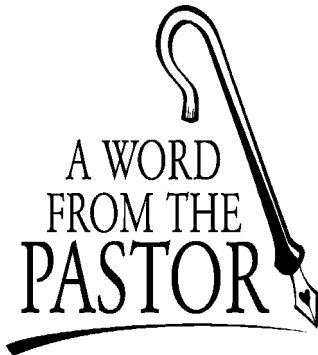


NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE NORTHERN LIGHT

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Someone once made a poignant observation about NFL football. Imagine another world looking down at 60,000-100,000 people who pay \$900,000 to sit in a stadium that cost \$45 million to watch 22 men being paid as much as \$7 million a year dispute the possession of a ball that costs \$59.95.

While that objectifies it appropriately, here in Buckeye Country football is a sort of religion as well. We set aside special time to watch it, read about it often in the newspaper and online. We display our pride in the Buckeyes through wearing team colors, displaying magnets, flags, license plates, and some even have their own Ohio State shrine built in their home where an entire room is dedicated to all that represents their fandom of Ohio State. On Super Bowl Sunday, I, along with millions of others, will have gathered with my friends and family to watch the multimillion dollar players on the field and the commercials costing three million dollars per minute.

I wonder what would happen if we took as much pride in our faith as we do OSU? What if my faith in Jesus Christ was displayed as prominently as my commitment to the Dallas Cowboys? Well, first of all, people would likely never come near me because they'd call me a religious fanatic. Well that's what a fan is. How big a fan are you and I of God? I pray that we're really committed to following Jesus and to living lives that proudly display the marks of our Christian faith in how we live out our relationships at work, at home, and at play. Not so much that we scare people away, but just so that when people see us they will know who it is we follow.

Dwight

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00A.M.

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If there is an omission or an error, please contact the editor so a correction can be made.

Thank You

Deana Knotts, Newsletter Editor

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

- Lucinda Yeagle* February 4
- Maggie Roberts* February 5
- Mary Jane McBlane* February 8
- Kristen Zeeb* February 15
- Martha Clement* February 22
- Ashley Foster* February 22
- Nancy Graves* February 22
- Nancy Jean Graves* February 26
- Lori Long-Howard* February 28
- Ruth Martin* February 28



A Note of Thanks from our Deacons

The Deacons would like to thank the Congregation for their continued, generous support of the Adopt-A-Family Program sponsored by the Salvation Army.

This year we sponsored two families. A single mom with two children and a single mom with five girls. The Deacons delivered the presents and food on Wednesday the 19th of December. As in years past, the gifts and food were greatly appreciated. The families definitely appeared to be in need. We as a church family are indeed blessed. It is extremely moving to go into the homes of our adopt-a-families and really come to believe in and understand the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you for making their holiday season much brighter.

Marcia Barga

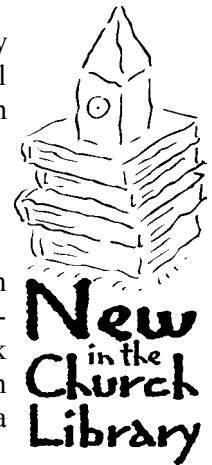
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We extend our sympathy to:

The Strawsburg Family and Sharon and Richard Jenkins due to the death of Lawton Strawsburg on January 14, 2008

What's New in the Library?

New books have been added to our library and I have listed a few below. You will find them in the library or on the cart in the family room.



Dinner with a Perfect Stranger

by David Gregory

What would you discuss over dinner with Jesus? That's the dilemma facing a cynical but successful businessman, Nick Cominsky, when he accepts an invitation to join Jesus of Nazareth for dinner at a local restaurant.

Amish Grace

by D. Kaybell, S. Nolt & D. Zercher

How forgiveness transcended tragedy. The remarkable response of the Amish Community to the horrific shooting of ten school girls at Nickel Mines, Pennsylvania in October 2006 stunned the larger world. *Amish Grace* tells the incredible story of this community's reaction to this senseless shooting and explores its profoundly counter-cultural practice of forgiveness.

A History of the Ancient World

by Chester G. Starr

In a long and distinguished career, Chester Starr has written on topics ranging from early man to the early Athenian democracy to the role of sea power in the classical world and one of his finest works, the product of his broad interests and expertise has been *A History of the Ancient World*, long a standard work on the distant past. Now this landmark book is available in a new edition offering an informative account of early history from the rise of the first cities to the fall of the Roman Empire and is richly illustrated.

3:16 The Numbers of Hope

by Max Lucado

The verse is an alphabet of grace, a table of contents to the Christian hope. Each word a safe-deposit box of jewels. Read it again slowly and note the word that snatches your attention. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that who ever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

I plan to keep you updated with new arrivals in future newsletters. I am in the library on Thursday mornings. Please call or drop in if you have any questions or suggestions.

Virginia Phillips

WORSHIP

Music & Worship Committee Gary Molnar-Chair

Joan Garrett Julie Griffin Anne Hines
Jane Johnson Pastor McCormick
John Roberts Lydia Smith Dawn White

LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday, February 3

Transfiguration of the Lord
Exodus 24:12-18; *Psalm 2 or Psalm 99*
2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

Ash Wednesday, February 6

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12;
Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sunday, February 10

1st Sunday in Lent
Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; *Psalm 32*
Romans 5:12-19; Mathew 4:1-11

Sunday, February 17

2nd Sunday in Lent
Organ Dedication During Worship
4:00 p.m. Concert
Genesis 12:1-4a; *Psalm 121*;
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

Sunday, February 24

3rd Sunday in Lent
Exodus 17:1-7; *Psalm 95*;
Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Begin the Lenten Season with a
combined Ash Wednesday
Service
(Covenant, Oakland & Northminster)
on **February 6 at 7 p.m.**
@ Covenant Presbyterian.

NORTHMINSTER'S MILITARY MEN and WOMEN

Please remember those serving our Country in your prayers.

Sgt. Nicholas Bare - U.S. Marines
Grandson of Dwilla Cramer
Currently stationed at Camp Pendleton, California

CPL Chad Barga - U.S. Marines
Grandson of Andy & Marcia Barga
Stationed in Iraq
MWSS 372 Alpha Company
Unit 42020
FPOAP 96426-2020

Edward J. O'Neil - Lt. Col. U.S. Army
Son-in-law of Roy & Ruth Martin
Currently stationed in Okinawa, Japan
Patriot Battalion Commander Kadena Air Force Base

AVM—Adult Visionary Ministry

Valentine's Day Dinner

The "Visionaries" invite you to a
Valentine's Day Dinner with en-
tertainment on Thursday, **Febru-**
ary 14 at 6:00 p.m. at the church.
Watch for sign-up sheets which
will be posted in the family room.
Reservations are necessary. For
additional information, contact
Howard Garrett or Dick White,
AVM Associates.



AVM Calendar of Events

- March 21** **Bingo Party**
1:00 p.m. Snacks and drinks provided.
- April 17** **Annual Day of Reflection**
9:30 a.m. Coffee & Donut Holes
10:00 a.m. Program
Speaker to be announced at a later date.
- April 29** **Red Brick Tavern, Lafayette, OH**
6:15 p.m. Dinner
Entertainment by Glenn Parks
- May 29** **Bear Creek, Indiana**
"Branson on the Road"
- June 14** **Cook-Out/ Picnic @ Shelter House**
12 Noon AVM will furnish meat & drinks.
Bring a covered dish (vegetable or salad)



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

ARE YOU SLEEPING?

According to Dr. James B. Mass, a leading sleep researcher, a majority of us are sleep deprived and do not realize how much it affects our mood, our performance, our behavior, indeed our everyday living.

Many issues affect how much we sleep.

STRESS, due to job, family or personal issues.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS, such as heat, cold, pollution, or noise.

ILLNESS, or **UNCOMFORTABLE SLEEP FURNISHINGS**, are some--
but the biggest reason is **WORK** we want to accomplish.

WE ARE JUST TOO BUSY.

The effects of not getting enough sleep are numerous. They include: muscle aches, depression, decreased mental ability, lack of concentration, cardiovascular disease, a weakened immune system, headache, impatience, irritability, hand tremors, dizziness, daytime drowsiness, memory lapses or even memory loss, slower reaction time, and weight gain or weight loss.

Requirements for adult sleep are 7-8 hours nightly. Children require even more sleep, varying by age to meet their growth needs. Wouldn't you like to enjoy life being alert, energetic, wide awake, happy, creative, motivated, productive, and healthy? **TRY GETTING MORE SLEEP. IT MAY CHANGE YOUR LIFE.**

Submitted by: Sue Markley, Parish Nurse
Urbana United Methodist Church

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) offers a onetime credit to your primary heat source per winter. Eligibility is income based. The income guidelines are as follows:

Household of One	\$17,867.50
Household of Two	\$23,957.50

Contact Rita Marshall at 323-4948 ext.124 for more information.

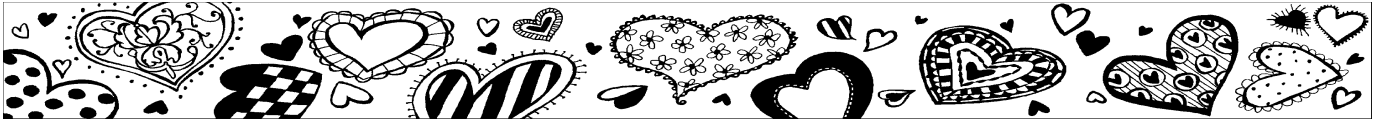
Presbyterian Women

**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 on **Monday, February 11th** at 7:15 p.m. at the church.

Program: Emily Spriggs

Making a craft for the bazaar

MARY-MARTHA CIRCLE

Leader: Ruth Martin

Meets 3rd Wednesday 10:30 A.M.

Mary-Martha Circle will meet **Wednesday, February 20th** at 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Program: Planning Session & Pizza Party

REBEKAH/SARAH CIRCLE

Leader: Joyce Carpenter

Meets 2nd Thursday 12:00 Noon

Rebekah/Sarah Circle will meet on **Thursday, February 14th** at 12:00 noon at the church.

Hostesses: Barb Aker and Irene Hughes

**PW BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4
10:00 AM**

Craig House Meals

On the 4th Monday of each month, PW delivers an evening meal for 12 men living at Craig House, a homeless shelter for men. If you would like to help by providing either a **meat, vegetable, salad** or **dessert**, please sign-up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the Family Room. Your donations may be brought to the church on the Sunday before or picked up at your home. **This month's meal date is Monday, February 25th.** Call or see Marcia or Andy Barga (399-9839) for more information.



YOUTH GROUP

NORTHMINSTER'S YOUTH

Youth Group Schedule for February

Sunday, February 3

Tubing at Mad River Mountain

Saturday, February 9 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Help at Food Pantry

Clifton Avenue Church of God

Sunday, February 10 2:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Help at Son Day's Cool

Salvation Army

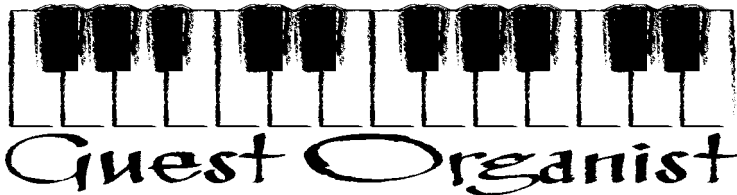
Sunday, February 24 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

4:30 p.m. Hang Out Night at the Church

Organ Dedication and Concert *Sunday, February 17, 2008*

The dedication of our new organ is scheduled for Sunday, **February 17 during worship**. Special music will feature the organ along with Northminster's choir and bell choir.

There will be an **organ concert at 4:00 p.m.** on that same day to highlight the capabilities of the new organ. The concert will feature Brad Hall, the former organist at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. A reception will follow the concert. The concert is open to the community as well as Northminster members. Please plan to join us for both of these special services.



Bradley D. Hall



A native of Bellefontaine, Ohio, Brad began learning the organ while very young. Throughout his high school and college years, he studied under Prof. Trudy Faber of Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio. In 2005, Mr. Hall earned his Bachelor of Music degree in church music and organ from Wittenberg. While in Springfield, he held the position of principal organist at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. Brad was the winner of the 2004

Ruth & Paul Manz Church Music Scholarship Competition. Currently, he is Interim Associate Director of Music at Trinity English Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Brad has also studied organ with Dr. Todd Wilson. In the future, Mr. Hall plans to pursue graduate work at the University of Notre Dame.

Church Corporation

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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

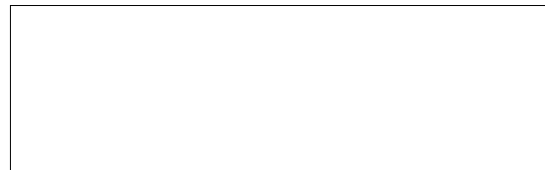
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| February 2 | Pancake Breakfast |
| February 6 | Ash Wednesday Service
@ Covenant 7:00 p.m. |
| February 14 | AVM Valentine Dinner |
| February 17 | Organ Dedication During Worship
Concert 4:00 p.m. |
| February 18 | Presidents' Day |
| February 19 | Session Meeting |

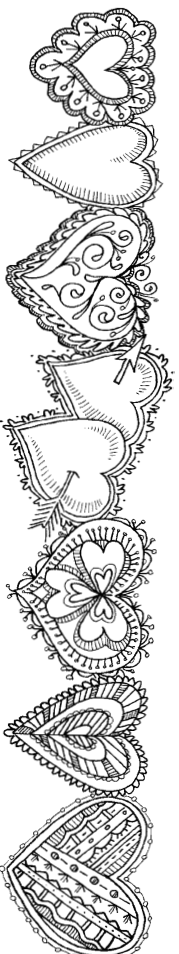


NORTHMINSTER'S VISION STATEMENT
REJOICE! RENEW! REACHOUT!

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

February 2008

Northminster
Presbyterian Church



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1	2 8:00 Pancake Breakfast
3 Youth Tubing @ Mad River Mountain	4 9:30 YWM Meeting & Luncheon 10:00 PW Board	5 6:00 Girl Scouts	6 6:00 Choir Practice @ Covenant 7:00 Ash Wed. Service @ Covenant	7 6:30 Girl Scouts	8	9 10:00 Youth help @ Clifton Ave Church of God Food Pantry
4:00 Confirmation @ Northminster			7:00 Boy Scouts			
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