

News & Views

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NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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How to be a Cheerful Giver . . .

BY TONY RICCHIUTO & PAUL JOHNSON, STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

Second Corinthians tells us that God loves a cheerful giver. Since the time for making annual pledges is coming up soon, it would be good to consider how we can make this important commitment cheerfully.

A cheerful giver can be assured that God will watch over him and provide for his needs. He will be free from worry about what he will eat, drink or wear and be able to share with those who have little.

God gives "seed" to the cheerful giver so that she can reap an abundance for every good work and not spend this on herself. The more we give (in time, talents and money), the more God will enable us to give.

Giving produces thanksgiving and

glory to God from the recipients of the cheerful giver's gifts. Giving also causes affection among fellow Christians because they see it as a sign of God's grace in the giver. The effect is often the same among non-Christians who appreciate the giver's example.

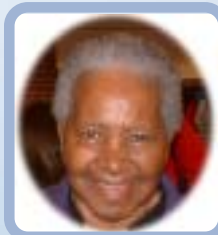
Planning one's contributions leads to cheerful giving because these givers are less likely to give begrudgingly or have a feeling of being caught off guard. The apostle Paul suggests laying aside funds the first day of each week and preparing gifts before they are needed so that when it is time to give, the resources are ready.

So there you have it: a few thoughts and guidelines to help make cheerful givers of us all.

Our Future is NOW, AKA Capital Campaign - The Sequel

BY MAUREEN PURCELL, BRIDGE TEAM

Did you know *Our Future is Now* is still "NOW?" Did you know we are nearing the end of year-one of this three-year campaign? Did you know \$1.22 million has been pledged? Did you know 225 households have contributed \$443,800? Did you know that even if you are a new member of the Northminster congregation, you can jump right in NOW and help?



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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 REV. DR. TERI THOMAS, HEAD PASTOR



"So let each one give as they purposes in their heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

If you were in worship during the summer you saw some cheerful giving. When we poured change into the Joyful Noise Pail the entire congregation laughed, clapped and smiled. We poured in money kids had received from the tooth fairy and money they got from grandparents and cousins for their birthdays. We had money from bridge games and from the arm rests in cars. We received two checks from inheritances and one check just so we would meet our goal. We will be sending \$7,000 to Kenya to help with gardens, chickens and goats. So not only were we cheerful in our giving, we are sharing the cheer!

Now we are moving into our annual stewardship campaign and we want to keep that cheer flowing. Think about all the many ways your gifts make a difference here at Northminster and around the world. Each year ten percent of your gifts go to mission locally, nationally and globally. That should make us smile.

John Coleman has shared with us how many thousands of people are worshipping with us on line and checking out our web site each week. It is a joy to know that people can worship even when they travel or are stuck at home for some reason. Your gifts cheer them.

It feels good to be able to share what we have with others. It feels good to make a difference in someone's life or in the community. It feels good to show God our gratitude and thanksgiving. It really does feel good to give. Watch for the stewardship material which will be coming in your mail. Listen to the personal testimonies in worship. And remember that God appreciates all our gifts, but God LOVES a cheerful giver. Smile!

Blessings,

Pastor Teri

If You're in the Hospital . . .

Hospitals, care facilities and retirement communities are not allowed (because of HIPAA laws) to share information about you with your church or pastor. **Please call the church or ask your family to do so.** (The Chaplain's Office may not remember to call us, even though you've asked them to.)



October Sundays at 9 & 11 am.

Sunday, October 2

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today is World Communion Sunday. We'll celebrate communion at both 9 and 11 am. The Chancel Choir and Celtic musicians will lead us through a moving new composition, Sam Guarnaccia's *A Celtic Mass for Peace*. Bring your friends to this special service.

Sunday, October 9

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we will be celebrating joy as discipleship. A member of the congregation will share a testimony. Pastor Ruth Moore will be preaching.

Sunday, October 16

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Teri Thomas will be preaching on, "Give God what God Deserves, Demands, or Desires?" There will be a personal testimony as well.

Sunday, October 23

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor Teri Thomas is preaching on, "Sharing Ourselves and Loving Our Neighbors." We will commission a group of new Stephen Ministers and hear another personal testimony.

Sunday, October 30

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

This morning is Commitment Sunday. We welcome the Reverend Dr. Kent Millard as our guest preacher. Kent retired last June as the Senior Pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church. He is a nationally recognized preacher and speaker and we are thrilled to have him with us. There will be a special Commitment Reception between Services so plan to come, eat, greet and celebrate this morning.



What's happening at Northminster?

Curious Conversations to take place on 10/16 and 10/23

BY REV. RUTH CHADWICK MOORE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

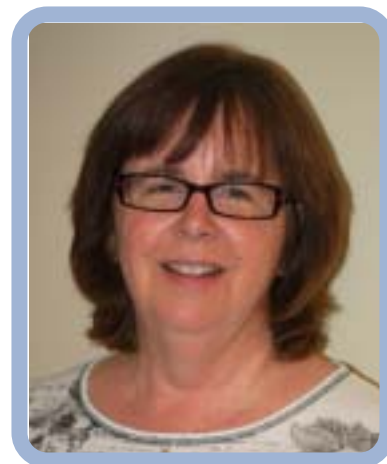
Curious Conversations is a time for people who have been attending Northminster Presbyterian Church for a while to learn more about the church and to meet other new people. It's a time of conversation. You share about you and we share about us. Northminster is a special place - it is a Presbyterian Church, it is a church in the Broad Ripple neighborhood, and it is a community of faith that reaches out into the neighborhood and the world. It is

also a place to encounter the love of God in Jesus Christ and to be loved for who you are. So come learn more about us. We would love to learn more about you and how we can minister together.

Dates: October 16 and 23
(please come to both sessions)

Time: 10 am

Where: Conference Room/Rm 107 in the education wing of the main floor. Have questions? Contact Associate Pastor Ruth Moore at 251-9489 or ruthcmoore@northminster-indy.org



(Associate Pastor, Ruth Moore)

What is Amendment 10-A and what does it mean?

BY MARK MOORE, ATTORNEY & NPC MEMBER

Find out Sunday, 10/2 in Calvin Hall when church member, Mark Moore leads this discussion. We'll discuss "Amendment 10-A," which revises our denomination's most recent ordination standard. The revised standard (applicable to ministers, elders and deacons) provides as follows: Standards for ordained service reflect the church's desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life (F-1.02). The council responsible for ordination and/or installation (G-2.0402; G-2.0607; G-3.0306) shall examine each candidate's calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability

for the responsibilities of ordered ministry. The examination shall include, but not be limited to, a determination of the candidate's ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation (W-4.4003). Councils shall be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates. In addition to a close examination of the revised standard and its history, we will review the prior standard and its history, and attempt to discern what the revised standard means for our congregation, our presbytery and our denomination.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

BY LIZ NETERVAL, PARISH NURSE



October is breast cancer awareness month. Early breast cancer usually doesn't cause symptoms. But as a tumor grows, it can change how the breast looks or feels. You should see your health care provider about any symptom that does not go away. Most often, these

symptoms are not due to cancer. Another health problem could cause them. If you have any unusual symptoms or changes that concern you, tell your health care provider so that the problems can be diagnosed and treated. As always, it is extremely important for women to get mammograms as specified by their age or family history.

What Do Deacons Do?

Did you know
the Deacons make home cooked meals for people going through a difficult time in their lives?

Did you know
the Deacons send get-well cards and sympathy cards to parishioners every month?

Did you know
the Deacons buy gas/food cards for the church to distribute to those in need?

Did you know
the Deacons helped buy school uniforms, underwear and shoes for a needy family at School 55?

The Deacons do many things behind the scenes. They are truly your ministers of love and compassion. Thank you for supporting their fundraisers so they can in turn support others.



Men's Golf Outing 2011

The following is a list of all the prize donors for our 3rd annual Men's Golf outing. We thank them for their donations and ask that you consider them in your travels around town. A special thanks to everyone who participated in the golf outing this year. We had 17 golfers this year and we all had an "warm" enjoyable day. Congratulations are due to David Gresham, who was our 1st place winner this year.

- Binkley's Restaurant/Bar
- HollyHock Hill Restaurant
- Logan's Road House
- Broad Ripple Brew Pub

- Brother's Bar & Gill
- Rusty Bucket, Arni's
- Max & Erma's
- O'Charley's Restaurant
- Charleston's Restaurant
- The Donut Shop
- Bub's Restaurant
- MCLCafeteria/Castleton
- McAlister's
- Hot Cakes EMporium
- Joe's Crab Shack
- Duke's Ultimate Car Wash
- John Smith & Tim Rice
- Old Oakland Golf Club



The **FLU** doesn't care

that it's your week to drive carpool.

You have more important things to do than be sick.

Flu Shots available here on

Sunday, October 23rd 10 – 11 am

- Flu Shots (3 yrs. - up) - \$35.
- Flu Shots (6 mo. - 35 mo.) - \$30.
- FluMist (2 yrs. - 49 yrs.) - \$40.
- Flu Shots Thimerosal-Free (6 mo. & up) - \$40.
- Pneumonia Shots - \$70.

Mission and outreach

Mission on the move. . . .

BY MAUREEN PURCELL, MISSION TEAM MEMBER

The long summer seems far away now, but the Mission Team stayed active in the heat planning speakers to inform and activities to engage the Northminster congregation for the rest of the year.

Hunter Farrell, head of World Missions for the PCUSA, received a vigorous applause and box lunch when he spoke to a group of about fifty people for an after-service lunch in August. As Northminster considers mission trips farther afield, his program focusing on coordination efforts of many mission programs was an important one. We look forward to a future visit later this year.

Toward the end of August, Northminster sponsored an electronics recycling event in conjunction with RecycleForce, LLC. The two day collection brought in 7500 lbs. of old electronic items – all kinds of computer equipment, microwaves, motors, batteries, glass, phone books, even Styrofoam. The program was such a success that the Green folks decided to do it next summer, too.

RecycleForce is a social enterprise offering some of the most comprehensive and innovative recycling services around while providing life-changing workforce training to formerly incarcerated individuals. Taking electronic waste and other recyclables, RecycleForce deconstructs items, recycles the materials and disposes of the waste safely and cleanly. The scrap metals and other reusable materials collected in this process are then sold to help pay for job training programs and employment opportunities for formerly incarcerated men and women in order to support their re-entry back into society.

Coming up quickly in October is our annual Presbyterian Peacemaking Offering. Designating peacemaking, on all levels, as part of our Christian ministry, 50% of the collection goes to the denomination, 25% goes to presbyteries and synods, and 25% stays in our congregation. This year the Mission Team decided our portion will go the

Peace Learning Center in Indianapolis.

This program began in 1997 at Eagle Creek Park as a community educational institution promoting healthy learning, workplace and community environments. PLC establishes safe and common ways to address differences and promotes processes to help build community and healthy communication for youth, parents and professionals. Their youth programs have been recognized by the Indianapolis Crime Prevention Task Force report as "a local 'best practice' that has demonstrated the effectiveness of teaching young adults and at-risk youth creative ways of resolving conflicts, personal responsibility, and character building."

Before you get too far along in your Christmas shopping (we've heard some of you have started already!) remember the Alternative Christmas shopping you can do here on December 4. You will have the chance to look over hand crafted items made by hands from distant places that need your support or to shop from catalogs that benefit other missions. Consider buying a hive of bees from Heifer International in honor of your grandchild. Watch for more information in the November newsletter.

The Mission Team and you its missionaries supported continued efforts to grow the Principe de Paz congregation in Cancun, will be raising more funds for hunger programs through Crop Walk (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty raised more than \$106,000 in 2010), raising awareness with legislation through our letters to Congress during Offering of Letters, and helping Indy's Wheeler Mission by dropping something in a basket at Sound & Spirit.

Look over the HandsON/Hands INVolved column (at right) in every issue of *News and Views*, think about how you might help, and move along with the Mission Team.

Hands ON/Hands INVolved

Upcoming mission events & volunteer opportunities

- **Peacemaking Offering, 10/2**
Twenty-five percent collected stays in Indianapolis and will benefit the Peace Learning Center.
- **Crop Walk, 10/16 at 1:45pm**
Christian Theological Seminary, 42nd & Michigan Road. Sponsored by Church World Service, raises funds to end hunger here and around the world. Watch for sign-up ops in the Gathering Place.
- **Sound & Spirit, 10/16 at 4 pm**
Wheeler Mission benefits from the free-will offering collected during the concert featuring Martin Ellis and Randy Frieling at the piano and organ.
- **"Undie Sunday" in November**
Underwear collection in Nov. for the Martin Luther King Multi-Service Center on Illinois Street. All sizes, all kinds, all new. Watch for baskets around the church.
- **Offering of Letters, 11/13**
Put it in writing! Let your legislators know what you want them to do about global hunger.
- **Alternative Christmas, 12/4**
Ways to honor friends and family at Christmas with gifts crafted from around the world or donations to various missions.



Education for all ages

God is still calling YOU. Are you listening?

BY DEBBIE BULLOFF, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Serve the Lord in a new way this year. Teachers and Helpers are needed for the Church School 2011-2012. Please, check your calendar to see if you can find **one hour on one Sunday a month** to help out in the Nursery. **Nursery openings are:** at 8:45-10:30 am on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th Sunday of the month.

It Takes a Village

Each time we baptize a baby or child you make a promise to help raise that child in the Christian faith. It's time to step up to that promise. We need a few folks to fill out the church school for this fall. We need help in the nursery, the toddlers, and the preschool class at 9 am. You only need to sign up for 1 Sunday a month. We also need a preschool teacher for the 10:30 class. How about it? Please contact Debbie Bulloff at Dbulloff@northminster-indy.org

Mark your calendar!

World Communion Sunday, 10/2:

All children and youth will join their families in Worship for World Communion Sunday

Bread to Share: If you can bring your favorite bread to share with the Congregation at Fellowship Time at 10 am on 10/ 2, email Debbie Bulloff at dbulloff@northminster-indy.org

10/15: Registration Opens for Pokagon Retreat on 1/20 - 22, 2012

We have 22 rooms reserved for Friday and Saturday nights. Check Family Ministries on the www.northminster-indy.org website for more info and a registration form. Debbie Bulloff can answer questions.

Toddler Room openings are:

at 8:45-10:30 am on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th Sunday of the month

Preschool opening 2nd Sunday:

Teacher + helper are needed at 10:30 am.

Preschool opening 4th Sunday:

A helper is needed at 8:45 am .

Contact Debbie Bulloff, 251-9489, dbulloff@northminster-indy.org

(De)Mystifying Church Music



What are those words in capitals after the hymn title? What is "Taize"? What is a cantor? D.C. al fine?? Cantata??? What are all those dots and slashes???? AAAHHHH! If you have ever been baffled by the music you sing or hear in church, this is the class for you! On Sundays, 10/ 9, 10/16, and 10/23 at 10 am Krista Wright will answer all the questions you've been afraid to ask and teach you a little something about reading music. Look over your bulletins and hymnal and come with questions, an open mind, and a sense of humor! See you then.

Parents with a Passion

Join us Wednesdays, 10/5 and 10/12 at 6:15pm as we welcome Ken Neville, PhD to discuss the impact of stress, anxiety and depression on our children, parenting and family life. On 10/5 Ken and colleague, Stacia Hill, PhD will discuss family stress and ways to reduce it. On 10/12, Ken along with colleague Mark Snelson, M.D. will discuss anxiety and depression, how to recognize them and what treatments are available.

Church School in October

Sunday, October 2

Focus Scripture:

Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

The children will find Moses and the Hebrew people at Mount Sinai receiving the Ten Commandments. We will consider what God's words reveal to us in our journey toward what God's purpose is in our lives.

Sunday, October 9

Focus Scripture: Exodus 32:1-14

As we continue our journey in the Season after Pentecost, we find ourselves accompanying the people of Israel in their immersion in wilderness. In the story about the golden calf, we learn that God pays attention, God is being changed, God seeks relationship and God loves. God matters.

Sunday, October 16

Focus Scripture: Exodus 33: 12-23

The church school will explore Moses' time with God. How do we find that relationship between the Holy Mystery that resides at the heart of everything and our own deep desire to be known?

Sunday, October 23

Focus Scripture:

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

The Church School will think about the passing of one great leader and the passing on of faith and leadership to a new generation as we hear the story of Moses and Joshua. What are the ways that our stories are connected to God's story?

Sunday, October 30

Focus Scripture: Joshua 3: 7-17

Joshua and the Hebrew people begin their journey across the river Jordan to the Promised Land. They have been carrying the Ark of the Covenant with them. God is with them. How is God with us?



What else is happening at Northminster? It's Time for Trunk or Treat!

BY MARY TARBELL, CONGREGATIONAL LIFE TEAM MEMBER

Dust off the costumes and carve the pumpkins! Join us on Sunday, October 30 from 5:30 to 7 pm in the church parking lot for our annual Trunk or Treat extravaganza! We will pull our cars into a semi-circle and hand out treats to neighborhood youngsters and our friends from School 55. This outreach event has grown in attendance each year and we count on all of you to be part of the fun. How can you participate? Decorate your car trunk, family, and yourself – or even come without a car! This can be as elaborate or simple as you wish – the treats



are the real draw. Hand out treats to kids and visit with participants until 7. Since we are holding Trunk or Treat the day before Halloween, this is a chance for those of you who like to be in your neighborhood on Halloween 'proper' to participate in this event. Debut that great costume! If you cannot be there, donate wrapped candy and bring it to the church office. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the volunteer board across from the choir room. Questions? Call the church office 251-9489.

Fall Work Days in October

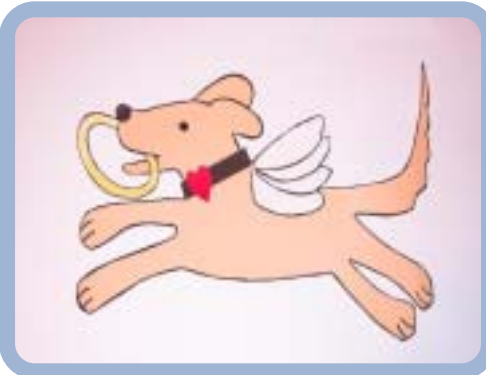


On Friday, 10/14 and Saturday, 10/15 from 9 am - 3 pm
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Building/ Grounds Committee will sponsor the annual Fall Church Spruce-Up. We will need help cleaning windows, doing touchup painting, replacing burned out lamps and addressing other projects around our facility that are brought to our attention. If you can help us on either day, we'll provide lunch. You can sign up for work and lunch after October 1 on the Volunteer Bulletin Board (across from the Choir Room.) If you can only help for part of a day, we will still welcome your help.

Pet Blessing, 10/2

Celebrate the Animals in your Life! Get your pet(s) blessed here Sun., 10/2 at 1 pm. The animals will participate in a short group service and receive individual blessings from the pastor. All types of pets are welcome as long as they are accompanied by a well behaved human. Each animal will be presented with a certificate.



Youth Activities in October



Sunday, Oct. 2 Special Youth Group Night 5:30 - 8pm

Get connected with other Presbyterian youth from Indy. We'll enjoy food & games from around the world. Ft. Wayne band, Practice at 5 will participate in our worship time.

Sunday, Oct. 9, 16, 23 Regular Youth Fellowship, 6-8pm 6 - 6:30 pm: Pizza 6:30 - 7:15 pm: games 7:15 - 8 pm: bible study, discussion & prayer

Sunday, Oct. 16 Crop Walk 1 - 3 pm Starting at Christian Theological Seminary, 42nd & Michigan Road.

Sunday, Oct. 30 Trunk - or - Treat 5:30-7:00 pm, church parking lot Youth will decorate the church bus and hand out candy to local children.

Sunday, Nov. 6, 13, 20 Regular Youth Fellowship, 6-8pm

Friday, Nov. 11 Lock Out for the Homeless at Meridian Stree United Methodist Church - watch for separate flyer in the mail with more info.

Sunday, Nov.27 No Youth Fellowship meeting



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Meridian Music teams with *Sound & Spirit* for 2012 Season Opener: Ellis and Frieling

BY MAUREEN PURCELL FOR MUSIC MINISTRIES

They may be best known as Ellis and Frieling but around Northminster music lovers, they are Martin and Randy. Martin Ellis, you will certainly remember, was organist at Northminster for several years and we know his amazing talents and versatility. Randy Frieling has been a guest pianist here for many years, from Sunday services to Christmas Lite to concerts. *Sound & Spirit* begins its ninth season with a concert featuring these well-known and much admired Indianapolis artists, Sunday, October 16th at 4 p.m.

The audience-friendly concert, partially sponsored by Meridian Music in Carmel, Indiana, will take note of classical pieces for the organ and piano that certainly showcase their experience and virtuosity, while blending lighter fare that is certain to showcase their energy and humor. Look for variations on "Kum-ba-ya" arranged by Raney and Gottschalk's "Grande Tarantella."

Martin Ellis is a concert organist, proficient in traditional, classical and theatre organ. He has played with the Indianapolis symphony Orchestra, the Indianapolis Children's Choir, and has recorded as a member of "Trio Con Brio." His innovative approach to the instrument has made him a fea-



(Organist, Martin Ellis)



(Pianist, Randall Frieling)

tured artist and respected arranger at the Symphony's renowned Yuletide Celebration, The American Guild of Organists convention, the Organ Historical Society, and the American Theatre Organ Society. He now serves as organist and Associate Director of Music for North United Methodist Church.

Pianist Randall Frieling holds a Doctorate in music and is a Professor of Music and University Organist at Anderson University. He also maintains a busy schedule as a performer throughout the United States and Europe. He has served as accompanist for the American Boy Choir, the Anderson University Chorale, the Association of Disciple Musicians, and the Long Island Choral Festival and Institute. Randy regularly accompanies the National Youth Choir at Carnegie Hall.

The Ellis and Frieling concert is, as are all *Sound & Spirit* concerts, free, open to the public and child care is provided. For the second year, there is a mission guest. A representative from Wheeler Mission Ministries will be introduced and patrons will have the opportunity to make a free-will offering. Wheeler is a non-denominational, Christian social service organization that provides critically needed goods and services to homeless and poor in central Indiana, and has been a recipient of Northminster mission funds for many years. Stop by their information table at intermission or after the concert to learn more.