

THE NORTHERN LIGHT

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“Stewardship month is next month, why don’t we stay home from church until they finish asking for pledges.” Have we found ourselves thinking that? I have, and I’m the

pastor. Talking money makes nearly everyone uncomfortable. There are many reasons for this, one is that we know we could handle our money more responsibly than we do. We talk about it in church because money is mentioned more times in the Bible than love. Did you know that? We can gather that God was and is concerned with issues of finance and how we use the money and resources that have been entrusted to us.

Stewardship is more than just a financial bottom line. It is in part the budget we set for the year based on the individual commitments to the church we receive each November, but it is more than that. Stewardship is the way we take care of what has been entrusted to us. It is the way that our relationship with God affects how we use our money, our bodies, creation, our time, our talents, and relationships with others. Scripture is clear that God cares about how we spend what we have been given.

Unfortunately our understanding of money in this culture is incredibly skewed in our wealthy nation. “Aren’t we in a recession?,” you may be asking. Well, why don’t we consider that even our WORST financial times as a nation are infinitely better than the majority of the world. Current figures say that 1.4 billion people in the world live on less than \$1.25 a day. How might we help offset that drastic difference? What steps might we take through the mission work at Northminster Presbyterian?

One such mission project was the Apostle Build Project. The house has been completed, and we have paid our promised amount of \$5,000. The trouble is we did not have that amount in contributions toward the project. We are still \$1,700 short. We are doing a fundraiser in the form of a chocolate tasting in October, see the details elsewhere in the newsletter. Would you consider helping offset this amount?

Another step against economic inequality in the world is a mission trip we hope to take in 2010. It is a multigenerational work camp in Cabell and Lincoln County, West Virginia. The camp has over 200 participants working on 50-100 homes to make them warm, safe, and dry. We’ll be asking for money and people. This is a means of demonstrating good stewardship of time, effort, and finances on behalf of the Kingdom of God. (continued on next page)



SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00A.M.

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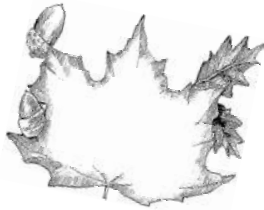
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Thank You
Deana Knotts, Newsletter Editor

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Our excellent music program has presented an unexpected need of \$2,000 to repair the bells used in Sunday worship. Perhaps you love corporate worship and the way you experience God through the music program and would like to give towards this need.

We are all on a fixed income, but everyone's expenses are not necessarily fixed. I cannot be certain, but I bet none of us in the congregation are going broke because we are just spending WAY too much money on our pledge. What could we change in order to accommodate our desire to be financially faithful to God? Where is God asking us to shift our spending to help promote ministry on behalf of the Kingdom of God here at Northminster? Listen during worship for committees as they describe their particular ministry and the ways God is calling us to support them. See you in church!

In Christ, Dwight



GREETERS **SCHEDULE**

- October** 4 Terry and Janet Hooper
11 Dick White & Gail Davis
18 Joyce Bruce & Butch Dodds
25 Cindy Ater & Howard Garrett
- November** 1 Phil & Ardyth Kunkle
8 Jack & Ruth Dern
15 Nancy Baker & Joe Bindley
22 Bill & Sheila Carpenter
29 Jim & Sherri Lukehart
- December** 6 Wayne & Karen Schatz
13 Harold & Joan Locher
20 Chuck & Lisa Mansfield
24 Terry & Susan Dersch
24 Paul & Dottie Good
27 Ed & Joan Generous

New greeter schedules for October 2009 thru May 2010 are in the church mailboxes. If you are unable to greet on your scheduled day, please arrange to trade with another greeter or ask for assistance from Joan Garrett 390-3194.

Session Highlights

The Session met in Regular stated meeting September 22, 2009 at 7:00 PM, beginning in the sanctuary for Scripture reading and a time of prayer, then returning to the Family Room.

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

The Property Committee reported that repairs costing around \$600 have been made on the old AC unit serving the office area and that the unit will likely need to be replaced in a year or two. Session approved a motion to remove the risers from the choir section of the chancel area (the risers present a hazard for the choir members and restrict the configuration of the seating).

The Property and the Decorating Committees requested approval to take advantage of a special offer of carpet, pad, and installation in the choir room for \$1200. The existing carpet is in very bad condition, and this price is about half the usual retail price. Session approved the motion.

Finance Committee reported that total receipts year to date are \$118,671 and expenses are \$132,597, making a deficit of \$13,925.92. Usually, giving is higher during the last quarter of the year, and if that holds true this year, part of the deficit will be made up.

Session approved an additional \$2000 to have the hand bells repaired and tuned. When the bells were examined by the company where they had been sent for cleaning, it was discovered that many of the bells were in need of repair to make them playable.

Elder Carol Emerich reported for Mission and Outreach that there will be a fundraiser for the Apostle Build project on October 24 at 7:00 PM at Northminster. The event will include chocolate tasting, entertainment, and dessert, all for a donation of \$7.00.

Session referred to the Mission and Outreach Committee a request from the Clifton Avenue Church of God food pantry (where the Northminster youth help one Saturday a month) for assistance in providing a breakfast for their clients perhaps 2 or 3 times this winter.

The next stated meeting of Session is October 20, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

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

-Lois Shroyer, Clerk

Northminster Presbyterian Church
Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale

Saturday, November 7, 2009

9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.



We invite you, your family, friends, and neighbors to this wonderful all-church event.

The items we have for sale are made by the women and men of the church. We will have some items donated by friends and family. The craft workshop ladies have been very busy making handcrafted items. We invite all ladies of the church to join us on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. We really need your help! If you have a handmade item you would like to donate, please bring it to the church office or contact Barb Aker 399-3967 or Joan Generous 969-8130.

**This is a very BIG job.
 Now...you may ask how all of this
 will be accomplished...
 WE NEED YOUR HELP IN MANY WAYS.
 Please consider signing up to help.**

*Yours in Christian Fellowship,
 Dwilla Cramer 399-3935*



**Drawing at 2:30
 on day of bazaar.
 One drawing for
 each item.**

Handmade Full Size Quilt

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**Stained Glass Angel
 Wall Hanging**

Pair of Musical/Dressed Bears

Items will be on display as they are finished.

**Raffle tickets will be available in
 October from circle leaders.**

NOEL Café
 Noel
 Lunch
 11:30 AM
 to
 1:30 PM

**Pancake
 Breakfast**
 7:30 AM
 to
 10:00 AM

Bake Sale
Tree Trims
Kids' Corner
Needlework
Thanksgiving
Decorations



BAKE SALE

Second Time Around Shop

Most Needlework and Items Handmade

NORTHMINSTER GOLF OUTING

Northminster's Texas Golf Scramble was held at Snyder Park Golf Course on August 23, 2009 on a beautiful day. We had 19 golfers participate: June Hughes, Ken Arnold, Gary Molnar, Ryan Whiteside, Jeff Blackburn, Jim Thompson, Rob and Liz Adams, Jason and Michelle Kouse, Ron Montgomery, Adam Stout, Richard Jenkins, Tom Stout, Tim Spoon, Jason Spoon, Robbie Aldinger, Pastor Dwight, and Bud Graves. The winning team had a score of 68. Gary Molnar, Ryan Whiteside, Jeff Blackburn and Jim Thompson were on the winning team. Jim Thompson and Michelle Kouse had the longest drives on hole 9 and Rob Adams had closest to the pin on hole 10. All players received gifts furnished by: Jeff Wyler Automotive Family; AAMCO Transmission—Bill Harrison; AllState Insurance—Jim Twiggs; State Farm Insurance—John Roberts; and Bud and Nancy Graves. National Trails Park Service provided money for 50 clubhouse dollars. All had a fun time.

Visit Your Church Library

There are many videos with various topics housed in the library for your use. Directions for borrowing the videos are listed on the bookcase containing the videos. Several children's videos are available such as: Toy Story, Babe, David and Goliath and Homeward Bound. Parents, please preview any videos before allowing your children to view them, so that they meet with your approval. For adults, there are 16 videos in the Gary Smalley series called, Hidden Keys to Loving Relationships. Many other titles may be of interest to you and your family. Pop the popcorn and enjoy a fun evening at home for free!!

-Ruth George, Librarian



**October is
Be-Kind-To-Your-Pastor
Month.**

During this month, you can:

- ✚ Thank your pastor.
- ✚ Pray for your pastor.
- ✚ Encourage your pastor.
- ✚ Honor your pastor.
- ✚ Humor your pastor.
- ✚ Invite your pastor to dinner flavored with good jokes and laughter.
- ✚ Tithe.

APOSTLE BUILD FUNDRAISER**Chocolate Tasting Party**

Saturday, October 24

The Mission and Outreach Committee invites you to a Chocolate Tasting Party at the church on

Saturday, October 24 at 7:00 P.M.

Tickets are \$7.00 per person and will include chocolate tasting, beverages, dessert and entertainment.

Proceeds will benefit the Apostle Build Project.

Adult Visionary Ministry

"The Visionaries"

The AVM will meet on **Monday, October 19** at 5:00 PM for a **Potluck Dinner** and a **Fourth Quarter Birthday Party**. We will be celebrating those people who have a birthday in October, November and December. The AVM will furnish the meat, drinks and birthday cake. Please bring a salad or side dish.

In November we are planning a trip to the Music Palace Theater. Watch the bulletin announcements for additional information on this activity. 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.

OCTOBER YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE**Youth Group Meetings**

Sunday, October 11 6:00 to 8:00 PM

- Bonfire at the Hooper's Home
2932 Vernon Asbury Rd.
South Vienna, OH
937-568-4535

Sunday, October 25 4:30 to 7:00 PM

- Hang Out Night at the Church
Come for dinner, have some fun, and learn about your faith.

Clifton Ave. Church of God Food Pantry

Saturday, October 17 9:30 AM

Youth Hosting Café

Sunday, October 25 9:30 AM

October Birthdays

<i>Rob Adams</i>	<i>October 1</i>
<i>Ruth George</i>	<i>October 3</i>
<i>Benny George</i>	<i>October 4</i>
<i>Chuck Mansfield</i>	<i>October 5</i>
<i>John Buckhold</i>	<i>October 7</i>
<i>Joyce Everly</i>	<i>October 9</i>
<i>Virginia Phillips</i>	<i>October 11</i>
<i>Greg Veith</i>	<i>October 11</i>
<i>Susan Dersch</i>	<i>October 12</i>
<i>Kent Sherry</i>	<i>October 12</i>
<i>Carol Emerich</i>	<i>October 13</i>
<i>Mary Haley</i>	<i>October 16</i>
<i>Ken Arnold</i>	<i>October 19</i>
<i>Barbara Benston</i>	<i>October 20</i>
<i>Charlie Myers</i>	<i>October 23</i>
<i>Sophie Spriggs</i>	<i>October 23</i>
<i>Ann Grieser</i>	<i>October 25</i>
<i>Robbie Aldinger</i>	<i>October 28</i>
<i>Irene Hughes</i>	<i>October 28</i>
<i>Dick White</i>	<i>October 28</i>
<i>Josh Cooke</i>	<i>October 29</i>

Lectionary Readings

Sunday, October 4

World Communion Sunday
Peacemaking Offering
 Job 1:1; 2:1-10; *Psalm 26*
 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

Sunday, October 11

Job 23:1-9,16-17; *Psalm 22:1-15*
 Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

Sunday, October 18

Job 38:1-7 (34-41); *Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c*
 Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

Sunday, October 25

Job 42:1-6, 10-17; *Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)*
 Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

Usher Schedule

October 4	Bill & Barbara Benston
October 11	Jim & Julie Griffin
October 18	Jim & Julie Griffin
October 25	Cindy Ater & Ruth George

HEALTH NEWS
from the Parish Nurse . .
Nancy Jean Graves
HALLOWEEN SAFETY
October 2009

Trick or Treat! That familiar phrase delights children of all ages each Halloween. This autumn holiday should provide fun and fond childhood memories for every little ghost and goblin. However, as with any festive occasion that involves children, safety is a most important consideration. With some planning and a few common sense strategies, everyone can enjoy themselves. Here are some helpful hints:

- Children should be accompanied by an adult
- Walk (not run) on the sidewalk not the street
- Carry a flashlight
- Wear light-colored or reflective costumes
- Use face paint rather than masks to allow clear vision
- Be cautious of animals
- Make sure all treats are wrapped
- Only accept treats from the neighborhood houses not strangers in cars.
- Stay away from strangers. Don't stop to talk to them, get into their car or accept any treats from them.
- Inspect all treats before children eat them (inspect doesn't just mean looking—it's okay to take a tiny bite to make absolutely sure!)
- Remember, small, hard candy is a choking hazard. Keep these treats away from very young children.

Following these simple tips insures a happy and SAFE Halloween for everyone!

Submitted by: Kathleen Cassandra, R.N., M.S., PNP



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, October 12** at 7:15 p.m. at the church.

Hostesses: Sally Asper & Emily Spriggs

Esther Circle will meet on **Thursday, November 5** at 6:00 p.m. at the church to make "Buckeyes" for the Holiday Bazaar.

Hostesses: Bea Buckhold & Ruth George

MARY-MARTHA CIRCLE

Leader: Ruth Martin

Meets 3rd Friday

Mary-Martha Circle will meet on **Friday, Oct. 16** at 10:30 a.m. at the church. Our program will be a speaker from *Comfort Keepers*. Donuts, bagels and coffee will be served.

REBEKAH/SARAH CIRCLE

Leader: Joyce Carpenter

Meets 2nd Thursday

Rebekah/Sarah Circle will meet on **Thursday, Oct. 8** at 12:00 noon at the church.

Hostesses: Barb Aker & Joyce Carpenter

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, October 26.** Call or see Marcia or Andy Barga (399-9839) for more information.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR—Saturday, November 7

Northminster's annual Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale is just around the corner. There are several ways you can get involved! Even if you can't bake or sew, or work the day of the bazaar, we can use your help with the set-up. We will begin setting up tables on Tuesday, November 3 at 7:30 p.m. after the voting polls close. We will continue to set-up areas and hang signs on Wednesday, November 4 thru Friday, November 6 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. each day.

The *Second Time Around Shop* will be accepting donations beginning Wednesday, November 4 thru Friday, November 6 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Handcrafted items should be brought to the church Thursday, November 5 or Friday, November 6 until 2:00 p.m.

If you are donating *baked goods* for the bazaar, they may be brought to the church anytime Friday, November 6 until 3:00 p.m. and no later than 8:30 Saturday morning of the bazaar.



PW BOARD MEETING
Monday, October 5
@ 10:00 AM

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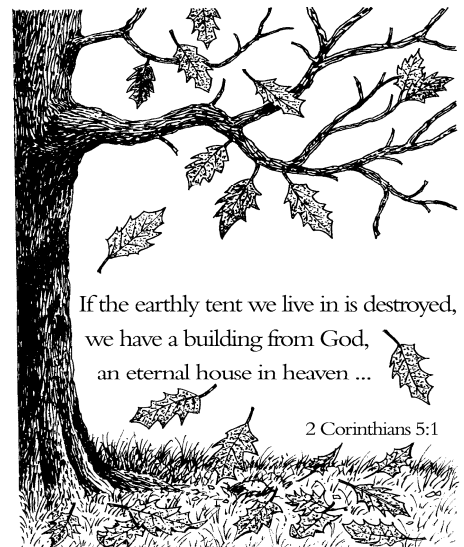
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| October 3 | Pancake Breakfast |
| October 4 | World Communion Sunday |
| October 19 | AVM Potluck Dinner
and Quarterly Birthday Party |
| October 20 | Men's Breakfast |
| October 20 | Session Meeting |
| October 24 | Chocolate Tasting Party |

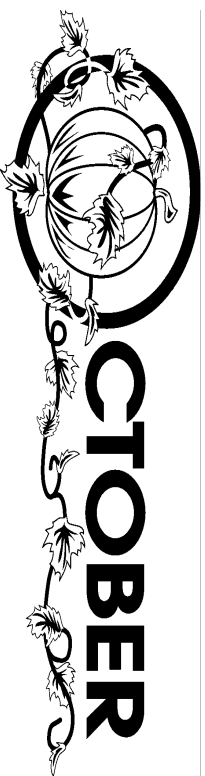


NORTHMINSTER'S VISION STATEMENT
REJOICE! RENEW! REACHOUT!

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

October 2009

Northminster Presbyterian Church



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1	2	3 8:00 Pancake Breakfast
4 World Communion Peacemaking Offering Blood Pressure Screening	5 9:30 YWM Meeting and Lunch 10:00 PW Board	6 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp	7 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:15 Choir	8 12:00 Rebekah/ Sarah Circle	9	10
11 6:00 Youth Group Bonfire @ the Hooper's	12 10:00 AVM Board 6:00 Finance 6:30 Grandview Condo 7:15 Esther Circle	13 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 7:00 Mission/ Outreach 7:30 Argonne Condo	14 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:15 Choir	15	16 10:30 Mary-Martha Circle	17 9:30 Youth helping @ Clifton Ave Church of God Food Pantry
18	19 Deadline for November Newsletter 5:00 AVM Potluck 4th Qtr. BD Party	20 7:00 Men's Breakfast 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 6:30 Greenlawn 3 7:00 Session Meeting	21 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:15 Choir	22	23	24 7:00 Chocolate Tasting Party
25 Youth Hosting Cafe 4:30 Youth Group	26 6:30 Remembrance Quilt Guild	27 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp	28 9:30 Mail Newsletter 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:15 Choir	29	30	31