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Renewing of Your Minds

I would like to take a moment to thank some very special people. These people work week after week to prepare lessons for each Sunday morning in order to provide opportunities for children, youth, and adults to grow in their faith. These special people are our Sunday School teachers. If you see these people, please be sure to thank them!!!

- 3 Year Olds - Kindergarten — Lisa Burden and Maxine McKinney
- 1st - 4th Grade — Jennifer Artz and, as a substitute, Janet Kaylor
- 5th Grade - High School — Chad Howerton, Jim Cole, and as a substitute, Keith Langabee
- Adult — Rich Luther

Thank you for your service in this vital ministry of Christian education and formation! There is one more person who works behind the scenes and makes all this possible. THANK YOU Hazel Fleck for your good work and dedication to Discipleship!

Even though the regular Sunday School year will end on Sunday, May 30, we will still have Summer Sunday School for ALL ages! Our summer session begins on Sunday, June 6 at 9:15 a.m. You are invited to join us!!!

Would you be willing to teach in the children's summer Sunday School session? We are looking for volunteers first, but will happily take draftees if volunteers are in short supply

If you would like to volunteer to teach a summer Sunday School class for a month, two weeks, or whatever time you can give, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex (by the Sanctuary) or speak with Hazel Fleck. The curriculum is VERY user friendly and easy to follow.

The adult summer Sunday School class will begin on Sunday, June 6 at 9:15 a.m. in the fellowship hall. We will continue our guided tour of the Holy Land with Biblical historian and teacher Ray Vander Laan. The three videos we will use this summer are...

- Walk as Jesus Walked: Making Disciples
- God Heard Their Cry
- Fire on the Mountain

If you have participated in Sunday School this past school year, THANK YOU! If you have not, this is your personal invitation! Join us each Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. as we follow the guidance and wisdom of the Apostle Paul who encouraged us to

"...not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Romans 12: 2 NRSV

See you in Sunday School!

Grace & Peace,
Seth



Circles will meet on
May 12, 2010

Rebekah – at the church 10:00 a.m.
Moderator: Mary Lou Clark
Carpool to First Watch

Martha – at the church 12:00 p.m.
Hostess: Dottie Hagan
Salad Luncheon

Lydia – 7:30 p.m.
Hostess: Marilyn Hoefler
(at her house)
Moderator: Rosalie Minor



The children enjoyed the Easter egg hunt. We did it a little different this year. Most of the eggs on the lawn were empty, but after they filled their baskets, they turned in the empty eggs (to be used again next year) and received an Easter sack filled with candy, finger pops, glow-in-the-dark bracelets, markers, pencils and decorative eggs with candy in them. This way each child received the same amount. Twenty nine sacks were given out, and it was great to see the children have so much fun.

Thanks to Jennifer Artz, Lisa Burden, Keith Langabee, Bailey Harper and the you group for their help.

May Friendship Day 2010

“Living the Vision”
Church Women United

Friday, May 7 • 10:00 a.m.
Fairview Christian Church
1800 NE 65th St.
Lunch: \$6.00

Reservation deadline is April 30
Contact Mary Ruth Bateman 452-2908



The MLM collection items for the month of May are spaghetti sauce, pasta and Kleenex.



Mission Report

Thanks to your generous support the *One Great Hour Of Sharing* offering totaled \$624.55. This money will be sent to Presbytery USA and divided three ways:

1. Development of people
2. Disaster assistance
3. The Presbytery hunger program

including work on homelessness and affordable housing.

Thanks to you Northminster continues to reach out to those in need.

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Brittany Gill graduated on December 18 from Missouri State University in Springfield with a Bachelor of Science degree in Clothing, Textiles and Merchandising.

She is currently working at Gordon Biersch in the Power & Light District and plans to attend Cosmetology school in the fall.

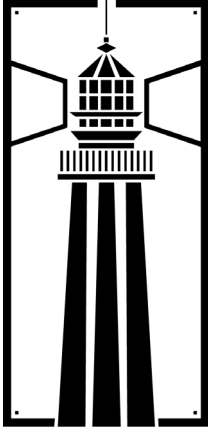
Ashley Mischke will graduate on May 15 from Stephens College in Columbia with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Fashion Design and Product Development, and a minor in Visual Arts in Printmaking.

Congratulations to both of you. We wish you bright and successful futures.



Congratulations Graduates!

Deacon Beacon



DAYS OF THE WEEK

Monday - Wash Day

Lord, help me wash away all my selfishness and vanity, so I may serve you with perfect humility through the week ahead.

Tuesday - Ironing Day

Dear Lord, help me iron out all the wrinkles of prejudice I have collected through the years so that I may see the beauty in others.

Wednesday - Mending Day

O God, help me mend my ways so I will not set a bad example for others.

Thursday - Cleaning Day

Lord Jesus, help me to dust out all the many faults I have been hiding in the secret corners of my heart.

Friday - Shopping Day

O God, give me the grace to shop wisely so I may purchase eternal happiness for myself and all others in need of love.

Saturday - Cooking Day

Help me, my Savior, to brew a big kettle of brotherly love and serve it with clean, sweet bread of human kindness.

Sunday - The Lord's Day

O God, I have prepared my house for you. Please come into my heart so I may spend the day and the rest of my life in your presence.



55 Year Celebration

The "55 Years Celebration" for Northminster Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, May 2, 2010.

The gospel music group "4 His Love" will perform a concert for the congregation, in place of our normal church service, at 10:30 a.m.

After the concert, a catered BBQ dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall. Come and join in the celebration.

J.O.Y.
(Just Older Youth)



The meeting on Thursday, May 6 will start promptly at 11:30 am with the program.

The program is the Chapel Hill grade school vocal group directed by Carol Stockton. We have enjoyed the group for several years now.

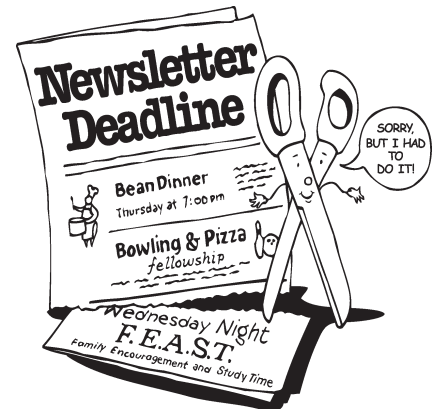
The entrée for May is rotisserie chicken. The kitchen crew is Clark & Sutton.

With the new distribution method for our newsletter, it is more important than ever that we receive your articles by the 15th of the month, prior to publication. This means articles for the June newsletter must be received by May 15.

You are now scheduled to receive your newsletter the last Sunday of each month in the Narthex after church. For our newsletter staff to have time to produce your newsletter, we MUST have your articles by the deadline.

Articles received after the 15th will appear in the newsletter for the following month. As an example, articles received after May 15 will appear in the July newsletter, unless the event has already occurred.

Thank you for your understanding as we work on making this transition work smoothly for all.



May Calendar

2	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	55 Years Celebration (during Worship)
3	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts
4	10:00 a.m.	Connecting with God
	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
5	10:00 a.m.	PW Board meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Koinonia
6	12:00 p.m.	JOY Group
8	8:00 a.m.	Men's Square Breakfast
	9:00 a.m.	Jamaica Medical Dental Mission meeting
9	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		Connecting with God
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
10	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts
11	10:00 a.m.	Connecting with God
	6:00 p.m.	Bells - final rehearsal for the summer
	7:15 p.m.	Choir - final rehearsal for the summer
12		Circles meet
	6:00 p.m.	Deacons
16	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		Connecting with God
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
17	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts
18	10:00 a.m.	Connecting with God
		Bells/Choir year end celebration - watch for more info
19	7:00 p.m.	Session
23	10:30 a.m.	Pentecost in the Park - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
24	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts
25	10:00 a.m.	Connecting with God
30	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		Connecting with God
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
31		Memorial Day - church office closed
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts



May BIRTHDAYS

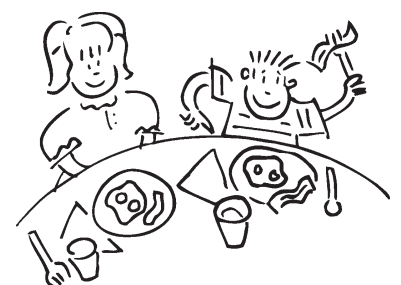
5	Craig Shafar
	Nick Sutherland
7	Marjorie Manley
10	Ella Ray
13	Jacob Kinate
15	Lana Colomy
	Beth Wheeler
18	Kuran Kumar
20	Diane Gill
	Steve Gillespie
21	Chad Howerton
23	Roy Hoefer
25	Evelyn Biggerstaff
	Rich Thompson
27	George McKinney
	Jack Underwood
30	Jared Kinate

Breakfast for SafeHaven

Thank you all for supporting my Girl Scout Gold project, to provide breakfast for SafeHaven.

As I work to finish up the requirements for the project, I would appreciate your continued donations of cereal, pancake mix and syrup, jelly, peanut butter, pop tarts, granola bars, and other non-perishable breakfast foods, to help feed the residents.

The donation box is located in the old Narthex, by the outside door near the fellowship hall.



May Prayer Requests

Paul and Evelyn, health concerns, friends of Pat Hulett
Joanne Roberts, health concerns, Russ Lowrey's sister
Becky Hottel, health concerns, friend of Nyla Mischke
Amy, health concerns, Dana Shafar's sister & Thomas Gilbertson's grand-daughter
Cathy Washburn, radiation, Sharon Brown's niece
Vincie Armato, health concerns, friend of Jo Harper
John Gwin, health concerns, close friend of Thompson, Lowe and Kaylor
Chris Kringle, cancer, Chester's son's wife's mother
Bob Ritter, serious health, Mary Thompson's brother
Sarah Daniel, personal situation, Judy Gillespie's niece
Cheryl Chrisman, cancer, Mark Hoefler's caregiver
Eleanor Stricker, health concerns
Janna Willhaus, health concerns, friend of Nick and Jennifer Artz
Alexander family, family situation, friends of Fran Gates
Charles Martin, health concerns, Clyde Jones' brother-in-law
Samantha Roebek, health concerns, friend of Jonni Allen
Melanie, employment search, Sue Schuler's daughter
Donna, health concerns, friend of Brent Shelton
Richard, health concerns, friend of Brent Shelton
Caleb Wolf, health concerns, David and Joann Harper's grandson
Brad Browne, employment search, Lindsay Browne's husband
Rod Chester, cancer
Jack Phillips, health concerns
Mike Trawinski, health concerns, Kate Trawinski's father
Penny Meeker, health concerns, Judy Gillespie's cousin
Ruth Luther, health concerns, Rich Luther's mother
Mary Ellen Masterson, health concerns, Beth Luther's mother
Sharon Brown, health concerns
Justin, leukemia, co-worker of Debbie Peterson



OUR HOMEBOUND

Jean Allen Virginia Brown

OUR MILITARY

Capt. Chad Steel, Lyle Evans

Ted England, Homeland Security,
nephew - Sandra Correu & Drew

Charles Oschner, Navy, Hawaii

Sgt. Nick Sutherland, Afganistan,
Linda Sutherland's son

Ben Morrow, Iraq, Rosalie Minor's
nephew

Bryan Wylie, Army, Iraq, friend of
Alex and Kate Harriger

Marcus Mitchell, Iraq, Gladys
Hunter's nephew

Richard Long, U.S. Army Ranger, son
of a friend, Luther's

Lt. Col. Scott Schwarz, USMC,
Sheryl Chester's son & Rod's stepson

Nathan Harper, Navy, Japan, David
and Joann Harper's son

Joshua Balhuizen, Army, Afghanistan,
Rich and Mary Thompson's grandson

Kevin Scheier, U S Navy, son of
friends, Rich and Beth Luther

Capt. Nelson Nissley, Iraq, father of
Andy Nissley (Troop 288)

Capt. Morgan Smyth, Marine Pilot,
Tom and Dottie Hagan's grandson

Dan Schwarz, Sheryl Chester's
nephew

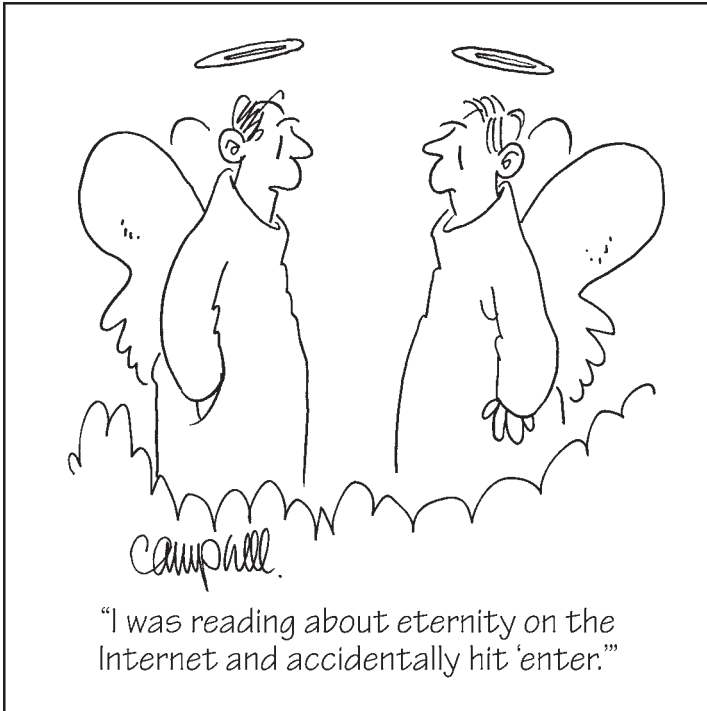
Zack Love, Army, left for Haiti, Rich
and Beth Luther's nephew



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