

Northminster Presbyterian Church

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

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Relay For Life
Saturday
September 20
4:00-9:00 pm
Salinas City Center

Details inside!!

Northminster News

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September 2025

Dear friends,

September always means the beginning of our program year here at Northminster Presbyterian Church. Northminster Preschool/Kinderprep begins on September 2, FLOCK begins on September 3, Relay for Life is on September 20, and don't forget a wonderful BBQ sandwich fundraiser for Relay for Life on September 7! Youth Group has been meeting throughout the summer, but even that program undergoes some changes as the school year starts. On some Sundays, from 5:30 to 7:00, youth in 6th grade through 12th grade meet for food, fellowship, games and Bible study. And on SHARE Center Sundays, the youth come to the shelter and serve the people there.

This summer, our gym floor was stripped down to bare wood, and the damage from a water leak was

repaired and the floor repainted and refinished. Thankfully, all that work was done before Harden Middle School discovered a horrible water leak under their gym floor that completely ruined it, so Northminster has become the practice place for their volleyball team. In addition, the Spartans JSO basketball team has resumed practices; I've been told that they took first place at their last tournament! It is such a blessing to have the space to offer to community groups. Additionally, the Pacific Brass Band will be performing here November 23rd at 3:00 pm, and the North Salinas High School choir programs have made us their performance venue; after all, we do have the best acoustics in the county!

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CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

Weekly Events

Sundays

9:00 am Adult Sunday School - Room 11
 10:00 am Worship Service - Sanctuary/Onlin
 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship - Ministry Center
 5:30 pm Youth Connection - Room 24

Returns

Mondays

12:30 pm Senior Singers Rehearsal - Geneva Rm 9/15

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

3:30 pm F.L.O.C.K. - Ministry Center 9/3

Thursdays

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

Other Events

September

1 Office, Daycare closed for Holiday
 3 3:30 pm FLOCK resumes
 7 11 - 1 pm Relay BBQ Meal Pick up
 14 11:00 am Session Meeting
 14 6:30 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
 15 12:30 pm Senior Singers rehearsals resume
 15 Newsletter Deadline
 21 11:00 am Fellowship Potluck
 28 6:30 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.



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Do we have your email address?

Contact micki@northminster.org

2 Linda Westoby
 6 Stacy Koleszar
 12 Warren Sonico
 Larry Tack
 14 Micki Brown
 16 Emma Price
 23 Jackie Gash
 28 Cindy Lumsden
 29 Barbara Perry
 30 Thomas Thomson



October Early Birds

8 Ryan Bangs



4 Dan & Karen Towle 60th
 8 David & Rhonda Baird 52nd

October Early Birds

6 Jeff & Felisa Hoogendyk 57th
 8 Tino & Jessica Montero 21st

* 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 - Vista Harden Ranch (Brookdale)

Ted Selvester - Texas

Joy Lohuis - Ivy Park (Villa Serra)

Jean Monarque - Ivy Park

Dorothy Walker - home

FLOCK Returns!!!

Hey kids! FLOCK (Friends Learning of Christ's Kingdom) begins Wednesday, September 3rd!! FLOCK is for kids in 1st grade through 5th grade.

We begin at 3:30 pm with games and snacks, then we have a Bible story and discussion, and then we will be learning music on our rhythm instruments! Bring your friends and join us!

Fellowship Potluck

Join us after worship **Sunday, September 21** for our monthly gathering. Bring your favorite potluck dish for great, around-the-table greetin' and eatin', just the way Jesus did! If you can't bring a dish to share, still please join us; we love your cooking, but we love YOU more!!



Serving Christ—in the Homeless

Northminster partners with the SHARE (Salinas Housing Advancement Resources Education) Center to meet the needs of the homeless by providing and serving dinner for our brothers and sisters on the **second and fourth Sundays, September 14 and 28**.



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 (new time!) if bringing to/serving at the Center, 845 E. Laurel Drive**

From the Pastor continued

And of course, our regular church activities are continuing. Most importantly, worship is every Sunday, and I hope that you can attend regularly, and bring your friends and neighbors. A women's online Bible study is led by Terry each Tuesday, and the men of the church gather each Thursday for breakfast at First Awakenings restaurant. A group of knitters meets each Thursday in the library, making blankets and other items for those in need. Our daycare center provides childcare for young families at a reasonable rate.

It's been fun writing about all that we do and have here at our church home. Jesus said, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." (John 10:10) God has been good to this church, and to you its members. May you continue to have an abundant life, and to invite others to join us.

See you in church!
Andy



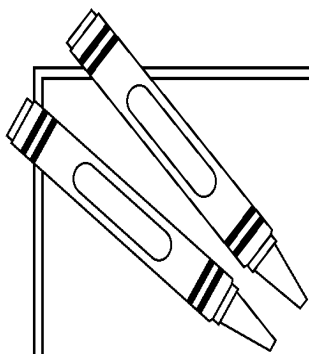
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It's time to again walk in memory of loved ones lost to cancer, or in honor of survivors! Support our fund raisers! Support our team! Support the walkers!

To find out how you can help in the battle against cancer, please see Jackie Gash or Lisa Loder.

Church Staff / Participants

Pastor	Andy Rausch
Organist/Choir Accompanist	Claire Vincent
Parish Associate	Bill Lane
Daycare	Jerrianna, Sue, Ruby, Ale,
	Emely, Elizabeth, Cecilia, Berenice, Yesenia
Executive Assistant	Jackie Gash
Treasurer	Sue Brockett
Preschool	Amanda Robles
Custodian	Jesse Perez
Set Up Techs.	Tom Folliard, Bob Hynes
Grounds	Terry Heffington
Church Secretary	Micki Brown



Just for KIDS

Psalm 46:10

Sometimes our lives are so busy that we cannot seem to fit another thing into the day! But there is something very important that we need to do each day.

Find the answer using the code below.

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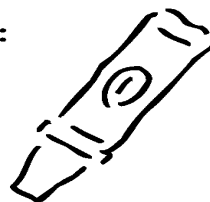
We must talk to God and listen for God. "Be still, and know that I am God."

Play a "Listening" Game

Here is a game that you can play by yourself or with a group of friends.

You will need:
white paper
pencil or markers or crayons

How to play:
Draw a large ear on your paper. Make it as big as the paper! *Sit quietly. Just listen.*



Draw all the sounds that you hear on your "ear." Choose different places to play. Set a time limit. If you're playing with friends, share what you heard.

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(See Genesis 32:22-31)

JACOB WAS READY

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