

News & Views

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NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Construction Dedication November 22

BY BOB GUDGEL, BUILDING COMMITTEE CHAIR

Six months ago Teri Thomas selected our dedication date to be the Sunday before Thanksgiving. This surprised me at the time because we were looking at an early September construction completion date. I asked if she really wanted to wait ten weeks to do the dedication. She thought Thanksgiving was the perfect time to give thanks and ask blessings for our new building, no matter when it might be finished. We would certainly start using the building as soon as it was completed.

Fast forward a few months and here we are approaching November and construction is still in high gear. At a meeting on October 8 with our architect and general contractor, I was told that the anticipated completion date for our project was now November 19 (Teri must have prophetic powers).

I have been patient but perplexed by all the time extensions needed to get this project finished. I asked the question, "Why so long?" On a scale



We started using the Gathering Place before construction was completed—for the Stewardship Brunch on October 18. Photo was taken by Mary Tarbell from the balcony.

of one to ten with ten being the most difficult, how hard has this project been? The immediate response of the architect and general contractor was a "nine." Tying-in the roof of the Gathering Place to seven different elevations of existing roofs became a monumental task. It was difficult enough to create the structure on paper, but proved to be even more difficult to build. Columns and structural beams of the old building were often not located exactly where

expected, necessitating redesigning and shifting of the new structure to best align with the old.

Though this has been difficult and time consuming, we are being rewarded with a unique structure that blends well with our past and sets the stage for our future mission. The workmen have told me

how much they like being a part of a difficult project which tests their skills. They have built numerous "box" churches—you know the ones that look like warehouses—but here they get to share in something of lasting beauty. Your Building Committee hopes you are pleased with the final product . . . even if some of the finishing touches extend beyond the 22nd.

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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



We all have some special memories of Thanksgivings past. I will never forget the year we went to my grandparent's in Washington Court House, Ohio, for Thanksgiving. My mother's brother and his family were there so about 15 of us crowded around the table. Grandma came from the kitchen carrying the big platter and there sat a beautiful roast of beef. My father started it by saying in a mocking voice, "This is Thanksgiving. We can't eat roast beef. Where is the turkey?" Well, we children all picked up on that theme and before long we were all at the table crying because there was no turkey while the adults were arguing about how to shut us up.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service November 25

The annual Northside Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25, at First Baptist Church, at the corner of 86th Street and College Avenue. A collection will be taken for the Interfaith Hunger Initiative. Along with

I was living in Dubuque, Iowa, when I cooked my first Thanksgiving dinner. I'd invited a bunch of friends from the seminary for a big dinner. Everyone who had no place to go for the holiday came and brought a dish. The next day about half of the guests were sick. We never tracked down the exact cause but it sure felt like food poisoning to those of us who were up all night.

When Thomas was young I used to take him to help serve at the local food kitchen so we would remember how much we had to be thankful for. Family, friends, food, homes, cars, toys all looked a whole lot nicer after several hours of serving those in need.

This year we will add another memory to the Thanksgiving file. On Sunday, November 22, we will celebrate Thanksgiving as a congregation by dedicating our new building and renovations. We will come together to thank all those who made this possible, beginning with God. We will have a grand worship service at both 9 and 11. Between services we will have a program of dedication with lots of special guests. I hope you plan to be with us for this great thanksgiving.

Northminster Presbyterian Church, the participating congregations are the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Meridian Street United Methodist, Second Presbyterian, First Baptist, St. Luke's Methodist, First Congregational, St. Paul's Episcopal, and Nur Allah Mosque.

November Sundays at 9 and 11 a.m.

November 1

Today is All Saint's Day. We have a special guest preacher Dr. Thomas G. Long with us this Sunday for the first Closterhouse Preaching Colloquium. Dr. Long has been named one of the best preachers in America today by Baylor University. Communion will be served at both services and Dr. Long will lead an adult class at 10 a.m.

November 8

On November 8 the lectionary takes us into the Book of Ruth. Who better to lead us than our own Ruth Moore. Her topic will be "Looking to the Future."

November 15

This Sunday we will celebrate the faithfulness of God. Teri Thomas will preach.

November 22

November 22 is the day we have all been waiting for. We will dedicate the new addition and the renovated building. We will celebrate with special worship services at both 9 and 11. There will be a dedication program between services as well. Watch the weekly bulletin and e-mail for more details. The dedication is at 10 a.m.

November 29

Today is the first Sunday of Advent and we will begin our preparations for Christmas. We will light the first Advent candle. Ruth Moore will be preaching.

A Time to Trust. A Time to Invest.

BY TONY RICCHIUTO, STEWARDSHIP COCHAIR

If you are in your 30's and hoping to retire in your 60's, you have about 30 or so years to invest, save and try to win the lottery. Right now, there are many financial advisors telling 30-somethings that our investment "horizon" is far off, so it is a good idea to buy stocks now. Invest while the market is low and your dollar will purchase more. Of course, as retirement nears and our precious nest eggs have grown larger, we'll move them to "safer places" like bonds and money markets where they are less likely to suffer the ups and downs of the market. Seems to make sense, but today every dollar is at a premium and this economic downturn is scary. We want our money close by where we can see and access it should the worst happen. Investing now can seem daunting.

As my wife and I considered our priorities for 2010 in preparation for Commitment Sunday, more than ever, our goal was to spend money in ways that would have a maximum impact on our family. It is always a challenge to balance a plan for the future with the demands of today. Giving to Northminster is one of the few

investments that fulfills both of those goals. We realize an immediate benefit from the money we pledge each year as we enjoy the many wonderful programs offered at Northminster. From adult education classes, mothers' group and children's activities to the beautiful music we hear each Sunday, our investment in Northminster is immediately and consistently rewarded throughout the year. But we also know that the gift we're giving now will allow us and others to benefit from our church home in the future.

As cochair of the Stewardship Committee, this year I helped prepare the mailing you received about Commitment Sunday. Looking at the stacks of envelopes and the names of so many, I realized just how many people are with me in faith. I saw names of individuals who have given to this church for more years than I have been alive. It touched me to know that their investment has paid off.

We are a growing congregation, with many reasons to be thankful. Yes, we have endured a rough year, many tears were shed, and—much like the market we are urged to



Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:5–6

invest in—this Church has had its ups and downs. Yet during all these times over the past 60+ years, many have invested in this church. Their faith and belief is why many of us have found a place of support today and so many have discovered the love of our neighbors and the love of Jesus. With that payoff in mind, we should keep preparing for an active retirement, which means ensuring that we have a great place to go to church when our investment horizon finally arrives.

New to or visiting Northminster?

Have you been visiting and want to learn more about us? Have questions about what it means to be a Christian or a Presbyterian? Who and what is Northminster as a faith community in Broad Ripple? We can answer these questions and any others you might have at *Curious Conversations* on Saturday, November 7, 9 a.m.–noon.

We will meet in the Conference Room. Please contact Associate Pastor Ruth Moore (*photo*) and let her know you can come at 251-9489 or ruthmoore@northminster-indy.org. We will have coffee and donuts to start us off and a light lunch before we leave. Child care is available on request.



A Time to Trust

BY NANCY FLAMME, NORTHMINSTER MEMBER

Northminster has been a part of my life since I was little. My parents moved here from the East Coast when I was two and started attending Northminster shortly thereafter. I grew up here attending Sunday school, was confirmed here and attended youth group when Don Durrett was the youth pastor. After completing college at Hanover, I moved away from Indianapolis and Northminster for the next eight years and I have to admit I only sporadically attended church.

I returned to Indianapolis at the age of 30. I knew that I wanted to become active in a church again and wanted a church that would be inclusive of me as a single woman, that would welcome my ideas and involvement. But I was unsure if I should return to Northminster where I grew up or find a new church home. How would I decide what was the best plan for me?

I found this quote in my *Women's Devotional Bible* by Debra Klingsporn, a writer who wrote about the faith journey of one of the Columbine victims: "Our job is to be willing to let God be God and to trust him with the results." I had to try and let God lead me on the right path where I could comfortably and actively live my faith.

Yes, I will admit that it felt safe to rejoin Northminster, I was familiar with the services, the routine and knew many of the members here. I did find that I was sometimes identified as Jean and Bill's daughter and they were still active members of the church at that time. Although I was and still am proud to be remembered as their daughter, I feel that I have been able

to develop my own niche as a single woman with energy and ideas to share here. Even though I can't identify a specific moment when I knew that this is where I am supposed to be, I can look back and say: "Yes, God, you have landed me in the right place."

I have found that I have been able to be as active and involved as I want to be in this church. Although I haven't married and had a family in the traditional sense of "family," and it may sound corny, this church is my family. I have seen family in the support my sister and I received when my dad died in 1990 and my mom in 2000, both suddenly. I see family in my ChristCare group when members will remember a prayer concern I had and follow up with me on it. I see family in the six years that I have been going on the Mexico mission trip with youth and adults working side by side and helping each other and making sure everyone is getting breaks in the 90 degree heat. I see family every time we host Interfaith Hospitality Network and Becca Haag and I ask for your help making homeless families part of our family for the week they are here.

I remember from my family therapy class in social work school that families are a system of related people that all have an impact on the entire system. Family members all need to contribute to the system to make it work and everyone has a role to help make that family run smoothly. This contribution can be time and talents as well as financial. Northminster is a family that needs these contributions from all of us. We



are not related by blood but have the love of God and Jesus Christ in common.

I have been blessed that I can contribute my time and talents as well as have the financial means to support the ministries of Northminster. I have trusted in God that he will take care of me and provide what I need and so far, he has provided abundantly so I can give back to this family here at Northminster.

As I have gotten older I sometimes worry about what the future will bring being a single woman but God has provided so far and I trust he will do so in the future. I want to end with telling you about a statement that was made to me that I have never forgotten. I was recovering in the hospital from a routine surgery but required a few days in the hospital. Ruth Moore came to visit me and as we were talking, she said, "You know, Nancy, everyone at Northminster loves you and cares about you."

In the busyness of Deacon's meetings, choir rehearsal, youth group and other activities, I sometimes forget that Northminster is this family that is here to care about and support me and all of us. I trust, as I'm sure we all do, that God will keep the Northminster family together for many years to come and all of us play an important part in keeping this family together.

Imagine what is to come . . .

BY LISA LONGO, OPEN TO THE FUTURE CHAIR

More than three years ago, this congregation got serious about their vision for the future of Northminster, a vision we had been discussing and dreaming about for several years before that. The vision included some needed changes to the physical building. In the past three years we have evaluated our needs, hired architects, made plans, held committee meetings, picked colors, collected coins, made financial pledges, inhaled dust, swept frequently, offered praise and thanks, held more committee meetings, evaluated continuing based on economic

conditions, written checks, employed many people to do the work, worshiped in a refreshed sanctuary, boxed up and moved offices, been inconvenienced, welcomed change.

Open to the Future numbers as of October 13, 2009

Number of pledges	-----	334
Total pledged	-----	\$2,664,433
Total collected	-----	\$1,981,367
Percentage received	-----	74.4%

This month we are ready to begin using the new Gathering Place and all the other beautiful new spaces in our church.

We also celebrate the second anniversary of our *Open to the Future* Campaign, the financial commitment from our membership that made this construction possible. During November 2009 we should pass the \$2,000,000 collected mark! (*Open to the Future most current numbers are in the box.*)

We have also provided \$150,000 to support building projects in our neighborhood, Joy's House; in our presbytery, Pyoca Camp, Conference and Retreat Center; and across the globe, Principe de Paz church in Cancun, Mexico. Our willingness to be open to a future vision for this place, for Northminster, has already touched so many others beyond our doors. Just imagine what is to come . . .

Outreach: Be an evangelist!

BY JIM DOUGANS, EVANGELISM TEAM

Bring a Friend to Church Sunday December 13, 9 or 11 a.m.

Before you read further, please take a look at John 1:40-45. This text will help you understand what the Evangelism Team (E-Team) is seeking to do by organizing a *Bring a Friend to Church Sunday*. In the days ahead we ask that you do three things:

- First, look around where you live, work, or go to school—this is your mission field. Make a list of names of individuals you can invite to church.
- Second, commit to pray regularly for the people on your list.

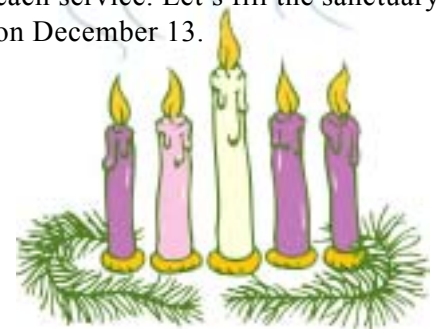
- Third, invite a friend, neighbor, relative, or colleague to worship at Northminster on Sunday, December 13.

The E-Team will provide you with an e-mail that you can forward to them. We will also have a postcard you can deliver to your neighbor.

While every service at Northminster is special, Sunday, December 13, will be extra-special. The Chancel Choir, soloists and orchestra will perform *Magnificat in D* by J.S. Bach's second son, Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach.

What a way for your friend to enhance their Advent season (December 13 is the third Sunday of Advent) and prepare for Christmas. Furthermore, they will be able to see our updated sanctuary and new addition.

Study after study has shown the majority of people join a church because someone invited them to attend. Your invitee will enjoy a wonderful and uplifting worship service and refreshments following each service. Let's fill the sanctuary on December 13.



Mission and outreach

BY MAUREEN PURCELL, MISSION TEAM

Northminster is FIVE for FIVE

FIVE for FIVE is a winning stat for Northminster and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). During a year's time, we tell you about the various offerings our denomination requests and you are familiar with their names.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is collected during Lent, especially on Palm Sunday or Easter. This offering helps people affected by natural and human-made disasters to rebuild their lives and communities. Presbyterians from all over the country have gone to the Gulf Coast to stand with those who lost their homes, their livelihoods, and members of their families. In addition, the offering continues to help communities confront the slower crises of hunger, disease, unemployment, and environmental degradation that make them vulnerable even before disasters strike. *OGHS* goes to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

and Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self Development.

Seven Sundays after Easter is the *Pentecost Offering*. This one allows Northminster to keep 40 percent of what we receive to benefit children at risk. The remaining 60 percent supports mission through child advocacy, youth ministry, and young adult volunteer opportunities.

World Communion Sunday, on the first Sunday in October, is when we collect the *Peacemaking Offering*. This one helps bring International Peacemakers from our partner churches to share about ministries in their countries that seek justice and peace. Presbyterians all over the country honor this gift by directing funds to combat HIV/AIDS, to address the plight of child soldiers or to build Habitat for Humanity homes all over the world. This year, our portion went

to the Interfaith Hunger Initiative in Indianapolis.

Coming up Christmas Eve is the *Christmas Joy Offering* that supports the unmet needs of families who have been called to the mission of the Presbyterian Church. Some of those needs emerge during their service, others after their retirement. These gifts also help studies at racial ethnic schools and colleges to develop their gifts and find their own calling.

These four offerings support programs through PCUSA. But we have accepted a fifth opportunity. Our willingness to donate almost half of our Mission budget to support our own presbytery, our synod and the General Assembly gives us the special FIVE for FIVE designation. This basic mission support strengthens congregations, supports mission service personnel, and provides leadership training and scholarships a little closer to home. This additional support of Presbyterian programs benefits our friends in Quintana Roo, Mexico, Pyoca camp in Indiana, and Hispanic Ministries in Indianapolis. And that, friends, is a "high five."

What your giving to Open to the Future has done . . .



Pastor Neri Tomas of Principe de Paz in Cancun sent these photos so we could all see how far along they have come in constructing their sanctuary. Northminster's Open to the Future campaign gave \$25,000 to Principe de Paz toward construction, and in July our Mexico Mission participants helped level and pour the sanctuary floor.

Mission and outreach

BY VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS—JINNY BORK, DOLLY CRAFT, STEPHANIE ALEXANDER, ELLE KEPPLER

Northminster helps build School 55's playground

The dream playground for Indianapolis Public School 55 and the surrounding neighborhood is a partnership effort of the school, the Indianapolis Colts, Lucas Oil, and National Starch. Northminster helped School 55 with food for the workers and the recruitment of volunteers for September 26 and September 29. The following Northminster volunteers prepared and served food to the workers or got the materials and site ready for construction or helped with the building of the playground:

Stephanie Alexander	Steve Keltner
Bob Bork	Fran MacAllister
Cathy Bork	Jim Mann
Jim Bork	John Moore
Bob Bowers	Judi Morr
Jim Arend	Steve Neterval
Don Craft	Mike Pitz
Phil Goodchild	Alex Rearick
Nancy Hill	Tim Rice
Troy Hill	MaryAnn Ruegger
Mick Keppler	Mike Shannon



Doug Sherow	Cindy Smith
Steve Sarver	Mary Tarbell
Linda Theobald	Nancy Flamme
Russell Wareham	Ruth Moore
Pat Ward	Joyce Mallette
Betty Sue Drake	Cathy Lord
Jinny Bork (photo)	Mae Leech
Dolly Craft	Mary Garrett
Elle Keppler	Betty Bowers
Lynne Tobin	Mary Lou Snare
Ann Bruce	Susan Hedrick
Nancy Leffler	



Caring Churches Network needs volunteers—your caring hands

BY TONY DZWONAR, MISSION TEAM

Might you be looking for a way to provide hope and support to the working poor through faith-based services? The Caring Churches Network, a program created and supported by Northminster and seven other local churches through the Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis, is in need of folks for data entry, to answer phones, take messages, set up appointments, and if you have the professional training, do

intakes and interview clients. The program currently operates Monday, Wednesday and Friday at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 100 West 86th Street, or St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 6944 East 46th Street, though some work may be done from your home.

If you have two hours a month to help provide faith-based social service and spiritual support that will assist others in meeting their basic

needs and empower them to achieve self-sufficiency, contact Tony Dzwonar at 585-8474 or adzwonar@yahoo.com.

Larry Moslener's Thank You

"I thank all who remembered me on my birthday with a card shower. I am only a day older than yesterday but have reached the 60th year of my life. God bless you all."

Outreach opportunities to School 55

What do Deacons do? Thanksgiving baskets!

November is the month the Deacons deliver Thanksgiving baskets to families at Indianapolis Public School 55. The social worker at the school lets the Deacons know how many baskets are needed. This will be a difficult Thanksgiving for many families at

the school because of the economy and the high number of parents who are unemployed or underemployed.

The Deacons have budgeted money for these food baskets, but they could use extra financial help due to increased demand. A donation to the Deacon's Fund this November would be most appreciated!



Clothe-A-Child is coming December 10!

The annual Clothe-A-Child shopping spree with the students from Indianapolis Public School 55 is coming soon—December 10. Northminster volunteer shoppers will meet at the Sears store in the Castleton Square Mall on the day of the event. Students from School 55 will arrive by bus. Each volunteer helps one or two students shop and the students (grades K-6th) have clothing lists with correct sizes. After the shopping is completed, volunteers and students go to Sears' community room for lunch.

Clothe-A-Child is funded through donations from church members and friends in the community. A special Clothe-A-

Child envelope is included with your regular offering envelopes, and envelopes will also be available on the Friendship Tables at the church. If you are donating by check, please mark "Clothe-A-Child" on your check.

Watch for more information about Clothe-A-Child in the weekly e-mail, worship bulletin or on one of the display boards. We will need volunteers to shop with as many as 100 students. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board across from the Chapel. Anyone who has volunteered in prior years will tell you that this activity is a lot of fun and so appreciated by the students and families of School 55.

In 2008 Northminster's Deacons provided 35 food boxes to School 55—items for the holiday and staples put together by Marsh Supermarket. School 55 staff then distributed the boxes to families. This year the Deacons expect the number of families needing food boxes to increase.



WATCHOUT!

WATCHOUT! is a list of mission events and volunteer opportunities at Northminster and in the community.

- Friday, November 13, 12:30–4:30 p.m. and Saturday, November 14, 7:30–11:30 a.m. Habitat for Humanity "House of Abraham" Fall Build. Contact Tony Dzwonar at adzwonar@yahoo.com or 585-8474, or sign up on the board across from the Chapel.
- Drumstick Dash, 9 a.m. Thanksgiving Day, November 26. The 4.5 mile run through Broad Ripple benefits Wheeler Mission. Contact Don or Kathy at 733-3300 (not Northminster members).
- Craine House Holiday Boutique, Saturday, December 6, 8:30 a.m.–2 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 6050 North Meridian, needs donations of homemade items (quilts to jellies) to benefit Craine House, a work release home for nonviolent female offenders and their preschool children. Contact Barb Stayton at bjstayton@aol.com or 733-0516.
- Thanksgiving baskets and Clothe-A-Child for School 55

Education for all ages

BY DEBBIE BULLOFF, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Church School in November

As November begins, the Church School will move from the story of Bartimaeus, who left his former life to follow Jesus, to the story of Naomi and Ruth (Ruth 1:1-18), who also leave behind familiar places and family. Their journey brings discovery that God goes with them, wherever they go. What and who do you long to have with you, wherever you go?

On November 8, the scripture lesson Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 continues Naomi and Ruth's story. A struggle to survive becomes the means by which God restores hope to these women and to Israel. We will consider how we might seek restoration for those who need nourishment and encouragement.

November 15 brings another story of a woman whose future looks bleak. We will hear Hannah's story in 1 Samuel 1:4-20; 2:1-10. Hannah cries out to God, then names her longed-for child Samuel ("heard of God"). God's people rejoice that God acts for the sake of new beginnings. What should we hold onto and let go of in order to entrust ourselves to God?

On November 22, Christ the King Sunday, Children's Church will look at the trial of Jesus before Pilate in John 18:33-37. "Are you King of the Jews?" We will recall what we have learned from Jesus and others who teach us about God's way of love. The children of the Church School will join the congregation in celebration of the dedication of our new building at 10 a.m.

The first Sunday in Advent comes on November 29. The children will consider Luke 21:25-36. Jesus is talking with the disciples about how they will know when God plans amazing new things. What could we do this Advent to be signs of God's presence and promise to others?

Dress up December 2

If you would like to dress up and appear as an angel, shepherd, or wise person at the Congregational Life dinner before Christmas Lite on December 2, please let Debbie Bulloff know of your interest at dbulloff@northminster-indy.org or 251-9489. We will need adult as well as children and youth volunteers.

4 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Children and youth will be needed for roles in "An Indiana Nativity," the Christmas Eve service at 4 p.m. Rehearsals begin soon. If your family plans to be in town Christmas Eve (Thursday this year), please let Debbie Bulloff know at dbulloff@northminster-indy.org or 251-9489.

Church School hand washing

Please try to remember to use the hand-sanitizer in each church school classroom as you enter and leave. Children have been singing *Happy Birthday* twice as they wash their hands and coughing into their elbows for quite some time now. Grown ups need to do the same.

Adult Education Sundays at 10

Don't forget to take a look at the 10 a.m. Sunday adult education classes listed in the *News & Views* insert, Sunday bulletin and posted on the adult education bulletin boards. Also check out adult education on the web site at www.northminster-indy.org.

Senior University

Senior University is March 10, 2010, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 6050 North Meridian. In community with St. Paul's Episcopal, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, St. Luke's United Methodist, Progressive Baptist and Northminster Church, we will consider "The Sacred Bridge: Our Neighbor's Experience with Worship and Music."

John Wright, Director of Music Ministries, will participate with the music ministry folks from the other congregations. The only cost is lunch. More information will come.



What's happening?

Opportunities and news

Dr. Thomas Long Workshop November 2

Nationally known preacher and educator Dr. Thomas G. Long will lead a workshop at Northminster on Monday, November 2, from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. The workshop for laity and clergy is entitled “Preaching the Good News in a World of Innocent Suffering.” Lunch is by reservation only, but the workshop is open to all.

Christmas Bite! December 2

Bakers, mark your calendars for the Christmas Bake and Food Sale on Wednesday, December 2, 4–7 p.m. (We will sell goodies after *Christmas Lite* too.) This sale is sponsored by Presbyterian Women, but all members of the congregation are invited to donate their Christmas

specialties. Just bring your donations on December 2 (location of sale announced later).

On your way to *Christmas Lite*, buy a few dozen cookies or homemade fudge to celebrate with friends and family. All proceeds from the sale go directly to charities supported by Presbyterian Women and Northminster. Questions? Call Norma Arend at 251-1549 or Wanda Wheeler at 252-5766.

Cemetery lot for sale

The lot is in Oaklawn Memorial Garden of Honor and has two burial spaces, two vaults, bronze marker and granite base (for \$3,250). If you are a veteran or know of a veteran who might be interested, call Bob Jonas at 842-9434.

Clean up before the dedication November 22

As we approach the dedication of our additions and renovations, the general contractor will be providing a cleanup crew for the areas in which they have worked.

The Buildings/Grounds Committee has created a list of things that now need to be addressed to bring the rest of the building into line as construction is completed. Work needs to be done both inside and outside so we have scheduled four possibilities for you to join us to take on various tasks.

- Friday, November 13, we will be at the church from 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

- Saturday, November 14, from 9 a.m.–noon
- Friday, November 20, from 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
- Saturday, November 21, from 9 a.m.–noon

We will post a list of projects on the bulletin board across from the Choir Room by Monday, November 9, so you can get an idea of what needs to be done. We will provide basic tools, supplies and equipment.



Older Adult activities

Lunch/Entertainment November 20

On Friday, November 20, is a luncheon at the church with entertainment. Watch the Sunday bulletins for more information about this Thanksgiving get-together.

Older Adults Event Reserve by November 12

Save Thursday, December 3, for a festive Boggstown Cabaret Christmas operated by Top Notch Tours. Bus, lunch, show and gratuities are \$69 per person.

Reserve with Older Adult Ministries Coordinator Carol Campbell no later than November 12. Make a check payable to Top Notch Tours and mail to Carol Campbell, 8011 Connerwood Lane, Fishers, IN 46038. You can contact Carol at clrjcampbell@sbcglobal.net or home at 8011 Connerwood Lane, Fishers, IN 46038 or 776-2700.

Tandem November 17

Tandem (a social group for people in their 70's and 80's) will meet for lunch on November 17 (3rd Tuesday), 11:30 a.m. at the MCL Cafeteria in Castleton.

To aid in gathering quantity of supplies, we would appreciate you signing up for the time you intend to help with this work to prepare for our dedication of the new facility.

What's happening?

Youth and adult opportunities to serve . . .

Afternoon at American Village November 8

Sunday, November 8, *Parents with a Passion* will spend a special afternoon at American Village! We will meet for light lunch at 12 p.m. By 12:45 we'll head over for a visit with our friends at American Village from 1–2 p.m. Please bring healthful treats like pumpkin bread or fruit. Julie Shannon will bring the apple cider (that we can provide warmed or cooled). We'll enjoy the snacks and fellowship time with our friends. Please let Julie Shannon know at jshannon@northminster-indy.org if you plan to attend.

Mexico Call Out Meeting November 15

Please join us on November 15 at 12:15 p.m. in Calvin Hall to learn about Northminster's Mexico Mission Trip experience. Learn about this fantastic mission opportunity for July 2010! We will discuss dates and make plans for our 2010 trip. If you are curious and just want to find out more or if you

know you already plan to go on this trip, this is the meeting for you!

Care packages for college and military

Please update us on your college student or friend or family member in the military, so we can send them a care package in early December. We'd also appreciate donations for this cause. Snack items, wipes, office supplies, hot coco mix, chap stick and other goodies are appreciated. If you do not want to purchase items, you can also give a donation. Items are collected in October and November and packages are mailed at the end of November. If you have questions, contact Julie Shannon at jshannon@northminster-indy.org.

Loui Lord Nelson's book

Loui's book, *Celebrating You and Me: A Journal for Children and Their Parents*, is now available. Her book brings children and the adults who love them together through 365 days worth of contemplation and journaling. For more information go to www.celebratingyouandme.com.

Kate White and Emily Keesling Mexico Mission Trip 2009



Youth Fellowship activities

During November Youth Fellowship will explore our faith through film.

November 1

No Youth Fellowship.

November 8, 4 p.m. Sound & Spirit

Come to the *Sound & Spirit* program at 4 p.m. and stay for food and Youth Fellowship.

November 8

Regular Youth Fellowship, 6–8 p.m. Northminster staff will feed us this evening and hang out with us for dinner.

November 15

Regular Youth Fellowship, 6–8 p.m.

- November 15: Your reservation for the CAVE Overnight on December 4–5 is due today. The reservation cost is \$28 per person.

November 22

Regular Youth Fellowship, 6–8 p.m.

November 29

No Youth Fellowship.

Be thankful with your family! This is Thanksgiving weekend.

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NOVEMBER 2009

Sound & Spirit opens the 2009-2010 season

Ronen Chamber Ensemble on Sunday, November 8, at 4 p.m.

Sound & Spirit opens its 2009-2010 season with a performance by the Ronen Chamber Ensemble on Sunday, November 8, at 4 p.m. in our newly renovated sanctuary. There is a pre-concert lecture at 3:30. The program “Timeless Inspirations” includes music by J.S. Bach, Peter Mathews and Olivier Messiaen’s *Quartet for the End of Time*. This piece was composed while Messiaen was a prisoner in a World War II concentration camp.

Also on the program is our own Organist and Music Associate Marko Petricic joining with the Ronen Chamber Ensemble and on solo organ. This concert is presented in partnership with the Indianapolis *Spirit and Place Festival*, an annual event celebrating the arts, humanities and religion. The concert is free and child care is provided.



Christmas Lite on Wednesday, December 2, at 7 p.m.

Northminster’s Chancel Choir and all children’s choirs plus soloists and instrumentalists (like Marko Petricic on the bayan at right) come together to present *Christmas Lite*—their Christmas greeting to the church and to the Broad Ripple community. The program of traditional and offbeat Christmas pop music is presented December 2 at 7 p.m. Like all *Sound & Spirit* concerts, this one is free and child care is available.

