

Northminster Presbyterian Church

“Caring for all with

God’s love and grace.”

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It’s Here!



RELAY FOR LIFE

Saturday, September 10

4:00 – 8:30 pm

OldTown

See inside!

Northminster News

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Dear friends,

Psalm 122, one of the Psalms of Ascent that were sung as people headed up the hill to the Temple in Jerusalem, begins, “I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the LORD!’” I think those words can come from many of our lips: “I was glad that I could go to the house of the Lord today!”

September means the start of the new program year here at Northminster. FLOCK (Friends Learning of Christ’s Kingdom) begins on September 14, and the Youth Group is on-going. Chancel Choir rehearsals begin on September 18, and we will soon have the musical talents of the choir helping us worship the Lord. Women’s Bible Study begins September 6 at 10:00am in the library, and Men’s Breakfast resumes meals and Bible study on Thursdays at

8:00am in the Geneva Room, beginning September 8. The Senior Singers choir (under the direction of yours truly!) begins on Monday, September 12 at 12:30pm in the Geneva Room. There is a lot going on in the life of Northminster!

But I think that the center of church life is worship, especially worshipping together. Two years of pandemic kept us apart, even though we did have the opportunity to worship in our cars in the parking lot. Thanks to generous grants from the Presbytery of San Jose, and the skills and talents of the Rev. Bill Lane, we have upgraded our sanctuary screens and have a great streaming service, so you can still watch the service from home, or wherever you happen to be.

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CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

Regular Events

Sundays Resuming
 9:00 am Adult Sunday School - Room 11
 9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room 9/18
 10:00 am Worship Service - Sanctuary/Online
 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship - Lobby

Mondays
 12:30 pm Senior Singers Rehearsal - Geneva Rm 9/12

Tuesdays
 10:00 am Women's Bible Study - Library 9/6

Wednesdays
 3:30 pm F.L.O.C.K. - Ministry Center 9/14
 5:30 pm Youth Connection - Geneva Room

Thursdays
 8:00 am Men's Breakfast Fellowship - Geneva Rm 9/8
 10:00 am Knitting Club - Library

Other Events

September
 5 Office, Daycare Closed for Holiday
 5 11:30 am Brown Bag Bingo & BBQ
 5 6:00 pm Board of Deacons Meeting
 6 10:00 am Women's Bible Study resumes
 7 5:30 pm Children & Youth Kick Off Hot Dog Supper
 10 4-8:30 pm Relay For Life
 11 6:00 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
 12 12:30 pm Senior Singers Rehearsals resume
 14 3:30 pm FLOCK resumes
 15 Newsletter Deadline
 18 9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsals resume
 25 6:00 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
 26 6:30 pm Session Meeting

Upcoming....

October 2, World Communion Sunday
 October 16, Children's Sabbath
 October 30, 3:00pm, Pacific Brass Concert - Sanctuary
 October 31, 5:00pm until... Trunk-or-Treat - Parking Lot

- 2 Linda Westoby
- 6 Stacy Wilmoth
- 12 Warren Sonico
Larry Tack
- 13 Pat Henderson
- 14 Micki Brown
- 16 Emma Price
- 18 Louis Hembree
- 23 Jackie Gash
- 28 Cindy Lumsden
- 29 Barbara Perry
- 30 Thomas Thomson



October Early Birds
 8 Ryan Bangs



- 4 Dan & Karen Towle 57th
- 8 David & Rhonda Baird 49th
- 26 Paul & Rubye Riggs 30th

October Early Birds
 6 Jeff & Felisa Hoogendyk 54th
 7 Louis & Jane Hembree 55th
 8 Tino & Jessica Montero 18th

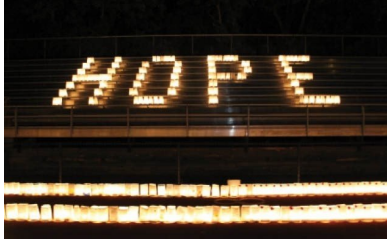
* If your name is missing from this list and you would like to add it, please contact the church office.

Our Homebound Friends



Emma Price - Brookdale
 Ted Selvester - Unknown

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We all know someone affected by cancer. And fighting it takes many things like research, education and support. The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life is the largest cancer fundraising event on the planet doing just those things...and you can join in the fight right here!

Come and participate in our local, family-friendly event!! We'll honor survivors and remember those lost to cancer, all while building community and raising funds to keep fighting.

Come walk in memory or support our team. Interested? It's not too late! Talk to Jackie Gash or Lisa Loder.

Labor Day Fun and Fellowship at our
Brown Bag Bingo & BBQ!!
Labor Day, September 5

Bring a side dish and your own meat to barbecue; the grill will be hot at 11:30 am! We'll also have some BINGO fun – bring a prize in a brown bag to share!!

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will be returning on Tuesday, September 6th (after Labor Day), at 10:00 am in the library. We are resuming our studies on Listening to God, and will be starting Chapter 3. If anyone wants to catch up on the studies before then, you can contact leader Terry Heffington. She also does on line classes.

**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, September 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 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

For a Song!

If you enjoy singing, there are a couple of ways to share a song with your Northminster family.

Our **Chancel Choir** leads us in worship on Sundays and special services. They rehearse Sunday mornings from 9:00 am, beginning September 18, directed by Director of Music, Dana Vivit.

For everyday music, including top favorites, show tunes and inspirational songs, the **Senior Singers** may be your cup of tea. Directed by our own Pastor Andy, they meet Mondays at 12:30 pm, beginning September 12th, in the Geneva Room. Twice per year they "take to the road" and share a delightful program with area nursing homes, community groups and a special concert.

If you love to sing, these groups would love to welcome you to their ranks. Contact Dana or Andy for more info!

From the Pastor

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There's nothing like worshipping together, though. Our worship attendance has been low this summer. Part of that is, well, summer! People travel. Or have family and friends visit. Many have gotten out of the habit of getting up on a Sunday morning and heading to the house of the Lord. Some would rather stay in their pajamas and watch us on their computers with a cup of coffee. Still others may feel like they are no longer welcome in our community. (That one makes me sad. There's room for every belief system and political persuasion.)

When I was growing up, going to church on Sunday morning is what we did. Unless we were sick, we were in church. When I was little, I'd lie on my mother's lap, and color on the bulletin. And the words and music of worship would wash over me, making me part of the congregation. As I got older, I could participate more fully in worship, and ask difficult questions. Going to church became part of my DNA, and when I was in college, I continued to find a local congregation to worship with.

Because worship is important. And being together, seeing one another, challenging one another, is important, too.

See you in church!

Andy



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Worship Tech Director- Bill Lane
 Worship Tech Assistant Director - Nathan Emerson
 Lead Worship Tech - Tom Foliard
 Tech Crew - Dominic Vivit
 Apprentice Tech - Juliette Loder

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(See Genesis 1:1-2:3) 07-18-2014
 LIGHT, DARK, SKY, WATER, SUN, MOON,
 STARS, PLANTS, FISH, BIRDS, ANIMALS,
 AND MAN IN MY IMAGE ... I NEED A DAY
 OFF AFTER THAT WEEK

Church Staff / Participants

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