

(Pastor's page continued)

This will involve you and I re-thinking evangelism. The session has already gone through the process. Along with weekly classes we have engaged in daily prayer and Scripture reading. In the book Reese provides some models for "real-life" evangelism and describes how we can practice practical evangelism. The book draws on hundreds of conversations with pastors, church leadership and congregation members in communities of faith that have demonstrated multiple baptisms and conversions as part of their ministry. Reese shares with the reader some practices that can be utilized in other congregations.

There is an obvious truth that underlies the premise of evangelism that she mentions in her book. In order to *share* about a relationship with God, we must HAVE a relationship with God. The book helps us there as well. It is not just a study of thriving congregations that engage in effective evangelism, it provides devotional material that helps us grow in our Christian faith while we're learning how to share the story of our faith.

I want to invite you to experience the congregational version of the book called *Unbinding Your Heart*. We will do so following worship in Sunday school adult forum beginning September 22nd and continuing through November 3rd. (No forum on October 6th due to the deacons' dinner).

I promise that through your participation we will be renewed in our faith through the Holy Spirit. We may even experience God in a way we never have. I am excited to see how the Holy Spirit has been at work and will continue to work through this process of getting us all excited about the love of Jesus Christ.

There will be a sign up sheet beside the visitor table in the family room for people who would like to have the book. It will be necessary to begin ordering the copies by September 8th so that they will arrive in time for you to have read chapter one before our first class. Please make it a point to share with me that you plan to attend or ask questions about the class.

I want to also ask that you not wait until September 22nd to begin attending Sunday school adult forum. Start off the year of adult forum on September 8th with a two-week study of "Creationism, Evolution, and Intelligent Design". It is a study from *The Thoughtful Christian*. So the first two weeks of class come hear what Presbyterians believe about the relationship between science and Christian faith. If you have a strong opinion about it, make sure you attend so the discussion will be even livelier.

Then come on September 22nd and the following Sundays to learn what evangelism is and why we are called to do it. I look forward to this fall's worship and Christian Education programs and invite you to attend and see how the Holy Spirit can and will transform us and the world in the process.

Dwight

September Birthdays



Sharon Jenkins	September 5
Dylan Hooper	September 6
Joyce Bruce	September 7
Nate Smith	September 10
Gay Steiner	September 14
Howard Garrett	September 18
Laura Brush	September 19
Adam Stout	September 23
Diana Schneider	September 24
Dwilla Cramer	September 27
Chris Molnar	September 27
Joan Watson	September 28

A Note of Thanks

The Sparks family offers great appreciation for all who have expressed, in so many ways, their compassion during these months of Carol's illness.

Regular Office Hours Resume September 3rd

Monday	8AM to 2PM
Tuesday	8AM to 2PM
Wednesday	Office Closed
Thursday	8AM to 2PM
Friday	8AM to 2PM

The bookkeeper maintains office hours on Mon & Thurs.
The office manager is in the office Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri.

Session Highlights

The Session met in regular stated meeting August 20, 2013. The Moderator, Rev. Dwight McCormick, opened the meeting at 7:30 PM, with prayer.

The first 45 minutes were spent in an exercise from the "Unbinding the Gospel" study, trying to "see" Northminster through the eyes of first-time visitors and detect any "barriers" that might be present. Several ideas were offered of small changes that could make our church even more welcoming and "user-friendly" than it already is.

Finance Committee: The printed financial report and balance sheet shows that total income for January through July was \$102,148 and total expenses were \$114,614, producing a deficit of \$12,466.

Property committee reported that they are checking into having tuck pointing at the base of the clerestory repaired. Also that Buck's tree service has begun removal of the three ash trees outside the east entrance at a cost of \$1200. The trees are dying from emerald ash borer infestation and can't be saved.

The Pastor brought a request from a community children's theater group to use Northminster's facility for rehearsal space during September and October; children ages 7-13 will be involved. Session approved the request, contingent on there being adequate adult supervision and that they work around the groups already scheduled to use church space.

The next stated meeting of Session is September 17, 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

CHURCH CORPORATION

President	Kent Sherry
Vice President	Bill Carpenter
Clerk of Session	Lois Shroyer
Treasurer	Bill Harrison



Elders

Class of 2014

Bill Carpenter
Jim Cutler
Don Hughes
Denise Molnar

Class of 2015

Kevin Creager
Susan Dersch
Diana Schneider
Bob Triebelhorn

Class of 2016

Carl Ahlm
Julie Griffin
Terry Rigio
Charles Vanarsdall

Deacons

Class of 2014

Rob Adams
LeaAnn Hoefer
Nate Smith

Class of 2015

Mark Brush
Ruth George
June Hughes

Class of 2016

Dee Ahlm
Emily Aldginer
Joe Stalder

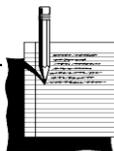
SESSION RECORDS

New Members

Sharon Hoyle
2943 Derr Rd.
Springfield, OH 45503
937-399-1253

Michelle Rhoads
Gabrielle Evans (daughter)
2729 Hilltop Ave.
Springfield, OH 45503
937-390-0606

Charles and Lynda McMahan
5625 Willowdale Road
Springfield, OH 45502
937-305-7180



Deaths

Richard Thomas 05-20-13
John King 07-04-13
Bertha Melton 08-20-13
Carol Sparks 08-23-13

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Infant Baptism

Owen Burdell Smith
08-18-13
Parents:
Nate and Kate Smith

HEALTH NEWS from . . .
the Parish Nurse Nancy Jean Graves
September 2013
BROKEN HEART SYNDROM

Broken Heart Syndrome is a temporary heart condition brought on by a stressful situation. It's believed that a sudden surge of stress hormones creates chest pain similar to having a heart attack. The symptoms (chest pain, shortness of breath, irregular heartbeat and weakness) are treatable and the condition usually resolves in about a week. These symptoms indicate an emergency, and medical assistance should be sought immediately.

Physical and/or emotional stress often precedes a diagnosis of Broken Heart Syndrome. Examples are: news of an unexpected death, serious medical diagnosis, domestic abuse, financial loss, a surprise party, performing publicly, or an infection, asthma attack or car accident. Most people who have Broken Heart Syndrome are women over 50.

Diagnosis is made through personal and physical history, ECG, chest x-ray, echocardiogram and blood tests.

There are no treatment guidelines for this disorder. Heart medications are prescribed during the recovery period to reduce the workload on the heart. Since symptoms of Broken Heart Syndrome are not caused by blocked arteries, procedures typically used to treat heart attacks are not helpful. A recurrence of symptoms can occur. Many doctors prescribe medication that block the effects of stress hormones on the heart. Managing stress is also important.

Submitted by: Mary Caputo, RN
 St. Teresa Church

AN AFTERNOON OF AFFIRMING AGING

For anyone who is or will become OLD, someday—an afternoon of Affirming Aging—**Sunday, October 27, 2013** at Southminster Presbyterian Church 7001 Far Hills, Dayton beginning at 2:30 p.m. Workshops will feature pastors Kay David-Dudding, David Fleming and Sandy McConnel, as well as lay practitioners of the art of aging. Free, but please register! Details at: www.sminster.com/events.



CHURCH WORKDAY
Sunday, September 8th

The property committee invites everyone to wear their work clothes to church on September 8th and stay after worship for the annual church workday. Many projects are available inside and outside. There is something for everyone! A light lunch will be served.

“Many years ago, I was misdiagnosed by a psychiatrist and given 30 electric shock treatments and 25 insulin shock treatments. But they didn’t help.

“I found prayer and humor helped heal me. I collected books of jokes to lift myself and others. I also was helped by a prayer a lady in Missouri gave me. She said she had learned it as a child from her grandmother, who had been a slave.

“Good morning, God. This is Your day. I am your child. Show me the way. Thank you, God, very much!”

“Bless you in your ministry.”

-Anonymous
 Ventura, IA
 From *The Joyful Noiseletter*

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, September 9th
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Church
Program: Salad Supper
Hostess: Cindy Chesnut
Please bring a salad to share!

RUTH CIRCLE

Leader: Joyce Carpenter
Meets 2nd Thursday
Meeting Date: Thursday, September 12th
Ruth Circle will meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 12th. June Hughes and Joyce Carpenter will be the hostesses. Please bring a sandwich for lunch, everything else will be provided.

BAZAAR WORKSHOP

It's that time of the year again! All women are invited to join us on Tuesday mornings **beginning September 3rd** from 9AM until 12 noon as we gear up and start to work on craft items for our **Annual Holiday Bazaar** on Saturday, **November 2nd**. This is a great way to spend time with other women of the church and develop new friendships. Come and enjoy a cup of coffee and some conversation while we work together for a great cause! Monies from the bazaar help support local mission projects. For more information contact Joan Generous at 969-8130. Hope to see you there!!!

An Invitation to Women in the Church

Presbyterian Women would like to encourage each woman in the church (members and friends) to become more active in the work of this organization. Please consider this a special invitation to visit one P.W. circle this fall. Meetings start in September. If you are already attending a circle, try to invite someone to join your group this fall.

Some of the activities of Northminster P.W. are as follows: Fundraisers include the Christmas Bazaar (held the first Saturday in November) and a yard sale in the spring. Funds raised through these activities are used for local mission work and church projects. Bazaar workshop volunteers meet on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon from March until June and September until the Bazaar. The work involves a variety of craft projects which are then sold at the Bazaar. More workers are always in demand.

Each year the P.W. Board plans a spring dinner and a Christmas dinner to which the entire congregation is invited.

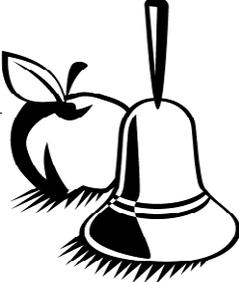
You really can't know what you are missing until you come and experience the feeling of belonging to a "special group" of *faith, fellowship and fun*. So make an extra effort to visit a circle—you will be welcomed with open arms!!



*Due to the Labor Day holiday, the next P.W. Board Meeting will be Monday, **September 9th at 10 AM***

September 2013

Northminster Presbyterian Church
www.northminsterspringfield.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Blood Pressure Screening	2 Office Closed 	3 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 6:30 Mission Cmte 7:00 Play Rehearsal	4 7:00 Youth First 7:00 Play Rehearsal	5 6:00 Springfield Dulcimer Club 7:00 Play Rehearsal	6	7 8:00 Pancake Breakfast 10:00 Zumba Fitness Class
8 Communion Sunday School Classes Begin Church Workday	9 10:00 PW Board 6:00 Esther Circle 7:00 Play Rehearsal	10 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 6:30 Deacons' Meeting 7:00 Play Rehearsal	11 7:00 Youth First 7:00 Play Rehearsal	12 11:00 Ruth Circle 7:00 Play Rehearsal	13	14 10:00 Zumba Fitness Class
15	16 Newsletter Deadline	17 7a Men's Breakfast 9a Bazaar Wrkshp 6p Finance Cmte 7p Session Meeting 7:00 Play Rehearsal	18 6:00 Personnel Cmte 7:00 Youth First 7:00 Play Rehearsal	19 7:00 Play Rehearsal	20	21 Clifton Ave. Breakfast 10:00 Zumba Fitness Class
22 First Day of Fall	23 6:30 Remembrance Quilt Guild	24 9:00 Bazaar Wrkshp 7:00 Play Rehearsal	25 9:30 Mail Newsletter 7:00 Youth First 7:00 Play Rehearsal	26 7:00 Play Rehearsal	27	28 10:00 Zumba Fitness Class
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LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday, September 1

Jeremiah 2:4-13; *Psalm 81:1,10-16*
 Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sunday, September 8

Communion

Jeremiah 18:1-11; *Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18*
 Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

Sunday, September 15

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; *Psalm 14*
 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

Sunday, September 22

Jeremiah 8:18—9:1; *Psalm 79:1-9*
 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

Sunday, September 29

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; *Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16*
 1 Timothy 6:6-19; *Luke 16:19-31*

C.A.F.E. (Coffee and Fellowship Express)

A Mission of Our Church

Please contact Tom Stout, Café Coordinator, (325-2604) if you would be interested in hosting the Café. Below are some guidelines to help.

Preparation starts at 8:45 a.m. on Sunday. Plug in the coffee maker and prepare the Café for choir members who arrive about 9:00 a.m. They may want a cup of coffee. Instructions for the coffee maker are posted on the wall next to the coffee maker in the kitchen.

Put out juices and milk for the children. Have finger foods such as cheese cubes, crackers, donuts, cookies, seedless grapes, raisins, sliced apples, sliced pineapple, orange slices, nuts, or other fruits in season. There are trays, plates, and baskets for your use or you may use your own. Tablecloths are available also. The cost of the food is about \$20.

Have a basket for donations. You may use the donations to offset the cost of the Café or you may turn them in to the office as a donation. Put in an envelope and mark it Café.

If you use the church's items, please wash and put away. The tablecloth should be washed and returned. Please rinse out all of the coffee utensils when finished.



**ADULT FORUM
 RESUMES SEPTEMBER 8th**

The Adult Forum resumes on September 8th at 11:15 with a two session study:

**“Creationism, Evolution, and Intelligent Design:
 What’s a Christian to Believe?”**

Elders Jim Cutler and Lois Shroyer will facilitate this study in which we will try to understand what are the definitions and the implications of these three terms. The focus is on healthy faith and good science. Participant handouts will be available on Sunday, September 1st, so that you can read the lesson before the class. Please come and join in the discussion.

September 22nd we begin the “Unbinding the Gospel” study which will run through November 3rd.

New Women’s Study Group

We are starting a new Women’s Study this fall. The book is *Victoriously Frazzled -- the Frazzled Female’s Guide to Restoring Her Sanity*. It is a 6 week study that is a bit lighter than our previous Beth Moore study. It takes approximately 15 minutes of study each day and is 6 weeks in length. We are hoping to start the class in September.

The book is small and less than 100 pages. A quote from the book: “Single, or married, children or none, young or old, whatever your status in life, you may be living totally out of balance. If so, you’re likely feeling restless, maybe hopeless, and possibly defeated because of your circumstances. Rest assured, dear sister, God has something far better in mind for you!” The book discusses looking at our life schedule and trying to improve the balance.

More information on the specifics of the study will be coming.

*Sue Creager
 Diana Harrison
 Julie Griffin*

A Reminder to Wear Your Nametag!

We are asking everyone to please remember to wear their nametag during worship on Sunday morning. If a visitor needs a nametag, please see an usher or a greeter.

NORTHMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE NORTHERN LIGHT
Issue 7



September 2013

September 1	Blood Pressure Screening
September 2	Labor Day—Office Closed
September 7	Pancake Breakfast
September 8	Communion
	Sunday School Classes Begin
	Church Workday
September 16	Newsletter Deadline
September 17	Session Meeting
September 21	Clifton Ave. Breakfast

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MATTHEW 28:19



NORTHMINSTER'S PURPOSE STATEMENT

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