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Generous Acts of Giving

For many people 2011 was a year they would prefer to forget. Unemployment and underemployment plagued so many people. Too many families lost their homes to foreclosure. Food pantries and soup kitchens were pushed to the limits. To say that people were hurting in 2011 would be an understatement. The NEED was GREAT in 2011 and Northminster stepped up to the plate!

I had the honor along, with Bob Brown, to drop off the gifts for the family we adopted through the Northland Assistance Center. It warmed my heart to see how God's people came together to provide Christmas for a family that is struggling this year.

The outpouring of gifts (both wrapped and financial) was truly amazing! Thank you to everyone who gave! Every gift that the family asked for was provided. Money that was donated was put on gift cards and given to the family. In fact, we had SO MUCH money given that we were able to help ANOTHER FAMILY here at Northminster who was also struggling to provide Christmas! So we ended up adopting TWO families and providing both with gifts for Christmas!

Your generosity did not just start in December. In a few weeks the annual report will be going out and you can see how much money went to help those in need, but I want to tell you the stories of a few people that you didn't even know you helped in 2011. We have a line item in our budget called "The Pastor's Discretionary Fund," which we budgeted \$2,000 for in 2011. I can tell you that we spent more than double that amount (with the Session's blessing) helping people in need! Here's where some of it went...

We helped an unemployed construction worker and his wife get their gas turned back on so they would have hot water to bathe the grandchildren they were raising. We helped a SafeHaven resident by purchasing a Greyhound Bus ticket so she could get closer to family and farther away from her abuser. We partnered with the Northland Assistance Center to help one of our own pay their past due rent and avoid eviction. We paid the gas bill for a young mother of two precious little girls whose gas had been shut off for several weeks just as the weather was getting cold. We were able to help one of our own who was facing an urgent financial need with dire consequences. We helped several people with \$20 gas cards to Quick Trip. These are just a few of the people you helped in 2011 through the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Thank you for your generosity! You have made the world a better place for some people who were suffering. Thank you also to God who is the Greatest Giver of all! James reminds us that, "Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father..." (James 1:17). It is God who has blessed us, so that we might bless the world through God's generosity!

Soli Deo Gloria!





Circles Meet

Wednesday, January 11th

Rebekah – 10:00 a.m.,
at the church
Hostess: Jo Harper
Moderator: Mary Lou Clark

Martha – 1:00 p.m.,
at the church
Hostess: Francis Judd
Group Discussion

Lydia – 7:30 p.m.,
at the church
Hostesses: Connie Cole &
Cheryl Woolley
Moderator: Sue Fine

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Thanks for Your Warm Kindness

Presbyterian Women purchased and delivered blankets to several area organizations. Here's a listing of how these were distributed. 32 to Safehaven, 20 to Northland Assistance Center, 25 to the Salvation Army and 3 to the family adopted by the Men's Breakfast Square.

These blankets were graciously received and desperately needed by all the organizations.



Bad Weather Closings

In case of bad weather, watch local TV channels for Worship Service information regarding cancellations.

Also make certain you watch for Northminster NOT Northeastminster. This was confusing for many last year.

The MLM collection items for January: toilet paper, canned beef stew, canned chili.



Recipe Requested

Several have requested the following recipe from Sharon Brown, and she would like to share it with everyone:

HOT CHICKEN SALAD

- 4 whole chicken breasts, cooked
- 3 hard boiled eggs, sliced
- ½ can condensed cream of chicken soup (2/3 cup)
- 2 c. finely cut celery
- 1 c. mayonnaise
- 1 c. sour cream
- 1 (8 oz) can water chestnuts, drained and sliced
- 1 (4 oz) can mushroom pieces, drained
- ½ c. slivered almonds
- 2 T. minced onion
- 2 T. lemon juice
- 1 t. salt
- ¼ t. pepper
- 1 c. grated cheddar cheese
- 1 (3 oz) can fried onion rings, crushed

Bone chicken and cut into 1" pieces. Mix chicken with remaining ingredients (except cheese and onion rings). Turn into 13x9x2 pan or casserole. Top with cheese. Bake at 350° (glass dish: 325°) for 30 minutes. Sprinkle crushed onion rings over top. Bake additional 15 minutes. Serves 12.

Note: can be made the day before and refrigerated.



I would like to send a heart filled 'Thanks!' to everyone who helped the children lead worship on December 20th.

Heartfelt Thanks

It was such a blessing to direct the program, but none of the wonderful worship would have happened without the hard work of some very special people.

First of all, 'Thanks!' to Kathy for teaching and leading the children's choir. A lot of time was put in during the regular choir practice as well as other practice times to help the children. Of course the music would not have been as special without Song Yi and Don. Thank you for praising God through song and adding to the children's service in such a wonderful way.

The youth who read and provided ushers for the service did a great job stepping up in leadership positions! It was wonderful to see these youth finding their place within the church. Nikhil, Noah, Kuran, Hannah, and Austin: 'Thanks!' for your leadership in worship.

I would be remiss to not thank those who worked so hard behind the scenes. 'Thanks!' to Jennifer, Lisa, and Connie for washing, ironing, and searching through boxes for costumes! The kids looked great and I know it was all because of you! Seth, Ken, and Don helped with putting up the scenery. The small touches you added showed how much you care about the kids.

A huge 'Thanks!' to Teri for working on the bulletin and making the worship experience more pleasurable for everyone!

A huge 'Thanks!' also to all the parents and grandparents who brought their kids and grandkids to rehearsals. I know this took time out of your busy schedules and we are so blessed that you chose to spend your time with us!

If I have forgotten anyone, it is most certainly an accident! When all is said and done, to God be the Glory! From the children of our church, "Merry Christmas!"

Beth Wheeler



CHILI COOK-OFF & TALENT SHOW

Saturday, January 21, 6:00 p.m.



**Sunday, January 15, 2011
Missouri Mavericks Hockey**

The game starts at 6:15 p.m. We will meet at the Independence Event Center no later than 5:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$27/per person

If you have any questions, need additional info, or want to go, please contact Brent Shelton ASAP!

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or 816-288-1750



J.O.Y.
(Just Older Youth)

The JOY meeting will start promptly at noon for a meeting and lunch. The entrée is bean and turkey soup. The kitchen team is Darling and Vogel.

The program for January is "What is Hospice?", presented by Sue Fine. Sue will address who needs it, who pays for it and how long you can use Hospice services. So, come and find out these answers as well as others.

January Calendar

1		Happy New Year!
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
2		Church Office Closed
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
3	10:00 a.m.	Tuesday Bible Study - CANCELLED
	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir - CANCELLED
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
4	10:00 a.m.	PW Board Meeting
		Koinonia
5	12:00 p.m.	JOY Group
8	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
9	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
10	10:00 a.m.	Tuesday Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
	7:15 p.m.	.Choir
11		Circles Meet
14	8:00 a.m.	Men's Square Breakfast
	9:00 a.m.	Jamaica Mission Meeting
15	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	5:30 p.m.	Synago
16		Church Office Closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
17	10:00 a.m.	Tuesday Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
18	7:00 p.m.	Session
21	6:00 p.m.	Chili Cook-Off and Talent Show
22	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
		Sunday School Party following Worship
23	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
24	10:00 a.m.	Tuesday Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
29	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
		Annual Congregational Meeting following Worship
30	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
31	10:00 a.m.	Tuesday Bible Study
4	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	6:30 p.m.	Children's Choir



January Birthdays

3	Eddie Hunter
	Nick Porter
6	Wayne Lucas
13	Lois Hughes
15	Eleanor Stricker
16	Sue Lowe
18	Isaac Wheeler
20	Dottie Hagan
	Jane Lewis
	Mary Thompson
21	Ruby Dickey
27	Lucy Howerton
30	Debbie Peterson
	Austin Sayre



Dear Northminster Family,

Thank you for the generous Christmas gift! The Wheeler family is truly blessed to be a part of the Northminster Family!

Yours in Christ,
Seth, Beth, Joel, Hannah,
& Isaac

December Prayer Requests



Julie Childers, health concerns, friend of Kate Trawinski & Alex Harriger

Jay McClintick, surgery, member of Jamaica Mission and JoEllen and

Emma Lee Hyde

Garney Hill, health concerns, friend of Gates' family

Clyde McGuire, health concerns, friend of Clyde Jones

Jean McKay, heart surgery, friend of Dottie Hagan

Carol Allen, health concerns, Tyler Allen's grandmother

Faith, hospice, Nancy Henry's daughter

Chery Bessete, health concerns, Amy Harper's mother

Larry Cobb, health concerns, friend of Debbie & Warren Peterson

Al Herrera's daughter, going on medical mission trip, friend of Charles Pate

Elmer VanderVort, health concerns, Sue Schuler's brother-in-law

God's Prayer Garden

Latonya, terminally ill, Jonni Allen's co-worker's daughter

Paul Nocchi, cancer, friend of Beth Luther

Brian Hughes, lung cancer, co-worker of Rich Luther

Ruth Sevart and Dean Robertson, health concerns, Tammy Spencer's parents

Vickie Stewart, liver cancer, Bill and Marcia Auch's daughter

Brad Sutton, inoperable cancer, Bob & Jeannine Sutton's nephew

Otis Nixdorf, prostate cancer, friend of George Gates

Rod Chester, health concerns

Marcia Auch, bone and breast cancer

Nadine Shafar, health concerns, Scottie Shafar's mother

Rose Sassen, cancer, Joe Rembolt's aunt

John Gwin, extreme health problems, friend of Sue Lowe, Kaylors & Thompsons

Eddie Hunter, health concerns

Pat Masters, colon cancer, Judy Gillespie's sister

Cecelia Duffy, leukemia, George & Sue Gates' niece's daughter

Bette Whiteside, health concerns

Cindy Patton, terminal cancer, Janet Newcomer's niece

Caleb Wolf, health concerns. David & Jo Harper's grandson

Sam Martin, brain cancer, friend of Joe Rembolt

Helen Sanker, lymphoma, friend of Jo Harper, Marilyn Hoefler and Rosalie Minor



"I HAVE NOT STOPPED GIVING THANKS FOR YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS."

EPHESIANS 1:16, NIV

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, 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



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