

# News & Views

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NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## Northminster's Organ circa 1962

BY JOHN WRIGHT, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES  
& MARKO PETRICIC, MUSIC ASSOCIATE/ORGANIST

**Y**ou probably know that Elvis Presley is the “King of Rock-n-Roll,” and that Michael Jackson is the “King of Pop.” Did you know the organ is the “King of Instruments?” For 500 years the pipe organ has provided the church its musical structure for worship. No other musical instrument can lead and support voices in hymns, songs, and chants as effectively as the pipe organ. The large sound field created by the pipes and undergirds guide choir, soloists, and congregation in their singing. The support of congregational singing is the organ's most important function, for in these great hymns, the congregation

forms a single voice. A congregation that sings fervently together can experience the abundance of worship and is united in song.

Fortunately, Northminster leaders determined many years ago that a pipe organ would be a great asset to our church and community. The organ we have now, crafted by the American company Reuter, was built and installed in 1962. It has 2 manuals and 40 ranks. It has served us well for almost 50 years. It is now time to reassess this instrument and investigate the possibility of repairing and improving it, and discovering what options might exist.

There are three main areas of concern, which are listed below in simplified terms :

1) mechanical issues – many wind chests that support the pipes are in serious need of rebuilding/replacing. Their durability is nearing the end.

2) tonal deficiencies – during the 1960s there was an organ building style that focused on the higher register, which meant a lack of fundamental depth, roundness, and warmth of tone color. This affects organ repertoire choices, hymn accompaniment, choral accompaniment and instrumental accompaniment.



Photos taken in 2006, show Northminster's organ console & just some of the many pipes.

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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 RUTH CHADWICK MOORE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR



**B**y the time you get this *News and Views* we will be gearing up for Fourth of July celebrations and summer will be in full bloom. Our Head of Staff, Teri Thomas, will be back with us in worship on July 18<sup>th</sup>. I will be at the church until July 25<sup>th</sup> so Teri and I can catch up, and then I am going to take two weeks of vacation.

It has been a wonderful learning opportunity for me to be the acting Head of Staff while Teri has been on sabbatical. I have had a lot more responsibility since she left, but I have learned a lot too. I've learned more about the building, more about personnel issues, more about team leadership and more about prioritizing what needs to get done and what I have to leave undone. I have also learned that you are a wonderful congregation – actually I already knew that! – and you have picked up the slack when things fell through the cracks or I couldn't get everything done. You have been welcoming and affirming to our guest preachers. You want only the best for this body of Christ we call Northminster Church and I see that every day as you contribute your time, your talents and your support. Pastoral Intern Andi Martin and the rest of the staff have been helpful too.

When Teri first left I felt like I had the responsibility of 900 souls on my shoulders. When I would go home

at night my shoulders actually ached and I felt this huge burden of responsibility. But when I shared that feeling with my women's clergy group, they advised me to let that burden go. They shared how they handle pastoral care and that it is not the minister's job to heal, fix, make better, and worry about his/her congregation all the time. That is God's job – at least the healing and the wholeness part – and that it is my job to bring people to God and to let you and God work on the healing and wholeness “stuff” together. I pray for all of you constantly. I am also lifting your names up to God for God's help and love, and then I am giving you over to God. My shoulders don't hurt as much, because I am trusting in God to care for you too.

Before she left, Teri told me that the Lily Endowment Sabbatical program warns returning preachers that it is hard to come back. Not because he/she doesn't want to come back, but because he/she will have changed and the church will have remained the same. So when Teri gets back we will have to tell her all the things that have happened since she was gone. We will have to tell her about deaths, but also about births. We will have to tell her what the teams have done since she left, and about the time capsule we put in the cornerstone of the Gathering Place. We will have to tell her about the new members that joined us while she was gone and the success of the Deacon's Yard Sale. She needs to know about the guest preachers, the Our Future is Now Campaign, VBS, weddings, **Ruth's fantastic preaching**, and anything else we have done, changed, improved upon, and enjoyed. So make sure and welcome her back and to share what we have done since she has been gone.

I hope you have a good rest of the summer and I will see you in church.

Peace,

*Ruth*

## July Sundays at 9 & 11 a.m.

### July 4

Guest Worship Leaders:  
Holly Hearon & Lorna Shoemaker  
Dr Holly Hearon is Associate Professor of New Testament at Christian Theological Seminary and Rev. Lorna Shoemaker is Assistant Professor of the History of Global Christianity and Library Director. Ruth is out of town officiating a wedding so Holly, Lorna and Andi will lead you in preaching, praying and Communion.

### July 11

Pastoral Associate Andi Martin is preaching. The theme will focus on what it means to be a prophet.

### July 18

Associate Pastor Ruth Moore is preaching. The theme is Word and Work – following our call to discipleship and grounding our daily living in the Word of God.

### July 25

Pastor Teri Thomas will be preaching.



# Did you know . . . ?

## Summer Church School Teachers & Helpers are Needed!!

Summer Church School began on May 30 and it's now July. We are still **in need** of Nursery, Toddler, Preschool and Children's Church teachers and helpers for the rest of the summer months. We have a wonderful, relaxed time with plenty of fun. Our curriculum is very teacher-friendly. Please check your calendars and plan to join the children of our congregation at either 9:00 am or 11:00 am as they continue their faith journeys. Let Debbie Bulloff know of your availability. There is a sign-up calendar available on the bulletin board across from the Choir Room or you may email Debbie at [dbulloff@northminster-indy.org](mailto:dbulloff@northminster-indy.org) or call 251-9489 ext. 16.



**Linus Alexander Taylor**, born May 14 to Sarah Fanucchi Taylor & Thomas Taylor. Linus was 6lbs. 14 oz., 19.68 inches long. Proud grandparents are Pastor Teri Thomas & Jack Wineman.

## 2010 Stewardship & Open to the Future Capital Campaigns on Track

With the continued support of faithful church members, our two pledge programs are on schedule to meet their pledged totals by year-end.

Through mid-June the 2010 Stewardship pledge receipts are over \$390,000, 48% of the current 2010 Pledge total. With non-pledge giving and Northminster Foundation support, income resources through mid-June exceed expenses by approximately \$25,000. The Stewardship pledge total for 2010 stands at \$826,000, still short of the Budget target for the year of \$840,000.

Pledge receipts through mid-June for the Open To The Future capital campaign total \$2.4 million, 91% of the campaign Pledge total of \$2.6 million after 2 ½ years of the three year program.

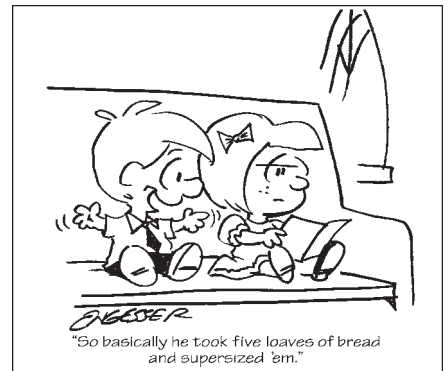
**Lucy Jimmé Mann**, born May 19 to Jacob & Katy Mann. Lucy was 7lbs. 13 oz., 19.75 inches long. Proud grandparents are Jim & Carol Mann.

**Alexander David Crook**, born June 1 to David & Susan Crook. Alexander was 8lbs. 12oz. Proud sisters are Sarah & Julia. Proud grandparents are Dale & Linda Theobald.

**Alexander Petricic**, born June 11 to Marko & Cristina. Alexander was 7lbs. 9oz., 18.5 inches long. Marko is Northminster's Music Associate & Organist.

## What do Deacons do?

The Deacons delivered communion to the homebound on June 6th. If you can not get to worship on Sundays anymore and would like a deacon to deliver communion to you, please contact Associate Pastor Ruth Moore - 251-9489 or [ruthmoore@northminster-indy.org](mailto:ruthmoore@northminster-indy.org)



**Aidan Matthew Cordry**, born June 15 to Lori & Casey Cordry. Aidan was 8lbs. 5oz., 22 inches long. Proud brother is 6 year old Sam. Proud grandparents are Dave & Jackie Crittenden.

**Ryan Thomas Shelton**, born June 18 to Nick & Allison Shelton. Ryan was 8lbs. 2oz., 20 inches long. Proud brothers are Grant & Jake.

# Mission: from the Green Stewardship Group

BY LINDA FURUNESS

Looking for a place to recycle your paper, magazines and catalogs? Although Northminster doesn't have space for an Abitibi bin, there are lots of ones close by. There are bins at Christ the King, Broad Ripple High School on 61st Street, School #55, Sidener Academy at Keystone and Kessler, to mention only a few.

If you go to Lowes at Glendale, you can also recycle your glass, cans, and #1 and #2 plastics. And at Broad

Ripple Park, off of Evanston, you can recycle cardboard in addition to the glass, cans, plastics (#1 & #2) and paper.

If you want to find a paper recycling bin closer to where you live, check out the Abitibi web site: [www.paperretriever.com](http://www.paperretriever.com) or call them at 631-2820.



## What is Stephen Ministry?



Stephen Ministry is grounded in Jesus' command to love one another. Through one-to-one caring relationships, those who are hurting receive the love and care they need. Everyone goes through difficult times. Having

someone to care, to listen, to share God's love with you, can help you get through the confusion, stress or loneliness you may be experiencing. Call our pastors, Teri and Ruth or Betty Bowers to ask if a Stephen Minister could meet with you.

Support is something we all need. God gives us support through

our Christian brothers and sisters. Let us all be sensitive to one another's needs and take the time to support each other through prayers, phone calls, friendly chats after church and even visits. Remember, we have Stephen Ministers who are willing to give you their support.

## Open to the Future

them \$50,000.

Our Future is Now finds new missions: The next campaign has a goal of \$1,500,000 which means the Mission Team would distribute \$150,000. It's not as easy a task as you might think, at least not initially, and we are not taking our obligation lightly.

We are thinking in terms of enrichment, refreshment, sustaining programs already in place, as well as building projects. We are looking at Presbyterian programs. We are looking at missions with whom we already have an involvement or commitment. We are looking at

hunger, children, families, natural disasters, and unnatural disasters. We are focusing on organizations or projects that will fuel minds and aid in the comfort and security of God's children here and around the world.

Our greatest comfort in going through this process is knowing that, with your gifts and commitment to Northminster, we will be able to have an enormous impact on thousands of people. We know this is true because we already have.

# Mission and outreach

BY MAUREEN PURCELL, MISSION TEAM

## Open to the Future - Building Doors & Opening them for Others

A few months ago, the Session voted to, once again, donate 10% of capital campaign funds to missions. Which missions receive the funds will be decided by the Mission Team and announced later this summer.

In 2008, the Team was authorized to distribute \$250,000 from Open to the Future campaign gifts. The Funds would be in increments of \$50,000 and would be distributed quarterly. The Mission Team selected four organizations who were also engaged in building programs and by October of 2008, distributed the first \$50,000.

By the time you read the July 2010 issue of News and Views, Northminster will have given away **all** of the \$250,000 from Open to the Future Capital Campaign.

Would you like to know where all that money went? (For fun, you might read this report while sitting on the bamboo steps in the sanctuary or sipping hot coffee in the Gathering Place or tucked into a comfy and colorful chair in the Senior High Room or on a shady window sill on the ramp leading to the Narthex or in one of the gardens on a bench or at a table on the porch. It's nice to do summer reading in a new, yet familiar, place.)

We gave **Camp Pyoca**, a Presbyterian camp/retreat/ conference center in Brownstown, Indiana, \$125,000. Pyoca has been involved in a large capital campaign to renovate most of their buildings but also to install a geothermal heating system that now supports and feeds Pyoca's

main lodge. Our gift ensured that it would be done. Next up for them is an extensive rebuild of their dam system.

**Habitat for Humanity of Greater Indianapolis** is a mission fixture for many churches and organizations, drawing on the time and talents of professional contractors and weekend handymen. It's easy enough to say Habitat builds homes for poor people, but the future residents of these homes must apply, fit a certain criteria and participate in the build themselves. This fall, Habitat will have a 10-home blitz and they'll need our hands again. We gave them \$50,000.

**Joy's House** is a neighborhood day care center for challenged elderly adults and their caregivers. They expanded their small house near 62<sup>nd</sup> and Burlington, which enabled them to expand their programs as well. We gave them \$25,000 and as it happens, created a new relationship. Joy's House held their annual caregivers retreat at Northminster in May.

**Principe de Paz**, a Presbyterian Church in Quintano Roo, Mexico, wanted to build a church. Over the last eight years we've made annual trips to the church, mixing mortar, stacking blocks and conducting a Vacation Bible School. This month, members of our congregation are bidding farewell to Pastor Neri, his wife Leydy, their congregation and neighbors, and they'll celebrate in a **finished** sanctuary. We gave

*(continued,  
see Open to the Future, pg. 4)*

## WATCHOUT!

A list of mission events & volunteer opportunities at Northminster and in the community.

- **Damien Center**  
26 North Arsenal. Many and varied: fundraising events, food pantry assistance, receptionist, data entry, paperwork, phone calls, staffing at health fairs, Center tour guides, assisting testers with paperwork for walk-ins. For more info call Sandy Windsor at 632-0123, ext. 236.
- **Wheeler Mission:**  
All 3 locations need volunteers for tasks at various times. Check the Mission Team board for more information.
- **Habitat for Humanity Restore**  
Volunteers needed:  
Tuesday–Friday: 10 am - 6 pm  
Saturday: 9 am - 2 pm  
Contact Jessica Conway at [jconway@indyhabitat.org](mailto:jconway@indyhabitat.org).
- **Gleaners Pantry Partners**  
needs to fill four 2-hour slots per week at Southwest Community Cupboard. Contact Debbie Wilson at [wilson@gleaners.org](mailto:wilson@gleaners.org).
- Drivers needed to restock pantries. Contact: Mike Miller at [mmiller@gleaners.org](mailto:mmiller@gleaners.org). Check schedule on the Mission board across from the chapel.



# Vacation Bible School 2010

BY DEBBIE BULLOFF, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR

**M**y thanks and praise to all who wrote the stories; acted in the plays; built the wonderful decorations; led the music and taught the dancing; planned and built the parade; taught the crafts; led the games; shepherded the children; ran the preschool program; fed the VBS staff; planned, cooked and served the snacks; staffed the Ice Cream Social; designed, wrote, edited, printed and photographed our newsletter - "The Galilee Gazette"; worked on registration; did the room set-ups; made the posters; and cleaned up when we were all finished.

During the week we learned to Trust God: Love your neighbor, wear love, and feed the hungry. We learned that Johnny Cash is still cool, that fish and loaves of bread can

walk in a Parade, and that friends are the best! Thanks to the generosity of the NPC congregation, this annual **FREE** event continues to be a centerpiece of our Church School year.



*Participants prepare for the VBS 2010 Hand-Made Parade!*

## Thanks to all who helped make "Miracles" happen

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|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Julie Shannon   | Barb Hill       | Jody Yohn           | Jacob Mann      |
| Mary Boris      | Doug Hooper     | Zach Yohn           | Mark Yohn       |
| Ian Clarke      | Gabe Boris      | Amy Johnson         | Becca Haag      |
| Matt Boris      | Terri Palladino | Marci Robinson      | Allison Gritton |
| Katie Clayton   | Mary Tarbell    | Judy Nelson         | Carol Campbell  |
| Peggy Parker    | Alan Hill       | Ann Bruce           | Cheri Gudgel    |
| Cheryl Plunkett | John Plunkett   | Joyce Mallette      | Ann Dunipace    |
| Emily Plunkett  | Mike Shannon    | Bezy Farris         | Betty Bowers    |
| Joel Brodник    | Jerry Gray      | Pennie Lumley       | Eileen Alsop    |
| John Purcell    | Jean Dodds      | Nancy Flamme        | Mary Lee Ryan   |
| Monica Brase    | Meredith Brase  | Mary Smith          | Cathy Lord      |
| Elizabeth Brase | Jennifer Smith  | Norma Arend         | Susie Koriath   |
| Tori Eder       | Kate White      | Joe Komenda         | Jim Mann        |
| Katie Kohorst   | Susan Glant     | Michael Schmahl     |                 |
| Ruth Moore      | Christie Call   | MaryAnn Ruegger     |                 |
| Will Sibley     | Mike Boris      | Stephanie Alexander |                 |
| David Dzwonar   | Chris Palladino | Aimee Scheuermann   |                 |
| Steve Neterval  | Heather Banks   |                     |                 |
| Robin Litel     | Liz Neterval    |                     |                 |
| Linda Furuness  | Gracie Edwards  |                     |                 |

Bless you all,

*Debbie Bulloff*

## Church School in July

### July 4

#### **Focus Scripture: 2 Kings 5:1-14**

On this day, the children will consider how the prophet Elisha shows God's love and care when Naaman shows up at his door. How can we make a difference for good?

### July 11

#### **Focus Scripture: Luke 10:25-37**

Through Jesus and the parable of the Good Samaritan, we will discover that we must love God and love our neighbors. We will make a mezuzah with the Sh'ma from Deuteronomy.

### July 18

#### **Focus Scripture: Luke 10:38-42**

Through Mary & Martha we will learn the value of being with Jesus. How can we balance word and work - going and doing with sitting and listening?

### July 25

#### **Focus Scripture: Luke 11: 1-4**

As we study Luke 11:1-4, we will consider the meaning of the words we say together every Sunday and pray the way Jesus taught us. How do we seek to be shaped by prayer?



# What's happening?

## With groups and individuals . . .

### Bridge Players Needed

The Northminster Bridge-a-rama Group has openings. If you enjoy friendly bridge and great opportunities for fellowship, contact Ruth Ann MacPherson at (826-9985) or ramdrm61@sbcglobal.net. We play an average of once-a-month from Sept. - May, with flexible scheduling. You're welcome with or without a partner.

### News & Views Stuffers Needed!

Do you have a couple of hours to spare one morning a month? Why not join the "Stuffers" for coffee & donuts while preparing the *News & Views* for mailing? This is an important ministry that saves the church money by not having to be done by the office staff. The group meets at 10 am in Calvin Hall on the last Monday of each month and are usually finished by-or-before noon.

### North'Stars July Outing

Pack up your lawn chairs and picnic suppers to join the North'Stars for a free concert in the Holliday Park Summer Series on Thursday, July 22. The picnicking will begin anytime after 5:30 pm, and the jazz group, Convergence, will perform beginning at 7 pm. The event is cancelled in case of rain. Questions? Call Lowell and Pennie Lumley at 549-2864.

### Tandem Group Info

The Tandem group (a social group for persons ages 70-90's) has decided to continue meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of month during the summer months. Mark the following dates on your calendar and join them at 11:30 a.m. at the Castleton MCL: July 20, Aug 17 and Sept 21.

### Replacement Nametags

We are always happy to replace lost or broken nametags. Please contact Katie Kohorst in the church office at 251-9489 or katiekohorst@northminster-indy.org and she will reorder a nametag for you. Replacement cost is \$8.00 payable to Northminster Presbyterian Church.

### Youth Program Summer Info

During July & August we will not have Sunday night youth group gatherings. Instead we will offer Monday Fun-Night! Some activities may be - biking the Monon, movie night at church, a mission focused activity, and a late night of playing games at the church!

#### We'll have a cookout on

**August 29th and regular Sunday night gatherings will be begin September 13th!!**

### Youth Day-Trip to Triennium + Wolf Park Visit

On July 23, we will gather at 11am at church & drive to Purdue University to check out the Triennium activities, we'll have lunch & dinner on this trip. After the Triennium we'll head to Wolf Park. ([www.wolfpark.org](http://www.wolfpark.org)) Cost is \$7.00 for adults, children 6-13 yrs. are \$5.00, 5 yrs and under are free. The program includes a lecture on wolves & focuses on their vocalizations and specifically why wolves howl! Audiences are always thrilled when they let out a howl, and the wolves howl in return. We plan to return at about 11pm.

## Youth Fellowship activities

### July 4

No Youth Fellowship!  
Enjoy the Holiday!

### July 5

#### Monday Fun-Night Activity!

6-8 pm, miniature golf at Ben & Ari's Galaxy of Fun!  
13875 Trade Cntr. Dr., Fishers, 46038; 317-770-5294,  
[www.benandari.com](http://www.benandari.com)

Groups of 15 or more people:  
\$3 child, \$4 adult  
Groups of less than 15 people:  
\$4 child, \$5 adult

### July 7 - July 17

The following people travel to Cancun, Mexico for 7 to 10 days on a mission trip: Julie, Nancy, Becca, Anne P., Sam, Jacob, Matt, Gabe, Emma M., Emily, Kate, Bud, Anne W., Steve, Abby, Daniel, Hannah, Elaine, & Emma S.

### July 18

#### Beat the summer heat!

Let's go swimming!  
Sunday, 12 n - until?  
Join us at the Knights of Columbus Social Club #3433  
2100 East 71st St., Indpls, 46220  
317-253-3471

email: [info@northsideKofC.org](mailto:info@northsideKofC.org)  
Pick-up & drop-off at the pool.  
Cost: \$5 for non-members.

#### No evening Youth Fellowship

### July 19

#### Monday Fun-Night Activity!

6-8 pm, movie at the church!

### July 26

#### Monday Fun-Night Activity!

6-8 pm, mission project TBA!!



