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# Northminster News

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## *Letter from the Pastor*

**Dear Northminster Family,**

Hopefully you are reading this (and if you do, please let me know!!) outside in the warm sun, taking in all the lovely spring blooms. At the least, I hope that you have a window close by to let in all that spring color.

Nature leads us by example that life is full of change. The blooms this year are similar, but not exact to the ones last year. Some growth is new, and some has run its course. We live on a dynamic planet - and sometimes we celebrate this, sometimes we are flooded with the nostalgia of wishing something past could return.

The church, like all things that grow, is also full of change. This may create excitement, fear, wonder, celebration, and angst. We can welcome all of these feelings, knowing that while we fully engage in the tasks set before us, we cannot fully predict the future. I find this invigorating because, while we see the task is large, it also means that the future is ripe with possibilities. Can you close your eyes and see what Northminster might look like in two, five, ten years? Go ahead, try it! If it seems daunting, let the daunting feelings come - and then wait and see what lies beyond them. Renewal, hope, growth? I hope so! But as we learn from the earth, we can work towards growth but we cannot force it, nor can we generate it on our own. We work in partnership with a great many forces to enjoy the fruit of growth.

Spring and summer are powerful times for change. Let us use these coming "green growing seasons" (did you know that the coming liturgical color is green for this reason?) to notice pockets of change. A new song? Something to celebrate! A new method for organizing our institutional work? Let's explore that! A new ministry? A moment of enthusiasm! Something that feels scary and unsure to us? Take a breath, and welcome the fears. Is there hope underneath?

I do not know how change will come to our community, but I do know that it will. I choose to see this as an opportunity for curiosity. I recently learned that one of the forerunners of botanical knowledge was a monk who grew common peas in his backyard. There is no limit to the power of curiosity and wonder. The scope of your neighborhood or your own backyard can provide the ground to make endless discoveries. But, like the word implies - this means we cannot predict it, and often, we are not ready for it. Yet, with the grace of time and reflection, we see the powerful faithfulness of God, the dynamic faithfulness of God, the LIVING faithfulness of God.

Warmly,  
Dani

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## Trivia Night May 9th at The Dane

Join us for Trivia Night at **The Dane** on May 9th! Trivia begins at 7:30, so plan to arrive around 7:15. Contact Ally with questions. All ages welcome!  
Address: 8000 15th Ave NW

## Celebrating the Life of Helen Pheasant May 12th at 2pm

Let us remember, grieve, and celebrate the life of our dear saint, Helen. Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall of Northminster.

### May 13 Mother's Day Bouquets

Mother's Day can be a source of celebration, and also a source of angst. Let's make it the former! At Northminster, we will be taking one small step to honor Struggling Women and Single Mothers. Bring fresh flowers from your garden or pick up a bouquet at the local shop. We'll be assembling small bouquets after the service in the Fellowship Hall for purchase. A \$10 donation will get you a lovely small assembled bouquet, and the proceeds of the donations will go to Mary's Place. Small acts of kindness can go a long way! Get a bouquet!



## **Special Pentecost Offering on May 20th**

The Pentecost offering supports the financial health of NPC by helping us care for our building. 10% of this offering will go the Seattle Presbytery's grant fund to support building maintenance. Givers can donate online or in church. A memo in the check or enclosing a check or cash in the envelopes provided will ensure that a donation goes to the Pentecost offering.

### **Monthly Brunch Group – May 20<sup>th</sup> after worship**

If you are looking to connect with others but aren't available during the week, please join us.

We'll head over to Soprano's as coffee time winds down.

See Caroline Alben or Jonna Reeder if you have questions.

On May 20, please bring your calendar, or a list of summer Sundays you will/won't be in town.

We'll gather input from attendees to decide if there will be summer brunch or not.

### **May 23rd: Friendship Lunch for ages 75 and up 12-1pm**

A special lunch for those that know the secret of life is keeping your sense of humor. Please put this on your calendar and let us know if you or others need a ride. Lunch will be served at noon, and enjoyed together with a special message from our Pastor Dani. Come, celebrate our friendship! Questions? Chat with Jan Olson, Beth Schmidt, or Pastor Dani.

#### **Wednesday Bible Study**

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

#### **May 30th : Usher Training 6:30-8pm**

**For those who have volunteered to serve in this capacity, please mark this time to be oriented to the ministry of ushering. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm and training begins at 7. Please RSVP to Pastor Dani by May 25th if you are able to come to the dinner. This helps us greatly with meal planning. Thank you!**

#### **LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS IN APRIL**

May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
Luke 24-13:35	Luke 24:36-49	Acts1:6-11; 2:1-11	Acts 2:37-47

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## Looking Ahead



**Youth Sunday:** June 3rd during worship

**Rummage Sale:** June 23-24

We are now collecting items! Contact Dana Hammer for more information.

**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 BBQ's:** Schedule TBD

Interested in hosting? Contact Ally Pexa!

***Stay tuned for our full summer schedule!***