

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE NORTHERN LIGHT

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Having spent four years (1988-1991) as a part of a praise band in a church called the "Abundant Life Fellowship" in Glenwood, WV, I have had a good deal of exposure to a church that centers its life around the teachings of the Holy Spirit. The church where I played guitar for the band was non-denominational but definitely identifiable as a charismatic Pentecostal group of worshippers. Worship consisted frequently of standing almost the entire time, many people speaking in tongues simultaneously, shouting, laughter, and even dancing. While I didn't witness "holy rollers" who would throw themselves on the floor and roll around "slain in the spirit" or people who ran around the sanctuary out of enthusiasm for the Lord, or the laying on of hands that knocks people over and requires spotters who catch them and lay them on the altar, I definitely have been a part of what can be called "Spirited" worship.

We are decidedly different in our approach-not better or worse-just different. As Pentecost approaches, I am aware that the work of the Holy Spirit is often not emphasized heavily within our tradition and that's unfortunate. Perhaps because it's difficult to quantify or explain, or maybe we're afraid of letting loose because it's unfamiliar to our often intellectual approach to faith-who knows? I just want to invite us to pray more often and ask that the Holy Spirit fill our hearts and minds as we worship, as we practice our faith in mission, and in all the ways in which we serve in the name of Jesus Christ. After all, it is only by the power of the Holy Spirit that we can be part of the Kingdom of God on earth. It is the work of God among and through us to bring the power of Grace, the witness of Scripture, and the righting of relationships to the front of our hearts and minds. I pray that we celebrate not only on Pentecost Sunday the work of the Holy Spirit within that group of believers in Acts-but also in the ways we feel God working every day within our lives as individuals and as brothers and sisters in Christ.

-Dwight



SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00A.M.

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Kristina Ahlstrom	Organist
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Dwilla Cramer	Presbyterian Women
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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>Jerilyn Hines</i>	May 16
<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

An Update from Alex Creager

Hi everyone,

I know it has been a long time since I've let you know what is going on with me in Belfast. A few weeks ago, I updated my blog. You can get to it at alexcreager.weebly.com.

Also, I haven't mentioned it in my blog, but I got accepted into Princeton Seminary and will probably be going there in the fall.

Since January, it has been a very busy time for me, but I've gotten to do a lot of wonderful things here during that time. I appreciate all of your support and prayers. I miss you all.

- Alex Creager

**AVM Adult Visionary Ministry
"The Visionaries"**

The AVM will meet for our 2nd Quarter Birthday Party at Bradfields Restaurant on **Tuesday, May 19th** at 11:30 a.m. We will be celebrating those people who have a birthday in April, May and June. During the month of June we hope to have a day trip planned to travel to Bear Creek, Indiana for dinner and a show.

If you need transportation to an event, please indicate so on the sign-up sheet. For additional information on any "Visionary" activity, contact Howard Garrett 390-3194 or Dick White 399-7305, AVM Associates.

Apostle Build Project

The Apostle Build Project is progressing. The outside walls to the house were put up on Saturday, April 18th. Updated pictures are posted in the family room next to the house plan.

The weather has been good on Saturdays so the building schedule is moving right along. There still will be work to do on June 20th so work schedules will be set up soon. Times to work will be 9-12 and 1-4. More details will be available as we move closer to our date.

We have approximately \$3,300 of our goal of \$5,000 raised so donations are still being accepted.

- Carol Emerich

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

Dear Friends at Northminster Presbyterian Church:

On behalf of Heifer International and the many people that we work with around the world, thank you! Your recent donation of \$1000 will bring hope and opportunity to families living in poverty through the gifts of education, training, and livestock.

I wish I could personally take you to our projects in the field to see the impact of your generous dollars, prayers and concerns. Thanks to your support, our project partners will learn how to care for animals in ways that can be sustained for future generations. The lives of men, women, and children around the world will be transformed thanks to the gift you have made.

As a supporter of Heifer International, you are special for caring about the world's neediest families and your donation will be used to help others gain access to a better quality of life, a new sense of self-reliance, and hope for the future! Please know that your support for our work couldn't come at a more critical time as the dollar loses its global punch and food prices and related costs are soaring. We are honored that you have put your faith in Heifer to help us help others around the world.

Wishing you peace and joy in 2009,
Vicki Clarke, Midwest Regional Director

WORSHIP

Music & Worship Committee Gary Molnar-Chair

Kristina Ahlstrom	Joan Garrett
Julie Griffin	Anne Hines
Pastor McCormick	Jane Johnson
Diana Schneider	Lydia Smith

Lectionary Readings

Sunday, May 3

Acts 4:5-12, *Psalm 23*; 1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

Sunday, May 10—Mother's Day

Acts 8:26-40; *Psalm 22:25-31*; 1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

Sunday, May 17—Youth Sunday

Acts 10:44-48; *Psalm 98*; 1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

Sunday, May 24

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; *Psalm 1*;
1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

Sunday, May 31—Pentecost/Communion Teacher Recognition

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14;
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27
or Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Communion Servers

Emily Spriggs
John Roberts
Butch Dodds
Carol Emerich
Elise Spriggs
Greg Veith



May Usher Schedule

May 3	Jim and Julie Griffin
May 10	Dave and Sally Asper
May 17	Dave and Sally Asper
May 24	Kevin and Sue Creager
May 31	Kevin and Sue Creager

Session Highlights

The Session met in Regular stated meeting March 24, 2009 at 7:00 PM, beginning in the sanctuary for a time of prayer, then returning to the Family Room.

Then the Session received reports from the Pastor and most of the committees of Session.

The Pastor reported that he had attended the Festival of Theology at Louisville Seminary earlier this month. He also participated in the worship service marking the groundbreaking for the Apostle Build project on March 7th.

Property Committee: Elder Paul Good reported that a recent gas leak was due to a defective riser and that it was replaced by Columbia Gas at no cost to the church. On motion, session approved accepting a member's donation of a used range for the kitchen and giving the church's old range to the Habitat Restore.

Elder Jim Twiggs reported for the Finance Committee that finances though February were essentially on budget and that thus far March has been a good cash flow month.

Elder Bud Graves reported for Christian Education that the end of the program year will be marked by Teacher Recognition during worship on May 31st, Pentecost Sunday. Retiring Session members and Deacons will also be recognized at that service.

Elders Jim Griffin and Carol Emerich (Mission and Outreach) reported on the Apostle Build project. Northminster's work day has been rescheduled for June 20th. So far, \$725 (of \$2500 needed) has been collected for the project. The committee is considering ideas for a fundraising event.

Treasurer Bill Harrison presented a summary statement from Mr. Wayne Maurer, MBA CMA, regarding his examination of the financial statements of Northminster Presbyterian Church up to December 31, 2008. His observations: 1) "Receipts and disbursements are properly recorded, classified, and reported correctly and efficiently." 2) "The financial statements are fair, reasonable, and useful." 3) "There is no apparent misappropriation of funds." He also conveys his compliments to the Treasurer. Mr. Maurer also reviewed the accounts of the Deacons and of the Presbyterian Women.

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

-Lois Shroyer, Clerk

**Let Your Light So Shine!
Covenant Gathering 2009
June 28 - July 3
REGISTER NOW**

Join Christian friends from Synod of the Covenant and Synod of Lincoln Trails -- and beyond -- at lovely Michindoh Conference Center near the Ohio, Indiana and Michigan border in Hillsdale, MI.

You'll be able to learn about deepening spirituality through prayer, art, meditation, nature; using electronic media in the church, transforming congregations through the new evangelism, organizing for successful youth ministry, and preparing your congregation to respond to community crises. You'll also find a Bible study on the Gospel of John and a Christian Education Theory and Practice Class approved for CE Certification and CLP education.

Children and youth will be exploring their place in the world God created in age-appropriate classes with experienced, seasoned teachers. Everyone can enjoy the trails, lake, water slide and water sports at Michindoh! We hope to see you there. It's an affordable, all-inclusive family vacation (less than \$1000 for the whole week for a family of 2 adults and 2 kids ages 6-12.)

Go to www.covenantgathering.com for details on classes, costs and registration forms.

Check out www.Michindoh.com for more information on our meeting place and accommodations.

Or email covenantgathering@comcast.net with other questions.

THE OFFERING

The offering is a highlight of the church service for our young children, who delight in placing the little offering envelope into the collection plate. We have made it a practice to tithe each Sunday morning and give a small offering during the evening service, so that our two children each get to put something into the collection plate.

One Sunday evening, as it came time for the offering. I looked to my husband, who always seems to have change in his pocket, and found he had none. There was our young son, hand outstretched, waiting for those familiar coins to put into the envelope. I desperately searched my purse, but it too was empty. We had to tell our boy that we just didn't have anything to give. Our son looked heartbroken.

Suddenly, there was a smile on his face, and we watched as he blew a kiss into the offering envelope, proudly sealed it, and placed it into the collection plate just as it passed by.

That's what God really wants, isn't it? Each of us to offer Him the best we have.

-Reva J. Reed.

**HEALTH NEWS
from the Parish Nurse . . .
Nancy Jean Graves
May 2009
SHINGLES**

Shingles is a painful skin rash caused by the varicella-zoster virus, the same virus that causes chickenpox. Anyone who has had chickenpox can develop shingles because VZV remains in the nerve cells of the body after the chickenpox infection clears. It can reappear years later causing shingles. Those most prone to shingles include anyone over 50, those with chronic illnesses and those whose immune system is compromised by drugs or a medical condition.

Symptoms include: localized pain, itching, tingling, a painful rash-like blister. Blisters are in a band, strip or small area usually on one side of the face or trunk. Shingles are not contagious in the usual sense. However, someone who hasn't had chickenpox can get them from someone who has shingles. But shingles do not spread causing shingles in others.

A vaccine for shingles, called Zostavax, has been recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. It received FDA approval in 2006. One dose of vaccine is recommended but studies have not determined how long an immunity lasts. Zostavax is about 50% effective in preventing a shingles outbreak.

Ask your doctor whether you should have the shingles vaccine. The Clark County Health Department administers these injections. Call ahead to make sure they haven't run out (399-5600). This cost is \$167.

Submitted by:

*Mary Caputo, RN, St Teresa Church
(from webMD.com)*

Presbyterian Women

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

Co-Moderators.....Dwilla Cramer & Joan Generous
Secretary..... Anne Hines
Treasurer.....Ruth Martin

ESTHER CIRCLE

Leader: Ruth George

Meets 2nd Monday

Esther Circle will meet on **Monday, May 11th** 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 20th** at 10:30 a.m. at the church.

REBEKAH/SARAH CIRCLE

Leader: Joyce Carpenter

Meets 2nd Thursday

Rebekah/Sarah Circle will meet on **Thursday, May 14th** for a Spring Luncheon at 12:00 noon.

PW BOARD MEETING

Monday, May 4

@ 10:00 AM

UPCOMING DATES

June 11.....Picnic/Blind Auction

Sept. 17.....Spaghetti Supper

Nov. 7.....Christmas Bazaar

Dec. 10.....AVM/PW Christmas Dinner



Just a reminder that
P.W. will host a Picnic and
Blind Auction on
Thursday, June 11
at 12:00 noon.

Additional information
will be forthcoming in the weekly bulletin.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Kirkmont Retreat a Success

The youth went on a two-night retreat at Kirkmont April 17-19, and Saturday morning found our youth clearing part of the challenge course trail and painting some of the benches that will be used in the cabents this summer. A big thanks to Joshilyn, Kaila, Dylan, Josh and Robbie for all their hard work!

Saturday afternoon found us hiking the trails with Toni Cox, education coordinator. She led us down the mud slide (which wasn't muddy) and then up across a wooded area and meadow back to the gorge. In the gorge a creek runs through shale, which was deposited during the times of the dinosaurs when the area was covered by a lake. During the walk through the creek we saw a small newt, which Kaila picked up and held for others to touch. We also saw wild turkey tracks, which Toni was excited to see as the wild turkeys had left the area after the ice storm in 2005.

The youth also spent time during the retreat planning for Youth Sunday, which is scheduled for Sunday, May 17th. It will be a time for them to share with the congregation what they have been learning throughout the year.

Upcoming Events

The food pantry at the Church of God on Clifton Avenue still needs help. Please come to the church on **Saturday, May 9th by 9:45 a.m.** The pantry is open from 10 - 11:30 a.m. Youth will be carrying out groceries for patrons and helping with other tasks as asked.

The Hang Out night scheduled for **Sunday, May 10th is being re-scheduled to Sunday, May 3rd** due to the 10th being Mother's Day. Please plan to attend as we will be working on the Youth Sunday service. The evening starts at 4:30 p.m. and goes until 7 p.m. Dinner will be served.

Youth Sunday will be on May 17th. We will let you know about a rehearsal time(s).

The Barga's will host the youth group on **Sunday, May 24th** for a pool party from 2:30—5:30 p.m. Food will be provided. Youth need to bring their suit and towel. Please RSVP to Susan (629-0792) or Marcia (399-9839) by May 20th.

Many Thanks . . .

To all the parents and church members who make the youth group's activities possible!

Mark Brush and Susan Dersch

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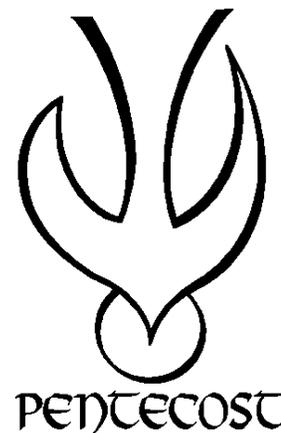
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| May 2 | Pancake Breakfast |
| May 10 | Mother's Day |
| May 17 | Youth Sunday |
| May 19 | Men's Breakfast |
| | AVM 2nd Quarter Birthday Party |
| | Session Meeting |
| May 25 | Memorial Day Observed—Office Closed |
| May 31 | Pentecost/Communion/Teacher Recognition |



NORTHMINSTER'S VISION STATEMENT

REJOICE! RENEW! REACHOUT!

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

May 2009

Northminster Presbyterian Church



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1	2 8:00 Pancake Breakfast
3 Blood Pressure Screening 4:30 Youth Hang Out Night	4 10:00 PW Board 6:30 Book Study	5 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 6:30 Girl Scouts	6 6:00 Music/Worship 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:15 Choir	7 7	8	9 10:00 Youth help @ Clifton Ave Church of God Food Pantry
10 Mother's Day	11 6:00 Finance 6:15 Esther Circle 6:30 Book Study	12 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp	13 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:15 Choir	14 12:00 Rebekah/ Sarah Circle	15	16
17 Youth Sunday	18 Newsletter Deadline 6:30 Book Study 6:30 Quilt Guild	19 7:00 Men's Breakfast 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 11:30 AVM 2nd Qtr BD Party @ Bradfields 6:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 Session	20 10:30 Mary Martha Circle 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:15 Choir	21	22	23
24 Youth Group Pool Party @ Barga's	25 Memorial Day Office Closed	26 7:00 Cub Pack 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp	27 9:30 Mail Newsletter	28	29	30
31 Youth Hosting Café Communion Pentecost Teacher Recognition						