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## Sound & Spirit goes to 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Church

BY JOHN M. WRIGHT, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

Northminster Chancel Choir and the Sanctuary Choir of Second Presbyterian Church will present a concert of two Czech Romantic composers - Antonin Dvorak and Leos Janacek Sunday, March 7, 4:00 pm at Second Presbyterian Church, 7700 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis. Joining the choirs and orchestra will be Joseph Purifoy, Tenor, Gina Wallace, Soprano, and Wayne Hu, Baritone. Featured works on the program are Dvorak's *Symphony No. 9* ("New World Symphony"), Janacek's *Our Father*, for harp, organ, and chorus; and Dvorak's *Te Deum*, for orchestra, soloists, and chorus.



Northminster Chancel Choir

## Sound & Spirit welcomes traditional Irish band, Bua



Irish Band, Bua

Traditional Irish band, Bua will perform at 7:00 pm, Sunday, April 18 at Northminster, as part of *Sound & Spirit's* 2009 – 2010 season. Bua, which means "innate gift" in Irish Gaelic, is a Chicago – based quintet of some of the country's most talented, young musicians. Irish Music Magazine describes their sound as "a throwback to the playing of the 1960's and 1970's while keeping the music down the path of tradition." The band members play diverse instruments, including fiddle, bodhran, banjo, flute, tin whistle, guitar, and uilleann pipes. Brian O'hAirt is a clear-voiced tenor who handles the lead vocals. For information about Bua and their music, you may visit [www.buamusic.com](http://www.buamusic.com). As with all *Sound & Spirit* events, the concert is free, and child care is available.

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## Deacons' Annual Flower & Plant Sale

Order by March 29 - Pickup April 30

The annual flower and plant sale sponsored by the Deacons begins with the distribution of this issue of *News and Views*. Enclosed in this issue is a flower and plant order form. Order forms will also be available at the Information Table in the Gathering Place and at various other locations at the church. Orders for flowers and plants must be submitted by March 29. Order forms can be dropped off at the church office (where there will be a special receptacle for them), or they can be

mailed to the church.

Pickup of flowers and plants is scheduled for Friday, April 30, 9:00 am until 6:00 pm You have an opportunity to acquire high-quality flowers and other plants while assisting the Deacons with their ministry. Proceeds from the flower and plant sale go to the Deacons' Fund and will be used for service projects, such as support for Indianapolis Public School 55 (for classroom supplies, equipment, school uniforms, etc.), Thanksgiving food baskets, and

much more. Throughout March, follow-up announcements for the sale will appear in the church bulletins, in the regular church e-mail messages, and on the electronic message boards in the church. If you have any questions about the flower and plant sale, you may contact Dwight Moritz at 579-0648 or Elle Keppler at 549-2358.



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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



silence during Lent. We are so accustomed to constant noise, cell phones, i-pods, children, parents, musak, traffic, television, yadda, yadda, yadda. Take some time to turn off the noise. Sit in silence. Empty your head and listen to what God wants to say to you.

I pray God's Lenten blessings on each of you this month.

Teri

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### Easter Clean-up

The Buildings & Grounds Committee has scheduled opportunities for you to help get the church buildings and grounds ready for the Easter season on Friday, March 19 and Saturday, March 20 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board across from Choir Room. Lunch can be provided each day for those who sign-up early. If you are aware of any situations you think need to be addressed please give a note to any of the following committee members: Jim Arend, Bob Bowers, Tim Cann, Don Craft, Dick Dunbar, Bill Freije, Bob Gudgel, Troy Hill, Paul Johnson, Bill Lord, Gary Ryan and John Sibley.



I know, you are eagerly awaiting my departure and yet, here I am, still here. I will be here all month and into April. I will not be leaving until after Easter so you are stuck with me a little longer.

We are already three weeks into the season of Lent by the time you get this newsletter. I hope that has some real significance in your spiritual life this year. Even if you haven't done anything "lenten" so far, it is never too late to begin. Consider a spiritual practice to lead you through Easter this year.

A number of us are participating in shared devotions for Lent on-line. Go to our website and click on my blog, that will take you to the discussion. You can read along or even participate in the conversation.

Try to make worship a priority in your life during Lent. In the early church Lent was a time of instruction and preparation for new believers. It is still a time for reflection and preparation. As we prepare to celebrate the power of the risen Christ in our world and in our lives we need to take some time to reflect on that world and on our lives.

More than anything I would encourage you to take some time for

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

#### March 7 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

We will serve communion at both services. The strange Gospel reading, Luke 13:1-9 will give us plenty to think about. Teri Thomas is preaching.

#### March 14 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Ruth Moore will preach on the familiar story of the Prodigal Son, the Older Brother and the Loving Father.

#### March 21 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Teri Thomas will preach on a story that is sexy, smelly and spiritual. You can also learn more about Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program this Sunday.

#### March 28 Palm/Passion Sunday

We will read the entire Passion Narrative and experience the highs and the lows of Holy Week through Scripture and song. Don't miss the palm parade with free-trade palms.

#### Holy Week Maundy Thursday, April 1

Communion to be celebrated in the Gathering Place at 7:00 pm.

#### Good Friday, April 2

Tenebrae will be at 7:00 pm. These two meaningful services add a great deal to your Lenten journey. Please plan to join us.

## What's happening?

### Parents with a Passion Many Thanks!

**IHN - Interfaith Hospitality Network**  
Join PWP March 3 & find out what IHN is all about. Learn about all the ways to volunteer for this program that helps homeless families in our community. Join PWP Wednesday nights, 6:15 - 7:25 pm in the Knox Room during March to talk about all the ups & downs of parenting. Learn, grow & support one another in this important role as a parent. No meeting on March 31.

#### Mom - to - Mom Group

Moms will meet March 23 at 6:30 pm at the home of Allison Shelton. Group member, Deb Ronco is traveling to Kenya on a medical mission trip and will share her experiences with the group. This is a gathering of moms with children ages 5 and younger. New comers welcome! Bring a snack or dessert to share. Childcare available. Questions? Call Liz Neterval (502-7150).

#### Confirmation Class 2010

**Closing Overnight Retreat: Sat., March 6 - Sun., March 7**  
Saturday: meet at church at 9 am to drive to Jerry Gray's cabin. Bring layers of clothes, clothes to hike in and your bible. Mike Shannon will drive everyone back on Sunday morning in time for 11 am worship.

#### March 14:

12-3 pm youth will meet with mentors to work on faith statements. Lunch will be provided. Parents please arrive at 2:30 pm for closing worship.

#### March 16:

Youth meet with the Session. Session begins at 7 pm, please arrive by 6:45 pm.

A huge thank you to the youth who helped collect money and to all those generous people who gave to the Souper Bowl of Caring on February 7th. Northminster raised \$535 which will be given to the Dayspring Center and their work with families who are homeless.

#### Older Adult Ministries . . .

will meet on Thursday, March 4 at noon with Barb Mohr fixing lunch and have an afternoon of activities. Questions? Call Carol Campbell (432-7889).

#### A Note of Thanks

. . . I am grateful to belong to a caring and loving church. Recently I had a hard fall. Thanks to our Lord, your prayers, loving care and cards I am now on the mend.

Ruth Miller

#### Sabbatical Celebration

On Palm Sunday, March 28, we will have a Fellowship Hour send-off celebration for Teri and Jack to wish them well as Teri begins her sabbatical. We'll be collecting written notes of blessing and prayers for them. Drop yours off at the office or bring them to the event.

### Youth Fellowship activities

#### March 7

Regular Youth Fellowship 6-8 pm. (Julie & Jacob are gone there will be volunteer leaders)

#### March 12-13

**Synod Mid-High Retreat for all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> graders**  
See brochure in mail for further details. Leave by 5pm, Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> and return Saturday, late afternoon.

#### March 14 & 21

Regular Youth Fellowship 6-8 pm

#### March 19

**Broomball & over-nighter!**  
Meet at NPC: 9:30 pm  
Broomball: 10 pm - 12 am (at Pepsi Coliseum)  
Sleep-over at First Baptist Saturday morning pick-up: 8 am  
**The cost for Broomball is \$15 per person.**

#### March 28

Movie with a Message Night!  
We'll gather for dinner and watch a movie at church. 6 - 8 pm

#### April 4/Easter Sunday

No Youth Fellowship! Celebrate with your family.

#### Contact information for youth

- Julie Shannon at 753-6985 or jshannon@northminster-indy.org
- Jacob Mann at 698-8399 or jacob@northminster-indy.org.

## Education for all ages

BY DEBBIE BULLOFF, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR

### Church School Gift for Haiti

For the last ten years the major Stewardship goal for Northminster's Church School has been contributing to Heifer International. Funds are collected through the children's offerings at "Time with Children" during Sunday morning services. The children select the animals to be purchased at the end of each Church School Year. On Sunday, 2/7, the K, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Classes suggested, and all other classes agreed, not to wait until the end of the year and instead immediately send the existing fund balance of \$270.24 to the "Heifer International Fund for Recovery and Restoration Effort in Haiti." We can be proud of the caring attitude demonstrated by our children and youth.



### Senior University 2010 - March 10

Registrations should be sent in ASAP!

In community with St. Paul's Episcopal, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, St. Luke's United Methodist, Corner Stone of Hope 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. We will study and worship together. Senior University will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 6050 N. Meridian St. Cost: \$12.50 for lunch. For reservations: Mail your check to Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, 6501 N. Meridian St. 46260 or you may charge by phoning IHC at 255-6647. More information: Debbie Bulloff dbulloff@northminster-indy.org .

### VBS 2010 Save the dates!

June 14-17, 5-45-8:00 pm  
Jesus' Miracles

Ages 4 (by April 1) through Middle School. We will need lots of helpers. Let Debbie Bulloff know of your interest! [dbulloff@northminster-indy.org](mailto:dbulloff@northminster-indy.org)

### Easter Egg Candy Donations Needed!!



We plan to stuff 2500 eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt again this year and your donations of individually wrapped candy are very welcome! Please bring your donations to the Church Office. We will stuff eggs on Thursday, March 25. Thank you.

### Easter Egg Hunt, April 3

Ages: Toddler - 5th Grade  
The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Northminster Church on Saturday, April 3, at 10:00 am. Please join us and bring your basket and all your friends! This well-attended community event will occur Rain or Shine. We will meet in the Gathering Place at 10:00 a.m. before the egg hunt.

## Church School in March

### March 7:

Both the book of Isaiah and the Season of Lent are about journey. Join the children of the church school as they consider **Isaiah 55: 1-9** . Even at this reflective time, we can celebrate God's goodness. What ways might the people of Northminster stop, look, and listen for these gifts that God offers to all?

### March 14:

The children will consider the Parable of the Prodigal Son from **Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**. God's welcome intends to leave no one on the outside looking in. God's love, grace and welcome are for all. Where should we go with this message?

### March 21:

All creation reflects God's fresh workings. In **Isaiah 43: 16-21** we learn about the wonderful world God has given us and the possibilities of God's working among us and through us.

### March 28, Palm Sunday:

Our focus scripture will be **Luke 19: 28-40**. God's way bids trusting preparation by those who would follow Jesus. We will talk about celebration and anticipation of where this procession into Jerusalem will lead.

### Family Ministries Retreat at Pokagon State Park

Check out retreat photos at [www.northminstersharedphotos.com](http://www.northminstersharedphotos.com)  
[@shutterfly.com](http://shutterfly.com)

## Deacon Fundraisers

BY RUTH CHADWICK MOORE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

The Deacons are getting ready for 2 big fundraisers in the month of April. The Deacon's Yard Sale on Saturday, April 24 at 9 am will be held in the church parking lot. Tables available for rent may be used to display items you wish to sell that day. If yard sales aren't your favorite thing but you would like to contribute, you may donate your attic/basement goodies directly to the church and the Deacons will sell them for you.

With help from the E-Team, the Deacons hope to have a toxic waste drop-off and child carseat safety checks. The Indianapolis Fire Department will have a fire truck in the parking lot for tours from 10 - 11 am.

Look for more information on these events in the April News and

Views. Money raised from the fundraisers will be used for Deacon mission and outreach projects.

### Transportation Assistance Needed

A member of our congregation and her 2 young children are participating in the EvenStart program at School #27, (545 E. 19th Street.)

Transportation assistance is needed during the month of March (Monday - Thursday) when weather conditions make riding the bus too difficult. Morning pick-up at their apartment is 8:15 am. Afterwards, picked up at school is between 2:15 and 2:30 pm. One-way and one-time commitments are fine. Car seats provided. If you can help, or have questions, please contact Dolly Craft at 848-5170 or [dollybike@aol.com](mailto:dollybike@aol.com)

### Easter Plants and Flowers Order Form

Indicate whether you are contributing the plant (\$12 each) **in memory of** or **in honor of** a loved one and the relationship (parent, wife, husband, child, etc.). Then print your name and telephone number, write "Easter Plant" in the note line of your check and bring or mail to the church office c/o Financial Secretary, Northminster Presbyterian Church, 1660 East Kessler Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46220). Deadline for ordering Easter plants and flowers is March 31.

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## What are ChristCare Groups?

ChristCare groups are small groups that meet on a regular basis based on a particular interest. They pray & 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. For more info on these and other groups visit [www.northminster-indy.org](http://www.northminster-indy.org)

The Drama Group . . .

Spiritual Striders . . .

Do-in-Day Mission . . .

Gracie Girls . . .

Theology on Tap . . .

## Easter Plants & Flowers

If you would like to contribute plants and flowers to help decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please fill out this form and note whether you are contributing in honor of, or in memory of a loved one. Names of contributors and their messages will be printed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.



## One Great Hour of Sharing: "Do you love me? Feed my sheep."

This nationwide united effort by America's Christians has an importance far beyond the practical goal of fund raising. For this great joint program will not only strengthen the vitally important relief and rehabilitation work of the churches overseas, but will also prove to all the world how great is the power generated when Christians unite in a common cause."

It was the end of World War II and things were bad all over. Protestant churches were looking toward relief and reconstruction. Episcopal Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill made a radio appeal and challenged members to raise "one million dollars in one hour." During the first three years, Episcopalians raised almost \$4 million. A few years later, in 1949, church leaders from several denominations formed a committee to organize an appeal aimed at supporting the separate campaigns of American churches.

### Bread for the World (again)

During the January Mission Team meeting, the co-chairs shared a portion of a letter written to the Team about our funds and making an appeal. We spent a long time evaluating and readdressing our approach and it brought about a change. When our agenda moved on to the 2010 Offering of Letters, we realized how letters indeed make a difference. If one person was going to take the time to write a letter, what happens when hundreds do?

The quote above is their mission statement and Presbyterians were there.

In the early 1950's, radio and television appeals for One Great Hour of Sharing were almost common. Hollywood and Washington joined forces, as they do today, to ask people to attend church the next day and make a **sacrificial contribution**. It grew to \$8 million then to \$20 million. And Presbyterians were there.

For the last sixty years, the focus of OGHS hasn't changed: to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen their families and communities. The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 35%, and Self-Development of People and

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receive 32%. Our gifts travel to places like Darfur and, of course, Haiti. And Presbyterians are there.

Northminster will collect One Great Hour of Sharing on Palm Sunday, March 28. This year it has a stunningly simple theme: Do you love me? Feed my sheep.

And Presbyterians will be there.



questions and letter writing. In the meantime, visit the "Bread for the World" website and review the Offering of Letters. We want to end hunger by 2015.



## Mission and outreach

BY MAUREEN PURCELL, MISSION TEAM

### Wheeler Mission – still needed after 116 years

One would expect an organization would know what to do after so many years, and it seems Wheeler Mission does. A longtime recipient of benevolence funds from Northminster, Wheeler Mission has been providing food, shelter, clothing, rehabilitation services and spiritual direction to the homeless in central Indiana since 1893. It began as a place for homeless women by the Meridian Union of the Women's Christian Temperance Union but was later expanded by William Wheeler to include other rescue.

The Wheeler Mission Ministries we know today is in five locations, has dozens of ministries and is the largest, most diverse ministry of its kind in the state.

- **Lighthouse Center** on Market Street provides temporary emergency shelter, medical and chapel services to homeless or disadvantaged men.
- **Delaware Street Center** provides shelter, meals and case management for men in non-addiction programs and those beginning or ending recovery programs.
- **Hebron Center** in Bloomington is a long-term residential recovery program dedicated to the spiritual rehabilitation of men in alcohol and/or drug addiction and their families.
- **Higher Ground** a similar program dedicated to women and their families.
- **Center for Women and Children** provides physical, emotional, educational, vocational and spiritual needs of homeless women and women with children.

Please see the many opportunities available for donating goods and volunteering at any of these locations. All locations need help in preparing and serving meals, tutoring, building and grounds upkeep, and lots of prayer. Wheeler Mission shares our mission, to see every man, woman and child they serve equipped to be productive citizens who enjoy lasting success in Christ.



## WATCHOUT!

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

- **Wheeler Mission locations:**  
520 East Market St.  
245 N. Delaware St.  
3208 East Michigan St.  
All 3 locations need help preparing & serving meals, tutoring & spiritual support at various times. Check the Mission Team bulletin board for more information.
- **Offering of Letters**  
Sunday, 4/25, 10 am -12:30 pm  
Space will be set up in the Gathering Place & Calvin Hall to write the 2-minute letter to our senators & congressmen encouraging support of issues that address hunger globally & at home. Sponsored by Bread for the World.
- **Habitat for Humanity ReStore** needs greeters, cashiers, warehouse help & drivers.  
Tuesday-Friday: 10 am - 6 pm  
Saturday: 9 am - 2 pm  
Contact Jessica Conway at jconway@indyhabitat.org.
- **Gleaners Pantry Partners** needs to fill four 2-hour slots per week at Southwest Community Cupboard, 3737 Waldemere Road. Contact Debbie Wilson at dwilson@gleaners.org. Check schedule on the Mission board across from the chapel.

