

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE NORTHERN LIGHT

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The Planning Team is continuing to work and is seeking out further conversations with folks in the congregation. Watch for an opportunity to have your voice heard and then follow

through with the opportunity. Having conversations about where the church is, where it came from, and the direction the church is going will form the future action and mission of Northminster. Remember we're asking: "Who are we?" - "Who is our neighbor?" - and "What is God calling us to do?" through this process.

Part of answering these questions involves the use of church history. So we are posting a time line on the wall in the Family Room beginning with the original Northminster Presbyterian Church location on North Limestone and the original group of folks who made up Valley View Presbyterian. The time line will extend to the present day and a bit further into the future. We need you to help fill in the dates of significance along the time line. We'll put in the dates for the move to combine the two congregations, the building campaigns, maybe the pastorates etc. We're asking you, the congregation, to fill in dates that mark significant events in the life of the church too.

Watch for the time line on the wall in the Family Room and use the pen and markers to give your input on the church's history.

We have a bright future because of the work God has already done through Northminster and because of the gifted people God has called to serve alongside one another in ministry here. We can look forward to the future of our shared ministry because of the power of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. God has called us to this time and this place. What will we offer in response to God's love for us and God's call to be disciples and ministers in Springfield? Help us Lord Jesus to hear your call and respond. Amen.

Dwight

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Thank You
Deana Knotts, Newsletter Editor



**Food for Thought
A Meal with a Mission
Sunday, June 6th
following worship**

Plan now to attend a meal after worship on Sunday, June 6th sponsored by Northminster's Planning Team. This will be a time for the Planning Team to share some of the results of their work and go to the next level with their planning. Watch for additional information about this event in the weekly bulletin announcements.

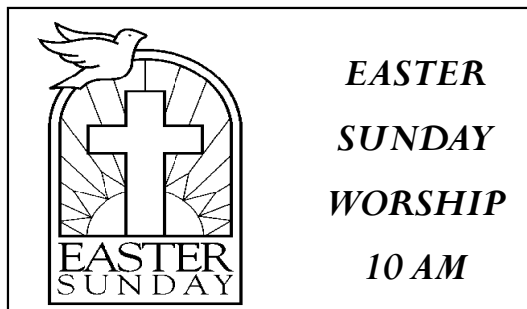
Easter reflections

The Christian faith is based on an empty tomb. On the third day after the world did its very worst to Jesus, God won. God would not allow His Son to remain dead and raised Him to life again.

"Easter shouts to every dark place in the world that brokenness, disappointment, failure, heartbreak, and death are not the final words. The final word is the love of God. The gift of Easter—a second, third, or infinite number of opportunities to start all over again. This is the very practical message of Easter."

-Rev. David Elsensohn
St. Peter's by-the-Sea
Sitka, AK

in *The Anglican Digest*
"The Joyful Noiseletter," April 2010



Session Highlights

The Session met in regular stated meeting March 16 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary for a time of prayer and scripture reading then returned to the Family Room for the remainder of the meeting.

Nate Smith and Kate Schoneman, who have been attending worship at Northminster, met with the Session to discuss membership. Session unanimously approved receiving them into membership by reaffirmation of faith; they will be presented to the congregation on Palm Sunday.

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

The Pastor reported that he will be gone April 21-22 to attend a Board of Pensions workshop as the Committee on Ministry representative. In the past month he has conducted memorial or funeral services for two members: Ann Petticrew and Virginia Phillips; and for Emily Griffin, infant granddaughter of Jim and Julie Griffin.

The Session unanimously approved the "session care group suggestions" brought by the pastor. Each session member has been assigned about seven households from the Northminster membership as his / her responsibility to provide pastoral care (this is not meant to replace calls or visits from the Pastor, but to provide another layer of care). So be expecting a call from "your" elder.

Elder Jim Twigg reported for the Finance Committee that total income for January 1 through February 12 was \$31,097 and total expenses were \$38,017, producing a deficit of \$6,920.

Session approved a motion from the Mission and Outreach Committee to participate in the Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build by preparing and serving lunch on either May 1st or 2nd.

Session approved a request from Elder Kent Sherry to place a sign in the church yard advertising the Hollandia Gardens Bulb Festival (April 17 & 18). Also approved having Northminster participate in this year's Memorial Day parade.

The next stated meeting of Session is April 20, 2010 at 7:00 PM, with committees meeting at 6:00 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

Lectionary Readings

Maundy Thursday, April 1

Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10), 11-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 John 13:1-17, 31b-35

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Thursday, April 1, 2010

7:00 PM at

Oakland Presbyterian Church

This is a combined service with Covenant, Northminster and Oakland Presbyterian Churches.

Rev. Dwight McCormick will be preaching the meditation for the service.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Good Friday, April 2

Isaiah 52:13 — 53:12; *Psalm 22*
 Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9
 John 18:1 — 19:42

Sunday, April 4

Easter/Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or
 Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12
 Isaiah 25:6-9; *Psalm 114*; 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
 Luke 24:13-49

Sunday, April 11

2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32; *Psalm 118:14-29* or *Psalm 150*
 Revelation 1:4-8; John 19-31

Sunday, April 18

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); *Psalm 30*
 Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

Sunday, April 25

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43; *Psalm 23*; Revelation 7:9-17
 John 10:22-30

AVM (Adult Visionary Ministry)

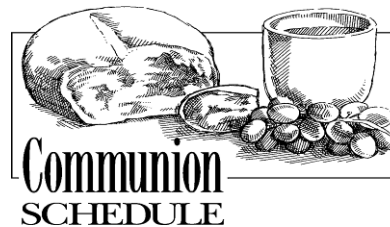
Dick White, AVM Associate

BIRTHDAY PARTY

On Thursday, **May 6**, we will celebrate those people who have birthdays in the months from January to June with an afternoon birthday party and bingo. Ice cream and cake will be served. We will meet at the church at 1 PM.

COOKOUT

Thursday, **June 24** plan to come and enjoy a **cookout** at the church **picnic shelter**, on the hill, at 1 PM. The meat, buns, and drinks will be furnished by the AVM. Please bring a covered dish to share. For additional information about any AVM activity, **Senior Adults Cookout** contact Dick White, AVM Associate (399-7305) or Joan Garrett, secretary (390-3194).



**Communion
 SCHEDULE**

2010 COMMUNION DATES

- April 4.....Easter
- May 23.....Pentecost
- June 20.....Father's Day
- July 18.....
- September 12.....
- October 3.....World Communion
- November 21.....Christ the King
- December 24.....Christmas Eve

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

<i>Stephanie Molnar-Whiteside</i>	April 2
<i>Anne Hines</i>	April 3
<i>Robert Digel</i>	April 6
<i>Grace Adams</i>	April 7
<i>Gina Ricketts-Smith</i>	April 7
<i>Tim Wertime</i>	April 10
<i>Tom Stout</i>	April 11
<i>Maryellen Purkey</i>	April 12
<i>Jane Johnson</i>	April 14
<i>Melissa Long-Roby</i>	April 14
<i>Colin Creager</i>	April 15
<i>Laura Creager</i>	April 16
<i>Martha Ater</i>	April 17
<i>Mark Brush</i>	April 18
<i>Joyce Carpenter</i>	April 20
<i>June Hughes</i>	April 20
<i>Helen Spurgin</i>	April 20
<i>Joe Stalder</i>	April 24
<i>Marta Stalder</i>	April 26
<i>Lois Shroyer</i>	April 29
<i>Helen Stalder</i>	April 29

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

Meets 2nd Monday

Leader: Ruth George

Esther Circle will meet on **Monday, April 12th at 6:30 p.m.** for dinner at *TGI Friday's* - Café Room. For reservations please call Janet Digel-Koerner 399-8777.

MARY-MARTHA CIRCLE

Meets 3rd Friday

Leader: Ruth Martin

Mary-Martha Circle will meet at the church on **Friday, April 16th** at 10:30 a.m. Bring a sandwich for lunch; drinks and dessert will be provided. We will be working on a craft.

REBEKAH/SARAH CIRCLE

Meets 2nd Thursday

Leader: Joyce Carpenter

Rebekah/Sarah Circle will meet at the church on **Thursday, April 8** at 12:00 noon. Hostess: Maryellen Purkey

Tablecloths

Anyone that has tablecloths from the kitchen, please wash them and return them as soon as possible. Thank You!

OUTSIDE WORK DAY

Mark your calendar now!!!

APRIL 17th - 9 AM

Back-up weather date April 24th.

We NEED your help!!!

Lunch Served

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs

PW BOARD MEETING

Monday, April 5th

10:00 AM

PW Calendar

"Spring Fling"	April 22 (Thur) 6 PM
Picnic/Blind Auction	June 10 (Thur) Noon
Spaghetti Supper	Sept. 16 (Thur)
Holiday Bazaar	Nov. 6 (Sat) 9 to 3
Christmas Dinner	Dec. 9 (Thur) 6 PM

Please mark your calendars with these dates.

PW SPRING FLING

The Presbyterian Women of Northminster invite you to their ***Spring Fling*** on **Thursday, April 22** at the church at 6 PM. The evening will consist of a meal and a program. Watch the weekly bulletin announcements for details about the menu and the cost.

The program will be a light presentation on "Tools of Gardening" by Master Gardener, Kathy McConkey. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the Family Room closer to the date of the event. For additional information, contact Dwilla Cramer, 399-3935.



HEALTH NEWS
from the Parish Nurse
Nancy Jean Graves
April 2010

NECK PAIN; LOWER BACK PAIN; SCIATICA

Pain associated with the neck, spine and its nerves can be very debilitating. Often these can be associated with injury, arthritis, and other disease processes. Age and the effect of gravity take a toll on the skeletal structure that helps maintain our upright posture.

NECK PAIN can result from whiplash injury, often incurred in a rear end auto collision or a fall.

LOW BACK PAIN can be caused by:

- injury or overuse of muscles and ligaments
- pressure on nerve roots in the spinal canal - these can be caused by a herniated disc (caused by a sports injury, repetitious action on machinery, or sudden heavy strain)
- age related: Arthritis - (joint degeneration) spine, hips
Tumors
Compression fractures, usually caused by falls.

SCIATICA describes symptoms of leg pain and numbness or weakness that travels from the low back through the buttock and down the large sciatic nerve in the back of the leg. Pain is caused by a combination of pressure and inflammation on the nerve root.

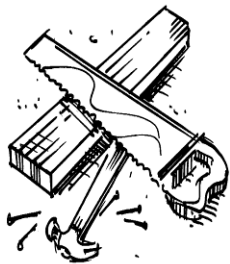
TREATMENTS: All of these conditions require a doctor's care and diagnostic procedures before prescribing treatment. Treatments might include physical therapy with prescribed exercises and stretching. Other nontraditional therapies such as acupuncture, massage, chiropractic care or deep nerve stimulation have been applied with success. Muscle relaxants may be prescribed for pain related to strain from lifting and bending, or excessive life tension. Ice may be used during the immediate and early recovery period to reduce swelling and inflammation, while heat is helpful to relax muscles before range-of-motion exercises. In debilitating pain or injury, surgery may be necessary.

Information excerpted from Mayo Clinic Newsletters.
Submitted by: *Ginny Carlisle, RN, Mdiv.*

HABITAT for HUMANITY

"Blitz Build"

May 1 and 2, 2010



Habitat for Humanity is having a "blitz" build on Saturday, May 1 and Sunday, May 2. Many volunteers will be needed. The main goal is to build as far as possible, and by late Sunday afternoon they would like both homes framed, sided and roofed.

The Session has approved our participation in this event by preparing and serving lunch to the volunteers. Details and sign-ups will be announced in the Sunday bulletins.

-Carol Emerich

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Return Service Requested



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- April 1** **Maundy Thursday Service @ Oakland 7PM**
- April 2** **Good Friday—Office Closed**
- April 3** **Pancake Breakfast**
- April 4** **Easter Sunday Worship 10 AM**
- April 17** **Outside Workday**
- April 20** **Men's Breakfast**
- April 20** **Session Meeting**
- April 22** **PW Spring Fling 6 PM**
- April 23-24** **Youth Retreat @ Kirkmont**



“Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here, but has risen.”

Luke 24:5

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service @ Oakland Presbyterian	2 Good Friday Office Closed	3 8:00 Pancake Breakfast
4 Easter Sunday Worship 10 AM	5 9:30 YWM Meeting 10:00 PW Board	6 9:00 Bazaar Workshop	7 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:15 Choir	8 12:00 Rebekah/ Sarah Circle	9 10:30 Mary-Martha Circle	10 9:00 Outside Workday 9:30 Youth help @ Clifton Ave. Church of God Food Pantry
11 4:30 Youth Group	12 10:00 AVM Board 6:30 Esther Circle @ TGI Fridays	13 9:00 Bazaar Workshop	14 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:15 Choir	15	16	17
18 Congregational Meeting after worship	19 DEADLINE for NEWSLETTER	20 7am Men's Breakfast @ Perkins 9am Bazaar Workshop 6pm Administration 6pm Finance 7pm Session	21 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:15 Choir	22 6:00 PW Spring Fling	23 Youth Retreat @ Kirkmont	24 Youth Retreat @ Kirkmont (Rain date for Outside Workday)
25 Youth hosting cafe	26	27 9:00 Bazaar Workshop	28 9:30 Mail Newsletter 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:15 Choir	29	30	