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## KOINONIA – Starts November 5<sup>th</sup>

On Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> we dedicated our pledges of time and treasure for 2009. It was very exciting to see so many people stepping forward to dedicate their pledges! If you were not here that morning, it is not too late to turn in those little blue cards. We will continue to have pledge cards available in the pews for the next few weeks. You can drop them by the office or just put them in the offering plate on Sunday morning. We'll be sending a letter out soon with an update on the financial pledges.

For now, I'd like to celebrate the pledges of time that we have received. So far, forty-three people have signed up to serve on one or more of the new ministry teams! Thank you to everyone who signed up. You probably have some questions, so let me try to answer some of the FAQs (frequently asked questions).

**What is *Koinonia* again?** It is the New Testament Greek term for community / fellowship. We are using it as the name for our new ministry team gathering. For a more in depth discussion check out our website [www.northminsterkc.org](http://www.northminsterkc.org) and click on the Koinonia link.

**What happens next?** First, mark your calendar if you have not already done so. **Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 pm the Worship, Fellowship and Stewardship Teams will gather in the Fellowship Hall.** Then the **Outreach, Visioning, and Discipleship Teams will gather from 7-8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** These teams will continue to gather on the first Wednesday of the month at these times.

**What exactly will these teams do?** After a brief orientation in the fellowship hall, the teams will head out for their first team gathering. Each team gathering will begin with a time of sharing and connecting with one another. There will be a brief Bible study and then on to the work of ministry!

**How is a team different from a committee?** My guess is that you have attended committee meetings that dragged on for what seemed like forever while every little "jot and tittle" was agonized over by the whole group. Sound familiar? Ministry teams are designed to put an END to this kind of meeting. The primary goals of ministry teams are to equip, support, and send people out in ministry. "Jots and tittles" will be given to individuals and smaller teams to work out; not in the larger team gathering. The work of the team is to equip, support, and send. The business of the team that will be discussed in most team gatherings will be...

Who is doing what?

How can the team and team leader(s) support these individual ministries?

What should we be doing that we are not doing?

We are heading into new territory here. The possibilities for growth in our relationships with one another, our life of discipleship, and our effectiveness in ministry are endless. Remember the words of Jesus, "Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father" (John 14:12).

There is something you can do right now that WILL make all the difference in these teams. Please start praying that God would work in and through these teams! Jesus also promised in John 12:13-14, "I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

**FROM THE**



**PASTOR**

Grace & Peace,  
Seth

# Presbyterian Women



Presbyterian Women have a busy fall. They have collected \$525.00 for the blanket fund. Blankets will be purchased for the needy. Thanks to all who donated!

A Fall Retreat was held on Saturday, October 25 at 9:00 a.m. The program was "Eye Witness News". Breakfast and lunch was served.

A Quilting Bee is being planned for Wednesday, November 19 at 10:30 a.m. Bring a sandwich lunch.

Christmas isn't far away and we are planning a program for Friday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. It is entitled *John 3:16*. Mark your calendars now and watch for more information on the bulletin board and in the weekly bulletin.

Circles meet Wednesday, November 12:

**Rebekah** 10:00 a.m.  
(at the church)  
Hostess – Virginia Battagler and Jane Lewis  
Moderator – Heather Myers

**Martha** 1:00  
(at the church)  
Hostess – Alice Linder  
Group Discussion

**Lydia** 7:00 p.m.  
Hostess – Linda Drollinger  
(at her house)  
Moderator – Mary Ruth Bateman

# Session News

Session met October 13th. Here are some highlights:

The Finance Team and the Elders are working on the budget for 2009. It will be finalized in November, before it is presented to the congregation at the January Congregational meeting.

Fellowship is planning the annual Chili Cook-off and Talent show for November 8th.

The children collected \$78.26 for the CROP walk last Sunday.

September revenues were \$14,454.00, expenditures were \$12,551.30, leaving a net income of \$1,902.70.

The checking account balance on September 30th was \$9,453.37.

## PRESBYTERIAN THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Wednesday, November 26, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.  
First Presbyterian Church  
2125 Fayette  
North Kansas City, MO 64116

This is a united service of the  
First Presbyterian Church, North Kansas City ~  
St. Luke Presbyterian Church ~  
Immanuel Presbyterian Church ~ Northminster Presbyterian Church



## Finance Update

The year-to-date financial information, as of October 1, 2008 is as follows:

YTD Giving and Receipts .....	\$133,351.64
YTD Budget for Giving and Receipts .....	\$133,106.22
YTD Expenses .....	\$126,822.24
YTD Budget for Expenses .....	\$133,106.22
YTD Increase in General Fund Balance .....	\$6,529.40

## 3rd Quarter Mission Giving

Collins Hunter .....	\$300.00
Shepherd Center of the Northland .....	\$100.00
Jamaica Medical Mission .....	\$3,305.80
Presbyterian Children's Services – VBS .....	\$100.00
Huch Uy Runa Project – VBS .....	\$102.01
Synod of Mid-America .....	\$1,400.00

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## Our Staff

**Pastor**  
Rev. Seth Wheeler  
**Secretary**  
Teri VanGilder  
**Music Director**  
Alarice Jones-Corrao  
**Communications Elder**  
Harold Scott  
**Editor**  
Nyla Mischke

# First Saturday Fellowship



Please join us on Saturday, November 8th at 6:00PM for the annual Chili Cook-off and Variety Show. Please come and share your talents either by cooking a pot of chili or by entertaining the crowd. If your talents lie elsewhere, please bring a salad or dessert to share.



Dear Northminster,

I want to thank my Northminster family, for visits to the hospital, calls, prayers, and most of all your friendship. Thank you for all the wonderful gifts that I received during my month long stay in the hospital and my continued recovery, I love them all. Thank you Presbyterian Women, your prayer quilt is great, I will always keep it to show how much love we have for each other. I would like to leave you with my favorite poem, for me this says it all.

I look for my soul,  
but my soul I could not see,

I look for my God  
But my God eluded me,

I looked for a friend  
and then I found all three.

Thomas Blake

Love

Jo Harper

# November Prayer List



Vincie Armato, cancer, friend of the Harpers  
 Sean, throat cancer, Alarice Jones-Corrao's son  
 Bobby McKinney, leukemia, George's nephew  
 Tamara Howard, health concerns, friend of Sue Gates  
 Amy and family, Dana Shafar's sister  
 Ardith Wiebel, hospice called in, George Gates' father's friend  
 Brittany Gill, health concerns, Betty Willhite and Diane Gill  
 Pat Fisher, hospice called in  
 Charles Pate, personal situation  
 Amy and family, relocating to Kansas City, Beccy Vaughan's daughter  
 Perez-Enriquez Family, personal situation  
 Barb Seney, health concerns  
 Carol Revenaugh and her mother, her mother's health  
 Jean Allen, health concerns, moved to Woodbine  
 Jane Davies, cancer  
 Tony Griggs, friend of Tim and Alarice Corrao  
 Julie Childers, car accident and foot surgery, friend of Kate and Alex Harriger  
 Don Rogers, back trouble, Jo Harper's brother  
 Terri Boling, cancer, Joyce Sage's daughter  
 Joyce Stuermer, series of cancer tests, friend of Beth Luther  
 Gladys Hunter, tendinitis of left leg  
 Jim Bush, emergency surgery, friend of Rod Chester  
 Bill Long, hospitalized, friend of Loren and Peggy Clouse  
 Bonnie King, cancer, friend of Sandra Correu  
 Ted Phillips, health concerns, Jack Phillips' son  
 Patsy Roberts, cancer, friend of Lois Hughes  
 Marsha Thomas, health concerns, friend of Heather Myers  
 Myra Haakes, health concerns, friend of Heather Myers  
 Chris Kelley and family, personal situation, friend of Don Correu  
 Julie and daughter, family struggles, friend of Charles Pate  
 Peggy and son, family struggles, friend of Charles Pate  
 Family of Cliff Guthrie, his passing  
 Lisa Casey and family, passing of her husband Kevin, friend of Don Correu  
 Viola Pittser, health concerns, Delores Eylar's mother  
 Caleb Wolf, surgery Nov. 10, Harper's grandson  
**Pray for the World to be Christ-like**  
 Louis Brunke, stroke, Virginia Battagler's brother  
 Carol and Mark Hennenberg, loss of job and health concerns, Lorene Dieckman's daughter and son-in-law  
 Max Samson, health concerns, Alex Harriger's friend  
 Tammy Long, health concerns, Donna Douthit's co-worker  
 Mark Hulett, job search, Pat Hulett's son  
 Donna Hoendorph, breast cancer, friend of Jo Harper and Marilyn Hoefer

## Our Homebound

Jean Allen      Virginia Brown      Pat Fisher      Cordelia Williams

## Our Military

Capt. Chad Steel, Lyle Evans  
 Ted England, Homeland Security, nephew - Sandra Correu & Drew  
 Charles Oschner, Navy, Hawaii  
 Sgt. Nick Sutherland, Colorado, 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, Kuwait, David and Joann Harper's son  
 Joshua Balhuizen, Army, Rich and Mary Thompson's grandson  
 Kevin Scheier, U S Navy, son of friends, Rich and Beth Luther  
 Morgan Smyth, Marines, Iraq, Tom and Dottie Hagan's step-grandson  
 Steve Lowe, Iraq, Sue Lowe's son

# November Calendar

2		Last day to order Poinsettias
3	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
4		Election Day
	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
5	10:00 a.m.	PW Board
	6:00 p.m.	Koinonia
6	12:00 p.m.	J.O.Y. Group
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
8	6:00 p.m.	Chili and Variety Show (Fellowship Hall)
9	3:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
10	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
11	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
12		Circles Meet
	7:00 p.m.	Deacons
13	6:30 p.m.	Preschool Board Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
14		SafeHaven Lunch Prep
15	9:00 a.m.	Jamaica Medical/Dental Mission Meeting (at St. James)
17	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
18	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
19	10:30 a.m.	PW Quilting Bee (Lounge)
	7:00 p.m.	Session
20	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
24	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
25	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
26	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Service at First Presbyterian, NKC
27		Happy Thanksgiving!
28		Church Office Closed
29	9:30 a.m.	Hanging of the Greens and Children's Advent Workshop
30	10:30 a.m.	Hanging of the Greens Service - 1st Sunday of Advent



## November Birthdays

3	Eric Newcomer
	Jennifer Newcomer
5	Marsha Mooney
9	Sue Gates
10	Betty Ross
13	Hazel Hazell
	Pershing Hughey
17	Dave Drollinger
19	Josephine Hopper
	Drew Peckham
20	Mike Newcomer
23	Bernice Raymer
24	Bette Whiteside
25	Anne Darling
	Michael Ray
27	Virginia Battagler
	Bob Brown
29	George Lewis
30	Jeannie Ray



*Members enjoy food and fellowship at the Deacon's Annual Fall Gathering*

## Deacon's Corner

Thanks to everyone for attending the Deacon's Annual Fall Gathering. It was a great afternoon, good food and time with wonderful friends! The holidays are approaching fast, and the Deacons will soon be gathering items for our home-bound for the holidays.

The MLM collection items for the month of November — Paper products (paper towels, napkins, toilet paper) and personal hygiene items (soap, shampoo, lotions, etc.).



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

The JOY group meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 4 in the Fellowship hall. The program begins at 11:30 am and features an Oak Park HS vocal group, Oak Street Singers, performing Christmas music. Potluck lunch will be served following the program.





October has been a very busy month for preschool. The Early Learners group visited Carolyn's Pumpkin Patch, went on a hayride and each child picked a pumpkin. Pre-K classes went to the Alldredge Apple Orchard and picked apples! Pre-K also took a trip to the North Kansas City Fire Department during Fire Prevention Awareness Week. They gave us a wonderful tour of their new facility and Sparky, their mascot, paid us a visit!

Our preschool continues to sell gift cards as a fundraiser. If you are in need of gift cards as Christmas Gifts, this is an easy way to acquire them! The list of businesses participating in this program is on the desk outside of the church office. Or you could talk to Heather or Teri. Our Fall fundraiser has begun also. We are selling frozen cookie dough, cheese cakes and pretzels. Those order forms are also on that desk.

Thank you for your support!  
Lynn Wollard, Director



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