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Creating Community,
Serving our Neighbors**

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Letter from the Pastor

Dear Northminster Family,

Summer is the season for community!! In Seattle, the start of summer comes in June with the lengthening days, but it takes until July before the season is here in its glory. June provides some of the best opportunities for community, as most of us are still in our regular routines and not yet gearing up for camping and traveling.

This June we have the privilege of welcoming Miriam Anderson to our Northminster Family. Miriam has been serving as the Interim Choir Director, however we are greatly pleased that she has accepted the offer of becoming our permanent Music Director. Many of you have commented on how Miriam's work has made an impact, and I look forward to seeing how her work will expand and take shape over the next season.

Youth Sunday is one of those moments that offers pause in the ever flowing river of time. We see the intentional mark celebrating each developmental milestone. This special Sunday provides the space to come around our growing people of faith in a unique way. Our deepest hope through the protected space of Youth Sunday, is that we will always preserve a voice for the people in our community, regardless of age or stage. It reminds us, in a very concrete way, that we are all made in the image of God, capable of leading worship, and offering wisdom to the entire community.

Mid-June will bring us to the ordination of new officers. The Reformed Tradition is steeped in the understanding that leadership comes from the pews. Literally, those same folks that make their way to the Sunday worship service each week are commissioned to lead, decide, and to shepherd the community over the next three years. This tradition of ordination reminds me each year of just how sacred the ordinary life of the follower of Jesus is. None of us are super heroes in the faith - those folks don't exist. But what does exist is a regular person with a commitment to keep showing up, day after day, week after week - even when things are not all that great. This is the real work of the ordinand. It's no mistake that both "ordinary" and "ordination" have the same Latin root, *ordo*, "to put into arrangement." In ordination, we put the ordinary into a life ordered or arranged by the gospel of Jesus. In this way, each of us are truly only called to be ordinary Christians.

Perhaps that is the greatest invitation to the summer: to be ordinary!! We are offered a chance to bring our lives to "order" around the gospel of Jesus. Thankfully, none of us are able to do this alone. But through ordinary community? Now that is a different story!!

Warmly,
Dani

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**Mark your calendars for
Youth Sunday!
Join us for our youth lead
worship service on June
3rd at 10:30am**

Wednesday Bible Study

10am in the Library
The Book of Acts: The women and men who carried the gospel

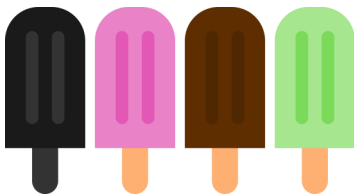
**Congregational Meeting June
10th
Directly after worship in the
sanctuary**

Trivia Night

June 13th at The Dane

Join us for Trivia Night at The Dane on June 13th! Trivia begins at 7:30, so plan to arrive around 7:15. Contact Ally with questions. All ages welcome!

**Attention all NPC Youth
Join us for
Popsicles in the Park!**



**June 10th, 12-1pm @ Loyal
Heights Playfield.
Let's kick off summer with
games and treats! We will
head over to the park to-
gether after worship.**

BOOKS at the Rummage Sale on Sat, June 23 and Sun, June 24:

Be sure and check out the wide selection of book titles, CDs, and DVDs for sale in the Whale Room. Most will be under \$2. *(We are looking for more gently used donations including Collectibles, DVDs and CDs).*

Featured author at the sale: **Pearl Buck** is now often just a name from history associated with her 1932 bestseller, The Good Earth.

She was raised in China, the daughter of Presbyterian missionaries. At the sale, we will have the 2010 biography of Buck - the New York Times review said, "Penetrating...Ms. Spurling writes well and with feeling..The resulting portrait is a complicated one, but it has an absorbing glow..." The sale includes a number of Buck's books including a rare and lovely 1938 ed of This Proud Heart.

Ballard Neighborhood Rummage Sale at Northminster Presbyterian Church

Clear out, clean up and give back!



You can donate gently used items on Sundays from 12-4pm . June 17th will be the last day for donations! For a full list of items we are accepting, checkout our website a www.northminsterpres.org

Dates to keep in mind:

June 16, 10am-4pm Sorting Party

Come join us as we begin to sort out all of the wonderful donations. Great opportunity to catch a sneak peek at the sale! Come and go as you are able.

June 17-22 Set up week

Pop by throughout the week if you are able to help the rummage sale team get the space ready for the big weekend! Contact Dana Hammer or Bronwen Matthews if you are interested!

June 23-24 Sale! Saturday 10am-4p and Sunday 12-4pm

Don't miss the deals at the Ballard Neighborhood Rummage Sale! Also featuring delicious treats from the Men Who Bake and a local food truck. Proceeds go to the Bridge Care Center, a drop-in center for men and women experiencing homelessness or economic hardship in the Ballard area and church youth programs.

Welcome Miriam!

We are pleased to welcome our new Director of Music, Miriam Anderson! Miriam came to Northminster as the interim choir director after finishing a Master's degree at UW. She is creating a life in Seattle that is centered around music and Northminster is an important part of that.



Member Highlight

Del and Pat French have been members of Northminster since 1975. Earlier in his life, Del served in the Air Force from 1946-51. Married in 1950, they raised three boys and a girl in a large home on 95th and 2nd NW. They are now living at the Foundation House near Northgate.

Our afternoon coffee chat quickly moved beyond “just the facts!” Warm church memories brought smiles and laughter – meetings of the Elders and Deacons and the basketball team with Del, Harold Lang (associate pastor), Don Richardson, Dick Barney, Pavo Timo, and Rick Bohrer. Membership in the North Star Mariner’s ship was a source of fellowship, service, and activities including World Cavalcade shows and outings to the Ingebright’s farm. Pat was also a member of the Esther Circle. The Women’s Circles were known for their faith and service.

A favorite life memory for Pat and Del was their trip to Israel in 1966 where they went swimming in the Dead Sea. And for the record, I have heard from several people that Pat made the best homemade pies!



Submitted by Jan Olson

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Friendship Group

On May 23rd, Northminster Presbyterian hosted a special lunch for those that know the secret of life is keeping your sense of humor. What a wonderful afternoon of friendship and food!



Next Friendship Lunch for ages 75 and up will be on August 29th from 12-1pm.

Questions? Chat with Jan Olson , Beth Schmidt, or Pastor Dani.

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS IN JUNE

June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
Mark 2:23-3:6	Mark 3:7-19	Mark 4:1-12	Mark 4:21-34

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Looking Ahead



Summer BBQ's: We have several BBQ's coming up in the month of July. Pick up a summer brochure for dates and locations.

Movie at the Mural: July 28th

Join us for a family friendly viewing of *The Princess Bride* at the Seattle Center!

Creative Camp: July 23-26

1st-5th graders are invited to join us for a 4 day camp. Contact Ally Pexa if you are interested in volunteering.

Summer brochure now available. Pick one up for a full list of events!