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THE NORTHERN LIGHT



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Thank You

Deana Knotts, Newsletter Editor

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In our denomination, the Presbyterian Church (USA), all of the Ministers of Word and Sacrament are required to complete a three year Master of Divinity program. During the three years, seminary students are taught enough Greek and Hebrew to read through biblical passages in the original languages. This skill gives insights and nuances to many biblical texts that are not apparent in the English translations we use. Seminary students are taught classes on Old and New Testament, Church History, Theology from the ancient Christian thinkers, as well as current day theologians. They are also instructed in the PC(USA) Book of Order and in its polity. In addition, seminary students are placed in internships in churches, service organizations, hospitals, and prisons.



Along the way the seminary students are taught to think critically, and be able to articulate their own Christian faith as they prepare to serve as teaching elders in whatever call God places them when they graduate. It is the task of theological education to draw out a person's faith in Jesus Christ and help them examine why they believe what they believe about Christianity.

The process involves additional steps. There are benchmarks set up for the seminary student as they enroll with a Presbytery to become an inquirer (someone discerning whether God has called the person to ordained ministry). They then progress to the position of candidacy (after having affirmed their call to be a minister through the Presbytery, their session, and their own sense of call within their heart and mind). The seminary student is then required to pass ordination exams in the areas of: Church Polity, Theology, Exegesis (Scripture interpretation in the original languages), Bible Content, and Worship. The seminary student is required to write a personal statement of faith, and be able to defend it at a stated meeting of the Presbytery where they can be questioned by elder commissioners and other Ministers of the Word and Sacrament. Upon their graduation, the completion of Presbytery process, wrestling with one's personal Christian faith, and field education placements, the student is then ready to seek a full time call in which they will be ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. The process can be a bit daunting and requires a great deal of commitment and discipline. It can exhaust the student at times and is a process that helps shape the student into the minister she or he will be. (continued on next page)

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With the process described above it is necessary that a student in seminary receive a good deal of support financially, spiritually, and emotionally. As you may or may not know, we have a seminary student who was baptized here when he was an infant, Alex Creager. He is entering his second year of seminary at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, NJ. We get to fulfill the promises made to Alex at his baptism by showing him support as he prepares to serve Jesus Christ and the Body of Christ, the church. We ask that all folks within our congregation pray for Alex during these challenging years. In addition to your prayers, the opportunity for you to participate in financially supporting Alex's education is being presented to you as well. There are envelopes available specifically for Alex's education fund. There are also pledge cards available if you would like to support him in an ongoing basis.

The Session of the church voted to provide Alex with a \$1,000 grant monthly until his graduation in May of 2012. We ask that you help fund this support. There are envelopes in the church office specifically for this purpose. They will be provided upon request and included in bulletins for convenience. Please make checks payable to Northminster Presbyterian Church and include your contribution in the Alex Creager education fund envelopes, or indicate in your memo line that you wish for your donation to go toward supporting his education.

Alex will be visiting the congregation in December and will likely be preaching on the Sunday after Christmas so that he may share some with you about his studies and his faith in Jesus Christ. Let's join together in supporting and affirming Alex's call into full-time ministry.

Dwight



GETTING TO KNOW YOU!!!



Have you ever heard someone at church say, "I'm not sure who that is," or "Wonder where that family came from?" about a member or friend of Northminster? "Getting to Know You" is designed to remedy that.

Sometime during the next year, or so, you will receive a short information form asking for your completion and return to the church. This information will appear in our church bulletins (one individual or one family each week). Then, in the church newsletter, all the weekly profiles for the past month will be printed. Most of the featured individuals or families will appear in our pictorial directory so you can match faces with information.

The goal, and the hope, is for everyone in the church to "Get to Know You" and each other a bit better.

-PW Board



A Note of Thanks

Northminster Presbyterian Church, I cannot tell you how shocked and humbled I am by your support for me through seminary. It means so much to me that you continue to think about me and help me out so much. This support is incredibly generous. It will be of immense help to me in these next two years. You are where my call to ministry first started and I feel so fortunate and proud to have grown up in a church community that continues to help me out so much and support me in this call. Thank you.

-Alex Creager

Lectionary Readings

Sunday, September 5

Pulpit Exchange

with Covenant Presbyterian Church

Jeremiah 18:1-11; *Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18*
Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

Sunday, September 12

Sunday School Kick Off!!

Communion

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; *Psalm 14*
1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

Sunday, September 19

Jeremiah 8:18—9:1; *Psalm 79:1-9*
1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

Sunday, September 26

Jeremiah 32:1-3a; 6-15; *Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16*
1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

Church Corporation

President	Kent Sherry
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Clerk of Session	Lois Shroyer
Treasurer	Bill Harrison

Session

Class of 2011

Sally Asper
Cindy Ater
Bill Chesnut
Paul Good
Carol Emerich

Class of 2012

Marcia Barga
Kevin Creager
Susan Dersch
Diana Schneider
Kent Sherry

Class of 2013

James Griffin
Terry Rigio
Lois Shroyer
Emily Spriggs

Deacons

Class of 2011

LeaAnn Hoefer
Chuck Mansfield
Ron Montgomery

Class of 2012

Bill Benston
Tricia Foster
Elise Spriggs

Class of 2013

Sue Creager
Mary Green
Irene Hughes

Attention Music Lovers!!

Our Northminster Choir hopes to find some new members.

Singers, high school age and older, are welcome to join us.

We rehearse on **Wednesdays**, starting August 25th, from **7:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

We also rehearse on **Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m.** before we sing during worship.



Northminster Bell Choir would welcome new members also.

We meet on **Wednesdays**, **6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.** starting September 1.

Music reading ability is helpful for bell choir members.

If you have questions, feel free to speak to any choir member.

Session Highlights

The Session met in regular stated meeting August 17 in the Family Room. Rev. Dwight McCormick opened the meeting with a devotional reading and prayer at 7:00 PM.

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

The Pastor led a discussion of how to implement the goals that emerged from the Planning Committee study.

Rev. McCormick reported that Bill Benston and Chuck Mansfield will be co-moderators of the Deacons for this year.

The Finance Committee reported that total income for January 1 through July 12 was \$102,473 and total expenses were \$116,362, producing a deficit of \$13,889.68.

The Property Committee is working on estimates to repair the sidewalk and curb in front of the church.

Session committees are requested to have their 2011 budget estimates ready to submit to the Finance Committee by the September session meeting.

The next stated meeting of Session is September 21, 2010 at 7:00 PM, with the Finance and the Mission and Outreach 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

Adult Visionary Ministry
"The Visionaries"

The "Visionaries" will meet for their **Annual Day of Reflection on Thursday, September 23rd** at the church. The speaker for the day will be Dennis Piermont, Executive Presbyter of the Miami Valley.

The day begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Room with coffee, donuts and a time for fellowship. The program is set to begin at 10. We will break for lunch at noon and conclude the day with communion being served in the sanctuary. Look for a sign-up sheet which will be posted in the Family Room.

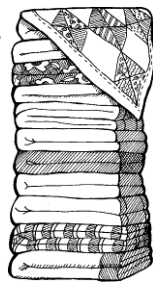
Looking Ahead

On **Tuesday, October 12** we will hold our second half of the year birthday party for those people who have a birthday in the months from July to December. We will meet at the church at 1:00 p.m. for cake, ice cream and a movie to be named later.

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

CRAFT for a CAUSE

The Miami Valley Presbytery has a program called *Craft for a Cause*. We would like to participate locally in this program at Northminster. Several members are knitting hats for the homeless and hats for premature babies at our local hospital. Also, blankets and throws have been donated to the Interfaith Hospitality Network. There are many other ways to serve the community through Craft for a Cause. If you contribute to a cause we would like to hear about it. If you would like to knit for the 'cause' and would like a pattern, please call Emily Spriggs at 399-1473.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday School
Kick Off Celebration!!
Sunday
September 12th



Be Sure to Look for the Balloons!

Youth up to grade 5 are welcome to attend Sunday School Classes after the children's time.

Classes and Teachers

- ☺ Preschool (toddlers 2 - 3 years) Sarah McCormick
- ☺ Grades K thru 2 Cindy Chesnut
- ☺ Grades 3 thru 5 Cindy Ater

Adult Forum Resumes September 12

After our summer break, Adult Forum will resume meeting on September 12th at 11:15 AM, and Sharon Stout will be leading us for the fall quarter.

For September and the first two Sundays of October we will be continuing with the series: "Landscapes of Faith". The remaining sessions are "Wilderness/Desert Wisdom" (Mark 1:9-15; Numbers 21:4-9); "Mountaintop Experiences" (Luke 9:28-36); "Roads of Our Lives" (Luke 24:13-35); "On the Beach" (John 21:1-19); and "Cities". Each of these sessions stands by itself, so come and join us whenever you can—even if you can't make it every Sunday.

Bible Study Offering

Responses to the Planning Committee surveys indicated a desire for a Bible study class, meeting sometime other than Sunday morning. So, Lois Shroyer has agreed to lead a class using the Presbyterian curriculum, "The Present Word" for the fall quarter. The study focuses on the nature of God (as the first person of the Trinity) and looks at Old Testament texts from the Exodus narratives and from the poetry of the Psalms.

If you are interested in participating in this study, please sign up on the sheet in the Family Room under your preferred time (Monday or Thursday evening, 7:00-8:15 PM or Tuesday morning, 9:30-10:45 AM). There will be only one class, so the number of signatures will decide which day/time it will be. If you need more information, please call Lois Shroyer at 399-7701.

September Birthdays



Montserrat Lau	Sept. 3
Sharon Jenkins	Sept. 5
Dylan Hooper	Sept. 6
Joyce Bruce	Sept. 7
Nate Smith	Sept. 10
Gay Steiner	Sept. 14
Kathie Harbaugh	Sept. 16
Howard Garrett	Sept. 18
Adam Stout	Sept. 23
Diana Schneider	Sept. 24
Dwilla Cramer	Sept. 27
Chris Molnar	Sept. 27
Rosellen Des Combes	Sept. 28
Joan Watson	Sept. 28



In Memory of John

*We deeply appreciate
your prayers
and concerns
during this most
difficult time.*

*We thank everyone
for their kindness
and comforting words.*

*Thanks to all the
women who prepared
and served lunch.*

We are grateful to you.

-Bea and Bill Buckhold

HEALTH NEWS

from the Parish Nurse . . . Nancy Jean Graves

September 2010

TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR

A timely exchange of information between your physicians and specialists is very important. It promotes coordination of care, helps to reduce out-of-pocket cost and duplication of services, and helps to ensure improved outcomes for you. You are key in your treatment, and being involved in the coordination process is essential to providing you with optimal care.

What you can do:

- Share the names of each of your providers with all physicians who are providing your care.
- Make sure that you tell your physicians when you are taking medications from more than one doctor, when you are hospitalized and when you see a specialist.
- Sign a consent form for release of medical records to ensure your information can be shared by different providers.
- Remember, when each provider knows about all aspects of your treatment, they can better care for you and your ongoing needs.

From: Healthy Solutions (Anthem.com)

Submitted by: *Patricia Fairbanks, RN*
St. Bernard's Church

Northminster 2010 Golf Outing

Northminster's Texas Golf Scramble was held at Snyder Park Golf Course on August 15, 2010, on a beautiful day. The following 20 golfers participated:

Liz Adams	Ernie Blevins	Gary Lloyd	Adam Stout
Rob Adams	Bud Graves	Dwight McCormick	Tom Stout
Robbie Aldinger	Art Hofer	Gary Molnar	Jim Thompson
Greg Black	Don Hughes	Jason Spoon	Bob Triebelhorn
Jeff Blackburn	June Hughes	Tim Spoon	Ryan Whiteside

The double winning teams had a score of 68.

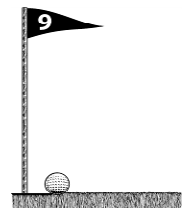
Team of: Gary Molnar, Ryan Whiteside, Jeff Blackburn and Tim Thompson

Team of: Tim and Jason Spoon, Robbie Aldinger and Greg Black

Gary Lloyd and Liz Adams had the longest drive on hole 9.

June Hughes and Bud Graves had closest to the pin on hole 12.

All players received gifts furnished by:
AAMCO Transmission, Bill Harrison
AllState Insurance, Jim Twiggs
Bud and Nancy Graves
State Farm Insurance, John Roberts
Jeff Wyler Automotive Family



National Trails Park Service provided 50 club house dollars.
All had a fun time.

-Bud Graves

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: Cindy Chesnut

Meets 2nd Monday

Esther Circle will meet on **Monday, September 13** at **6:15 p.m.** at the church for a salad supper.

Hostesses: Nancy Baker and Sally Asper.

New officers for September 2010 thru August 2012:

Leader: Cindy Chesnut

Treasurer: Anne Hines

Secretary: Diana Schneider

MARY-MARTHA CIRCLE

Leader: Ruth Martin

Meets 3rd Friday

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

REBEKAH/SARAH CIRCLE

Leader: Joyce Carpenter

Meets 2nd Thursday

Rebekah/Sarah Circle will meet on **Thursday, September 9** at 12:00 noon at the church.

BAZAAR WORKSHOP

The Bazaar Workshop will be held every **Tuesday, starting September 7th** from 9:00 a.m. until 12 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 our Annual Holiday Bazaar scheduled for Saturday, November 6. For additional information, contact Joan Generous 969-8130 or Barb Aker 399-3967.

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

PW SPAGHETTI SUPPER

September 16th

5:00 to 7:00 PM

Mark Your Calendar Now!

The Presbyterian Women of Northminster invite you to a Spaghetti Supper on **Thursday, September 16**, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the church. Cost: Adults \$6.50; Children under 12, \$3; Children under 3 eat free. This supper is a fundraiser for the Presbyterian Women of Northminster. **Please pass the word, plan to join us and bring your friends!!!**



Spaghetti Supper

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| September 4 | Pancake Breakfast |
| September 5 | Pulpit Exchange w/Covenant |
| September 6 | Labor Day—Office Closed |
| September 12 | Sunday School Kick Off!! |
| September 12 | Communion |
| September 16 | PW Spaghetti Supper |
| September 21 | Men's Breakfast @ Perkins |
| September 21 | Session Meeting |
| September 23 | AVM Annual Day of Reflection |



NORTHMINSTER'S VISION STATEMENT
REJOICE! RENEW! REACHOUT!

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00 Bell Choir Practice 7:15 Choir Practice	2	3	4 8:00 PANCAKE BREAKFAST
5 Pulpit Exchange with Covenant Presbyterian Church Rev. Ray Stewart Preaching	6 Labor Day Office Closed	7 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 6:30 Christian Education Mtg.	8 6:00 Worship Cmte. 7:15 Choir Practice	9 12:00 Rebekah/Sarah Circle 6:00 Administrative Cmte.	10 10:30 Mary-Martha Circle	11 5:00 Scouts Picnic Shelter
12 Communion Sunday School Kick Off!! 4:30 Youth Group	13 10:00 AVM Advisory Board Meeting 6:15 Esther Circle	14 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp	15 6:00 Bell Choir Practice 6:30 Boy Scouts 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:15 Choir Practice	16 5 to 7 PW SPAGHETTI SUPPER	17	18
19	20 Newsletter Deadline	21 7 Men's Breakfast @ Perkins 9 Bazaar Wrkshp 6 Finance Cmte 6 Mission/Outreach 7 Session Meeting	22 6:00 Bell Choir Practice 7:15 Choir Practice	23 9:30 AVM ANNUAL DAY OF REFLECTION	24	25
26 4:30 Youth Group	27 6:30 Remembrance Quilt Guild Deliver Craig House Meal	28 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp	29 9:30 Mail Newsletter 6:00 Bell Choir Practice 7:15 Choir Practice	30		

