

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**DECEMBER
2017**

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ATTENTION ALL CHURCH MEMBERS: CALL FOR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Pastor Nominating Committee is pleased to announce that we have selected a candidate for Pastor of Northminster Presbyterian Church! Our committee is very excited by our candidate and we have unanimously agreed on this selection. We are confident that the congregation will share in this excitement.

The committee was diligent and used technology to our benefit to swiftly sort thru and evaluate approximately 40 candidates. Our selection stood out as exceptional. The work involved here was intense as we read over resumes and blogs, listened to dozens of sermons, contacted references, and held interviews. This was in addition to the weekly meetings that the PNC held over the past months.

Our candidate is a young man with a lovely wife and 4 beautiful children. He is a very intelligent, committed and talented pastor. We have no doubt that he possesses the abilities to successfully lead our congregation into the future with God as his guide.

As part of the process, we have worked very closely with our Executive Presbyter, Ralph Hawkins, and the Committee on Ministry. In addition to our PNC interviews, Ralph has met with him several times and performed background checks on our candidate. The Committee on Ministry held the required in-depth interview and examination of the candidate, and gave him very high marks, and a strong endorsement. Presbytery has authorized us to proceed to the next step which is for the candidate to lead our worship service, followed by a congregational meeting.

Therefore, the Session has called a **congregational meeting for December 3, 2017. It will follow morning worship which begins at 10:45 a.m.** The intent of the congregational meeting is to present the PNC recommendation to call this candidate as the Pastor of Northminster Presbyterian Church. Once the presentation is made by the PNC and discussed, we will call for a vote of acceptance.

Please join us on December 3rd to participate in this very important worship service as we move forward in our journey with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Faithfully submitted by the PNC Members: Jamie Bartley, Sally Dexter, Debi Roud, Jim Shannon, Randy Sumner (Chair), Stefanie Sumner, and Dan Umbs.



**Communion & Candlelight Service
Sunday, Dec. 24th at 7:00pm**

The Joy of Christmas

As we anticipate the joy of Christmas morning, please be thinking about your neighbors who may not know the reason for our celebration. Two generations ago, most people knew what church was all about even if they did not attend. Today, many people have no idea what we do or why we gather.

I am often asked why the church down the street or on the other side of town is growing and this church is not. I respond to that in two ways. The first one is theological. Churches grow when God's Spirit breathes life into them. Growth is a gift from God, we cannot make it happen.

On the other hand, practically speaking, we may be the instruments through which God's Spirit is trying to breathe life into the church. Many churches grow because new people bring new people who bring new people who bring new people. New people tend to have a strong network of friends outside the church and a strong desire to share their enthusiasm about their new church family.

When a church has not had many new members for a while, longer-standing members need to do the inviting. The Christmas season is a wonderful time to invite a family member, a friend, a co-worker, a fellow student, a neighbor to worship with you at Northminster Church. Research indicates that many people are open to such an invitation from someone they know and trust. Most people will receive your invitation as a sincere offer to share something which is important to you.

A personal invitation is the most effective means of introducing a person to a life-changing encounter with God. Share the joy of Christmas this year. Invite someone to come with you to worship some Sunday this Advent season or to the Christmas Eve service which will begin at 7:00pm.

In Christ's service, **Pastor Bill**



This year, the Deacons will be sponsoring the Mitten Tree in the Chapel. If every family would donate an item, we can fill it to overflowing. Hats, scarves, mittens and socks for children will be distributed locally.

The tree will be put up at the end of Nov.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, Dec. 17th during Worship
followed by a time of fellowship with cookies
(Rehearsals are Sundays during Jr. Church)



YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, Dec. 10th will be our "White Elephant" gift exchange during youth group (6:30-8pm).



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 Wed, Thurs. 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.

Committee Meetings:

Christian Ed – Tues, Dec 5, 7:00pm

Worship – Wed, Dec 6, 5:00pm

Session – Wed, Dec 13, 6:45pm

Corp Affairs – Thurs, Dec 21, 6:30pm

Deacons – Wed, Dec 27, 6:30pm

Who: Church-wide family event

What: Advent ornament & cookie making

When: Friday, Dec. 8, 6:00-8:00pm

Come hear the story of Christmas as we make ornaments, decorate a Christmas tree, make cookies & drink hot cocoa.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Shelly DePaolo	12/2
Pam Bartoshek	12/3
Louise McCormish	12/3
Nikki Stouffer	12/4
Rory Hudson	12/5
Angalina DePaolo	12/9
Bob Lawton	12/10
Christy Raiser	12/14
Marty Clobus	12/15
Matthew Hudson	12/15
Barbara Jenkins	12/15
Alexis Noga	12/15
Kris Miller	12/16
Carrol Robinson	12/20
Anna Scocchera	12/20
Ken Carnahan	12/22
Marcia Earl	12/22
Chuck Griffiths	12/23
Agnes Morris	12/23
Libby Strizzi	12/24
JESUS	12/25
Evan Torsello	12/27
Dan DePaolo	12/28
Tom Kaufman	12/28
Peg Alduk	12/29

Greeters

3 – Bill & Nancy Lockhart
10 – Darlene Kelly, Pat George
17 – John Norris, Marcia Earl
24 – Kip Haas, Dan Umbs
31 – Karyn Weisz, Dan Umbs

Ushers

3 – Derek & Stephanie,
Jeff Alduk, Jan Sumner
10 – Ed & Mariana Owens,
17 – Children's Program
24 – Hudak family (morning)
24 – Hudson family (evening)
31 – Dennis Alduk, Kai Hobbs,
Jeff & Meredith Alduk

**WOMEN'S
LUNCH**

JOIN US FOR FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, Dec. 12th
12:30 pm at Hito's (W. Pitts)
Please RSVP to Nancy Hudson
or Kay Hilliard

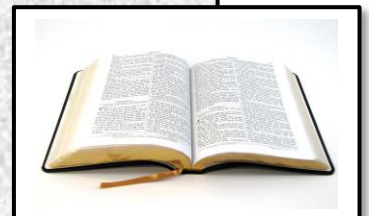
*REMEMBER TO TURN IN YOUR
FAVORITE RECIPES*
to Nancy Hudson by Wed, Dec. 6th.
Thank you!

Lay Leaders:

3 – Sally Dexter
10 – Kacelyn Jameson
17 – Children's program
24 – Dave Wilson
31 – Paul Ubry

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

3 – Bartley family
10 – Dennis & Kacelyn Jameson
17 – Aaron & Annaliese Crider
24 – Carol Kaufman, Tom Kaufman
24 – John & Cheryl Norris



Matthew Ringwellski; Bartley families; Cameron McConnell; Soldiers and families; Arab world; Victims of natural disasters, Homeless; Home-bound people



Glorifying God by reaching out,
and building up for Christ.



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