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Opportunity Knocks

Mark Twain once said, "I was seldom able to see an opportunity until it had ceased to be one." I wish I could say that my experience was different, but I would have to agree. Maybe you have missed an opportunity or two in life as well. Too often we don't recognize opportunities until they are long gone.

There are, of course, those moments when we see clearly the opportunities that God has placed before us and all we must do is open the door and trust God for the rest. I feel that Northminster is right now in the midst of one of those clearly visible opportunity moments. Some wonderful things are happening here. There are so many celebrations to share that I all I can say is, "Praise God for the opportunities before us!"

In just a few weeks time, we have added so many children to Sunday School that we needed to open another class, purchase more materials, and get more chairs! We have a new member's class with 10 participants and a confirmation class with 6 youth! Praise God! Conversations about starting a children's choir are quickly moving along. Plans are being made to revitalize the youth group. Very soon we will have more opportunities for faith nurturing experiences through Bible study on Tuesday morning, Sunday morning, and possibly other times as well.

All of this is happening as the Session has committed to a three year process of visioning, learning, and growing through the Acts 16:5 Initiative. Soon I will share more about the Acts 16:5 Initiative, but for now I'll let Acts 16:5 speak for itself... "*So the churches were strengthened in the faith and increased in numbers daily.*" Acts 16:5

Ultimately, the Acts 16:5 Initiative can be boiled down to growing in our faith and sharing that faith with those we are not currently reaching. Much more will be said in the coming months. For now, I think it is enough for us to simply be open to the opportunities that God has placed before us.

John, in his Revelation voiced a great opportunity for the church, "*Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.*" Revelation 3:20

Holy opportunity is knocking at our door. Let us open the doors of our hearts and the church that we might welcome the Lord in new ways!

FROM THE



PASTOR

Soli Deo Gloria!

Seth



Circles Meet

Wednesday, October 12th.

Rebekah – 10:00 a.m.,
at the church
Hostesses: Jeannine Sutton
Moderator: Jo Harper

Martha – 1:00 p.m.,
at the church
Hostess: Corrie Brown
Group Discussion

Lydia – 7:30 p.m.,
at the church
Hostess: Jennifer Artz & Joyce Sage
Moderator: Mary Ruth Bateman

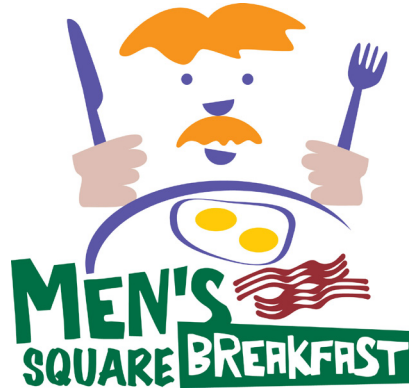
Presbyterian Women
Coordinating Board meets
Wednesday, October 5 at 10:00 am

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**Saturday, October 8
8:00 a.m.**

Guest Speaker: Rita Pearce,
Executive Director
Northland Assistance Center

October Blanket Time

Winter's coming! So what else is new? Nothing is new under the sun. It's the same since time was. Winter's cold. Men, women and children are without a place to call home right here within the Northland. People are living in old cars, sleeping in boxes under bridges, and the shelters are full. Word is, more people than places, as weather changes.



Northminster Presbyterian Women selected October to collect monetary donations for blankets to be distributed North of the River. How blessed are we to have a warm house and cozy blankets for our beds.

Checks may be made out to Northminster PW with blanket noted on the check, Mark blanket on the mission envelopes for collection, or give to Jane Lewis, Joyce Sage or Dottie Hagan.

The MLM collection items for October:
spaghetti
noodles, canned
spaghetti sauce,
canned vegetables and detergent



**Women's Retreat
Saturday, October 1
9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
THE HEART of a SERVANT**

We all try to do it all. Being a woman requires more stamina, more creativity, more wisdom. It has always been so, and probably always will be so.

Jesus extends the same invitation to women today that He extended to two sisters long ago. He invites us to choose the "better part" - a joyful life that includes loving service.

Come Saturday, October 1 to the Women's Retreat and enjoy friends, food and fun. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Childcare available, if needed.

Please RSVP to your Circle chair or the church office (453-2545) by Monday, September 26.



**OCTOBER
J.O.Y. Group
(Just Older Youth)**

**Thursday, October 6
12:00 p.m.**

We will start promptly at noon with our meeting and lunch. The entrée is steak soup. The kitchen team is Cartmill and Warzyn.

The program will be Name That Tune with Mike Rogers on piano.

mission report

Our food drive for the Northland Assistance Center was very successful. It is truly amazing how the Congregation supports our mission projects and we are very grateful of your help. On Tuesday, September 13 we delivered 37 boxes of cake mix, 13 packages of cake frosting, 27 packages of mashed potatoes, 81 cans or pouches of tuna, 93 boxes of macaroni & cheese, 39 packages of spaghetti & noodles, 10 jars of jelly and 37 cans of fruit, along with a few other items. Rita Pearce, the NAC Director, remarked that "Northminster again came through in a big way". Many thanks for your great support!

Northland Hospice & Palliative Care



Northcare Hospice and Palliative Care invites you to attend its Fall Celebration of Remembrance on Saturday, October 22, at 1pm at Northminster Presbyterian Church.

Northcare Hospice provides this service as an opportunity for our bereavement clients, as well as others in the community, to acknowledge the loss of their loved one and honor those special relationships.

Refreshments will follow the service. For more information, please contact Northcare's bereavement department at 816-691-5119 or bereavement@northcarehospice.org



Learn & Grow

Back by Popular Demand!

Tuesday Bible Study

Starting October 4
10:00 a.m.
(in the Multi-Purpose Room)

"Fully Devoted - Living Each Day in Jesus' Name"

Fully Devoted gets to the heart of what it means to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ. Please contact the church office (816-453-2545) to sign up for this Bible Study



CHRISTMAS CARDS
★ FOR THE MILITARY ★

Lorene Dieckman, Linda Sutherland and Jeannie Ray are trying to collect 800 Christmas cards to send to Nick Sutherland's battalion. (Nick is Lorene's grandson, Linda's son and Jeannie's brother)

Nick is currently deployed to Afghanistan and he will be there for Christmas.

You can help the Sutherland family reach their goal by simply taking a few minutes to write a Christmas card or letter, put it in an unsealed, unmarked envelope and give it to Linda Sutherland, Lorene Dieckman or Teri in the church office.

The cards are just a small way of showing the men and women of Nick's battalion that we are thinking of them, that we are praying for them and that we appreciate what they are doing for us.

Jeannie will send all the cards to Nick, and he will then play "Santa" and distribute the cards to the troops. Please have them at the church by them by October 31, as she needs to send them November 1.

Thanks for helping!



Spaghetti Dinner & Dessert Auction

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 9!

Right after services, join us for the 4th Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Dessert Auction to benefit the Jamaica Medical/Dental Mission in Feb. 2012.

Last year we raised over \$1300.00. The money goes to help purchase medications. This past Feb. we saw over 2300 people and handed out 4600 prescriptions, and most were filled with a 30 day supply of medicine.

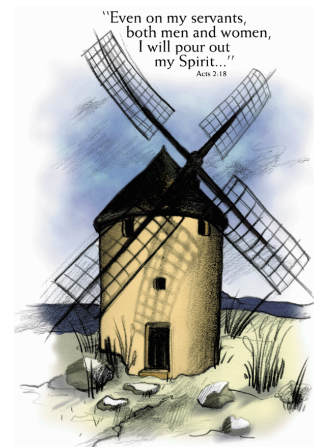
If you would like to donate a dessert for the auction, please contact Carol Wagner.

DEACON BEACON



The Deacons Fall Gathering was held September 24th at 11:30 AM. Members enjoyed fellowship and as always, great food!

Special thanks to Jo Harper for preparing and serving cookies and coffee the month of September.



October Calendar

1	9:00 a.m.	PW Fall Retreat
2	9:00 a.m.	Northminster 101
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
		Elder Retreat (following Worship)
3	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
4	10:00 a.m.	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
5	10:00 a.m.	PW Coordinating Board Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Koinonia - watch for specific team gathering times
6	12:00 p.m.	JOY Group
8	8:00 a.m.	Men's Square Breakfast
	9:00 a.m.	Jamaica Mission Team Meeting
	3:00 p.m.	JMDM Cooking
9	9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
10	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
11	10:00 a.m.	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
12		Circles Meet
15		Newsletter Deadline
16	9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
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17	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
18	10:00 a.m.	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
19	7:00 p.m.	Session
22	1:00 p.m.	Northcare Hospice Celebration of Remembrance
23	9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
24	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
25	10:00 a.m.	Tuesday Morning Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
30	9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
31	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts



October Birthdays

3	Rosalie Minor
4	Donna Douthit
5	Lorene Dieckman
6	Warren Dahlquist
8	Bill Biggerstaff
9	Keith Langabee
15	Mary Lou Clark
16	Martha Lupton
18	Jeff Lucas
19	Frances Gates
20	Hannah Wheeler
21	John Colomy
27	David Harper
28	Joan Roberts



Wednesday, October 5
*(always the first Wednesday
of each month)*

Team leaders are listed below -
contact them to see when they will
be meeting:

Fellowship - Stacy Hopper
(699-0347)

Visioning - Ken Burden
(510-6820)

Mission - Bob Brown ()
454-2849)

Evangelism - Don Spencer
(455-5385)

Communications - Caren
Seaman (805-216-9163)

Personnel - Jim Cole
(454-3958)

Property - John Justice
(436-0049)

Finance - Lyle Evans
(452-4485)

Worship - George Gates
(436-2724) or Frankie
Wainwright (453-4303)

Discipleship - Kate Trawinski
(569-6903)

October Prayer Requests



Jill Clayton, health concerns, Joe Rembolt's niece
Del Rembolt, health concerns, Joe Rembolt's cousin
Jeanie Jezak, serious health concerns, Joe Rembolt's nephew's wife
John Hayes, health concerns, friend of Alanna Seymour
Jan Heisterberg, serious health concerns, Rosalie Minor's friend
Keith Langabee, bloodwork/testing
Karel Leiby, health concerns, friend of Frankie Wainwright
Elmer VanderVort, health concerns, Sue Schuler's brother-in-law
Steve Douthit, health concerns, Donna Douthit & Debbie Peterson's brother
Bette Whiteside, broken hip
Anita Shelton, health concerns, Brent Shelton's mother
Joe Strausbaugh, health concerns
Marcella Shafar, broken arm

GOD'S PRAYER GARDEN

Latonya, terminally ill, Jonni Allen's co-worker's daughter
Ken Srefkes, health concerns, Mary Lou Clark's brother-in-law
Paul Nocchi, cancer, friend of Beth Luther
Brian Hughes, lung cancer, co-worker of Rich Luther
Ruth Severt and Dean Robertson, health concerns, Tammy Spencer's parents
Lorna Lowe, breast cancer, Connie Cole's nephew's wife
Vickie Stewart, liver cancer, Bill and Marcia Auch's daughter
Brad Sutton, inoperable cancer, Bob & Jeannine Sutton's nephew
Betty Scott, health concerns
Otis Nixdorf, prostate cancer, friend of George Gates
Rod Chester, health concerns
Marcia Auch, bone and breast cancer
Ruth Luther, health concerns, Rich Luther's mother
George McKinney, health concerns
Caleb Wolf, health concerns. David & Jo Harper's grandson
Marina Paltsmakher, breast cancer, friend of Fran Gates
Nadine Shafar, health concerns, Scottie Shafar's mother
Jill Vaughan, cancer, Beccy Vaughan's daughter-in-law
Rose Sassen, cancer, Joe Rembolt's aunt
Marley, brain cancer - hospice, friend of Caleb Wolf

OUR MILITARY

Capt. Chad Steel, Lyle Evans
Charles Oschner, Navy, Hawaii
Sgt. Nick Sutherland, Afghanistan, Linda Sutherland's son
Bryan Wylie, Army, Germany, friend of Alex and Kate Harriger
Marcus Mitchell, Iraq, Gladys Hunter's nephew
Col. Scott Schwarz, USMC, Sheryl Chester's son & Rod's stepson
Joshua Balhuizen, Army, Rich and Mary Thompson's grandson
Capt. Nelson Nissley, Iraq, father of Andy Nissley (Troop 288)
Capt. Morgan Smyth, Marine Pilot, Dottie Hagan's grandson
Dan Schwarz, Sheryl Chester's nephew
Nathan Harper, Navy, David and Joann Harper's son
MSgt. Steve Lowe, Marine, Afghanistan, Sue Lowe's son
Coby Basinger, Navy, Korea, Toni and John Platt's grandson
Jacob Bratton, Marines, Everett and Sue Fine's grandson-in-law
Lcpl. Jonathan D. Gamboa, deployed to Afghanistan, Ashley Spencer's fiancée
William Wilson, Army National Guard, Everett and Sue Fine's grandson
Zach Love, Army, Iraq, Rich and Beth Luther's nephew
Alex Souci, deployed to Afghanistan, Esther Thorson's son-in-law
Capt. Alyssa (VanGilder) Butler, Air Force, Teri and Byron VanGilder's daughter



In 2010, Northminster recycled 21.13 tons of paper and received \$92.50

2011 Y-T-D, we have recycled 11.15 tons and have received \$43.50

Please bring your magazines, newspapers, mail, school papers and catalogs (if it tears, it is probably recyclable paper), and place them in the recycling dumpsters located in the parking lot, south of the church. No cardboard, please. Remember, a little effort from each of us can add up to a big difference!

Here's how Northminsters' recycling efforts compare:

The amount of paper adds up to the same as:

- Stuffing 2 elephants into a recycling bin.
- 190 trees used to make an equal amount of paper.
- 33 total cubic yards of landfill saved – this equate to 1 tractor/trailer of paper.
- 45,737 kW of electricity savings vs that used to process virgin (wood) fiber: – that is enough electricity to power 23 homes for 1 month.
- A reduction of 669 in overall emission of air pollution: – this is the same as taking 25 cars off the road for a day.
- 78,050 gallons of water spared from the manufacturing process in making new paper.
- 33 gallons of oil saved by recycling this amount of paper: – that is enough oil to fill 0.4% of a tanker truck.



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