

THE NORTHERN LIGHT

MAY 2014

ISSUE 5

Vacation Bible School June 9 thru 13, 2014 6:00 to 8:30 P.M.

VBS is coming soon! It will be June 9 thru 13, 2014 from 6:00 to 8:30 P.M. We are planning for around 50 children. Please put those dates and times on your calendar and bring children, grandchildren, friends, etc. We are going to have a GREAT time!

We have figured the cost for VBS materials to be about \$25.00 per child. This cost will be split between our church and Covenant Presbyterian Church as we are joining forces to present VBS for both congregations here at Northminster.

We could use your help to cover some of the expense of these materials. If you are able and would like to sponsor a child, we would really appreciate your help. We are asking those who are able to sponsor a child for \$10.00 each. You can sponsor as many children as you would like. Any money donated will go to pay for materials, decorations, certificates, registration forms, etc.

Please help! Be a part of helping to continue God's teaching. Vacation Bible School is a valuable experience that children take with them as they grow in their religious education. There will be envelopes on the round table in the Family Room marked VBS. Please put your donation in the envelope, put your name on it and drop it in the collection plate. Donations can be made any time during the month of May.

The Christian Education Committee would like to thank you in advance for any support you can provide. We are looking forward to a great Vacation Bible School.

If you have any questions about the VBS sponsorship please talk with Lois Shroyer or Terry Rigio.

- *Christian Education Committee*



SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 A.M.

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Thank You

Deana Knotts, Newsletter Editor

An Update on the Memorial Console Project

The memorial console project is close to completion after several months of planning and execution. We (the Memorial Console Project Committee) are pleased with the looks of the console, the improvement in the traffic flow at the back of the sanctuary and having a central location for the audiovisual equipment and lighting.

One challenge has been making the sound system work properly. We have consulted with an audio technician that has run down several of the problems and repaired them. One additional adjustment may include replacing a wireless microphone receiver and microphone. Money for that will be raised or sought from existing memorial funds and not taken from the general budget.

Another aspect of the console project we celebrate is the addition of the LED lighting in the sanctuary. All of the lights in the chancel area and throughout the sanctuary have been replaced with LED bulbs that will last for thousands of hours without the need to replace them. This is a welcome change from the monthly need to change bulbs, as well as the challenge of replacing bulbs that are over 40 feet above the chancel area. The energy consumption has been dramatically reduced with the addition of the LED bulbs. One bulb from the previous lights used 150 or more watts. The new LED bulbs use around 25 watts per bulb. There is some discussion about the cost effectiveness of this purchase. Some folks have reasoned that the more expensive bulbs will not “pay for themselves” in energy savings until we have used them for many years. I encourage you to visit this website to see a comparison of energy consumption and cost of LED lighting with incandescent lighting.

http://eartheasy.com/live_led_bulbs_comparison.html The financial impact was only one factor in the decision.

The session weighed the savings in utility cost, along with the reduction of maintenance necessary, and the benefit of consuming less energy overall as good stewardship of the environment and voted to utilize the remaining Burt McKaig memorial funds in conjunction with the Carol Sparks Memorial funds to go forward with the upgrade to LEDs.

Another aspect of the upgrade was the addition of a remote wireless lighting control system that allows for flexibility in lighting scenarios. The way the LEDs are wired provides the ability to adjust lighting for special services such as baptisms, weddings, and Christmas Eve among others. If you attended the Maundy Thursday worship service then you were able to notice how the flexibility of these controls affected the worship experience in a positive...ahem...light.

Once we apply the “fix” to the audio system difficulty and have cosmetic work done to hide the wiring at the back of the sanctuary, the project will be complete. YOUR patience with its completion is appreciated. Thank you to all of the generous donors who made this project possible. On a personal note I offer thanks to the Memorial Console Project Committee: Paul Good, Frank Sparks, and Richard Bierley. Thank you as well to the session for your support.

Dwight

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Class of 2015

Kevin Creager
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Moderator—Nate Smith
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Session Highlights

The Session met in stated meeting April 15, 2014. Rev. Dwight McCormick opened the meeting at 7:00 PM, with prayer and with a reading of Matthew 26:6-19.

The first order of business was the pleasant one of meeting with two new-member candidates. Gini Collins is a long time member of First Presbyterian of Battle Creek, MI. Session approved receiving her by letter of transfer; she will be received publicly during worship on May 11. Chloe McCormick is finishing confirmation class (held jointly with Covenant) and wishes to join Northminster. After Chloe read her statement of faith and several session members shared with her about their own faith journeys, session approved receiving Chloe into membership during worship on May 4.

Pastor's Report: Rev. McCormick reported that he would be out of town May 19 through 26 attending a continuing education event. Commissioned Ruling Elder Margaret Haney will preach on May 25.

Finance Committee:

- The printed financial report and balance sheet for February was distributed. It shows that total income through March was \$49,395 and total expenses were \$50,351, producing a deficit of \$956. Pledges are up-to-date and the deficit has decreased significantly since the January report.
- The committee proposed, and session approved, a new way of doing the annual financial review. A task force of three church members (one from the Finance Committee) will perform the review using an outline, forms and checklists from the PC(USA).
- The Planned Giving Policy that was approved in May of 2011 was presented for review. The policy will be made available for congregation members to read.

Property Committee: Elder Robert Triebelhorn was approved as the new chair of the Property Committee, and thereby, as Vice-President of the Corporation.

Christian Ed Committee: on motions from the committee, session gave permission for the committee to spend funds for VBS expenses.

Mission Committee: on motions from the committee, session approved receiving the Pentecost offering on June 8th and giving Northminster's share (40 %) to Oesterlen Services for Youth.

Session approved a request to use the church building from May 12 through July 11 (except for VBS June 9-13) for rehearsal for the Summer Arts Festival play.

The next stated meeting of Session is May 27, 2014 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



American Cancer Society - Springfield, Ohio
Relay for Life June 13-14, 2014 Clark County Fairgrounds

Need Additional forms - Contact Toni Koogler at (937) 215-8834 or at e-mail: tkoogler64@aol.com

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life represents our hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one-day cancer will be eliminated. The Candle Lighting Ceremony is an integral part of the Relay for Life. It is an emotional and meaningful way to honor cancer survivors or remember a loved one who lost their life to cancer. The ceremony will be held at dusk at the Relay for Life event on **June 13th at the Relay for Life at the Clark County Fairgrounds**. You are encouraged to attend the Candle Lighting Ceremony and light your loved one's candle. However, if you are unable to attend the event a committee member will place your form on luminaries on the walking track and light the candle for you.

Please complete the form below and bring it to church with a minimum \$10 contribution to reserve your luminary. **Please use a separate form and submit a minimum of \$10 for each person you wish to honor with a luminary.** You can receive additional forms at the church May 11th, 18th and 25th at a table in the Family Room. Thank you for your continued support!

Luminary Order Form: (Please Print) (Please make checks payable to the American Cancer Society)

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ Team name & number _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Visa _____ MC _____ Am. Express _____ Discover _____ Exp. Date _____

Cardholder's Name _____

Cardholder's Phone # _____ Card # _____

Attach
Check
Here



2014

In Honor of:

In Memory of:

The form to the left will be the actual one placed on the plastic luminary container.

Check appropriate box for "In Honor of" or "In Memory of".

Please write or print the name along with any message you wish to have displayed.

Example:

John Doe -
We will always remember and love you dad!

Or

Mary Smith -
Wishing you a speedy and full recovery!

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Special Offerings

Thank you for your generosity as you support the Presbyterian Special Offerings. A total of \$1,223 was given to support the One Great Hour of Sharing, which is distributed among the Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%), Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%) and Self-Development of People (32%). Your gift helps ease hardships in the lives of our neighbors around the world.

On June 8th, Pentecost Sunday, the Pentecost Offering will be received. This offering focuses on the needs of children, youth and young adults:

- 40% remains with the congregation to be given to ministries with children at risk
- 60% goes to the Presbyterian Mission Agency, with 50% supporting ministries with youth and young adults and 10% for child advocacy/children at risk.

The session has approved our 40% going to Oesterlen Services for Youth. Oesterlen serves the emotional, behavior and psychological needs of troubled youth and their families, and they've been doing this work since 1903.

Box Tops and Labels

We also support Oesterlen's ministry by collecting Labels for Education and Box Tops for Education. Labels and Box Tops, especially Box Tops, are valuable to Oesterlen. Labels are counted and bundled, then redeemed for specific school classroom supplies described in a special Campbell's catalog. The Box Tops are converted directly to cash upon submission, which is used to benefit Oesterlen's educational program beyond the items redeemed with labels. Oesterlen benefits particularly by purchasing items for its on-grounds school with the proceeds from these collections.

Lists of participating products are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex, and there is an envelope in which you can place your labels and box tops.

Clifton Avenue Church of God Food Pantry

2014 marks the third year that our congregation has provided a monthly hot breakfast at the food pantry at the Clifton Avenue Church of God. Generally served on the third Saturday of the month, it's become known as the "good breakfast" as there is no consistent group that provides breakfast on the second Saturday of the month.

(The pantry is only open on the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of the month.) Participation in cooking and serving the breakfast has grown, and this year we now have three teams of cooks and servers to rotate throughout the year.

What started out with gifts of funds from individuals, evolved into being part of the budget, and the Mission Committee was able to secure funding for the last two years through grant funds available from the Presbytery. The funds were only available for two years, so the committee is considering options for raising funds to continue this important mission ministry.

In addition to the breakfast, the congregation has been generous with the food drives coordinated by the Deacons. These have been a great boost to keeping the pantry's shelves full. Finally, my recent request for assistance with computer equipment for the church brought the donation of a laptop that will be used by the church members who manage the church's finances, and the donation of funds with which the church was able to purchase a computer to fit their needs for the church office. Due to the age of the previous computers, the church was struggling to get a bulletin printed each week and to track the church's finances. The office manager had indicated it took her a full week to do the bulletin and sometimes she would do it at home because she could get it done in just a couple of hours rather than the many hours at the church. The generosity of our members has been an answer to prayers!

American Cancer Society Relay for Life

June 13 and 14

While Northminster will not field a team of walkers this year, we will be collecting funds for luminaries in honor and memory of our loved ones as a cure for cancer is sought. The Candle Lighting Ceremony will be held at dusk on June 13th at the Clark County Fairgrounds. The luminary form is included in this month's newsletter. For a minimum contribution of \$10 per luminary, you can reserve your luminary. Checks should be made payable to the American Cancer Society. May 11th, 18th and 25th, the Mission Committee will have a table set up in the Family Room to take completed forms and to provide blank forms for those who wish to donate.

- *Mission Committee*

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MAY 4

3rd Sunday of Easter
 Acts 2:14a, 36-41; *Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19*
 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

SUNDAY, MAY 11

4th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
 Acts 2:42-47; *Psalm 23*
 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10



SUNDAY, MAY 18

5th Sunday of Easter
 Acts 7:55-60; *Psalm 31:1-5; 15-16*
 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

SUNDAY, MAY 25

6th Sunday of Easter
Memorial Day Weekend
Guest Worship Leader: Margaret Haney
 Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
 1 Peter 3:13-22
 John 14:15-21

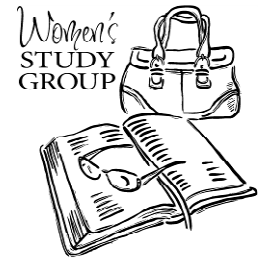


ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE

- May 4** Teachings on Salvation in *Glory to God*
Leader: Julie Griffin
- May 11** No Forum—Mother's Day
- May 18** Liturgy in *Glory to God*
- May 25** No Forum—Memorial Day Weekend

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

The Wednesday morning Women's Study Group will begin meeting on **May 7th** at 10AM in the church library.



We will use the daily meditation book, *40 Favorite Bible Verses* as the focus of our weekly discussion. New members are welcome. Please contact Sharon Stout at 325-2604.

Ushers & Greeters



*Open slots still need to be filled—
 please consider serving on one of these Sundays!*
Sign-up sheets are located on the information table outside the sanctuary doors.

GREETERS

May 4	John Emerich	Carol Emerich
May 11	Eileen Reeves	June Hughes
May 18	Jim Arnott	Sara Arnott
May 25	Gail Davis	Dick White
June 1	John Emerich	Carol Emerich
June 8	OPEN	OPEN
June 15	OPEN	OPEN
June 22	OPEN	OPEN
June 29	OPEN	OPEN

USHERS

May 4	Arthur Hoefler	LeaAnn Hoefler
May 11	Bob Triebelhorn	Ruth George
May 18	Charles Vanarsdall	Linda Vanarsdall
May 25	Bill Benston	Barbara Benston
June 1	OPEN	OPEN
June 8	John Emerich	Carol Emerich
June 15	OPEN	OPEN
June 22	OPEN	OPEN
June 29	OPEN	OPEN

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

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MAY MEETINGS

P.W. Board Meeting

Monday, May 5, 2014
10:00 AM
Church Library

Bazaar Workshop

Meets Tuesday
Mornings from
9 AM to 12 Noon
Lower Level Community Room

Esther Circle Meeting

Monday, May 12, 2014
6:00 PM
@ Collier's Restaurant
Call Janet Digel-Koerner
399-8777 to make
a reservation.

Ruth Circle Meeting

Thursday, May 8, 2014
11:00 AM
@ Teaberries Restaurant
Make a reservation by
calling Joyce Carpenter
at 390-1760.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:		May 18	Eric Barga
May 3	Kevin Creager	May 21	Marcia Barga
May 8	Gini Collins	May 27	Diana Harrison
May 11	Virginia Binkley	May 29	Helen Parker
May 16	Jerilyn Hines	May 31	Christine Sherry

CHURCH WORKDAY ~ Sunday, June 1, 2014
(Following Worship)

The Property Committee is hosting
a Church Workday on Sunday,
June 1st following worship.

A sign-up sheet and a list of projects
will be posted in the Family Room.



**CHURCH
WORKDAY**

Please wear casual "work" clothes to worship on that day.
A light lunch will be served.
We hope you will join us!

STAND UP for Safe Harbor House COMEDY NIGHT
CLEAN! FAMILY FRIENDLY!
All proceeds go to the Safe Harbor House

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2014 @ 7:30 PM
Northminster Presbyterian Church
400 Villa Road ~ Springfield, Ohio



3 Comedians!
Hosted by: Dwight McCormick
Headliner: Jeffrey Jena
with Jack Legg

Only \$10 per ticket
(donations beyond \$10 accepted)

Safe Harbor House provides safe transitional housing
for women coming out of difficult circumstances.
To learn more, visit safeharborhouse.org.

TO GET YOUR TICKETS: Call: (937) 717-8862
or Email: jackleggjr@gmail.com

May 2014

Northminster Presbyterian Church
Springfield, Ohio

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:00 Springfield Dulcimer Club	2	3 8:00 Pancake Breakfast
4 Blood Pressure Screening	5 10:00 PW Board Meeting	6 Election Day Polling Place 9:00 Bazaar Workshop	7 10:00 Women's Study Group 6:00 Bell Choir 7:15 Choir	8 11:00 Ruth Circle @ Teaberries Restaurant	9	10
11 <i>Mother's Day</i>	12 6:00 Esther Circle @ Collier's Restaurant	13 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 6:30 Deacons' Meeting 7:00 SAC Rehearsal	14 10:00 Women's Study Group 6:00 Bell Choir 7:15 Choir 7:00 SAC Rehearsal	15 6:30 VBS Task Force 7:00 SAC Rehearsal	16 7:00 SAC Rehearsal	17 Clifton Ave. Breakfast
18	19 Newsletter Deadline 6:30 Remembrance Quilt Guild 7:00 SAC Rehearsal	20 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 6:00 Finance Committee 7:00 VBS Leaders 7:00 SAC Rehearsal	21 10:00 Women's Study Group 6:00 Bell Choir 7:15 Choir 7:00 SAC Rehearsal	22 6:30 Property Cmte. Meeting 7:00 SAC Rehearsal	23 7:00 SAC Rehearsal	24
25 <i>Guest Worship Leader Margaret Haney</i>	26 <i>Memorial Day Office Closed</i>	27 9:00 Bazaar Workshop 7p Session Meeting 7:00 SAC Rehearsal	28 9:30 Mail Newsletter 10:00 Women's Study Group 6:00 Bell Choir 7:15 Choir 7:00 SAC Rehearsal	29 7:00 SAC Rehearsal	30 7:30 <i>Comedy Show Benefit/Fundraiser for Safe Harbor</i> 7:00 SAC Rehearsal	31

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- May 3 Pancake Breakfast 8AM
- May 4 Blood Pressure Screening
- May 11 Mother's Day
- May 17 Clifton Ave. Breakfast
- May 25 Guest Worship Leader Margaret Haney
- May 26 Memorial Day—Office Closed
- May 27 Session Meeting
- May 30 Comedy Show
Benefit/Fundraiser for Safe Harbor



Memorial Day

*Remember Those Who
Gave Their Lives*

**Live a life worthy of the calling you have received.
Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.**
Ephesians 4:1-2

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