

News & Views

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NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Want to know more about GIP?

BY BECCA HAAG

What does GIP stand for? Global Interfaith Partnership. Wish you knew more about Indiana's impact through the Global Interfaith Partnership? It has been so exciting listening to Teri's observations, meeting Winnie Achieng Amollo and hearing her story; that I wanted to know more!

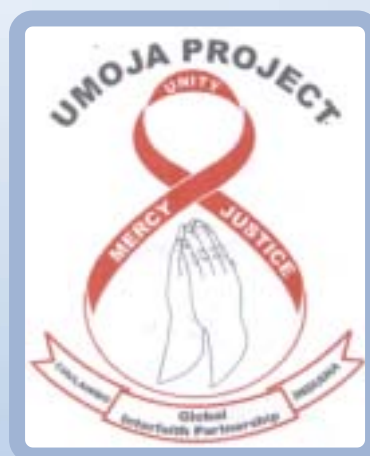
Global Interfaith Partnership (GIP) Ambassadors had an introductory meeting in June. All organizations previously involved with GIP were invited to send individuals who would act as a

'funnel' for information regarding plans and programs of GIP. In the future these GIP Ambassadors will provide information regarding volunteer opportunities and report on upcoming events.

An interfaith service and dinner are being planned to celebrate Winnie and Joseph's visit and build enthusiasm for the 4th Annual Ken-ya Help us? Carnival! (Kenya Carnival is 9/4 in 2nd Presbyterian's parking lot). The dinner will be held Thursday, 9/1 with the location of the interfaith service and dinner forthcoming. Volunteers are needed to help make

this event a success. If you would like to help, contact Becca Haag, 225-1772, becca.haag@gmail.com

Are you aware of an organization or group that would be interested in hearing Winnie or Joseph speak to their members? Do you know a group that would like to have a representative participate as a GIP Ambassador? Faith organizations and non-faith based groups are welcome to participate. For more information about GIP visit the following websites: www.globalinterfaithpartnership.org www.facebook.com/pages/The-Umoja-Project/105467316213822.



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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.

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Pastoral pondering . . .

BY REV. DR. TERI THOMAS, HEAD PASTOR



Did you miss me? This summer has been a very strange one for me. I have been in and out of town several times with my time away all chopped up. Usually I like to take a chunk of vacation all at once so I can relax and come back refreshed. This year all my time away has been planned by other people so I really had little control of the timing.

In May I made a very short trip to Kenya on behalf of the Indianapolis Interfaith Hunger Initiative. I was back

Thank You, Thank You

On behalf of my mother, Mary Eleanor Stuart and my family, I want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and the prayer shawl that supported us during my mother's time in hospice and at the time of her passing. The comfort and care of my Northminster family has meant a great deal to all of us. Gratefully,

Debbie Stuart Everett

for a month and then attended the Montreat Music and Worship Conference with a group from Northminster. Jack and I went directly from Montreat to Rehoboth, Delaware for a few days with friends at the beach. It is not summer without a beach! Up the coast on the Jersey shore we met my grandson Linus (and his parents) for a long weekend and then drove back to Indy. A week at home and then repack for a trip to the west coast. We were visiting with our "adopted" daughter Jansen in Portland and then set sail on an Alaskan cruise with Jack's sister and brother-in-law.

Some work, some play, some family, some strangers, lots of scenery and nature, it has been a busy and interesting summer. When I return for worship on July 31st I intend to unpack my bags and actually put them away this time.

See you in church!

Teri

Recent deaths in our Congregation

Genevieve Colby: 5/8
Minnie Sexson: 5/10
Marjorie Reiney: 6/9
Patsy Black: 6/13
Carolyn Lautner: 6/16
Dr. Carl B. Spath: 7/6
Paul Bennett, Sr.: 7/11
Mary Eleanor Stuart: 7/13

Save Money, Save Paper, Save the Environment

Are you willing to receive **only** an electronic version of our monthly newsletter, the *News & Views* each month? Email Katie Hart at katiehart@northminster-indy.org to let her know.

Sundays in August at 9 & 11 am

Sunday, August 7

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Communion by Intinction

Romans 10; Matthew 14:22-33

We'll celebrate communion at both 9 and 11am. Romans 10 focuses on faith and belief. Matthew 14:22-33 is a demonstration of faith as Peter walks on the water. Teri Thomas will preach.

Sunday, August 14

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Romans 11:1-2, 29-32

Matthew 15:21-28

We think of God as loving and accepting but our scriptures this Sunday focus on what God rejects. Teri Thomas preaches today.

Sunday, August 21

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 1:8-2:10;

Romans 12: 1-8

Exodus tells the story of the birth of Moses. Teri Thomas will preach on this day.

Sunday, August 28

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Romans 12:9-21;

Matthew 16:21-28

On this day, Romans and Matthew will guide us as we explore the request, "Deliver me from my enemies." Teri Thomas is preaching this morning.

Gluten-Free Communion

Wafers available

On Communion Sundays, gluten-free communion wafers are available for those individuals with special dietary issues related to gluten. On Communion Sundays, the gluten-free wafers will be on a pedestal near the Baptismal font on the east side of the Sanctuary.

What's happening at Northminster?

3rd Annual NPC Men's Golf Outing

This year's outing is 8/27 at Mohawk Hills Golf Club with lunch at noon and golf with a "shotgun" start at 1pm. Practice will start at 11am with registration from 11:30am to noon. The cost is \$50 per person which includes; 18 holes of golf, cart, meal, drinks during play, practice balls (irons only), putting green, and prizes. Make checks payable to NPC (noted-GOLF OUTING) and turn them into the church office. Get your-singles, twosomes, threesomes, or foursomes together and let Bob Bowers (betbobbowers@att.net or 259-7366) know the members of your group. We'll play as individuals and use a blind bogey handicap system (calculated by the club pro). Only want to play 9 holes? You're welcome to join us. Your score will be doubled for handicapping and prize awarding. Know a business that would donate a door prize to the outing? **Please contact them!** Be sure to let Bob Bowers know the business name and the prize donated. These can add to the fun and interest of our day.

HELP!

A large cast iron frypan is missing from the Calvin Hall kitchen! Whoever borrowed this frypan, please return it. It's used every week by the caterer that prepares breakfast for the Men's Prayer Breakfast. Thank you.

The J.O.Y. Group

The J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) Group will meet Thursday, August 4 for a luncheon followed by a program. Contact Carol Campbell at 776-2700 for details.

IHN 2011

NPC hosts families from the Interfaith Hospitality Network Sept. 4-11. This is our last week of hosting for 2011 and includes the Labor Day holiday on Mon., 9/5. Through the IHN, congregations take turns hosting homeless families for a week providing shelter, meals, security and compassion. We'll need volunteers to fill many positions. Sign up in the Gathering Place on Sunday mornings starting 8/7. Information is available on the responsibilities of each volunteer position. Sign up sheet will also be posted on the Volunteer Sign Up Board across from the choir room during the week. Questions? Call Nancy Flamme at 255-8387.

Picture This

"Northminster Faithbook"

The Congregational Life Team is looking for volunteers to help research a plan to create and produce an in-house, home-grown "Northminster Faithbook". It's been six years since we have created and published a church-wide member photo directory.

The plan: A church-wide photo directory, available on disk **or** in print (if desired.) Photos to be taken Sundays at 10 am to noon over several weeks. We'll strive to take advantage of new technology, hoping to make it easy, fast and cost effective to update the "Northminster Faithbook" while keeping it current and valid. We hope doing this project in-house, taking our own digital photos and using the church office computers, printers, paper and office supplies will reduce costs, as well as provide for easy interim updates, "print on demand" capability and eliminate the need for expensive, pressure filled and challenging 3rd party vendor scheduling, publishing and sales deadlines. Team formation, project planning and budgeting are in the works. Contact Josh Hill at 317-695-8115 or JoshHillNPC@yahoo.com

Youth Fellowship Activities in August



Early August
State Fair outing
Date : TBA

Sunday, August 21
Car wash Fund Raiser

Help raise funds for Ken-ya
Carnival game sponsorship

Sunday, August 28
Youth Fellowship
Kick-off Cookout Party!

The Yohn family is hosting this
event. More info to follow.

Saturday, September 3
Ken-ya Help Us? Carnival

Sunday, September 4
No Youth Fellowship

Sunday, September 11
We'll attend a special interfaith
worship service for the 10 year
anniversary of 9/11. Details TBA.

Sunday, September 18
School year schedule begins.
Regular youth fellowship most
Sunday nights from 6 - 8pm.

Contact information for youth

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

Education for all ages

VBS/Mission Challenge to Congregation:

What's happening in August?

BY DEBBIE BULLOFF, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR

As you know, Northminster's VBS always has a mission component. This year our project is to raise \$5000 for Heifer International to buy goats and chickens and help folks learn about gardening at the schools in the Meseno District of Kenya. This is where we currently help the students with a lunch program. The NPC church school children started fundraising in early May and continue to raise money to "Pass On The Gift."

They have made badges as a way to say, "thank you" for donations to the Heifer "Quarter Tube". Additionally,

we have challenged folks to make matching gifts, so Children's Ed Dir., Mrs. Bulloff can give the gift of a goat with the "Give a Kid, a Kid" program.

The Northminster youth group is getting involved too! They're having a carwash through Ken-ya Help Us? Carnival to raise funds. Our goal, our hope, is to be able to give *a big gift* at the end of August.

What can you do to help? How can you help the NPC church school children "Pass On the Gift"? Come and learn about Chickens and Gardens and Passing on the Gift.

God's calling YOU. Are you listening?

Classes are forming for Church School this fall and the only thing missing is you! If you love children and Jesus, you're qualified! Have questions? Contact Children's Ed Director, Debbie Bulloff at 251-9489 ext.16 about serving one Sunday a month for the Church School year. The babies, preschoolers and school age children of Northminster need you! Our curriculum is easy & we provide training (on 8/28 at 10am). All resources are provided. This is a great way to meet folks. God is calling you. Are you listening?



Northminster Church Library

Our library has many new books and resources available. The library is located upstairs, by the elevator. We have resources for bible study, parenting questions or story time. Check books out from the book carts in the Gathering Place on Sunday mornings, too.

Save these dates for the Fall

August 17: Choirs begin

Find out about choir for children ages Kindergarten – Senior High, email John Wright at johnwright@northminster-indy.org

August 28: Teacher Training

Church school teacher training at 10am in the Board Room (downstairs).

Sept. 11: Church School begins

Classes begin today at 10am. Email Debbie Bulloff at dbulloff@northminster-indy.org for location of your child's classroom.

Sept. 25: Bible Sunday

Third Graders receive Merriman Bibles in worship.

Sept. 25: Communion training for church school students, 10am

Students, K-12th grades will learn about Communion in preparation for World communion Sunday.

Oct. 2: World Communion Sunday

All children and youth will join their families in Worship at 9am or 11am as we feast together with Christians all over the world at our Lord's Table.

Church School in August

Sunday, August 7

Focus Scripture:

Genesis 37: 1 - 4, 12-28

The children will hear the story of Joseph and his special coat and what happens when jealousy gets in the way of love. Wherever we are, God is with us. When all seems lost, we can trust God.

Sunday, August 14

Focus Scripture:

Genesis 45: 1 - 15

Joseph has been carried to Egypt as a slave. Now we'll learn about forgiveness and reconciliation through God's saving love. How can we find ways to speak, listen and journey together in God's love?

Sunday, August 21

Focus Scripture: Romans 12: 1 - 8

In a lesson about the community of believers who gathered in Rome, we will consider how we might use our individual gifts as offerings to God.

Sunday, August 28

Focus Scripture: Romans 12: 9 - 21

Paul tells some of the ways we can live as Jesus' disciples. We'll work together to help each other and Northminster.



School Supplies for School 55

The Deacons begin collecting new school supplies for School 55 Sun., 8/7. Pick up something extra the next time you're buying supplies for your own children. Look for drop-off baskets in the Gathering Place and near the entrances of church.

Items needed: computer/printer paper, crayons, colored pencils, #2 pencils, pens, notebooks, rulers, glue, lined paper, scissors, and anything else you think the children could use.

Join A Choir! 2011 - 2012

Choir Schedules

BY JOHN WRIGHT
DIR. OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

All Northminster choirs resume Wednesday, August 17. We want and need *you* to be part of our music ministry. 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 – come join us. Have questions? Contact John Wright, Director of Music Ministries, johnwright@northminster-indy.org; 317- 251 - 9489, ex 20.

Choir rehearsals begin Wed., Aug. 17
Celebration Choir (K - 2nd), Rm. 203
6 – 6:45pm, Tammany Harding, director
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Peace Choir (3rd – 5th), Choir Rm
6 – 7pm, Krista Wright, director

Bel Canto (6th – 11th), Sanctuary
6 – 7pm, John Wright, director

Unity Ringers (6th gr. & up), Chapel
7 – 7:40pm, Marko Petricic, director

Chancel Choir (16yrs & up), Choir Rm
7 – 9pm, John Wright, director



Focus Your Spiritual Creativity

BY KRISTA WRIGHT, PEACE CHOIR DIRECTOR

The great preacher and poet, Thomas Troeger, recently gave a sermon at Montreat Conference on Worship and Music in Montreat, NC. Over 30 multi-generational conferees from Northminster were among the 800 or so attendees from around the country who were privileged to hear him. In it he put forth the idea that there are times when actions come before the spirit. Sometimes we just don't feel like praying, singing and worshipping. We would much rather go to brunch or dinner with friends, sleep in, read a book, do the gardening, watch football... If we go

ahead and make the effort to lead with the focused spiritual action, often the spiritual feeling follows as a result. We all come to church with our own distractions and preoccupations, our own religious biases and perspectives. If we made collective spiritual unity a prerequisite for attendance, our nave, Sunday school rooms, and Gathering Place would do nothing but gather dust.

The choirs at Northminster are a great place to focus your spiritual action. Choir rehearsals are necessarily process oriented. A step-by-step method is the only way for anyone to learn the music. It doesn't matter if you are an expert musician or have never sung or rung a note. It doesn't matter if you are a mature Christian or wrestle every moment of every day with doubt and unbelief. In choir rehearsal we allow the process of creative action to unite our theological and musical disparities. The process is what brings us together

and invites the Spirit. When the Spirit comes, look out!

The choirs at Northminster are open to all, and new members are essential to the creative regeneration of our church's life and music ministry. Consider joining now! Choirs meet every Wednesday beginning August 17. Celebration Choir, Peace Choir and Bel Canto begin rehearsal at 6pm, and Chancel Choir and Unity Ringers begin at 7pm. Contact John Wright if you have questions or need more information. And check out the poetry of Thomas Troeger in our hymnal.

Using your
spiritual
Gifts

New
Choir Members
Welcome!

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Lunch & Learn with Hunter Farrell, Dir. of World Missions PC(USA)

BY DAVID SCOTT, MISSION TEAM

Sign up now for what is sure to be a most informative and interesting presentation by Mr. Hunter Farrell as he educates us through his first-hand experience and eye-witness account as to what our missions outreach is doing throughout the world. As a direct contributor through NPC's benevolence giving to our denomination's world-wide mission outreach, you will learn about the focus and positive impact our mission workers are making out in the

field, for people in need. This not-to-be-missed luncheon and presentation will take place in Calvin Hall on August 14 with lunch at 12:15 , followed by Mr. Farrell's presentation. **Reservations are required by 8/9;** please call the church at 251-9489. The cost is \$5 per person plus a canned food item. No cost for children under 5 years of age. Childcare will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!



(Hunter Farrell)

Need to recycle an old computer or tv?

Do you have an old computer sitting on a shelf in your garage? Are you about ready to replace a TV, phone, or printer? Get ready to pack up those and any other corded items and bring them to Northminster on the weekend of August 20 and 21. The Mission team is sponsoring a congregational and community electronics drop-off in conjunction with RecycleForce. To address any privacy concerns, computer hard drives will be wiped clean of all data. There is a \$10 disposal fee for TVs.

Hours for drop-off (south parking lot) are 9am-2pm on Sat., 8/20, and 1pm to 3pm on Sun., 8/21. Northminster congregants will have the opportunity to bring their items to church with them Sunday morning. The Mission team will arrange to store the items until the RecycleForce truck arrives in the afternoon. RecycleForce has been working in the community since 2006 to keep

electronics out of landfills and to assist formerly incarcerated individuals through workforce training. "Taking the electronic waste and other recyclables provided by residents and corporate partners, RecycleForce deconstructs these items, recycles the materials, and disposes of the waste safely and cleanly. The scrap metals and other reusable materials collected in this process are then sold to help pay for job training programs and employment opportunities for formerly incarcerated men and women in order to support their re-entry back into society." - RecycleForce website 2011. As long as you're bringing your electronics to church, you might want to bring other recyclables, too. RecycleForce will take your Styrofoam (no dirty containers), cardboard, plastics 1 - 7, CDs and DVDs, floppy disks, scanners, toner cartridges, and many other items. See the complete list of

acceptable items and learn more about RecycleForce at www.recycleforce.org. Questions about drop-off? Call or email Nancy Moritz: 579-0648 or nananddw@yahoo.com. Please support this worthwhile mission; you'll do two good things: help ex-offenders get a new start in life and help clean up the environment.

