

# THE NORTHERN LIGHT

MAY 2013

ISSUE 5

## *A Word from the Pastor . . .*

The Matthew 25 Scripture, where the gospel portrays the final judgment, played and still plays a central role in my Christian faith. The scene depicted is where the sheep are separated from the goats before the throne of God. During my teen years it was central to my faith, out of fear, of not wanting to be among the goats when it came time for the sorting. God's words that ring out from this passage are "... as you have done to the least of these my children so have you done unto me."

Now at 41, I look at it more as an indication of how we are called to exercise our Christian faith by caring "for the least of these." People that are vulnerable and hurting are in special need of God's care and God provides it. As followers of Jesus Christ we are invited to be part of that care.

Thankfully, our salvation depends on being saved by Grace through faith and not on our works. However, our rightful response to this Grace is to embody God's Grace to those who are in need. Our works spring from the gratitude of being loved by God. It isn't just followers of Jesus who are capable of this kindness and love. Whenever kindness and love are practiced, it is a reflection of the best nature within humanity.

The bombings at the Boston Marathon were despicable. But even in the face of violence there were many who rushed to provide help. Fred Rogers, television's Mr. Rogers, was a Presbyterian pastor. His mother offered wise words in response to disaster. Mr. Rogers said the following, "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping."

When we look for the helpers we are able to recognize the good in humanity even in the face of the evil choice of some to commit acts of violence and murder. So the way you and I can find hope is to look at the helpers and the way God shines through them. There were law enforcement, firefighters, EMTs, race volunteers, runners, spectators, military personnel and so many who ran TOWARD the explosions. Their response is a testament to the light of God and the goodness within people. (continued on next page)



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please contact the editor so a  
correction can be made.

Thank You

Deana Knotts, Newsletter Editor

Pastor's Page continued

There were news stories that people in Boston and the surrounding areas were opening up their homes to provide a place to stay for the marathon runners and their friends who were stranded because of their thwarted travel plans. The residents of Boston not only gave them a place to stay, but also a hot meal and any assistance they were able to provide. Reports were given, too, that the marathon runners, after having run 26.2 miles, ran a little further. They continued to run to the hospital so that they might donate blood to those who were injured in the blasts.

These acts of selflessness and hospitality point to a light of hope in the midst of darkness. The light that dwells within us as Christians is the Light of the World, Jesus Christ. That light is the power of love and of good that is greater than all evil and darkness. John 1:5 we read a few minutes ago speaks to this. "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." I pray God's continued care for all who are victims of violence in every nation that we may learn the way of peace. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy. Amen.

*Dwight*



**Our High School Graduates**

Northminster is proud of its three graduating seniors! Congratulations to Eric Barga, Xavier Cost, and Dylan Hooper! Tentative plans are to recognize the three in worship on June 2. Watch the worship bulletin for confirmation on this date. Please join us in wishing them well.



**Mother's Day**  
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 Sunday,  
 May 12th

**Session Highlights**

The Session met in regular stated meeting April 16, 2013. The Moderator, Rev. Dwight McCormick, opened the meeting at 7:00 PM, with Scripture reading and prayer.

Session met with and received into membership Judy Heaton (a member of the former Oakland Presbyterian Church). She will be publicly received during worship on April 28.

The pastor reported his plans for taking vacation and continuing education time: he will be on vacation June 20 through June 30 and July 30 through August 4, and on continuing education August 5 through August 11. He will arrange for pulpit supply for June 23, June 30, August 4 and August 11.

Finance Committee: The printed financial report and balance sheet shows that total income for January through March was \$46,724 and total expenses were \$48,703, producing a deficit of \$1,979. Committee member Kevin Creager pointed out that the January deficit (\$4,122) has shrunk by \$2,143; the committee had predicted that the large January deficit would be made up in the coming months.

Session approved proposals from the Mission Committee to receive the special Pentecost Offering on May 19<sup>th</sup>, and to give Northminster's share of that offering to Oesterlen Services for Youth. Session also approved the committee's intention to promote the sale of luminaries for Relay for Life, beginning in May.

Session approved the slate of officers and of Nominating Committee members-at-large to be elected at the April 28<sup>th</sup> congregational meeting.

The next stated meeting of Session is May 21, 2013 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

"While it is true that without a vision the people perish, it is doubly true that without action the people and their vision perish as well."  
 -Jonetta B. Cole  
*Apple Seeds*  
 from the Joyful Noiseletter, May-June 2013

# 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, May 13th**

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Place:** Church

**Hostess:** Nancy Baker and Sue Stucky

**Program:** Salad Supper

### Ruth Circle

**Leader: Joyce Carpenter**

*Meets 2nd Thursday*

**Meeting Date: Thursday, May 9**

**Time:** 11:00 a.m.

**Place:** Church

### PW UPCOMING DATES

June 8.....Yard Sale

November 2.....Holiday Bazaar

## HEALTH NEWS from . . . *the Parish Nurse Nancy Jean Graves* May 2013 FIBROMYALGIA

According to the Mayo Clinic's web site, mayoclinic.com, fibromyalgia is a disorder characterized by widespread musculoskeletal pain accompanied by fatigue, sleep, memory, and mood issues. Doctors don't know what causes fibromyalgia but believe there are a variety of factors working together.

Researchers believe that fibromyalgia amplifies painful sensations by affecting the way your brain processes pain signals. Symptoms may sometimes appear following physical trauma, infection, significant stress or may occur gradually without any other particular event. Women are more often affected than men.

According to the aforementioned website, the pain associated with fibromyalgia is often a constant dull ache occurring in muscles on both sides of the body. It is also characterized by additional pain when firm pressure is applied to specific areas of the body called tender points. This disorder also causes people to awaken tired even though they may have slept for a long period of time. Sleep is frequently disrupted by pain and other sleep disorders such as sleep apnea or restless leg syndrome may further worsen symptoms.

Although there is no cure, a physician can choose from a wide variety of medications to ease symptoms. Exercise, relaxation, and stress reduction activities may also help.

Submitted by:  
Sue Markley, Urbana United Methodist Church



### SPRING CLEANING

The storage room, behind the kitchen in the lower level, will be undergoing a "spring cleaning." Please tag items that are to be saved or they will be removed. Thanks!

### REFERRALS for HELP WANTED

If anyone has the name of a business/individual that they would recommend for help with yard care, window cleaning, or other miscellaneous home maintenance projects, please contact the church office (399-0838). We would like to make the information available to members and friends that have a need for these types of services. Thank you.

### **An Announcement**

The Personnel Committee at Northminster has difficult and sad news to report. It is with regret that the Session has accepted the resignation of Lydia Smith-Lockwood as our Director of Music. Lydia has accepted a position as Choir Director at Covenant Presbyterian Church of Springfield. We wish Lydia well at her future position and will miss her and the talent she brought to our music program.

The Personnel Committee is close to hiring an organist and has several possibilities in mind for our future Director of Music. Prayers for the search process are appreciated.

We have included Lydia's letter of resignation below to share her sentiments on the difficulty of making this decision.

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Dear Members of Northminster Presbyterian,

I have decided to announce my resignation at the end of August from my position as Director of Music.

I have spent the better part of the last decade getting to know you and love you as my family. You have shared in my life and the life of my children and I have shared in your joys and concerns. Northminster has provided me with a place to share my talents and your openness to a variety of worship styles is a gift that you give to one another on a weekly basis. The outreach and dedication of Northminster Presbyterian members to their greater Springfield community and to each other is a joy that I will carry with me as I move forward in my journey.

I have decided to accept a position at Covenant Presbyterian as the Choir Director. This decision was not reached lightly and my angst in the decision making came from my love of my choir and bell members and the members of the church. I will always be a part of Northminster and I am willing to help in any way with the transition period that will follow this announcement.

Love,

Lydia Smith-Lockwood

**Ladies & Gentlemen!**

Now is the time for spring cleaning because . . .

It's the Presbyterian Women's Yard Sale

**Saturday, June 8, 2013**

**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 6!** Items will be accepted beginning Monday, June 3 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 or June Hughes 323-6957.

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**\*\*DONATION SHEET\*\***

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle time when you can work the day of the sale, Saturday, June 8, 2013.

**8:30 - 10:30**

**10:30 - 12:30**

**12:30 - 2:00**

We will be pricing and sorting June 3 through June 7. What day and time can you help?

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

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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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Mission Committee News

### **Thank You!**

...to Joe and Marta Stalder and Bill and Cindy Chesnut for preparing and serving our Easter breakfast. They served about 56 people.

...to the generous contributors who attended the breakfast as they covered all the expenses!

...to all who contributed to the One Great Hour of Sharing. A total of \$ \$1,253 was raised for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Self-Development of People.

...to all our cooks and servers who help with the monthly breakfast at the Clifton Avenue Church of God food pantry. Special thanks to Jim Griffin and Bob Triebelhorn, who take turns leading the cooking crew, and Emily Spriggs and Diana Schneider, who share the duty of buying the food and ensuring all supplies get to the church.

### **Coming Up....**

Watch for information about the **Pentecost Offering** in the next few weeks, with a video, minute for mission and bulletin inserts. May 19<sup>th</sup> is Pentecost Sunday, but envelopes will be in the bulletins on prior Sundays as well. This offering enables the church to encourage, develop and support young people and help at-risk children. The offering is divided among the following:

25% - youth ministry

25% - young adult volunteer opportunities

10% - child advocacy

40% - a local ministry that benefits children at risk



The local portion of this offering will go to support the work of Oesterlen Services for Youth.

**Relay for Life luminaries** will be sold in the family room before and after worship. We hope to have these available to the congregation by Sunday, May 5. Relay for Life will be May 31 and June 1.

### **How Can I Serve?**

To help with the monthly breakfast at the pantry, contact Emily Spriggs (399-1473) or come at 8:30 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month to see what it's all about!

To help Oesterlen Services for Youth on a regular basis, save your Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Labels for Education. Lists of products involved are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

To help determine the mission opportunities available to Northminster's congregation, consider joining the Mission Committee! Just call Susan Dersch at 629-0792.

-Susan Dersch, Committee Chair

#### **BREAKFAST CREW for CLIFTON AVE. BREAKFAST MAY 18, 2013**

TEAM TWO—Leader: Jim Griffin

Barbara Benston

Bill Benston

Irene Hughes

Diana Schneider

Lois Shroyer

**Lectionary Readings/Worship Schedule for May**

**Sunday, May 5**

*6th Sunday of Easter*

*Blood Pressure Screening*

Acts 16:9-15; *Psalm 67*; Revelation 21:10, 21:22—22:5

John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

**Sunday, May 12**

*Mother's Day*

Acts 16:16-34; *Psalm 97*; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

**Sunday, May 19**

*Day of Pentecost*

*Communion*

*Deacons' Picnic*

Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9

*Psalm 104:24-34, 35b*; Romans 8:14-17 or

Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17 (25-27)

**Sunday, May 26**

*Trinity Sunday*

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; *Psalm 8*

Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

**DEACONS' PICNIC**

Join us after worship on  
**Pentecost Sunday, May 19th**  
for a picnic hosted by our deacons.

The deacons will be providing  
the hamburgers, hot dogs, buns & drinks.



**Those with a last name beginning:**  
**A-M bring a side dish**  
**N-Z bring a dessert**

Mark your calendars now and plan to join us!



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- May 3 Kevin Creager
- May 11 Virginia Binkley
- May 16 Jerilyn Hines
- May 16 Ryan Hooper
- May 18 Eric Barga
- May 21 Marcia Barga
- May 27 Diana Harrison
- May 29 Helen Parker
- May 31 Christine Sherry

**UPDATED ADDRESSES  
and PHONE NUMBERS**

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Springfield, OH 45503

*Joyce Bruce*

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*Dwilla Cramer*

2213 Montego Dr.  
Springfield, OH 45503  
937-717-5794

*Dick and Jane Johnson*

Eaglewood Village  
3001 Middle Urbana Rd. Apt. 221  
Springfield, OH 45502  
937-399-9505

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER**

*Judith Heaton*

2929 Old Columbus Ave.  
Springfield, OH 45503  
937-322-4450

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:00 Women's Bible Study—Library 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Youth First 7:15 Choir	2 6:00 Dulcimer Club	3	4 8:00 Pancake Breakfast
5 Blood Pressure Screening	6 10:00 PW Board  7-10 "Footloose" Rehearsal	7 5:30 Election Day Polling Place 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 6:30 Christian Ed. Meeting 7:00 Women's Bible Study @ Harrison's 7-10 "Footloose" Rehearsal	10:00 Women's Bible Study—Library 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Youth First 7:15 Choir  7-10 "Footloose" Rehearsal	9 11:00 Ruth Circle  7-10 "Footloose" Rehearsal	10  7-10 "Footloose" Rehearsal	11
12  Mother's Day	13 6:00 Esther Circle Salad Supper  7-10 "Footloose" Rehearsal	14 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 6:30 Deacons' Meeting 7:00 Property Meeting 7:00 Women's Bible Study @ Harrison's 7-10 "Footloose" Rehearsal	15 10:00 Women's Bible Study—Library 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Youth First 7:15 Choir 7-10 "Footloose" Rehearsal	16  7-10 "Footloose" Rehearsal	17  7-10 "Footloose" Rehearsal	18 Clifton Ave. Breakfast
19 <i>Pentecost</i> <i>Communion</i>  <i>Deacons' Picnic</i>	20 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 1:00 Quilt Guild 1/2 Day Workshop 6:15 Personnel Committee 7-10 "Footloose" Rehearsal	21 7a Men's Breakfast @ Perkins N. Limestone 9a Bazaar Workshop 6p Finance Committee 7p Women's Bible Study @ Harrison's 7p Session Meeting 7-10 "Footloose" Rehearsal	22 10:00 Women's Bible Study—Library 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Youth First 7:15 Choir  7-10 "Footloose" Rehearsal	23  7-10 "Footloose" Rehearsal	24  7-10 "Footloose" Rehearsal	25
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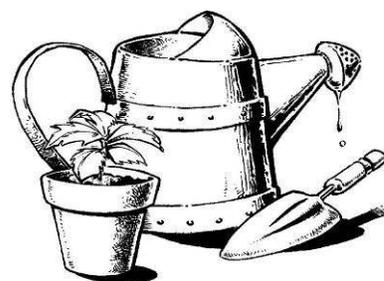
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## May 2013

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| <b>May 4</b>  | <b>Pancake Breakfast</b>                       |
| <b>May 7</b>  | <b>Election Day Polling Place</b>              |
| <b>May 12</b> | <b>Mother's Day</b>                            |
| <b>May 18</b> | <b>Clifton Ave. Breakfast</b>                  |
| <b>May 19</b> | <b>Pentecost/Communion<br/>Deacons' Picnic</b> |
| <b>May 21</b> | <b>Session Meeting</b>                         |
| <b>May 27</b> | <b>Memorial Day Observed—Office Closed</b>     |



# MAY

Let your roots grow down into him,  
and let your lives be built on him.  
Then your faith will grow strong,  
in the truth you were taught  
and you will overflow with thankfulness.  
Colossians 2:7

### **NORTHMINSTER'S PURPOSE STATEMENT**

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