

**Northminster Presbyterian Church**

“Caring for all with

God’s love and grace.”

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**Remembering  
Pol**

**Saturday, February 10**

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# *Northminster News*

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Dear fellow travelers,

In 1906, Albert Schweitzer wrote a book called *The Quest of the Historical Jesus*, criticizing the “first quest for the historical Jesus,” wherein biblical scholars had researched who Jesus really was since the mid-1800s. The “Second Quest” began in 1953, utilizing historical method and critical examination of Scripture to discover an accurate portrayal of Jesus, beyond the mythical stories that had arisen around him. This Second Quest petered out in the early 70’s, and in 1977 a “Third Quest” began, looking at the same things the other quests had, but using more modern research techniques. The importance of these quests is to look beyond the “myths” and “magic” that had colored our image of Jesus, to see who the Son of God really is and how Jesus relates to and teaches us today.

You, fellow travelers, are invited to join us on our own “Quest for God” this Lenten Season. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 14, join us in the Geneva Room beginning at 5:00 for a simple supper of soup and bread, followed by a fun time of examining our relationship with God through film clips, games and stories.

Each Lent we travel along the road toward the Passion and Resurrection, it is important that we remember who Jesus is and what he did. This “Quest for God” will be a fun way to take this journey, and prepare us for Easter.

See you in church!

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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

### February

- 5 12:30 pm Senior Singers Rehearsals resume
- 10 12:00 pm Pol Vivit Celebration of Life/Reception
- 11 Beulah Lane's Birthday - Deadline for Cards
- 11 6:00 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
- 14 5:00 pm Ash Wednesday/Lenten Adventure starts
- 15 Newsletter Deadline
- 18 11:00 am Fellowship Potluck
- 19 Office, Daycare Closed for Holiday
- 21 5:00 pm Lenten Adventure
- 25 6:00 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
- 26 6:30 pm Session Meeting
- 28 5:00 pm Lenten Adventure

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## Worship Tech Crew

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

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### February

- 4 William Cuda
- 6 Tom Westoby
- 8 "Kiki" Montero
- 9 Marilyn Barr
- 11 Beulah Lane
- 12 Addison Blake
- 14 Anna Venecia
- 22 Ryen Abbott
- 24 Claire Vincent
- 25 Jeff Hoogendyk
- 27 Eric Petty
- 28 Carol Suggett



### March Early Birds

- 3 Gavin Abbott
- 3 Susan West



### February

Addison & Jessica Blake . . . . . 14<sup>th</sup>

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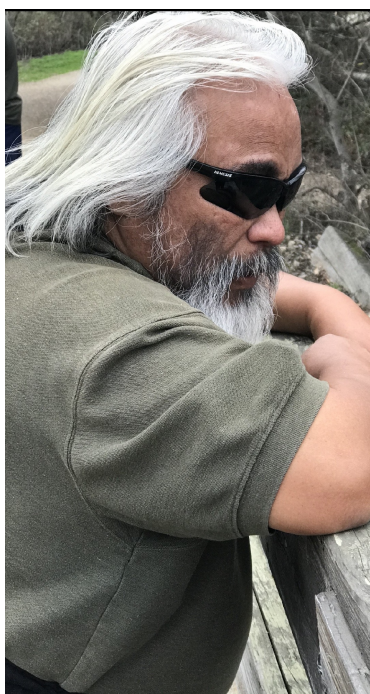
No early dates to list - see the full March list in the March issue!

\* 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)



## Remembering Pol

We will come together **Saturday, February 10, at 12 noon**, to celebrate the life of Apolinario "Pol" Vivit and remember all that he was to his family and all of us. The service will be in the Northminster Sanctuary, and will be followed by a reception in the Ministry Center.

Dana has asked for "finger foods" for the reception. If you are able to provide a finger food, please contact the church office.

## Cards! Cards! Cards!

**February 11th is Beulah Lane's 90th birthday!** Beulah loves to receive mail and her children, Bill Lane and Linda Lane-Bortell would love to shower her with birthday cards, 90 hopefully! They are asking as many people as possible to send her cards for her birthday. You can mail a card to: Beulah Lane, 1691 Cupertino Way, Salinas, CA 93906 Thank you for your help in celebrating Beulah's birthday - and remember to keep it a surprise!

## Quest for God: A Lenten Adventure

**Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 14!  
5:00 pm, Geneva Room**

Starting on Ash Wednesday and going to Holy Week, explore what God has done and is doing in our lives and the world.

Partake of a delicious but simple soup supper, followed by a special devotional. Sign up to share your favorite soup; bread will be provided

## Women's Bible Study

Ladies, looking for a group to jump-start your New Year's time in God's Word? Join us on Tuesdays at 10:00 am in the library. We've just started a study on the Lord's Prayer. If Tuesdays aren't possible or you are looking to study in the comfort of your home, we also meet Wednesdays online at 7:00 pm.

We enjoy fellowship, prayer and refreshments, so join us! Contact leader Terry Heffington to get the study book, and for online login details.

## 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, February 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 6:00 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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## Fellowship Potluck



**On Sunday, February 18, 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!



# Our Condolences...

To Dana Vivit and family. Beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, elder and friend, Apolinario "Pol" Vivit died January 14, 2024, after a battle with leukemia. He was 68.

What can be said of this gentle giant of a saint? He was a devoted husband to Dana for 47 years (August 21, 1976), patient and supportive father to sons Nario and Chris, chauffeuring them to youth group, school and sports activities; then "rinse and repeat" as doting grandfather to Annabella, Abagayil, Aulanni, Dominic and Amelia.

His gentle and laid-back spirit was legendary, in every one of the many areas of his life, whether being there for his family; work as a maintenance impressario; musical instrument repair tech or church elder. He served faithfully as a long-term choir member and was always available as a soloist/instrumentalist when needed. He boggled the mind as the original "Mr. Fix-it", helping with myriad repair projects around the church. One just could not compile a list of how much money he saved the church, repairing refrigerators, cleaning equipment, door locks and more...and he even brought these skills to help several church members at home. In all these things he demonstrated a quiet strength of faith, which served him well in the trial of his health problems.

He leaves a huge hole in all those relationships that just can't be filled. But the legacy of his time on earth will be remembered - and celebrated, even if with more than a twinge of sadness.

And celebrate we will. Please join Dana and family at a **Celebration of Life, Saturday, February 10, 12:00 noon**, and help us pay tribute to this gentle giant of faith. Your prayers for the family at this difficult time will be appreciated.

## Per Capita Apportionment

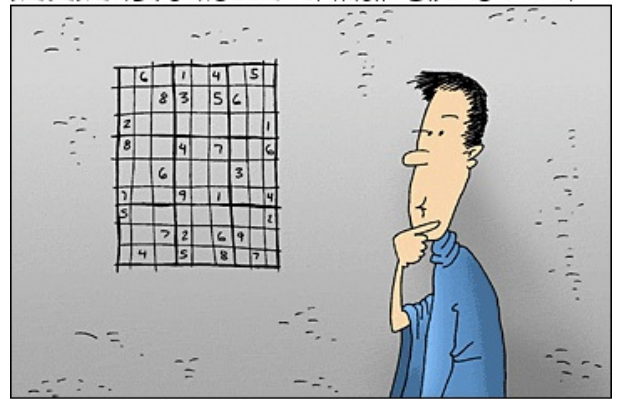
Don't forget! Per capita for 2024 is \$41.50 per member. Per capita provides funds for the Presbytery and Synod offices, and general mission.



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DANIEL CAREFULLY CONTEMPLATES THE SUDOKU ON THE WALL

## Church Staff / Participants

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