

AUGUST 2018

NORTHMINSTER CHURCH



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VBS WAS SO MUCH FUN



See you all next year!

Do you know what the number 8473 is? The number of books donated to the great Book Sale. Many, many thanks to all who donated books, set up tables, sorted & categorized the books, sold & bought books. Without each one of you it wouldn't have been such a great success. Profit was \$2304, to be used for mission projects. Left over books were donated to Feed My sheep, nursing homes, libraries, Jameson Guild sale, Oak Leaf Garden's children, and others. Again, thank you for all your help. Save your books and we'll see you next year! ~Mission Committee



From the Pastor

I am excited to announce that my teacher, Dr. Leonard Sweet, will be visiting Northminster next year. The Saturday after Easter, April 27, 2019, Len will be leading the first ever Future Church Symposium. This is an event that we are hosting for local churches and pastors to help them think about where the world is going and what the church of the future needs to look like. That Sunday Len will also be preaching at Northminster. It promises to be an unforgettable weekend.

You can find out more about Len at his website <https://leonardsweet.com/>. Len also has a number of addresses on Youtube and is very active on social media.



With this announcement, I thought I would share some thoughts from one of Len's books titled *So Beautiful*. In the book, Len says that all computers (and smart phones) are based on an Operating System. This is the baseline programming on which all of the other programs work. If you have ever switched from a Windows system to an Apple system you understand how different operating systems can be. Even the same programs work differently based on the operating system.

As Christians, I believe we have been using an operating system that does not work. It is the APC system.

- Attractional- We have built our churches around the *Field of Dreams* philosophy that "if we build it they will come." The reality is that this is not how Christians are called to do church. The other reality is that in a post-Christian West people are not coming to church just because you build it.

- Propositional- We have made our faith about believing certain things. We define who is in and who is out of our circle based on beliefs. We have boiled salvation down to a set of steps you have to believe.
- Colonial- When European countries came to the new world they wanted to make the new world like their home countries. Missionaries did the same thing. They would convert the heathens both to Christianity and to the English culture. Even today our churches are built to welcome and to form people that are like we are.

I believe that we need an MRI. In fact, the MRI is the Biblical operating system:

- Missional- Jesus tells his disciples to go into all the world. We are missionaries. We are ambassadors to a world that needs Jesus. Yes our churches should be welcoming and well kept, but we are not in the business of attracting people. The gospel is not always attractive to people. Our job is to go and get them.
- Relational- Jesus tells his disciples to go and make disciples. It is not about believing certain things, though beliefs are important. It is about relationship with Christ and with others. The beliefs follow and flow out of the relationships. We need people to come to our church, make a home there, and then wrestle with what they believe.
- Incarnational- Jesus tells his disciples to go and make disciples and baptize them. The idea is that people are cleansed and reborn where they are. Just as Jesus entered the flesh, we need to be entering into the world around us. We don't make the world around us in our image, as if the gospel was a plant in a pot that is transplanted. The gospel is a seed that might grow up differently wherever it grows. Church might look and sound different in different places. Our job is to be Christians and to be a church that authentically and organically fits where we are planted.

It is my prayer that we would live out of a biblical operating system in our lives and in our church.

Pastor Jordan

Christian Fellowship



Greg Bartley	8/2
Sandra Clark	8/3
Giovanni DePaolo	8/4
Nancy Gray	8/5
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
Lois Kulsic	8/14
Marilyn Bauman	8/15
Ethan Moose	8/15
Don Cathcart	8/15
Kay Stiffler	8/16
Tatum Hudak	8/17
Mary Ann Carnahan	8/19
Herman Alexander	8/20
Richard Hogue	8/23
Robert Fisher	8/24
Carol Davies	8/27
Andrew Jillson	8/27
Max Bartley	8/28
Robert Pherson	8/28
George Weingartner	8/29
Darlene Kelly	8/29
Pat Boatman	8/31

Committee Meetings:

Christian Ed. – Tues, Aug. 7, 7:00pm
Session – Wed, Aug 8, 6:45pm
Worship – Thurs, Aug 9, 5:00pm at Summers'
Corp. Affairs – Thurs, Aug 16, 6:30pm
Deacons – Wed, Aug 22, 6:30pm

Women's Luncheon

Thursday, Aug 16th

11:30am Picnic at Pearson Park

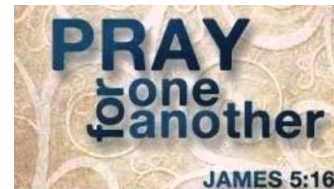
Please RSVP to Nancy Hudson or Kay Hilliard

Ushers:

5 - Pat Boatman, Linda Cunningham,
Jean Lehman, Joan Wertz
12 - Tom & Debbie Stoffick, Jerry & Kay Stiffler
19 – John & Cheryl Norris, Bob & Betty Peters
26 – Judy Riglian, Robin Riglian,
Carrol Robinson, Joan Robinson

Lay Leaders:

5 – Olivia Hudak
12 – Jim Shannon
19 – Patty Bartley
26 – Kacelyn Jameson



Agnes Morris Family; Kosey Fennick; Lois Kulsic; Piper Ondrasik; Matthew Ringwellski; Phil Sawyer; Debbie Stoffick; Nancy Stoner; Soldiers & families; Politicians & elected officials; Police & protesters; Refugees; Israel; Arab world; Sudan; Victims of Natural disasters (fire, drought, flooding); Home-bound people.

Agnes Morris

Born: December 23, 1927

Entered into Rest: July 18, 2018

WITH PRAYERS
& DEEPEST

Sympathy





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

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

August 1 & 15 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Food, fun & games for ALL ages!!!

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