

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE NORTHERN LIGHT

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FROM THE PASTOR

Easter has already come and gone and it's only April. The Farmer's Almanac says that this is the earliest most of us will have ever seen Easter. If you're over 95 you may have been alive the last time it was this early.

The date of Easter is determined as being the first Sunday following the first full moon (also known as the Paschal full moon) that occurs on or after the day of the vernal equinox (spring). The first day of spring this year was March 20th. The full Paschal (also known as the full worm moon) is on March 21st, thus Easter Sunday was on March 23rd.

In the present calendar, the date for Easter shifts every year. The holiday will occur no earlier than March 22 and no later than April 25. This year was the earliest Easter since 1913. The next time it will be this early is in 2228. In 2285 Easter will be the earliest it can ever be-March 22nd. If you're marking your calendars well ahead of time, next year Easter will be April 12th.

Now you've got some good information straight out of the Farmers Almanac for the next time you're watching Jeopardy with your friends. Heck just knowing the term "vernal equinox" is helpful when trying to impress someone.

I mention all of these dates and times of Easter to remind us that we celebrate Easter in our church calendar for seven Sundays up until Pentecost on May 11th. What's more important is that we as Christians are people of the resurrection throughout the year.

Though we can't understand the exact nature of the resurrection of Jesus, we know that the power of God to overcome even death is demonstrated in the incomprehensible mercy God has for each of us and for all of humanity. This assurance of God's love reminds us that we are secure in our salvation and that whatever we may face we face it with the hope of the resurrection within us. That's good news. I pray we can draw strength from that hope throughout all of our days. Remember that you are so loved by God and that the love God has given is ever present for you, me, and all of humanity.

*Grace and peace,
Dwight*

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Thank You
Deana Knotts, Newsletter Editor

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

<i>Rob Griffin</i>	April 2
<i>Stephanie Molnar</i>	April 2
<i>Anne Hines</i>	April 3
<i>Robert Digel</i>	April 6
<i>Gina Ricketts-Smith</i>	April 7
<i>Tim Wertime</i>	April 10
<i>Tom Stout</i>	April 11
<i>Maryellen Purkey</i>	April 12
<i>Jane Johnson</i>	April 14
<i>Melissa Long-Roby</i>	April 14
<i>Colin Creager</i>	April 15
<i>Laura Creager</i>	April 16
<i>Martha Ater</i>	April 17
<i>Mark Brush</i>	April 18
<i>Joyce Carpenter</i>	April 20
<i>June Hughes</i>	April 20
<i>Kathryn Emmons</i>	April 22
<i>Joe Stalder</i>	April 24
<i>Marta Stalder</i>	April 26
<i>Lois Shroyer</i>	April 29
<i>Helen Stalder</i>	April 29

*"The place God calls you to
is the place where your deep gladness
and the world's deep hunger meet."*



-Frederick Buechner
The Joyful Noiseletter, April 2008

A Note of Thanks from Dick Johnson

Dear Friends,

This is a note to say "Thank you, thank you" for all your prayers, your cards, notes and calls expressing concern. As you know, I had my esophagus removed because it was cancerous. All the reports indicate it was contained in that area and I am now a "Cancer Survivor." There are no other signs of it being present anywhere else. Praise God and give thanks!

Now it is all a matter of the major surgery having time to heal. My surgeon assures me it is mending nicely but it will take time. As many of you know, "patience" is not one of my strong virtues. Pray for me (and Jane) the months ahead that I will keep my 'cool' and await God's healing at his pace and I will be content.

I think of all of you often and give thanks to God for our friendship. And now may Jesus Christ, our saviour, be near you to defend you, within you to refresh you, before you to guide you, behind you to justify you, and above you to bless you. Amen and Amen!

*Pacem,
Dick*

*Zonta thanks Northminster for their support
of the flower sale. Funds help with scholarships at
Clark State and Zonta International projects.*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, March 16, 2008 a Special Session Meeting was held to meet with and to receive into membership James Lukehart and Sherri Kay-Bishop. Both James and Sherri joined by reaffirmation of faith. James grew up and was confirmed in the Presbyterian Church, his last membership being in Overbrook Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Ohio. Sherri grew up and was baptized in the United Methodist Church. They were publicly received during the worship service later that same morning.



James Lukehart and Sherri Kay-Bishop
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**Music & Worship
Committee**

Gary Molnar-Chair

Joan Garrett

Julie Griffin

Anne Hines

Jane Johnson

Pastor McCormick

John Roberts Lydia Smith Dawn White

**Lectionary Readings &
Worship Leaders for April
Liturgist: Joan Generous**

April 6, 2008

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; *Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19*

1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

Crib Room: Deana Knotts

Greeters: Toni Conway & Ruth George

Ushers: Don & Donna Rankin

April 13, 2008

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47; *Psalm 23*

1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

Crib Room: Marcia Barga

Greeters: Dick Krichbaum & Helen Roe

Ushers: Kevin & Sue Creager

April 20, 2008

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60; *Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16*

1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

Crib Room: Cindy Ater

Greeters: Tom & BettyLou Graven

Ushers: Kevin & Sue Creager

April 27, 2008

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31; *Psalm 66:8-20*

1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

Crib Room: Mary Dodds

Greeters: Kris & Elise Spriggs

Ushers: Joe Bindley & Phil Kunkle



Adult Forum Series for April
The Emerging Church of the 21st Century

The Reverend "Ginny" Carlisle will lead the Adult Forum beginning April 6 through April 20 with a three-part series titled:
The Emerging Church of the 21st Century.

April 6

Scripture seekers and what they are looking for?

April 13

A Missional Congregation/A Sacramental People
A congregation that experiences God's presence in our midst.

April 20

What is our hospitality quotient?
Who is welcome?



Adult Visionary Ministry

The "Visionaries" invite you to their *Annual Day of Reflection* on Thursday, **April 17**. The day begins with coffee and donuts at 9:30 with the program beginning at 10:00. Lunch will be served at Noon and the day will close with Communion in the sanctuary. Cost of the lunch is \$5.00 and reservations are needed. Please locate the sign-up sheet in the Family Room to make your reservation. On **April 29** we

travel to Lafayette, Ohio for a 6:15 p.m. dinner at the **Red Brick Tavern**. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by *Glenn Parks and The Lower London Street Dixieland Band*. For transportation or additional information, please contact Howard Garrett (390-3194) or Dick White (399-7305) AVM Associates.



YOUTH GROUP

While our tubing/sledding plans never seemed to work out, the youth had a great time at our Hang Out Night on February 24th. We did the "long-handled spoon" experiment (ask one of the kids!) and talked about the upcoming mission trip. The evening ended with charades. We have some great players and guessers!

Activities in April

Saturday, April 12

Help at the Food Pantry—Church of God on Clifton Avenue. Please be at the food pantry by 9:45 a.m. The pantry is open from 10-11:30 a.m. Teresa and Debbie have been so appreciative when we come to serve.

Sunday, April 13

Help at Son Day's Cool—Salvation Army
Son Day's Cool runs from 2-4:30 p.m. and we need to be there by 1:45 p.m. to get our assignment. Usually we help them in the kitchen to prepare the meal for the kids.

Sunday, April 27

Bowling! As before, we will go to Northridge Lanes after Sunday School. I will be making the reservation for 12 Noon. Northminster will pay for two games and kids should bring some money to buy their lunch at the restaurant in the bowling alley.

Should any of our plans change, parents will be notified via e-mail and through announcements and the church bulletin.

Looking Ahead

Friday and Saturday, May 9 and 10

Kirkmont Retreat The plan at this time is to meet at the church at 4 p.m. so we can get to Kirkmont by 5 p.m. We will stay until after dinner on Saturday (leaving by 7 p.m.). I will be working with the Kirkmont staff on using the challenge course, and we will also play cage ball, go on a hike and have a fire outside Dunaway on Friday night. The church will pay the cost to rent the lodge and pay the staff person. A \$10 charge per person will be used to purchase the food.

Sunday, May 18

Youth Sunday

We are just starting to plan for Youth Sunday and we encourage the youth to come to Sunday School to help with the planning. We want all the youth in grades 6-12 to participate in some way, whether it's doing a reading, handing out bulletins, or singing!

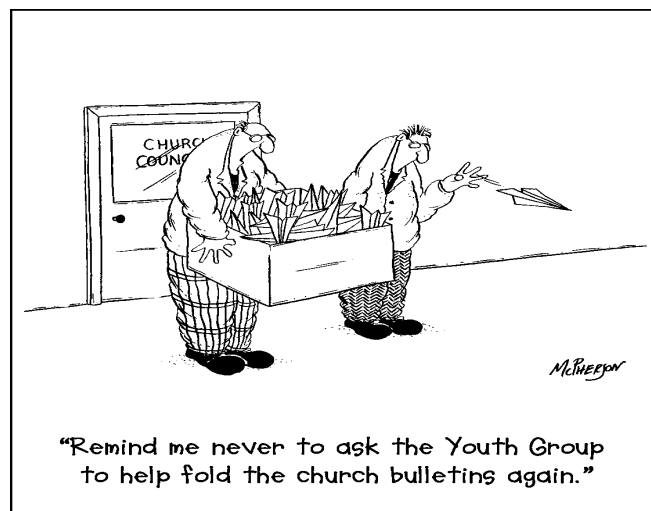
Since we will be at Kirkmont the weekend we normally help at the food pantry, I will be asking Teresa if she needs any help on the 3rd weekend of the month.

Teens on a Mission

This is the name of the group going on the mission trip this summer . . . as determined by the youth at the Hang Out Night in February. The youth will be raising funds for the trip. On Saturday, April 12, youth are asked to gather at the church at noon (after working at the food pantry) to have lunch and work on a fundraising idea. Parents are asked to come at 1:30 p.m. Bill Harrison and Susan Dersch will pass out and review the forms that need to be completed and answer any questions. Please RSVP to Susan (629-0792) about whether or not this date/time works for you.

The Loft

Work continues on The Loft. Many thanks to Terry Dersch and Mike Hanlon for unhooking the kitchenette and old gas heater. (We hope to have these removed soon!) Once a determination is made about carpet, we will be able to move forward with the renovation. Many thanks, again, to Cindy Ater for leading the charge on this! It's taking longer than we anticipated, but it will be worth it.





HEALTH NEWS
from the Parish Nurse . .
Nancy Jean Graves
April 2008

CENTRAL AUDITORY PROCESSING DISORDER

A CAPD is a physical hearing impairment that does not manifest itself as a hearing loss during routine screening or on an audiogram. While hearing is normal, it is the processing center inside the ear that is not functioning properly. The processing center is responsible for filtering background noise and useless stimuli so that meaningful messages get through. When your processing center is disordered, all sounds register with no discernment or filtering. Often only the closest or loudest noise is heard. Having a conversation across a room when the TV is on or water is running nearby will be impossible. So will hearing the pastor preach when a little one is restless behind you. Even the crinkling of a candy wrapper can overwhelm all other sound. Sometimes CAPD is inherited or results from brain damage or serious illness. It is often, understandably, linked to learning disabilities. It is very difficult for a child to discern the teacher's voice in a crowded, noisy classroom. Newly diagnosed cases among adults fall into the larger category of causes of CAPD -- unknown.

Individuals with CAPD learn to compensate. Sitting close to the speaker will help eliminate some of the surrounding noise. Changing position to face the speaker also helps. In a noisy restaurant sitting along the wall will lessen the amount of background noise. Constant reminding of family and friends to speak clearly and directly will be necessary. Audio equipment is available for students that transmit sound from the teacher's lapel microphone directly to a child's headset.

If you think you have CAPD or another hearing impairment, see your doctor or audiologist soon.

FROM: *Living and Working with Central Auditory Processing Disorder:*
Paton, Judith W. (1997)

Submitted by: Mary Caputo, R.N.
St. Teresa Roman Catholic Church

Presbyterian Women

Faith, Fellowship and Fun with a Circle of Friends.
All are welcome to participate.

Co-Moderators
Dwillla Cramer
Joan Generous

Secretary
Anne Hines

Treasurer
Ruth Martin



ESTHER CIRCLE

Leader: Ruth George

Meets 2nd Monday 7:15 P.M.

Esther Circle will meet for dinner on **Monday, April 14** at 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn South, 383 E. Leffel Lane. Call Janet Digel-Koerner (399-8777) by April 13 for a reservation.

MARY-MARTHA CIRCLE

Leader: Ruth Martin

Meets 3rd Wednesday 10:30 A.M.

Mary-Martha Circle will meet **Wednesday, April 16** at 10:00 a.m. at the church to carpool to *Forest Glenn* for a tour and lunch.

REBEKAH/SARAH CIRCLE

Leader: Joyce Carpenter

Meets 2nd Thursday 12:00 Noon

Rebekah/Sarah Circle will meet on **Thursday, April 10** at 12:00 noon at the church.
Hostesses: Joyce Carpenter & Ruth McAdams



Celebration Dinner

EVERYONE is invited to attend the *Annual Celebration Dinner* on Friday, **April 11** at **6:00 p.m.** Each year we hold this dinner in celebration of our church and of the coming of spring.

Menu

*Pork Loin w/ Apple Stuffing
Parsley Potatoes
Creamed Peas & Mushrooms
Green Salad
French Bread
Apple Pie*

The cost of the meal is \$11.00 and reservations must be made. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Family Room. Entertainment will be presented by Katy Valley, a multi-talented Shawnee student, who is preparing a musical program for us. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend for an evening of food and fun. Deadline for reservations is Monday, April 7.

**PW BOARD
MEETING
Monday, April 7
10:00 AM**



Looking Ahead

June 12—Thursday

Indoor Picnic/Blind Auction 12 Noon



Church Corporation

Kent Sherry **President**
Allen Spriggs **Vice President**
Lois Shroyer **Clerk of Session**
Bill Harrison **Treasurer**

Session

Class of 2008

Sally Asper
Cindy Ater
Bill Carpenter
Mary Dodds
Joan Generous

Class of 2009

Butch Dodds
Bud Graves
Gary Molnar
John Roberts
Kent Sherry

Class of 2010

Jim Griffin
Diana Harrison
Lois Shroyer
Allen Spriggs
Jim Twiggs

Deacons

Class of 2008

Bill Chesnut
Chuck Mansfield
Debbie Spoon

Class of 2009

Marcia Barga
Elise Spriggs
Marta Stalder

Class of 2010

Mark Brush
Joan Garrett
Greg Veith

Chairman

Bill Chesnut

Treasurer

Joan Garrett

**Christmas
Families**

Marcia Barga

Communion

Chuck Mansfield

Marta Stalder

Communion for Shut-Ins

Bill & Cindy Chesnut

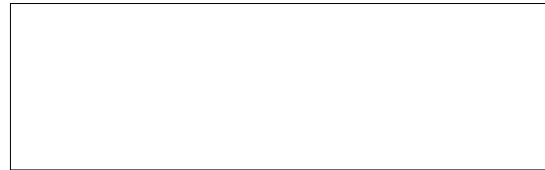
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| April 5 | Pancake Breakfast |
| April 11 | PW Celebration Dinner |
| April 15 | Session Meeting |
| April 17 | AVM Annual Day of Reflection |
| April 27 | Youth Group Bowling |
| April 29 | AVM Red Brick Tavern/Glenn Parks |



APRIL

NORTHMINSTER'S VISION STATEMENT
REJOICE! RENEW! REACHOUT!

A church family that lives and shares its Christian faith by rejoicing, renewing and reaching out!

April 2008

Northminster Presbyterian Church



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 6:00 Girl Scouts	2 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:15 Choir	3 6:30 Girl Scouts	4	5 8:00 Pancake Breakfast
6 4:00 Confirmation @ Covenant	7 9:30 YWM 10:00 PW Board 6:00 Finance 6:30 Administration	8 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp	9 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:15 Choir	10 12:00 Rebekah/ Sarah Circle 6:30 Girl Scouts	11 6:00 Celebration Dinner	12 10:00 Youth help @ Food Pantry at Clifton Ave Church of God
13 2:00 Youth help @ Son Day's Cool at the Salvation Army 4:00 Confirmation @ Covenant	14 10:00 AVM Bd Mtg 6:30 Esther Circle @ Holiday Inn South Leffel Lane	15 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 6:00 Girl Scouts 7:00 Session Mtg.	16 10:30 Mary-Martha Circle 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:15 Choir	17 9:30 AVM Annual Day of Reflection 6:30 Girl Scouts	18	19
20 4:00 Confirmation @ Covenant	21 DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER	22 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp	23 6:00 Worship Mtg. 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:15 Choir	24 6:30 Girl Scouts	25 Red Hat Club	26
27 12:00 Youth group Bowling 4:00 Confirmation @ Covenant	28 6:30 Quilt Guild	29 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 6:15 AVM Dinner @ Red Brick Tavern	30 10:00 Mail Newsletter 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:15 Choir			