

Northminster Presbyterian Church

“Caring for all with

God’s love and grace.”

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“Spring Forward”

Daylight Saving

Time Begins

Sunday, March 8

2:00 am



Northminster News

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Dear Friends,

As we enter the month of March, we find ourselves at a unique crossroads. Outside, the landscape is beginning to shift; the first buds are appearing on the trees, and the days are growing longer. Inside our hearts, many of us are deep in the season of **Lent**—a time of reflection, prayer, and intentionality.

In the Gospel of Matthew, we are reminded to "consider the lilies of the field" (Matthew 6:28). Just as the earth prepares to burst into new life, this month invites us to consider what God is growing within us.

A Time to Pause and Breathe

In many traditions, Christians observe Lent by fasting in some way. But Lent is not merely about “giving something up.” It is about making room for what truly matters. I encourage you this month to find moments of stillness. Whether it’s sitting in the morning sun or taking a quiet walk to listen to the movement of God’s creation, use this season to renew your spirit.

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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/Online
- 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship - Ministry Center
- 5:30 pm Youth Group - Room 24

Mondays

- 12:30 pm Senior Singers Rehearsal - Geneva Rm

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

March

- 8 2:00 am Daylight Saving Time begins
- 8 6:30 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
- 15 Newsletter Deadline
- 15 11:00 am Fellowship Potluck
- 22 6:30 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
- 29 10:00 am Palm Sunday Worship Service

April Heads Up

- 2 5:30 pm Maundy Thursday Soup Supper & Service
- 5 10:00 am Easter Worship Service



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- 24 Terry Heffington
- 28 Doris Wason



April Early Birds

- 4 Pat Tunstall

Anniversaries



March

- 16 Eric & Kim Petty 27th

April Early Birds

No early birds this month! See the full list next month!

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

Our Homebound Friends



- Marilyn Barr - home
- Emma Price - Vista Harden Ranch (Brookdale)
- Ted Selvester - Texas
- Carol Suggett - Ivy Park
- Dorothy Walker - home



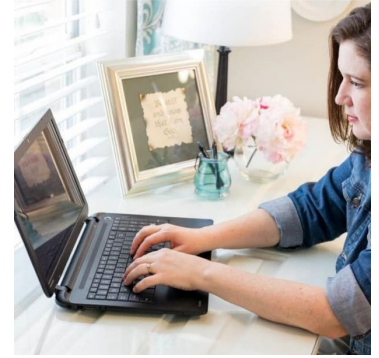
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Don't forget to set all your clocks ahead one hour. It's a good time to replace all your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors' batteries too!

Women's Online Bible Study

We're currently
Encountering Jesus We
invite the women of our
church to join us
Tuesdays, 7:00 pm on
Zoom. If you need a
study guide, please
contact Terry Heffington.



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, March 8 and 22**. 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.**



From the Pastor continued

Moving Toward the Cross

As we march—quite literally—toward Holy Week and the joy of Easter, let us stay focused on the hope of the Gospel. We live in a world that can often feel divided or weary, but we are a people of the Resurrection. Our mission remains clear: to love one another and to share the Good News that sets us free.

Church Life & Community

I am so grateful for the way this congregation continues to serve. From our worship teams to those who quietly help a neighbor in need, I see Jesus at work in you. Throughout this season, let us prepare our hearts for the miracle of Easter Sunday.

May this month be one of "oneness and dependence" on our Creator. I look forward to walking this path with you.

See you in Church!

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Fellowship Potluck



On Sunday, March 15, 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!



(See Exodus 34) 02-13-2012
MOSES RETURNS DOWN THE MOUNTAIN WITH THE TWENTY COMMANDMENTS



Adventures in Hosting!

Do you run circles around Martha Stewart when it comes to hosting? Are you to hosting what Rembrandt is to art? Then we have the perfect "canvas" for you: our Sunday Coffee Fellowship! Whether culinary artistry or even simple refreshments, we've got a list looking for your name on it to host our Sunday times of fellow-ship. It's hanging near the kitchen – hope to see your name on it!!

Donations Needed

Local homeless ministry Closer Walk is in need of practical items for our area homeless friends: deodorant, small bottles of hand sanitizer, feminine hygiene items, and bar soap. If you can help, please bring the items to the collection bin in the narthex



March 29 - 10:00 am

Join in worship as we call out "Hosanna!" and "open the gates and let the King of Glory come in!"



April 2 - 5:30 pm

We'll partake of a simple soup supper in the Geneva Room, followed by a worship service where we remember Christ's final gathering with His disciples.

The Resurrection of The Lord Sunday, April 5



Worship Service - 10:00 am

We will proclaim the glorious truth of the Resurrection in song, praise and the Word, because "He is risen!" "He is risen indeed!"

Church Staff / Participants

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