

News & Views

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NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Our Future is Now Won't you join us?

BY DONNA SCHMAHL & ANDY LONGO, OFIN CO-CHAIRS

Three years ago our congregation embarked on a new journey as we were called to be Open to the Future. After more than 10 years of talking, visioning, dreaming, meeting, studying and preparing we decided together that it was time to act and we stepped out in faith to enhance our building and to make a significant commitment to ministry in the Broad Ripple Community and across the globe. The building project, included adding our Gathering Place, parking and youth meeting rooms as well as upgrading the office area, nursery and chancel. We also made significant upgrades to the heating/cooling system and other infrastructure. The first campaign was a great success and pledges of more than \$2.6 million were added to other donated funds to cover all but \$2.5 million of the total cost of the project.

However, the *Open to the Future* campaign was so much more than just a building project, it brought our church community together and provided the opportunity for members to recommit to the ministry and mission done through Northminster. As walls



came down and holes were dug, we too were creating visions for new ways to do mission and ministry at Northminster. Now it is time to step through the doorway and make the future into a reality.

OUR FUTURE IS NOW!

NOW – is the time to retire the building debt and continue to grow our annual pledges.
NOW- is the time to work more closely with School 55 and the children who will benefit from our Christian witness.
NOW – is the time to invite our friends and neighbors to join us in worship.

NOW – is the time to strengthen our music and youth programs.
NOW – is the time to build on our strengths.
NOW – is the time to SEEK, SERVE and EMBRACE.
NOW – is the time to share your time, talent and treasure to the Glory of God through Northminster Presbyterian Church.
NOW – is the time to reach out to our neighbors and offer opportunities for community building and Christian fellowship.

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Our Vision

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we celebrate God's love and follow Christ's teachings to seek, serve and embrace.

seek, serve and embrace



Pastoral pondering . . .

BY RUTH CHADWICK MOORE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR



Good news. That is the essence of the New Testament's word for evangelism. For some of us the word evangelism is associated with ideas and images of insensitivity, intrusiveness, judgment, legalism, or guilt. We are reminded of programs and procedures that the world and culture around us have deemed as manipulative, irrelevant and impersonal. We need a new paradigm, a reclaiming of what evangelism is: God's people joyfully and authentically telling and showing others that in and through Jesus Christ we are forgiven, we are redeemed, we are transformed, we have purpose and meaning in life, we are sent to authentically love and heal, to serve and work for justice, to be reconciled and reconcilers and to be stewards of God's creation. This is the Good News that the unchurched and the dechurched in our community desperately want to hear.

Evangelism is not about a program or method or even an event, it is about what some have called an "embodied apologetic" or a transformed life that

bears witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. It is not just what we say or how we say it, but also how we live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our community of faith and in the community we live in. Evangelism is a life-style of Christ-likeness, a lifestyle of living the Good News so that we can authentically enter into conversation, relationship and community with others. It is also a way to see conversion and transformation happen in people's lives. This is a call to Evangeliving. It is also a call for the church to engage our communities and culture with God's compassion, to be outreach focused and missionally minded.

This doesn't sound so scary does it? Your E-Team (see we don't even use the word Evangelism in our title!) is constantly planning ways for us to share the Good News of God's love in Jesus Christ. They need some help – can you see yourself a part of this group or have ideas for them to explore? If so contact Team Chair Jennifer Dzwonar at Jennifer.dzwonar@borshoff.biz or 585-8474. Look for upcoming information about an "Invite a Friend" Sunday in September.

As Teri comes back and our Fall meetings and programming begins, let's all be conscious of ways we can share the good news, ways we can invite people into our new building spaces, and ways we can reach out. That is my challenge for all of you this year – reach out, share, invite – seek, serve and embrace.

Ruth

Thank you to Andi Martin

Although Andi is no longer our pastoral associate, she will still be worshipping with us on occasion, so please try and stay in touch with her. The church office can provide you with her contact information. Andi is continuing to work on her Master of Divinity degree from CTS, so let's all encourage her to finish her seminary education. Andi was so helpful during Pastor Teri's sabbatical so I hope the next time you see her you can say thanks.

I Am Back!

My sabbatical is over and I am back at work - rested, refreshed and raring to go. I want to thank all of you for making this opportunity possible. Ruth, Andi, John and the rest of the staff did a great job and I am so grateful that I could go without worry that you would be well cared for. Thanks to everyone for the send off last April and the welcome back now. Jack and I will share some our experiences at a congregational lunch on August 29th at 12:15pm. Make a reservation through the church office. Thank you again for the amazing gift of time and opportunity you gave me. I am eager to tell you all about it.

Teri



What else is happening?

The Deacons collect supplies for School 55

Communion Training is September 26, 10:00 am

All Children who are going into Kindergarten-2nd grade in the Fall are invited to Communion Class, September 26. Parents are especially invited to attend with their children. We will meet in Room 204 and then move to our church school classes for age-appropriate activities. We plan to take Communion with our Northminster Church family on October 3.



World Communion Sunday is October 3

If you would like to bake or bring bread for World Communion Sunday on October 3, please let Debbie Bulloff know of your interest by September 23. Making our Communion Table look bountiful and sharing that bread with our friends after worship has become a tradition these last several years. Email: dbulloff@northminster-indy.org or 251-9489 ext 16.

Funeral Servers are Needed

Since Northminster has opened the Gathering Place, we have found it to be a welcoming place to have Callings before Funeral/Memorial Services. The Callings have been held either in the evening, the night before the Funeral/Memorial Service or for a period of an hour immediately preceding the service.

There is a need to have someone set-up and serve light refreshments during this time period. Responsibilities include setting out cookies/snacks that have been provided, making coffee and/or lemonaid. The time commitment is usually only one or two hours. Would you be willing to be on a call list to occasionally provide this service? Please contact Katie Kohorst in the church office (251-9489) if you are interested.



Deacons Request Support for School #55

The Deacons are collecting school supplies for Indianapolis

Public School No. 55. Collection baskets will be placed at all the church entrances. Supplies needed include spiral notebooks and loose leaf lined paper, pens, pencils, crayons, washable markers, colored pencils, scissors, glue and glue sticks two pocket folders, and boxes of Kleenex. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Leffler at 915-8738.

Meeting Reminders for Officers

Deacons will begin meeting again on Tuesday, August 10 at 7:00 PM downstairs in the Board Room (Rm 114).

The Session will meet Tuesday, August 17 at 5:30 PM in Calvin Hall. We will begin our time together with a light meal.



Margaret Isabel Holland, born June 28 to Christina & Christopher Holland. Margaret was 7lb 9oz; 22 inches long. Proud grandmother is Pat Reid.

Meals for New Moms

As part of being a loving community, the congregation strives to provide meals to the families of those with newborns. If you would be interested in providing a meal for our littlest and their new families please email Liz Neterval at eneterval@indy.rr.com

FLOWERS FOR THE CHANCEL - Call Katie Kohorst in the church office or e-mail her at katiekohorst@northminster-indy.org. Katie will need the date you want the flowers & your bulletin message. Then, call My Secret Garden, 317-254-1486 or Joey B's, 317-254-0900 order, and pay for the arrangement to be delivered on the Friday before your Sunday.

Mission: Green Stewardship Group

BY DAVID FURUNESS

When should I water my grass?

August is usually a hot, dry month and we watch our lawns turn from that lovely spring green to drab olive brown! We are encouraged to conserve water. But how can we tell when our grass has just gone dormant and when is it doomed to be reseeded? The general rule of thumb is that when you walk on your grass and leave a footprint, it is time to water. If it goes crunch, crunch - it's too late!

The best time to water, of course, is in the morning. Water deeply about once a week. This encourages the grass roots to grow further down into the soil. For more information about when and how to water your lawn, check out www.american-lawns.com. **WANT THE USED COFFEE GROUNDS FROM CHURCH FOR YOUR COMPOST BIN?** Contact Linda Furuness 257-5919 or david.furuness@att.net.



Make Music a
Part of Your Life



Join the Choir!

Northminster choirs resume in August and we want you to be part of our music ministry. Come see what Northminster Wednesdays are all about. The beginning of the season is an excellent time to sing and ring. If you cannot commit to the entire year, you might consider singing/ringing the first semester (through December). Choir experiences are invaluable and last a lifetime. Time spent in rehearsal each week and in the actual leading of worship is a distinctive journey in Christian formation. This is a great way to serve our church – hope you can join us.

See the schedule and choose the choir for you or your children. There is no sign up procedure – simply show up at the first rehearsal or contact John Wright, Director of Music Ministries (johnwright@northminster-indy.org; 317-251-9489).

Choir Schedules

beginning August 18

***Celebration Choir**
Kindergarten - 2nd grade
(or 5 years old by 9/1)
Room 203, 6:15 – 6:45pm
Tammany Harding, director

***Peace Choir** (3rd – 5th grade)
Choir Room, 6:00 – 7:00pm
Krista Wright, director

***Bel Canto** (6th – 10th grade)
Sanctuary, 6:00 – 7:00pm
John Wright, director

***Unity Ringers** (6th grade and up)
Chapel, 7:00 – 7:40pm
Marko Petricic, director

beginning August 25:

***Chancel Choir** (age 16 and up)
Choir Room, 7:00 – 9:00pm

Research at McGill University in Montreal, Canada found that kids who make music have been shown to get along better with classmates, have fewer discipline problems and do better in math and engineering.

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Mission and outreach

BY MAUREEN PURCELL, MISSION TEAM

Seek, Serve, Embrace

We have changed our column promoting hands-on service opportunities from Watchout! to Hands ON/Hands INvolved. Note the catchy capitalizations of ON and IN. We think it does a better job carrying the message to Seek, Serve, Embrace.

But a picture is worth a thousand words. You responded and helped to

fund an expansion at Joy's House. You responded and helped to fund and shop with youngsters from School 55. You responded and helped to fund and build a sanctuary in Mexico. You responded and helped to fund and provide 500 pair of underwear for the MLK Multi-Service Center. Lord knows what wonderful things you'll manage to pull off next!



(NPC members working on Habitat for Humanity House, Indianapolis)



(2009 photo of sanctuary under construction, Cancun, Mexico)

Hands ON/ Hands INvolved

(Formerly WATCHOUT!)
Mission events & volunteer opportunities

- **Kaboom Playground for The Project School**

Friday, 8/20, 8 am - 3 pm
22nd Street & the Monon
Join 250 volunteers assemble and install the Kaboom Playground sponsored by Dr. Pepper/Snapple. All levels of help are needed including: food prep, mixing concrete, moving mulch, building benches
Interested: contact July & Mike Shannon 283-5025 or mshannon@miller-eads.com

- **Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build of 10 Homes!**

Mon. - Sat., Sept. 6-11
1205 St. Paul Street
Indy's Presbyterian churches are joining to build 1 of the 10 homes! You have the skills we need: bringing lunch, painting, praying, hammering, installing siding, hanging doors. Contact Tony Dzwonar at adzwonar@yahoo.com

- **Conversations with Abraheth**

Our Eritrean friend, Abraheth Gezehey, would like to work on her English language skills and just needs some conversation. Any subject is welcome and very helpful. For more information on how you can teach by just visiting, contact Susie Koriath, 845-0452.



Education for all ages

BY DEBBIE BULLOFF, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Fall Church School Teachers & Helpers Needed!

As we begin to gear up for Church School this fall, our children and youth will need classroom teachers and helpers in all age groups. We have a place for you; do you have a place for the children of our Northminster community? From Nursery, Toddler and Preschool teachers and helpers at 8:45-10:30 a.m. and 10:30-12:00 Noon through Children's Church at 9:20 a.m. and 11:20 a.m. for children grades K-5th and our age graded classrooms at the 10:00 a.m. Christian Education hour (Kindergarten, Grades 1st-2nd, Grades 3rd-5th, Middle School and Senior High,) we will need ap-

proximately 25 volunteers/week to staff our Church School program. Our Team model (where each teaching team decides the schedule—mostly one Sunday/month if the team is large enough) allows for flexibility, reliability and fun. Our only requirements are Church membership, a confidential background check and love for children.

Call or email Debbie Bulloff. 251-9489, dbulloff@northminster-indy.org. She will happily provide great curriculum (Seasons of the Spirit), teacher training, all craft materials and extra resources and a chance to make new friends in our congregation and a chance to be a part of our children's hearts.

Teacher Training On-Line

Teacher training is available on line this year through Open Doors to Discipleship which is PCUSA/Reformed Church collaboration. Visit www.openingdoorstodiscipleship.com to learn more about this resource. See Debbie Bulloff for the PCUSA denomination login number and many other Church School teaching resources. If you are interested in forming a Study group, please let Debbie know of your interest.

3rd Graders - SAVE THE DATE!

Bible Sunday will occur on September 19 this fall. Third graders and their parents will receive a special invitation to worship Sunday morning as they receive their Merriman Bibles during Children's Time.

Child Care & Homework Help is Available. . .

6:00 p.m.-9:15 p.m. each Wednesday to cover programming and choirs.

Church School in August

August 1

The Church School will consider the parable of the rich farmer. God's plan is for everyone to have enough to eat rather than some people keeping lots of food for themselves. How can we be "rich toward God?"

August 8

Focus Scripture:
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Today we will talk about faith; what it is, how do we get it, how belief requires action. We will recite some "bidding" prayers. How can we be "dresses for action?"

August 15

Focus Scripture:
Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19

What is a psalm of lament? What are some things that make us sad? How can we as a church community help gather the pieces of brokenness and use them to build a better world?

August 22

On this Sabbath, the children will hear the story of the bend-over woman and learn what Jesus did to help her. Who in our community is bent over, living in the shadows? How can we reach out and invite them to come in?

August 29

Focus Scripture: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Today, we will visit a dinner party with Jesus as we consider Luke 14: 1, 7-14. How many different kinds of invitations have we received? How can we create an open table—a community that invites and includes everyone?



What's happening?

With groups and individuals . . .

OAM August Luncheon

Senior ladies & gentlemen, let's jazz it up for summer! So join us for some movin' & groovin' to the music on Thursday, August 5. We'll begin with lunch at 12n. Cost is \$6.00. RSVP to the church office no later than 12n on Tuesday, Aug. 3.

Men's 2nd Annual Golf Outing August 14

Where: The Mohawk Hills Golf Club

What: 18 holes, 1 pm shotgun start

Cost: \$50 per person covers golf, cart, drinks during play, a meal, practice balls, putting green & prize fund.

Register as a single, 2-some, 3-some or 4-some to Bob Bowers at 259-7366 or betbobbowers@att.net. Deadline to register is Aug 9. Make checks payable to Northminster Presbyterian Church with "Golf Outing" on the note line, turn in at church office.

A warm thank you. . .

to our friends who called and sent cards after the death of my mother, Geneva Ring. May God bless each of you!

Jim and Norma Arend

SAVE THE DATE!



**Sunday
September, 26
AT
NORTHMINSTER**

Moms Group - Family Party

(A social group for moms with kids ages 5 yrs. old & younger)

What: A party for the whole family!

Bring: Your family and a side dish, dessert or beverage to share

When: Saturday, August 7th at 6pm

Where: Allison & Nick Shelton's

Please RSVP to Allison Shelton at nashelton@sbcglobal.net or call 585-1915

The Moms Group

(A social group for moms with kids ages 5 yrs. old & younger) will begin meeting again Tuesday, Sept. 28th at 6:30pm at the home of Jen Waraham.

Parents with a Passion . . .

will resume meeting Wednesday, August 25 at 6:15 -7:25 pm. We are parents of all ages, with kids of all ages - our common goals are becoming better parents and helping each other become better parents. Feel free to contact Julie Shannon at jshannon@northminster-indy.org or Liz Neterval eneterval@indy.rr.com with any questions at 317.251.9489.

News & Views Stuffers Needed!

Do you have a couple of hours to spare one morning a month? Why not join the "Stuffers" for coffee & donuts while preparing the *News & Views* for mailing? The group meets at about 10 am in Calvin Hall on the last Monday of each month and are usually finished by-or-before noon.

Youth Fellowship Activities

August will continue the new summer program of "Monday Fun Night!" - with no regular youth group on Sunday nights, but instead a different event or outing most Mondays.



If you are a current youth group member, and you are also on

Facebook- make sure you are part of the Northminster Youth Facebook Group. You get up-to-the-minute updates about events and youth group nights. Talk to either Julie or Jacob for details.

August 29

Annual Cookout! Watch for more details about time and location.

September 24-26

Mark your calendars! Indiana Dunes Trip with Southminster and 1st Baptist churches. Additional details and costs will be mailed out at the end of August.

Contact information for youth

- Julie Shannon at 753-6985 or jshannon@northminster-indy.org
- Jacob Mann at 698-8399 or jacob@northminster-indy.org.



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www.What'sOnOurWebsite?:

Newsletter Archives & Baptism Info!

BY ANNE RICCHIUTO, COMMUNICATION TEAM MEMBER

If you already recycled your News & Views but forgot to note an event date or contact phone number, past issues of News & Views are available at www.northminster-indy.org. Hover over "About" on the

top left of the home page and scroll down to "Newsletters." From there you can easily access issues back to November 2008. Has anyone else noticed the baby boom at Northminster? Expectant or new parents can obtain all the infor-

mation they need about scheduling the Sacrament of Baptism right from our home page. Hover over "Worship" and drop down to "Baptism."

Our Future is Now

(continued from front cover)

Members of the **Our Future is Now** campaign leadership team and hundreds of Northminster members have met, planned and organized themselves in anticipation of the **Our Future is Now** campaign. Our work continues during the next four months culminating in

Commitment Sunday, October 31 when our campaign gifts are received. If you aren't involved yet and would like to be, please contact our Administrative Leaders, Cheryl & John Plunkett at theplunketts@hotmail.com. **Our Future is Now**. We have more work to do. Let us

join together in Christian witness and fellowship to be the light on the hill for our neighborhood, community and world.

Your OFIN Campaign Team

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Pray without Ceasing

1 Thessalonians 16-18

There will always be something to pray for: Thanks to God for our many blessings; continued blessings as we heal; strength to get through difficult times; a job or a better job; a better world & caring for each other. We will always be trying to improve our condition and circumstance. Let us keep each other in our prayers, as well as, our church. Thank God for the improved developments which help us do God's work better for our members, our community & our world. There are times when we need to pray while standing, sitting, walking - whatever the occasion be sure to keep in touch with the Lord. OFIN Prayer Team