour.



# *Northminster News*

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Dear friends,

I read a variety of pastor’s blogs and magazines, as well as being part of a group of local pastors that meets regularly.

Recently, in one of the blogs, I came across this brief article, and I wanted to share it with you this month. I think it has some important things to think about. Please share it with your non-church friends as well!

As I try to remember why I do this for a living [being a pastor!], here is a handful of reasons, dear friends, to consider joining a church:

1. To join a church is to commit to a social circle you do not get to choose and can therefore

show you whether your spirituality is real or not.

2. Joining a church is a way of practicing – among a small group of people over a significant period of time – what you’d like the world to be like

3. To join a church is to live in rebellion against the neoliberal and capitalist forces which are brainwashing you into making your consumer desire the center of the world, reducing all your experiences of the world (including all the people in it) to instruments and resources.

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# CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

## Weekly Events

### Sundays

- 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 - Ministry Center

### Mondays

- 12:30 pm Senior Singers Rehearsal - Geneva Rm

### Tuesdays

- 10:00 am Women's Bible Study - Library

### Wednesdays

- 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

### Thursdays

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

## Other Events

### November

- 5 2:00 am Daylight Saving Time Begins - Fall Back!!  
6 6:00 pm Board of Deacons Meeting  
12 6:00 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.  
15 Newsletter Deadline  
19 11:00 am Fellowship Potluck  
21 6:30 pm Inter-faith Thanksgiving Service - First  
Methodist Church (Lincoln/Gabilan)  
23, 24 Office, Daycare  
Closed for Holiday



- 26 10:00 am Worship Service - Christ the King Sunday  
26 6:00 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.  
27 6:30 pm Session Meeting

### December - Mark Your Calendar!

First Sunday of Advent  
December 3

Pacific Brass in Concert  
December 3, 3:00 pm, Sanctuary

Senior Singers Christmas Conert  
December 10, 3:00 pm

### November Birthdays

- 3 Juliette Loder  
8 Venita Miltz  
10 John Doss  
11 Jeanne Robinson  
11 Debby Tack  
12 Randy Bangs  
12 Gwyneth Dominguez  
12 Quentin Dominguez  
13 Roger Antón  
13 Julie Lumsden  
20 Addison (AJ) Blake, Jr.  
23 Trudy Tresch  
28 Virgileen Day



### December Early Birds

- 5 Donovan Dominguez



**No anniversaries  
this month**

December Early Birds  
No early anniversaries

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

## **Our Homebound Friends**



Virgileen Day - Home  
Emma Price - Brookdale  
Ted Selvester - Texas  
Trudy Tresch - Home  
Gerda Van Meter - Home (Cayucos)

## Fellowship Potluck



On Sunday, November 19, join us after worship (11:00 ish) for a Fellowship Potluck!!! Bring your favorite dish to share as we fellowship around a meal – just like Jesus did!

If you are not able to bring an item, don't let that stop you from joining us!

## 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, November 12 and 26**. 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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Contact [micki@northminster.org](mailto:micki@northminster.org)

## From the Pastor continued

4. Joining a church is to organize your life around a time to confess your limitations, culpability and imperfections together with other people so that you can get used to receiving divine forgiveness and hope in response to your honesty.

5. To join a church is to resist all traditional loyalties to state, party, culture, family or affinity in an act of loyalty to a group that transcends all natural categories

6. Joining a church organizes your financial priorities around supporting an inclusive community for vulnerable people . . . that you actually have to live with.

7. To join a church is to cultivate an environment unlike your home, work or play where your life is not measured according to any other purpose or goal than to discover and enjoy your own humanity.

8. Joining a church is a way of maintaining healthy skepticism about human knowledge and capacities in the language of divine mystery.

9. To join a church is to cultivate an imagination for how your unique talents and creative potential can be offered on purpose for love instead of money

10. Joining a church is a life lesson in how to deal with jerks without retaliating, dehumanizing or running away (in the desperate hope of not becoming a jerk!)

So what do you think? I'd love to hear your thoughts!

See you in church!  
Andy

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THANKSGIVING IN THE WILDERNESS

## Prayer Partners Needed

There is a lot going on in the world, in the life of The Church and in our personal lives. Times like these mean there is a need more than ever for those who will take those concerns to the Lord in prayer. It doesn't take talent or funds to do this vital work, just a heart to serve and a little bit of time. If you would like to join our prayer team, please contact the church office, 831-449-2717, option 3.



## Our Condolences...

...to the family and friends of Rosemary Simas. Rosemary died September 5, 2023 after several years fighting pulmonary problems. She was 69. The Simas family had relocated out of Salinas a number of years ago, but always stayed connected with their Northminster family, including returning to Northminster to hold a memorial service for husband John when he died unexpectedly.

Rosie was a faithful deacon and children's Sunday School teacher, and was always involved in women's retreats. She continued to receive the newsletter to follow our ministry.

A service of remembrance was held September 30th at Northminster.

...to the family and friends of Alan Balch. Alan died October 10, 2023 after a period of declining health. He was 92. Born June 18, 1931, Alan's long life was filled to the brim as an Air Force veteran, teacher, accomplished horseback rider and member of Monterey County Sheriff's Posse. He was also an active member of Northminster, serving as an elder, on the Finance Committee, a check signer and a faithful "assistant" custodian, cleaning up our facilities until his health dictated he retire. Even then he continued to sign checks and give Sunday morning rides to worship for those who needed them.

On Saturday, October 28, Alan was remembered at a wonderful service, with family, church members, former students and horsemen recalling his faithful service to whatever he put his hand to. That special service was followed by a barbeque hosted by his Possee brothers.

...to the family and friends of Edna Harris. Edna died October 19, 2023 after a time of declining health. She was 92. Even though Edna had been homebound for a number of years, she was a faithful supporter of the ministry of Northminster.

Edna was laid to rest at Garden of Memories on October 24th, with a memorial service planned for a later date.

### 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.

### Worship Tech Crew

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

### 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, Kaitlyn, Elizabeth, Aurora  
 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