

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As many of you know, we have been in conversation with Third Presbyterian about their situation. We have shared in session meetings and worship with them. ***At their congregational meeting on Sunday July 16, 2017, they voted to sell the church and property and to move their membership to Northminster.*** Several of us have already discussed plans for items they wish to bring with them. Some things we will use, and others we will store.

We do not know the exact number of members that will join Northminster, but it could be as many as forty. ***Their last worship service in their church will be Sunday, August 27th. They have asked our congregation to join them as they say farewell to an important part of their lives.*** Our session has approved this and encourages our congregation to attend this service on the 27th.

This will be the beginning of the blending two congregations into one as we work together to discern and follow God's plan for us.

A church is not a building; it is people striving to be like Christ, ministering to each other and to the world.



Greetings from the Pastoral Nominating Committee! We have started our journey to finding our permanent pastor. As part of that process, we would like to hear from you as to how you feel about our church and our future. This is part of the input that the pastoral nominating committee will use as we consider the pastoral search process. To that end, we would like you to participate in a church-wide survey. If you have an email address on record at the church office, you should have received an email with a link to the online survey. If you do not have email or prefer a hard copy of the survey, you can get one of those after the worship service or during office hours. The survey should take about 20 minutes to complete.

We would love to hear your input, so please take time to participate in this important part of the pastoral search process.

The Pastor's Corner

As I shared on my first Sunday with you, one of my favorite Biblical characters is John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus. John called people to reexamine their relationship with God and often reminded Israel of his role as forerunner. Once Jesus started his public ministry, John's following began to dwindle. Some of John's disciples were upset and urged John to call his followers back from following Jesus. To which, John responded:

*No one can receive anything except what is given him from heaven.
You yourselves bear me witness, that I said,
I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.
He who has the bride is the bridegroom;
the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him,
rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice;
therefore this joy of mine is now full.
He must increase, but I must decrease. (John 3:27-30)*

John the Baptist is a great role-model for interim pastors. We are not the one who is to come but the one who prepares the way. Like John, we are called to make the crooked straight and the rough places plain. Like John, we must decrease so that the next installed pastor may increase. Like John, we join in the joy of the congregation when the new pastor is identified.

John the Baptist is a great role-model for all of us -- not just interim pastors. For each of us, our role in the life and work of this congregation is not an end in itself but the means to fulfill God's ends. Like John, we are each called to prepare the way of God's Kingdom. Like John, we each must decrease so that Jesus may increase. Like John, we rejoice greatly when Jesus is glorified. In Christ's service,

Pastor Bill

Pastor Bill King may be reached by calling his home phone (724-543-1267), his cell (724-664-8175), or the church office. His e-mail address is: pastorbill@npcnc.org. Pastor Bill will usually be in the community Tuesday-Thursday, and Sunday. Please inform Pastor Bill or the church office when a church member is in the hospital or in need of pastoral care. In case of an emergency, please call the **home** phone.

**WONDERFUL
WEDNESDAY**

**August 2, 16 & 30th
6 - 8 pm**

**Food, fellowship & fun for
ALL ages!
Please bring a dish to share....
and a chair**

F.Y.I.

Things worth knowing

VACATIONS

Our secretary, Kris, will be out of the office the week of Aug. 7th.

Our Director of Children & Youth, Aaron, will be on vacation the week of Aug. 21st.

KICKOFF SUNDAY

Sunday, Sept. 10th at **10:45am**
(Sunday School at 9:15am,
Chapel Café at 10:15am)



Monday, August 14th at 12:30pm at Pearson Park

BYOL (bring your own lunch). Meet us in the swimming pool parking lot. We will find a picnic area from there.



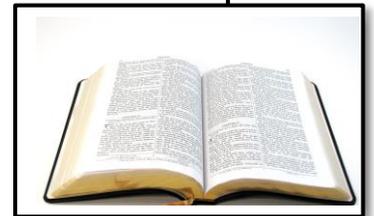
Amy Smock	8/1
Greg Bartley	8/2
Giovanni DePaolo	8/4
Miranda McCormick	8/5
Clara Hudson	8/6
Karen Pink	8/6
Kip Haas	8/7
Gary Kelso	8/11
Lynn Griffiths	8/12
Ryan Marshall	8/13
Joe Noviello	8/14
Lois Kulsic	8/14
Ethan Moose	8/15
Don Cathcart	8/15
Kay Stiffler	8/16
Tatum Hudak	8/17
Mary Ann Carnahan	8/19
Richard Hogue	8/23
Robert Fisher	8/24
Carol Davies	8/27
Andrew Jillson	8/27
Max Bartley	8/28
George Weingartner	8/29
Darlene Kelly	8/29
Pat Boatman	8/31

Committee meetings:

Christian Ed – Tuesday, August 1st, 7:00pm
Worship – Wednesday, August 2nd, 5:45pm
Session – Wednesday, August 9th, 6:45pm
Corp Affairs – Thursday, August 17th, 6:30pm
Deacons – Wednesday, August 23rd, 6:30pm

Lay Leaders:

6 - Jim Shannon
 13 – Jennifer Jillson
 20 – Olivia Hudak
 27 – Service at Third Presbyterian



USHERS:

6 – Greg & Jamie Bartley, Patty Bartley, Dan Umbs
 13 – Kay & Jerry Stiffler, Bill & Nancy Lockhart
 20 – Ken & Barb Thomas, Jeff Alduk, Dennis Alduk
 27 – Jim & Hazel Shannon, Pat Boatman, Jean Lehman



Donna Dexter; Amanda Geiste; Jane Johnson; Ruth Johnson; Emma Weatherby; Politicians; Refugees; Soldiers and families; Arab world; Sudan; Syria; Victims of natural disasters, Homeless; Home-bound people



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and building up for Christ.



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