

NORTHMINSTER NEWS

Proclaiming God's grace, creating community, serving our neighbors

MARCH AT A GLANCE

Bible Study

March 4th, 12th, 18th & 25th

Community Night

March 4th, 18th

Letting the Sacred Text Speak

March 11th @ 7:30 PM

Celebrate South Africa

March 27th

Repair and Restore

March 29th @ 9:00 AM

APRIL AT A GLANCE

Community Night

April 1st & 18th

Palm Sunday

April 5th

Maundy Thursday Service

April 9th @ 6:30 PM

Good Friday Service

April 10th @ 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday

April 12th

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friendship Luncheon

May 5th @ 11:30 AM

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

One of the responses from the recent Northminster Deep Dives offered this insight, that "in 20 years, we would be celebrated for embodying just what a Neighborhood Church should be!" I am grateful for this vision work, because without setting our sights on the importance of the future, we can fall into the dormancy of becoming irrelevant.

Here are some ways that we have been living into our vision as a Neighborhood Church:

We hosted a substantial neighborhood meeting in early February for the purpose of discussing the safety and validity of the shelter. While the meeting did not result in unanimity, it held respect and appreciation for all of those present. Most importantly, it created a civic space for generative, face to face dialogue. While hosting space for local hobby groups and recovery groups, we are also seeking to host space for groups that have been marginalized by securing the work of the SHARE shelter and opening our space to a New Worshipping Community.

Marginalization takes on many forms. SHARE opens the door to those that have been marginalized from financial security, while the New Worshipping Community makes space for those that have been marginalized by religious power. We need to make space for this sort of growth in our facility, and the session has been working hard to make this happen. On a fun note, we are working to create more opportunities for neighborhood dialogue and interaction through our coming Upcycling Opportunity and our Repair and Restore Initiative. More on this in the coming weeks, but it highlights the work of the Outreach Team and findings of the Deep Dive. We just want more places to be a support to our Neighborhood, and we are finding them!

Warmly,

Rev. Dani Forbess

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Dani Forbess, Pastor

Rev. Jeny Carlson, Associate Pastor of Formation

Rev. Zac Calvo, Associate Pastor of Youth and Outreach

CLIMATE JUSTICE

As a result of our deep dives, we learned that climate and environmental justice is important to us! During the season of Lent, we will have some opportunities to focus on these issues. The outreach team will hold an event to up-cycle your gently used clothing items, and we will be organizing carpools and walking groups to worship on Sundays. If you are interested in any of these, please let us know by emailing the office at info@northminsterpres.org

REPAIR AND RESTORE

Interested helping our environment and getting a little exercise? We will be joining Seattle Parks and Recreation on Sunday, March 29th at 9:00 AM to pick up litter around Greenlake. Come prepared to walk the entire loop! Let Zac know if you'd like to join by emailing him at zac.calvo@northminsterpres.org

COMMUNITY NIGHT

Join us for community potluck dinners on March 4th and 18th, and also on April 1st and 18th, from 6:30-7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. On March 4th we have invited our SHARE shelter guests to have a meal with us. On March 18th, Jonna Reeder will give a presentation on stewardship and discipleship, and on April 1st we will have a game night. Make sure to be on the lookout in the bulletin or the weekly email for the dinner themes!

COASTLAND COMMONS GATHERINGS

Join Coastland Commons on the second Monday of each month from 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM for a shared meal, conversation, and exploring creative practices. Join us on March 9th for Queer Theology 101. Visit www.coastlandcommons.org to RSVP and to find out about other upcoming dates.

CELEBRATE SOUTH AFRICA

Come join an evening of fun, food and learning about the Smith Derksen's recent peace work in Cape Town on March 27th at the Seattle Mennonite Church. There will be a slideshow, Q&A, silent auction and raffle, light reception and music. Doors open at 7:00 PM, and the presentation begins at 7:45. Please send your RSVPs to smithderksen@gmail.com.

LETTING THE SACRED TEXT SPEAK

Join Pastor Dani on Wednesday, March 11th from 7:30 - 8:30 PM at her house for a meditative, Lectio-Divina style engagement with Psalm 121 as we let Scripture speak to us.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

How can we live our faith beyond the walls of our facility? We have an opportunity to participate in One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (OGHS) during April. We're exploring a potential focus on an initiative for racial justice for African American men in Philadelphia, or partnership with Presbyterians in Rwanda. Would you pray about our response to this invitation to engage with Christ's healing work around the world? More to come later in March!

CONFIRMATION AND FAITH FORMATION

We will be starting our confirmation and faith formation program at the end of April! If you are interested in being a part, or are interested in becoming a member, please email Zac at zac.calvo@northminsterpres.org

LECTIONARY

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Psalm 32
John 2:1-12

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Psalm 121
John 3:1-17

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Psalm 95
John 4:5-42

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Psalm 23
John 8:1-41

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Psalm 130
John 11:1-45

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Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Matthew 2:1-11

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Isaiah 25:6-9
Matthew 28:1-0

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Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9

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Psalm 116:1-4
Luke 24:13-35