



# Northminster Times

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## **Heartland Presbytery Meeting at Northminster Saturday, November 12, 2011**

I don't know about you, but I think God is doing great and wonderful things in and through Northminster Presbyterian Church! Can I get an Amen? We have much to celebrate within the church and much to share with the surrounding community.

Jesus said in Matthew 5:14-16, *"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."*

We Presbyterians consider ourselves to be a "connectional" church. Not just connectional within Northminster, but also with other Presbyterians in the Northland, Heartland Presbytery, the Synod of Mid-America, and indeed the whole Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Our light shines further and brighter when we shine together than we do as individuals.

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, November 12, 2011 for an opportunity to let our light shine! Northminster will be hosting the meeting of Heartland Presbytery on November 12<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end around 3:00 p.m. We can expect approximately 150-200 Minister and Elder Commissioners from around the presbytery who will gather here for fellowship, worship, a noon meal, and of course the ministry work of the presbytery.

If it takes a community to raise a child, then it takes a small ARMY to host a presbytery meeting! We need YOUR help! We will need volunteers to help set up and tear down, assist with registration, direct traffic, serve the noon meal, ushers to hand out bulletins, collect the offering, serve communion, and much more! The more people we have involved the easier this will be for everyone.

In order to pull this off we have put together a Planning Team with the following people and responsibilities: Don Spencer & Mary Ruth Bateman will coordinate food, George Gates and Ken Burden will be coordinate the building usage and parking, Seth will be work with the presbytery to coordinate worship, and Jim and Connie Cole will coordinate volunteers. Thank you to the Planning Team for your willingness to step forward and make this a successful meeting!

This is the first of several invitations you will receive to join us on November 12<sup>th</sup>. We would be grateful if you could give a morning, or afternoon, and we certainly would welcome those who want to help throughout the whole day!

Please mark your calendars for November 12<sup>th</sup> and plan to lend a hand. Be on the lookout for other opportunities as we gear up for the big day!

Soli Deo Gloria,  
Seth





### Circles Meet

#### Wednesday, September 14th.

**Rebekah** – 10:00 a.m.,  
at the church  
Hostesses: Peggy Clouse, Pat Hulett  
and Betty Willhite  
Moderator: Mary Lou Clark

**Martha** – 1:00 p.m.,  
at the church  
Hostess: Maxine McKinney  
Group Discussion

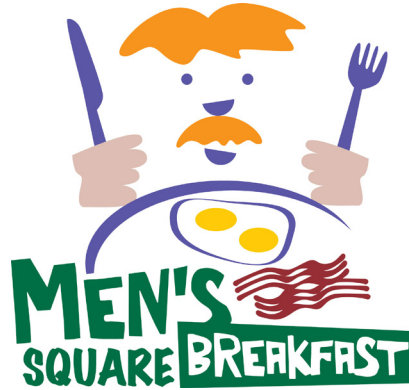
**Lydia** – 7:30 p.m.,  
at Beccy's house  
Hostess: Beccy Vaughan  
Moderator: Debbie Peterson

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Men's Square Breakfast begins again on Saturday, September 10 at 8:00 a.m.

Guest speaker: Dan Scheneman, Executive Director for the Heartland Presbyterian 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 Septeber are juice boxes, canned fruit and toilet paper



## Northminster 101

If you are interested in joining Northminster, or just curious about what Presbyterians believe, this opportunity is for you.



### Membership Class

This class will meet on Sunday mornings from 9am-10am beginning on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> and continuing each Sunday through October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Please email or contact Seth if you have any questions or would like to reserve your spot. [seth@northminsterkc.org](mailto:seth@northminsterkc.org) or 453-2545.

## J.O.Y.

(Just Older Youth)

### J.O.Y. Group meets Thursday, September 1

The meeting will start promptly at noon for a meeting and lunch. The entrée is meatloaf. The kitchen team is Evans & Hoagland.

The program for September will be the One Voice duet. Dale McClung and Alan Bonds will be presenting southern gospel music. They will have cd's of their music for sale.

## Synago

Sunday, September 11, 2011  
6:00 p.m.

Come enjoy the film, "The Hiding Place", from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, based on the true story of Corrie ten Boom and her family.

Bring whatever type of "theater food" that you wish to share with the group. I will be making (a lot of) popcorn and we will also have drinks (let Brett Sheldon know if you'd like to help provide sodas.

# mission report

It is back to school time of year and once again students need supplies for the classroom.

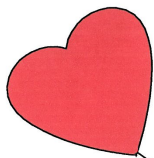
The Northland Assistance Center requested each of their supporting churches to provide six backpacks for grade school and middle school students. Good quality packs and supplies to fill them were delivered August 8. Last year the NAC delivered over 100 backpacks to Crestview Elementary and other Northland schools. The money our church used for this project was special money members donate during the year to the Mission fund. This money is used for projects such as this. We thank you again for your generosity and caring efforts.

*The Gift of Heart* hygiene kits we collected were shipped to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Center in Little Rock, Arkansas. There were a total of 33 kits to be used in emergency situations, such as the Joplin tornado. Thanks again to all who contributed money or assembled the kits themselves.

Beginning August 21, our church will start collecting specific food items to help replenish the Northland Assistance Center food pantry. Each year the area Food Pantries become very low on inventory during the late summer months and it seems to be worse this year.

The NAC is fortunate to have an established base of supporting churches and community organizations such as Curves, Embassy Suites, NKC High School, NKC Library, Pizza Hut, Starbucks and others. Our church has been asked to provide specific items so balanced meals can be put together. We will collect the items from August 21 through September 10.

The special items are: tuna (can or pouch), macaroni & cheese, jelly, spaghetti noodles, instant mashed potatoes, canned fruit, cake mixes and icings. They have plenty of vegetables and other items at this time. With your help, we look forward to this opportunity to join the Assistance Center in providing a helping hand to those in our community needing a little support right now.



Women's Retreat  
Saturday, October 1st  
9:00am to 2:30pm

## 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, Oct. 1st to the Women's Retreat and enjoy friendship, food and fun.

Breakfast and lunch will be served.

Babysitter available if needed.

Please RSVP to your circle chairman or the church office by Monday, September 26th.



## Spaghetti Dinner & Dessert Auction

**Mark your calendars for  
Sunday, October 9!**

Right after services, join us for the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



The Deacons wish to thank the circles for providing cookies/ coffee after services for the months of July and August

The Fall Gathering is scheduled for September 24 at 11:30. Please mark your calendars

Thanks to Corinne Brown and Alice Linder for serving as Deacons the last three years.

# September Calendar

1		Pastor Seth on Study Leave
	12:00 p.m.	JOY Group
2		Pastor Seth on Study Leave
4	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
5		Labor Day - Church Office Closed
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
7	10:00 a.m.	PW Coordinating Board Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Koinonia - watch for specific team gathering times
8	7:00 p.m.	Presbytery Meeting Planning Team
10	8:00 a.m.	Men's Square Breakfast
	9:00 a.m.	Jamaica Mission Team Meeting
11	9:00 a.m.	Northminster 101
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	:TBA	Synago
12	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
13	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
14		Circles Meet
18	9:00 a.m.	Northminster 101
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
19	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
20	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
21	7:00 p.m.	Session
24	11:30 a.m.	Deacons Fall Gathering
25	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
26	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
27	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir



## September Birthdays

- 1 Caitlyn Grisham
- 4 Harold Scott
- 5 Jerilee Hendrich
- 7 Erin Elton
- 8 Teri VanGilder
- 11 Sharon Brown  
Amy Kumar  
Florence McGinnis  
Michael Sutherland
- 12 Bonnie Grabowski  
Eric Miller
- 16 Charles Pate Ruth Woody
- 17 Jeanette Hartke
- 19 Connie Cole
- 21 Bailey Harper  
Logan Hopper  
Alice Linder
- 24 Bob Wagner
- 28 Alicia Robinett
- 29 Jerry Brown



The resource room has been

cleaned out and organized in time for the next Sunday School season. As the Resource Room Coordinator, I would like to invite you over to see the room when you get a chance!

In order to maintain a work space which meets the needs of everyone, I have a few simple requests.

- 1) Please do not drop off items on the counters. We use the counters as an active work space.
- 2) If items are removed for activities, please note the labels for future reference in order to put the items back in the correct place.
- 3) If you need craft items for an activity, please ask me! We have many resources available.

I would like to thank the Session for their leadership and guidance. I would also like thank Connie Cole; who spent many hours labeling! I would not have finished the room without your help!!

Beth

# September Prayer Requests



Jill Clayton, health concerns, Joe Rembolt's niece  
Del Rembolt, health concerns, Joe Rembolt's cousin  
Don Miller, leukemia, Joe & Betty Strausbaugh's friend  
Zoe Chester, back surgery, Rob & Sheryl Chester's daughter-in-law  
Jeanie Jezak, serious health concerns, Joe Rembolt's nephew's wife  
Steve Douthit, health concerns, Donna Douthit & Debbie Peterson's brother  
John Hayes, health concerns, friend of Alanna Seymour  
Charles Pate, hospitalized  
Raymond Drecktrah, back surgery, Lorene Dieckman's brother

## GOD'S PRAYER GARDEN

Latonya, terminally ill, Jonni Allen's co-worker's daughter  
Nadine Shafar, health concerns, Scottie Shafar's mother  
Ken Srefkes, health concerns, Mary Lou Clark's brother-in-law  
Paul Nocci, 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  
Dee Davidson, colon cancer, friend of Jo Harper  
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  
Virginia Reynolds, health concerns, Jane Lewis' sister-in-law  
Caleb Wolf, health concerns. David & Jo Harper's grandson

## 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



I would like to thank everyone who helped during my 3 years as a Discipleship Elder. I must admit that it was a struggle at first but through prayer, faith and the encouragement I received, it has been a rewarding experience.

I owe a great deal to the Discipleship Team. Their experience in teaching, suggestions, help with Sunday School parties, Easter egg hunts and special friendship was invaluable. My thanks to all the regular Sunday School teachers, from 3 year olds to adults, who dedicated their time to prepare and teach and to all who helped in classes and volunteered to teach during the summer. Thanks to those who directed the Christmas Pageants, getting scenery and costumes and volunteers to help. The children were great and everyone enjoyed them. VBS has been a great success with the best directors, kitchen managers and many volunteers. It's a joy to see the children having so much fun, making new friends, helping each other and singing. My hat is off to you!

Our children are learning to live as Christians, knowing God is always with them and Jesus loves them. They will one day be leaders in our church. GOD IS GOOD.

Hazel Fleck

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As the song goes – "I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God" – at Northminster! What a precious group of friends.

Thank you for your prayers, concern, love, phone calls and other acts of caring. A special thanks to Pastor Seth and his wife, Beth. Beth's hugs are healing.

Marcia Auch



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