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Interfaith Dialogue

Have you ever tried to have a conversation about faith with someone who is of a different faith? If so, my guess is that the conversation probably didn't linger on faith for too long. Sports or the weather often make for much more pleasant conversations.

Why is it that we have so much difficulty speaking to each other about what we hold most dear? Why can't we talk about faith with Methodists, Lutherans, Catholics...or Jews, Muslims, etc.? Or even better, why can't the left and the right wings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) talk to one another? This, my friends is a sad state of affairs. Something has to change.

I am no expert in the area of world religions or interfaith dialogue, but my guess is that the matter of who is "right or wrong" has something to do our difficulty to simply have a dialogue. If I am right, then you are wrong and if I am wrong, then you are right. Of course there is the option of when I am wrong, I can make up my own reality and call the people who are truly right wrong, thus making myself right! We don't ever see that in public discourse, do we? Oh dear, no wonder we can't talk to each other about faith or really anything of great importance!

Can we stop worrying about being "right or wrong" long enough to simply learn from one another? I believe it is possible, though not easy. It takes a great deal of faith in God to be a person of conviction about our own faith and allow someone else the same God given freedom.

I challenge us as a church and as individuals to step boldly into the world of interfaith dialogue. In order to do so, we need to have a starting place. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has provided some principles to use in interfaith dialogue. (Please see below.) I have a brochure that fleshes out these principles that I will make available in the narthex for all who want it.

Look for opportunities for interfaith dialogue coming soon to Northminster. Look in your own neighborhood and work place for opportunities to engage in dialogue. If you want to jump right into the world of interfaith dialogue, I would like to invite you to an Interfaith Dialogue between Rabbi Alan Cohen and Rev. Scott Myers - Tuesday, February 15 at Rockhurst University, 54th and Troost, Massman Hall, Room 250 at 7:00 p.m. This 4th interfaith Christian-Jewish dialogue is on the subject "The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: The Fear Factor, The Human Element and the Need to Seek More and More Information". Rev. Scott Myers is pastor at Westport Presbyterian Church. Let us jump in together and talk!

Yours in Christ, Seth

Presbyterian Principles for Interfaith Dialogue adopted by 211th General Assembly (1999)

1. Pluralistic U.S. and global societies are the context within which Christians relate to people of other faiths.
2. God is the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of our world. God's Spirit works in surprising places throughout creation and is found even among people who are unaware of the Spirit's presence.
3. We are called to work with others in our pluralistic societies for the well-being of our world and for justice, peace, and the sustainability of creation.
4. In our pluralistic world, we confess that Jesus is the truth and the way; through him God gives life. Jesus does not point to truth but is the truth, in his person.
5. We are called to relate to people of other faiths in full humility, openness, honesty, and respect.
6. We need to be equipped to meet others in dialogue and witness.





*Circles meet
Wednesday, February 9*

Rebekah – 10:00 a.m.
at the church
Hostesses: Mary Butler
Modertor: Mary Lou Clark

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

Lydia – 7:30 p.m.
at the church
Hostess: Tammy Spencer
Moderator: Janet Kaylor

*February 2
PW Board meeting
at 10:00 a.m.*

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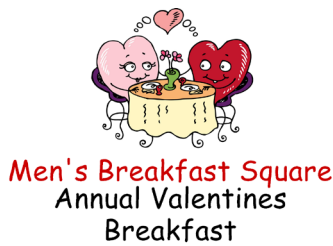
It's Souper Bowl Time!

Please start bringing your cans of soup, and let's see if we can beat last year's total!

Soup will be distributed to Northland Assistance Center and Metropolitan Lutheran Ministries.

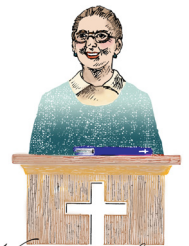
We'll be collecting through February 6.

Members of the Jamaica Medical Missions team will be commissioned on Sunday, February 6. The volunteers leave on February 13. We wish you the best for a safe, successful trip.



Saturday, February 19
9:00 a.m.
All women invited (no charge)
Entertainment:
Harpist – Michael O

Sunday, February 27
Women's Sunday at Northminster
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Guest Speaker: Rev. Sandra Stogsdill,
Associate Pastor,
First Presbyterian Church of Lee's Summit



Women's Sunday



Get ready for the annual chili cook-off, Saturday, February 26 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. You'll get to enjoy an assortment of the best chili at Northminster, and the winner will take home a brand new trophy!

If you're not competing in the cookoff, please bring a salad or dessert to round out the meal.

Questions can be directed to Heather Myers or any member of the fellowship committee.

The MLM collection items for the month of January are:
mac & cheese, tuna and bar soap





On January 16th, we welcomed these new members into our congregation.

We are excited to have you as the newest members of our church family. Please add the following information to your membership directory.

Everett and Sue Fine
6704 N Madison Ave
Kansas City, MO 64118
816-769-5077



Laura Kinnamon
2201 NE Scandia Dr., Apt. #312
Kansas City, MO 64118
816-721-0805



Esther Thorson
5401 Highlands Parkway
Columbia, MO 65203
573-442-9001



In December our Mission project was the Joy Gift Offering to benefit Presbyterian retired pastors, widows and families of retired pastors. The Joy Gift is also shared with Ethnic and Racial colleges supported by Presbyterians. This year our church contributed \$849 to this mission. We thank all of you for your generous support.

As we start the New Year and football fever runs high, we look forward to our annual "Souper Bowl" collection of canned soup to help meet the hunger needs in our community. We will begin soup collections January 16 and continue until February 6. This year the donations will be divided between the Northland Assistance Center and Metropolitan Lutheran Ministries of the Northland.

J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth)

J.O.Y. Group will meet on Thursday, February 3. The meeting will start promptly at noon with lunch. The lunch entrée is rotisserie chicken. The kitchen team is Bateman and Willhite.

The February program is a Valentine's Party presented by Marlon Cooper, playing four different tone saxophones. He will be playing music of our generation (big band, oldies, etc.). We enjoyed his saxophone playing last spring.

Breakfast for SafeHaven

Thank you all for supporting me over the past 2 years as I worked to earn my Girl Scout Gold award. I have finally completed the requirements and will be recognized at a ceremony in March.

Your support has helped me provide nearly 2 months worth of breakfast food for SafeHaven's residents, including 116 boxes of cereal (plus 76 individual sized boxes), 85 pounds of pancake mix and 15 qt. of pancake syrup. Other non-perishable food items, such as oatmeal, pop tarts, granola bars, muffin mix, jelly and peanut butter were also collected and delivered.

In addition to the donated food items, I also spent time at the shelter preparing breakfast for the residents. This time with the women and their children gave me a glimpse of the world through their eyes.

The Missions team has agreed to continue the project by periodically collecting breakfast foods for the shelter.

Thank you again for helping make this project successful.

Emily Mischke

February Calendar

1	10:00 a.m.	Prayer and Worship Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
2	10:00 a.m.	PW Board
	6:00 p.m.	Koinonia
3	12:00 p.m.	JOY Group
6	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
7	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
8	10:00 a.m.	Prayer and Worship Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
9		Circles meet
	6:00 p.m.	Deacons
12	8:00 a.m.	Men's Square Breakfast
		Jamaica Mission departs
13	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
14	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
15	10:00 a.m.	Prayer and Worship Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
16	7:00 p.m.	Session
19	9:00 a.m.	Men's Square Valentine Breakfast
20	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
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21		Church Office Closed - President's Day
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
		Jamaica Mission returns
22	10:00 a.m.	Prayer and Worship Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
26	6:00 p.m.	Chili Cook-off
27	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service - Women's Sunday



February Birthdays

- 2 Corinne Brown
- 4 Sue Fine
- 5 Brian Shafar
- 11 Thomas Gilbertson
- 12 Wilbur Whiteside
- 14 George Gates
- 15 Beth Luther
- 17 Byron Van Gilder
- 18 Julie Justice
- 20 Sheryl Chester
- 21 Kim Elton
- 22 Blanche Wahl
- 24 Joyce Sage



The Deacons wish to thank Janet Kaylor for providing cookies and coffee after services in January.



If activities for Northminster are cancelled due to weather conditions, please watch

for listings on the following stations: KCTV 5 (Time Warner channel 3), KSMO 62 (Time Warner channel 10), KMBC 9 (Time Warner channel 12), KCWE 29 (Time Warner channel 7), KSHB 41 (Time Warner channel 13) and WDAF 4 (Time Warner channel 6).

Also, please note that closings are also being shown for NorthEastminster Presbyterian in Jackson county. There was some confusion over this during the last snow fall.

February Prayer Requests



Michelle Boul, personal situation, friend of Fran Gates
Mark Dinopoli, injuries from accident, Fran Gates' co-worker's friend
Barb Swan, health concerns, Joe Rembolt's friend
Robb & Tammy Spencer, dealing with family health concerns
Lee & Esther Felsburg, health concerns, friends of the Chesters
Karel Leiby, health concerns, friend of Frankie Wainwright
Tammy Troutner, health concerns, Judy Gillespie's cousin
Roxanne, health concerns, wife of a friend, Charles Pate
Chriss Wheeler, health concerns, Rev. Seth's mother
Clay Morgan, health concerns, friend of Brent Shelton
Barbara Green, health concerns, Beth Wheeler's mother
Dwayne Taylor, health concerns, Judy Gillespie's uncle
Karen, health concerns, Ben Lane's friend
Doug Hopper, injuries from accident, Stacy Hopper's father-in-law
Lorna, health concerns, Connie Cole's nephew's wife
Matthew Reineke, health concerns, friend of Joe Rembolt
Virginia Brown, health concerns
Mick Whisler, personal situation, friend of Lindsay Browne
Karl Jordan, serious health concerns, son of Frankie Wainwright
Friends, seeking employment, Lindsay Browne
Brad Browne, seeking employment, Lindsay Browne's husband
Lisa Temple-Young, health concerns, friend of Lindsay Browne
Joyce Steurmer, health concerns, vocal instructor, Donna Douthit and the Luthers
Joshua Balhuizen, health concerns, Rich and Mary Thompson's grandson
Nathan Harper, schooling
George McKinney, health concerns
Brother John, health concerns, St. Mary's Seminary, Kaaren Jones
Caroline Wickey, health concerns, R.L. & Marilyn Hoefers' friend
Jim Pearce, health concerns, Northland Assistance Center
Dwight Witt, severe burns, friend of Harold & Betty Scott's granddaughter
Dwayne Taylor, health concerns, Judy Gillespie's uncle
Gladys Hunter, health concerns
Lois Hughes, health concerns

GOD'S PRAYER GARDEN

Amy, health concerns, Dana Shafar's sister & Thomas Gilbertson's granddaughter
Vincie Armato, health concerns, friend of Jo Harper
Fred and Bob Ritter, serious health, Mary Thompson's brothers
Cheryl Chrisman, cancer, Mark Hoefers' caregiver
Caleb Wolf, health concerns, David and Joann Harper's grandson
Rod Chester, cancer
Virginia Battagler, health concerns
Nadine Shafar, health concerns, Scottie Shafar's mother
Latonya, terminally ill, Jonni Allen's co-worker's daughter
Norman and Bertha Davison, health concerns, Sue Schuler's neighbors
Ken Srefkes, health concerns, Mary Lou Clark's brother-in-law
Charles Morton, health concerns, Clyde Jones' brother-in-law
Amy Weber's father, health concerns, Amy works with Jennifer Howerton
Friends seeking employment, Fran Gates and Keith Langabee
Paul Nocci, cancer, friend of Beth Luther
Laura Johnson and family, cancer, sister of a friend, Fran Gates
Eddie Hunter, health concerns
Vickie Stewart, health concerns, Bill and Marcia Auch's daughter
Brian Hughes, lung cancer, co-worker of Rich Luther
Ruth Sevart and Dean Robertson, health concerns, Tammy Spencer's parents
Doug Younger, health concerns, Donna Douthit's friend
Lorna Lowe, breast cancer, Connie Cole's nephew's wife
Paula Smith, leukemia, friend of Joyce Sage

Holly, health concerns, friend of Heather Myers
Jeannine Sutton, continuing cancer treatment
Stephen Akimoto, lung cancer, friend of the Correu family
Mike Weber, prostate cancer, friend of Rod Chester
Don Rogers, lung cancer - chemo, Joann Harper's brother
Brett Lamb, return of lung cancer, friend of Stacy Hopper

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, Alaska, Linda Sutherland's son
Bryan Wylie, Army, Iraq, 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, Tom and Dottie Hagan's grandson
Dan Schwarz, Sheryl Chester's nephew
Zack Love, Army, Rich and Beth Luther'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



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