

News & Views

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NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Outreach: Northminster's Vacation Bible School



H₂O, My Lord: Water Stories with Jesus, June 14–17

Our Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday, June 14–Wednesday, June 17, from 5:45–8 p.m. for ages 4 (by April 1, 2009) through middle school. The theme is *H₂O, My Lord: Water Stories with Jesus*. Our stories will include “Jesus and John the Baptizer,” “Walking on Water,” “Healing at the Pool” and “Calming the Storm/Fishing with the Risen Christ.” Children will hear the story each evening, then travel in crews

to participate in crafts, music, parade building and outdoor games, and snack and video time. We will learn about how Christ used water to name us, love us, heal us and be with us. We will consider how we can be good stewards of water resources today.

If you are interested in helping with drama, crews, crafts, video, parade, music, preschool, decorating, nightly newsletter or games, please let Debbie Bulloff know at

dbulloff@northminster-indy.org or 251-9489, extension 16. On-line registration is now available at www.northminster-indy.org. Every person attending must register individually. (Photos VBS 2008) ■

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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 TERI THOMAS, PASTOR



With Larry's departure the question many have been asking is, "Who will do the pastoral care for the congregation?" The short answer is, "Everyone, just like it has been."

Now for the longer answer. There is a great deal of pastoral care that goes on in the life of a congregation. Most of it is invisible except to those who receive it. We do premarital counseling, marital counseling, divorce counseling, grief counseling, baptism counseling and other sorts of counseling with individuals and couples. We do hospital calls, take home communion, visit the homebound, visit in retirement and care facilities, tend to those in hospice and call on new members. We do funerals and follow-up with families when a death has occurred. We deal with adult children who are worried about their aging parents and with parents who are worried about their adult children.

For many years all of this pastoral care has been shared

among the staff and volunteers. The pastors, the Parish Nurse, the Stephen Ministers and the Deacons have done the majority of it. However, the Director of Music Ministry, the Director of Christian Education, the Director of Youth and Young Adults, and others have helped out with pastoral responses to congregants in need. We all do our part. Most members of the congregation have a pastor or staff person they feel closest to. This is usually the one they approach for pastoral care and we are all able to respond.

While many folks have helped, there are some pieces where Larry Moslener carried the majority of the load. Larry did a great deal of the hospital visitation, serving home communion, and checking on those who are homebound. Most of his time was spent on those tasks.

We all know that pastoral care is at the heart of any congregation. This area of our life and ministry together will not be neglected and will not suffer. I promise you that. These are the arrangements we have made.

First of all we have recruited Betty Bowers to serve as our Coordinator of Pastoral Care. Betty will keep track of who gets visits when and by whom to try and be sure no one falls through the cracks. The reality is that people always fall through the cracks no matter how hard we try (ask Larry) so we need you to keep us informed. Let us know if you are going to the hospital or if you know of someone who was admitted. Also let us know if you are moving to a care facility or if you know of someone who has. If you would

June Sundays at 9 and 11 a.m.

June 7

June 7 is Trinity Sunday. The Chancel Choir will sing at both services and communion will be served at both 9 and 11. Teri Thomas is preaching on *The Shack*.

June 14

June 14 is the kickoff for Vacation Bible School at 11 a.m. and we will explore some of the stories about Jesus and water. Don't miss this opportunity to be a kid again. Teri Thomas will be preaching.

June 21

June 21 is Father's Day and a great chance to come to church with Dad. Teri Thomas will preach on David and Goliath.

June 28

On June 28 the Old Testament stories of David will continue. Ruth Moore is preaching.

simply like a visit, just ask. Betty will coordinate the visits of the pastors, the Deacons and the Stephen Ministers to be sure everyone gets covered.

Hospital calling will be done by Teri Thomas, Ruth Moore and Parish Nurse Liz Neterval. When one of the pastors is out of town, some of our resident clergy have offered to help with hospital calls. You can inform the church office and we will keep the current list of who is in what hospital, when and why.

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We don't say good-bye. We say, "See you later."

BY LARRY MOSLENER, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

I thank the Northminster congregation and staff for six plus wonderful years of serving together. I have met many loving and caring people who have become friends and partners in the Lord's ministry. It has been a pleasure to work with the staff, the Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers, the Deacons, the Session, and the Congregation Life Team. I have learned so much about the dynamics of a large church while at Northminster.

And now God has called again. As many of you are aware I will begin serving as the interim pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Peru, Indiana, beginning June 1. This is a



new adventure and will be both exciting and challenging. I completed training for interim ministry in early May and found it to be very helpful in preparation for this new call.

Pat and I will continue to live in Indianapolis but I will be staying in

Peru several days each week. She will probably join me on some weekends when the weather is good. Pat and I thank all of you for your kind notes of encouragement and appreciation. Above all we thank you for your prayers for us and Northminster. As we all know this has been a difficult and stressful time for everyone, but the Lord is in the midst of it. I have faith to believe that we will all be better as we look forward to God guiding us into the future.

Our prayers will remain with you as we ask for your continued support with prayers for us and God's Church. We don't say good-bye. We say, "See you later." Love, Larry and Pat. ■

Teri Thomas' pondering continued

This information is considered private unless you give us permission to share it with others.

Home communion and visits to the homebound will be done by Teri and Ruth and some of our other resident clergy. The Deacons will continue to serve home communion.

You can help us as we make this transition. Be sure to let the church office know of your needs or the needs of others you know. We would rather be told three times than not be told at all. Let us know if you need the kind of continuing care that a Stephen Minister might be able to provide. These saints are trained and gifted in caring and support folks through difficult times. Remember, the pastors are always available for

home visits if you just let us know you would appreciate one.

We know that many of you are going to miss your regular chats with Larry. We will all miss his caring spirit, his kind manner and calm presence with us. While we will miss him we assure you, there are still pastors and others in this congregation who love you and are here to develop those same deep relationships with you. You are not being abandoned or left alone. I promise. ■

Changes . . .

There will be many changes coming our way in the weeks and months ahead as we move into and learn to

live in our new and renovated space. This is just the first one:

- Because of new wallboard, new paint and the variety of wall surfaces in the building, posters will no longer be allowed on any wall space or doors.

We have bulletin boards throughout the building and if your team needs occasional or regular space, please see Susan Glant.

Any posters found on walls or doors will be removed. This change is at the request of the Building Committee so we can protect new wall and door surfaces and so we can hang art and decoration on the walls. Thank you for your cooperation. ■

Travels and transitions of Northminster youth

BY JULIE SHANNON, DIRECTOR, YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

The church community provides a unique opportunity where the young, the old, and all of us in between, worship, study, fellowship, and pray together. Lifelong friendships are established and a community of support, prayer, and love is offered and received.

One of the coolest things in youth ministry is witnessing the spiritual growth of young people. Being here over eight years, I've had the privilege of watching children grow and mature into young adults of faith. They are growing in other ways as well, physically, emotionally, intellectually, and socially. There are times when they seem to grow overnight; they come back from summer vacation, towering over everybody! Here are just a few stories of the amazing young people of Northminster.

Victoria Eder

Victoria Eder was awarded the opportunity to travel and live in France for an intensive, immersion experience through the Indiana University Honors Program in Foreign Languages. Victoria will spend seven weeks in Brest, France, going to school there every day with other kids from Indiana. The classes will be about French grammar, conversation, and culture.

Victoria and her mother Joy are members of Northminster Church. Victoria has participated in youth activities here at Northminster since 6th grade. She's been in several youth Christmas worship services, participated in many mission projects, attended Sunday school, and has gone away on youth summer trips. Her down-to-earth attitude, great sense of humor and adventure are such a



Victoria Eder, daughter of Joy Eder, will be a senior at Broad Ripple High School in the fall.

positive addition to our group. Luckily, we have her for one more year! However, we will miss her this summer, but we can't wait to hear about her learning experience in France.

Northminster recognizes 2009 graduates

Last month we recognized all of our graduates from high school, college, and beyond. Here is an update on the amazing lives of these fantastic young adults. Please keep all of these young people in your prayers during this time of transition and change.

Matthew Boris

Matthew Boris graduated from Fishers High School and has plans to attend Purdue University to major in engineering. Matthew was confirmed at Northminster in 2006 and has been active in youth activities. His band, Opposites Attract, has played in our church's Calvin Hall.

Matt's drumming talents have been utilized at Vacation Bible School and during worship. Matt has gone to the Massanetta Springs middle school conferences twice, Montreat Youth Conference once, and will travel to Mexico for our church's mission trip this summer for a third time.

Matt was awarded his Eagle Scout award this spring and our Church School is blessed with refurbished building blocks because of Matt's hard work. Matt is an awesome, positive, energetic guy and we will miss him.

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Matt Boris is the oldest son of Mike and Mary Boris and brother to Jacob, Gabe, and Willy.

Kate White is the daughter of Richard and Diane White, granddaughter of Patricia White and grandniece of Corinne White Walker.



Kate White

Kate White graduated from North Central High School and has plans to attend Indiana University this fall. Kate was confirmed at Northminster in 2006. She is very active in youth activities at Northminster and regularly attends youth group and conferences, while balancing a busy work schedule.

Kate has been a joy to have in youth group. Her upbeat, fun, and easygoing attitude has been such a blessing. She has also helped mentor younger youth and has brought along friends to participate in our program. She is also active in Student Venture and a Bible study at her school.

Kate went to Hoosier Girl's State in 2008 and has gone to the Massanetta Springs middle school conferences twice, Montreat, and to Mexico. This year will be her third mission trip to Mexico. Kate has also devoted her time and talents to our youth worship services, mission projects, and Vacation Bible Schools. She will be missed. I have a fond memory of hearing Kate say, "I just love our youth group!"

Jason Reed

Jason Reed graduated from Hanover College with a degree in business. He just finished up golfing for them this spring. Jason is currently residing in Indianapolis and working two jobs, while also job searching.

While in college, Jason managed to stay connected to Northminster church, by worshipping with us, going to Mexico last summer for the mission trip, volunteering for Vacation Bible School, attending the Youthfest conference, and helping out at occasional youth activities.

Katie Dougans

Katie Dougans graduated from Kent State with a degree in international relations. She works as a personal trainer and is very involved in advocating for social justice issues in several organizations. In the summer of 2007, she went on the Mexico mission trip, along with her parents. After graduation, Katie is moving to D.C. and will be job searching.

Hadley Moore

Hadley Moore received her master of arts in teaching from The Johns Hopkins University on May 21, 2009, through Teach for America. Hadley is working as a high school teacher in Baltimore, Maryland. She is also searching for a new job, either here in Indiana or in Baltimore. She has plans to continue teaching for a couple of years, but is also looking for jobs in education reform and nonprofit management/development.

Laura Neville

Laura Neville graduated from Butler University in December 2008. Her major was science, technology, and society, and she has minors in English and anthropology. She studied Orthodox Christianity in Latvia and did a field study in primatology through the Smithsonian in Panama. Currently, Laura is applying to graduate schools, residing in Indy, and working as a nanny.

Adam Williams

Adam Williams (*photo below*) graduated from West Point with a degree in civil engineering (graduation week for the Class of 2009 was May 19–23). He will continue to serve our country and may be headed to Afghanistan. Adam's father Don Williams and his grandmother Betty Williams are members at Northminster. Adam was confirmed here at Northminster, and he and his father served together as HOSTs for several years. Please continue to pray for our service men and women. ■



Mission: What's new at Principe de Paz?

BY ANNE WEINHEIMER, MISSION TEAM

At the same time that we are watching the construction here at Northminster, exciting things also are happening at Principe de Paz, our partner church in Cancun, Mexico. A few years ago, the future site of their church was an undeveloped piece of land on the outskirts of Cancun, full of rocks and covered with brush.

For the past four summers, youth and adults from Northminster have joined with the Principe de Paz community to begin building a church on that site.

While building (and rebuilding, thanks to Hurricane Wilma!) walls and two rooms (future offices, but now used for Sunday school classes), we have worshiped with our friends in a "palapa"—a cement slab with a roof but no walls, that served as their sanctuary. As we plan for our trip to Cancun in July, we have received an e-mail from Neri Gonzalez Thomas, pastor of Principe de Paz.

Neri sent us these photos of the church family tearing down the palapa so that they can begin the construction of their sanctuary! Neri reports that their congregation is working hard together for their new building. They also have new families attending services, their breakfast program for children serves 40, and they have purchased a small car, which is helpful for taking children and adults to their homes. Neri hopes to be ordained



this year and to continue with his ministry and building the new church.

Last month, members of the Commission of the Presbytery of Northern Quintana Roo made their annual visit to Indianapolis. They reported that Neri, with support from the church leadership, is connecting with people even beyond the church's immediate neighborhood and that this may enable the church to extend its vision beyond geographical and socioeconomic limitations. The Commission also recognized that Neri's wife is an enormous support in his ministry and that he will be ordained this year as Pastor.

The Commission members also reported on the other small churches on the Mayan Riviera that are part of the partnership with churches in the Whitewater Valley Presbytery. So much has happened in Mexico during the seven years of the partnership between NQR and Whitewater Valley. Some of the small churches have grown large enough to be

chartered as churches. The hope is that other groups, including Principe de Paz, will reach that goal as well. The NQR Presbytery is also working to take the Word to people in remote villages in the western part of the Presbytery. Their commitment is inspiring and their passion is contagious!

This summer Northminster will send money from the *Open to the Future* campaign **and** people to help the congregation of Principe de Paz build their sanctuary. While we are there, we will also help with their Vacation Bible School, worship with them, see our old friends and make new ones. ■



Mission: Ducks at the fence and on the pulpit

BY MAUREEN PURCELL, MISSION TEAM

There are ways to get your phone number put on a no-call list from the “sure-call-me-anytime-y’all-need-money” lists. There is one list I’m still on, for some reason, and have over the years, just accepted it as one of our minor charities. I won’t name it but it has to do with sponsoring a child to a particular camp in the summer and they only ask a basic \$35. The same lady has called me for several years.

But this group asks that, as soon as you hang up the phone, you go write the check, note that it’s for “deposit only,” put it in an envelope addressed to some unmemorable anagram, and tape it to your front door for pickup. They don’t spend money on postage in order to provide you with a convenient self-addressed stamped pledge envelope in which to send your \$35 *at your leisure*. They will come to your house and pluck it from the door.

I forgot to do it. These people never call you at a convenient time! I might have been watching a rerun of *West Wing* or maybe it was *Dancing with the Stars* or possibly writing an article for *News & Views*. Whatever, she had to call me again and again. Sometimes she left a message and sometimes she didn’t, but I came to recognize the number on Caller ID. I avoided it, thinking I would write a check quickly and put it on the door and not have to talk to the caller. But I kept being called away. I’m a busy woman, for crying out loud.

The day after I picked up my plants from the Deacon’s flower sale, I was like a hummingbird at sugar water, flying gaily from planting bed

to pots to pond, placing lovely blossoms in just the perfect spot, imagining the explosions of color that would greet me throughout the summer. Suddenly my dog started barking urgently at the driveway gate. I heard a familiar voice calling my name. “Mrs. Purcell? Mrs. Purcell?” I peeked around the corner of the house and there was the face that went with the familiar voice, undeterred by the barking dog.

“You forgot to leave your check on the front door.” I was so mad I could spit. I was up to my elbows in mulch and manure and this woman shows up and, practically at *gun point*, forces me to track into my house to scratch out a check for \$35 (“please remember to put ‘for deposit only’ on the back.”).

“Thank you,” she said, sincerely, as I handed her the check. And then she gave me information about the camp some child would be attending because of my “generosity.”

A few days later, I chaired the monthly meeting of the Mission Team as we addressed the budget again. The team has promised the congregation that it will give 10 percent of what is received by pledge or by pattern of giving to missions near and far. But, five months into the year, we are reevaluating, reducing, refiguring, groping our way through the fog bank of numbers. We take another look at Presbyterian Disaster Relief, Gleaners Food Bank, Hispanic communities down the street and across the border. We reconsider housing for the homeless, as builders and hosts, and other programs for children and families in crisis in our community.

Driving home, I apologized to God for having been angry at those who stay on us, as my mother-in-law would say, “like a duck on a June bug,” whether at fences or from pulpits, to remind us that our promises have allowed other promises to be made, and should be kept. ■

Mission: Bread for the World and OGHS

Offering of Letters May 31

The Initiating Foreign Assistance Reform Act of 2009 (H R 2139) is the focus of Bread for the World’s Offering of Letters and our letter writing campaign continues May 31. Stop by the table at the playground door. The Mission Team will supply stationery, letter samples, postage and addresses. Two minutes is all it takes to encourage the Obama administration to develop and implement a strategy for global development and other reforms, including making the U. S. foreign assistance more accountable.

One Great Hour of Sharing

We collected almost \$4,000 this year for the OGHS offering of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. This is almost 10 percent more than we collected in 2008. Our contributions will go a long way in helping the PCUSA fund its Disaster Assistance programs, its Self-Development of People programs and its Hunger programs. Thank you for being generous in an economic climate of scarcity. Generosity is contagious—pass it on! ■

Evangelism 101

BY RUTH CHADWICK MOORE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Have you noticed that I leave the worship space before the postlude on Sunday mornings? I go back into the narthex (the back of the church) during the postlude so I can get right out into the sanctuary after worship and greet visitors. Both Teri and I want to greet visitors and potential members after worship because that is usually the only time we get a chance to introduce ourselves and to put a name and a face together. This way we can greet them by name if they return again.

Our HOSTs offer hospitality on Sunday mornings, but the ministers need and want to do that too. So don't be offended if we don't spend time with you right after the service. We will stay after worship to talk to you, we will come to your house, we will call or e-mail you, but if a visitor gets away without a heartfelt

greeting, they may never come back.

I often think about how much courage it must take to come to a strange and unfamiliar church—especially if church worship is not something you are comfortable doing. That's why I think a friendly greeting is so important. So help your pastors be evangelists. If you want to talk or ask us questions, just spend time greeting people after worship until the ministers are free to talk and then we will take all the time you need.

You may also find the preacher for the day greeting by the side door to the east of the chancel (where the choir and ministers sit). This is due to construction since most people come and go by the side doors at this time. Thank you for helping us share the good news of welcome and acceptance in this body of Christ we call Northminster.

Volunteers for HOSTs program needed



Josh Hill serves as a HOST.

Hospitality Offered Serving Together is the acronym for our HOST program. The HOST program is a

ministry of hospitality and we need new hands and faces to help us be the body of Christ on Sunday mornings. HOSTs pass out bulletins, collect the offering, greet people before and after worship and generally do what needs to be done on Sunday mornings so we can worship together.

HOSTs minister one Sunday a month and there are substitutes to take your place if you have to be gone. Please contact Associate Pastor Ruth Moore if you can help at ruthcmoore@northminster-indy.org or 251-9489. ■



BRV Association

Northminster Church is a business member of the Broad Ripple Village Association. The E-Team is anxious to enhance our presence in the community by actively supporting the BRVA and village activities.

Here are some upcoming events:

- The Broad Ripple Farmers' Market—located behind Broad Ripple High School, off 61st Street—is open every Saturday from 8 a.m.–noon through Halloween.
- On June 6, there will be a Public Safety Day at the Fire Station at Guilford and Westfield, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., with fire, water and bike safety displays.
- At Broad Ripple Park on June 13, from 11 a.m.–7 p.m., you may attend the Teen Arts and Music Festival.
- On the first Saturday of each month, you can assist with Broad Ripple beautification projects. Meet at the Fire Station at 9 a.m.

If you live in Broad Ripple, we encourage you to join the Broad Ripple Village Association as a Resident Member. Family memberships are \$50 per year; individual memberships are \$35. Forms are available at www.DiscoverBroadRippleVillage.com.

Education for all ages

BY DEBBIE BULLOFF, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Church School in June

On June 7, we will enter the Season after Pentecost with wonder and questions. Trinity Sunday invites us to witness the mystery of God revealed in the gift and sign of love. We will learn about Nicodemus and his talk with Jesus and find that God's Spirit is like the wind. The focus scripture will be John 3:1-17.

On June 14, the children of the Church School will consider Mark 4:30-34 and the parable of the mustard seed. How can Jesus use something so tiny to show us how much God loves us?

On June 21 we will consider Mark 4:35-41 when we find the disciples out in a boat with Jesus during a storm. What enables us to speak and act with trust in God's presence when we find ourselves confronting new experiences that give rise to fear?

Mark 5: 21-43 will be our focus on June 28. Jarius and an unnamed woman seek Jesus' healing powers. How can we seek God's healing presence in our lives? Can we be transformed?

Summer Church School June 7–September 6

We need help this summer staffing the Nursery, Toddler, Preschool and Children's Church classrooms at both the 9 and 11 a.m. hours. Helpers will also be needed to staff Crafts on the Patio at the 10 a.m. hour.

A schedule is posted on the bulletin board across the hall from the choir room. Our curriculum is wonderful and we will have fun, relaxed time learning about God's word. Do you hear God calling you to teach/help this summer? I do. Please let me know your availability. Thanks, Debbie Bulloff at dbulloff@northminster-indy.org. ■

Northminster Community Preschool and Mothers'-Day-Out—licensed programs

A recent article in the *Indianapolis Star*, dated Monday, May 4, 2009, brought to light issues concerning child care ministries and their exemption from state regulations. The weekday preschool and Mothers'-Day-Out programs located at Northminster Presbyterian Church are not classified as child care ministries.

Our programs are licensed by the Marion County Board of Health with an annually renewed license. The Marion County Board of

Health specifies rules related to the facility, staff and students. Our annual inspection of the facility includes such things as classroom size and location, enrollment numbers, water temperature, restroom accessibility, ventilation, and a fire inspection by the State Fire Marshal.

The license requires all staff members to have current certifications in CPR and First Aid, as well as annual proof of a tuberculosis test. Every child

Adult Education Sundays at 10 a.m.

Don't forget to take a look at the Adult Education classes listed in the Sunday bulletin. There are a variety of classes offered and opportunities to grow in your faith through study. Courses are also listed at www.northminster-indy.org/ministries/adults/adult-education.

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Library news

Due to construction, the Church Library has been packed up and temporarily stored. If you have library materials checked out, please return them to the Church Office. The collection is missing many titles that might have accidentally wandered home. We will be organizing and reshelving the library collection in its new location soon. If you would like to volunteer to help with this project, please let Debbie Bulloff know of your interest at dbulloff@northminster-indy.org or 251-9489. Thank you.

enrolled in the program must have a signed medical form indicating up-to-date immunizations. We are proud of our ability to consistently meet the licensing standards. If you have any questions regarding Northminster Community Preschool and Mothers'-Day-Out, please call Judy Nelson, preschool director, at 251-9489. ■

What's happening?

Whitewater Valley Golf Open June 15

June 15, 2009 is the date of the Annual Whitewater Valley Open—held again this year at Gray Eagle Golf Club at 126th Street and Brooks School Road, just across the street from New Hope Presbyterian Church. Shotgun start begins at 8 a.m. Cost will be the same as past years, \$60 per player. Cart, greens fee, prizes, range balls, and lunch are all included. Mulligans and

raffle tickets will be sold at registration. More information is on the Presbytery web site at www.whitewatervalley.org. Click on “Registration Brochure” to download a flyer. You can also register on-line on that page. We have had wonderful turnouts the past few years and we want to continue in that tradition. If you have questions, please contact Eric Gale at pastoreric@ori.net.

Dayspring Mini-Golf Classic June 6

Come to a golf tournament unlike any other on Saturday, June 6, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. at Pirates’ Cove Miniature Golf (next to Woodland Bowl). This Mini-Golf Classic will benefit the homeless families at Dayspring Center.

Bring the whole family. You can have up to 5 people on a team

and the cost is \$50 per team. Each player gets a t-shirt, complimentary lunch, and a chance for prizes (awarded to kids and adults on many holes). Registration forms are on line at www.dayspringindy.org. Questions? Call Cheryl Herzog at 317-635-6780 or cheryl@dayspringindy.org.

Gathering for food and fellowship

Tandem June 16

Please join Tandem (age 65–100) for lunch and fellowship on Tuesday, June 16, at 11:30 a.m. at the MCL Cafeteria in Castleton Mall.

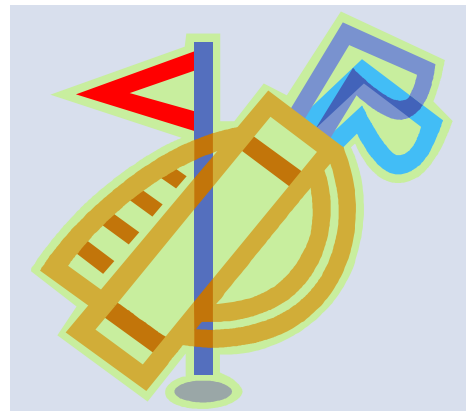
Young Adults June 24

Northminster young adults will gather on Wednesday, June 24, 6:30–8:30 p.m. at Cancun Mexican Restaurant, 6473 North Keystone. Why? . . . To get connected and discuss what we’d like to see at Northminster Church for young adults . . . oh yeah, and to have dinner! If you are interested in this group, but unable to attend please

e-mail Julie Shannon at jshannon@northminster-indy.org.

NorthStars June 25

Join the NorthStars (age 55+) on Thursday, June 25, for a big band concert at Holliday Park. Bring a picnic supper and lawn chairs to the front of the Nature Center around 5:30 p.m. The Barton Rogers Big Band will provide music beginning at 7 p.m. The musicians are part of the Indianapolis Symphonic Band, well known for its concerts for over 50 years. The program is free and will be canceled in case of rain. Questions? Call Lowell and Pennie Lumley at 549-2864.



Hey, Northminster guys, more golf!

This is for all you golfers, hackers, duffers, want-a-bees, and anyone of you who would like to spend a Saturday afternoon on a golf course with friends from Northminster. We are planning the FIRST annual Northminster golf outing for men to be held in late July or early August (date to be determined). If you are interested, please contact Mike Shannon at 283-5025 or Bob Bowers at 259-7366 or betbobbowers@att.net. Cost and details will be out later.

Hannah Prayer Group

Are you worried or hurting or feeling left out? Share a prayerful conversation with Hannah Prayer Group. Call Minnie Chinn at 328-4868 or Betty Robertson at 580-0370. ■



Read about Northminster's Stephen Ministry on the calendar/birthday page.

More happening . . .

Your help needed in refurbishing pews



The projected plan for painting the sanctuary pews calls for the work on the west pews to be done the first full week of June and on the east side the last full week of June. To reduce cost, we have agreed that Northminster will remove, then replace hymnal/Bible racks, envelope and communion cup holders from the backs of the pews. We count 32 screws attaching these items on each of the 46 pews.

Property for sale on 60th Street

In 1999 the congregation of Northminster voted to begin purchasing property on this block as it became available. The Trustees proceeded, with the assistance of the Foundation, to purchase three properties on Kingsley and one on Ralston. The three on Kingsley are now the north parking lot and the one on Ralston is being rented. Two of our neighbors on 60th Street just north of the parking lot have now informed the church of their plans to sell in the near future.

Some day in the future the congregation would love to own these properties. But the present reality is

As soon as we can accurately define the days we can work, we will be asking for any and all assistance in the removal and replacement projects. We hope to remove the items after service on a Sunday and replace them prior to the next worship service. This, of course, will be dependent upon the painting contractor's work. This is good work because you can sit while doing it! The Building and the Buildings and Grounds committees request your assistance. The more volunteers, the faster this job gets done. We will provide as much advance notice as possible.

If you plan to help, please let us know. Please contact Bill Lord at 846-3907 or whlord@aol.com, so we can keep you up-to-date personally.

Photo is of Bill Lord at work in the sanctuary.

that we cannot afford them, so the Trustees voted not to pursue the purchase. It makes a great deal of sense given the current financial pressures on the congregation. It will be a disappointment to future generations.

We are telling you this just in case there might be a member out there who is looking for some investment rental property. You can purchase the property and use it as rental until such time in the future that Northminster might be ready to buy it from you. Seems like a win-win for the right investor. Property values are low, interest rates are low and the rental market in Broad Ripple remains

Youth Fellowship activities

June 5–7 at Gray's cabin

Youth are invited to a weekend of boating, hiking and fun, Friday night–Sunday morning at Jerry and Sally Gray's cabin. Meet Friday night at 5 p.m. to drive down; spend Saturday on the lake; return for 11 a.m. service June 7. Cost is \$20 for food!

June 14–17 Vacation Bible School

No regular Youth Fellowship on June 14. Please come and participate in VBS (there is a group for middle school youth) or help out as a volunteer.

June 17–21

Massanetta Springs Conference

June 21

No Youth Fellowship

June 28

Mushball (a fun game for youth and families. We will gather with other area churches to play at 2 p.m. Following an afternoon of fun, we'll have dinner. (No evening Youth Fellowship)

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strong. Just a thought . . . pray about it please. ■

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Time sure flies!

BY BOB GUDGEL, BUILDING COMMITTEE CHAIR

It has already been one full year since we broke ground on this project. Much has been accomplished inside and much more of the exterior will be taking shape in the coming weeks. Weather permitting, we plan to occupy the new areas by the end of September.

During May we successfully moved the office staff into their renovated offices. If

you haven't seen the new look, stop in and browse around. When I talk about a phase of the work being complete, I really mean about 90 percent complete. There will necessarily be some unfinished work until old and new areas can be connected at the new Gathering Space. That is why the future receptionist desk in the office area is temporarily walled off . . . it ties in structurally to the new addition.

We have made good progress on the second floor with the new



library nearing completion. Many thanks to Bill and Cathy Lord for providing funds for the purchase of new heavy duty book shelves. The old senior high room is being drywalled, painted and carpeted and converted into a reception and lounge area similar to the old Knox Room. From Sunday to Sunday you can see the progress in the sanctuary that is scheduled to be finished by the end of June.

After a wet spring and some structural set backs, we are making visible progress on the Gathering

Space. The first floor concrete has been poured and steel columns will soon form the quarter circle design that will join the sanctuary to the Christian Education Building. While that work continues, we will see additional sidewalks going in along Kingsley Street and around the east end of the Christian Education Building.

We have certainly had our problems and delays, but we are not alone. I recently heard what happened to a church in Middletown, Iowa. They had the exterior of their church painted only to find the paint washing off their buildings during the heavy spring rains. It turns out that the painting contractor had diluted the paint two gallons of water to one gallon of paint! The pastor of the church reportedly had only three words for the contractor, "Repaint, You Thinners." ■