

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE NORTHERN LIGHT



SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00A.M.

400 Villa Road

Springfield, Ohio 45503

PHONE: 937-399-0838

FAX: 937-629-0881

nrthmnstr@sbcglobal.net

www.northminsterspringfield.org

_____ PASTORS

Dwight McCormick II, Pastor
W. Franklin Sparks, Pastor Emeritus

_____ CHURCH STAFF

Deana Knotts	Office Manager
Gay Steiner	Bookkeeper
Bill Harrison	Treasurer
Mark Brush	Custodian
Lydia Smith-Lockwood	Director of Music
Kristina Ahlstrom	Organist
Mark Brush	Youth Directors
Susan Dersch	
Dick White	Adult Ministry
Dwilla Cramer	Presbyterian Women
Joan Generous	
Nancy Jean Graves	Parish Nurse
Ruth George	Librarian

The Northern Light is published
monthly September thru May
with one summer issue.

If there is an omission or an error,
please contact the editor so a
correction can be made.

Thank You

Deana Knotts, Newsletter Editor

MARCH 2011

ISSUE 3

HAITI MISSION PROJECT and DINNER

Sunday, March 6

4:30 p.m.

Northminster

Presbyterian Church



The people of Haiti are still suffering the results of the earthquake we saw dominate the headlines last year. Would you like to help alleviate their suffering? Come share a meal on March 6th and watch the presentation about Rev. Dr. Shelley Wiley and Honey Creek Presbyterian Church's mission trip to Haiti last October. She will be showing power point photos and Honey Creek Presbyterian church members will be sharing their testimonies. They will share how they experienced God through working with the good people of Haiti. Northminster is hoping to send some people to Haiti on a mission trip this coming June with several other churches in the Presbytery. Rev. Dr. Shelley Wiley is going to tell us how we can do so. It is a combined event with Oakland, Covenant, Northminster, Honey Creek, and several other area Presbyterian Churches. Come hear about this wonderful opportunity to embody the Kingdom of God. All ages can attend and can participate in some way.

PLAN TO JOIN US!

A sign-up sheet will be posted in the
Family Room.

Daylight Saving Time Begins



Sunday, March 13
 Just a reminder . . .
 Set your clocks
 ahead one hour.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- Doris Harris* March 1
- Josh Twiggs* March 4
- Emily Spriggs* March 6
- Betty Lou Graven* March 9
- Nicole Roberts* March 9
- Ruth McAdams* March 10
- Lucille Arthur* March 12
- Toni Conway* March 16
- Jason Spoon* March 18
- Bud Graves* March 24
- Carol Sparks* March 24
- Megan Knotts* March 26



**Notes of Thanks from
 College Students**

Dear Northminster Church,
 Thank you for the care package. It has a lot of things that will come in handy for me as a college student. I especially look forward to eating the snacks while studying.

*Thanks again,
 Jonathan Veith*

~ ~ ~

Dear Northminster,
 I am writing to thank you for the wonderful care package I received in the mail this week. It was filled with everything I needed and came at a perfect time. I was feeling under the weather and the cold medicine and cough drops were much needed and appreciated! Thank you for remembering me. It always feels good to get something in the mail!

*Kindly,
 Megan Knotts*

Session Highlights

The Session met in regular stated meeting February 15, 2011 in the Family Room. Rev. Shelley Wiley of Honey Creek, New Carlisle moderated in Rev. McCormick's absence. She opened the meeting with prayer and a devotional reading at 7:05 PM.

The first order of the day was to consider the recommendation from Presbytery that our Pastor be granted four weeks of Family Leave to give him time to recover from the stresses of the past months. The Executive Presbyter sent a letter clearly outlining Presbytery's policy and the rationale behind it. On motion/second, Session unanimously approved granting Rev. Dwight McCormick four weeks (February 15 –March 14, 2011) of Family Leave from all duties and responsibilities at Northminster.

The second order of the day was to contract with the Rev. Dr. Matthew Zuehlke for the next four weeks to lead worship and preach on Sunday, to be in the church office one day/ week, and to be on call for pastoral emergencies in the congregation. This motion also was approved unanimously.

The Session then received reports from some of the committees of Session.

The Finance Committee report was given by Chair Kent Sherry:

Total income for January 1 through January 31 was \$17,065 and total expenses were \$19,288 producing a deficit of \$2,512.

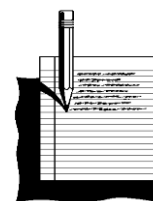
Session approved a motion from the committee to have the church treasurer institute an agreement with PayPal so that donations or purchases can be made by credit card on Northminster's web site.

Session received from the committee a draft copy of a "Comprehensive Unrestricted Planned Giving Policy" to be studied for discussion at the March session meeting.

The next stated meeting of Session is March 15, 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



March Lectionary Readings

Sunday, March 6

Transfiguration of the Lord

Communion

Exodus 24:12-18; *Psalm 2 or Psalm 99*


2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

Wednesday, March 9

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12; *Psalm 51:1-17*

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21



**ASH WEDNESDAY
WORSHIP
March 9**

A Service to Begin Lent
@ Oakland Presbyterian Church
6:30 p.m.

A combined service with Covenant,
Northminster and Oakland Presbyterian Churches
Rev. Ray Stewart from Covenant
will be preaching.

Sunday, March 13

1st Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; *Psalm 32*

Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Sunday, March 20

2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a; *Psalm 121*

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

Sunday, March 27

3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7; *Psalm 95*

Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42



Help Wanted

We need a few people who are willing to form a crew to take turns inputting information to be displayed through our new projector onto the screen and to take turns running the projector during worship. This would be similar to organizing and running a Power Point presentation. Training will be provided for those who are interested in helping. Contact Diana Schneider at 399-3527 if you are interested!



News from our Treasurer . . .

Bill Harrison

Many of us wonder just how many dollars are spent by our membership outside the local church. The following are ones that I know about. Known gifts made outside our local congregation:

\$ 25	Haitian Relief
2,350	Cancer Walk
3,500	Raised & Donated by PW
1,000	PW Donated Direct to Presbytery
625	Pastor's Discretionary Funds
1,200	Habitat for Humanity
6,000	Seminary Student Support
4,200	Miami Presbytery for Benevolence
455	Christmas Joy Offering
548	Peacemaking Offering
1,098	One Great Hour of Sharing
731	Pentecost Offering
500	In Kind to IHN, Project Woman and Christ Episcopal Food Pantry
320	Deacons' Christmas Meals and Gas Cards
\$22,552	Total
	12.09% of Budgeted Giving Income

Motion from the Finance Committee:

Move that the Treasurer institute an agreement with PayPal in order to accept credit cards by way of our web site.

Explanation: Treasurer Harrison has discussed this with our webmaster, Chris Molnar, and they visualize a "Button" for donations on the front page and a "Button" for purchases on a different page.

The "Donations Button" would allow anyone (members or memorial gifters) to make a donation and could be convenient for our winter Florida snowbirds, etc.

The "Purchase Button" would allow someone at a church function to accept credit cards by having a laptop available and some knowledge of its use. This could include Raffles, Bazaars, etc.

The cost would be 2.2% of the amount. Any additional charges are unknown at this time.

One concern is making sure the "donors" are identifiable.


HEALTH NEWS
from the Parish Nurse . . . Nancy Jean Graves
March 2011
ANTICOAGULANT THERAPY

Anticoagulant therapy is frequently called blood thinners by lay people. Actually, they don't thin the blood, they interfere with the clotting mechanism of blood, specifically Vitamin K, so people do not develop blood clots. Many people are on Coumadin these days. You should receive client teaching on this drug before taking it. If you do not, request this from your physician.

Coumadin is affected by many medications, herbs, and foods. Foods high in Vitamin K will affect the therapeutic dose of this medication which includes: green leafy vegetables, milk, yogurt, green tea, and cauliflower to name a few. Be sure to talk with your doctor concerning these items. If you still have questions, seek a dietary consultant. Many hospitals have outpatient classes for these issues.

Another area of concern when on this medication is to be sure to take the exact dose ordered at the same time each day. If a dose is missed, call your physician, don't you decide what to do. There is a very fine line with the therapeutic dose of this medication. Lab work will be required on a constant basis for this medication. To avoid bleeding, use a soft toothbrush. Ask your physician/dentist about flossing, shave with an electric razor, and stay away from sharp objects. Report any signs of bleeding such as bruising, bleeding gums, nosebleed, black stools, blood in the urine, excessive menstrual flow and frank bleeding to your physician immediately. A small injury can cause major bleeding when on this medication.

Submitted by: Lisa Mayhugh, Parish Nurse
 Information for this article is from: Davis's Drug Guide, 20th Edition



**Youth Group
Activity Schedule
for March**

March 6 4:30 pm Haiti Mission Project
and Dinner @ Northminster

March 13 2:00 pm Laser Tag

March 19 Breakfast and Food Pantry
Clifton Avenue Church of God
Breakfast is served 9:30 to 11 am
-to help arrive by 8:45 am
Food Pantry is open 10 to 11:30 am
-to help arrive by 9:45 am

March 26-27 8:00 pm to 8:00 am
Lock-In at Northminster

March 27 Youth Hosting Café

Questions:
Contact Susan Dersch at 629-0792

Emmanuel Christian Academy
 Welcomes
CHRISTIAN COMEDIAN
JEFF ALLEN

Emmanuel Christian Academy
 2177 Emmanuel Way
 Springfield, OH 45502

Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday, March 12th, 7 PM

Ticket Price:
\$10 General Admission
\$15 Floor Seating

Tickets may be purchased at the door or
 by calling ECA at 390-3777

Presbyterian Women

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

March Circle Meetings

ESTHER CIRCLE

Leader: Cindy Chesnut

Meets 2nd Monday

Esther Circle will meet on Monday, **March 14th** at 7:15 p.m. at the church.

Program: Purim and Queen Esther
Hostess: Diana Schneider

MARY-MARTHA CIRCLE

Leader: Ruth Martin

Meets 3rd Friday

Mary-Martha Circle will meet on Friday, **March 18th** at 10:30 a.m.

Gail Davis 390-2527
Joan Generous 969-8130

REBEKAH/SARAH CIRCLE

Leader: Joyce Carpenter

Meets 2nd Thursday

Rebekah/Sarah Circle will meet on Thursday, **March 10th** at 12:00 noon at the church. Hostess: Joan Garrett and Joan Morris

BAZAAR WORKSHOP

The Bazaar Workshop will resume meeting on Tuesday mornings beginning **March 8th** at 9:00 a.m. in the lower level community room. (weather permitting) If you are interested in helping make craft items for our annual holiday bazaar, consider joining us! For additional information contact Joan Generous (969-8130) or Barb Aker (399-3967).

CRAIG HOUSE MEAL

Monday, March 28th

PW continues to deliver a meal to Craig House on the fourth Monday of each month. If you would like to help by providing either a meat, vegetable, salad or dessert, please contact Marcia or Andy Barga 399-9839.



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

March 7th

10:00 a.m.

Church Library

LENTEN FEASTING and FASTING

(This has been used previously, but it is worth reading again.)



*Fast from gossip;
Feast on the Gospels.
Fast from junk foods;
Feast on the Bread of Life.
Fast from bad news;
Feast on "The Good News."
Fast from darkness;
Feast on the Light.*

*Fast from the secular;
Feast on the sacred.
Fast from despair;
Feast on hope.
Fast from revenge;
Feast on forgiveness.
Fast from tears of sorrow;
Feast on tears of joy.*

*Fast from getting;
Feast on giving.
Fast from complexities;
Feast on simplicities.
Fast from horror;
Feast on humor.
Fast from listlessness;
Feast on laughter.*

-Rev. James A Gillespie
"The Joyful Noiseletter"



Getting to Know . . . *Joan and Harold Locher*

Joan and Harold both graduated from Springfield High School. Joan graduated from Denison University and attended Wright State, University of Dayton, and Wittenberg to complete her teacher certification. Harold served in the U.S. Army as a member of the 671st Tank Destroyer Battalion, Recon Co. Harold attended night courses at Wittenberg studying real estate.

They previously attended First Baptist and Central United Methodist Churches. Joan is a retired teacher, and Harold retired from Taggart Building Supply. The Locher's enjoy traveling and have visited every state but Rhode Island, every Canadian province, Bermuda, the Panama Canal, Mexico and Ireland. They also enjoy bird watching and crafts.

Harold has been a member of Box 27 for 58 years. Joan belongs to the Clark County Audubon Society, and Delta Omicron Music Fraternity. Joan and Harold are Friends of the Library. Joan spent many years singing in college, church and community choirs. Her greatest disappointment is that she lost her singing voice while teaching.

Joan and Harold are the parents of two adult children; Gregory Blake and Joan Ellen. They have three grandsons, two granddaughters and one great granddaughter.

Getting to Know . . . *Gail Davis*

Gail was born in Marietta, Ohio, and grew up in this historic river town. She attended Marietta schools and after graduation, she went to Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

Gail majored in English and had minors in Social Studies and Art. She has taught all of these subjects, and is retired.

She met her husband-to-be, Art Davis, at Ohio U. in her sophomore year. Art was from Cleveland, Ohio. They were married in January, 1948, lived in Veterans' Housing, and graduated together in 1950. Their first son, Artie, was born while Gail and Art were students at O.U.

Gail and Art lived in Mooresville, Indiana; Columbus, Ohio; Folly Beach, S.C.; and Springfield during the 42 years they were married, 1948-1990. Art passed away March 17, 1990.

Besides Artie, they had three other children; Lynette, Lisa and Todd.

Lisa is married to Chuck Mansfield, and they are members of Northminster. They have two sons, Brett and Trent, and one grandson, Brock.

Todd is a drug and alcohol counselor in Portsmouth, Ohio, and has a son, Lakota.

Both Lynette and Artie are deceased. Lynette (Don Yeagle) had two daughters, Amy and Lucinda (Cindy). Cindy has one daughter, Devin Lynette; Amy and Stuart Donovan have one daughter, Lucy Jane.

Gail has been a member of Northminster since June, 1967. She enjoys many church activities, and has a special friend, Dick White, who also belongs to Northminster.

Getting to Know . . . *Emily Spriggs*

Emily graduated from Jackson High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education at Rio Grande College and her Master's degree from Wright State University. She is retired from the Clark-Shawnee School district and she also taught in Ross County and Fairborn schools.

Emily has been a member of Northminster since 1973. Previously, she attended Jackson and Fairborn Presbyterian churches. She is currently serving as an elder in our congregation. Emily co-chairs our education committee and is a member of Esther Circle. You often find her behind the scenes as she helps organize and prepare meals for funeral lunches and other gatherings for our congregation.

She enjoys quilting, sewing, knitting, crafting, gardening, traveling and camping. Besides those activities, Emily belongs to the Northridge Lioness Club, a sewing group, and Eastern Star. Much of her time is spent supporting the wide range of activities in which her children and grandchildren are involved.

Emily and her late husband, Allen, started dating in high school in Jackson, Ohio. They were married July 21, 1961. Allen passed away April 3, 2008. Emily is the mother of three adult children and she has six granddaughters. Her daughter, Kathy Herzog, lives in Marysville and is the mother of Olivia and Meredith. Emily's son, Kris, is the father of Sophia, Claire and Stella. Kevin, Emily's other son, is Eden's father.

Getting to Know . . .

John and Maggie Roberts

John and Maggie have been married for 31 years. They are the parents of two adult children. Nicole, their daughter, lives in Loveland, OH, and their son, John Tyler, lives in Phoenix, AZ. They attended church previously at Second Presbyterian Church, Newark, and Mandarin Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville, Florida.

Maggie attended Newark High School and was employed by State Farm Insurance in Newark and Jacksonville, Florida. She also worked at Greenland Pines Elementary School, Jacksonville and she also worked as a medical transcriptionist in Jacksonville. She retired from State Farm after 20 years but she is still employed part time in John's office. Here at Northminster, Maggie has served on several committees including the Nominating Committee and Mission and Outreach. She has also taught Sunday School here and in her other churches. Maggie enjoys reading, boating, beach vacations and shopping! She belongs to Young Women's Mission and PEO Chapter DZ.

John attended Newark High School and Oregon College of Education, Monmouth, Oregon. He was employed at South Salem High School, Salem, OR. John served in the U.S. Navy for four years. He has been with State Farm Insurance for 35 years. His agency is located in the Northridge Shopping Center. He has served our congregation as a deacon and an elder and as the co-chair of our Pastor Search Committee. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Springfield Rotary Club; the Board of Directors of the American Cancer Society; and the Board of Zoning Appeals for German Township. He is an alum of the Citizens' Police Academy, and regularly attends the Northminster Men's Breakfast. John enjoys fishing, boating, handball and racquetball and watching OSU football.

Announcement Concerning Pastoral Support

The Session unanimously voted to grant four weeks of Family Leave to our Pastor, Dwight McCormick from February 15-March 14, 2011. Our prayers are with Dwight and his family.

Rev. Dr. Matthew Zuehlke will lead worship and preach on Sunday, be in the church office on Tuesdays, and be on call for pastoral emergencies in the congregation. Matthew has been a minister for ten years and is currently working with the Miami Presbytery. Matthew will be commuting from Wilmington. If you should need emergency pastoral support, please contact the church office or any member of the Session who will then contact Matthew.

SPIRITUAL ALPHABET

- A**nger makes me unattractive. Overcome it. (Psalm 37:8, TLB)
- B**e forgiving. I want my sins forgiven, don't I? (Luke 6:37)
- C**ount my blessings; name them one by one. (Proverbs 10:22, NAS)
- D**elete negatives from my mind and conversation. (Philippians 4:8)
- E**at wisely, exercise regularly. My body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. (I Corinthians 6:19-20, TLB)
- F**ind a place of service and then be a faithful servant. (Matthew 25:21)
- G**o the second mile. (Philippians 3:14)
- H**ide God's Word in my heart. It will keep me from sinning. (Psalm 119:11)
- I**mitate Jesus. (John 13:35)
- J**udge not. (Matthew 7:1)
- K**now the truth. It will set me free. (John 8:32)
- L**ive by the Golden Rule. (Matthew 7:12)
- M**ake a joyful noise unto the Lord. (Psalm 66:1-2)
- N**ever spend time or effort trying to even the score. (Matthew 5:39-42)
- O**we no one anything but love, appreciation, forgiveness. (Romans 13:8)
- P**ray about everything. (Philippians 4:6, TLB)
- Q**uench not the spirit. (I Thessalonians 5:19)
- R**espect all human life. We are made in God's image. (Genesis 1:27)
- S**tart to keep a prayer journal. (I John 5:13)
- T**ell someone you love that you love them; tell them again. (Romans 5:5)
- U**p with praise, down with criticism. (Matthew 7:3-4)
- V**isit a shut-in. (Matthew 25:36)
- "W**hosoever" in God's Word means me! Take it personally. (John 3:16)
- "X**-cell" in saying, "I'm sorry." (Luke 17:3, TLB)
- Y**esterday is gone—enjoy today. It may be all I have. (Psalm 118:24)
- Z**ero in on my spiritual ABC's. Make them a priority this year. (Matthew 6:33)

*Dear Lord, help me to be disciplined in learning to love You—
from A to Z.*

—Dorothy Shellenberger
from Daily Guideposts 1994

NORTHMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

400 Villa Road
Springfield, Ohio 45503



THE NORTHERN LIGHT
Issue 3

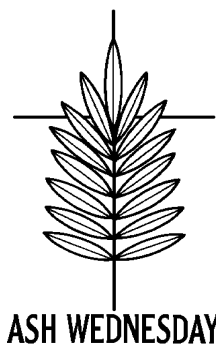
NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
SPRINGFIELD, OHIO
PERMIT NO. 75

Return Service Requested



March 2011

March 5	Pancake Breakfast 8:00 am
March 6	Communion
March 6	Haiti Mission Project/Dinner 4:30 pm
March 9	Ash Wednesday Service @ Oakland 6:30 pm
March 10	Men's Breakfast @ Perkins 7:00 am
March 12	Session Retreat 9:00 am
March 15	Session Meeting 7:00 pm
March 21	Deadline for Newsletter
March 26-27	Youth Lock-In 8 pm to 8 am



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

March 9

A Service to Begin Lent
to be held @

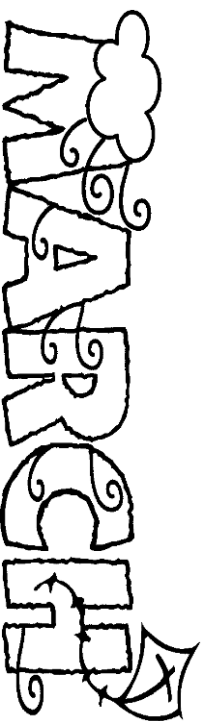
Oakland Presbyterian Church

6:30 p.m.


A combined service with Covenant,
Northminster and Oakland Presbyterian Churches

March 2011

Northminster Presbyterian Church
www.northministerspringfield.org



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 6:30 Christian Ed.	2 5:30 Music/Worship 6:00 Bell Choir 7:15 Choir	3 6:00 Dulcimer Club	4	5 8:00 Pancake Breakfast
6 Communion	7 9:30 YWM 10:00 PW Board 6:15 Administration	8 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 6:30 Deacons' Mtg.	9 6:30 Ash Wednesday Service @ Oakland Presbyterian	10 7:00 Men's Breakfast @ Perkins 12:00 Rebekah/ Sarah Circle	11	12 9:00 to 1:00 Session Retreat
4:30 Haiti Mission Project/Dinner						
13 2:00 Youth Group Laser Tag	14 10:00 AVM Board 7:15 Esther Circle	15 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 6:00 Finance 6:00 Mission/Outrch 7:00 Session	16 6:00 Bell Choir 7:15 Choir	17  St. Patrick's Day	18 10:30 Mary-Martha Circle	19 8:45 Clifton Ave. Church of God Breakfast Food Pantry
20 3:00 Confirmation @ Covenant	21 Deadline for Newsletter	22 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp	23 6:00 Bell Choir 7:15 Choir	24	25	26 8pm to 8am Youth Lock-In
27 Youth hosting café 3:00 Confirmation @ Covenant	28 1:00 Remembrance Quilt Guild 1/2 Day Workshop 6:30 Quilt Guild	29 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp	30 9:30 Mail Newsletter 6:00 Bell Choir 7:15 Choir	31		