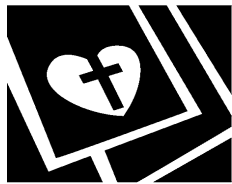


# THE NORTHERN LIGHT

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## FROM THE PASTOR

Soren Kierkegaard once wrote a parable that told of a community of ducks waddling off to duck church one Sunday to hear their duck preacher. After they waddled into the duck sanctuary, the service began and the duck preacher spoke eloquently of how God had given the ducks wings with which to fly. He pounded the pulpit with his beak and said, "With these wings, there is nowhere we ducks can not go! There is no God-given task we ducks can not accomplish! With these wings we no longer need walk through life. We can soar high in the sky!" Shouts of amen were quacked throughout the duck congregation. The duck preacher concluded his message by exclaiming, "With our wings we can fly through life! WE.....CAN.....FLY!!!!" More ducks quacked out loud AMENS! in response. Every duck loved the service. In fact all the ducks that were present commented on what a wonderfully convicting message they had heard from their duck preacher....and then they left the church and waddled all the way home.

Eloquent words or any words without action are a bit empty. We are all sometimes like the preacher duck and also sometimes like the ducks who waddle rather than fly. I want to encourage you and me to know that because of Christ we can love. Because we are loved, we can do work in response to love that we otherwise would not be able to do. So what then exactly will that look like? Habitat for Humanity Apostle Build? South Limestone Redevelopment Project? In what ministry is God calling you and I to fly? Christ will help us discern and learn how we may live into that calling. Amen.

*Pastor Dwight McCormick II*

### SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00A.M.

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Dwight McCormick II, Pastor  
W. Franklin Sparks, Pastor Emeritus

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Dawn White	<b>Organist</b>
Susan Dersch	<b>Youth Directors</b>
Mark Brush	
Howard Garrett	<b>Adult Ministry</b>
Dick White	
Dwillia Cramer	<b>Presbyterian Women</b>
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Bill Harrison	<b>Treasurer</b>

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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>Scott Loomer</i>	September 1
<i>Montserrat Lau</i>	September 3
<i>Sharon Jenkins</i>	September 5
<i>Dylan Hooper</i>	September 6
<i>Joyce Bruce</i>	September 7
<i>Burt McKaig</i>	September 7
<i>Gay Steiner</i>	September 14
<i>Kathie Harbaugh</i>	September 16
<i>Howard Garrett</i>	September 18
<i>Mary Lu Noonan</i>	September 22
<i>Adam Stout</i>	September 23
<i>Diana Schneider</i>	September 24
<i>Dwilla Cramer</i>	September 27
<i>Chris Molnar</i>	September 27
<i>John Tyler Roberts</i>	September 27
<i>Joan Watson</i>	September 28

**NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**

Plans are in the works for a new Pictorial Directory for Northminster. Doris DeMers has graciously agreed to chair/coordinate this endeavor as she did five years ago. Maggie Roberts has volunteered to be the Appointment Coordinator. Sue Creager is the Layout Coordinator and would like help with gathering candid photos of our church life. If folks could give her a few photos of events, clubs, trips, and other work that has been photographed in the past six months or take any new photos, that would be great. She will need these by the end of September.

The dates for pictures to be taken will be October 16, 17, and 18. Additional information and details will be forthcoming in the near future.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**  
Beginning Tuesday, September 2, 2008

Monday	8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday	8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Office Closed
Thursday	8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Friday	8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



*The office will be closed on Monday, September 1st in observance of Labor Day.*

**WELCOME MARK BRUSH**



Northminster is pleased to welcome a new member to our church staff. The Property Committee made a recommendation that a part-time custodian be hired and the Session approved unanimously. Mark Brush was hired in July to assume the responsibilities of church custodian. Please take a moment to make Mark feel welcome in his new position.

**A NOTE OF APPRECIATION**

The Sparks Family, Frank, Carol, Brad, Sharon and Brenda, express appreciation to the Northminster Congregation for their support, prayers, and concerns during this time when Brenda (Fisher) continues to undergo chemotherapy treatments. Brenda has recently assumed full-time responsibilities as a school counselor and administrator at the Sycamore High School ( a Cincinnati suburb). She joins a staff of 200.

**OTHER NEWS**

The nephew of Carol Sparks, The Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden, has been elected to the General Mission Council of the Presbyterian Church (USA). That election took place during the recent 218th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in San Jose, California. In broad terms, the Mission Council's responsibilities focuses in five key areas: Evangelism, Discipleship, Vocation, Justice and Stewardship. The council is composed of over 30 clergy and laypersons from various regions of the United States. Clark is the son of Carol's brother and sister-in-law, he is a Presbyterian Clergyman and the Presbytery Executive of the San Diego Presbytery.

**NEW ADDRESS for WINNIE STRAWSBURG**  
*Good Shepherd Village, Room #9*  
*422 N. Burnett Road*  
*Springfield, Ohio 45503*



**NORTHMINSTER  
GOLF OUTING**

Northminster's golf scramble was held at Snyder Park Golf Course on August 17, 2008, on a beautiful day. Sixteen golfers participated:

- Rob and Liz Adams
- Ken Arnold
- Bud Graves
- Don and June Hughes
- Richard Jenkins
- Jim Lukehart
- Tommy Martin
- Gary Molnar
- Ron Montgomery
- Pastor Dwight
- Adam Stout
- Ryan Whiteside
- Matt and Linda Wilson

Two teams tied with scores of 68.  
 Team 1: Don, June, Jim and Ken  
 Team 2: Gary, Ryan and Richard

Jim Lukehart had the longest drive on hole 16 and Richard Jenkins had closest to the pin on hole 10.

All players received gifts furnished by:

*Jeff Wyler Automotive Family*  
 Golf Balls and 2 Oil Changes

*AAMCO Transmissions, Bill Harrison*  
 Golf Balls and 2 Oil Changes

*Allstate Insurance, Jim Twiggs*  
 Golf Balls and Hats

*State Farm Insurance, John Roberts*  
 Golf Balls

National Trails Park Service provided money for 50 Clubhouse Dollars. All had a fun time.

**AVM—Adult Visionary Ministry**

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, September 13th** when the "Visionaries" will travel to Clifton for a show at the **Clifton Opera House**. We will meet for dinner at 5:00 p.m. at Rudy's Smokehouse BBQ on South Limestone Street. Watch for sign-up sheets that will be posted in the Family Room and the Narthex.

On Tuesday, **September 30th** the AVM invites you to attend a "**Fall Day at Kirkmont.**" Additional information about this event is available from Howard or Joan Garrett.

**Wednesday, October 8th** the AVM will hold its **Annual Day of Renewal**. The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and doughnuts. The program begins at 10:00 followed by a break for lunch. The day will conclude with Communion.



*✍ October 23 Harvest Dinner*

*✍ November 11 Our 4th Quarter Birthday Party* will celebrate birthdays of those born in October, November and December. We will also be honoring our Veterans. This will be a Soup and Sandwich lunch followed by the showing of a movie.

*✍ December 5 AVM/PW Christmas Dinner*

*For additional information on any "Visionary" activity, contact Howard Garrett or Dick White, AVM Associates.*

**Remember the Food Pantry this Fall**

Thanks to everyone who contributed items for the Christ Episcopal Food Pantry this summer. The pantry and its clients are very grateful for your generosity. Requests for assistance from the pantry continue to grow, so let's try to "grow" our donations too.

Suggested items:

- Dry cereal, 15 or 20 oz. packages
- Powdered milk (1 quart packages if possible)
- Peanut butter, 18 oz. size
- Saltine crackers
- Canned tuna, 6 oz. size
- Boxed macaroni and cheese dinners
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Canned soup

The Christ Episcopal Food Pantry doesn't distribute staples such as flour, sugar or cooking oil, so please don't bring these items. Please place donations in the grocery cart in the corner of the Family Room. Thank you for your continued support.

# W O R S H I P

## LECTIONARY READINGS

Scripture readings in Sunday Worship are read from the NRSV (New Revised Standard Version). Rather than purchasing new pew Bibles, it was recommended that the congregation obtain their own Bibles in the NRSV if they wish to read along.

### Sunday, September 7, 2008

*23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 Sunday School Classes Begin  
 Exodus 12:1-14; *Psalm 149*;  
 Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

### Sunday, September 14, 2008

*24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 Exodus 14:19-31; *Psalm 114* or  
*Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21*  
 Romans 14:1-12; Mathew 18:21-35

### Sunday, September 21, 2008

*25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 Exodus 16:2-15; *Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45*  
 Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

### Sunday, September 28, 2008

*26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 Exodus 17:1-7; *Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16*  
 Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

Interested in singing in the choir  
 or playing hand bells?

♪Adult Choir rehearsals  
 Wednesday evenings at 7:15 p.m.

♪Bell Choir rehearsals  
 Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

## Music & Worship Committee

### Gary Molnar-Chair

Joan Garrett	Julie Griffin	Anne Hines
Pastor McCormick	Jane Johnson	Diana Schneider
Lydia Smith	Sharon Stout	Dawn White

## REMAINING 2008 COMMUNION DATES

October 5..... *World Communion Sunday*  
 November 23.....*Christ the King Sunday*  
 December 24.....*Christmas Eve Worship*

## FALL CAMPFIRE

A fall campfire is scheduled for **Sunday, October 5th at 6:00 p.m.** at the shelter house behind the church. Hot dogs and beverages will be provided by the Music/Worship Committee. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish to share. Join us for an evening of food, fun, fellowship and music!



**MUSIC/WORSHIP  
 COMMITTEE MEETING  
 Wednesday, October 1, 2008**

## COMMUNION DATES FOR 2009

January 11.....*Baptism of the Lord*  
 February 22.....*Transfiguration of the Lord*  
 April 5.....*Passion/Palm Sunday*  
 May 31.....*Pentecost*  
 June 21.....*Ordinary Time*  
 October 4.....*World Communion Sunday*  
 November 22.....*Christ the King Sunday*  
 December 24.....*Christmas Eve Worship*

## Session Highlights

The Session met in Regular stated meeting August 19, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Family Room and after the opening prayer received reports from the Pastor, the Deacons, and most of the committees of Session.

Mark Brush, Moderator of Deacons, reported that each shut-in on the list will be visited at least once monthly by a Deacon.

On motion/second Session approved the request for the sacrament of baptism for Stella Spriggs on September 21, 2008.

On motion/second Session elected Bud Graves and Sally Asper as Session representatives to the Church Nominating Committee (Dottie Good, Anne Hines, Chuck Mansfield, and Maggie Roberts were elected as Congregation-at-Large members at the April 20, 2008 Congregational Meeting).

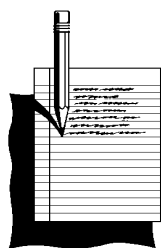
On motion/second approved accepting Bill Harrison's offer to donate a video security system (interior cameras, computer system, monitor, and wiring) to the church. This system will be able to monitor/record activity at all the church entrances. Property chair Paul Good estimates that the system can be installed by church members this coming winter.

Mission and Outreach presented an exciting opportunity for Northminster to partner with Habitat for Humanity on an "Apostle House Build." This will involve twelve "apostle" congregations combining resources to build a Habitat for Humanity house in the spring of 2009 (ground breaking in March and finishing the build by the end of June). Each "apostle" congregation will be responsible for providing 20 volunteers to work for 1.5 Saturdays, lunch for those volunteers, and \$5000 toward the cost of materials for the house. The Finance Committee is looking into the funding, and Carol Emerich is looking into finding another congregation to share the costs with us. Session will vote on answering this call to local mission at the next stated meeting.

The Property Committee outlined several problems which need to be addressed yet this fall or in 2009. One of these is the need for some major grading work around the church building to allow water to drain away from the building (water has gotten into the lower level three times this spring and summer). The committee has requested quotes for replacing the lighting in the sanctuary (some of the current fixtures are hanging by the electrical cords-a dangerous situation).

The next stated meeting of the Session is September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

Please pray for the Pastor and Session as we try to serve this congregation and our Lord Jesus Christ.



*Lois Shroyer, Clerk*

## Church Corporation

Kent Sherry	President
Lois Shroyer	Clerk of Session
Bill Harrison	Treasurer



## Session

### Class of 2009

Butch Dodds  
Bud Graves  
Gary Molnar  
John Roberts  
Kent Sherry

### Class of 2010

Jim Griffin  
Diana Harrison  
Lois Shroyer  
Emily Spriggs  
Jim Twiggs

### Class of 2011

Sally Asper  
Cindy Ater  
Bill Chesnut  
Paul Good  
Carol Emerich

## Deacons

### Class of 2009

Marcia Barga  
Elise Spriggs  
Marta Stalder

### Class of 2010

Mark Brush  
Joan Garrett  
Greg Veith

### Class of 2011

LeaAnn Hoefler  
Chuck Mansfield  
Ron Montgomery

**HEALTH NEWS from the Parish Nurse . . .****Nancy Jean Graves****September 2008****MOM'S MEDICINE CABINET**

As a mother, it is essential that you arm yourself with proper medicines and products to treat common injuries, ailments, and illnesses. Some of these include: adhesive bandages, tape, alcohol wipes, antiseptic, calibrated measuring spoon, disposable hot and cold packs, disinfectant, fever reducer (no aspirin for children), gauze pads, and thermometer to name a few things.

Remember over-the-counter meds and vitamins can cause serious problems if a child overdoses. Keep these out of their reach. Only give family members medicines that have been prescribed for them. Read the label carefully and use only the dose that has been prescribed. Do not confuse teaspoon (tsp) with tablespoon (TBSP). If the medicine came with a measuring device, use only that. A kitchen teaspoon is not appropriate for use in measuring medication!

Inventory your medicine cabinet at least once per year. Check expiration dates and throw out any outdated medicines. Throw out any medicines not labeled clearly and not in their original containers. Remember every medicine is a potential poison. Keep all medicines and vitamins locked in a high cabinet, well out of the reach of any children.

Always consult with your physician and/or pharmacist about combining prescription medications with over-the-counter drugs, including vitamins and herbal supplements. Also, if you still have a mercury thermometer around your house, dispose of it because of the risk of mercury poisoning. Keep you house and family safe.

Submitted by: Lisa Mayhugh, RN  
From: Information from Speaking  
of Women's Health



PROVERBS 17:22. KJV

# 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, **September 8**, at 6:15 p.m. at the church for a salad supper. Those attending should bring a salad and notify hostesses Nancy Baker or Helen Parker.

## MARY-MARTHA CIRCLE

**Leader: Ruth Martin**  
*Meets 3rd Wednesday*

Mary-Martha Circle will meet on Wednesday, **September 17**, at 10:30 a.m. at the church. Bring a sandwich for lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided. This will be a planning meeting.

## REBEKAH/SARAH CIRCLE

**Leader: Joyce Carpenter**  
*Meets 2nd Thursday*

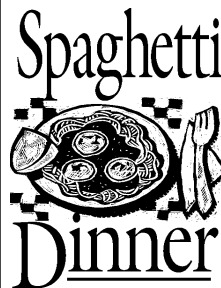
Rebekah/Sarah Circle will meet on **Thursday, September 11**, at 12:00 noon at the church.



## BOARD MEETING

**PW BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, September 2**  
**10:00 AM**

## SPAGHETTI SUPPER



The Presbyterian Women of Northminster are sponsoring a Spaghetti Supper on **Thursday, September 18, 2008** from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the church. Cost: Adults \$7; Children (under the age of 12) \$3; Children under the age of three eat free. The menu includes: spaghetti, tossed salad, bread sticks, drinks and dessert. This supper is a fundraiser for the Presbyterian Women of Northminster. Please pass the word, plan to join us and bring your friends!!!

## 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, September 22.** Call or see Marcia or Andy Barga (399-9839) for more information.

## Bazaar Workshop

The Bazaar Workshop resumes on **Tuesday, September 9th** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the lower level community room. No prior experience is needed to join the workshop. If you would enjoy spending a morning with the girls and have an interest in crafts, why not consider joining us? We will be working on items for the our Annual Holiday Bazaar scheduled for Saturday, November 1. For additional information, contact Joan Generous or Barb Aker.

# GREETERS SCHEDULE

## GREETER SCHEDULE October 2008 thru May 2009

<b>October</b>	5	Terry and Janet Hooper
	12	Cindy Ater and Howard Garrett
	19	Joyce Bruce and Butch Dodds
	26	Dick White and Gail Davis
<b>November</b>	2	Phil and Ardyth Kunkle
	9	Jack and Ruth Dern
	16	Nancy Baker and Joe Bindley
	23	Bill and Sheila Carpenter
	30	Jim and Sherri Lukehart
<b>December</b>	7	Wayne and Karen Schatz
	14	Joan and Harold Locher
	21	Chuck and Lisa Mansfield
	24	Susan and Terry Dersch
	24	Paul and Dottie Good
	28	Ed and Joan Generous
<b>January</b>	4	Irene Hughes and Burt McKaig
	11	John and Maggie Roberts
	18	Dave and Pam Long
	25	Pete and Liz Torok
<b>February</b>	1	Kevin and Sue Creager
	8	Sharon Gardunia and Toni Conway
	15	Ron Montgomery and Lee Jordan
	22	Bud Graves and Lois Shroyer
<b>March</b>	1	Gary and Denise Molnar
	8	Don and Donna Rankin
	15	Bill Harrison and Joyce Bruce
	22	Dwillia Cramer and Doris DeMers
	29	Bill and Barbara Benston



# GREETERS SCHEDULE

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October 2008 thru May 2009

<b>April</b>	5	Ruth George and Norine Kmett
	12	Dick Krichbaum and Helen Roe
	19	Tom and BettyLou Graven
	26	Kris and Elise Spriggs
<b>May</b>	3	Emily Spriggs and Virginia Binkley
	10	Jim, Mindy and Josh Twiggs
	17	Lou Zook and Cindy Ater
	24	Ann Petticrew and Howard Garrett
	31	Mark and Laura Brush

**BACK-UPS** Dave and Sally Asper

## GREETER DUTIES

- **Arrivals:** Greeters should arrive at the church by 9:30 a.m. If there is no lead greeter this month, one of you will need to be at the east door and the other at the west door. If anyone appears to need help, step outside and assist them into the worship area.
- **Wheel Chair:** A wheel chair is available in the furnace room area to assist those with ambulatory needs. Recommend the east entrance (family room) for those with such a need.
- **Name Tags:** Please wear yours. Invite visitors to wear one. (Paste on name tags are available in the cabinet at the west door and in the end of the mail boxes at the east door. Visitors may need to be shown where the sanctuary is especially if they are entering from the Narthex.
- **Substitutes:** If you are unable to greet on your scheduled day, please arrange to trade with another greeter, preferably a greeter in the same month or ask assistance from Gary Molnar (390-2338). **Please advise the church office of the name and dates of the changed schedule so the appropriate greeter will be named in the bulletin.**
- **Departures:** After the church service, please give “good-byes, glad you were here or other friendly expressions.”

*If you have any question, need assistance, or problems arise, please feel free to contact Gary Molnar, Greeter Coordinator at 390-2338.*





# SPAGHETTI SUPPER

*Sponsored by:  
Northminster P.W.*

**Thursday, September 18th**

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**ADULTS \$7.00**

**CHILDREN \$3.00** (under 12)

(under 3 - free)

## MENU

Spaghetti

Tossed Salad

Bread Sticks

Drinks

Dessert

*This supper is a P.W. fundraiser and is open to the public.*

*Please pass the word, plan to attend, and bring friends!!!*

# September 2008

## Northminster Presbyterian Church

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**



1 Office Closed  
 2 10:00 PW Board  
 3 6:00 Bell Choir  
 7:00 Boy Scouts  
 7:15 Choir  
 4 6:00 Girl Scouts  
 5 6:00 Shawnee Choir  
 Overnight  
 Retreat  
 6 8:00 Pancake  
 Breakfast

7 Sunday School Classes Begin  
 8 10:00 AVM Board  
 6:15 Esther Circle  
 6:30 Administration Committee  
 9 9:00 Bazaar  
 Workshop  
 10 6:00 Bell Choir  
 7:00 Boy Scouts  
 7:15 Choir  
 11 12:00 Rebekah/Sarah Circle  
 6:00 Girl Scouts  
 12  
 13 5:00 AVM Clifton  
 Opera House  
 Rudy's BBQ

14  
 15 Deadline for October Newsletter  
 16 9:00 Bazaar  
 Workshop  
 2:00 Green Lawn III  
 7:00 Session  
 17 10:30 Mary Martha  
 6:00 Bell Choir  
 7:00 Boy Scouts  
 7:15 Choir  
 18 5:00 PVV Spaghetti  
 Supper  
 6:00 Girl Scouts  
 19  
 20

21  
 22 6:30 Quilt Guild  
 23 9:00 Bazaar  
 Workshop  
 24 9:30 Mail Newsletter  
 6:00 Bell Choir  
 7:00 Boy Scouts  
 7:15 Choir  
 25 6:00 Girl Scouts  
 26 Red Hat Club  
 27

28  
 29  
 30 9:00 Bazaar  
 Workshop  
 9:30 AVM Fall Day  
 @ Kirkmont  
 7:00 Cub Pack



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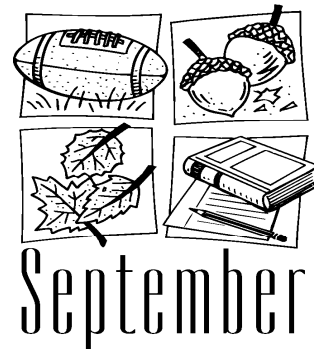
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September 1	Labor Day—Office Closed
September 6	Pancake Breakfast
September 7	Sunday School Begins
September 13	AVM Clifton Opera House
September 16	Session Meeting
September 18	P.W. Spaghetti Supper
September 30	AVM Fall Day @ Kirkmont



## NORTHMINSTER'S VISION STATEMENT

REJOICE! RENEW! REACHOUT!

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