

News & Views

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NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 2010

Capture the spirit, help Clothe-A-Child, 12/9

BY TIM RICE, BOARD OF DEACONS MEMBER

Clothe-A-Child 2010 will take place Thursday, December 9 from 9am - 12:30pm at the Sears in Castleton Square. This wonderful community outreach was started over 25 years ago by then Associate Pastor, Don Durrett. In the early years, Northminster clothed children recommended by the United Christmas Service. Within the last 10 years, it was decided to make more of an impact in our own community, so Northminster “adopted” IPS #55. Social workers and staff from School

#55 identify children based on need and relay that information to your Deacons. The Deacons coordinate the event through School 55, Sears, and most importantly, you.

This is where YOU come in. We are in need of shoppers and financial assistance. There is no line item in the budget for Clothe-A-Child; rather, it is solely funded through the generosity of Northminster members. We need approximately \$12,000 to adequately support this mission outreach. You will find a contribution envelope for Clothe-A-Child in your annual giving envelope

box. There are also envelopes available at the church office. When making a contribution, please note “Clothe-A-Child” in the memo on the check. We also need you to help shop. If you have never participated

in this wonderful Christmastime event, please consider it this year. This could be the “one new thing” that the Session challenged each of us at Northminster to do. There will be a sign-up sheet and map of the exact meeting place at Sears located on the bulletin board across from the choir room.

Nothing captures the spirit of Christmas more than reaching out and making a difference in the lives of children. And their smiles, laughter, and hugs will surely make this a very special occasion for you as well. We hope that you will participate with your financial resources, your participation as a shopper, or better yet – both!!! And from the Deacons, we wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season...



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Our Vision

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we celebrate God's love and follow Christ's teachings to seek, serve and embrace.

seek, serve and embrace



Pastoral pondering . . .

BY REV. DR. TERI THOMAS, PASTOR



This is the season when we search desperately for the light in the darkness. The cold, daylight savings time, the pace of life all send us home to a place where we seek warmth and light and fellowship. That is the meaning of Advent.

This is a time to search for the light that comes into our darkness and will not be over come by it. Each week of Advent we will start our worship with the entrance of the light. The sanctuary may seem a bit dark to you when you arrive. Be patient, the light will come. The light will enter at the beginning of the service and light our Advent wreath.

We are asking you to visit in the Gathering Place before and after the service. Once you enter the sanctuary please take your seat and spend a moment of preparation in quiet.

Our theme for Advent this year—*When Heaven Came Down* will lead us through an exploration of what Jesus' coming meant and what it means for us today. We will look at times and places where heaven and earth meet - those "thin places" where the veil that separates the earthly from the heavenly is so thin we can actually experience the other side. Our prayer is that Advent worship can be one of those "thin places" for you.

Advent blessings,

Teri

Northminster Book Study

Let's read some books together. Put the following books on your Christmas list and start reading them any time. Beginning in January we will host discussion groups to talk about the books. You may go to any or all of the discussions.

Room: A Novel by Emma Donoghue
Amazon.com Review:

In many ways, Jack is a typical 5-year-old. He likes to read books, watch TV, and play games with his Ma. But Jack is different in a big way—he has lived his entire life in a single room, sharing the tiny space with only his mother and an unnerving nighttime visitor known as Old Nick. For Jack, Room is the only world he knows, but for Ma, it is a prison in which she has tried to craft a normal life for her son. When their insular world suddenly expands beyond the confines of their four walls, the consequences are piercing and extraordinary. Despite its profoundly disturbing premise, Emma Donoghue's Room is rife with moments of hope and beauty, and the dogged determination to live, even in the most desolate circumstances. A stunning and original novel of survival in captivity, readers who enter Room will leave staggered, as though, like Jack, they are seeing the world for the very first time. —Lynette Mong

Discussions for *Room: A Novel*:

- **Sunday, Jan. 9 at 6pm** in the Gathering Place with Ruth Moore
- **Monday, Jan. 10 at 11am** in the Gathering Place with Teri Thomas
- **Wednesday, Jan. 12 at 6:15pm** in the Gathering Place with Teri Thomas

The Gospel of Matthew

Matthew is the Gospel for most of the lectionary readings for worship in January and February - from Christmas until Lent. We will look at the historical context in which this Gospel was written and explore

December Sundays at 9 & 11 a.m.

DECEMBER 5/2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
COMMUNION SERVED AT 9 & 11AM

We continue our Advent theme this week with: When Heaven Came to Us.

DECEMBER 12/3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The week's theme: When Heaven Came Back.

DECEMBER 19/4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This week's theme: When Heaven Came to Stay. Today at 10am a Blue Christmas Service will be held in the Chapel.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

4PM INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE:

This service includes a Church School Christmas Pageant and Youth Choirs. We'll hear the traditional story in a new light and sing many favorite carols.

7PM COMMUNION SERVICE:

The Christmas story will be shared in scripture and sermon. We'll sing carols and special music will be provided by soloist Sara Fannuchi.

10:30PM MUSICAL PRELUDE

11PM CANDLELIGHT SERVICE:

The Chancel Choir will sing a variety of music for the celebration and the story is presented in scripture and sermon.

DECEMBER 26

1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

We'll have a Service of Lessons & Carols at both 9 & 11am. Bring your families and guests for this time of scripture and song.

some of the themes. You may also prime the pump for some future sermons.

The Gospel of Matthew discussions:

- **Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 6:15 pm** in the Gathering Place with Ruth Moore
- **Sunday, Jan. 23 at 10:00 am** in the Board Room with Ruth Moore
- **Monday, Jan. 24 at 11:00 am** in the Gathering Place with Teri Thomas

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What's Happening at Northminster?

Blue Christmas Service, Dec. 19

BY REV. RUTH CHADWICK MOORE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

The Christmas season can be a difficult time for some of us.

You may be dealing with a recent personal loss, depression, an association with painful Christmases in the past, separation from loved ones, or may be experiencing a feeling of intense disconnection from the prevailing secularism

of Christmas. If you are experiencing any of these feelings or something else is keeping you from enjoying and participating in the holidays, please join



us for Blue Christmas at 10am on December 19 in the Chapel. The Blue Christmas worship service will provide you with the space and time away from the hype of Christmas and an opportunity to experience a sacred presence in the midst of your life – which can be awkward, uncomfortable

and messy at this time of year. We will serve communion this service and anointing for wholeness, healing and peace will also be available.

Northminster Book Study *(continued from pg. 2)*

Freedom: A Novel,

by Jonathan Franzen

Amazon.com Review:

Freedom is Franzen's fourth novel, and, yes, his first in nine years since *The Corrections*. Happy to say, it's very much a match for that great book, a wrenching, funny, and forgiving portrait of a Midwestern family. Patty and Walter Berglund find each other early: a pretty jock, focused on the court and a little lost off it, and a stolid budding lawyer, besotted with her and almost burdened by his integrity. They make a family and a life together, and, over time, slowly lose track of each other. Their stories align at times with *Big Issues*—among them mountaintop removal, war profiteering, and rock'n'roll—and in some ways can't be separated from them, but what you remember most are the characters, whom you grow to love the way families often love each other: not for their charm or goodness, but because they have their reasons, and you know them. — Tom Nissley

Discussions for Freedom: A Novel

- **Sunday, Feb. 13 at 6pm** in the

Gathering Place with Teri Thomas

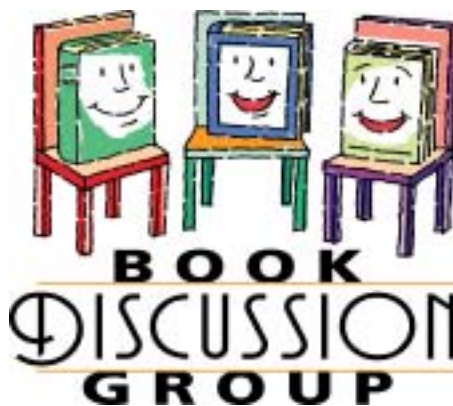
- **Monday, Feb. 14 at 11am** in the

Gathering Place with Teri Thomas

- **Wednesday, Feb. 16 at 6:15pm** in

the Gathering Place with Ruth Moore.

If you already have a group of people and would like to discuss any of these books at another time we will provide resources and materials for you to lead a group.



What Do Deacons Do?

- **Deliver Thanksgiving Food Baskets**

The Deacons delivered 35 Thanksgiving Food Baskets to School 55 on November 23. The baskets included a ham, canned vegetables, rolls, fruit, pumpkin pie and other Thanksgiving items.

In December the Deacons are helping to organize our annual Clothe-A-Child project. (See front page article.) The Deacons do so much in terms of outreach and care to the community and to our congregation. We are grateful for all your gifts – thank you!

Christmas Postcard Mailing

We are mailing almost 5,000 postcards to the neighborhood inviting them to our Advent and Christmas Eve services – so be on the lookout for newcomers and greet them with your awesome Northminster warmth and hospitality. There are extra postcards for you to send (you need to put a first class stamp on it) or you can just hand them out to your friends. An electronic postcard will be emailed to you the first week of December and that can also be sent on and used to invite friends and neighbors to Northminster this December. Advent and Christmas Eve are great times to invite friends and neighbors to worship with us. Be an evangelist this year – and who knows what the impact could be for someone.

What's happening?



Andi Martin & Michael Tavel Wed!

On October 30th at 3:30 pm in the chapel at Christian Theological

Seminary Andrea Martin, our former seminary intern and Michael Tavel finally tied the knot! They exchanged their vows in the presence of immediate family and their three sons. Pastor Teri Thomas officiated. We send our congratulations and Best Wishes to Michael and Andi for their life together.

THANK YOU, from Jim Mann

I have accepted the position of Business Manager at St. Lawrence Catholic Church & School and will begin working Nov 29. I wish to thank both the staff and members of Northminster. My wife, Carol and I have felt your love and support over these past months.

A Big Thank You!

Northminster Community Preschool and Mothers-Day-Out staff and families want to offer a great big thank you to Larry O'Connor, a frequent attendee of Northminster, for responding to our request for volunteer help on our playground. Larry used his expertise to perform "home maintenance" and renew the interior of the Neighborhood Market, as well as complete safety checks on the playground equipment. His time and his act of kindness are extremely appreciated!!

Thanks to the Lords

The new purple dossal curtain hanging in the sanctuary was given to Northminster by Cathy and Bill Lord. We are grateful to the Lords for this beautiful gift and for all that they do for our church.

Thank You, Communion & Chancel Care Guild

Thank you to the members of the 2010 Communion and Chancel Care Guild for their work in preparing the elements for communion and readying the chancel, sanctuary, and chapel for worship. This is a dedicated group that serves Northminster Church with loyalty and good humor. We are grateful to the following Guild members:

Chairpersons

Barbara Angotti
Cathy Lord

Group Chairs

Eileen Alsop
Ann Dunipace
Cathy Lord
Mary Ann McCormick

Members

Betty Bowers Linda Furuness
Elle Keppler Nancy Leffler
Pat McVey Alma Miller
Lori Olivier Teresa Sherow
Janet Swearingen
Georgeanna Tutrow
Ann Weinheimer
Betty Williams

Youth Fellowship Activities



December 4 & 5

High School Only Lock-in!

6pm Saturday - 8am Sunday

We'll start at the church but leave for part of the evening. There will be a permission form for this event. Bring a pillow & sleeping bag.

***Please RSVP to the facebook event!**

December 5

Middle School Youth Only

6-8pm

We'll have dinner & a Christmas scavenger hunt! Be prepared to have for fun & learn new things about the Christmas story!

December 12

Filming our NPC Youth Group Lip Dub video today!

6-8pm

Be ready to dance & lip synch!

December 19

Annual Youth Group Christmas Party

5:30 - 8:30pm

Where: Julie & Mike Shannon's

Bring: snack to share & gag gift for our gift exchange (try to spend no more than \$5.)

December 26 & January 2

No Youth Fellowship on these nights.

Practice dates/times for the 4 pm Christmas Eve Service

Sundays at 10am: 12/5, 12/12, 12/19

Wednesdays (optional): 12/8, 12/15 following choir practices

Dress Rehearsal: Wednesday 12/22!

December 24: Be at church by 3pm

Worship service is at 4pm

We need youth greeters & ushers at the 4pm service Contact Julie.

Contact information

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

Year End Sound & Spirit Gift?

BY JOHN WRIGHT, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

As you consider year end tax deductible gifts, please keep *Sound & Spirit* in mind. We are in need of funding to continue this facet of Northminster's outreach ministry. At the end of this season *Sound & Spirit* will have a balance of \$0. You may make check payable to Northminster and mark "*Sound & Spirit*." Our levels of giving are: \$2000 - \$5000 Arts Angel; \$1000 - \$1999 Benefactor; \$500 - 999 Sponsors; \$100 - \$249 Donors; up to \$99 Friends.

If you have not heard, Northminster has teamed with our Mission Team to provide "music for mission," or "concerts with a cause." The series continues to offer concerts free of charge while raising money and awareness for local and regional

Men's Prayer Breakfast

We are a group of dedicated men who meet every Wednesday morning at 7:30am. This group has been meeting continuously for over 50 years. Our purpose is threefold-

1) We bring together for prayer, our concerns, our joys, and our losses of our families, our Church family, and our friends.

2) We review a chapter of the Bible each week. We are currently in the book of II Samuel. We usually alternate between the old and the new testament for our book selections.

3) And we enjoy the fellowship of good friends who are just crazy enough to get to church every Wednesday morning at 7:30 for food, study and prayer.

Are you willing to rise early on Wednesday morning? We invite you to join us, as often as you can, young or older, for about an hour and a half on Wednesday mornings. Come and join us.

P.S.: This could be your one new thing.

mission organizations. Through the generosity of *Sound & Spirit* patrons, 100% of the offerings received at the concerts are given to the partnering missions. In our first two concerts this fall, Gleaners Food Bank and the Julian Center have each received over \$500 from our generous audience. The mission partner for our next concert, the Music of J. S. Bach (4:00, Sunday, March 20), is Broad Ripple High School Performing Arts.

We sincerely thank all those who have previously contributed to *Sound & Spirit*. Your generosity is a blessing to this church and our community.

New Members

Look for the pictures of our newest members on the bulletin board as you come down the stairs from the front of the sanctuary.

Betty Judkins – transferred from a sister Presbyterian Church in Indy. She lives at the Forum and comes every Sunday in the Forum car and sits in the back of the sanctuary with her friends.

Jean Guion – transferred from a church in Carmel. She too lives at the Forum and is a former member, raising her family here in the '50's and '60's.

Jenny Abbott – transferred from a Presbyterian Church in Hartford City, Indiana. She is a school librarian at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Cathy Robinson – transferred from a sister Presbyterian Church in Indy. She is an administrative assistant for the Indiana House of Representatives.

Eric & Jessica Rasmussen – came to us by profession of faith & reaffirmation of faith respectively. Eric is a bank branch manager and Jessica is a marriage and family therapist. They are the parents of 8 month old Madeleine who was baptized here in October.

Christmas Poinsettias for Sanctuary

Again this year, we will decorate the sanctuary for Christmas with poinsettias and greenery. You may contribute a plant & dedicate it "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one by purchasing a plant for \$12.00 each. The dedications will be printed in the worship bulletin at Christmas. Order forms are available on Friendship Tables at church, and in this newsletter.

*Fill out a pink order form (located on Friendship Tables at church) or see form on page 10 of this *News & Views*.

*Make check payable to Northminster Presbyterian Church with "Poinsettia" noted on the memo line.

*Drop off or mail form & check at the church office.

DEADLINE for receipt of checks **IS DECEMBER 15!**



You may take your poinsettia home after the 11pm Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve or after worship on Sunday, December 26.

Thank you for helping make the church festive and beautiful during this Advent season.

The Worship Team

Mission Team: Green Group

BY MARYANN RUEGGER, MISSION TEAM

One way to minimize energy usage and maximize food flavor and choice is to “eat locally” by buying fresh produce, meats and other products at neighborhood farmers markets. Northminster is fortunate to be located within a few blocks of the Broad Ripple Farmers Market at Broad Ripple Magnet High School.

Two other nearby farmers’ markets have important Northminster connections as well. Joe Komenda has been instrumental in starting and developing the Binford Farmers Market at 62nd and Binford Blvd. and its parent organization, Binford Redevelopment

and Growth, Inc. (BRAG). Mike and Julie Shannon and daughters, Leah and Stella, work with friends at the 38th & Meridian Street Farmer’s Market and operate The Market Connection, a vendor that handles market sales for other local producers. One of those products is “Just Pop In” gourmet popcorn, which is made in Broad Ripple by sisters Carly Swift and Mandy Selke. Do you have a farmers market connection? Let us know!

The Broad Ripple and 38th & Meridian Farmer’s Markets are closed for the season and will reopen in the spring, Broad Ripple on Saturday mornings and 38th and Meridian on

Thursday evenings. The Binford Farmers’ Market has closed its outdoor market for the season, but will continue with indoor holiday markets in the same location on Saturdays December 4 and 11 from 9am to noon. For more information see their website at www.broadripplefarmersmarket.org To enjoy farmers’ market shopping all winter, try the Indy Winter Farmers Market downtown on Saturdays mornings from 9 to 12:30. For more information on this market, see www.indywinterfarmersmarket.org.

Food Needed for Food Barrels

As the holiday season approaches the food pantries are getting extra requests for food. The food we collect goes to Westminster Neighborhood Ministries Food Pantry and is sponsored and supported by other Presbyterian churches in our Presbytery. When you do your weekly or holiday shopping please pick up

something extra for the hungry - canned goods, pasta, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, canned meat or fish, toilet paper, shampoo or soap. The need is great in our city and we have been so blessed. What a privilege for us to be able to share from our abundance!

Investing in our future

Eighteen members of Northminster, the Northminster Foundation, the Synod and the Presbytery have invested \$978,068 with the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program of our denomination. Because of those investments we were

able to borrow our construction loan from PILP at a reduced interest rate. Now those investments entitle us to a 0.25% rebate on our loan each year. The Session of Second Presbyterian Church has just voted to invest \$25,000 on our behalf. If we could

find enough people to invest another \$8,000 in our name we would earn a 0.50% rebate on our loan. For more information you may contact PILP at www.pcusa.org/pilp/ or call 1-800-903-7457.

2011 IHN Dates Assigned

Northminster will host IHN families during the weeks of February 27 - March 5, June 5 - 11 and September 4 - 10 (includes Labor Day) for 2011. Please mark your calendars & plan to help this worthy cause.



Mission & outreach

GETTING MAD - YOU AND THE MISSION TEAM

BY MAUREEN PURCELL, MISSION TEAM

What makes you mad? Have you ever been asked that question?

A young friend of mine was asked this as she was looking for a job and considering finding an NGO, a non-governmental organization, a non-profit or the like. How to decide which one? She was told to think about what makes her mad. I like this question. What makes me mad is Castleton Square and the busy 86th and Allisonville Road. In fact, I avoid that shopping mall after 11 a.m. January through November, and visit it only once in December, for Clothe-a-Child. Stepping out of one's customary behavior by some strong external force is a kind of passion. And, after 20 years, Clothe-a-Child has become a passion for me. I hate poverty even more than Castleton Square in December.

What makes you mad; hunger, homelessness, abuse, poverty, natural disasters, the degradation of our own

earth, injustice, ignorance? What is your passion; operating a vacation bible school in Mexico, creating green space in a local public school, handing out water on the Monon, tutoring, transporting the elderly to church, donating underwear and hygiene kits, participating in walks that benefit hungry children worldwide, working in a soup kitchen, driving the church van, hosting homeless families, building a house, furnishing a home for immigrants, accepting leadership positions at Northminster?

Take a look at the Mission Descriptions on the Northminster website and read about the missions your funds currently support. There are lots of ways to help, big and smallish, every month or once a year. Or is there a mission project you would like us to create?

Contact Tony Dzwonar, volunteer coordinator or Elders Dave Scott, Emily Keesling or Maureen Purcell.

Christmas Joy Offering collected Christmas Eve

Fifty percent of the receipts to the Christmas Joy Offering are distributed to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs that provide support to retired and active church workers and their spouses and families. The other fifty percent supports Presbyterian-related racial ethnic education through the General Assembly Council. Plan for this very special offering on Christmas Eve.



What Child Is This?

Hands ON/Hands INVolved

Upcoming mission events & volunteer opportunities

- **Clothe-a-Child**

Thursday, December 9th. See front page article for more info.

- **Christmas Joy Offering**

Christmas Eve, December 24.

- **Damien Center**

26 North Arsenal
Many varied fund-raising events, food pantry assistance, receptionist, data entry, paperwork, phone calls, staffing at health fairs, Center tour guides, assist testers with paperwork for walk-ins. For more information, call Sandy Windsor 623-0123 x236

- **Wheeler Missions**

520 East Market
245 N. Delaware
3208 East Michigan Street
All three locations need help preparing and serving meals, tutoring, and spiritual support.

- **Gleaners Pantry Partners**

Volunteers are needed to fill four, 2-hour slots per week at the Southwest Community Cupboard, 3737 Waldemere Road Contact: Debbie Wilson at dwilson@gleaners.org

Drivers are needed to restock other pantries.

Contact: Mike Miller at mmiller@gleaners.org



Education for all ages

Multigenerational Worship Service, Christmas Eve, 4pm

BY DEBBIE BULLOFF, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR

If your child/children will be in town for rehearsals in December and are interested in participating in the 4pm Christmas Eve worship Service, please let Debbie Bulloff know of your availability at dbulloff@northminster-indy.org. We would like all children of the Church School, ages Kindergarten and up, to participate. This year we will

tell the story from a slightly different perspective. There will be a blocking rehearsal on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 12:00 Noon on the stage in Calvin Hall for children with speaking parts. Lunch will be provided. We will also have a Final Dress Rehearsal on Wednesday evening, Dec. 22 at 6:30pm.

Crèche Sunday, Dec. 5

We'll have crèches displayed in the Gathering Place during Fellowship Hour at 10am on Dec. 5. If you have a Nativity set that you would like to bring and share, please let Debbie Bulloff know (251-9489, x16) so we will have enough display tables. The Church School will visit.



Computers needed!

We need at least two computers to add to our computer lab in the 3rd-5th grade classroom for homework help on Wednesday evenings. Gently used and no more than 2 years old would be wonderful. Please see Debbie Bulloff if you would like to make this important donation.



Birthday Party for Jesus

Please join us as we celebrate the birthday of Jesus with cupcakes and song in the Gathering Place at 10am on Dec. 19. We are in need of cupcakes for the party. If you can bring a dozen cupcakes, contact Debbie Bulloff (251-9489 x16) by Wednesday, Dec.15.



Henry ("Hank") Richard Sauer was born 11/3 to Dane and Karina Sauer who were married at Northminster. Proud grandfather is Frank Sauer.

Molly Jane Auer was born 11/3 to Ryan and Abby Auer. Molly was 8lbs., 1oz. and 22" long.

Church School in December

December 5

Focus Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10

"A shoot will come out from the stump of Jesse." When God sent this message to the people of Judah, they were in very hard times. Wars were all around them. This message of peace, of God's shalom brought hope to those long-ago people. What gives us courage and hope to go on today?

December 12

Focus Scripture: Luke 1:47-55

God chose young Mary to be the mother of Jesus. Her voice calls us to join our heartbeats in praising God. How shall we encourage one another to proclaim God's vision of justice and peace?

December 19

Focus Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Matthew's gospel helps us to see the story of Jesus' birth through the eyes of Joseph. "God with us" was a powerful message of hope to the Hebrew people. Where can we find hope and encouragement for today in this story of God's promise?

December 26

Focus Scripture: Psalm 148

This psalm was written after the people of Israel returned from exile, rebuilt Jerusalem and the Temple. It was sung as they rejoiced and thanked God for sustaining them. What are the things for which we praise God this Christmas season?

COMMUNION SIGN UP SHEET JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, 2011

The Worship Team is seeking volunteers to serve communion in January, February, and March of 2011. Retired clergy and anyone who has been ordained as an Elder or Deacon in the church are eligible to serve communion. (Eligibility to serve is *not* limited to those who are *currently* installed as Elders and Deacons.) The Worship Team encourages all eligible servers to participate.

At the bottom of this page you will find a list of dates. Please circle the date(s) and the worship service(s) when you are willing to serve. Be sure to put your name and contact information in the spaces provided.

Please mail or deliver this form to the church office by Sunday, December 20th, or e-mail your availability to Bobbie Cann at bcann@sbcglobal.net. You will be contacted to confirm your participation the week prior to the communion service.

Thank you for your continued service to Northminster.
The Worship Team

(cut along dotted line)

Server Name _____

Phone Number _____

E-Mail _____

Please circle the date(s) and service(s) when you are available to serve.

January 2 **9:00 AM** **11:00 AM** **Seated**

February 6 **9:00 AM** **11:00 AM** **Seated**

March 6 **9:00 AM** **11:00 AM** **Seated**



Poinsettias



We will decorate the sanctuary for Christmas with poinsettias and greenery. The cost is \$12.00 for each plant. You may donate a plant and dedicate it **in honor of** or **in memory of** a loved one. These dedications will be printed in the worship bulletin.

Please do the following:

- **Fill out the form below;**
- **Make a check payable to Northminster Presbyterian Church** (“poinsettia” in note line of check).
- **Drop off order form and check at the church office or mail to**
Katie Hart Kohorst
Northminster Presbyterian Church,
1660 Kessler Blvd., East Dr., Indpls, IN 46220.
- **Deadline for the receipt of checks is December 15.**

(cut along dotted line)

Poinsettia Order Form

Please print clearly. Indicate whether you are contributing the plant **in memory of** or **in honor of** a loved one and the relationship (parents, spouse, etc.). Then print your name and telephone number. Thank you for helping us decorate the sanctuary.

IN MEMORY OF	IN HONOR OF	NAME & RELATIONSHIP
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

YOUR NAME _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____



More of what's happening. . .

What happened on October 10th?

On October 10, 1913:
the Panama Canal was completed.

On October 10, 1973:
Spiro Agnew resigned as Vice President of the United States.

On October 10, 1985:
end of Archille Lauro highjacking

On October 10, 2000:
John Wright came to be our director of music.

On December 5, 2010 we will celebrate ten years of John's ministry with us. He has planned, prayed, played, preached, sung, directed and organized our music programs for ten wonderful years. Come have some cake and thank John for all he does during the coffee hour on December 5th. There will be a basket for notes and cards.

NorthStars to Butler Basketball Game

The North Stars are again sponsoring a game trip to Hinkle fieldhouse. This outing is open to everyone who is interested in seeing the 2010 national runners-up basketball team in action. We are scheduled to see the Butler match against Green Bay on Friday, January 21. The game starts at 7pm and dinner (for those who want to meet before the game) is at Binkley's at 5pm. Basketball tickets are \$12.00 each (group rate). Reservations and payment for tickets are due by January 2, 2011 and should be made with Bob Bowers (259-7366 or [E-mail betbobbowers@att.net](mailto:betbobbowers@att.net)). Dinner reservations can be made up to January 16 (no advance payment required). GO DAWGS!



Butler University Christmas Concert, 12/10

North Stars are in for a treat on Friday, Dec. 10, when they will attend *Rejoice!*, a Christmas program presented by the Butler School of Music at Clowes Hall. The concertgoers will meet at 5 pm at the Aristocrat for supper before the 7:30 free performance. Although North Stars tend to be in their 60's and 70's, they welcome all church members who wish to join them. Questions? Call the Hills (849-5967) or the Lumleys (549-2864).

Tandem Christmas Party

(A social group for persons 70 - 90 years young) Join us for a Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, 12/21 at 11:30am in Calvin Hall. Newcomers are always welcome.

HOSTs Needed for Christmas Eve

HOSTs are needed for the 4, 7 & 11 pm Christmas Eve services. HOSTs collect the offering, hand out bulletins and welcome people to worship. Can you help? Contact Josh Hill or Pastor Ruth Moore at 251-9489. Josh: joshhillnpc@yahoo.com

NorthStar's 2010-2011 Events

On November 6, a crew of 26 made the trek to Northern Indiana to see the gathering of the Sand Hill cranes at the Jasper-Pulaski State Wildlife Refuge. What an awesome sight! That was the first scheduled outing sponsored by the NorthStars. We welcome all church members and their guests to our events. Feel free to contact the specific event organizers with any questions or to sign up to attend.

Dec. 10, Friday,
Butler University Christmas Concert *REJOICE!* at 7:30pm with dinner at 5pm at the Aristocrat Pub & Restaurant on College. Questions? Contact Pennie Lumley (549-2864) or Nancy Hill (849-5967)

Jan. 21, Friday,
Butler Univ. Basketball game vs. Wisconsin-Green Bay with Dinner before. Questions? Contact Bob Bowers (259-7366)

February 6, Sunday
Super Bowl party
Contact Pat & Bill Frieje (848-0917)

Late April 2011
North Central HS Spring play. TBA
Contact Cheryl Jacklin (845-9694)

June 4, Saturday
Spring picnic
Contact Bob & Cherry Gudgel (844-7139)

June, Wednesday evening concert
at Carmel Gazebo. TBA
Contact Bob and Cherry Gudgel (844-7139)

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www.What'sOnOurWebsite?: Make a Joyful Noise!

BY ANNE RICCHIUTO, MEDIA/TECHNOLOGY TEAM

Over and over we hear that the wonderful music is one of people's favorite things about Northminster. Read all about our music program under the "Music" tab on the

homepage at www.northminster-indy.org. You can read in detail about Northminster's various choirs and schedules, and also learn more about Sound & Spirit, including a preview of

upcoming concerts. There's even a music video! You can link to the YouTube presentation of Marko Petricic's "French Accent" recording and read all about his performance.

Chancel Choir & Orchestra present Vivaldi's Magnificat

BY JOHN WRIGHT, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

Our Chancel Choir and string orchestra will present Antonio Vivaldi's *Magnificat* at both services (9 & 11 am) Sunday, Dec. 12.

One of the most beautiful stories in the New Testament is told in the first two chapters of the Gospel according to Luke – Christ's nativity and childhood. Luke's gift for words shine forth from these pages in a series of passages that read like poetry and have become the very essence of belief to many Christians. Of particular beauty is the passage identified in the King James version of the Bible as "Mary's song of thanksgiving" (Luke 1: 46 – 55), which begins, "My soul doth magnify the Lord," or in Latin, "Magnificat animamea Dominum."

Italian Baroque composer Antonio Vivaldi's setting of the

Magnificat uses a heavy dose of chorus, a trio for soprano, alto, and tenor, a duet for two sopranos and a stunning aria for alto (*Sicut locutus est*). The work originally dates from 1715 and exists in three slightly different versions. The nine movements display a remarkably concise yet diverse expression, ranging from poignant minor keys to unbridled joy to unison singing.

Vivaldi (1678 – 1741), a violinist, is known primarily for his instrumental works, in particular his *Four Seasons*. But he composed several vocal works for the church, which were not discovered until the 1930's. Northminster Chancel Choir has sung his *Gloria* previously.

Our four soloists for the day are Rainelle Bumbaugh, and Krista Wright, Sopranos; Laura Thoreson, Alto; and Matt Brown, Tenor. The Chancel Choir looks forward to sharing this timeless and beautiful story in music with worshipers on December 12. We anticipate a large crowd, particularly at the 11:00 service, so you may want to consider attending at 9:00 if you'd like a good seat.

