

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE NORTHERN LIGHT



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Thank You

Deana Knotts, Newsletter Editor

APRIL 2011

ISSUE 4

I am overwhelmed by the love and support I received from the church during the last month. I am truly humbled and grateful for the love of Christ that you have demonstrated to me and my family following my mother's death.

The time off for grieving was a luxury that I know not everyone receives, so I thank all of you for that gift of time. Thankfully the Presbyterian Church USA has set up the family leave policy to be used for ministers and their families for just such occasions. I have now returned to work and am beginning to formulate what is now the new "normal."

Thank you to all of you for your cards, your phone calls, the food, and your prayers. I, along with my family, have felt loved by all of your gracious acts. My family and I look forward to getting back into the swing of things and being involved once again in sharing ministry alongside you.

Yours in Christ,

Dwight



Congregational Meeting

**Congregational Meeting
Sunday, April 10th**

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 10th immediately following worship.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect new officers (Elders and Deacons) and congregational members for the nominating committee next year.



**HAPPY
APRIL
BIRTHDAY**
to:

<i>Stephanie Molnar-Whiteside</i>	April 2
<i>Anne Hines</i>	April 3
<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>Mary Green</i>	April 14
<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>Edna Roeder</i>	April 23
<i>Joe Stalder</i>	April 24
<i>Marta Stalder</i>	April 26
<i>Lois Shroyer</i>	April 29
<i>Helen Stalder</i>	April 29

A Note of Thanks

Dear Northminster Friends,

Thank you so very much for the care package! I always look forward to receiving it every year, and all the supplies included come in handy. I feel so fortunate to have a group of people who care so much. I enjoyed seeing everyone over spring break and I am looking forward to the summer when I can see you all more often. I'm sorry this is so late. I truly appreciate everything you do for me and I feel very lucky to have such wonderful people supporting me.

*Love to all,
Emily Aldinger*

Session Highlights

The Session met in regular stated meeting Saturday, March 12, 2011 in the Family Room during the Session workshop/retreat. The Moderator, Rev. Dwight McCormick, opened the meeting with prayer at 9:05 AM.

The main business of the day was to follow up on the Mission goals established at the January 29th session retreat.

It was noted that Northminster had a good turnout of workers at the February 19th breakfast and food distribution at the Clifton Ave. Church of God food pantry. We plan to continue to participate on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

We will continue investigating whether we can provide volunteers at Lincoln School or at the Ark at Clifton Ave. Church of God in order to help disadvantaged children in that neighborhood.


We probably will not be sending any volunteers on the Haiti mission trip this June, but we will try to collect health and hygiene items to send with those who go from other churches.

The Finance Committee report was given by Elder Kevin Creager, referring to the printed financial report and balance sheet: Total income for January 1 through February 28 was \$32,643 and total expenses were \$34,727 producing a deficit of \$2,084.

The next stated meeting of Session is April 19, 2011 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



CONTACT US AT: **CONTACT INFORMATION**
for Pastor McCormick
Dwight and Sarah no longer have a land line as a home phone number. If you need to contact Dwight you can still reach him at 937-244-6769 or Sarah at 937-244-9885. The 717-4582 number is no longer a working number to contact them.

April Lectionary Readings

Sunday, April 3

4th Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13; *Psalm 23*; Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

Sunday, April 10

5th Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14; *Psalm 130*; Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45
Congregational Meeting following worship

Sunday, April 17

Passion/Palm Sunday

(Holy Week begins)

Palms: Matthew 21:1-11

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14—27:66

or Matthew 27:11-54



Thursday, April 21

Maundy Thursday

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



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SERVICE

Maundy Thursday Worship
April 21st
Northminster
Presbyterian Church
7 PM

A combined service with
Covenant, Northminster
and Oakland
Presbyterian Churches

Friday, April 22

Good Friday

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 24

Easter/Resurrection of the Lord

Communion

Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

Isaiah 25:6-9; *Psalm 114*

1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49



“The amount you laugh
in your relationships
with others
is the true measure
of the health
of your personality.”

-Brian Tracy
“The Joyful Noiseletter”



AVM
Annual Day
of Renewal
April 7th

The Adult Visionary Ministry will hold its **Annual Day of Renewal** on Thursday, **April 7th** at the church. The day will begin with coffee and donuts at 9:30 AM in the Family Room. The program, led by Rev. Derrick Weston, will start at 10 AM. We will break for lunch at noon and conclude the day with communion. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the family room. For additional information on any “*Visionary*” activity contact Dick White, associate (399-7305) or Joan Garrett, secretary (390-3194).

HEALTH NEWS
from the Parish Nurse . . . Nancy Jean Graves
April 2011
MALIGNANT MELANOMA

It is the most lethal of all skin cancers and is on the rise probably due to the increase in recreational sun exposure and decreasing ozone levels. The exact cause is unknown but ultraviolet rays and tanning beds are strongly suspected.

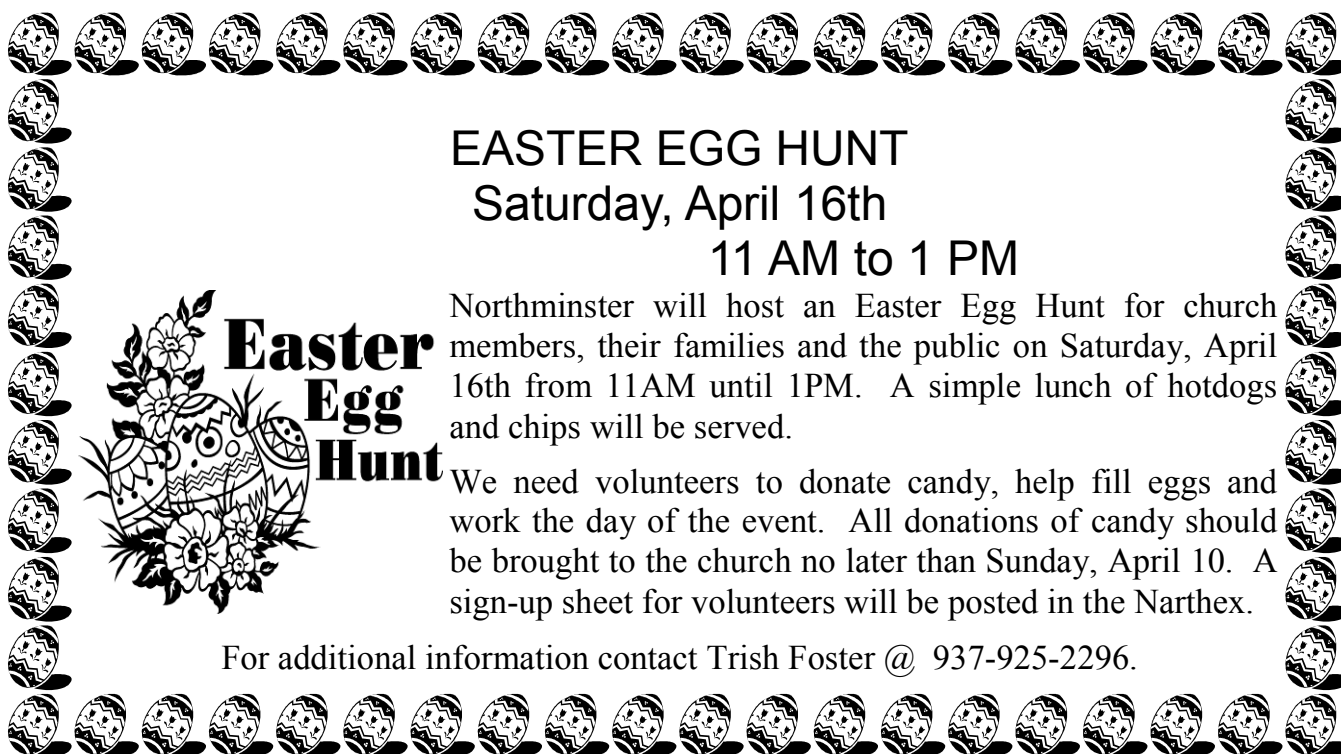
The lesion tends to be circular with irregular outer portions. You should see your physician for any skin lesion or mole. Don't guess, just get checked. It will spread to other organs such as the bone, liver, and spleen if not treated or caught in time. There can be family tendencies for melanoma.

Risk factors for malignant melanoma include fair skinned or freckled, blue eyed, light-haired people, people who burn but don't tan, exposure to intense sunlight, history of melanoma in your family and skin giant congenital nevi (mole).


Practice common sense when outdoors. Wear sunscreens, avoid sun exposure at the most intense times usually 10 AM to 3 PM, use lip balm with a sunscreen, remember ultraviolet light can penetrate cloud cover and loosely woven clothes. Keep children from getting sunburns that will cause problems later on. Have regular skin checks by your physician. God entrusted us with a body; be a good steward of that body that is on loan to you from GOD.

Submitted by: Lisa Mayhugh Parish Nurse

Information taken from Textbook of Medical-Surgical Nursing, Smeltzer, 12th edition



EASTER EGG HUNT
Saturday, April 16th
11 AM to 1 PM



Easter Egg Hunt

Northminster will host an Easter Egg Hunt for church members, their families and the public on Saturday, April 16th from 11AM until 1PM. A simple lunch of hotdogs and chips will be served.

We need volunteers to donate candy, help fill eggs and work the day of the event. All donations of candy should be brought to the church no later than Sunday, April 10. A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be posted in the Narthex.

For additional information contact Trish Foster @ 937-925-2296.

Presbyterian Women

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

April Circle Meetings



ESTHER CIRCLE

Leader: Cindy Chesnut

Meets 2nd Monday

Esther Circle will meet on Monday, **April 11th** at 6 PM at *O'Charley's* Restaurant. For reservations contact Janet Digel-Koerner at 399-8777.

REBEKAH/SARAH CIRCLE

Leader: Joyce Carpenter

Meets 2nd Thursday

Rebekah/Sarah Circle will meet on Thursday, **April 14th** at 12 noon at the church. Hostesses: Betty Thomas and Maryellen Purkey

MARY-MARTHA CIRCLE

Leader: Ruth Martin

Meets 3rd Friday

Mary-Martha Circle will meet on Friday, **April 15th** at 10:30 a.m. at the church. We will be working on crafts for the "bazaar." Bring a sandwich for lunch; dessert will be provided. Question: Gail Davis 390-2527/Joan Generous 969-8130.

P.W. BOARD MEMBERS

Co-Moderators

Dwilla Cramer
Joan Generous

Secretary

Anne Hines

Treasurer

Ruth Martin

P.W.

Representative to Session

Diana Schneider

P.W.

Board Meeting

Monday

April 4

10:00 a.m.

Church Library

UPCOMING DATES

May 19Spring Fling Potluck
June 11Yard Sale
Sept. 15Ladies' Day Out
Nov. 5Holiday Bazaar
Dec. 9PW/AVM Christmas Dinner

CRAIG HOUSE MEAL

Monday, April 25

PW will deliver a meal to Craig House on Monday, April 25. If you would like to help by providing either a meat, vegetable, salad or dessert, please contact Marcia or Andy Barga 399-9839.

BAZAAR WORKSHOP

Meets Tuesday Mornings 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Lower Level Community Room



P.W. would like to invite anyone that has an interest in making craft items to join us. If you are unable to attend the workshop but would still like to participate, we can provide you with a project and the supplies needed to work at home.

The workshop offers an opportunity for fellowship and developing new friendships with other women in the church. If you have been wanting to become more involved at church and would like to contribute in some way to a worthy cause, this may be the activity you have been searching for!!

For additional information contact: Joan Generous (969-8130) or Barb Aker (399-3967)

Getting to Know . . .
Dick Krichbaum

Dick attended Springfield High School. He served in the U.S. Army from 1943-1946 and spent 20 months in Europe during World War II. Dick worked for the State of Ohio Agriculture Department and also in the meat industry. He has been retired for 25 years.

Dick and his wife, Marjorie, were married at the old Northminster Church on Stanton Avenue in 1950. They were married for 54 years until Marge's death. After Dick retired, he and Marge traveled and visited every state except Alaska. They also enjoyed square dancing. Dick and Marge raised three daughters; Diane, Kay and Lynne. He has five grandchildren and 4 ½ great grandchildren!

Dick enjoys sports, particularly the Cincinnati Reds and OSU football and basketball. Here at Northminster, he is currently serving as a member of the AVM (Adult Visionary Ministry) advisory board.

A special friend, Ann Petticrew, kept Dick out of trouble over the past five years. He currently shares his home with his little dog, "Goldie."

Getting to Know . . .
Joe H. Bindley

Joe is a graduate of the College of Wooster where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree; UCLA where he earned his Master of Arts degree; and the University of Pittsburgh where he earned his Ph.D. He served in the United States Army and was a professor at Wittenberg University and Clark State Community College.

Joe has played a key role in the leadership of Northminster Church. Joe and his wife, Norma, joined Northminster in 1975. He is an elder and has served at various times as the chair of the Finance Committee and President of the Corporation. He has also served as a deacon. Joe has led in worship and has lectured on political science topics during the Adult Forum. Joe was Chairman of Trustees at the ground breaking ceremonies for the new building addition on Easter Sunday, March 26, 1978, and he participated in the mortgage burning for the new addition in 1993. He still signs checks, ushers, and greets worshippers on Sunday mornings. Joe enjoys reading and is a member of Rotary and the Polo Club.

Getting to Know . . .
June and Don Hughes

Don and June both attended Springfield High School. Don studied at Wittenberg and June attended Manatee County (Florida) Vocational School. Don worked at Robbins and Myers-Moyno Pump and was employed by Northminster Church. June worked at Emro, Northminster Church and J. C. Penney. Both of them are retired.

Bowling and golf are interests that Don and June share. They both work at the Reid Golf course. Don also enjoys carpentry. He is a member of Knights of Pythias #610 and he sings in our church choir. Don has served as a member of the Session. June likes needlework and the computer. She has served as a deacon, is a member of Sarah Circle and the P.W. board and she attends the Bazaar Workshop.

Don and June have three adult children; Michelle Dunmire of Columbus, Martin Hughes of West Carrollton and Debra Rosebough of St. Louis, MO. They have eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Getting to Know . . . *Lee Jordan*

Lee Jordan graduated from Lyons Township High School in LaGrange, Illinois. She was married to Jerrold Lee Jordan in 1956. They owned Jordan's Hardware. Jerry passed away in 2000 during a church trip to Germany.

Lee worked at Olan Mills, Society Bank, and Wittenberg University as well as helping out at Jordan's Hardware. She enjoys working at the Kuss, reading, playing cards, and working in her yard. She also likes to travel and looks forward to doing more! Lee belongs to the Town Club, Esther Circle, and she enjoys participating in Dinner for Eight with other members of Northminster.

Lee has two daughters; Cynthia Lee Jordan of Grove City, Ohio, and Sandra Lee Guittar of Springfield. She has four grandchildren; Corey and Tanya Guittar, and Nicholas and Nicole Schlump.

Men's RETREAT

May 20-21, 2011—Kirkmont Center

Our Favorite Jesus: An American History

Thomas Jefferson thought of him as "first of all human sages." The Puritans didn't really need him. With the western expansion, he became sweet and loving. The 1900's thought he should be like Teddy Roosevelt. For the Hippies of the late 1960's he was the "everlasting high."

Using art, music, history, theology, scripture, and pop culture spanning the history of America, the 2011 Kirkmont Men's Retreat will take a tour of the uniquely American Jesus, his personality, and how the Son of God's history in America is more important now than ever.

GUEST SPEAKER

The Reverend Brett Swanson is a graduate of Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

Originally from California, Brett is a former history instructor, football coach and associate pastor in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley.

As of early summer 2011, Brett will be installed as the pastor of Punxsutawney Presbyterian Church in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania—home of Groundhog Day. In his free time Brett follows the Detroit Tigers baseball club, reads, blogs, and travels as much as can be afforded.

MEN'S RETREAT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MAY 20

6-7:45 PM Check-in at Croft House
 8 PM Opening & Transition to Relaxation
 8:45 PM Vespers
 9 PM Recreation

SATURDAY, MAY 21

8 AM Breakfast
 9 AM Keynote & Conversation
 10:30 AM Break
 11 AM Keynote & Conversation
 12:30 PM Lunch
 FREE TIME
 2:30 PM Kirkmont Center Update
 3 PM Gathering of Community
 4 PM Closing Worship

Questions? Contact Kirkmont at 800-572-1747

REGISTRATION

Kirkmont Men's Retreat

May 20-21, 2011

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State & Zip _____

Phone (day) _____

Phone (eve) _____

Home Church & Location

Cost includes meals, materials and bed and bath linens for overnights.

Overnight Cost \$70

Commuter Cost \$45

Optional Saturday overnight with Dinner, additional \$20

Amount Enclosed\$ _____

Please describe any special accommodation/dietary needs

**Please return registration & payment to:
 Kirkmont Center
 P.O. Box 128
 Zanesfield, OH 43360**

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April 2	Pancake Breakfast 8 AM
April 10	Congregational Meeting
April 14	Men's Breakfast @ Perkins 7 AM
April 16	Easter Egg Hunt 11 AM
April 17	Palm Sunday
April 19	Session Meeting 7 PM
April 21	Maundy Thursday Service @ Northminster 7 PM
April 22	Good Friday—Office Closed
April 24	Easter Sunday



MAUNDY
Thursday

Maundy Thursday Worship

April 21

Northminster

Presbyterian Church

7 PM



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APRIL

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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						8:00 Pancake Breakfast
3 3:00 Confirmation @ Covenant	4 9:30 YWM Meeting 10:00 PW Board	5 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 6:30 Christian Ed.	6 6:00 Bell Choir 7:15 Choir	7 9:30 AVM Annual Day of Renewal 6:00 Dulcimer Club	8	9
10 Congregational Meeting 3:00 Confirmation @ Covenant 4:30 Youth Group	11 10:00 AVM Board 6:00 Esther Circle @ O' Charley's	12 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 6:30 Deacons' Mtg.	13 5:15 Music/Worship 6:00 Bell Choir 7:15 Choir	14 7:00 Men's Breakfast 12:00 Rebekah/Sarah Circle	15 10:30 Mary-Martha Circle	16 11:00 Easter Eggs Hunt Clifton Ave. Church of God Breakfast and Food Pantry
17 Palm Sunday 3:00 Confirmation @ Covenant	18 Deadline for Newsletter	19 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 6:00 Finance 6:00 Mission/Outrch 7:00 Session	20 6:00 Bell Choir 7:15 Choir	21 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service @ Northminster	22  Good FRIDAY	23
24 Easter Sunday  ALLELUIA	25 6:30 Quilt Guild	26 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp	27 9:30 Mail Newsletter 6:00 Bell Choir 7:15 Choir	28	29	30