

News & Views

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NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 2011

Chancel Choir, Chamber Orchestra & guest soloists present Respighi's *Laud to the Nativity*, December 11

BY JOHN WRIGHT, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

The Northminster Chancel Choir, chamber orchestra, and soloists present Ottorino Respighi's *Laud to the Nativity* at both 9am and 11am Sunday, December 11. Respighi was born in 1879 in Bologna, Italy, and died April 1936 in Rome. He is probably best known for his highly descriptive symphonic poems *Fountains of Rome*, *Pines of Rome*, and *Roman Festivals*. Respighi began studying violin at the age of eight, composition at age thirteen, and by the age of twenty was proficient at viola and piano. He composed his first major work for symphony in 1900, and received his diploma in composition in 1901. He spent five months studying

with the renowned Russian composer Rimsky-Korsakov, and his music was recognized by leading conductors of the day, including Arturo Toscanini.

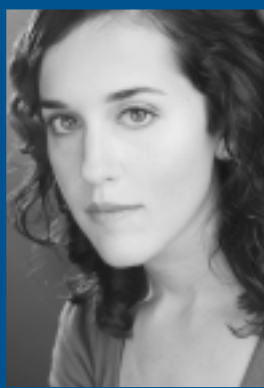
Laud to the Nativity (Lauda per la Nativita per Signore) was composed in 1930. It depicts the nativity of Jesus as the shepherds might have seen it. The text draws from the poetry of a Franciscan friar of the 13th century, Jacopone da Todi. Respighi's musical forces include six woodwinds, triangle, piano four hands; Mezzo-soprano, soprano, and tenor soloist (representing Virgin Mary, The Angel, and a Shepherd respectively); and chorus. Joining the Chancel Choir will be Mezzo-soprano

Laura Thoreson, Soprano Arwen Myers, and Tenor Michael Porter - all from Indiana University Jacobs School of Music.

Respighi's music has sometimes been called "new old music," and in *Laud to the Nativity*, he employs several devices that nod to an earlier time in music history - madrigal-like phrases, Monteverdi-like arias, and a touch of a fugue toward the end. At times the mood is pastoral and middle Eastern, and at times vibrant and fast. The choir is looking forward to sharing this unusual and expressive music with our congregation.



(Michael Porter, Tenor)



(Arwen Myers, Soprano)



(Laura Thoreson, Mezzo-Soprano)

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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 REV. DR. TERI THOMAS, HEAD PASTOR

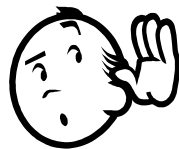


wrapped them in Scripture and song. Advent is the time to open them, slowly, gratefully, patiently. Praying we all have a blessed Advent together. Blessings,

Pastor Teri

Have trouble hearing in worship?

Huh? What did she ask? We are exploring the possibility of installing a loop system in the sanctuary that would help folks hear the services. If you currently wear hearing aids they may include telecoils. Telecoils are inexpensive but highly useful additions to hearing instruments. If we installed a hearing loop, your hearing aids would then serve as a customized, wireless loudspeaker.



Ok, let me get this straight. Instead of celebrating Christmas all month like the entire Christian world, we sit around with purple and pink candles, watching and waiting. Watching and waiting for what? A sign? Jesus? A promise? A present? Don't we really have too much to do? We don't have time to ponder, to wait, or to wonder. Why spend time on prophets and John the Baptist and candles when we could be partying and celebrating and decking the halls and shopping the malls!

This Advent stuff is obviously just a church thing. Macy's doesn't do it, or Walgreens, or Target. Why can't we just be like the rest of the world? It is Christmas time. We've got trees and stockings, and cookies, and bows, and debt. Time to bake, time to shop, time for more, time to worry, time to rush, time to hurry, time for Santa, time to party, time to stop.

Advent is about people, plain, simple people, who experience the glory of God in amazing and astonishing ways. Advent is about faithful people and God's plan for them, God's plan for us. Advent is thanking God for our Christmas gifts of presence, comfort, joy, memories and promise. God has provided the gifts and

What we would like to know now is how many people currently have hearing aids with telecoils. Please drop a note in the offering plate or call the church office.

Adult Bible Study During Advent

Adult Bible Study will continue to meet in the Board Room each Sunday at 10:00. Join our pastors as we explore the scripture we will be using in worship each week. Add your 2 cents worth to their sermon preparation. Get more background on the passages and all the information that never makes it into the sermon.



Sundays in December at 9 & 11 am.

December 4

2nd Sunday of Advent

Communion served at 9 & 11am

Our Advent theme this year is focusing on Christmas Gifts. This Sunday is the Gift of Comfort.

December 11

3rd Sunday of Advent

Today, we'll focus on the Gift of Joy. Chancel Choir and orchestra will present Laud to Nativity. Bring your friends to this joyous advent celebration.

December 18

4th Sunday of Advent

We will open the Gift of Promise. Also, today at 10 am in the chapel we will hold our annual Blue Christmas Service. If the spirit of the season is a little blue for you this year because of a loved one missing, employment issues, illness or loss of any kind, or just because, join us for this quiet reflection on the season.

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Services

4pm Intergenerational Service:

The Children and Youth will share the Christmas Story in pageant and song. This service is designed for the whole family so be sure to join us.

7pm Communion Service:

Through scripture and song we will welcome the Christ child.

10:30pm Musical Prelude

11pm Candlelight Service:

The chancel choir will lead us in worship and celebration.

December 25, Christmas Day

Christmas Day is actually a Sunday this year and we will worship. We will sing carols and tell stories. Come as you are! Even PJ's are welcome at this service. We will be informal and family friendly as we welcome the Christ child.

What's Happening at Northminster?

Blue Christmas Service, Dec. 18

BY REV. RUTH CHADWICK MOORE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

The Christmas season can be a difficult time for some of us. If you are experiencing a loss of any kind, depression, separation or anxiety and it is keeping you from enjoying and participating in the holidays, we invite you to join us for the Blue Christmas worship



service. It will be held in the Chapel at 10 am. We will serve communion, anoint for wholeness and healing, and give ourselves some time away from the expectations of Christmas to experience God's sacred presence in our lives.

Clothe-A-Child, 12/1

Clothe-A-Child is scheduled for Thursday, 12/1 at the Castleton Square Sears at 10am. Northminster will provide much needed clothing for approximately 75 children. Financial donations are still being accepted and volunteer shoppers are needed. Please make checks payable to Northminster and mark Clothe-A-Child in the note line. Envelopes are available in your annual giving envelopes marked Clothe-A-Child, in the pews, and at the church office.



The sign up for volunteer shoppers is located across from the Choir Room. Please consider

donating your time, money, or better yet, both for this very important traditional Christmastime outreach.

Save the Date! We're Having a Party!!!!



Mark Sunday, Jan. 8 on your 2012 calendar. We are celebrating with Pastor Teri Thomas her 10 year anniversary here at Northminster!! The Personnel Committee would love to hear your

ideas for this special day.. Please contact Ann Bruce at 849-4517.

Christmas Postcard Mailing

We are mailing over 5,000 postcards inviting our neighbors to worship with us this Advent and Christmas season – so be on the lookout for visitors and welcome them warmly. You'll also have the opportunity to send a postcard by mail or email and invite your family and friends to Northminster for Christmas. So look for your electronic card in the weekly email and a paper postcard on the friendship tables. Thanks for inviting and sharing.



What Do Deacons Do?

The Deacons are the sponsors and planners for our annual Clothe-A-Child project. Their willing hands help us to outfit over 75 children from School 55 for the winter. Clothe-A-Child will most likely be over by the time you get this *News and Views*. (It is at 10 am on December 1 at Sears in Castleton.) But it is not too late to contribute to this year's event. Envelopes for contributions can be found in the pews in the sanctuary and in your offering envelope box. Please put Clothe a Child in the memo section of your check.



Barrels of Food

Each month the Northminster Deacon's transport your food donations from the food barrels to Westminster Neighborhood Ministries. (Did you know our own Ginny Jonas volunteers in the Food Pantry at WNM?) As the holidays approach there will be more demand on the Food Pantry. So when you are shopping for your family or holiday dinner will you pick up an extra can of green beans, or other non-perishable? The Food Pantry needs the following: spaghetti, cereal, tuna fish or other canned meat, macaroni and cheese, canned vegetables and fruits, peanut butter, as well as toilet paper and paper towels. Thank you for contributing to others as you plan your own holiday meals!



Thanks to all the members of the Legacy Society

Being a member of the Legacy Society means they have included Northminster Church or the Northminster Foundation in their estate planning. We may be named in their will.

Anonymous

Eileen Alsop

Jim and Norma Arend

Damon and Lucille Auble

Marilyn Baumgardt

Robert and Betty Bowers

Caroline Burgard

Carl and Dorothy Burnside*

Wilbur and Mae* Closterhouse*

Don and Dolly Craft

James Duke

Mark Durham

Don and Nancy Durrett

Bill and Nancy Dynes

Tony and Jennifer Dzwonar

Debbie Stuart Everett

Nancy Flamme

Ellen Fosnaught

Bill and Pat Freije

Helen Grahn

David Gresham

Bob and Cheri Gudgel

We may be the beneficiary of a life insurance policy or an IRA. We may be named in a Trust. There are many ways to make planned gifts to the Church or the Foundation. The people listed here

Ray and Jen Hale*

Troy and Nancy Hill

John and Barbara Holt*

Jim and Martha Jordan*

Chuck and Gerry Keene*

Bill and Susie Koriath

Mary Kutche

*Carolyn Lautner**

Mae and Kim Leech

Andy and Lisa Longo

Lowell and Pennie Lumley

P.E. and Fran MacAllister

Joyce and Malcom Mallette

Jim and Carol Mann

Paula Mann

*Ruth Miller**

Howard and Mary McKinley*

Mark and Ruth Moore

Gayle-Sue Murphy

John and Marion Musk**

David and Sara Neitzel

Christopher and Terri Palladino

have done that or are in the process of doing so. If you would like to join the Legacy Society contact Mark Moore, Lisa Longo or Pastor Teri Thomas. We will be happy to assist you.

John and Maureen Purcell

Bill and Merrell Ramey

Bob and Marilyn Rogers

Bob and Gail Rothrock

Blake and Lori Schlabach

*Cliff Searcy**

Marvin and Jackie Schmidt*

Jamie Schulte

John and Jean Smith

Tom and Barbara Stayton

*Mary Eleanor Stuart**

Teri Thomas

James Todderud

Will and Grace VandenBerg

*Ann Schmidt Walker**

David and Joan Wheeler

Nancy Wynne

Jack and Betty Williams*

*Helen Zornes**

* indicates a deceased member

Imagine there's no debtit's easy if you help

BY MARY TARBELL, STEWARDSHIP BRIDGE TEAM MEMBER

At Christmastime, we think about giving and also about the gifts we have been given. Everyone at Northminster is so grateful for those in the congregation who have reached a little deeper into their pockets to fund a renewed facility dedicated to the work of Christ.

Imagine giving a Christmas gift that would make a difference to everyone at Northminster and the charities we support within our

community? Added benefit – tax deductible! We are now in the second year of a three-year campaign to pay down the debt on our building fund. Since we are paying interest, the sooner we put that debt to rest the better. We love our transformed building; we want to use it to its fullest. Money saved in interest will allow us to direct our collective funds and giving toward good works – both within the church and community.

If you haven't pledged to Our Future is Now, commitment cards and explanatory brochures are available in the church office. If you want to add to your pledge or donate that extra "one-time" gift, just send a check to the church office with "building fund" or OFIN (Our Future is Now) on the memo line. Imagine the good it will do.

Mission & outreach

Leftovers *BY MAUREEN PURCELL, MISSION TEAM MEMBER*

At this writing, there are only the dreams of leftover turkey. . . sandwiches, soup, tetrazzini. Ours never finds the freezer for later. We barrel through the turkey on Thanksgiving afternoon, pick through the bones and slivers to add to the noodles and gravy, pack it up in plastic bowls and neatly stack them in the refrigerator. By morning someone decides some turkey would be good with eggs only to find the supply depleted by midnight marauders the night before. There should be some for sandwiches on Friday, but by Saturday, for certain, there is tetrazzini - the homemade noodles and turkey mixed into a sizzling casserole with mushrooms and parmesan cheese. If visitors are very, very lucky, they can take some home on Sunday, but our family has a history of eating in the car, so I'm not sure the turkey ever survives to live in another refrigerator.

Leftovers are a wonderful thing and spawn culinary creativity of the best kind. Toward the end of every year, the Mission Team takes stock of leftover funds.

As you know, this Team receives 10% of what YOU provide for the church's annual operating fund and uses it to help support activities through our Presbytery, Synod and many local missions. But we keep a little, which we call "undesignated," to use for needs that come up during the year, i.e., someone's rent or preschool tuition, Kroger or Walmart gift cards that are used to hand out to people who need food and fuel, or toward relief efforts when natural disasters strike anywhere in the world.

As with all leftovers, the plan is to use up all the undesignated funds by the end of the year, spend it all, waste nothing, share all that we have, give it away. Thanks to your gifts, the School of New Vision (a Christian school on the high plateau in Haiti,) the Interfaith Hospitality Network, the 2012 Souperbowl host city committee, a nursing student (a former member of our youth group who wants to take her skills on a mission), and an immigrant family will all get a Christmas boost.

Christmas Joy Offering collected Christmas Eve

A cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of the four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Because Advent and Christmas shine a light not only on our world's greatest hope but also on our world's greatest need, the PC(USA) provides this timely opportunity for congregations to support causes specifically designed to bring Good News of Great Joy to the poor in circumstance or spirit. Alongside the message of promise and fulfillment in Luke's Gospel, we also



hear the clear call to God's people to respond in faith as Christ calls us: "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded" (Luke 12:48). Undesignated gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering will be distributed equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to support student scholarships at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

Hands ON/Hands Involved

Upcoming mission events & volunteer opportunities

- **Alternative Christmas Market**
Sunday, 12/4, 10am – 1pm
 Honor friends and family with gifts hand-crafted from around the world or with donations to various mission organizations. What to buy the man who has everything? A flock of chickens for a man who needs them.
Cash & checks only please.
- **Christmas Joy Offering**
Offering received Christmas Eve
 This offering provides assistance to Presbyterian church workers and their families, and Presbyterian-affiliated racial ethnic schools and colleges. (See article below.)

Youth Fellowship Activities



- December 4**
 Regular Youth Fellowship 6 – 8pm
- December 11**
 2012 Confirmation Class info mtg. for youth & parents at 5 – 6pm
 Youth movie outing. Time/place TBA
- December 18**
 Annual Youth Group Christmas Party, 5:30 – 8:30pm at the Shannon's home. Bring a snack to share, and a gag gift for our fun exchange. (Spend no more than \$5)
- Over the Christmas Break**
 We'll have an ice skating trip at the Pepsi Coliseum. Let Julie Shannon know if you want to go.
- Practice dates/times for the 4 pm Christmas Eve Service**
Sundays at 10am: 12/4, 12/11, 12/18
Dress Rehearsal: Wednesday 12/21!
December 24: Be at church by 3pm
 Worship service is at 4pm
We need yth greeters/ushers at the 4pm service Contact Julie.
December 25 and January 1
 No Youth Fellowship

Education for all ages

Northminster Church Library (upstairs next to elevator)

BY DEBBIE BULLOFF, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Advent and Christmas Resources will be displayed in the Library and on book trucks in the Gathering Place. We have many wonderful stories, videos, devotions and other materials. It's easy to check materials out. Just open the back of the book and write your name and phone number on the book card. Put it in the file box and take the materials home. Books and materials can be returned to the Library upstairs or to the Christian Education Office.

We have several new sets of DVD's including three from *Testament: The Bible in Animation* and five new Veggie Tales titles available for check out. There are also five

new Preschool titles including *The Bedbug Bible Gang*, *Little Noah*, and *Springtime for Max and Ruby*. *The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible* is now complete with all 5 volumes available in Reference. We are also adding more titles in the "For Everyone" series about both the Old and New Testaments. These are also shelved in Reference.

If you enjoyed the liturgy of the "Celtic Mass" presented by the Chancel Choir on October 2, you might like to check out *Celtic Prayers from Iona* by J. Philip Newell, the Warden of Spirituality for the Diocese of Portsmouth, in England and a former warden of the lay religious community of Iona Abbey in Scotland.

Birthday Party for Jesus!

This year we can actually celebrate the birth of Christ on Christmas morning! Join us in the Gathering Place at 10am

between services on Christmas Day. If you can bring **cupcakes**, please notify Debbie Bulloff by 12/20.



NPC Preschool Santa Shop

Christmas is just around the corner and that brings us to Northminster Preschool's Santa Shop on Wednesday, 12/7. This is the only fundraiser for the Northminster preschool to raise money to purchase much needed supplies. All items in the Santa Shop are \$2 with items suitable for parents, grandparents and siblings. The Santa Shop will be open from 6-7:30 pm in room 205.

Mark Your Calendars

11/30, 12/7, 12/14: Wed. Night Dinners 5:30-6pm RSVP for Wednesday night dinners by Noon on Tuesdays; call the Church Office (251-9489). Adults \$3.50/ Kids \$2.50.

12/7: Preschool Santa Shoppe 6-7:30pm in Room 205

Jan. 20-22, 2012: Family Ministries

Retreat to Pokagon State Park

Registration forms & check are due to Debbie Bulloff by December 1. Check www.northminster-indy.org for more info.

Parents with a Passion

Dec. 7 & 14: We'll collect money for the family we are helping with the holidays.

Dec. 7: Family friendly topic, yoga/ meditation.

Dec. 14: We'll wrap up 2011 in style. Bring a holiday goodie to share.

No PWP on 12/ 21, 12/28, or 1/4

Parents with a Passion will resume on 1/11/2012

Church School in December

December 4

Focus Scripture:
Isaiah 30: 1 – 9

Advent is a very busy time. Our challenge becomes one of identifying and taking comfort in ways in which God is working in the world and in us. How can we comfort each other?

December 11

Focus Scripture: Psalm 126

Our challenge becomes one of being faith-filled—dreamers even when the world seems hopeless. The children of the church school will explore ways we can spread the joy of God's love. God loves us—pass it on!

December 18

Focus Scripture:
Luke 1: 26 – 38

The angel Gabriel comes to Mary to announce she will be the mother of a special baby. "Do not be afraid!" We are reminded that God is with us. How can we recognize that here at Northminster?

December 25

Focus Scripture: Psalm 98

We will celebrate the joy of Jesus birth with all creation!



What else is happening. . . .

NorthStars to attend Butler Basketball game

The North Stars are again sponsoring a game trip to Hinkle fieldhouse. We are scheduled to see Butler play Cleveland State against on Friday, January 13. The game starts at 7pm. We'll meet for dinner at 5pm at Squealer's (5515 W. 86th St-SE corner of 86th St and Zionsville Rd.) at 5pm. Basketball tickets are \$16 each. Reservations and payment for tickets are due by Jan. 8, 2012 and should be made with Bob Bowers at 259-7366 or E-mail: betbobbowers@att.net. Dinner reservations can be made up to January 8. GO DAWGS!



December J.O.Y. Group featuring Tammany Harding

Join the JOY Group on Thursday, 12/8 at noon for its Christmas Luncheon, featuring our own, talented Tammany Harding, leading us in the singing of your favorite Christmas carols. Luncheon cost is \$7 and, please, **bring a "White Reindeer Gift"** (aka White Elephant Gift) for our fun Christmas exchange! RSVP by calling the church office by Tuesday, 12/6. Can't wait to see you at our annual holiday celebration!

HOSTs needed, can you help?

For several years, we have had HOSTs (Hospitality Offered Serving Together) at each worship service. These individuals serve as greeters, distributing bulletins, assisting with walkers and wheelchairs, collecting the offering, answering questions and providing directions. They are the keys to our Hospitality Ministry here at Northminster.

As HOSTs retire or take a leave of absence for medical reasons or to winter down south, we are in need of new members. Do you have a warm smile? Do you know your way around the church, or are willing to learn about the location of Sunday School classes, restrooms, and the like? Can you commit to helping one Sunday a month at either the 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. service? We want you!

Also, with the holidays ahead, we are looking for extra HOSTs to help at one of the 3 Christmas Eve services (4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm), and/or at the Christmas Day services (9 am or 11 am), and/or at the New Year's Day services (9 am or 11 am).

We are proud of the friendliness of the Northminster congregation. Won't you volunteer as a HOST? Contact Dolly Craft, HOST Coordinator, at 317-848-5170, or dollybike@aol.com to get involved.

With Thanks,

The family of the late Howard McKinley expresses its deepest appreciation for all of the caring thoughts and prayers extended by the congregation and staff of the church at a time of profound loss.

Christmas Poinsettias for Sanctuary

Again this year, we will decorate the sanctuary for Christmas with poinsettias and greenery. You may contribute a plant & dedicate it "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one by purchasing a plant for \$12 each. The dedications will be printed in the worship bulletin at Christmas. Order forms are available on Friendship Tables at church, and in this newsletter.

*Fill out a pink order form (located on Friendship Tables at church) or use the insert in this *News & Views*.

*Make check payable to Northminster Presbyterian Church with "Poinsettia" noted on the memo line.

*Drop off or mail form & check at the church office.

DEADLINE for receipt of checks **IS DECEMBER 14!**



You may take your poinsettia home **after the 11am service on Christmas Day.**

Thank you for helping make the church festive and beautiful during this Advent season.

The Worship Team

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PAM elects John Wright to represent Northeast Region

BY GAYLE-SUE MURPHY, MUSIC COMMITTEE CHAIR

The Presbyterian Association of Musicians ("PAM") is a national association whose mission statement establishes the goal of "strengthening and enriching worship, the very heart of the church's life and ministry." PAM membership is open to musicians, pastors, educators, and lay people. Many of our members have become familiar with PAM and its services through participation in the Montreat Worship Conference. Every summer a significant number of Northminster adults and children attend this week long conference where they immerse them-

selves in the worship and music opportunities afforded by the PAM sponsored event. We have pastors, staff, and members of the congregation who belong to PAM. Anyone who attends the Montreat Conference is automatically eligible for membership.

John Wright was actively involved with PAM for several years prior to becoming Northminster's Director of Music Ministries in 2000. His participation in the Montreat Conference played a vital part in his decision to apply for a position in the Presbyterian Church, and he ultimately responded to the employ-

ment ad we placed with PAM. Since joining Northminster's staff, John has been instrumental in developing and shepherding our participation in the Montreat Conference. In recognition of his years of service and participation with PAM, he was recently elected to represent the Northeast Region, as their National Delegate to the PAM Nominating Committee. In addition, he was appointed by the current PAM President to serve on the Committee for Professional Development. The next time you see John, be sure to congratulate him in regard to his PAM election and appointment.

Music Ministry presents *Christmas Lite* Program, with special guest, Max Wellman, 12/4

BY JOHN WRIGHT, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

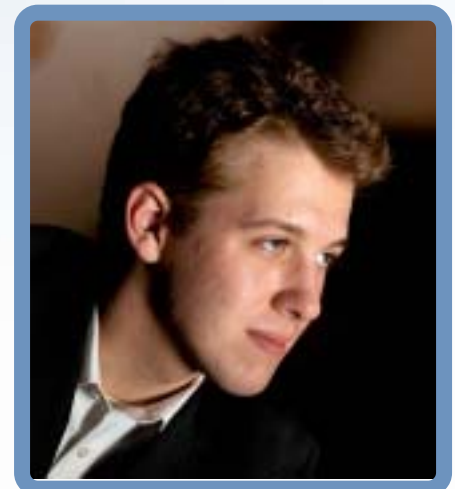
Join us in the sanctuary at 1pm for a 50-minute show of secular and silly Christmas songs, featuring our children's choirs, Chancel Choir, and soloists. Our special musical guest this year is jazz singer and pianist Max Wellman. Mr. Wellman, based in Atlanta, Georgia, will present Christmas arrangements from his 2012 "Home for the Holidays" tour, and you don't have to go to stubhub.com for tickets.

For more information about Max Wellman and his music, visit www.maxwellmanmusic.com. There is

a rumor that a large man in red will make an appearance. There will be a lunch served at Noon in Calvin Hall, sponsored by the Congregational Life Team. Come join the fun as we usher in the holiday season! This is a free event.

"Wellman is a jazz vocalist whose crisp, clear tenor voice produces melodic interpretations that echo the likes of Harry Connick Jr., Ella Fitzgerald, Frank Sinatra, and Michael Buble."

~ The Des Moines Register



(Max Wellman, jazz vocalist)



**COMMUNION SIGN UP SHEET
JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, 2012**



The Worship Team is seeking volunteers to serve communion in January, February, and March of 2012. Retired clergy and anyone who has been ordained as an Elder or Deacon in the church are eligible to serve communion. (Eligibility to serve is *not* limited to those who are *currently* installed as Elders and Deacons.) The Worship Team encourages all eligible servers to participate.

At the bottom of this page you will find a list of dates. Please circle the date(s) and the worship service(s) when you are willing to serve. Be sure to put your name and contact information in the spaces provided.

Please mail or deliver this form to the church office by Sunday, December 18th, or e-mail your availability to Bobbie Cann at bcann@sbcglobal.net. You will be contacted to confirm your participation the week prior to the communion service.

Thank you for your continued service to Northminster.

The Worship Team



Server Name _____

Phone Number _____

E-Mail _____

Please circle the date(s) and service(s) when you are available to serve.

January 1	<input type="radio"/> 9:00 AM	<input type="radio"/> 11:00 AM	Intinction
February 5	<input type="radio"/> 9:00 AM	<input type="radio"/> 11:00 AM	Seated
March 4	<input type="radio"/> 9:00 AM	<input type="radio"/> 11:00 AM	Seated



Poinsettia Order Form

Indicate whether you are contributing the plant **in memory of** or **in honor of** a loved one and the relationship (parents, spouse, etc.)
 Print your name and phone number so we may contact you if necessary.



Thank you for helping us decorate the sanctuary.

IN MEMORY OF	IN HONOR OF	NAME & RELATIONSHIP
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
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YOUR NAME _____

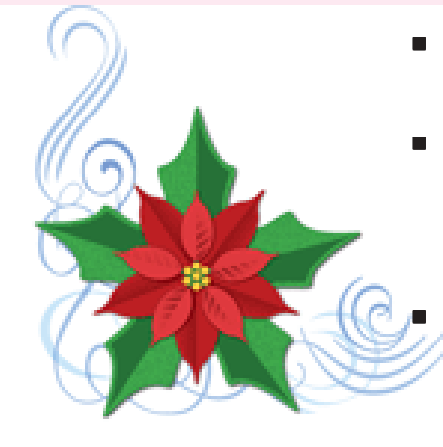
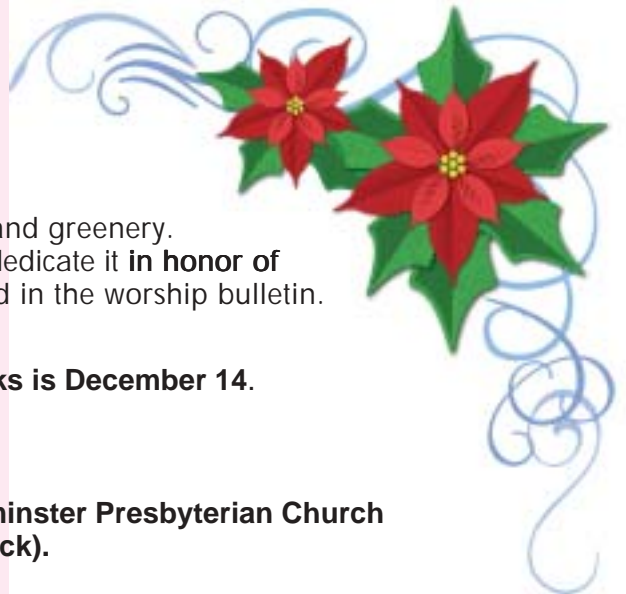
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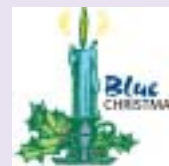
Poinsettias for the Sanctuary

We will decorate the sanctuary for Christmas with poinsettias and greenery. The cost is \$12.00 for each plant. You may donate a plant and dedicate it **in honor of** or **in memory of** a loved one. These dedications will be printed in the worship bulletin. Please do the following:

- **Deadline for the receipt of checks is December 14.**
- **Fill out the form above**
- **Make a check payable to Northminster Presbyterian Church ("poinsettia" on note line of check).**
- **Drop off order form and check at the church office or mail to:
Katie Hart
Northminster Presbyterian Church,
1660 Kessler Blvd., East Dr., Indpls, IN 46220.**
- **You may take your poinsettia home after the
11am worship on Sunday, December 25**



December 2011



Thursday, December 1

10am Clothe-A-Child
9am-2:30pm Preschool
7pm Yoga

Saturday, December 3

8am-4:30pm Hershberger/lessons
10am Buchholtz Calling
11am Buchholtz Memorial

Sunday, December 4

9am & 11am Worship w/Comm.
9am -noon Nursery/toddler/preschl.
9:20 & 11:20am
Children's Church
10am Adult Ed/Bible Study
10am Church School
10am Fellowship Hour
10am - 1pm **Alternative Gift Market**
10am - 1pm **PWCN Bake Sale**
12pm - 1pm **All-Church lunch**
1pm - 3pm **Christmas Lite concert**
with special guest jazz
musian, Max Wellman
6pm Youth Fellowship

Monday, December 5

9am Chancel Care
9am Men's card group
1pm - 2:30pm Senior Univ. Mtg.
3:45 - 8:30pm Hershberger/lessons
7pm Yoga
7:30pm AA group

Tuesday, December 6

9am - 2:30pm Preschool
10:45am Women's Bible Study
2pm Banner Committee
7pm Team Mtgs./Optional

Wednesday, December 7

7:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast
9am - 2:30pm Preschool
10am Staff meeting
5:30pm Wednesday night dinner
6-7:30pm Santa Shop
6-9:15pm Childcare
6pm Bel Canto practice
6pm Peace Choir
6:15pm Celebration Choir
6:15pm Parents with a Passion
6-7pm Preschool Santa Shop
7pm Unity Ringers - practice
7pm Chancel Choir
7pm - 9pm Homework help

Thursday, December 8

9am - 2:30pm Preschool
11am JOY Group gathering
7pm Yoga

Saturday, December 10

10am - 1pm Choir/Dress Rehearsal

Sunday, December 11

9am & 11am Worship
9am-noon Nursery/toddler/preschl.
9:20 & 11:20am
Children's Church
10am Adult Ed/Bible Study
10am Church School
10am Fellowship Hour
6pm Youth Fellowship

Monday, December 12

9am Chancel care
9am Men's card group
6pm Stephen Ministry
6:30-8:30pm Hershberger/recital
7pm Yoga
7:30pm AA group

Tuesday, December 13

9am-2:30pm Preschool
10:45am Women's Bible Study
11:30am Tandem/MCL Castleton
6pm Circle 1 Bible Study
6:30-8:30pm Hershberger/recital

Wednesday, December 14

7:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast
9am Spiritual Striders
9am - 2:30pm Preschool
10am Staff meeting
5:30pm Wednesday night dinner
6pm - 9:15pm Childcare
6pm Bel Canto
6pm Peace Choir
6:15pm Celebration Choir
6:15pm Parents with a Passion
7pm Unity Ringers
7pm Chancel Choir
7pm - 9pm Homework help

Thursday, December 15

9am - 2:30pm Preschool
10:30am Preschool Party
7pm Yoga

Saturday, December 17

6:30-8:30pm Hershberger/recital

Sunday, December 18

9 & 11am Worship
9am - 12pm Nursery/toddler/preschl.
9:20 & 11:20am
Children's Church
10am Adult Ed/Bible Study
10am **Blue Christmas Service**
10am Church School
10am Fellowship Hour
6pm Youth Fellowship/away

Monday, December 19

9am Chancel care
9am Men's card group
7pm Yoga
7:30pm AA group

Wednesday, December 21

7:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast
10am Staff meeting
6-8pm Christmas Eve Service
REHEARSAL

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve

4pm Multigenerational Service
7pm Christmas Eve Worship
10:30pm Music prelude
11pm Christmas Eve Worship

Sunday, December 25

Merry Christmas!

9 & 11am Worship
10am Christmas Party for Jesus!
10am Fellowship Hour



Monday, December 26

8am - 9pm Office & Building Closed
7:30pm - 9pm AA group

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Tuesday, December 27

9am - 2:30pm Preschool
 9am Chancel care
 9:30am Newsletter Assembly

Wednesday, December 28

7:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast
 9am - 2:30pm Preschool
 10am Staff meeting

Thursday, December 29

9am - 2:30pm Preschool
 7pm Yoga

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December Birthdays!

Alex Rearick	12/1	Doris Rodenbeck	12/15	Mary Tarbell	12/22
Lynne Tobin	12/1	Bill Goodman, Jr.	12/15	Sharon Gremel	12/23
Emerson Young	12/2	Roger Haag	12/17	Victoria Eder	12/24
Sarah Keesling	12/2	Gregg Butler	12/17	Tom Duncan	12/24
Susan Johnson	12/4	Bill Rossetter	12/17	Rosemary Norrick	12/25
Kate Wiley	12/4	Joline Ohmart	12/17	Judy Ent	12/26
Janice Whiteman	12/5	Arthur Angotti	12/17	Chad Hinton	12/27
Caroline Robinson	12/5	Logan Smithers	12/17	Stephanie Tosh	12/27
Danielle Howard	12/5	Aidan Mansell	12/18	Maggie Hooper	12/28
Nancy Durrett	12/6	Ian Smith	12/18	Patricia Kidd	12/28
Bud Gremel	12/6	Jean Smith	12/19	Conor Crittenden	12/29
Darryl Kamm	12/6	Al Barnes	12/20	Nicholas Mannweiler	12/29
Jody Yohn	12/7	Kimberly Damisch	12/20	Greg Hardesty	12/29
Megan Yohn	12/8	David Deer	12/20	Eric Rasmussen	12/29
Stephanie Alexander	12/8	Mary Lee Ryan	12/20	Glenda Whiteman	12/30
Tracie Wells	12/8	Jason Teising	12/20	Allyson Yohn	12/30
Jonathan Lancaster	12/9	Bill Clark	12/21	Kate Zubler	12/30
Jacob Mann	12/9	Betty Kniptash	12/21	Laura Neville	12/30
Phil Goodchild	12/10	Naomi King	12/21	John Weyreter	12/30
Andrew Boulton	12/11	Fred Rooks	12/21	David Gresham	12/30
Jack Prather	12/12	Jim Arend	12/22	Becky Sherer	12/31
Ben Palladino	12/13	Jim Todderud	12/22	Jackie Gritton	12/31
Sean Crittenden	12/14	Emily Giltner-Teising	12/22	Elliott Leonard	12/31
Jackson Ball	12/15	Betty Randall	12/22		
John Reed	12/15	Steve Swanson	12/22		