

THE NORTHERN LIGHT

MAY 2012

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SPRING FLING

Northminster's P.W. Board
invites you to join us on
Thursday, May 17th @ 6PM
for dinner and to hear our guest:
BILL FELKER

is featured weekly in the
Springfield News-Sun and hosts
Poor Will's Almanac on WYSO radio.
His insight into weather patterns and phenology
(what happens in nature)
provides a unique way for nature lovers
to understand the repeating patterns
we can observe throughout the year.
Bill has been watching and writing about
local weather since 1984.



To make reservations, call the church office,
399-0838, before noon, Monday, May 7th.

Cost: \$13.00

Catered by:

BISTRO to go

Menu:

Lemon Caper Chicken w/Rice Pilaf
Mandarin Orange Salad w/assorted greens
Green Beans
Chocolate Mousse Layered Cake



SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00A.M.

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Dwight & Sarah McCormick	Youth Leaders
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Ruth George	Librarian

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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

Notes from the Treasurer

We have been handed a gift. Our expected deficit at the end of the first quarter was expected to be \$7000 or \$8,000 in the hole. But it was only \$1,880. If we had had a \$1900 fund raiser, we would have been in the "black!" There are two main reasons for this. One was the mild winter someone prayed for. The other was our campaign for donating an amount equal to "dining out." At last count we are over \$2,300 donated that we know of. Many thanks to all of those participating...we can make a difference.

Now comes the hard part...we need to continue the weekly "dining out" contributions and better yet if more of the congregation could support this plan.

The finance committee and the session have a majority contributing \$5-\$25 per week per adult instead of or in addition to normal dining out.

Many thanks to all for a great quarter!

-Bill Harrison, Treasurer



CONGRATULATIONS to OUR GRADUATES

Emily Aldinger graduates from Muskingum University on May 5th with a Bachelor's Degree in English and a teaching certificate. She plans to teach English in grades 7-12.

Megan Knotts will be graduating from Miami University on May 5th with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education and an additional 4th and 5th grade endorsement.

Jason Spoon graduates on May 30th from Kenton Ridge High School. He leaves for basic training at Ft. Benning, Georgia on July 30th for Army infantry and airborne.

Adam Veith will be graduating from high school in May. Adam is enrolled in a homeschooling program.

HEALTH NEWS

from the Parish Nurse . . . Nancy Jean Graves
MAY 2012

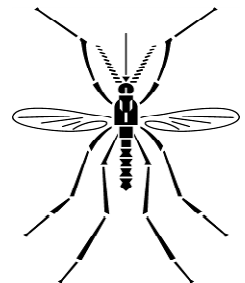
MOSQUITOES AND WEST NILE VIRUS

There seems to be fewer cases of WNV, but as long as there are mosquitoes, we should be on the alert. If there is a diagnosed case of WNV in the area, you are at risk. This indicates that there are infected mosquitoes in your area.

PREVENTION is important. Avoid mosquitoes, use insect repellent containing an EPA registered active ingredient. Mosquitoes are most active at dusk and dawn; wear long sleeves and pants at those times. Make sure you have good screens on your windows and doors. Get rid of their breeding sites, any standing water, and empty any wading pools when not in use.

TREATMENT—there is no specific. Doctors treat complications. Only 1 in 150 people infected with WNV will develop severe illness. Several symptoms can include high fever, headache, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, muscle weakness, numbness, or paralysis. Symptoms can last for as short as a few days to several weeks, and neurological effects may be permanent. In severe cases, people need to be in a hospital. Approximately 80% of people who are infected with WNV will not show any symptoms. Symptoms develop 3-14 days after bitten. Those at risk are people over 50, or anyone who spends more time outdoors. There are no medications that cure WNV.

Submitted by:
Patricia Fairbanks, R.N.
St. Bernard Catholic Church



Ladies & Gentlemen!

Now is the time for spring cleaning because . . .

It's the Presbyterian Women's Yard Sale

Saturday, June 9, 2012

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 7! Items will be accepted beginning Monday, June 4 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 9, 2011.

8:30 - 10:30

10:30 - 12:30

12:30 - 2:00

We will be pricing and sorting June 4 through June 8. 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.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY****to:**

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

LECTIONARY READINGS**Sunday, May 6***5th Sunday of Easter*Acts 8:26-40; *Psalm 22:25-31*

1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

Sunday, May 13*Mother's Day*Acts 10:44-48; *Psalm 98*

1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

Sunday, May 20*7th Sunday of Easter*Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; *Psalm 1*

1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

Sunday, May 27*Pentecost/Communion*

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

LOVING ENOUGH TO SAY "NO!"

You don't love me! How many times have your kids laid that on you? And how many times have you, as a parent, resisted the urge to tell them how much?

Someday when my children are old enough, I'll tell them: I loved you enough to bug you about where you were going, with whom and what time you would get home. I loved you enough to be silent and let you discover that your hand-picked friend was a 'creep.'

I loved you enough to make you return the Milky Way with a bite out of it to the store and confess, "I stole this." I loved you enough to stand over you for two hours while you cleaned your bedroom, a job that would have taken me 15 minutes. I loved you enough to not make excuses for your lack of respect or lack of manners.

I loved you enough to ignore what 'every mother' did. I loved you enough to figure you would lie about the party being chaperoned but forgive you for it after discovering I was right.

I loved you enough to let you stumble, fall, and fail so that you could learn to stand alone. I loved you enough to accept you for what you are, not what I wanted you to be. But most of all, I loved you enough to say "No" when you hated me for it. That was the hardest part of all.

- Erma Bombeck
via *The Item*

First UMC, Phoenix, NY
The Joyful Noiseletter, May 2008



Presbyterian Women

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

Co-Moderators.....Dwillla Cramer & Joan Generous
Secretary..... Anne Hines
Treasurer.....Ruth Martin



PW UPCOMING DATES

- May 17.....Spring Fling
- June 9.....Yard Sale
- November 3.....Holiday Bazaar
- December 7.....Christmas Dinner

ESTHER CIRCLE

Leader: Cindy Chesnut
Meets 2nd Monday

Meeting Date: Monday, May 14th
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Church
Program: Salad Supper

RUTH CIRCLE

Leader: Gail Davis
Secretary: June Hughes
Treasurer: Joan Garrett
Meets 2nd Thursday

Meeting Date: Thursday, May 10th
Ruth Circle will meet for lunch, Thursday, May 10th,
at "Olive Garden" on Bechtle Avenue at 11 AM.
If you want to carpool, meet at the church at 10:45 AM.
For reservations call
Gail Davis, 390-2527 or Joyce Carpenter, 390-1760.

Next P.W. Board Meeting
Monday, May 7th
@ 10 AM

OUTSIDE WORKDAY

Saturday, May 12th
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM



Get out your gardening clothes and tools and come help with the spring clean-up around the church. We need help weeding, mulching, trimming, and sealing the picnic tables in the shelter house.

We are blessed to have a beautiful facility, both inside and outside, but to keep it beautiful, it is necessary for us to be good stewards and do regular, yearly maintenance projects. So, if you are able and available, please SIGN UP on the sheet posted in the family room. We hope to see YOU on May 12th!

DEACONS' PICNIC

Join us after worship on
Sunday, May 20th
for a picnic hosted by our deacons.
The deacons will be providing
the hamburgers, hot dogs,
buns & drinks.



**We are asking you to bring
a salad or dessert to share.**
Mark your calendar and join us!

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Return Service Requested



May 2012

- May 5 Pancake Breakfast**
- May 6 Blood Pressure Screening**
- May 12 Church Workday**
- May 13 Mother's Day**
- May 15 Men's Breakfast @ Perkins N. Limestone**
- May 17 PW Spring Fling**
- May 19 Clifton Ave. Church of God Breakfast**
- May 20 Deacons' Picnic**
- May 22 Session Meeting**
- May 23 Bell Concert and Picnic**
- May 27 Pentecost and Communion**
- May 28 Memorial Day—Office Closed**



*"Be a Pentecost person. Be a person of power!
Let the Holy Spirit fill you with amazing joy and new life,
life so abundant that you can't help sharing it with others!"*

-Rev. Paul Holte



PENTECOST OFFERING

“So I send you.” (John 20:21)

The apostle John tells us Jesus miraculously appeared to his disciples on the very day of his resurrection to assure them he had risen from the dead and commission them to continue his work upon his ascension to heaven. “Peace be with you,” he told them. “As God has sent me, so I send you” (John 20:21). John also tells us Jesus breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit” (John 20:22). Luke’s Gospel indicates that just before Jesus ascended to heaven, he told his disciples, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8). God fulfilled these initial announcements of a new ministry for the disciples on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended on the church to empower the followers of Jesus Christ to proclaim the gospel in word and deed.

Each year on Pentecost Sunday we still celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life. With the Spirit’s coming, we no longer need to settle for business as usual but can know the transforming, redeeming love of God that makes the impossible possible.

The Pentecost Offering is one of the four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). When you give to the Pentecost Offering during Sunday morning worship, you help bring God’s transforming, redeeming love to children at risk, guide and nurture young people’s growing faith and provide opportunities for young adults to become spiritual leaders—all in the name of Jesus Christ.

Forty percent of the Offering stays within your own congregation to support ministries that help children at risk. The remainder is sent to the General Assembly Mission Council to support other programs that help youth and young adults and advocate for children at risk.

Thank you for your support of the Pentecost Offering.

**YOUR
OPPORTUNITY
TO GIVE
Pentecost
Offering
envelopes will
be included in
the weekly
bulletin
announcements
beginning the
first Sunday
in May.**

**Northminster Bells and Friends Present:
An All-American Musical Evening**

**On Wednesday, May 23 at 6pm, join us for
a “picnic” dinner in the Family Room
followed by our very special concert.**

Cost \$10.00/person

\$15.00/couple

\$5.00/child (12 and under)

**(Funds collected will pay for dinner and help defray the cost of necessary
bell maintenance, repair and cleaning.)**



**Handbell
Concert**

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Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 6:30 Mission Cmte 7:00 Christian Ed	2 5:15 Music/Worship 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Equality Spfld Youth 7:15 Choir	3 6:00 Spfld Dulcimer Club	4	5 8:00 Pancake Breakfast
6 Blood Pressure Screening	7 10:00 PW Board 2-9:30 Photo Sittings	8 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 2-9:30 Photo Sittings 6:30 Deacons 7:00 Property Mtg.	9 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Equality Spfld Youth 7:15 Choir	10 11:00 Ruth Circle @ Olive Garden	11	12 9:00 Church Workday
13 Mother's Day 4:30 Youth Bible Study/Hang Out Night	14 6:00 Esther Circle Salad Supper	15 7:00 Men's Brkfst @ Perkins 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp	16 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Equality Spfld Youth 7:15 Choir	17 6:00 PW Spring Fling	18	19 Clifton Ave. Breakfast/Food Pantry
20 Ordain/Install New Officers Deacons' Picnic	21 6:30 Remembrance Quilt Guild NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 6:00 Finance 7:00 Session	23 6:00 Bell Concert and Picnic 7:00 Equality Spfld Youth	24	25	26
27 Pentecost Communion 4:30 Youth Bible Study/Hang Out Night	28 Office Closed  MEMORIAL DAY	29 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp	30 9:30 Mail Newsletter 7:00 Equality Spfld Youth	31	