

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE NORTHERN LIGHT

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ISSUE



FROM THE PASTOR

When I was a kid there was this toy that you could buy that was filled with blue liquid and several different plastic blocks with answers on them like: "It appears likely," or "Details are foggy," or "Yes." It was called a "Magic Eight Ball" because it was round and black and had the number 8 on it like the eight ball on a pool table.

The way you used the toy was to ask it a question and then proceed to shake the ball, turn it over, and the answer to your question was supposed to appear in the clear window on the underside of the ball. At the time we used to ask it questions like: "Does Christie like me?" or "Will I score a touchdown this week in football?" Remember, we're talking nine year-olds here people. This was of course a superstitious practice designed for entertainment purposes only. We have no way of predicting our future with certainty even though psychic hotlines and palm readers may try to tell us otherwise.

Despite the uncertainty of the future, we can guarantee that if we don't plan in some way for it we will be unprepared and possibly miss out on what it is that God would have us do or be. So I'm asking you to take time to help us do more than shake a magic eight ball as we plan for the next five, ten, even twenty years at Northminster Presbyterian Church. Please take time to attend the retreat on May 17th here at the church. Your input will help us to discern, rather than guess, what to do next as a community of faith. God can use us and our conversations to create a vision and an enduring ministry for Christ. I'm asking that you sign-up for the event ahead of time in the Family Room or the Narthex at the church so we can plan on how many we will be feeding that day.

Rev. Dr. Charles Dougherty will be our leader/facilitator as we begin the process of answering these questions about our congregation:

- Who are we?
- What has God called us to do or be?
- Who is our neighbor?

I look forward to this time with you and the exciting time ahead for us as a church family. Thanks in advance for your prayers, and your participation.

Yours in Christ,
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:

<i>Steve Harbaugh</i>	May 1
<i>Mary Heida</i>	May 2
<i>Kevin Creager</i>	May 3
<i>Joe Hookey</i>	May 5
<i>Carolyn Wilson</i>	May 5
<i>Virginia Binkley</i>	May 11
<i>Brian Spurgin</i>	May 11
<i>Ryan Hooper</i>	May 16
<i>Sam Cooke</i>	May 17
<i>Eric Barga</i>	May 18
<i>Tom Spurgin</i>	May 19
<i>Marcia Barga</i>	May 21
<i>Mary Wunderlich</i>	May 21
<i>Matthew Dodds</i>	May 24
<i>Diana Harrison</i>	May 27
<i>Christine Sherry</i>	May 31

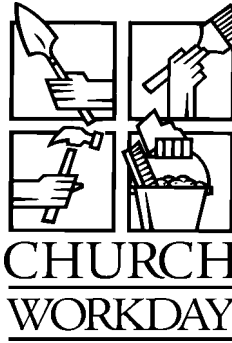
NEW ADDRESSES:

Mrs. Marjorie Johnson
Heartland of Springfield
2615 Derr Road
Springfield, Ohio 45503
399-0005

Mrs. Ann Grieser
Forest Glen Health Campus
4100 Middle Urbana Road
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Springfield, OH 45503
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Men's Breakfast Meeting

The men of Northminster are invited to a breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant on N. Limestone Street on **Tuesday, May 13** at 7:00 a.m. Please call John Roberts for reservations 964-9659.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
Saturday, May 3rd

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
OUTSIDE WORK DAY

Spring is finally here and with that comes spring cleanup. Get out your gardening clothes and tools and come help with the spring cleanup around the church on **Saturday, May 3rd from 9AM to 3PM.** Come early for the Pancake Breakfast. The youth will be helping and donations from the breakfast will help with youth projects. Hamburgers, hot dogs and refreshments will be served for lunch. We need lots of help so please mark your calendar!



Notes of Thanks

A big thank you to our church family for all the prayers, support, visits, cards, phone calls, and food during Allen's extended illness and our loss. To each of you who helped in everyway with his celebration of life service, we appreciate your time and work. Thank you,

*Emily, Kathy, Eric, Kris, Elise, Kevin
and the granddaughters.*

Dear friends,

"My cup overflows with blessings." Psalm 23
You are all a part of those blessings. There is no way I can completely express Paul's and my gratitude for all the prayers, phone calls, cards, flowers, food and gifts we received during my recent surgery and recovery. We love you, "our church family."
Thank you,

Dottie and Paul

We wish to thank the Northminster Family for the phone calls, cards, and concerns we received after the death of Roy's brother.

*Sincerely,
Roy and Ruth Martin*



**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 May**

May 4, 2008 *7th Sunday of Easter*

Acts 1:6-14; *Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35*

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

Crib Room: LeaAnn Hoefler

Greeter: Emily Spriggs

Ushers: Joe Bindley and Phil Kunkle

May 11, 2008 *Pentecost Sunday*

Mother's Day

Confirmation Sunday

Communion

Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21;

John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

Crib Room: Maggie Roberts

Greeters: Jim, Mindy, and Josh Twigg

Ushers: Dave and Sally Asper

May 18, 2008 *Trinity Sunday*

Genesis 1:1—2:4a; *Psalm 8;*

2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

Crib Room: Elise Spriggs

Greeters: Cindy Ater and Lou Zook

Ushers: Dave and Sally Asper

May 25, 2008 *8th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 49:8-16a; *Psalm 131;*

1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Matthew 6:24-34

Crib Room: Nicole Roberts

Greeters: Howard Garrett & Ann Petticrew

Ushers: Chuck and Lisa Mansfield



YOUTH GROUP

YOUTH GROUP RETREAT

@ KIRKMONT

Friday and Saturday, May 9 and 10

See the flyer in this issue

of the *Northern Light*

for specific details.

Contact Susan Dersch: 629-0792

for additional information.

AVM—Adult Visionary Ministry

The "Visionaries" are planning a daytrip to Bear Creek, Indiana on **Friday, May 30** for the show "Branson on the Road" (Country, Bluegrass, Comedy & Gospel).

Reservations must be made ahead of time

so please be sure to

include your name

on the sign-up sheet

posted in the Family

Room. Cost of the

show is \$28.00

which includes a

meal and the show.

Showtime is 2:00

p.m. For additional information contact Dick

White 399-7305 or Howard Garrett 390-3194,

AVM Associates.



Looking Ahead

Saturday, June 14 plan to join the AVM for a

Cook-Out and Picnic at the Shelter House on the

hill at 12:00 noon. AVM will furnish the meat

and drinks. Everyone is asked to bring a covered

dish to share (vegetable or a salad).





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

HEALING

We all encounter times of physical illness as well as emotional, psychological, and spiritual distress and pain. We are all in need of healing—in every aspect of life.

Those of us who are in both the health profession and other professions relating to the church no longer think of “healing” as limited to treatment with medicine or even surgery for disease that invades our physical bodies. There are entirely new bodies of practice and knowledge known as “alternative medicine,” or “a call to wholeness” where healing becomes a body, mind and spirit journey. Of course we need to take advantage of all the progress of science and medicine to help us heal our physical wounds. However, science can’t always heal the deeper wounds of the mind and spirit. Some contemporary physicians (Medical Doctors) who promote wholeness and healing are Dr. Kenneth L. Bakken, Dr. Andrew Weil, and Dr. Larry Dossey. I recommend their writings to you.

Dr. Bakken’s book: The Call to Wholeness: Health as a Spiritual Journey (1987) takes us back to what it means to live the Good News. The root problems of our illnesses may be anger, unforgiveness, or fear. It is easier to take a pill or submit to some treatment rather than deal with the deep questions illness engenders.

Dr. Larry Dossey’s book: Healing Words is about the efficacy of prayer in healing. He found in his study of very ill patients that those who were prayed for daily as compared to patients for whom no prayer was requested improved and healed more quickly. A fascinating study.

Dr. Andrew Weil’s book: Health and Healing: Understanding Conventional and Alternative Medicine. He has studied all forms of healing from herbs to faith healing and practices in other cultures. He has been interviewed by many popular TV talk hosts. He is currently the Director of the Program in Integrative Medicine at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

Submitted by: Ginny Carlisle, R.N., M.Div.

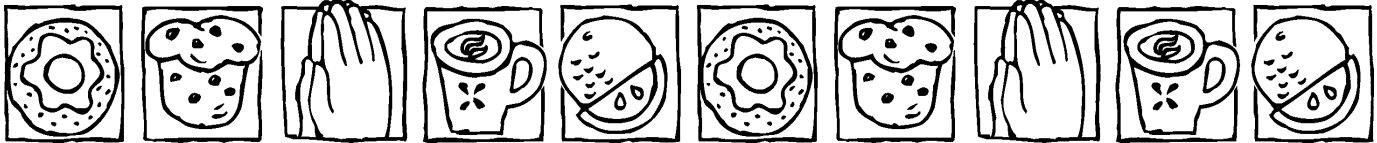
Presbyterian Women

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

Esther Circle will meet on Monday, **May 12** at 6:15 p.m. at the church for a salad supper.
Hostesses: Cindy Chesnut and Mary Dodds

MARY-MARTHA CIRCLE

Leader: Ruth Martin
Meets 3rd Wednesday

Mary-Martha Circle will meet on Wednesday, **May 21** at 11:00 a.m. at the church to carpool to Rothschild's in Urbana for lunch.

REBEKAH/SARAH CIRCLE

Leader: Joyce Carpenter
Meets 2nd Thursday

Rebekah/Sarah Circle will meet on Thursday **May 8** at 12:00 noon at O'Charley's Restaurant for our spring luncheon.



**PW BOARD
MEETING
Monday, May 5
10:00 AM**

LOVING ENOUGH TO SAY "NO!"

You don't love me! How many times have your kids laid that on you? And how many times have you, as a parent, resisted the urge to tell them how much?

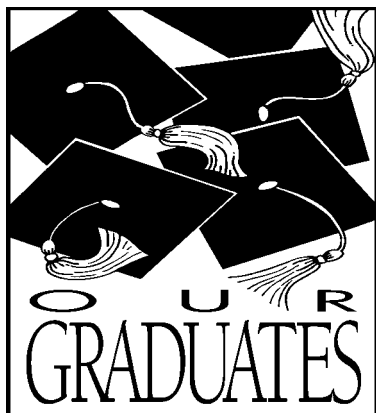
Someday when my children are old enough, I'll tell them: I loved you enough to bug you about where you were going, with whom and what time you would get home. I loved you enough to be silent and let you discover that your hand-picked friend was a 'creep.'

I loved you enough to make you return the Milky Way with a bite out of it to the store and confess, "I stole this." I loved you enough to stand over you for two hours while you cleaned your bedroom, a job that would have taken me 15 minutes. I loved you enough to not make excuses for your lack of respect or lack of manners.

I loved you enough to ignore what 'every mother' did. I loved you enough to figure you would lie about the party being chaperoned but forgive you for it after discovering I was right.

I loved you enough to let you stumble, fall, and fail so that you could learn to stand alone. I loved you enough to accept you for what you are, not what I wanted you to be. But most of all, I loved you enough to say "No" when you hated me for it. That was the hardest part of all.

- Erma Bombeck
via *The Item*
First UMC, Phoenix, NY
The Joyful Noiseletter, May 2008



Our High School Graduates

Emily Aldinger, daughter of Susan Dersch and Alan Aldinger, is graduating from Northwestern High School. Emily plans to go to Muskingum College and major in English. Her goal is to become a teacher.

Megan Knotts, daughter of Kevin and Deana Knotts, is graduating from Kenton Ridge High School. Megan will attend Miami University and is planning to major in Education and/or Human & Organizational Development.

Mitchell Monke, son of Lowell and Julie Monke, is graduating from North High School. Mitchell will be attending Ohio Wesleyan University where he will be playing baseball.

Our College Graduates

Alex Creager, son of Kevin and Sue Creager, is graduating from Kent State University on May 11 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy/Religious Studies. This summer he will work as a Site Director for Youth Works. This will be his third summer working as a Young Adult Volunteer with the Presbyterian Church overseas. This has been his dream to do mission work in another country. The Presbyterian Church is deciding whether to place him in Kenya or Guatemala and he will be there for one year. He then plans on going into a Presbyterian Seminary when he returns home.

Stephanie Molnar, daughter of Gary and Denise Molnar, is graduating from Ohio University on June 14. Stephanie has earned a degree in Sociology.

Carol Spurgin, daughter of Tom and Kathy Spurgin, is graduating from Wright State University in June with a teaching degree in Physical Education and Health.

Our Adult Graduates

Debbie Spoon graduates from Urbana University in May with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing.

Church Corporation

Kent Sherry	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
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

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Christmas Families

Marcia Barga

Communion

Chuck Mansfield
Marta Stalder

Communion for Shut-Ins

Bill & Cindy Chesnut

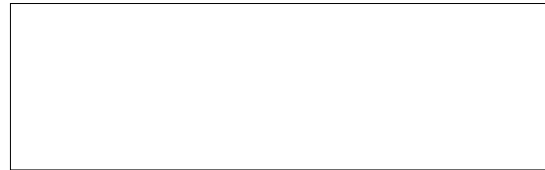
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- May 3** **Pancake Breakfast**
Outside Work Day
- May 9/10** **Youth Retreat @ Kirkmont**
- May 11** **Pentecost/Mother's Day**
Confirmation Sunday/Communion
- May 13** **Men's Breakfast Meeting**
- May 17** **All-Church Retreat**
- May 20** **Session Meeting**
- May 26** **Memorial Day—Office Closed**
- May 30** **AVM Daytrip to Bear Creek, Indiana**



NORTHMINSTER'S VISION STATEMENT
REJOICE! RENEW! REACHOUT!

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

May 2008

Northminster Presbyterian Church



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 6:30 Girl Scouts	2	3 8:00 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 Outside Workday
4	5 10:00 PW Board 6:30 Administration Committee	6 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 6:00 Girl Scouts	7 6:00 Bell choir 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:15 Choir	8 12:00 Rebekah/ Sarah Circle @ O' Charley's 6:30 Girl Scouts	9 6:00 Lukehart/ Bishop Wedding Rehearsal Youth @ Kirkmont	10 2:30 Lukehart/ Bishop Wedding Youth @ Kirkmont
11 Pentecost Mother's Day Communion Confirmation	12 10:00 AVM Board 6:00 Finance 6:15 Esther Circle	13 7:00 Men's Breakfast @ Perkins on N. Limestone 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp	14 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:15 Choir	15 6:30 Girl Scouts	16	17 9:00 Church Retreat
18	19 6:30 Quilt Guild Deadline for Newsletter	20 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 6:00 Girl Scouts 7:00 Session	21 11:00 Mary/Martha Circle 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:15 Choir	22 6:30 Girl Scouts	23 Red Hat Club	24 10:00 Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby
25	26 Memorial Day Office Closed	27 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 7:00 Cub Pack	28 9:30 Mail Newsletter 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:15 Choir	29 6:30 Girl Scouts	30 AVM Daytrip to Bear Creek Indiana	31



Come to the Retreat! **Saturday, May 17th**

Northminster Presbyterian Church
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

What? A retreat (including presentations by our guest leader and small group discussions) in which participants will try to answer these questions:

- Who are we? (What is our identity as a congregation?)
- Why are we here? (What is it that God wants us to do?)
- Who are our neighbors?
(Whom does God expect us to love as we love ourselves?)

Where? At Northminster in the Family Room

When? Saturday, May 17th, gathering beginning at 8:30 AM for coffee and donuts so that we can begin promptly at 9:00 AM with the program. Lunch and snacks will be provided through the day. The retreat will end with a brief worship service and communion from 3:30 to 4:00 PM.

Who should attend? All current and newly elected Session Members, all current and newly elected Deacons, Committee Chairs and Members, Church School Leaders, Youth Leaders, Presbyterian Women Leaders, Circle Leaders, Adult Visionary Ministry Leaders, Staff, and all Members/Friends of the congregation who are interested in discovering/shaping the mission of Northminster for the future.

How do I sign up? On the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Family Room or the Narthex or by phoning John Roberts at (937) 964-9659 (H) or (937) 215-3382 (cell). Please sign-up by **Monday, May 12th** so we can order the lunches.

General information: Our guest leader is the Rev. Charles Dougherty, a retired Presbyterian pastor now living in South Carolina. Rev. Dougherty will also be with us on Sunday, May 18th to preach in the worship service and to lead the Adult Forum session.

This is an exciting opportunity for each of us to be involved in the process of discerning the mission and ministry that God desires Northminster to fulfill, so please come and participate.

KIRKMONT RETREAT INFORMATION



Who: Northminster Youth and friends*

What: Overnight Retreat

Where: Dunaway Lodge at Kirkmont
Center, Zanesfield , Ohio

Youth Retreat

When: Leave Friday, May 9, at 4 p.m.
Return Saturday, May 10, at 7 p.m.

Cost: \$10 per person to cover the cost of the food
(The church will cover the cost of Dunaway Lodge.)

We will be hiking, playing cage ball, taking part in the challenge course, cooking over the fire, rehearsing for Youth Sunday, enjoying the great outdoors, getting to know each other better, etc., etc.

What to Bring: Sleeping bag or bedding, pillow, two changes of clothes (at least one pair of long pants to use when hiking), good walking/hiking shoes, toiletries (including towel and wash cloth), Bible

Please do not bring electronic device, including cell phones. Let's "get away from it all" while we are out in the woods! (Don't worry. The adults will have cell phones!)

**We can have 16 youth and so far we have eight signed up. Friends can be invited...no more than one per person, please! (Because we have more boys than girls, some boys may end up sleeping on mats on the floor.)*

