

Northminster Presbyterian Church

"Caring for all with
God's love and grace."

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**Cub Scout
Organizing
Meeting**

**Wednesday, October 14, 6:00 pm
Geneva Room**

More information inside!

Northminster News

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Dear friends,

October is the time of year when things seem, well, a little different! Autumn began a few days ago; in the rest of the country, we know that Fall is here as the leaves of the trees change color and begin to drop (hence the term "Fall"!), and the air gets a little cooler. Here in Salinas, of course, October means that, although the days are getting shorter, and the nights and early mornings are chilly, the middle of the day is our hottest time of year! How many times have we gone trick-or-treating in shorts in Salinas! Speaking of Halloween, decorations around town are of skeletons, black cats and pumpkins, and everything is flavored with "pumpkin spice." Church programs are in full swing, and on the first Sunday in October we celebrate World Communion Sunday, and on the third

Sunday we always remember Children's Sabbaths in worship.

October is also the time of year when the Session starts to look at the budget for the next year. In the church, we call this "stewardship." Yes, we have the Day Care Center as a source of income, but honestly it really is a mission outreach to the community. It is not a source of income for the church. The thing that pays the bills, pays the salaries of Micki, Jesse, Claire and me is your generous giving. Without your giving of your money, the church would not be able to continue the ministry we have here in Salinas and beyond.

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SCHEDULE 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

Returning

Mondays

12:30 pm Senior Singers Rehearsal - Geneva Rm 10/5

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

3:30 pm F.L.O.C.K. - Ministry Center

Thursdays

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

Other Events

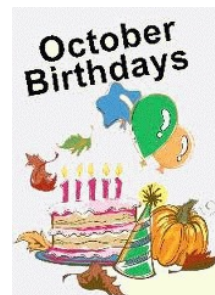
October

4 10:00 am Worship - World Communion Sunday
 5 12:30 pm Senior Singers Rehearsals return
 11 6:30 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
 14 6:00 pm Cub Scout Organizing Meeting
 15 Newsletter Deadline
 18 11:00 am Fellowship Potluck
 18 3:00 pm Pacific Brass Concert - Carmel Valley
 25 6:30 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
 31 5:30 pm Trunk or Treat

November Heads Up:

1 2:00 am Daylight Saving Time ends - Fall back 1 Hr

8 Ryan Bangs
 11 Rhonda Baird
 16 Connor Bangs
 18 Autumn Thornton
 23 Debbie Palmer
 31 Jessica Montero



November Early Birds

3 Juliette Loder
 8 Venita Miltz

Anniversaries



October

6 Jeff & Felisa Hoogendyk 58th
 8 Jessica & Tino Montero 22nd
 13 Carolyn & Robbie Bohn 18th
 23 Ken & Pat Tunstall 55th

November Early Birds

No early birds this month!

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



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Do we have your email address?
 Contact micki@northminster.org



Our Homebound Friends

Marilyn Barr - Madonna Gardens
 Emma Price - Vista Harden Ranch (Brookdale)
 Ted Selvester - Texas
 Vee Thomas - home
 Dorothy Walker - home



Cub Scout Organizing Meeting Wednesday, October 14, 6:00 pm Geneva Room

Northminster has been asked to be the chartering organization for a new Cub Scout Pack in North Salinas! We have offered the use of our building under the leadership of Ghar Gardner as Cubmaster, and others as members of the Pack committee.

There will be an organizational meeting for perspective Cubs and their parents on **Wednesday, October 14 at 6pm in the Geneva Room.**

If you know of a child in Kindergarten through 5th, invite them and their parents to join us! If you'd like to get more involved, maybe as a part of the committee, come and join us!

The Senior Singers Return! Monday, October 5, 12:30 pm Geneva Room

Got a song in your heart? Come and join our chorus of vintage voices as we start another season of taking the gift of song to our community! No experience necessary – Director Pastor Andy guides us on this wonderful musical journey! See you there!

Serving Christ-in the Homeless

Northminster partners with the SHARE (Salinas Housing Advancement Resources Education) Center in meeting the needs of the homeless by providing and serving dinner for our brothers and sisters on the **second and fourth Sundays, October 11 and 25**. 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 if bringing to/serving at the Center, 845 E. Laurel Drive.**



Fellowship Potluck

Sunday, October 18, join us after worship (11:00 ish) for a Fellowship Potluck!!! as we fellowship around a meal, just like Jesus did! If you can't bring an item, don't let that stop you from joining us!

Spanish Fiesta! Pacific Brass Band in Concert Sunday, October 18, 3:30 pm Hidden Valley Music Seminars 104 W. Carmel Valley Rd



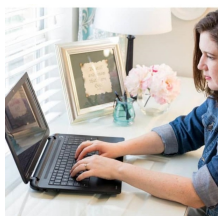
Join the Central Coast's premier British-style brass band for a Spanish-flavored musical menu including Bizet's Carmen, Man of La Mancha and more! Come on out and support these local musicians, including Pastor Andy on tuba!

The concert is free; donations are greatly appreciated. It will be muy caliente!!



Women's Online Bible Study

Ladies, take advantage of insightful Bible study, all from the comfort of your own home/computer! We meet **Tuesdays at 7:00 pm on Zoom.** Join us as we learn about Abiding in Christ. Contact leader Terry Heffington for login information and study materials.



Special Worship Services This Month

World Communion Sunday - October 4, 10:00 am
Join us as we join with Christians around the world to celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Children's Sabbath - October 18, 10:00 am
We will look at the particular needs of children here in the United States and around the world.

From the Pastor continued

Talking about money is a little different! I don't often preach about your giving. But Jesus was clear that the money we have is to be used for the good of the whole community. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). As we enter into this time of the year leading up to Advent and the celebration of the birth of our Lord, I encourage you to prayerfully consider your giving to the ministry of Northminster in the coming year. Can you increase your giving? Think about it, and prayerfully consider what you can give to our church.

See you in church!
Andy

Church Staff / Participants

Pastor	Andy Rausch
Church Administrator	Jackie Gash
Organist/Choir Accompanist	Claire Vincent
Parish Associate	Bill Lane
Daycare	Jerrianna, Sue, Ale, Elizabeth, Berenice, Erica, Jasmine, Jasmine S, Maria, Ashley
Treasurer	Sue Brockett
Preschool	Amanda Robles
Custodian	Jesse Perez
Set Up Tech	Tom Folliard
Church Secretary	Micki Brown



**Saturday, October 31
5:30-7:30 pm
NPC Parking Lot**

It's a "spooktacular" time of family fun! Bring your kids, grandkids, neighbors and friends to this Northminster Daycare and Preschool outreach!

You can help by donating packages of wrapped candy and trinkets (pencils, etc) - please bring them to the Day Care or the church office by Friday, October 30.



SOME COSTUME CHOICES RESULTED IN VERY
AWKWARD EVENINGS FOR MANY A GUARDIAN
ANGEL