

# News & Views

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## Aps that link us to global sites – World Missions

BY MAUREEN PURCELL, MISSION TEAM

Whenever, and wherever, disaster strikes in the world, the Presbyterian Church assures us that they are more than likely already on the ground and ready to accept and distribute any supplies we send them. “On the ground” means the church has friends, co-workers, missionaries, a network, connections, partnerships, however we want to call them – people – who know their surroundings and the humans who live there. They are everywhere, including Japan, Haiti, Columbia, Kenya, Mexico, the Congo.

Hunter Farrell, Director of World Missions for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) will be our guest for lunch on Sunday, August 14 following the 11 a.m. service. He is a Presbyterian minister, has served as a mission worker in the Congo and Peru for 15 years, teaching the New Testament and working in Christian community organizing. In addition to his Master of Divinity, he has a Ph.D. in cultural Pratique des Hautes Etudes in Paris and another Ph.D. in cultural anthropology from the Pontificia Universidad in Catolica del Peru. His dissertation studied the relationship between culture and violence in a Peruvian Andean community. Farrell supports walking

into mission with in-depth knowledge and appreciation of the people he wants to teach or assist.

In addition to naming Presbyterian Disaster Assistance as one of our The Future is Now Capital Campaign mission recipients and collecting hygiene kits to be sent to disaster sites in Japan as well as Joplin, Northminster’s global eye has settled for many years on Principe de Paz near Cancun. We are also beginning to look toward Kenya. Northminster has people “on the ground” through our support of the Interfaith Hunger Initiative and the many friends we’ve made through our association with Eritrean refugees.

In a talk last year in Minneapolis, Hunter Farrell described the changes the Presbyterian Church has made regarding world missions since 1837. In the earliest days, we sent missionaries. By the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, the church emphasized working in partnership with churches overseas. Today, the partnerships are between individual churches and presbyteries and their international counterparts. That’s how we got to Mexico. And it may be how we get to Africa.

Please come and bring your questions to this enlightening and transformative discussion. The luncheon will begin about 12:00 in Calvin Hall with

Farrell’s program following at about 1p.m. Reservations are required by Tuesday, August 9 by calling the church at 251-9489. The cost is \$5 per person over 5 years old, plus a canned food item from each who attend. Childcare will be provided.



(Hunter Farrell)

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## Pastoral pondering . . .

BY MEREDITH BRASE, NORTHMINSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT



Meredith Brase (pictured below) is going into Middle School this fall. She has expressed some interest in exploring the vocation of ministry when she gets older. So to give her a feel for what that might really mean Pastor Teri invited Meredith to spend a day with her. This is Meredith's reflection on that day.

**D**uring my ministry "internship," I learned there is a lot more than preaching to being a pastor. There are hospital visits and staff meetings. It sounds boring but it really is interesting and fun.

First, we went to the Men's Prayer Breakfast. Pastor Teri took notes. The men were nice and cheerful even for it being 7:30 in the morning. I'm not usually cheerful at that time.

Second, we had a staff meeting. WE HAD SNACKS! And we worked on the bulletin and planned the service. They are basically the same thing. And Pastor Teri had magic water and talked about people who don't have clean water. After we finished planning the service/bulletin, we all made VBS snacks – trail mix!

Third, LUNCH! Even though it wasn't at all church related, we still had fun. And we ate. It was like a little get-together. Mrs. Neterval and Mrs. Bulloff

were all there too. Pastor Ruth was on vacation.

Fourth, Pastor Teri and I visited American Village and had a Bible study. All of the old people were very fun, nice, and sweet. I think they were happy to have a kid visit.

The last thing we did was visit hospice. We visited a lady there. It was sad because it looked like she was down. Pastor Teri asked if she needed anything and she fed her ice, because that was what she said she wanted. We said a prayer, and then Pastor Teri kissed her on the cheek. The visit made me feel sad.

Pastor Teri and everyone else at church don't just preach. They are very busy all day every day and they have to make plans about the bulletin and the service, and other things. I used to think that pastors just preached, but it is harder than I thought it would be. They help people in more ways than I realized.



(Meredith Brase at 2010 VBS)

### Sundays in July at 9 & 11 am

**Sunday, July 3**

**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Communion by Intinction**

Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–67

Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

Today we welcome special guest, Rev. Carolyn Weber to Northminster. Rev. Weber is a PCUSA missionary in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and teaches at the Mekane Yesus Seminary. Last year Carolyn hosted Jack and Teri in her home during Teri's sabbatical. Carolyn, in town for the Big Tent Event, will preach this morning.

**Sunday, July 10**

**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Genesis 25:19-34

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

We continue in our exploration of the stories from Genesis and the Gospel of Matthew. Ruth will preach today.

**Sunday, July 17**

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Genesis 28:10-19

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

We'll climb Jacob's ladder and talk about the weeds in the garden. The gospel says, "Let anyone with ears listen." Teri preaches today.

**Sunday, July 24**

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Genesis 29:15-28

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

We hear that God's realm is like a mustard seed, yeast, a treasure, a pearl, and a net of fish and Jesus wants to know if we understand all this. Ruth preaches today.

**Sunday, July 31**

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Genesis 32:22-31, Matthew 14:13-21

Today will be an old time religion Sunday at Northminster. We'll sing many of the good old hymns, hear some personal testimonies and celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism. Bring your parents or grandparents or your memories and join us for this service.

# What's happening at Northminster?

## Book Discussion to take place in July

BY SUE HOLEWINSKI

Join us for a book discussion on *Bringing Progress to Paradise* by local author Jeff Rasley on Sunday, July 24 at 6pm. The book chronicles Jeff's trek in 2008 to a remote village in Nepal where the residents were untouched by Western values, yet they desired education for their children and

electricity to improve the lives of their families. Read about Jeff's dilemma over culture and progress and bring your observations to the meeting. The book can be purchased through <http://www.amazon.com> or directly through Jeff at [jrasley@juno.com](mailto:jrasley@juno.com). His website is: [www.jeffreyrasley.com](http://www.jeffreyrasley.com). See you there!

## Difficulty with Swallowing

BY LIZ NETERVAL, PARISH NURSE

Swallowing is complex. It involves the mouth, throat area, and esophagus. Many nerves and muscles control how these body parts work. Part of the act of swallowing is under voluntary control, which means you are aware of controlling the action. However, much of swallowing is involuntary. Problems at any point — from chewing food and moving it into the back of the mouth to transporting food down the esophagus into the stomach — can result in difficulty swallowing.

Swallowing problems can be diagnosed with an X-Ray while the patient swallows barium (called a barium study of the esophagus), by a computerized tomography scan (an X-Ray that can take pictures of the esophagus), a biopsy, to take a sample of tissue to check for esophageal cancer or by an endoscopy (in which a scope is passed into the esophagus). There are a host of causes and this influences treatment.

The important message is that difficulty swallowing is not normal, should be discussed with your doctor and is usually treatable.

## Goodbye & God Speed to the Snare

Lee and Mary Lou Snare have moved to the Chicago area to be near their children in retirement. We will miss them both in the choir. We will also miss Mary Lou in the book groups and Lee in the financial work of the church. Both have contributed so much in their years as members. They go with our prayers and best wishes.

## Summer Church School Teachers/Helpers needed!

Can you help? Contact Debbie Bulloff at 251-9489 or email her at [dbulloff@northminster-indy.org](mailto:dbulloff@northminster-indy.org)

## Financial Update/ 2011 General Fund

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
2011 Pledges	\$775,900	\$775,000
<u>Through May</u>		
Pledge Receipts	\$348,260	\$322,920
Other Income	<u>116,429</u>	<u>114,300</u>
Total Income	\$464,689	\$437,220
Total Expenses	\$405,580	\$425,600

## Our Future Is Now Campaign

Total Pledges	\$1,221,000
Receipts through May	350,000

## Youth Fellowship Activities in June

### Sunday, July 3

No Youth Fellowship

### Wednesday, July 6

#### Swim Outing, 5pm – 8pm

at the K of C Pool

71st & Keystone Ave.

### July 9– July 16

Montreat Youth Conference!

### Friday, July 29 – 30

Trip to St. Louis, MO

City Museum

### Early August

#### State Fair outing

### Sunday, August 21

#### Car wash Fund Raiser

Help raise funds for Ken-ya Help Us? Carnival game sponsorship

### Sunday, August 28

#### Youth Fellowship Kick-off Cookout Party!

The Yohn family will host this event. More information to follow in August.

### July – mid August:

#### No Sunday Night Youth Fellowship – other activities planned.

# Education for all ages

## VBS/Mission Challenge to Congregation

BY DEBBIE BULLOFF, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR

PC's Vacation Bible School always has a mission component. This year our summer mission is to raise \$5000 for Heifer International. Monies collected will be used to purchase goats and chickens and provide for people to be taught gardening skills. The animals and gardens will benefit the children/schools in the Maseno District of Kenya that we also help by providing food for

their lunches. This mission began Lemonade Day and will continue through the summer raising money to "pass on the gift." If you, a group of your friends or your business would like to make a gift to our VBS Mission Project, contact Debbie Bulloff at 251-9489 or dbulloff@northminster-indy.org. Our children thank you and the families in Kenya who receive the gift of Heifer Project animals will thank you, too.

### Thank you, Thank you!!

*My thanks and praise to all who helped this year with VBS 2011 Heifer Project – Feeding 5000!*

#### Crew Leaders:

Robin Litel, Heather Banks, Marci Robinson, Amy Johnson, Gracie Edwards, Mike Shannon, Vicky Smith, Christie Call, Chris Palladino, Linda Furuness, Abby Hunter, Emily Plunkett, Mike Boris, Donna Schmahl, Will Sibley, Nancy Flamme, Alan Hill, Becca Haag, Stephanie Alexander, Victoria Merida, Sarah Hittle

#### Music Crew:

Julie Shannon, Mary Boris, Jill de las Alas, Gabe Boris

#### Games Crew:

Jacob Mann, David Dzwonar and Zach Yohn

#### Crafts Crew:

Terri Palladino, Mary Tarbell, Peggy Parker, Betty Cooper

**Drama Crew:** Monica Brase, Jean Dodds, Crew #8 (Middle School), Mike Boris, Will Sibley, Christie Call

**Kenya/Video/Wheel of Fortune:** Steve Neterval, Teri Thomas, Winnie Achieng Amollo

#### Publications:

Cheryl Plunkett, John Plunkett

#### Parade Crew:

Jennifer Smith, Monica Brase,

Katie Clayton, Liz Neterval, Congregational Life Team

#### Snacks:

Jody Yohn, Mark Yohn & cupcake bakers

#### Registration Crew:

Aimee Scheuermann, Cheryl Plunkett, Dawn Sibley, MaryAnn Ruegger and Lisa Longo

#### Ice Cream Social:

Nan Diehl, Nancy Hill, Nancy Leffler, Don Williams,

#### Dinner Crew:

Ann Bruce, Cheri Gudgel and Mary Lee Ryan

#### Child Care Crew:

Jackie Sands, Melissa Hopkins, Colleen Kelly

#### Ark Builders:

Jerry Gray, Mike Shannon, Jim Arend, Gary Ryan; Bob Gudgel, Mike Boris, Matt Boris, Don Craft, Dolly Craft, Tony Ricchiuto, Tony Dzwonar, Tom Stayton, John Purcell, John Brooks, Shannon Girls,

#### Behind the Scenes Crew:

Dolly Craft, Jack Wineman, Nancy Jarrell, Ruth Moore, Susan Glant, Katie Kohorst, Joel Brodник & Kenneth Battle.

*Thanks to all and my blessings.*

*Debbie Bulloff, Director VBS 2011*

## Church School in July

Sunday, July 3

Focus Scripture:

Genesis 24:34 – 38

We'll learn that God is with us when we make choices. When have you sensed God journeying alongside you? How did you choose?

Sunday, July 10

Focus Scripture:

Genesis 25:19 – 34

The story of Jacob and Esau, is about tension between brothers and a birthright that is taken for a bowl of soup. Remember that God's steadfast love and forgiveness can be trusted in times of strife.

Sunday, July 17

Focus Scripture: Genesis 28:10 – 19

Jacob is on the run after cheating his brother Esau. Is he really as alone as he feels? Think about Jacob's journey and God's invitation of hope and blessing.

Sunday, July 24

Focus Scripture: Genesis 29:15 – 28

We'll hear the story of Jacob, Leah, Rachel and Laban and the day the trickster is tricked. When have you been surprised by the way God works in the midst of a challenging situation? What helps you remain open to God's work of transformation?

Sunday, July 31

Focus Scripture:

Genesis 32: 22 – 31

Jacob wrestls with "a man," receives a blessing and a new name, Israel. He and his descendants become a new nation. How have we been transformed by God's blessing? Where are we going?



# Northminster VBS 2011: Heifer Project – Feeding 5000 Passing On The Gift!



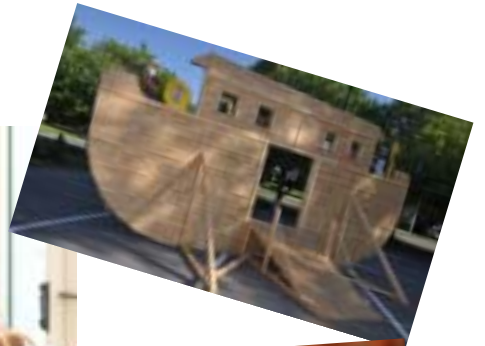
(VBS Director, **Debbie Bulloff**, our fearless leader!)



(We're famous for our ark!)



(Pastor Teri gets in on the VBS fun!)



(Moms get involved!)



(There's **always** fun water activities!)



(song time fun)



(Our special guest from Kenya, Winnie Achieng Amollo)



(Dads help out, too.)



(fun with skits!)



(cool craft projects!)



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## One New Thing Prompts

BY MAUREEN PURCELL, MISSION TEAM

In writing workshops, instructors often give prompts to people with writer's block, ideas that unlock the mind and let ideas spill out. So here are some prompts for you if you've been looking for One New Thing to do, courtesy of the Mission Team:

List two things children can do in the summer that would benefit them. (Northminster has collected for Jameson Camp and offers volunteer opportunities at Westminster Neighborhood Ministries.)

List all the countries from which your ancestors may have come. (We donated to the Exodus Refugee Immigration fundraiser on July 28 and assisted two Eritrean students with school funds.)

How would you feel if a friend were in trouble and you hadn't been told?

(Interfaith Hospitality Network needs help.)

In the June meeting, the Mission Team discussed these ideas when the financial needs of several of our beneficiaries exceeded our budget. Happens a lot. One we are most concerned about. Interfaith Hospitality Network, the organization that allows us to host and feed homeless families for a week a few times a year, needs additional assistance. Northminster has been involved with IHN for nearly 15 years and we would like to respond to its needs, just as it has responded to the needs of hundreds of families over the years. We rescheduled our annual \$3000 donation to be paid sooner than later. But you can help, too, by checking out their website at [indyihn.org](http://indyihn.org) or by calling 261-1562. We knew you would want to know.

## Download this! Computer equipment collection

Late breaking news from the Mission Team: While our date is not yet confirmed (we hope in late August) Northminster will sponsor a collection of computer equipment, i.e., monitors, towers, mouses (or mice, whatever you prefer!) printers, keyboards, etc. Watch for more news on the Mission Team bulletin board or on the website as more information becomes available.



Upcoming mission events & volunteer opportunities

### • Coming in July

Pray for the Northminster members returning to Principe de Paz Church in Mexico to work and teach.

### • Westminster Neighborhood Ministries, Fun Fridays! July 15 & 29, August 5 9:30am – 3:30 pm

Transport or chaperone campers on field trips to the IMA, Indiana Historical Soc. or a farm. Call Paula Ziegler, 632-9785

### • Coming in August Sun., Aug. 14 at noon

Hunter Farrell  
Dir. of World Mission (PCUSA)  
Lunch served at noon followed by a program at 1pm. See front page article for more info.

### • Coming in September

Underwear collection on 2 Sundays in mid-September for the MLK Multi-Service Center, Illinois St.

### • Coming in October

**Walbicus**, walk, bike, bus, or carpool to church for a greener congregation.

**Crop Walk**, sponsored by Church World Service, raises funds to end hunger here and around the world. Plan to walk or sponsor someone who can.

