

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE NORTHERN LIGHT

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A Word from the Pastor . . .

About a week ago now I planted some flowers in our yard with Chloe and Phoebe. We put out some petunias, pansies, and marigolds. We don't always do this. In fact lawn care falls on our list of priorities somewhere between organizing our junk drawer and cleaning under the refrigerator. If you've driven by our house you would know this already.

At any rate we thought May 10th would be a safe date to plant, but since then we've had some 40 degree nights. I forgot to visit the Farmer's almanac before we dug those little holes in the dirt and carefully placed our flowers in a pleasant pattern of purple, yellow, pink, orange, and dark red. It's prettier than it sounds.

As I thought about the uncertain nature of the weather, pun intended, I thought, too, how we can never know when or how the Holy Spirit will break into a situation and blow it wide open. I am referring to the original Pentecost, of course, in addition to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives today. I am praying that the Holy Spirit will continue to be with us at Northminster Presbyterian Church to navigate us through the rest of the year and the coming years. The Holy Spirit is always present with us, within us as the Spirit of the Living Christ. It moves and breathes and sustains our lives. It is the hope that we have in the face of adversity. The comfort we feel in those moments when we take time to breathe. It is the comfort we know is on the way even if we don't feel peace in the moment. It is also the peace we catch glimpses of in the quiet and stillness of the night. It is the Holy Spirit that motivates us to call the friend we haven't spoken to in a while for whatever reason, and the Spirit that gives us insights into relationships that we didn't have before now. It is the center of how God moves within us and around us.

When we approach the Lord's Table with this humble spirit, then we will have seeds of mercy planted within us that will grow and flourish despite the weather forecast. Thank you Jesus for your Holy Spirit. We pray that you continue to be with us and guide us as you always have. Amen. *(continued on next page)*

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Thank You

Deana Knotts, Newsletter Editor

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As Pentecost approaches and we celebrate it in worship as well as a shared picnic with Oakland Presbyterian and Covenant Presbyterian, I want to invite you to pray a simple prayer. "Come to us Holy Spirit." I ask you to pray this every day alongside your brothers and sisters in Christ. If nothing else it will have us all praying the same prayer. Our unity in Christ is important as we move forward after the passing of Amendment 10-A. It is only through the power of the Holy Spirit that we can navigate the hurt and conflict that may arise as a result of the differing opinions on the issue of LGBT ordination. As a Covenant Network Church we rejoice at the passing of the amendment. We also know that some folks in our church do not support this decision and that it brings to them a troubled heart. The Holy Spirit will bring us once again to the Communion table and remind us that though we differ on issues, we all stand in the same need of God's love and Grace for us, and that we all have received that Grace. I invite us to treat one another with this same Grace and forgiveness bearing with one another.

Dwight



Our High School Graduates

Rob Aldinger, son of Susan and Terry Dersch and Alan Aldinger, is graduating from Northwestern High School. Rob will be attending the University of Mount Union in the fall where he plans to major in Communications.

Kaila Hoefler, daughter of Art and LeaAnn Hoefler, is graduating from the Springfield-Clark Career Technology Center with a technical degree as an Administrative Assistant.

Josh Twiggs, son of Jim and Mindy Twiggs, is graduating from Kenton Ridge High School. Josh plans to attend Clark State and major in Law Enforcement.

AVM (Adult Visionary Ministry)

Join the "Visionaries" on **Thursday, June 16** for a visit to the *Hartman Rock Garden* and lunch at Young's Jersey Dairy. The time will be announced in the weekly bulletin announcements.



Then on **Wednesday, July 20th** we are planning a *Cookout* at the church picnic shelter (weather permitting) beginning at 1 PM. The AVM will furnish the meat and drinks. Please bring a covered dish to share.

For additional information about any AVM activity, contact Dick White, AVM Associate (399-7305) or Joan Garrett, secretary (390-3194). Watch the weekly bulletin announcements for other upcoming AVM dates planned for the summer.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Pancake Breakfast will continue through the summer months. Join us for pancakes the first Saturday of each month in the lower level Community Room beginning at 8:00 a.m. Come enjoy a delicious breakfast and warm fellowship. Summer dates are: **June 4, July 2, and August 6**.

MEN'S BREAKFAST MEETING

Northminster offers a men's breakfast and prayer group the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 a.m. at Perkins Restaurant on North Limestone Street. Summer meeting dates will be: **June 9, July 14 and August 11**. For additional information contact John Roberts at 964-9659.

PENTECOST PICNIC

The deacons will host a picnic after worship on **Pentecost Sunday, June 12**. Oakland and Covenant Presbyterian Churches are also welcome to join us. The deacons will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, and drinks. **We are asking you to bring a salad or dessert to share.**



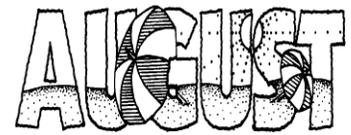
SUMMER BIRTHDAYS



Kaila Hoefer	June 3
Don Hughes	June 5
Marie Arnold	June 6
Jack Dern	June 7
Donna Rankin	June 7
Betty Miller	June 13
Cindy Ater	June 14
Bea Buckhold	June 15
Bill Buckhold	June 15
Art Hoefer	June 17
Ron Montgomery	June 17
Adam Veith	June 17
Jim Twiggs	June 19
Dick Krichbaum	June 21
Kyle Foster	June 26
Madalyn Ahlstrom	June 28



David Asper	July 1
Paul Good	July 1
Lisa Mansfield	July 3
Kathy Maurer	July 6
Ruth Mosie	July 7
Sarah McCormick	July 8
Marguerite Thompson	July 9
Joan Generous	July 10
Debbie Heida	July 11
Wayne Schatz	July 11
Dottie Good	July 15
Bertha Melton	July 16
Eileen Gorby	July 17
Donna Gammill	July 21
Don Rankin	July 21
David Hines	July 23
Tom Martin	July 23
Gail Davis	July 30
Tim Foster	July 30
Ed Generous	July 30
Sue Creager	July 31



Michael Knotts	August 1
Lee Jordan	August 2
Joan Locher	August 3
Debbie Spoon	August 7
Claire Spriggs	August 7
Xavier Cost	August 9
Tricia Foster	August 12
Kevin Knotts	August 12
Jim Cutler	August 13
Jenna Twiggs	August 13
Julie Griffin	August 14
Karen Schatz	August 14
Joe Bindley	August 15
Liz Torok	August 15
Kathie Ziesmer	August 18
Emily Aldinger	August 20
Dee Ahlm	August 21
Carl Ahlm	August 22
Bill Benston	August 24
Bill Chesnut	August 26
Jonathan Veith	August 26
Sharon Stout	August 31

With Gratitude

I would like to thank Don and Donna Rankin, Dave and Anne Hines, Sue Stucky, Marge Stumpf, Wayne and Karen Schatz, Pete and Liz Torok and Dick and Martha Clement for their help getting the monthly newsletter ready for mailing. Special thanks to Don Rankin (and Donna too) for sorting the newsletter according to the post office requirements and transporting the newsletter to the post office. I appreciate your faithful service so much and I wanted each one of you to know. *Enjoy the summer off!*

*Also, thank you to the very dear people who volunteer their time to help in the church office.
I appreciate your willingness to share your time and talents.*

Sincerely,
Deana Knotts, Office Manager

Address Change

Jack and Ruth Dern
Eaglewood Senior Community—Apt. 222
Springfield, OH 45502
937-399-1116
Calls and visits would be appreciated.

Summer Office Hours Begin May 31

Church office hours for the summer:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
8:00 a.m. until 12 noon
The office manager is in the church office on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
The bookkeeper maintains office hours on Monday and Thursday.

Session Highlights

The Session met in regular stated meeting May 17, 2011 in the Family Room. The Moderator, Rev. Dwight McCormick, opened the meeting with prayer at 7:05 PM.

Session unanimously approved the updated "Comprehensive Unrestricted Planned Giving Policy" prepared by the Finance Committee and made available to the Session for study and discussion since January 2011.

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 April 30 was \$62,316 and total expenses were \$68,533 producing a deficit of \$6,217.

The Pastor read the Deacons' report: The Deacons' fund balance is \$1,327; Deacons will host Café for the month of June; Deacons will prepare a picnic for after worship on June 12th (Pentecost) to which Oakland and Covenant Presbyterian Churches will be invited. Bill Benston and Rob Adams will moderate the Deacons for the next 12 months.

Elder Jim Griffin, chair of the Nominating Committee, reported that they will be meeting to fill two vacancies in the Session class of 2014. Two persons who were elected on April 10th have since found that they cannot serve.

The next stated meeting of Session is June 21, 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

Welcome New Member

Helen Parker

2023 W. Mile Road.
Springfield, OH 45503
342-9243

Helen joined on Sunday, May 1, 2011
by letter of transfer from
Fifth Lutheran Church
Springfield, OH



At Pentecost, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life. Because of the Spirit's coming, we no longer need to settle for business as usual but can know the transforming and creative love of God that makes the impossible possible.

The Pentecost Offering is one of the four annual church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Through Pentecost offering gifts, we bring God's transforming love to children at risk. We help guide and nurture the faith of Presbyterian young people. We call forth a new generation of church leadership through the PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer program.

Forty percent of the Offering stays in our own congregation to support children-at-risk ministries of our choice. The remainder of the Offering receipts will be sent to the General Assembly Mission Council to support other programs that minister to youth and young adults and advocate for children-at-risk.

This year's theme, "So I Send You" (John 20:21), reminds us that as Jesus was sent by God to heal a hurting world, we, too, are called to that same task. We are called to act on the basis of faith. Through gifts to the Pentecost Offering, we act to make tangible, positive changes in our community, our church, and our world.

Pentecost Offering envelopes will be included in the bulletin announcements each Sunday until June 12 when the Pentecost Offering will be received.

Forty percent of the Pentecost Offering receipts are retained by congregations, and 60 percent is forwarded to the General Assembly for ministries with children at risk, youth, and young adults. Look for a more detailed breakdown of how these funds were/will be spent on the Offering's website, www.pcusa.org/pentecost

HEALTH NEWS *from the Parish Nurse Nancy Jean Graves*
June 2011—GREAT WAY TO BEAT THE HEAT
AND HAVE SOME FUN

Water aerobics offer one of the best ways of improving cardiovascular conditioning, raising the level of HDL (good) cholesterol, burning lots of calories, and treating medical conditions such as arthritis, osteoporosis, and joint pain. It has the added advantage of keeping you perspiration free and being just plain FUN.

Water supports 80% of the body's weight so there is less strain on joints, back and torso. There is also less gravitational pull in the water thus allowing for more flexibility of the body when exercising. Water is also more dense than air so it offers resistance to the muscles while exercising - resulting in rapid muscle toning. The average number of calories burned on land in 30 minutes is 135 while in deep water aerobic exercise is 264.

So if you are looking for an activity to lose weight, improve cardiovascular conditioning, improve your cholesterol readings, thwart the discomfort of arthritis, osteoporosis, and joint pain as you increase your pleasure level and ability to enjoy relaxation, GO JUMP IN THE POOL!



There are only two drawbacks to water aerobic activity:

1. You must have a pool.
2. You may need to invest in a class, buy some instructional DVD's or get an instructor or friend to demonstrate the exercises. Many classes are offered in Y's athletic clubs, senior citizen centers, and swimming facilities.

Give it a try. You get total body exercise, every age can do it, and just think how cool and comfortable that water feels even when the mercury is rising.

Submitted by: Sue Markley, RN
Urbana United Methodist Church

July 2011—BED BUG PREVENTION,
BITE TREATMENT, AND EXTERMINATION

The good news: you can't catch any diseases from bed bugs. The bad news: bed bugs' blood-sucking bites leave red, itchy marks on your skin, and the little varmints are difficult to get rid of.

Bed bugs all but disappeared in America after the middle half of the last century, but they have returned with a vengeance. Scientists aren't sure why, but they speculate the bugs may have developed a tolerance for the pesticides that used to kill them. Plus, the increase in international travel has caused people to unwittingly bring the little buggers back to the United States.

If you're in a place where bed bugs abound, they're probably hiding in your mattresses and box springs, or the seams of your upholstered furniture, or your carpeting, or a pile of clothes you left on the bedroom floor. They can hide a long time without getting hungry. Once they do work up an appetite, that's when they'll find you -- so they can feast on their one and only food—blood.

Adult bed bugs are brown, oval shaped and about 1/4 inch long. Young bed bugs are very difficult to see. Juvenile bed bugs are even smaller than adults and lighter in color. (continued on next page)

July 2011, continued

To keep bed bugs at bay, take these precautions:

- Pick up piles of clothing or other clutter so bed bugs have fewer places to hide.
- Vacuum furniture and carpeting regularly, paying special attention to cracks, crevices and baseboards.
- Use a protective cover for your mattress and your box spring. It will make it harder for bed bugs to call your bed home.
- When you go on a trip, stow your luggage up high, not on the floor. Check the bedding and headboard for bed bugs and if you find them, tell hotel management you need another room.
- When returning from a trip, take your clothes directly from the suitcase to the washing machine. Check your luggage for unwanted tenants.
- Wash and dry bedding and clothing at high temperatures. Hot water should kill the bed bugs.
- Think twice before bringing home used furniture or bedding. Check used items thoroughly for infestation.

If a bed bug has made a meal of you, the redness and itch at the site of the bite will probably go away within a week or so. An over-the-counter anti-itch cream containing hydrocortisone can help make you more comfortable.

Although it is rare, some people do have allergic reactions to bed bug bites. If your skin becomes very swollen or red, or if you develop blisters or hives or have trouble breathing, call your doctor or seek emergency help immediately.

Unfortunately, identifying the fact that you've got bed bugs often is a lot easier than getting rid of them. Eradication usually requires the expertise of a professional exterminator.

Taken from www.dummies.com

*Submitted by: Mary Caputo, RN
St. Teresa*

August 2011—HEARING: WHAT DID YOU SAY???

Hearing is conducted by air and bone. Air travels through the external and middle ear to the inner ear. Airways travel by bone and directly through the bone to the inner ear. About half of the population of people 55 years and older will have hearing problems. It is very important to have your hearing checked if you notice a decrease in your ability to hear or if someone tells you they think you are having problems. Sometimes people think you are ignoring them when you really did not hear them speak to you especially if your back is turned.

Hearing loss can be related to repeated exposure to loud noise, impacted cerumen (earwax), middle ear disorders, nerve damage, and tumors to name a few. Early signs of hearing impairment is tinnitus (ear ringing), inability to hear when in a group, and constantly turning the TV volume up. Children might seem uninterested and inattentive in the classroom when really they can't hear the teacher. Hearing loss makes people feel isolated and really not part of the conversation.

Regardless of the reason(s) or symptoms, you should see your doctor for a referral to a hearing specialist so your hearing can be checked. You do not want to ignore the warning signs and risk having a fatal hearing problem. Many communities have services to help people purchase hearing aids if their finances are low. Your doctor's office can refer you to these agencies. If you have hearing loss because of your job, the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation may be able to assist you.

Submitted by: Lisa Mayhugh, MSN, RN, Parish Nurse

Information from Brunner and Suddarth's Textbook of Medical-Surgical Nursing 12th edition

SUMMER LECTIONARY READINGS**Sunday, June 5***7th Sunday of Easter*Acts 1:6-14; *Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35*

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

Sunday, June 12*Day of Pentecost**Communion*

Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or

Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

Sunday, June 19*Trinity Sunday**Father's Day*Genesis 1:1—2:4a; *Psalm 8*

2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday, June 26*13th Sunday in Ordinary Time*Genesis 22:1-14; *Psalm 13*; Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

Sunday, July 3*14th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalm 45:10-17 or *Song of Solomon 2:8-13*

Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sunday, July 10*15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*Genesis 25:19-34; *Psalm 119:105-112*

Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sunday, July 17*16th Sunday in Ordinary Time*Genesis 28:10-19a; *Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24*

Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sunday, July 24*17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*Genesis 29:15-28; *Psalm 105:1-11, 45b* or*Psalm 128*; Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sunday, July 31*18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*Genesis 32:22-31; *Psalm 17:1-7, 15*

Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

Sunday, August 7*19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*Genesis 37:1-4; 12-28; *Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b*

Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

Sunday, August 14*20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*Genesis 45:1-15; *Psalm 133*

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

Sunday, August 21*21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*Exodus 1:8—2:10; *Psalm 124*

Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

Sunday, August 28*22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*Exodus 3:1-15; *Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c*

Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

**June**

- 5 Gail Davis and Dick White
- 12 Dave and Sally Asper
- 19 Kevin and Sue Creager
- 26 Howard and Joan Garrett

July

- 3 Diana Schneider and Terry Rigio
- 10 Dave and Anne Hines
- 17 Jim and Julie Griffin
- 24 Bill and Barbara Benston
- 31 Marcia and Eric Barga

August

- 7 Bill and Cindy Chesnut
- 14 Nate and Kate Smith
- 21 Cindy Ater and Ken Arnold
- 28 Rob and Liz Adams

September

- 4 Don and June Hughes
- 11 Gary and Denise Molnar

If for any reason you cannot serve on the assigned Sunday, please find someone to substitute for you. Please advise the church office (399-0838) of the name and date of the changed schedule so the appropriate greeter will be named in the bulletin.

*Getting to Know . . .***Russell and Rosie Des Combes**

Russell was born in Springfield and graduated from Springfield High School. He attended the College of William and Mary. He served in the U. S. Army from 1943-1946 and saw combat in the Southwest Pacific Theater. Russell was the Vice President for Manufacturing for 15 years at Quick Manufacturing Company. He owned and operated Catawba Manufacturing Company for ten years. In 1977, he sold the business and retired. Russell enjoys playing golf, playing cards, reading and computers.

Rosie was born in Sullivan, Indiana. She graduated from New Moorefield High School. She worked for International Harvester Company after high school. Rosie enjoyed playing golf, doing crafts, playing cards and watching television. Rosie is wheelchair bound and stays at Good Shepherd Nursing Home.

Russell and Rosie have been married since March 1, 1946. They were members of Oakland Presbyterian Church previously. They lived in Florida for 23 years beginning in 1983 and returned to Springfield after Rosie suffered a serious stroke in 2006.

They are the parents of two daughters, Diana Jo Harrison and Karen Sue. They have two grandchildren, Rob Adams and Jennifer Henze. They also have six great grandchildren: Lilly and Grace Adams and Emma, Ruth, Olivia, and Samuel Henze.

*Getting to Know . . .***Paul and Dottie Good**

Paul was born in Dayton, Ohio, and lived in Middletown, OH, and Tucson, Arizona, until 9th grade. He attended Springfield Schools and graduated from Plattsburg High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering and he also graduated from the Air War College. Paul served in the U.S. Air Force as a fighter pilot, completing 290 combat missions in Southeast Asia, 1966-1967. He retired from the Air Force as a Colonel. Following his 27 years of service in the U.S.A.F., he worked for The Boeing Company for 13 years.

Paul has served as a member of the Session of Northminster Church and a member of the property committee. He also helps at the monthly pancake breakfasts. Paul volunteers with Habitat for Humanity and the Champaign Aviation Museum where he helps to build and restore airplanes. He enjoys flying and woodworking, and he holds a commercial pilot's license.

Dottie attended Clark County Schools, graduating from Plattsburg High School. She worked at Springfield City Hospital and Ohio Edison. Dottie enjoys flower arranging, reading and traveling to visit family. She has volunteered in hospitals and is now volunteering in our church office. She belongs to Mary Martha Circle.

Although Paul and Dottie both graduated from Plattsburg High School, they did not know each other! They met on a blind date on New Year's Eve 1955. They were married in June, 1956, in France. Because of Paul's Air Force career, they moved 20 times! When Paul worked for Boeing, they moved six more times! These moves have given Paul and Dottie the opportunity to meet and make many friends.

They are the parents of two adult daughters: Crystal Kennedy, Eagle River, Alaska; and Paula Gibson, Centerville, OH. They have five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

*Getting to Know . . .***Howard and Joan Garrett**

Howard and Joan both graduated from South Webster High School. Howard served in the U.S. Army as a combat medic in Korea. He retired from Ohio Edison after working there for 42 years. He previously belonged to a United Methodist church and a Lutheran church. Howard enjoyed participating in sports previously, and now he loves to watch. Howard is a past co-chair of Northminster's Adult Visionary Ministry and he is a member of the Eagles.

Joan worked for the Ohio Consolidated Telephone Company, the Scioto County Treasurer's Office, and she retired from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Joan loves music, reading and spending time with family. At Northminster, Joan has served as a deacon, a member of the Rebecca/Sarah Circle, the AVM, and the Red Hats.

Joan and Howard renewed acquaintance at their 50 year high school reunion. They were married in August, 2000. They feel blessed to have a wonderful blended family. Between them they have four adult sons: Garry Garrett, Springfield; Dan Ross, Portsmouth, OH; Dave Ross, Jamestown, OH; and Mark Ross, Marysville, OH. They have six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Getting to Know . . .

Mary K. Green

Mary Green has lived in Springfield all but five years of her life. She was born here and attended school here, graduating from Springfield South High School in 1964. After graduation, she moved to Columbus, Ohio to attend Columbus Business University. She graduated from there in 1965. While living in Columbus, she met her former husband, married and had her first child. After returning to Springfield, Mary's second child was born.

Mary grew up attending Trinity Lutheran Church. She and her family, including her mother, Lucille Green, joined Northminster in September, 1984. Mary is currently serving as a Deacon. She also participates in the Bazaar Workshop, Dinner for Eight and the Red Hats and she is a member of the Mary-Martha Circle.

Mary has worked as an accountant at Multicon in Columbus, CE Bauer and Baader Brown Manufacturing in Springfield and Ultra-met Manufacturing in Urbana. She also worked as an administrative assistant at the Springfield-Clark County Chamber of Commerce for the Convention and Visitors' Bureau.

Mary has two adult children and four grandchildren. Her daughter, Amy Eddy, is the mother of Tyler, 18; Allison, 13; and Will, 11. They live in Farmington, Illinois. Her son, Major Aaron Clapsaddle, U. S. Army, is the father of Michael, 11. He is currently stationed at San Diego, California.

Mary enjoys reading, word puzzles, knitting, needlework, crafts, and scrapbooking. She also likes spending time with family and friends and doting on her dog, Nickie, a Bichon Frise.

Getting to Know . . .

Ed and Joan Generous

Ed graduated from Brattleboro High School, Brattleboro, VT, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Norwich University. He served in the U.S. Army at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, in the Armored Tank division, and retired a Captain in the U. S. Army Reserves. He is retired from the Safeco Insurance Company where he worked as a Senior Safety Engineer.

Ed enjoys photography. He was the photo editor of his college yearbook, and is the unofficial photographer for our congregation. His pictures at church fill bulletin boards and albums—a pictorial record of church activities! Ed was a Boy Scout leader when he lived in Indianapolis. He volunteers at the B17 Museum in Urbana to preserve the history of the B17 in pictures for future generations. Ed keeps busy with his wood-working, and caring for the Generous's 2.8 acres of yard. He likes to feed and watch birds, deer and other wildlife, and he enjoys listening to music.

At Northminster, Ed has served on the Session and the property committee. He helps with the pancake breakfast the first Saturday of each month. He has also helped out at Kirkmont.

Joan graduated from Northfield School for Girls and Green Mountain Junior College where she earned an Associate Degree in Executive Secretarial Practice. Joan worked for Mutual of Omaha and at the Northeast Preschool for ten years. Joan enjoys crafts including counted cross stitch and knitting. She likes bird watching and gardening, reading and music.

Joan has been a member of Northminster's choir and Women's Association. She has served on the Session and is currently a co-chair of the Presbyterian Women's Board. She participates in the workshop for the annual P. W. bazaar.

Ed and Joan have three adult children: Lynette Keiser, Oak Harbor, Ohio; Stuart Generous, Greenfield, Indiana; and Brad Generous, Eagle River, Alaska. They have five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. They are expecting another great-grandchild in September.

Bill Gates in a talk to high school graduates:

"The world doesn't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something *before* you feel good about yourself.

"Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one."

"The Joyful Noiseletter"

Memories of Dad

How well I do remember
 Standing at my father's knee.
 And all the fun and happy times
 As he was raising me.
 How well I do remember
 The love we always shared.

And all the things he said and did
 That showed he really cared.
 Now my heart will carry memories
 Of the love he gave to me.
 Until we meet again in Heaven
 Where the best is yet to be.

"The Joyful Noiseletter"



Ladies & Gentlemen!

Now is the time for spring cleaning because . . .

It's the Presbyterian Women's Yard Sale

Saturday, June 11, 2011

9 AM to 2 PM

Yes, ladies and gentlemen, now is the time to clean out garages, basements, and attics for good, clean clothing in all sizes (especially children's), kitchen items, glassware, small appliances, tools, paperback books, pictures, toys, records, tapes, linens, drapes, bedding, and jewelry. Any effort on your part to make the item look saleable will be appreciated. PLEASE--No hardback books or magazines.

LAST DAY FOR DONATIONS IS THURSDAY, JUNE 9! Items will be accepted beginning Monday, June 6 at 10:00 AM in the Community Room, or they can be brought to the church anytime during office hours.

Many men and women volunteers are needed to help sort and price items and to work the day of the sale. We also need a cleanup crew. Please let us know when you can work by filling out the donation sheet. Donation sheets may be turned in to the church office or placed in the collection plate. For additional information contact Ruth Martin 323-2252.

****DONATION SHEET****

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

Circle time when you can work the day of the sale, Saturday, June 11, 2011.

8:30 - 10:30

10:30 - 12:30

12:30 - 2:00

We will be pricing and sorting June 6 through June 10. What day and time can you help?

We will need a clean up crew (men always appreciated!)

If a monetary gift is more convenient for you,
please complete this form and return it in an envelope to Northminster Church.
Thank you.

NAME _____ AMOUNT \$ _____

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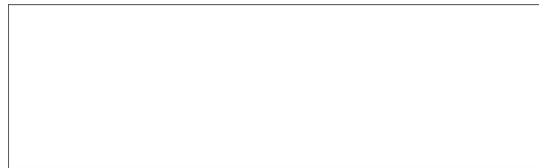
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As the Father has
sent me,
so I send you."

John 20:21, NRSV

Summer 2011

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| June 4 | Pancake Breakfast |
| June 11 | PW Yard Sale |
| June 12 | Pentecost/Communion/Picnic |
| June 16 | AVM - Rock Garden/Lunch |
| June 19 | Father's Day |
| June 21 | Session Meeting |
| July 2 | Pancake Breakfast |
| July 4 | Independence Day—Office Closed |
| July 20 | AVM Cookout |
| August 6 | Pancake Breakfast |

NORTHMINSTER'S VISION STATEMENT REJOICE! RENEW! REACH OUT!

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