

THE NORTHERN LIGHT

OCTOBER 2012

ISSUE 8

A Message from the Pastor . . .

“Extravagant Generosity the Heart of Giving” is the theme we’re using this year for our giving program. This focus is based on one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit listed in Galatians, generosity. We look at how at the heart of our giving is the generosity of God’s Grace for humanity, and our generous response to God’s gift of Jesus Christ to the world.

For three Sundays in October the 7th, 14th, and 28th, and one Sunday in November the 4th, we will be worshipping with a focus on the heart of generosity. I encourage you to look up and read the Scripture verses below in preparation for worship each Sunday. I’ve listed sermon themes and titles as well. They are:

October 7th 1 Timothy 6:17-19 “EKG: Ministry Flows from the Heart”

October 14th John 13:34-35 “The Art of Love: Relationships are Matters of the Heart”

October 28th Joel 2:28, Matthew 6:33, and Colossians 3:1 “Bucket Lists: Vision and Hope are Inspirations of the Heart”

November 4th John 3:16, 2 Corinthians 8:24 “Declarations of Your Heart: Extravagant Generosity is an Expression of Your Heart.”

You will be receiving several mailings from the Extravagant Generosity planning team as a means of getting the full participation of the congregation. In each mailing we’re sending “Heart Cards.” The cards include a question that we’re asking you to answer on the card. Then the planning team asks that you place the card in the offering plate during the Sunday following your receipt of the card. Here are the questions so that you may be thinking about them:

Heart card 1 to be returned during worship on October 7th “What do you love most about our church?” Briefly list what you love about the ministry of Northminster Presbyterian Church.

Heart card 2 to be returned during worship on October 14th “Who in our church family has made a difference in your spiritual life?” Name someone in our church family who has been a significant factor in your growth as a Christian.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00A.M.

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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

(Pastor's page continued)

Heart card 3 to be returned during worship on October 28th, "What is your vision and hope for our church?" List what you hope to see our church doing and being in the years to come.

Heart card 4 to be returned during worship on November 4th, "What is my estimate of giving for the coming church year? To tithe or not to tithe, that is the question. Scripture is clear on the answer." Write on these cards your estimate of giving for 2013.

That is a lot to think about over the coming weeks. I invite us to examine the generous Grace of God and our response of generosity in sharing the resources that have been entrusted to us. Take some time with your answers. We will select some to be read during worship each Sunday and some to be projected on our screen during Joys and Concerns. You may sign the cards or leave them anonymous. No one will be put on the spot or credited for their comments without permission. Thanks for giving time to this important process. Please be prayerful about what God is calling you to do financially in response to your relationship with Jesus Christ.

Dwight

PHONE NUMBER CORRECTION

Corrected phone number to the new church directory
Charles and Linda Vanarsdall
 937-629-0793



Happy Birthday!

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| <i>Rob Adams</i> | October 1 |
| <i>Ruth George</i> | October 3 |
| <i>Chuck Mansfield</i> | October 5 |
| <i>Greg Veith</i> | October 11 |
| <i>Susan Dersch</i> | October 12 |
| <i>Kent Sherry</i> | October 12 |
| <i>Carol Emerich</i> | October 13 |
| <i>Ken Arnold</i> | October 19 |
| <i>Barbara Benston</i> | October 20 |
| <i>Charlie Myers</i> | October 23 |
| <i>Sophie Spriggs</i> | October 23 |
| <i>Rob Aldinger</i> | October 28 |
| <i>Irene Hughes</i> | October 28 |
| <i>Dick White</i> | October 28 |
| <i>Kate Smith</i> | October 29 |

INTERESTED in PAINTING?

The Property Committee is in need of some folks to do some painting around the church. If you would be interested in helping, please contact Emily Spriggs.



**WORLD COMMUNION
 SUNDAY
 Peacemaking Offering
 Deacons' Dinner
 Sunday, October 7th**



Sunday, October 7th we will share communion together in worship and with other Christians around the world. The Peacemaking Offering will also be received on this day. After worship all are invited to stay for a meal prepared by our Deacons. The menu will include: chicken and rice, salad, rolls, dessert, and beverage. There will be no Adult Forum on that Sunday so that all can enjoy the meal together.

**ADULT FORUM BOOK STUDY
 BEGINNING OCT. 14TH**

From October 14th through November 25th we will be using the book by Martin Thielen titled WHAT'S THE LEAST I CAN BELIEVE AND STILL BE A CHRISTIAN?: A GUIDE TO WHAT MATTERS MOST. The author asks and answers many questions that non-believers as well as life-long Christians have about the Christian faith. If you want to join in what is sure to be a lively discussion, you may want to order your own copy of the book to read in preparation. There is a sign-up sheet in the Family Room if you would like to order a copy through the church. The cost is \$ 9.00.

DAYTIME WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

A morning Bible study for women will be starting the first week of October. We will be using the Beth Moore study "Living Beyond Yourself—Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit." If you are interested in attending the study, please call the church office (399-0838).

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: Monday, October 8th

Time: 7:15 p.m.

Place: Church

Hostesses: Emily Spriggs and Marge Stumpf

Program: Sitting Zumba

RUTH CIRCLE

Leader: Gail Davis

Secretary: June Hughes

Treasurer: Joan Garrett

Meets 2nd Thursday

Meeting Date: Thursday, October 11

Ruth Circle will meet at the church at 11AM on Thursday, October 11. Joan Generous and Ruth Martin will have devotions and the program. We will be working on our "Bath and Body" basket for the Bazaar Raffle. Remember to bring an "item" for the basket, and a "sack lunch," so we can eat together.

Gail Davis 390-2527

Joan Generous 969-8130

Looking Ahead to November

ESTHER CIRCLE will meet on **Thursday, November 1** at 6 PM at the church to make "buckeyes" for the bazaar.

Hostesses: Bea Buckhold and Ruth George

HOLIDAY BAZAAR—NOVEMBER 3rd

Northminster will hold its annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 3rd from 9AM to 3PM. The bazaar workshop ladies have been busy crafting new items for the bazaar and are excited to get everyone involved helping in some way. There will be an insert in the weekly bulletin announcements offering EVERYONE an opportunity to sign-up to help. We need help in many areas including setting up the week before the bazaar, working the day of the bazaar, and helping with clean-up after the bazaar. We also need items for our second time around shop and our bake sale. We particularly need fudge and pies for the bake sale this year. Handcrafted items would also be welcomed. If a monetary gift is more convenient, that would also be appreciated. Most 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! Please contact Joan Generous (969-8130) or Barbara Benston (399-1956) if you would like to help or have any questions. Save the date!



Recipe for Buckeyes

1 stick butter or I Can't Believe It's Not Butter margarine

1 16 or 18 oz. Jif creamy peanut butter

3½ cups powdered sugar

1 tsp. vanilla

Combine and knead until it holds together well and is easy to form into 1" balls. If it crumbles, add a little squeeze-bottle margarine. If it sticks to your hands, add a little more powdered sugar.

HEALTH NEWS
from the Parish Nurse . . . Nancy Jean Graves
October 2012
THE DYING VIGIL

With the availability of hospice and palliative care, people are better able to die at home than ever before. Dying at home, as opposed to dying in a clinical setting, is more private and personal. And while hospice and palliative caregivers provide skillful support and preparation, it is still somewhat unsettling to keep vigil while a loved one dies.

The unknown can be frightening. What exactly will happen when death comes? Will my loved one suffer? How can I help? What should I do? - - are all valid questions. Keeping in mind that people have been dying at home for centuries, without trained bedside caregivers, should bring some comfort.

Ideally, your loved one will be medicated and pain-free during their last days and hours. The care-giving team will help you establish a schedule of medications to relieve pain and assist with breathing. Other loving measures will come naturally-fluffing a pillow, wiping a damp brow, swabbing a dry mouth, moisturizing dry lips. You will know if your loved one is too warm or too cool. Keeping a calm, quiet atmosphere will benefit all present.

However, that doesn't mean not talking to the dying person or to each other. Everyone has heard "hearing is the last to go," so do talk to the dying in a calm and reassuring tone. They may need to hear that you are ready to surrender them to their new life, or that you will look after family members left behind. This is your last chance for anything else you need to tell your loved one. Some families find comfort in prayer, reading scripture and/or listening to music. Do whatever is natural and comfortable. Don't forget to eat, hydrate and rest. Family members in vigil will also be caring for each other in this way.

God will call your loved one in His perfect time. Be patient and trust in Him. It may happen when you aren't present. Believe that to be part of God's plan. Bask in the blessing of being able to walk those last earthly steps with someone you've loved.

Mary Caputo, R.N.
St. Teresa Catholic Church

OCTOBER is
PASTOR
APPRECIATION
MONTH



PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

PASTOR APPRECIATE PRAYER

by Rev. Frank Schaefer

Almighty and ever-gracious God,
We give you thanks for Pastor McCormick.
You have appointed him to be our Shepherd;
to minister to our spiritual needs
to reach the lost souls in our community
to prayerfully guide and tend to our church/fellowship.

We realize that the tasks of a pastor/spiritual leader are demanding
his job is never done.

He listens, cares, and prays for us, encourages and teaches us
and reaches out to those in need of help and salvation.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for our pastor.

Mission Committee News



Peacemaking Offering – October 7th

Over the last couple of weeks you've seen bulletin inserts about the upcoming Peacemaking Offering. Our denomination's resources define this offering as "a concrete way to contribute locally and nationally to the work of peace." Fifty percent of this offering funds our denomination's Peacemaking Program which:

- brings in International Peacemakers
- shares conferences
- advocates for active nonviolent solutions to conflicts, and
- equips all Presbyterians to bear witness to how we can live out our faith in the midst of challenge and violence

The other half of the offering is equally split between peacemaking ministries in the Presbytery and Synod and local peacemaking ministries.

This year Northminster's share will be given to the ministry of On-the-Rise, which serves at-risk youth in Clark County struggling with family, social, educational, and behavioral issues. On-the-Rise is set on an eight-acre farm outside of Springfield (Rt. 41 west to Dialton Rd in North Hampton). The staff offers activities promoting responsibility, compassion, work ethic and positive self-image. These activities include cooking, cleaning, caring for animals, sewing and gardening. Tutors provided by the Wittenberg Community Service Program are available to help with homework. On-the-Rise sells farm fresh brown eggs from free-range chickens and goat meat. To find out more, call 964-1402 or go online to www.on-the-rise.org.

Grant Received to Fund Breakfast at the Clifton Avenue Church of God Food Pantry

The Mission Committee applied for and received a \$2,000 grant from the Northminster Mission Fund through the Presbytery of the Miami Valley. The application highlighted our efforts to support the work of this Food Pantry, including not only the monthly breakfast but also our food drives and monetary gifts from Presbyterian Women.

August 18th was a big day at the Pantry as it was the annual school supply give away. Those on the breakfast crew were inundated with the large crowd! The statistics show 99 families were served that day (129 adults and 138 kids). An estimated 200 meals were served. (The adults and kids served is based on the number in the family. Not all family members would have come to the pantry.)

Many thanks to our breakfast crews who cook, serve and clean up the breakfast; to the Deacons for coordinating the food drives; to the members who donate food; and to Presbyterian Women for giving your monetary support.

Watch for news about another Habitat for Humanity Work Day.

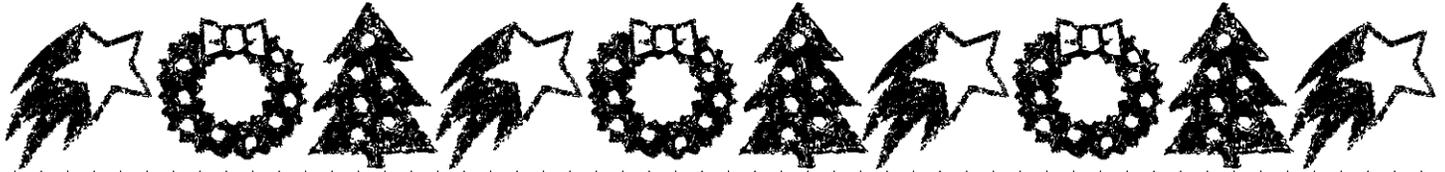
Susan Dersch, Chair
Mission Committee



Northminster Presbyterian Church *Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale*

Saturday, November 3, 2012

9AM to 3PM



Drawing at 2:30
on day of bazaar.

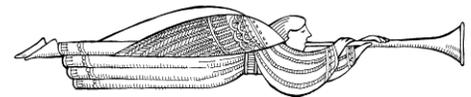
RAFFLE ITEMS

One drawing
for each item.

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



Wall
Hanging



Stained Glass Angel

Bath/Body GIFT Basket
Book GIFT Basket

Items will be on display as they are finished.
Handmade by members of the church.

Raffle tickets will be available in October from circle leaders.



- * **Tree Trims**
- * ***Kids' Corner***
- * **Needlework**
- * ***Thanksgiving Decorations***
- * **Second Time Around Shop**

Pancake Breakfast
7:30 AM to 10:00 AM

Café Noel
Lunch
11:30 AM
to 1:30 PM



Most Needlework and Items Handmade

We invite you, your family, friends, and neighbors to this wonderful all-church event.
Proceeds support mission projects inside and outside of the church.



Northminster Presbyterian Church

October 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:00 Constitution Class 9:30 YWM 10:00 PW Board	2 9:00 Bazaar Workshop	3 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Youth First 7:15 Choir	4 6:00 Springfield Dulcimer Club	5	6 8:00 Pancake Breakfast
7 World Communion Blood Pressure Screening Extravagant Generosity Sermon Series Deacons' Dinner No Forum	8 Columbus Day 9:00 Constitution Class 6:00 Grandview Condo Meeting 7:15 Esther Circle	9 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 6:30 Deacon Meeting 6:30 Christian Ed. 7:00 Argonne Lane N. Condo Meeting	10 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Youth First 7:15 Choir	11 11:00 Ruth Circle	12	13
14 Extravagant Generosity Sermon Series 11:15 Adult Forum	15	16 7:00 Men's Breakfast @ Perkins 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 6:30 Green Lawn III Condo Meeting	17 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Youth First 7:15 Choir	18	19	20 Clifton Ave. Breakfast and Food Pantry
21 Eli Williams Guest Worship Leader 11:15 Adult Forum	22 Newsletter Deadline 6:00 Finance 6:30 Remembrance Quilt Guild	23 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 7:00 Session Meeting	24 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Youth First 7:15 Choir	25	26	27
28 All Saints' Sunday Extravagant Generosity Sermon Series 11:15 Adult Forum	29 6:00 Set-up for Bazaar	30 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 10:00 Set-up for Bazaar	31 9:30 Mail Newsletter 10:00 Set-up for Bazaar 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Youth First 7:15 Choir	November 1 10:00 Set-up for Bazaar 6:00 Esther Circle Making "Buckeyes" for the bazaar	November 2 10:00 Set-up for Bazaar	November 3 

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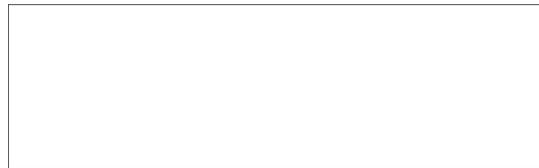
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| October 6 | Pancake Breakfast |
| October 7 | World Communion
Blood Pressure Screening
Deacons' Dinner |
| October 16 | Men's Breakfast @ Perkins |
| October 20 | Clifton Ave. Breakfast |
| October 23 | Session Meeting |



	WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY	WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY Peacemaking Offering Deacons' Dinner <i>Sunday, October 7th</i>
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NORTHMINSTER'S PURPOSE STATEMENT

Northminster Presbyterian Church will develop disciples
of Jesus Christ and learn to follow the way of Jesus.