

NORTHMINSTER CHURCH**STAFF:***Rev. Dr. Jordan Rimmer, Pastor**Kris Miller, Secretary**Maureen Jaklic,
Director of Music Ministries**Dawn Kosior, Child Care***2434 Wilmington Road New Castle, PA 16105****www.npcnc.org office@npcnc.org 724-658-9051****WE ALL WANT TO GROW UNTIL...**

People often want to grow. They want to be better or different. At least they say that they do. I want to lose 20 pounds...until I have to pass up a piece of cake or get up early in the morning and run. I want to be closer to God...until I have to read a boring piece of scripture or God answers my prayer in a way that I don't want. So often we create beliefs and habits that keep us the same. We start to believe that we have always been the way we are or were meant to be the way we are. We do little things so we can feel that we are making some progress but really we are avoiding the big changes we need.

Henri Nouwen reflects at our hesitancy to change and grow. He said: "Do you really want to be converted? Are you willing to be transformed? Or do you keep clutching your old ways of life with one hand while with the other you beg people to help you change?" (*The Inner Voice of Love* pg 6) Nouwen points out that no longer do we hold back when we have to change, but we often ask others to help even as we are still hanging on to staying the same.

Churches can be like this too. Every church says that they want to grow but they are not always willing to pay the price for change. We want visitors until we have to give up time talking to our friends. We want people to come and give money until they also want to give opinions. We want new leaders until they feel led to change our worship or our building.

In our churches we also create beliefs and habits to stay the same. Most of these we do not even realize. We don't realize how unwelcoming we really are. We don't understand how using particular church language makes outsiders feel like outsiders. We don't see how we subtly reward things that keep us the same or put down things that would push us to grow.

What is the way out? A few immediate things come to mind. Pray for God's help and direction. Get perspective of someone outside of your life or church that can show you your blind spots. Be honest and don't try to explain it away. Above all 2 things are necessary for growth when it is wanted and unwanted at the same time. First, you have to trust that God has you where He wants you to be and is working for your benefit. Second, you have to have courage to march right into the heart of the struggle and relentlessly wrestle with it.

Change and growth are messy. There is a reason that we resist them. I am glad to be at Northminster where we are working on these things. My encouragement to you: wade into the messiness because you will find God there in a special way.

*Pastor Jordan***PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Kosey Fennick; Piper Ondrasik; Sydney Angelo; Joe DeCarlo;
Soldiers & families; Politicians & elected officials; Police & protesters; Refugees; Israel; Arab world; Sudan;
Victims of Natural disasters (fire, drought, flooding); Home-bound people.

Christian Fellowship

Women's Luncheon

Thursday, November 15th

11:30am

at Gallo's Italian Villa

Please RSVP to Nancy Hudson

PATHFINDERS

Saturday, Nov. 3rd

Das Dutch Haus (Columbiana, OH)

Meet at **10:00am** at Northminster to carpool!

Please make sure to RSVP **ASAP** to Nancy Gray or Charlie Weisz!

Mark Your Calendars!!

Family Night Coming Soon!

Come with your family & friends to make a special Advent craft. **Check your bulletin for details!!**

Spaghetti Dinner



Saturday, Nov. 3rd

4:30 – 7:00pm

Adults \$9.00

Children 10 & under FREE!

Take-out Available!

Tickets sold at the door!



4 – Nancy Hudson, John Norris,
Jean Reynolds, David Reynolds

11 – Kay Hilliard, Carrol Robinson,
Carole Rudolph, Joan Wertz

18 – Dawn Kwiat, Jessica Latcheran,
Ed & Mariana Owens

25 – David Hasely, Frank & Sally Porada,
Carrol Robinson



Special Veterans' Day Communion

Sunday, November 11th

10:45am

Lay Leaders:

4 – Jim Shannon

11 – Patty Bartley

18 – Derek Sumner

25 – Kacelyn Jameson



Committee Meetings:

Mission – Mon, Nov. 5, 6:00pm

Christian Ed – Tues, Nov. 6, 7:00pm

Worship – Wed, Nov. 7, 5:00pm

Session – Wed, Nov. 14, 6:45pm

Corp. Affairs – Thurs, Nov. 15, 6:30pm

Deacons – Wed, Nov. 28, 6:30pm



Regina Noguee	11/2
Cherie Hudson	11/2
Charlene Daytner	11/3
Calvin Ray	11/6
Jamie Bartley	11/6
David Stouffer	11/6
Kelsey Moss	11/6
Madge Brown	11/9
Gary Snow	11/9
Laura McCoy	11/9
Mariellen Fletcher	11/11
John Norris	11/11
Jean Lehman	11/11
Debra Matthews	11/13
Nolan Sumner	11/14
Jeff Stitt	11/16
Austin Moose	11/16
Meredith Alduk	11/18
Grantley Richardson	11/18
Betty Richardson	11/19
Dawn Kwiat	11/20
Debbie Stffick	11/22
Joan Kelso	11/22
Jennifer Jillson	11/23
Jeff Roud	11/24
Lilly McClure	11/28

Nut Roll Season is here!

Complete the order form below and put it in the offering plate or return to the church office by Sunday, November 11th.

Please make checks payable to Northminster with "nut rolls" on the memo line!

You will be contacted as to the day your order will be available for pick up. Usual pick up time is between 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. on baking day (Tues. or Saturday) unless other arrangements are made.

NAME _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

I would like to order: _____ Nut Rolls @ **\$12.00** each

I would like to order: _____ Sugar Free nut rolls \$12.00 each



Cost is \$11.00 per plant

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM, *ALONG WITH PAYMENT*, to the church office by Sunday, November 25th.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NORTHMINSTER CHURCH and put "poinsettias" on memo line

DONOR: _____

PHONE #: _____

IN HONOR OF _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

PLEASE CIRCLE COLOR CHOICE: RED WHITE

I WILL PICK UP _____ DELIVER TO SHUT-IN _____



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and building up for Christ.*



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