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

Thank You

Deana Knotts, Newsletter Editor

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A Word from the Pastor . . .

Did you know that Northminster Presbyterian Church is a Covenant Network Church? “I thought Covenant Presbyterian was downtown.” Not Covenant Presbyterian, Covenant Network.



In 1997 the Session of Northminster Presbyterian Church voted to join a network of Presbyterian Churches throughout the United States called the Covenant Network. Here’s a statement from their website summarizing what that means.

The **Covenant Network of Presbyterians** is a broad-based, national group of clergy and lay leaders working for a church that is simultaneously faithful, just, and whole. The Covenant Network seeks to:

- support the mission and unity of the Presbyterian Church (USA);
- articulate and act on the church’s historic, progressive vision;
- work for a fully inclusive church;
- find ways to live out the graciously hospitable Gospel by living together with all our fellow members in the PC(USA).

Affirming and accepting LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) people in the Presbyterian Church (USA) is a major part of working for a fully inclusive Church. It is an issue of biblical justice. Our membership in the Covenant Network then is to provide an environment that supports the vision of the boundless love of God through Jesus Christ. In addition, the Covenant Network is concerned with ensuring that the denomination does not split over the issue of ordaining LGBT people as elders, deacons, and ministers of the Word and Sacrament. The Session is currently examining how we might be a positive Christian witness in regards to support of LGBT people in Springfield. In looking at results of our mission study the Session voted to contact local leaders within LGBT organizations to find ways we can demonstrate the love of Christ to all people. (continued on next page)

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Currently the Session is discerning what role we can play in providing a safe and welcoming environment for LGBT young people in particular. This action comes directly from Session. So chances are you may see Northminster Presbyterian as a more visible presence in the community at events held by Equality Springfield among others. We may open our doors to groups who want to meet in support of parents of gay children like the organization GLAAD. We may have a gay choir come to provide a concert at the church. None of these events will happen immediately as we are still in the beginning stages of determining which direction to take. There are many ways we may live out our calling to support an inclusive vision of the gospel of Jesus Christ. If you have interest in helping us articulate and implement plans in this regard, please contact the Session (we meet the third Tuesday of the month) or the pastor to discuss it. You may also visit the website www.covnetpres.org to read more about the Covenant Network.

Session Highlights

The Session met in regular stated meeting April 19, 2011 in the Family Room. The Moderator, Rev. Dwight McCormick, opened the meeting with prayer at 7:05 PM.

At the January session retreat/workshop Session fully supported Northminster's more intentional participation as a Covenant Network church, and at the March 12th session meeting/workshop Session voted unanimously to proceed with plans for that participation. Rev. McCormick brought to the April 19th meeting the newsletter article in which he explains what our membership in the Covenant Network means and some of the ways we may be acting to fulfill that commitment. The Session unanimously approved the article, and all eight members present signed it before the meeting ended.

The Finance Committee report was given by Chair Kent Sherry, referring to the printed financial report and balance sheet: Total income for January 1 through March 31 was \$46,172 and total expenses were \$52,450 producing a deficit of \$6,278. Elder Sherry indicated that if the deficit continues to grow, the committee will revisit the budget to see if any expenses can be trimmed.

Elder Cindy Ater, co-chair of the Christian Education Committee, reported that the committee has been unable to find someone to direct VBS, so there will be no VBS this summer.

Elder Jim Griffin, chair of the Mission and Outreach Committee, reported that the committee wants to work on providing transportation for those Northminster members who are no longer able to drive.

The next stated meeting of Session is May 17, 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

A mother's thoughts on raising kids

If it was going to be easy, it never would have started with labor!

"To be in your children's memories tomorrow, you have to be in their lives today.

"The right temperature in a home is maintained by warm hearts, not by hot heads.

"Any child can tell you that the sole purpose of a middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.

"A child outgrows your lap, but never outgrows your heart."

*-via Gleamings
from The Joyful Noiseletter
May-June 2011*

NOTIFICATION REQUEST

As we minister to one another it is important that we know who to contact in cases of need. To accomplish that goal, we are asking you to take a minute and provide us with the following information. This information will be kept in the office and will be kept confidential, unless you authorize us to share it with others.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

In the event of an emergency or my need for assistance, the Pastor should contact the following individual(s):

1. NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

2. NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

3. NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

4. NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

The Pastor and staff _____, share this information with others.
Write in the word(s) *may* or *may not*

Signed:

Dated: _____



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to:

Steve Harbaugh	May 1
Mary Heida	May 2
Kevin Creager	May 3
Joe Hookey	May 5
Carolyn Wilson	May 5
Virginia Binkley	May 11
Brian Spurgin	May 11
Jerilyn Hines	May 16
Ryan Hooper	May 16
Eric Barga	May 18
Marcia Barga	May 21
Mary Wunderlich	May 21
Diana Harrison	May 27
Helen Parker	May 29
Christine Sherry	May 31

Church Website

Please check out the new addition to the church website- - - Photo Gallery. Chris Molnar has done a great job with our web site: www.northminsterspringfield.org. We have added a place to display photos of our church family at work and play. We only have one album, the Christmas Bazaar 2010. I would like to add more photos starting with Christmas 2010. If anyone has some great photos of the Christmas pageant 2010, youth activities 2011, church mission or activities of 2011, please email them to me. My computer does the best if only five photos are sent per email. I will choose which ones to send to Chris to add to our page. I would like the photos to follow two rules: be in focus and not be embarrassing. This should be a fun project.

Thank you, Sue Creager
email: kevincreager@sbcglobal.net

AVM (Adult Visionary Ministry)

The "Visionaries" are planning to visit and tour the Heritage Center on **Thursday, May 26th**. We will meet at the church at 2:00 p.m. to carpool. Don Rankin will be our tour guide for the afternoon.

Looking Ahead: Thursday, June 16 join us for a visit to the *Hartman Rock Garden* and then on to Young's Jersey Dairy for lunch. Watch the weekly bulletin announcements for additional details.

Sign-up sheets for both events will be posted in the family room.

For additional information contact:
Dick White 399-7305 or Joan Garrett 390-3194.

"I've learned that every day you
should reach out and touch someone.

People love a warm hug,
or just a friendly pat
on the back."

-Maya Angelou
from *"The Joyful Noiseletter"*
May-June 2011



Emergency Notification Forms

At the January session retreat it was agreed to distribute a form to members who wish to provide emergency contact information, to be available and on file in the church office, in the event of an emergency.

Included in this issue of *The Northern Light* is a copy of the emergency notification form. If you would like this information to be on file with the church, please complete the form and return it to the office. The form will also be included in the bulletin announcements beginning the first Sunday in May.



May Lectionary Readings

Sunday, May 1

2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; *Psalm 16*; 1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Sunday, May 8

Mother's Day

No Adult Forum

Acts 2:14a 36-41; *Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19*
1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

Sunday May 15

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47; *Psalm 23*; 1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

Sunday, May 22

Youth Sunday

Acts 7:55-60; *Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16*
1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

Sunday, May 29

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31; *Psalm 66:8-20*
1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

SUNDAY, MAY 22

Our youth will be leading the worship service on that day. They will be participating in a youth retreat at Kirkmont the weekend of May 13-15 and during

Youth Sunday!



their retreat they will be planning for worship. It is always a treat to be inspired during worship by their youthful energy. We hope to see you there!

ACOLYTES



**Acolytes Needed:
Apply at Church**

Children at Northminster are encouraged to help lead worship by serving as acolytes. Acolytes help set the mood by lighting the candles on the altar as people gather to worship.

The light of the candles reminds the worshippers of God's presence. They also remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. At the end of worship, acolytes extinguish the candles and carry the light out of the sanctuary to remind worshippers that God will go with us as we scatter out into the world.

If you are eight years old or older, and would like to be an acolyte, please speak to Pastor Dwight at church. We would be happy to have you help lead worship at Northminster in this important way!

Music and Worship Committee

- Diana Schneider, Chair
- Kristina Ahlstrom
- Eric Barga
- Sue Creager
- Julie Griffin
- Dwight McCormick
- Lydia Smith-Lockwood

**Next Music and Worship
Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, May 11th
5:15 p.m.

Clark County Area Spring Ring

Clark County Area Spring Ring will be held **Sunday, May 15** at the Maiden Lane Church of God at **4:00 p.m.** Northminster's bell choir will be participating in this event. **Bell choirs from the area will join in a mass ring under the direction of our Lydia Smith-Lockwood.** Each choir will also play a solo piece.



Handbell
Concert

Getting to Know . . .

Richard E. White (Dick)

Dick White attended school in Springfield and graduated from Springfield High School in June, 1945. He worked at National Supply, Rapid Photo, Sach's Auto Parts, White Motor and Cooper Energy. He retired in 1993, with more than 48 years' service at Superior Engine Plant.

Dick was married to Jenny in 1945. Jenny passed away in 2001. They raised three children; Richard A. White, Mark E. White, and Kimberly A. Smith. Dick has 13 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren who live in California, Texas, Vermont, Ohio and places in between. Dick's grandson, Chris White, is the golf coach at Kenton Ridge High School, and was named Coach of the Year for the past two years. Another grandson, Rick White, Jr., played Major League Baseball for 12 years with seven different teams.

Dick has enjoyed playing softball, bowling and basketball. He has sung in choirs for 70 years. Dick was the president of the White Superior Federal Credit Union. He sings in the Vintage voices at Elderly United, and participates in square dancing with the Yellow Springs Yellow Rockers. Dick is currently serving as an associate of the Adult Visionary Ministry at Northminster and has worshipped here since 1991.

Dick responded to an invitation to come for coffee from Gail Davis in November, 2001. He says it was the right thing to do, because they are now enjoying their tenth year together!

Getting to Know . . .

Elise and Kris Spriggs

Elise and Kris were married by Rev. Frank Sparks at Weaver Chapel August 17, 1996.

Elise is a graduate of Springfield North High School, Wittenberg University and Capital University Law School. Previously, she worked as one of five female partners in the 65 partner firm of Kesler, Brown, Hill and Ritter. She has served as a trustee for Clark State Community College, AVETEC, and Community Mercy Health Partners. She now works for Governor Kasich in the Office of Health Transformation. Elise enjoys reading, running and supporting her children's activities. She is serving as a deacon here at Northminster.

Kris graduated from Kenton Ridge High School, Wittenberg University and completed his Master's Degree at the University of Dayton. He worked previously at Greenon High School. Currently, Kris is the Athletic director at Kenton Ridge High School and he is the men's basketball coach. He is a member of the Mitchell Hills Country Club Booster Board. Kris enjoys basketball and collecting baseball cards.

Elise and Kris are the parents of three daughters. Sophia, age 11, plays soccer and basketball. She also swims competitively and recently was awarded her first AA in the 100m butterfly! Claire, age 7, also plays soccer and swims. Claire won her first AA in the 100m individual medley on February 5! Stella, age 3, started taking swim lessons last September to expend some three year old energy and be like her big sisters! All three girls have participated in the annual Christmas play at Northminster.

Getting to Know . . .

Martha and Dick Clement

Dick Clement graduated from Hudson High School, Hudson, Michigan. He attended the University of Paris and George Washington University, Washington, D.C. and the Harvard University Graduate School of Business.

Dick served in the United States Army Air Corps from 1941-1945. Part of this time he was assigned to the R.A.F. in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. He was then reassigned to the U.S. Army Air Corps to serve in France and Germany. Dick was also recalled to duty during the Korean War.

He was employed in industrial management in Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan. The Clements retired to their home in Houghton Lake, Michigan in 1977. They moved to Springfield in 1988.

Martha also attended Hudson High School. She attended Siena Heights College in Adrian Michigan and taught at De Veaux Elementary School in Toledo, Ohio, retiring in 1977.

The Clements previously belonged to Aldersgate Methodist Church, Toledo, Ohio; Houghton Lake Methodist Church, Houghton Lake, Michigan; and Oakland Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Ohio.

Dick has enjoyed volunteering at the hospital and playing golf. They have spent winters in Gulf Shores, Alabama and are avid followers of University of Michigan athletics.

Martha and Dick are the parents of two adult daughters, Joan Clement and Mary (Pixie) Krumlauf. They have two grandchildren, Eric and Kristen Krumlauf.

Getting to Know . . .

Diana Schneider

Diana grew up in Springfield and graduated from Springfield North High School. She earned a B.S. Ed. in Elementary Education from Bowling Green State University, did some graduate study at Wright State University and completed a M.S. Ed. in School Administration at The University of Dayton.

As a Peace Corps volunteer, Diana taught at the Convent School in Basseterre, St. Kitts, West Indies, for more than two years. She was then employed by the Springfield City Schools and ended up at Horace Mann Elementary School for 32 years, retiring in 2010, after 38 years of teaching. She has been an adjunct instructor at Wittenberg University for the past ten years teaching Social Studies Methods to students preparing to teach in primary grades.

Diana, who grew up at Covenant Presbyterian Church, and her husband, Larry, who is Jewish, were married in 1990 by Rabbi Lloyd Goldman. The Rabbi agreed to marry them on condition that any children born to them would be raised Jewish. Their son, Benjamin, was born in 1991, so Diana and Larry spent the next 13 years attending worship and helping with their son's Jewish education as members of Temple Sholom. Ben became Bar Mitzvah on his 13th birthday. That marked the beginning of his adult membership in the synagogue. Diana then began to look for a way to resume her own Christian Education.

She has been a member of Northminster for five years. She is currently serving as a member of Session and is the chair of the Music and Worship Committee. Diana is a member of Esther Circle and the PW board. She participates in the music program here at church, playing hand bells and singing in the choir.

Diana enjoys reading, knitting, spending time with the family dogs, traveling, gardening and cooking. She volunteers at Horace Mann Elementary and in the office at Northminster. Some days, she helps her husband at his business, CLS Graphics and Embroidery, and can be seen riding in the side car of Larry's Harley-Davidson from time to time!

HEALTH NEWS *from the Parish Nurse . .*

Nancy Jean Graves

May 2011

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR FEET

The average person walks 10,000 steps per day. In a life time a person walks enough to travel around the world four times. Your feet have 28 bones and 250,000 sweat glands.

WHAT ARE THE MOST COMMON COMPLICATONS OF DIABETIC FEET

- Foot ulcers (more common on the balls of your feet and the bottom of the big toe)
- Neuropathy (nerve damage)
- Amputations (60% of lower limb amputations are due to diabetes complications)
- Charcot foot (progressive damage to ligaments, cartilage and bones)
- Fungal infections

If you have neuropathy (nerve damage), your feet tend to be dry and cracked due to the fact that the nerves that control sweat and moisture no longer work.

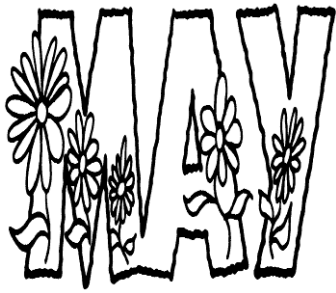
HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR FEET

If you are diabetic, you need to take care of the only pair of feet you will ever have.

1. Wash your feet daily and dry your feet well.
2. Keep the skin of your feet well moisturized
3. Check the bottoms of your feet daily for: blisters, cuts, hot and cold spots, discolorations and calluses
4. Use an emery board to gently file the nails even with the ends of the toes
5. Clean socks daily
6. Keep your feet warm and dry
7. Never walk barefoot
8. Examine the insides of your shoes for foreign objects

REMEMBER: Healthy feet are happy feet!!

Submitted by: Linda Kline, RN



Presbyterian Women

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

ESTHER CIRCLE

Leader: Cindy Chesnut

Meets 2nd Monday

Esther Circle will meet at the church on Monday, **May 9th** at 6:15 PM at the church for a salad supper.

Hostesses: Anne Hines
Emily Spriggs

MARY-MARTHA CIRCLE

Leader: Ruth Martin

Meets 3rd Friday

Mary-Martha Circle will not have a meeting during the month of May. Instead the P.W. "Spring Fling" will serve as our monthly meeting.
Gail Davis 390-2527
Joan Generous 969-8130.

REBEKAH/SARAH CIRCLE

Leader: Joyce Carpenter

Meets 2nd Thursday

Rebekah/Sarah Circle will meet for lunch at the *Olive Garden Restaurant* on Thursday, **May 12th** at 12:00 noon.

CRAIG HOUSE MEAL

Monday, May 23

PW will deliver a meal to Craig House on Monday, May 23. 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

Dwillla Cramer

Joan Generous

Secretary

Anne Hines

Treasurer

Ruth Martin

P.W.

Representative to Session

Diana Schneider

P.W.

Board Meeting

Monday

May 2

10:00 a.m.

Church Library

UPCOMING DATES

June 11	Yard Sale
Sept. 15	Ladies' Day Out
Nov. 5	Holiday Bazaar
Dec. 9	Christmas Dinner

P.W. Spring Fling Thursday, May 19th — 6 PM

The Presbyterian Women of Northminster invite all church friends and family to a chicken potluck dinner on Thursday, May 19 at 6:00 p.m. at the church. P.W. will provide the chicken. Those with a last name beginning:

A-H bring a vegetable; I-P bring a dessert; Q-Z bring a salad.

Our guest speaker will be Michaela Silver, a naturalist interpreter.

If you love the world of animals, birds, and flowers, you will enjoy our speaker's stories and displays.

A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the family room and also in the Narthex.



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| May 3 | Election Day Polling Place |
| May 7 | Pancake Breakfast 8 AM |
| May 8 | Mothers' Day |
| May 12 | Men's Breakfast @ Perkins 7 AM |
| May 13-15 | Youth Group Retreat @ Kirkmont |
| May 15 | Clark County Spring Ring |
| May 17 | Session Meeting 7 PM |
| May 19 | P.W. Spring Fling |
| May 22 | Youth Sunday |
| May 26 | AVM - Heritage Center |
| May 30 | Memorial Day, Observed—Office Closed |

***An enemy takes up more space in
our head than a friend in our heart.***

-via Bill Reynolds, Jr.
Palatka, FL
The Joyful Noiseletter




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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	10:00 PW Board 6:15 Administration	Election Day Polling Place 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 6:30 Christian Ed.	6:00 Bell Choir 7:15 Choir	6:00 Dulcimer Club		8:00 Pancake Breakfast
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
 Mother's Day	10:00 AVM Adv. Bd. 6:15 Esther Circle	9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 6:30 Deacons' Mtg.	5:15 Music/Worship 6:00 Bell Choir 7:15 Choir	7:00 Men's Breakfast 12:00 Rebekah/Sarah Circle @ Olive Garden Restaurant	Youth group retreat @ Kirkmont	Youth group retreat @ Kirkmont
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
4:00 Clark County Spring Ring	Deadline for Summer Newsletter	9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 6:00 Finance 6:00 Mission/Outrch 7:00 Session Meeting	6:00 Bell Choir 7:15 Choir	6:00 PW Spring Fling		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
 Youth Sunday!	6:30 Remembrance Quilt Guild Craig House Meal	9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp	9:30 Mail Newsletter 6:00 Bell Choir 7:15 Choir	AVM—Heritage Center		
29	30	31				
	 MEMORIAL DAY	9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp				