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## Leadership Day

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, January 12**. From **9:30-2:30**, Pastor Jordan will lead our first ever Leadership Day to focus on developing the leadership of our church. The day will be part training, part discussion, part brainstorming, part strategic planning, and part lunch. The day is open to everyone who wants to grow in their leadership and cares about our church, but it is especially encouraged for those on session, deacons, and on committees. Get ready for your leadership to take off!

### **SECOND LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

The Shenango Presbytery is having  
Elder/Deacon Training  
on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>  
from 9:00 – 11:30am  
at Northminster Church.

For more details or to register, please visit  
[www.shenango.org](http://www.shenango.org)

## **UN-DECORATING the Church**

Sunday, Jan 6<sup>th</sup> immediately after Worship!

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

*(to adopt the 2019 budget)*

**Sunday, January 20, 2019**  
immediately following Worship



## **CHURCH DIRECTORY INFO**

We will be updating our church directory at the beginning of the year. If you don't currently have a picture in the directory, take some family pictures over the holidays to send to us!

### **January Dates to Remember**

- 6- Epiphany - Take Down Greens
- 12- Leadership Day
- 13- Baptism of our Lord: Communion
- 20- Congregational Meeting after Worship
- 21- MLK Day
- 27- Presbytery Meeting

# From the Pastor

Dear Northminsterians,

It is the New Year. In fact, this January marks the end of my first year at Northminster. It has been a good year, and I am so thankful to be here and to be your pastor. I have a sense that God is up to great things and has more in store for our future.

As we begin the year, let me share a few exciting things on the schedule.

First, we are having a **Leadership Day on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**. We will gather from 9:30-2:30, including lunch. The first part of the day will be training on becoming better leaders with special attention to leading change and on spiritual leadership. The day will transition from there to a discussion about our church, brainstorming, and strategic planning. We hope many from the church will plan on attending this important day. Please sign up for the day so that we can plan lunch.

I am really excited to announce that I will be traveling to the Holy Land at the end of January. I got the opportunity to go (with my father and a few of my pastor friends) on a special trip for pastors who have never been to Israel and are interested in leading a trip in the future. I am excited to bring back pictures and stories to you all. I also think I may lead a trip over there from our church in 2020. Please pray for me and my family during this trip. I leave on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and return the 31<sup>st</sup>.

This means I will miss church on January 27, but don't skip that Sunday while I am gone. My friend Graham Standish will be preaching. Graham is the current director of the Samaritan's Counseling Center, and the former pastor at Calvin Presbyterian Church in Zeligople. He is the author of several books and a national speaker. His organization is opening a counseling office right here at Northminster in the classroom off of the parlor. This will be a Sunday with a fantastic guest preacher as well as a lot of information about the new counseling center.

The week before I go to Israel I will be starting a sermon series called Shadowlands, which will look at pain and suffering, in our life, and our world. During Lent, we will be looking at the Bible's metaphors and explaining what Jesus accomplishes on the cross.

Please mark your calendars for the weekend after Easter—April 27 and 28. My teacher, and national speaker and author, Leonard Sweet will be in town to host our first ever Future Church Symposium. Len will be speaking about our culture and what the church needs to look like in the future. There will be an event on Saturday for pastors and church leaders that I hope you can attend, and then Len will preach at Northminster on Sunday.

I am also excited to announce that we received a grant from the Synod of the Trinity for \$21,000 to help us get this event going. I have already booked another national speaker named Reggie McNeal for April 17 and 18 of 2020.

Be sure to grab & hang a church calendar on your fridge so you know everything that is going on, and look for more events to come. Thanks for serving. Thanks for giving. Thanks for praying.

I look forward to what God does in and through us in 2019 and beyond.

*Pastor Jordan*

# Christian Fellowship

## Women's Luncheon

Thurs., January 17<sup>th</sup> 11:30am at King's  
Please RSVP to Nancy Hudson

**SAVE THE DATES:**  
Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at Gallo's  
Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at Tanner's

**Learn to Crochet Class**  
Tuesday Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm  
Tuesday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am  
at the church.  
Bring yarn, hook & pattern.

### *Lay Leaders:*

6 – Kip Haas  
13 – Dennis Jameson  
20 – Olivia Hudak  
27 – Jim Shannon



6 – Bill & Nancy Lockhart, Bob & Betty Peters  
13 – Pam Bartoshek, Janis Pherson,  
Melissa Stitt, Caitlyn Stitt  
20 – Greg, Jamie & Noah Bartley, Patty Bartley  
27 – Bruce & Marilyn Bauman,  
Joe & Pat Hixenbaugh

### *Committee Meetings:*

**Worship** – Wed, Jan. 2 at 7:00pm  
(Please note time change!)  
**Christian Ed** – Tues, Jan 8 at 7:00pm  
**Session** – Wed, Jan 9 at 6:45pm  
**Corp. Affairs** – Thursday, Jan 17 at 6:30pm  
**Deacons** – Wed, Jan 23 at 6:30pm



2 - Robin Riglian  
4 - Jim Kunselman  
5 – Betty Doran  
9 - Kay Hilliard  
10 - Cassidy Snow  
10 - Barbara Thomas  
11 – Beverly Cwynar  
11 - Jim Shannon  
12 - Elsie Binder  
16 – Joseph Proch  
21 - Esther Richardson  
21 - Karen Sanders  
25 – Karen Bruce  
27 – Raymond Book  
27 – Margaret McKinley  
31 - John Hudson

### *With Sympathy for those in our Church Family*

**Lois B. Kulsic** August 14, 1936 - November 13, 2018

**Marjorie A. Furlong** February 22, 1930- December 9, 2018

**Fred McConnell** March 7, 1924 - December 15, 2018

**B. Jeanne Wilkison** May 03, 1923 - December 20, 2018

### *Thank you for your Support of the Navajo Project*

The Mission Committee is thrilled that the Navajo Project was such a huge success due to the generosity of our church members. We had 14 boxes for Root International to deliver to them. Included in the boxes were: men's, women's and children's clothing; coats; blankets; sheets; towels; afghans; kitchen appliances & utensils; casserole dishes, etc. The Mission Committee bought 19 children's coats and school supplies including notebooks, pencils, crayons, markers, scissors, etc. Thank you for your generous donations to help the Navajo!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Syney Angelo; Janet Artz; Peg Alduk; Joe DeCarlo; Kosey Fennick; Ron Shaw; Soldiers & families; Sudan; Victims of Natural disasters (fire, drought, flooding); Home-bound people.



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and building up for Christ.*



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