

# News & Views

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NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## James T. Morris, special speaker for the Stewardship Brunch October 18

A special brunch will be held between services on Sunday, October 18, as part of the annual Stewardship Campaign. All members and friends of Northminster are invited. The featured speaker will be James T. Morris, president of Indiana Pacers Sports and Entertainment and founder of the Indianapolis Interfaith Hunger Initiative. The Initiative is an organization made up of Jewish, Christian and Muslim leaders and participants dedicated to working together to feed the hungry. Northminster participates in this initiative.

Mr. Morris has served as executive director of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and as an under secretary general within the United Nations. During this tenure he visited all of WFP's major operations around the world, traveling to 80 countries where WFP is operational. The WFP has more than 12,000 staff members, 90 per cent of whom



work in the developing world. As the United Nations secretary general's special envoy for Southern Africa, his efforts daily affected the lives of at least 15 million people, especially women and children. In 2003 he successfully guided the WFP in carrying out the largest humanitarian operation in history, feeding 27 million Iraqis.

For over 35 years, Mr. Morris has combined a distinguished career in business, philanthropic and

humanitarian leadership with a personal life of public service, including leadership roles in local government, Lilly Endowment, and as CEO of the Indianapolis Water Company. "Jim has been one of the most valuable assets this community has had in the last 30 years and we are extremely fortunate to have him as part of the Pacers' family," said Donnie Walsh, former CEO and president of Pacers Sports and Entertainment.

### Brunch by reservation only

To make a reservation for the Stewardship Brunch call the church office at 251-9489 or register on-line at [www.northminster-indy.org](http://www.northminster-indy.org). Make your reservation early. ■

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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



**W**e all know that giving meets needs. That is why we give to our favorite charities, to institutions, and to the church. We know there are needs to be met, bills to be paid, people who need our care. We also know that God gives to us so that our needs are met. But think about the gifts you have received from God. What have you been given that may not have seemed like a gift at the time? How have you been given gifts that addressed needs you didn't even know you had?

God's gifts go beyond what we want or need. God gives us gifts that empower us and help us be in the position to reach out and empower others. God gives us gifts we can use beyond our own needs, for ministry and for mission. God gives us more than we ever imagined needing or having.

### Deacons are visiting homebound members

The Deacons are visiting homebound members after worship on Sunday, October 4, to bring them communion. They are visiting over 30 people who are unable to come to worship on a regular basis. Pastor Teri Thomas and Pastor Ruth Moore

God also gives gifts in the context of relationships. There is a personal connection between the giver and the recipient. God wants that connection for us when we receive and also when we give.

We have been so blessed at Northminster to be able to develop those personal connections. We can build a playground for the children of School 55 along with their parents and teachers. We can go to Joy's House and see the people served by the ministry we support. We can send groups to Cancun to build the church and develop the relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We can take the new elevator (soon) upstairs and see the children in Church School who benefit each week from our gifts of furniture, curriculum, crayons, tables, and the time and the talent of the teachers.

Our giving connects us personally to people around the world. Our giving deepens our connection to God. Our giving puts us in relationship with others who give. We give of our time and our talents and our treasure. We have been given all that by God to meet our needs and to empower us to reach out beyond ourselves.

What amazing gifts we have been given. What amazing gifts will we give? ■

visit these same members on alternate months. If you know of someone who is homebound and would like to receive communion from a deacon and/or pastor, please contact Ruth Moore at 251-9489 or ruthmoore@northminster-indy.org. ■

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

#### October 4

Today is World Communion Sunday. We will celebrate the sacrament with Christians around the globe at both 9 and 11. Children will be in worship at both services and Ruth Moore is preaching.

#### October 11

On October 11 Teri Thomas is preaching. The Middle High Choir and Bells will be at 9 a.m. and the Chamber Ensemble at 11. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism at 11.

#### October 18

Teri Thomas will preach on "We Are Not God." Worship will be slightly abbreviated to allow time for a special presentation between services by Jim Morris. Plan to worship at 9 or 11 but be sure to be here from 10-11 to hear Mr. Morris.

#### October 25

Today is Commitment Sunday. Bring your pledge cards and they will be dedicated in worship at both 9 and 11 a.m. The Celebration Choir is singing at 9, and Teri Thomas is preaching.

#### Save November 22

On November 22 is the Dedication Service for the renovation and addition. There is a special worship service at 9 and 11 a.m. with the dedication at 10.

## A Time to Trust

BY R. STEVEN KELTNER, NORTHMINSTER MEMBER

*Steve Keltner delivered this message during the worship services on August 16. The presentation was given in support of the 2010 Stewardship Campaign, "A Time to Trust."*

Every so often something beyond our control happens that forces us to trust in others. I see this all the time in the emergency department. Every day at work, people turn to me to fix their problems—most of which are medical.

Recently when my six-year-old son informed me he had totally lost the vision in his left eye—a change that occurred over the period of a few days—I found myself in the precarious position of trusting others for help.

The world had crashed down around me. I knew this could be bad. I know what it's like to deliver bad news to good people, but I wasn't prepared to be on the receiving end.

I remember driving to Riley making my "911 call" to God. "OK. I can handle this if he has to wear really thick glasses or even loses an eye—but please, don't let it be a brain tumor," essentially was the

message I left with His answering service. I would have stopped by His house and left the message in person, but I didn't feel I had the time.

At the end of the most intense emotional roller coaster my wife Kristin and I had ever been on, all was good news. Gabe would need some not-so-thick glasses (thanks to modern technology) and a patch to strengthen his bad eye.

A couple of weeks later the bills came. And I went from my "I don't care what this costs," mode to "Do I really have to pay this?" As I reviewed the numbers, I was glad I'd paid the insurance premiums. Even with insurance, there was a good deal of out-of-pocket expense. But I realized the money I was paying would help ensure that facility remained open and ready to handle whatever people brought through the front door.

So what exactly does this have to do with Stewardship?

Well, sometimes the news we get isn't so good; in fact it could be the worst news of our life. That the news can wound the part of us that no hospital or test can fix.

For that I need to refer patients to a different facility with different



***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**

specialists—one that needs to be ready to receive them and welcome them.

With more and more bad news these days it seems like our facility is in greater demand by us and the community we are continuing to reach out to.

And when the day comes that you need the support of our specialists, this community or the church facility, and all they provide to heal your soul: music, friendship, smiling faces, a hand shake . . . I trust that you too will be glad you paid your weekly premium—even though there may be an occasional, additional out-of-pocket expense. ■

## Welcome our new members

Please welcome the following new members who were received by the congregation on September 20.

### Margaret Hardy

Margaret has moved here from Portland, Indiana, to live closer to her daughter. Margaret, who is

retired and lives at the Forum, is joining Northminster by letter of transfer from another Presbyterian Church.

### Chad and Emmalee Hinton

Emmalee and Chad were married at Northminster in August. Emmalee is

Susie Koriath's niece. Emmalee is a lobbyist and Chad is in sales with Lincoln Financial. This is the first time Chad has joined a church and he is coming to us by profession of faith. Emmalee is joining us by reaffirmation of faith. ■

## Opportunities for growth and understanding

### Rabbi Sandy Sasso leads *Parents with a Passion* group October 14

Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, internationally known author of books for and about children, will be the speaker at a communitywide event at Northminster Church on Wednesday, October 14, at 6 p.m. She will discuss “Nurturing the Spiritual Imagination of Children.” This special program is sponsored by *Parents with a Passion*, a group of parents of young children who are friends and members of Northminster Church. Rabbi Sasso is senior rabbi of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck in Indianapolis where she has served since 1977.

Rabbi Sasso received her B.A. and M.A. from Temple University. In 1974 she was ordained from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and received her doctor of divinity after 25 years in the rabbinate. She was the first woman ordained from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College



and the first to serve a Conservative congregation together with her husband, Rabbi Dennis C. Sasso. Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso and her husband are the first practicing rabbinical couple in world Jewish history. They are the parents of two children, David and Debbie.

### Rabbi Sasso, acclaimed author of children’s books

Rabbi Sasso is the author of numerous nationally acclaimed children’s books. Publisher’s Weekly selected two of her books, *But God Remembered* and *A Prayer for the Earth*, (now titled *Noah’s Wife; The Story of Na’amah*) as Best Books of the Year. *Abuelita’s Secret Matzahs* is the winner of the 2005 Sugarman Family Children’s Book Award. Copies of her books will be sold and Rabbi Sasso is available for signing.

Rabbi Sasso writes a monthly column in *The Indianapolis Star*, is a theological advisor for the Center for Spiritual Development in Childhood and Adolescence, past chair of the *Spirit and Place Festival*, and past president of Gleaners Food Bank. She is lecturer in religion and Judaism at Butler University and Christian Theological Seminary.

## Dr. Thomas G. Long preaches and teaches November 1 and 2

Dr. Thomas G. Long, Bandy Professor of Preaching at Emory University’s Candler School of Theology, will preach and teach at Northminster Presbyterian Church on November 1 and 2 as part of the Closterhouse Colloquium. Dr. Long, a preeminent figure in the area of preaching and the author of many books on preaching and a number of commentaries, will preach at both services on Sunday, November 1. He will lead *Good News/Daily News* adult education classes at 10 a.m. and noon.

On Monday, November 2, from 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Dr. Long will present



a workshop for laity and clergy of all denominations entitled “Preaching

the Good News in a World of Innocent Suffering: Is God Truly Great, Is God Truly Good?” Many Christians wonder if God is good, then why does God allow such tragedies as tsunamis and cancer and the death of children. Dr. Long does not offer a tidy explanation for the great mysteries of evil and innocent suffering. Rather he will explore what preachers can responsibly say about them in relation to the good news.

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## Sound & Spirit opens season November 8

LORI SCHLABACH, CHAIRPERSON, SOUND & SPIRIT

This year's *Sound & Spirit* series begins with a performance by the Ronen Chamber Ensemble on Sunday, November 8, at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary of Northminster Presbyterian Church.

Concertgoers are invited to a preconcert talk beginning at 3:30 p.m. The program, "Timeless Inspirations," includes J.S. Bach's "Vivace" from *Sonata No. 3 for Cello and Keyboard*, Patricia Matthews' *Pastorale for Clarinet and Organ*, Olivier Messiaen's *Quartet for the End of Time*, and other selections. Composed by Messiaen while he was a prisoner in a World War II concentration camp, *Quartet for the End of Time* is an example of the great creative energy

that can be summoned by an artist under extraordinary circumstances.

### Ronen Chamber Ensemble at 4 p.m. in Northminster's sanctuary

Artistic Directors David Bellman and Ingrid Fischer-Bellman founded the Ronen Chamber Ensemble 26 years ago. David, a clarinetist, and Ingrid, a cellist, bring together outstanding musicians to perform both the small intimate works by great masters and the new, fresh, contemporary works for chamber ensembles in a setting that lets listeners hear and see music-making up close. Northminster Organist and Music Associate Marko Petricic will

join members of the chamber ensemble on Bach's *Sonata for Gamba and continuo*, and Matthews' *Pastorale for Clarinet and Organ*. He will also play "Serene Alleluias" from Messiaen's *L'Ascension* for organ.

This concert is the first collaborative effort between *Sound & Spirit* and the Indianapolis *Spirit and Place Festival*, an annual event celebrating the arts, religion and humanities. This year's festival theme, "Inspirational Places," is especially appropriate since this will be the first public performance in Northminster's renovated sanctuary. Like all *Sound & Spirit* performances, the concert is free, and open to the public. Child care is also provided. ■

## Register for Dr. Thomas Long's Workshop by October 26

You may register in advance for Dr. Long's workshop on November 2 by calling the church office at 251-9489 or using the on-line registration link on the adult education page of our web site at [www.northminster-indy.org](http://www.northminster-indy.org). The

workshop is offered free of charge. A catered lunch will be served at noon for \$10. The deadline for registering with lunch reservations is October 26.

Registrants are encouraged to arrive on November 2 starting at 9 a.m. to check in and meet other

workshop participants. Dr. Long's visit to Northminster and the Closterhouse Colloquium Workshop are made possible by a generous gift in honor of the late Reverend Wilbur Closterhouse, who served Northminster from 1949–1962. ■

## The Twenty and the One

A well-worn one-dollar bill and a similarly distressed twenty-dollar bill arrive at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired. As they move along the conveyor belt to be burned, they strike up a conversation...

The twenty-dollar bill reminisces about its travels all over the country. "I've had a pretty good life," the twenty proclaims. "Why I've been to

Las Vegas and Atlantic City, the finest restaurants in New York, performances on Broadway, and even a cruise to the Caribbean."

"Wow!" says the one-dollar bill. "You've really had an exciting life!" "So tell me," says the twenty, "where have you been throughout your lifetime?" The one dollar bill replies, "Oh, I've been to the Methodist

Church, the Baptist Church, the Lutheran Church . . ." The twenty-dollar bill interrupts, "What's a church?" ■



# Mission: Yearning to breathe free

BY MAUREEN PURCELL, MISSION TEAM

Grace Fitzmorris and William Deaver sailed out of Scotland on the *Lionheart* in 1650. They would have stepped off the ship in what is modern day Annapolis, Maryland. In another generation or two, their wee descendants multiplied and spread, some into the frontier of Ohio and some toward hills of the Carolinas. Many of the strangers-cousins fought against each other in the Civil War. One is buried in Crown Hill, having died a Confederate prisoner of war.

In the late 1860's, Josef Willi and his brothers left their wives in northern Germany and sailed for Nebraska. One of the brothers drowned in the Missouri River. Josef, his wife Catherine and their son Josef Jr. were separated for eight years before being reunited. Their descendents gave up their native tongue during World War I, a wartime necessity, and the language was largely forgotten by World War II.

Immigrants. Refugees. Huddled masses. The homeless tempest-tossed. The tired, the poor. If your great grandparent was not a Pocahontas or Red Cloud, then your ancestors were immigrants. Whether running **from** chains or shipped **in** chains, toward a job or the promise of one, for an education or a piece of land, the story of immigrants remains much the same. Hope. And then, like Grace and William and Josef and his brothers, they faced obstacles and barriers with language, rent, raging waters, failing crops, unfriendly neighbors.

A few weeks ago, the Mission Team helped cover the cost of schooling for an immigrant and helped pay the month's rent. Her husband sent a thank you note. Here is part of it:

*"Under the sun, I also thank the almighty God for giving me this great chance to know you . . . I do not really want to think what would have happened to my life if you and your mission had not been around my family . . . Kids . . . do not know we are going to be thrown to the streets if we do not pay our rent. Kids know nothing about whether we have enough food for them or not. Kids who just only jump and play till the end of the day . . . You interfere in my life at the right time. Be the grace and glory of God with you forever . . . thank you so much for saving my family life in this earth."*

The writer is an Eritrean national with a masters degree in economics from the University of Pretoria in South Africa. His sons are 9 and 3 and his wife is working on a nurse's assistance class at J. Everett Light. They have been in the U.S. for about six months. In English, his name is Moses. He is still looking for work.

The cost of this lovely thank you note was about \$900 from the Mission Team's undesignated funds. It isn't often that we receive such an articulate expression of gratitude for such a small "investment." And yet Moses seems to speak for all of them: Josef, Grace, Hedwig, Sadie, Omar, Mekonen, Basil, Margarita, Luigi, Nicholas, Nyugen, Jens.

I can make a dozen stories out of this one—having Christ and Angels in our midst, helping my great grandpa forge the wide Missouri, nursing back to health my enemy and cousin, lifting a lamp beside the golden door, or parting the Red Sea But you'll find your own here. The Mission Team thanks you *"from our deep heart."* ■



## Peacemaking Offering October 4

*Justice and peace shall kiss each other (Psalm 85:10).*

October 4 is World Communion Sunday—the day Presbyterian churches worldwide collect the Peacemaking Offering.

Northminster designates 25 percent for the Interfaith Hunger Initiative, 25 percent to the Synod and the remaining 50 percent to the General Assembly ministries through the Presbyterian Peacemaking program.

God's gift of peace is most profoundly exemplified in the life and ministry of our Lord. Christ calls all who profess faith in God to share the gospel message of peace with a broken and insecure world. Responding to this gracious gift, the church, as the body of Christ, is called to join others and go into the world to build a culture of peace and nonviolence for God's creation. Presbyterian congregations 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 homes all over the world. Please be generous.

# Indianapolis CROP Hunger Walk

BY JIM DOUGANS

The 30th Annual Indianapolis CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, October 18. CROP Hunger Walks raise money to support the humanitarian work of Church World Service. The Presbyterian Church (USA) is part of this cooperative ministry. CROP is an acronym for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty.

In 2008, some 250,000 people in 2,000 communities across the country (including Indianapolis) participated in CROP Hunger Walks, raising more than \$16 million to help stop hunger. Locally 1,206 people raised \$124,849 in the Indianapolis CROP Hunger Walk in 2008.

Up to 25 percent of what each CROP Hunger Walk raises helps stock food pantries that provide emergency assistance to families in need in the local community.

Gleaners Food Bank, Second Helpings and the St. Vincent de Paul Society are among the local hunger-fighting programs to receive support. The balance is used to help the relief, development, and refugee assistance agency in its efforts to eradicate hunger and poverty around the world.

The route of the Indianapolis CROP Hunger Walk is 3.2 miles through the Butler Tarkington neighborhood. Registration begins at 1:45 p.m. on Sunday, October 18, on the grounds of Christian Theological Seminary.

To be a walker (or e-walker) contact Northminster's CROP Hunger Walk recruiter Becky Huehls at [beckestra@gmail.com](mailto:beckestra@gmail.com) or Associate Pastor Ruth Moore at 251-9489. They will provide you with your Cropwalker Envelope.



You can also donate on line by visiting [www.indycropwalk.org](http://www.indycropwalk.org) and clicking on the stop sign.

Last year 12 walkers from Northminster raised \$1,765, ranking our church 18th among the 87 churches/groups participating. Our goal this year is to have 17 walkers and raise \$2,500. Won't you walk to fight hunger around the world and around the corner? ■

## Mission and outreach

### Underwear Project a hit

Interfaith Alliance Indianapolis called us to support an unusual project again this year . . . to have an underwear drive and give what we collect to the Martin Luther King Multi-Service Center at 40th and Illinois.

The creator of the signs that asked you donate took a lot of ribbing for the wording ("drop your drawers in the narthex," "thank you for your supports."). But here was your response: 500 articles of undergarments and \$145 in checks that were used to purchase more, including some school uniforms.

Two enormous bags were delivered to MLK in September. Accepting the loot was Richard Reynolds, Service Manager at MLK. Thank you, thank you, Northminster.

### The Power of Snail Mail October 18

Bread for the World is interested in two bills that are before Congress this fall. H.R. 2139 Initiating Foreign Assistance Reform Act of 2009 and S. 1524 Foreign Assistance Revitalization and Accountability Act of 2009. H.R. 2139 calls on the President to create a national strategy for global

development. S. 1542 aims to revitalize USAID and affirms the U.S. commitment to promote global development.

You can read more about this legislation at [www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org). Because of Northminster's dedication to ending hunger worldwide, we have an Offering of Letters on October 18. Please join us between services to write to our senators and representatives to urge their support of these important bills. The Mission Team will provide everything you need.

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# Mission and volunteer opportunities

## Volunteer your craft, art, culinary skills . . .

Craine House is a work release home for nonviolent female offenders and their preschool aged children. A Holiday Boutique will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 6050 North Meridian, on Saturday, December 6, from 8:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

We are soliciting donations of homemade items—knitted, crocheted, stitched, or quilted items, jewelry, artwork, stationery/note cards, painted or sculpted items, ornaments, jams, jellies,

candies, fudge, baked goods, craft items—anything you can think of! Items will be collected on December 5 at St. Paul's from 9 a.m.–noon in the Parish Hall. You can also give your donations to Barb Stayton.

Sincere thanks for your consideration in helping with this great undertaking! So we know what kind of inventory to expect, please let Barb Stayton know at 733-0516 or [bjstayton@aol.com](mailto:bjstayton@aol.com) about what may be donated and any contact information for the donor(s).



## Volunteer opportunities to fit lots of interests

### Gleaners

Drivers (two people) are needed to help restock pantries served by Gleaners: Tuesdays, 7:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.; Thursdays, 2:30 p.m.; Fridays at any time. Contact Mike Miller at [mmiller@gleaners.org](mailto:mmiller@gleaners.org).

### Gleaners Pantry Partners

Four 2-hour slots per week at the Southwest Community Cupboard, 3737 Waldemere Road: Tuesdays, 8 a.m.–noon and 7:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, noon–4 p.m. and 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.; Thursdays, 3–7 p.m. and 2:30–4:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. and 8:30–10:30 a.m. Contact Debbie Wilson at [dwilson@gleaners.org](mailto:dwilson@gleaners.org).

### Habitat for Humanity ReStore

Door greeters, cashiers, warehouse, merchandiser, and truck drivers are needed Tuesday–Friday 10 a.m.–6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.–2 p.m. The ReStore is at 1011 East 22nd resells and recycles donated

building materials and home goods. Proceeds help build more homes. Contact Jessica Conway at [jconway@indyhabitat.org](mailto:jconway@indyhabitat.org) to volunteer or to make a donation.

### Caring Churches Network

The Caring Churches Network, a program created and supported by Northminster Church and 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 E. 46th Street, though some work may be able to be done from your home. If you have two hours a month to help, contact Tony Dzwonar for more information at 585-8474 or [adzwonar@yahoo.com](mailto:adzwonar@yahoo.com). ■

## WATCHOUT!

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

- Sunday, October 4, World Communion Sunday and Peacemaking Offering
- Sunday, October 18, Bread for the World Offering of Letters
- Sunday, October 18, CROP Walk at 1:45, Christian Theological Seminary: Contact Jim Dougans at [jvdougans@ameritech.net](mailto:jvdougans@ameritech.net) or 927-0957.
- Saturday, October 24, Masquerade benefit for Damien Center
- Habitat for Humanity Fall Build: Contact Tony Dzwonar at [adzwonar@yahoo.com](mailto:adzwonar@yahoo.com) or 585-8474 or sign up on the volunteer bulletin board across from the choir room.
- Drumstick Dash November 26 to benefit Wheeler Mission. This is a 4.5 mile run in Broad Ripple on Thanksgiving Day at 9 a.m. Contact Don or Kathy at 733-3300 (not Northminster members).

# SPACE changed to PLACE

BY BOB GUDGEL, BUILDING COMMITTEE CHAIR

The new “gathering space” has officially changed names. It will now be known as the Gathering Place. During these past few weeks it has been transformed from a shell into the future hub of activity for which it was designed. Finishing touches are occurring on a daily basis as enthusiasm builds for its completion. Once the construction fence comes down and all the trailers are moved, the Gathering Place will be the focal point of our facility, offering a new fresh welcome to the Broad Ripple neighborhood.

This project has over 334 financial supporters, large and small, who are faithfully completing their pledges. I think everyone understands that for any major undertaking like this, you need a core group who are willing to underwrite the majority of the costs. Northminster has two such groups. One is the Northminster Foundation and its Legacy Society which provides estate gifts to the foundation. Any Northminster member who makes an outright gift to the foundation or notifies the

foundation that they have remembered the church in their will or estate plans (regardless of amount) becomes a member of the Legacy Society. Over the years, such gifts have enabled the foundation to be the single largest source of funds for this church.

The other core group consists of Major Donors . . . families and individuals who have contributed \$25,000 or more to this *Open To The Future* building campaign. On September 12, both groups were invited to an open house and construction tour of the new facilities. The photos were taken during that afternoon event. Come see the final stages of construction. ♣



# Education for all ages

BY DEBBIE BULLOFF, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Church School classes resumed at 10 a.m. on Sunday, September 13. Please be sure your child is registered. For an on-line link go to the web site [www.northminster-indy.org](http://www.northminster-indy.org) under Ministries/Church School.

## Hand washing/sanitizing

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.

## Needed: Church School teachers/helpers

We need teachers/helpers for Children's Church the first and second Sundays of the month at 9:20 a.m. Your time commitment will involve limited prep time with excellent curriculum one Sunday per month. Children's Church is designed for our school age children kindergarten-5th grade and lasts 40 minutes. We sing, hear the story, worship together and have craft and fellowship time. Interested? Please let Debbie Bulloff know at [dbulloff@northminster-indy.org](mailto:dbulloff@northminster-indy.org).

## Also needed

Helpers are also needed in the nursery and toddler rooms at both 8:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. We need loving hands to help with our littlest ones. Check with Debbie Bulloff for the Sunday schedule at 251-9489 extension 16.

## Church School in October

As October begins, the Church School will focus on Mark 10:2-16. God's enfolding love is with us when we experience breakdowns in relationships. We will explore what it means to be blessed by Jesus. How can we extend God's love to others?

On October 11, the children will consider Mark 10:17-31. We will learn about God's way from the conversation between the rich person and Jesus. Can we give up every "thing" and follow Jesus? We will be talking about Stewardship and what we can do to be God's hands and feet in the world for the next several weeks.

On October 18, we will talk about Mark 10:35-45. The greatness that Jesus seeks in community all connect to service. How will we all be great in service to others? How shall we work together?

On October 25, the children will learn about Bartimaeus, "the blind beggar." He shouts out to Jesus. Jesus asks, "What do you want me to do for you?" For whose sake might we risk "shouting out" in the pursuit of mercy or justice?

## Rabbi Sandy Sasso and dinner October 14

*Parents with a Passion* invites all parents, grandparents, teachers and everyone else to join them on October 14 at 6 p.m. to hear Rabbi Sandy Sasso, author of children's books (her books will be sold and she will sign them).

Available also are a kid-friendly dinner in Calvin Hall at 5:30 and child care. Call the church at 251-9489 for dinner reservations.

## 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](http://www.northminster-indy.org).

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## Senior University

Save the date March 10, 2010. 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."

Our own John Wright, Director of Music Ministries, will be participating as will the music ministry folks from the other congregations. Senior University will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 6050 North Meridian. More information and registration are coming soon.

## World Communion Sunday

If you would like to bake or bring bread for World Communion Sunday on October 4, please let Debbie Bulloff know at 251-9489 or [dbulloff@northminster-indy.org](mailto:dbulloff@northminster-indy.org). All families with school age children will plan to worship, celebrate, and experience communion together that morning. Please welcome them. ■

# What's happening?

## With groups and individuals . . .

### Tandem October 20

Tandem (a social group for people in their 70's and 80's) will meet for lunch on October 20 (3rd Tuesday), 11:30 a.m. at the MCL Cafeteria in Castleton.

### Barbara Stayton

Barbara Stayton was named by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society as its 2009 Indiana Woman of the Year winner. Barb compiled, published, and sold a cookbook and donated all the proceeds from sales to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

### Larry Moslener

The family of Rev. Larry Moslener invites you to take part in a card shower for his 60th birthday, which is October 13. If you would like to participate, send the cards in care of Larry's daughter: Jeanne Felesena 1632 Waterberry Drive, Boubonnais, IL 60914.

*On August 23 Northminster's E-Team (Jim Dougans, Mae Leech, and Jennifer Dzwonar) passed out water on the Monon.*



### Pet Blessing October 4

Join us at 1 p.m. in Broad Ripple Park on Sunday, October 4, for our annual pet blessing! This is a chance for us to pause and celebrate the animals who share our lives.

### Confirmation schedule

The opening Confirmation Retreat (current 8th and 9th graders who are going through Confirmation) is Sunday, November 15, from 4–6 p.m. at the church.

- Regular Confirmation Classes will be on Sunday mornings from 10–10:50 in January and February.
  - In March Confirmation Classes will be from 10 a.m.– 12 p.m.
  - The closing Confirmation Retreat is in March (before Spring Break) at Jerry and Sally Gray's cabin.
- Confirmation Sunday is in April.

*More "What's happening" on October calendar insert*

## Youth Fellowship activities

### October 4 and 11

Regular Youth Fellowship, 6–8 p.m.

### October 18, CROP Walk

Walk with the youth to raise money to fight world hunger. Meet at the church at 1 p.m. and head over to the CTS campus. The Walk begins at 1:45 and (depending on how fast we walk) ends between 3-4. After the Walk we will go First Baptist to play kickball with other churches. and finish with dinner from 4–8.

### October 25

- Confirmation Meeting  
At 12 noon is a meeting with a light lunch for all youth currently in 8th and 9th grades and their parents. Confirmation schedule and information will be discussed (*schedule on right*).
- Regular Youth Fellowship, 6–8 p.m.

### October 31, Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot from 5–7 p.m. is a great outreach to our community.

### Looking ahead

On December 4 and 5 we'll have an overnight in a CAVE—Blue Springs Cavern!

### Contact information

- Julie Shannon at 753-6985 or [jshannon@northminster-indy.org](mailto:jshannon@northminster-indy.org)
- Jacob Mann at 698-8399 or [jacob@northminster-indy.org](mailto:jacob@northminster-indy.org).

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## Trunk or Treat Outreach—Saturday, October 31

Dust off the costumes and carve the pumpkins for Trunk or Treat!



**N**orthminster Church is providing a safe, fun way to trick or treat on Halloween night, October 31, from 5–7 p.m. We'll transform our north parking lot into a welcoming Halloween location for the neighborhood, School 55 and Northminster children.

### Can I Help?

Absolutely! It's simple. Decorate your car trunk (and/or yourself) and hand out candy for two hours. If you would like to help but don't want to

use your car, just dress up and come. We'll need extra helpers and we'll provide chairs and a light supper for your family.

If you can't come, consider donating wrapped candy or other wrapped treats. Drop them off in the church office. If you have little trick or treaters of your own, bring them by.

### Join the fun!

Sign up now on the Trunk or Treat volunteer sheet across from the choir room or in the church office. This is a terrific way for us to meet more of

our Broad Ripple neighbors and we get to see our clergy in costume!

### When and where?

Saturday, October 31, 5–7 p.m. If you're bringing a car, be at Northminster Church by 4:45 p.m. Come to the north parking lot.

### Questions?

Call Mary Tarbell at 255-9250 or Susan Glant in the church office at 251-9489. ■