

THE NORTHERN LIGHT

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I was blessed enough to go on a continuing education event last week to my alma mater Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. The week was rewarding. I was chosen along with eleven other writers to participate in the event based on one of my writing submissions.

The Lilly Endowment and Collegeville Institute sponsored the entire week. They paid for the tuition, the lodging, and the food. The course was designed to help develop pastors as writers. The group I wrote with daily was a talented lot.

Each morning we were given a writing exercise to help us get our creative energy flowing. We were asked to write by hand both to keep from having the click clack of laptop keys disturb us as well as to link us closely with the work of writing.

We were asked to write Haiku, short stories, poetry, prayers, benedictions, and Psalms along with working on a longer piece that we edited all week.

The writing of the Psalm had an impact on me. We were not asked to compose an original Psalm. Instead we were asked to hand write a Psalm. We were given Psalm 8 and asked to write it by hand in our composition books. It sounds simple. It was. Its simplicity held meaning. Writing the Psalm by hand was in fact prayer. I invite you to look up Psalm 8 in your Bible right now and read it. I'll give you a minute and you can come back and finish this article. Now I invite you take some time to write the Psalm by hand as a prayer and devotion time. You can choose any Psalm you like. I promise you will find meaning in doing so.

The final part of that assignment was to write a prayer for children based on Psalm 8. It needed to be short enough to memorize and use the content of the Psalm. It could be a bedtime prayer, a prayer for the morning, or a meal time prayer. The brevity of course was the biggest challenge for yours truly.

Here is the bedtime prayer I wrote using Psalm 8: Dear God, help my dreams be as beautiful as your creation. Help my sleep be as deep as your love for me and for all people. Amen.

See what kind of prayer you can come up with to use with a child in your family or a child at church. Happy writing!

In Christ,

Dwight



SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00A.M.

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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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The following people were received into membership on Sunday, October 14th and introduced during the worship service on that day.

Jim and Sara Arnott
779 Crescent Point
Springfield, OH 45503
937-629-0208

Clyde Fromm
1500 Villa Road
Apt. 141
Springfield, OH 45503

Jim and Sara Arnott joined by letter of transfer from Honey Creek Presbyterian Church in New Carlisle and Clyde Fromm also joined by letter of transfer from Oakland Presbyterian.

A NOTE of THANKS

Thank you so much for your donation of food to our food pantry. It could not have come at a better time. The shelves were bare. We thank God for you all at Northminster Presbyterian Church and your willingness to give to and help with the food pantry.
May God bless you!
Clifton Avenue Church of God Food Pantry

A LITTLE REMINDER . . .

If you use dish towels or dish cloths from the church kitchen, please take them home, launder them, and return them to the church. Your help with this would be greatly appreciated. Thanks!!



Happy Birthday!

<i>Ardyth Kunkle</i>	November 2
<i>Kris Spriggs</i>	November 3
<i>Liz Adams</i>	November 6
<i>Ruth Dern</i>	November 8
<i>Dwight McCormick</i>	November 8
<i>Tim Spoon</i>	November 9
<i>Bill Harrison</i>	November 11
<i>Phil Kunkle</i>	November 11
<i>Dick Thomas</i>	November 14
<i>Betty Dow</i>	November 15
<i>Dick Johnson</i>	November 16
<i>Betty Thomas</i>	November 19
<i>Pete Torok</i>	November 20
<i>Chloe McCormick</i>	November 22
<i>Harold Locher</i>	November 25
<i>Donna Sherry</i>	November 26
<i>Joan Garrett</i>	November 28
<i>Terry Hooper</i>	November 29

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Session met in regular stated meeting October 23, 2012. The Moderator, Rev. Dwight McCormick, opened the meeting at 7:00 PM, with Scripture reading and prayer. The first hour of the meeting was spent studying and discussing elder training material from The Presbyterian Leader.com before moving on to the business portion.

The Pastor reported that the writing workshop that he attended at Louisville Seminary October 15-19 as a continuing education program was very informative and helpful. The program was funded through a grant from the Lilly Foundation that covered all expenses other than travel. The Pastor also reported that he will take vacation time November 19-26 and December 26-31. He will arrange for pulpit supply for November 25 and December 30.

The printed financial report and balance sheet showed that total income for January 1 through September 30 was \$141,724 and total expenses were \$148,337, producing a deficit of \$ 6,613.

The Property Committee has placed a commemorative plaque in the Family Room that acknowledges that the sanctuary and outside lighting was made possible by a gift from Burt McKaig.

Session approved the September 5, 2012 revision of the By-Laws for Northminster Presbyterian Church. Copies of this revision will be made available to the congregation and will be presented to the congregation for a vote at the Congregational Meeting on November 18, 2012. Revision of the By-Laws is necessary to accommodate a change in the timing of officer election/installation and to reflect changes in the PC (USA) form of government that took effect in 2011.

The next stated meeting of Session is November 13, 2012 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.

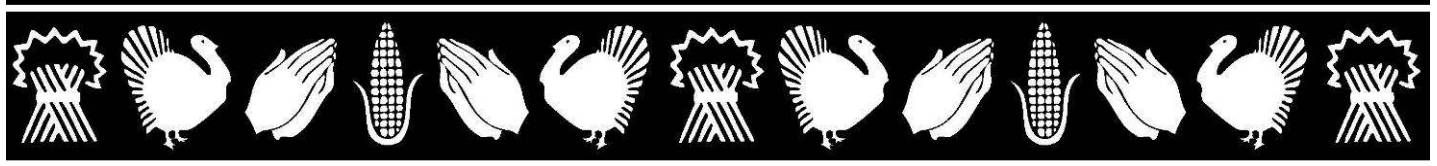
Lois Shroyer, Clerk

Presbyterian Women

Faith, Fellowship and Fun with a Circle of Friends.

All are welcome to participate.

Co-Moderators.....Joan Generous & June Hughes
Secretary..... Anne Hines
Treasurer.....Ruth Martin



ESTHER CIRCLE

Leader: Cindy Chesnut

Meets 2nd Monday

Meeting Date: Thursday, November 1

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Church

Hostesses: Bea Buckhold and Ruth George

Program: Making "Buckeyes" for the bazaar

RUTH CIRCLE

Leader: Gail Davis

Secretary: June Hughes

Treasurer: Joan Garrett

Meets 2nd Thursday

Meeting Date: Thursday, November 8

Ruth Circle will meet at the church at 11AM on

Thursday, November 8th. Joan Garrett and

Gail Davis will have devotions and the program,

"What are we thankful for?"



Remember to bring a "sack lunch." Dessert and beverage will be furnished.

Questions: Gail Davis 390-2527

**PW BOARD MEETING
Monday, November 5th
10:00 AM**



MADRIGAL DINNER

*Featuring the Shawnee High School
Madrigal Singers*

Friday, December 7th *

Saturday, December 8th

6:30 PM

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Tickets \$25

***PW CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Friday, December 7th 6:30 PM

The PW Christmas Dinner will be held in conjunction with the Madrigal Dinner featuring the Shawnee High School Madrigal Singers under the direction of our Director of Music, Lydia Smith-Lockwood. **Northminster members who attend on Friday, December 7th are being given a discounted ticket price of \$15.**

To make a reservation for the PW Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 7th, please call the church office at 399-0838 with the number of reservations and your meal choice(s). **Reservations must be paid in advance and turned in by November 20th.**

Meal Choice #1

*Half Cornish Game Hen
Roasted Winter Vegetables
Butternut Squash Dauphinoise*

Meal Choice #2

*Tarragon Braised Beef Tips
Whipped Potatoes
Onion Strings*

Salad

Wedge Salad

Dessert

Apple Crisp w/Vanilla Bean Ice Cream

HEALTH NEWS
from the Parish Nurse . . . Nancy Jean Graves
November 2012
LEGIONNAIRES' DISEASE

Legionnaires' disease is a form of pneumonia caused by the legionella bacteria. The elderly, smokers, and those with weakened immune systems are most susceptible to Legionnaires' disease. It is spread in microscopic water droplets which are inhaled. It cannot be spread in person-to-person contact.

A mild form of Legionnaires' disease is called Pontiac fever. It produces flu-like symptoms and usually clears without treatment. Legionnaires' disease however, can be fatal if left untreated.

Symptoms develop in 2-14 days after exposure. Initial symptoms are headache, muscle pain, chills, and fever. In 2-3 days symptoms worsen. Cough producing mucus or blood, shortness of breath, chest pain, fatigue, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and mental confusion are common. If you think you've been exposed, contact your doctor because early diagnosis and treatment shorten recovery and lessen complications.

Legionella bacteria can be found outside in soil and water, but infection from these sources is rare. Indoor sources are hot tubs, air conditioners, and grocery store vegetable misters. Home plumbing contamination is possible but usually larger, more complex systems are involved. The bacteria survive and travel in the air for 4 miles.

Legionnaires' disease can be diagnosed through urine, blood and sputum specimens. A chest x-ray can determine the extent of the infection. Treatment is with antibiotics. The recovery process can be slow, especially if the lungs are compromised by earlier smoking. Rest, oxygen therapy, good nutrition and patience are necessary.

From: The Mayo Clinic Staff
Submitted by: Mary Caputo RN
St. Theresa Catholic Church

Mission Committee News

Habitat for Humanity

Many thanks to those who came out with me on Saturday, October 13th: Terry Dersch, Ruth George, Paul Good, Adam Stout, and Bob Triebelhorn. Ruth helped paint in the house on Linden, while the rest of us worked on siding at the two-story home on Grand. We worked alongside students from Wittenberg and Ohio State.

The affiliate has eight homes to finish by the end of the year. I am working to set up a Saturday in November and in December when we can field a crew to help. It is likely that we would meet at one of the homes and get our assignment that day. Watch the bulletin for more information or call me at 629-0792 if you are interested in helping.

Crews also work weekday mornings starting at 8 a.m. If you are interested in helping during the week, call the Habitat office at 325-2514 to find out where they will be working that day.

Susan Dersch
Mission Committee Chair

**POINSETTIA
ORDER FORM**

It is time once again to order
Christmas poinsettias to
decorate the worship area.



The cost for each plant is **\$8.00**.
Checks should be made payable to:
Northminster Presbyterian Church.

Paid orders must be turned in by
Sunday, November 25th.

Red poinsettia _____
White poinsettia _____
Pink poinsettia _____
Burgundy poinsettia _____

**I/We would like to provide a poinsettia for
Christmas Worship.**

Name: _____
(as you would like it to appear in the bulletin)

In Memory of

or

In Honor of

*Flowers will be available
for pick up following
the Christmas Eve service.*



Northminster Presbyterian Church
Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale

Saturday, November 3, 2012
9AM to 3PM

BAKED GOODS

Tree Trims

Kids' Corner

Second Time Around Shop

Thanksgiving Decorations

Northminster's annual holiday bazaar is just days away! If you are interested in helping the day of the bazaar and have not yet signed-up, there is still time. Just contact Joan Generous (969-8130) or Barbara Benston (399-1956) if you would like to help or have any questions.

Many people in the congregation help to support this all-church event in some way and we look forward to being able to work together again this year! You are invited to begin your day at the pancake breakfast at 7:30. Stop by the bake sale to check out the yummy, home baked goods and browse the family room for unique handmade holiday gifts. After shopping, you may want to head to the coffee shop for a cup of hot spiced cider and a donut or find your way to the lower level of the church to join others for a delicious lunch.

If you have not purchased your tickets for the raffle items, tickets are available in the church office and will be on sale the day of the bazaar. The drawing for the raffle is at 2:30 and attendance is not necessary to win. This year's raffle includes our traditional items of a hand stitched full/queen size quilt, a stained glass angel and wall hanging in addition to three themed gift baskets put together by P.W.'s women's circles.

Save the date! This is a great way to begin your holiday season!

Drawing at 2:30
on day of bazaar.

RAFFLE ITEMS

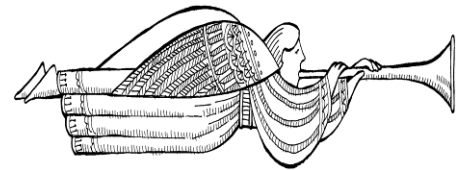
One drawing
for each item.

****Full/Queen Size Quilt - Circle of Friends****



Theme
Baskets

Wall
Hanging



Bath/Body GIFT Baskets
Book GIFT Basket


Stained Glass Angel

November



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:00 Set-up for Bazaar 6:00 Esther Circle 6:00 Springfield Dulcimer Club	2 10:00 Set-up for Bazaar	3 Pancake Breakfast 9AM to 3PM HOLIDAY BAZAAR
4 Blood Pressure Screening Commitment Sunday Return Estimate of Giving Cards	5 9:30 YWM Meeting 10:00 PW Board Mtg.	6 ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACE 10:00 Beth Moore Bible Study 6:30 Christian Ed.	7 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Youth First 7:15 Choir	8 11:00 Ruth Circle 6:30 Mission Meeting	9	10 Clifton Ave. Church of God Breakfast and Food Pantry
11 Veterans' Day	12 6:00 Finance Meeting	13 10:00 Beth Moore Bible Study 6:30 Deacon Meeting 7:00 Property Meeting 7:00 Session Meeting	14 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Youth First 7:15 Choir	15	16	17
18 Communion Congregational Meeting	19 DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER	20 7:00 Men's Breakfast @ Perkins N. Limestone St. 10:00 Beth Moore Bible Study	21 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Youth First 7:15 Choir	22 Office Closed  <i>Thanksgiving</i>	23 Office Closed	24
25 Guest Worship Leader Dennis Piermont	26 6:30 Remembrance Quilt Guild	27 10:00 Beth Moore Bible Study	28 9:30 Mail Newsletter 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Youth First 7:15 Choir	29	30	

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November 3	Holiday Bazaar Pancake Breakfast
November 4	Commitment Sunday Return Estimate of Giving Cards
November 11	Veterans' Day
November 13	Session Meeting
November 18	Communion Congregational Meeting
November 20	Men's Breakfast @ Perkins
November 22	Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed
November 23	Office Closed



NORTHMINSTER'S PURPOSE STATEMENT
Northminster Presbyterian Church will develop disciples
of Jesus Christ and learn to follow the way of Jesus.