

# News & Views

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NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## What's new in the New Year?

### Pastor Teri Thomas will participate in Clergy Renewal Program

In the spring of 2010 Northminster and Pastor Teri Thomas will be participants in The Clergy Renewal Program for Indiana Congregations of the Lilly Endowment. Recognizing the importance and necessity for busy pastors to have an opportunity to take an extended break for renewal and refreshment, Lilly Endowment in 1999 introduced a new competitive grants program. The program awards grants to Indiana congregations that offer a program for the renewal of their pastor and, at the same time, give the congregations themselves an opportunity to better themselves as vital places of worship and mission.

In Lilly Endowment's Clergy Renewal Program for Indiana Congregations, the Endowment will provide as many as 40 congregations with up to \$50,000; some of that amount may be used to help the congregation replace the pastor or to fulfill pastoral duties in his or her absence. The program is for ordained pastors who are serious



Teri Thomas and Andy Longo launch Gathering Place Coffee Bar.

about parish ministry and who can—in conversation and discernment with their congregations—envision this program as a means of renewing a long-term commitment to that congregation and to ordained ministry.

At the center of the congregation is the pastor. Spiritual guide, scholar, counselor, preacher, administrator, confidant, teacher, pastoral visitor and friend, a pastor has a privileged position and performs many roles. In season and

out, a pastor is called upon to lead communities to the life-giving waters of God.

The job is demanding, and pastors perform their duties among a dizzying array of requests and expectations. Congregations are not always easy places, and the responsibilities can sometimes wear down the best pastors. It is not a job for the fainthearted, but requires a balance of intelligence, love, humility, compassion and endurance. Most importantly, it demands that pastors remain in touch with the source of their life and strength. Like all people of faith, good pastors need moments to renew and refresh their energies and enthusiasm. *Continued on page 7*

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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 TERI THOMAS, PASTOR



**W**hat a difference a year makes. Last year at this time many of us were distressed, discouraged, frightened, angry and sad over the economic situation of the world and the impact it was having on our congregation. We went through a very rough time and now we are coming out the other side.

We reduced the budget and expenditures in 2009 significantly. We did that by eliminating four staff positions, giving no salary increases, asking staff to take unpaid leave when able, reducing program expenses, and cutting office expenses by redesigning bulletins and increasing use of e-mail communications. All of those efforts have paid off and we will end the year in the black.

The Center for Philanthropy, a group that studies such things, reports that while overall charitable giving took a huge decline in 2009, churches were an exception to the rule. Giving to religious organizations actually went up 1.8 percent during the worst of the recession. We did not experience that increase at Northminster in 2009 but we are heading for it in 2010. The pledges

that are in for 2010 so far are showing some increase over 2009. We are so grateful for your faith and your commitment. We hope to hear from the rest of you very soon.

We are going to continue to see some staff changes and readjustments. Ruth and I are still juggling as we pick up more and different responsibilities. We both love doing more visitation and calling and are very happy with that addition to our weeks. With Bobbie Schofer's retirement at the end of December, we will see changes in the office staff and the possible reassignment of some responsibilities there as well. Now that the building project is finished our custodial staff will also have some new jobs.

But the biggest difference is in the spirit of the congregation. There is a renewed excitement and optimism about our ministry and our future. We are looking ahead at our possibilities and our potential. I want to encourage each of you to find new ways to plug into the mission and ministry of Northminster this year. We are the church together and we need all of us to live up to what God is calling us to in 2010. See you in church.

### Annual Meeting January 24

Don't miss the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 24. We will meet for lunch (by reservation) at noon and the meeting will begin at 12:45. This is your opportunity to hear how things have gone in the past 12 months with programs, mission and finances. We will also talk about what lies ahead for 2010. Come ask your questions, share your comments, and take an active role in the life of this congregation. There will be child care.

## January Sundays at 9 and 11 a.m.

### January 3

Today is Epiphany Sunday when we celebrate the appearance of the star and the visit of the magi to the Christ child. We will celebrate communion by intinction at both services and Ruth Moore is preaching.

### January 10

This is the Sunday we celebrate the baptism of Jesus. We may have baptisms to celebrate in worship and we will ordain and install new officers at both services. Teri Thomas is preaching.

### January 17

January 17 is the wedding at Cana when Jesus turned water into wine. Teri Thomas is the preacher.

### January 24

January 24 is the third Sunday of Epiphany and Teri Thomas will be preaching on the 8th chapter of Nehemiah. It is a wonderful story of Ezra, the power of scripture, and the benefits of fat and wine.

### January 31

Today the lectionary passages are on prophets and preachers and speaking in love. Jesus is run out of town for his preaching and Pastor Teri Thomas may wonder if her sermon will draw a similar reaction.

## Join a ChristCare group

BY RUTH CHADWICK MOORE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

**C**hristCare groups are circles of care with Christ in the middle. They are small groups that meet on a regular basis based on a particular interest. They pray together, support each other, study together and each group has a mission project. The following is a list of ChristCare groups. See if one of them is right for you this new year.

### Drama Group

The Drama Group meets at night to plan dramas for worship. Have a dramatic flare? Then contact Monica Brase at 253-3902 or whitfieldbrase@yahoo.com.

### Spiritual Striders

This group meets on Wednesday mornings to talk the talk and walk the walk. They do Bible study first and then walk together. Contact person is Barb Angotti at 842-7733 or BARB46250@aol.com.

### Do-in-Day Mission

Do-in-a-Day Mission joins together for short term mission projects. They meet for study once a month in the evening and then do a mission project once a month. Contact Ann Bruce at 849-4517 or annbruce@comcast.net.

### Gracie Girls

Gracie Girls meets in the evening to do book studies together. They are also planning the Women's Retreat in February. Contact person is Pat Ward at 815-1544 or patwardart@yahoo.com.

### Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap meets on Thursday nights at the Aristocrat in Broad Ripple. They discuss the theology of current events. Contact Sean Crittenden for more information at crittendens98@sbcglobal.net or 329-4720.

## Communion and Chancel Care Guild

We appreciate the "behind-the-scenes" work done by the women of the Communion and Chancel Care Guild. Members prepare the elements for communion and ready the chancel, sanctuary and chapel for worship. Thank you to the following 2009 Guild members:

Barbara Angotti, Chair  
Jane Browne, Cochair  
Eileen Alsop, Group Chair  
Betty Bowers  
Ann Dunipace, Group Chair  
Mary Garrett  
Elle Keppler  
Patty Kidd, Group Chair  
Nancy Leffler  
Cathy Lord, Group Chair  
Mary Ann McCormick  
Alma Miller  
Nancy Moritz  
Mary Lu Spencer  
Janet Swearingen  
Georgeanna Tutrow  
Betty Williams

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## What do our Deacons do?

Associate Pastor Ruth Moore and a few deacons and elders are meeting this month with teachers and Stephanie West, the principal of School 55. We are going to brain storm and asset map together new ways for us to be in partnership with each other. If you are interested in being a part of this process, please contact Ruth at ruthmoore@northminster-indy.org or 251-9489.

## We're looking for a few good Baristas!

The Congregational Life Team wants YOU! We need volunteers to help with a variety of congregational events planned with the intention of bringing members of the church together outside of worship. You determine your time commitment. It can range from helping with coffee hour occasionally to planning churchwide events. You make the call.

The "perks" include participating in a shared effort with a great group of committed people, a chance to circulate beyond your usual buddies at church and access to the first donut hole out of the box.

The Congregational Life Team members are . . .

- *seeking* a way to introduce people in the congregation to those they might not yet know,
- *servicing* the best fairly traded coffee in town and
- *embracing* the idea that our congregation is bigger than the sum of its parts.

For more information or to volunteer contact Mary Tarbell at 255-9250 or Liz Neterval at eneterval@indy.rr.com or Josh Hill at JoshHillNPC@yahoo.com.

# Mission and outreach

## Clothe-A-Child: What you have done

**N**orthminster's Clothe-A-Child mission gave 110 students from School 55 a warmer and brighter Christmas. On December 10 the students (K-6th grade) picked out new coats, sneakers, school uniforms, and more at the Castleton Sears—helped and guided in their shopping by 58 volunteers from Northminster (12 were first time shoppers). Before the children returned to school with their shopping bags, they had a pizza lunch with the Northminster volunteers. Northminster's expenditure this year for Clothe-A-Child was over \$11,000.

Ruth Moore's favorite comment from Antonio, one of the second graders she shopped with, "This is my favorite field trip of the whole year because I get new clothes, get to eat pizza and cookies, and I don't have to do any school work all day!"

### Special thanks to

Each year Tim Rice coordinates this mission and promotes it within the church and community, and Don and Dolly Craft and John and Maureen Purcell accompany the children on the bus from School 55 to Sears. *(Right: Shoppers are Sara Sarno, Phil Goodchild and Nancy Durrett.)*

## School 55 students and parents thank you

"Thank you for picking me to go on the Sears trip with you. I really appreciate it. I will do my best in class. I am going to work on my missing assignments."

"Me and my family would like to thank you for letting my son Clyde go on this field trip and letting him get some stuff he needs."

"Thank you for choosing me to go on this trip because I am getting new clothes. This helps me and my mom . . . This is a very special occasion to me because I never get to go to Sears. We get to eat pizza after we are done."

"Shaniah and I would like to send our love to whoever is sharing with our family this year. It has been a hard year for us but we as a family are getting back on track and things are getting better. We would like you to know that we are grateful . . . May God bless you for being our angel."

"Thank you, Clothe-A-Child, for

picking me to go on the field trip to get clothes like shoes, shirts, coats, gloves, hats and underwear. Thank you for the free clothes."

"Tristan and I would like to thank you for the gifts that you have given him. May you have blessings to come your way."

"Dear Northminster Church, thank you for letting us go shopping at Sears and thank you for letting us get clothes."

"I am greatly thankful for what all of you are doing for my kids, and I will make sure we take good care of the things that my kids received."

"I thank you so much for choosing to help my daughter as we have found ourselves in tough times. This is a tremendous blessing to our family."

"Thank you for picking me to go to Sears. Now I can have clothes for the winter and so I can be warm and not get sick."



"We have had such a rough year. By the grace of God we've made it to the end of the year. We are so thankful that God has truly blessed our family while in need by people such as yourselves."

"Thank you for caring."

## Mission looks back and forward

BY MAUREEN PURCELL, MISSION TEAM

**A**t the time of this writing, we are in the midst of Advent, the season of waiting. We are juggling balls labeled “church,” “charities,” “children.” It’s an interesting dichotomy: the act of waiting and the act of juggling. And that’s December.

It’s a special month for benevolence and the Mission Team. We are in charge of distributing to various missions 10 percent of the year’s budget as well as inform you of volunteer opportunities. We work with your money and your time. We support our greater church (General Assembly, White Water Valley Presbytery, for example) and local missions (Caring Churches Network, Damien Center, etc.). We schedule the amounts to be distributed throughout the year and use undesignated funds to help others with rent and various other kinds of support. Then comes December and we wait for requests.

In 2009, Clothe-a-Child grew from an average of 90 children to over 100 and Mission was asked to make up a deficit. Pastor Ruth Moore asked for funds so she could hand out more food cards during the holidays. We were asked to give a gift card as a housewarming present for the new

resident of the Habitat House that we helped to build. We gave a holiday gift to Pastor Neri who ministers the church we helped build in Quintana Roo, Mexico. At this writing, December has hardly begun and the needs are many. Juggle and wait, juggle and wait.

January is deep midwinter, the promise has been delivered, and we’ve had a short nap. In 2010 we’ve scheduled giving to PSCUSA programs and local missions, making extra room for refugees and preparing for more hunger. (Always prepare for hunger.) There will be special offerings, underwear drives, school uniform drives, more letters to write, hosting the homeless, and letting you know about opportunities for using your hands, feet and hammers. This year you will see a very active Green Group challenge us as individuals and as an institution to take action in preserving and healing God’s great creation.

And there’s always hunger—18,000 children a day in Indianapolis. Look for updates and information about how we are putting your benevolence funds to work. We’ll be on the web site, the building monitors and the old-fashioned bulletin board. We’ll be looking for you, too.

## Interfaith Hospitality Network February 28

Be looking for sign up tables later this month and in February for Interfaith Hospitality Network volunteers. We will be hosting homeless families the week of February 28–March 7 after taking a break from hosting in 2008 due to our construction.

We need volunteers for jobs ranging from morning and evening van drivers to meal preparers to overnight hosts. Look for more details about volunteer opportunities in the February newsletter. If you have questions, please call Nancy Flamme at 255-8387 or Becca Haag at 225-1772.

## WATCHOUT!

WATCHOUT! is a list of upcoming mission events and volunteer opportunities at Northminster and in the community.

- Family Week, June 20-25, in New Orleans. Presbyterian Disaster Relief sponsors a family week (14 years and older) to help repair and rebuild New Orleans homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Stay at the Presbyterian Volunteer Village in New Orleans, \$20 per person per day. Register at [www.psusa.org/pda](http://www.psusa.org/pda).
- MLK Fest 2010, January 26, 11 a.m.–3 p.m. at CTS, 1000 West 42nd Street. A volunteer fair, music, spoken word, and art celebrating the life and legacy of Martin Luther King.
- Habitat for Humanity ReStore, Tuesday–Friday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.–2 p.m., needs greeters, cashiers, warehouse help and drivers. Contact Jessica Conway at [jconway@indyhabitat.org](mailto:jconway@indyhabitat.org).
- Gleaners needs drivers to restock other pantries. Contact Mike Miller at [mmiller@gleaners.org](mailto:mmiller@gleaners.org). Check schedule on the Mission board across from the Chapel.
- Gleaners Pantry Partners, four 2-hour slots per week at Southwest Community Cupboard, 3737 Waldemere Road. Contact Debbie Wilson at [dwilson@gleaners.org](mailto:dwilson@gleaners.org). Check schedule on the Mission board across from the chapel.

# Education for all ages

BY DEBBIE BULLOFF, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR



Larry Moslener (left), Katie Bulloff (right), and friends Pokagon 2008

## Pokagon Retreat

Check the Northminster web site at Ministries/Families for more information about our Retreat at the Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park January 29–31.

## Call out meeting VBS 2010

Our first call out meeting for Vacation Bible School 2010 is

## Yoga classes begin January 18

BY JULIE SHANNON, YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRIES

Come find balance, restore your flexibility and challenge your body and mind at yoga with Jen Lamkin. Spend the hour warming, stretching, strengthening and relaxing while on a journey to increase clarity and a sense of wellbeing. All levels are always welcome! Please bring a yoga mat and any props you may have or need. A limited number of mats and props will be available.

Classes will begin the week of January 18. On Tuesday and Wednesday, 10–11 a.m. is gentle/intermediate yoga suitable for all levels with an emphasis on

January 26 at 7 p.m. Come with your ideas! VBS 2010 *Jesus' Miracles* will be held at Northminster June 14–17. We will need parking lot activities, crafts, games, music, and Jerry Gray and Jennifer Smith are designing a BIG DEAL in the south parking lot. Let Debbie Bulloff know of your interest at 251-9489 or [dbulloff@northminster-indy.org](mailto:dbulloff@northminster-indy.org).

## Valentines for our troops

We will be making and sending Valentines to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Watch for information at [www.northminster-indy.org](http://www.northminster-indy.org).

## Annual Bible Bowl

The second Annual Bible Bowl will take place on Sunday, February 28, 12 noon. Be sure to register with the church office at 251-9489 for lunch by February 24 and think about what we have learned in Church School this year.

breathing, strengthening, stretching and relaxation. On Tuesday, 7–8 p.m., is intermediate yoga suitable for all levels with more time devoted to strengthening and cardio. Cost:

- Drop in is \$10 per class.
- 5-class card for nonmember \$40 (Card can be used for any class at any time).
- 5-class card for church member \$35 (Card can be used for any class at any time).

Questions? Call Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries Julie Shannon at [jshannon@northminster-indy.org](mailto:jshannon@northminster-indy.org) or 251-9489.

## Church School in January

On January 3, the children of the Church School will consider John 1:1-18. We will try to catch a glimpse of the majesty and wonder of God through John's words to us. How are we growing in understanding what it means to be children of God?

January 10, the passages from Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 tell us about Christ's baptism and we learn that the words "spoken from heaven" are not just for Jesus. Baptismal waters name us as God's beloved. When and through who have you experienced such affirmation?

On January 17, the study of the Gospel of John 2:1-11 continues as we consider the first of Jesus' signs—the miracle at the wedding at Cana—through Mary's eyes. God's love never runs dry. How can we worship and serve at Northminster to let others know that the abundance of God's love never runs out?

On January 24, we will learn about God's good ways and how it brings good news to those whose lives have not experienced good. How can we proclaim "the Good News" to others? Jesus tells us in Luke 4:14-21.

On January 31, Luke 4:14-30, the story of Jesus reading from Isaiah in the synagogue at Nazareth will be considered. We will think about what God wants for us and what we want and how we might practice God's ways with love.

# What's happening?

## Italian Night February 27, 2010

Italian Night, our youth annual fundraiser, is quickly approaching—February 27, from 6–8:30 p.m. in Calvin Hall. This is a fun evening for all ages! The evening begins with an Italian dinner served by the youth. Throughout the night there is a silent auction and raffle. A live auction with incredible items starts at 7 p.m. There are games for children.

No reservations are required. However, if you do RSVP, we'll reserve a seat for you up front and give you one free raffle ticket for your reward! RSVP by contacting Julie Shannon at [jshannon@northminster-indy.org](mailto:jshannon@northminster-indy.org) or 251-9489. All proceeds from Italian Night go towards the youth summer trips.

### Donate items for the Youth Italian Night!

The youth of Northminster greatly appreciate the support of the Northminster congregation and community for Italian Night. Donations for our live or silent auction are a great way to help. If you have a special talent or a unique opportunity to donate, please contribute! Here are a few past popular donations: lake cabin getaway, homemade wines, family game basket, handcrafted jewelry, a gourmet dinner delivered when you want it, pet sitting, child care, and various other services. Please contact Julie Shannon at 251-9489 or [jshannon@northminster-indy.org](mailto:jshannon@northminster-indy.org) with questions and ideas!

## Teri Thomas in Clergy Renewal Program

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Lilly Endowment seeks to strengthen congregations by providing an opportunity for pastors in Indiana to step away briefly from the persistent obligations of daily parish life and to engage in a period of renewal and reflection. Renewal periods are not vacations, but times for intentional exploration and reflection, for drinking again from God's life-giving waters, for regaining the enthusiasm and creativity for ministry.

Life-giving experiences—strengthening relationships, renewing a sense of call, meeting and serving neighbors in a new way, finding joy

and purpose in a simplified life, traveling to new lands and unfamiliar territory, creating opportunities where members of the congregation can exercise their gifts for ministry—all are common themes of the program. Profound discoveries that pastors and their congregations describe as “life-changing events” occur as they participate in this program.

The Personnel Committee will try to answer all your questions about this program. Contact any member of the committee or the chair Cheryl Jacklin at [Cajacklin@aol.com](mailto:Cajacklin@aol.com). Teri Thomas doesn't leave until after Easter so we have lots of time to prepare.

## Welcome New Members

Please welcome John and Neida Sibley, who joined us by Letter of Transfer from another Presbyterian church. John and Neida are retired and

are the parents of members Will Sibley and Kate Zubler, so they're busy grandparents too.

## Youth Fellowship activities

### January 3

No Youth Fellowship

### January 10

Regular Youth Fellowship, 6–8 p.m. (6–6:30, pizza and gathering time; 6:30–7:15, games; 7:15–8, study, discussion, and prayer time.

### January 17

Regular Youth Fellowship, 6–8 p.m.

### January 24

Regular Youth Fellowship, 6–8 p.m.

### January 29–31

Pokagon Tobogganing Trip

### January 31

No Youth Fellowship

### Contact information for youth

- Julie Shannon at 753-6985 or [jshannon@northminster-indy.org](mailto:jshannon@northminster-indy.org)
- Jacob Mann at 698-8399 or [jacob@northminster-indy.org](mailto:jacob@northminster-indy.org).

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## Beat winter blues

You can beat those winter blues with friends, fun, and fellowship! Youth adults are gathering for a Game and Fellowship Night at Deb and Pet Ronco's home.

- Saturday in January, 6 p.m.–9ish (*date to be announced*). Questions? Contact Julie Shannon.

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## Sound & Spirit welcomes Blue Highway February 14

**B**lue Highway, one of the most esteemed bluegrass bands in the business, comes to Indianapolis for one show—4 p.m., Sunday, February 14—as part of *Sound & Spirit's* 2009–2010 season. Celebrating their 14th year together, Blue Highway has recorded eight albums and received numerous awards, including a Dove Award, three Grammy nominations and several International Bluegrass Music Association Awards.



The five man band's latest release, "Through the Window of a Train," debuted at No. 2 on the Billboard Bluegrass charts and has been critically acclaimed for its stellar musicianship. Don't miss this chance to see one of America's finest bluegrass entertainers. This concert is free and child care is available. For more information, visit [www.bluehighwayband.com](http://www.bluehighwayband.com).

## And in January Annual Meeting with Lunch

### Older Adult lunches begin January 7

Our Older Adult Ministries monthly luncheon and games will be starting on Thursday, January 7, at 12 noon. Cost of the luncheon will be \$6 and provided by our own Carol Campbell. Please call the church office at 251-9489 no later than Tuesday, January 5, to make your reservation for lunch.

### Older Adults hear Marvin Hamlisch January 15

The Older Adult Ministries will be taking the church bus to the

Indianapolis Symphony Orchestras Coffee Pop Series on Friday, January 15, at 11 a.m. to hear Marvin Hamlisch. A favorite with Indianapolis patrons and audiences across the nation, the incomparable Marvin Hamlisch brings his unforgettable songs and hilarious shtick back to the Hilbert Circle Theatre for a spectacular program of music and fun.

In order to reserve your seat you need to send \$40 for your ticket to Carol Campbell, 8011 Connerwood Lane, Fishers, IN 46038, no later than Friday, January 8, 2010.

### Annual Meeting Luncheon

Presbyterian Women's Circle 3 is pleased to "hostess" the Annual Meeting Luncheon on Sunday, January 24, at 12:15 p.m. in Calvin Hall. We will serve hot chicken pasta casserole, salad, rolls, and cookies.

Cost is \$7 for adults; \$3 for children 9 and under. Family maximum is \$20. Tickets will be available for purchase on January 10 and 17 between services. Or call the church office for reservations at 251-9489 until January 20. You must purchase tickets or make reservations; walk-ins cannot be provided with lunch.

## For your health information

BY LIZ NETERVAL, PARISH NURSE

### Ptosis

If your upper eyelid begins to droop down and begins to interfere with your vision by blocking your pupil, you are experiencing an eye condition referred to as ptosis. Ptosis (also called blepharoptosis) is the term for drooping of one or both upper eyelids.

There are two types of ptosis, acquired and congenital. Acquired ptosis is more common. This condition ranges from mild to severe and is most commonly found among older adults where the delicate skin around the eyes begins to lose its elasticity. This causes stretching in your levator muscle, which is responsible for holding your eyelid in place. Ptosis can cause decrease in the field of vision making driving

and other actions requiring peripheral vision unsafe.

You can also be predisposed to ptosis by being born with droopy eyelids or wearing hard contact lenses for many years.

Symptoms of ptosis include:

- Decreased ability to keep your eyelid open
- Eye strain
- Eyebrow fatigue from the increased effort needed to raise your eyelids
- Fatigue—especially when reading or using a computer

Surgery to correct ptosis works by attaching your stretched muscle back to its normal location. Excess skin is often removed at the same time. This is done on out patient bases.



*Liz Neterval looks over medical equipment which Northminster loans to members and friends. If you have a need, call the church office.*

## Lots more to do in 2010

### Women's Retreat

Save this date: Saturday, February 6, is the Women's Retreat in Northminster's new Gathering Place (photo). This year's program, *The Art of Faith: Awakening Your Senses to the Wonder of God*, is open to all members and friends of Northminster. Registration is on-line at [www.northminster-indy.org](http://www.northminster-indy.org) or pick up a flyer and registration form at the church. Register before Monday, February 1. Questions? Contact Pat Ward at 815-1544 or [patwardart@yahoo.com](mailto:patwardart@yahoo.com).

### Senior University

Senior University is March 10. In community with St. Paul's Episcopal, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, St. Luke's United Methodist,

Northside New Era Baptist Church and Northminster Church, we will consider *The Sacred Bridge: Our Neighbor's Experience with Worship and Music*. Our own John Wright, Director of Music Ministries will be participating as will the music ministry folks from the other congregations.

Senior University will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. There will be a cost for lunch. You may register by calling Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation at 255-6647.

### Driving instructor needed

We need a person/persons who are willing to help one of our Eritrean friends learn to drive. Yodit Mehari has completed her Certified Nursing Assistant program and is employed at

Carmel Care Health Center. She has her learner's permit and needs someone to help her get her driver's license so she can get back and forth to work. She is working the night shift so is available during the day. If you are willing to help Yodit, please call Susie Koriath at 845-0452 or 506-8122. Thank you.

### Thank you

"Thank you for your cards, gifts, and best wishes on my leaving Northminster as a clerical in the church office. I appreciate your kindness and encouragement, and I will remember you all fondly," from Bobbie Schofer.

## Northminster Community Preschool and Mothers'-Day-Out Registration for 2010-2011 begins



**N**orthminster Community Preschool and Mothers'-Day-Out Programs will begin registering children for the 2010-2011 school year this month. Northminster Presbyterian Church members may register their children for either of the programs beginning Tuesday, January 19, 2010, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Registration forms will be available in the preschool

hallway across from Room 112. Registration forms must be accompanied by a nonrefundable registration check.

We would love to see your child in one of our weekday programs. Please consider visiting our classes. We would like to show you a quality program in a Christian environment familiar to your child. We will be holding an Open House during our

regularly scheduled classes on Tuesday, January 12, 2010. The 4/5 preschool classes will be open from 9:30–11 a.m. and 12:45–2:15 p.m. The 3/4 preschool class and the Mothers'-Day-Out class will be open only during the morning times.

Feel free to drop in and visit a class. For additional information or for scheduling a visit, contact Judy Nelson, preschool director and Northminster member, at 251-9489.



*The preschool says good-bye to Todd, Nate and Jon, who have been a major part of Northminster's building and renovation for the past year.*