

NORTHMINSTER NEWS

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

OCTOBER AT A GLANCE

Community Night

October 2nd, 16th

Friendship Luncheon

October 16th

Psalms Adult Education

October 13th, 20th & 27th

Stewardship Sunday

October 27th

Stewardship Luncheon

October 27th

Halloween Party

October 31st

New Membership Sunday

October 20th

NOVEMBER AT A GLANCE

Neighborhood Clean-Up Day

November 3rd

Community Night

November 6th, 20th

Advent Decorating

November 30th

COMING UP

Friendship Luncheon

December 4th

Alternative Christmas Faire

December 8th, 15th

Christmas Pageant

December 15th

Neighborhood Holiday Party

December 15th

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Stewardship and Outreach become our focus as we move into this fall season at Northminster. Our partnership with SHARE continues to develop, and we can expect our new nightly shelter to open in the coming months. Our Outreach Team is working hard to plug into both congregational and neighborhood needs. Look for new opportunities to serve in the coming months.

Stewardship is a word that is so rarely used, we've almost lost it. Perhaps thinking of it as care-taking would be a helpful move. Each fall season we take stock of our surroundings so that we can become better caretakers. We look at our resources. We look at our time. This perspective serves us throughout the whole year, creating a secure foundation for the flow of our life together. Look for the upcoming letter on stewardship and care-taking as we move into October.

Most importantly, this is a season of gratitude. Each day the reasons for gratitude accumulate. As I look over the years of serving at Northminster, gratitude comes in abundance - a harvest much too large for one; it will take an entire community to gather it!

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

VOLUNTEER ROLES

We have lots of new opportunities to volunteer! This could mean participating in worship, helping with coffee hour, greeting, ushering, or leading the time with children in the service. Be on the lookout for sign ups at the Stewardship Luncheon on October 27th.

In addition, grab a Fall Brochure for opportunities to volunteer for special events.

SHARE/WHEEL

Our workday on November 3rd will be focused on getting the shelter ready for use. Join us to prepare the space.

SAVE THE DATE

**"In Our Shoes" Exhibit, October 19th
9:30am - 12:00pm**

Join Zac to visit Lake Burien Presbyterian's "In Our Shoes," an exhibit featuring their recent 2019 Justice Pilgrimage to the south. The exhibit bears witness to the faith, grace, courage, humanity and strength of those who suffered and continue to suffer the violence of white supremacy. We will meet at Northminster to carpool down to Burien at 9:30am. Talk to Zac or send him an email at zac.calvo@northminsterpres.org to RSVP for carpooling.

COASTLAND COMMONS GATHERINGS

Join Coastland Commons on October 21st and November 18th from 6:00pm-8:15pm in the Fellowship Hall for a shared meal and continued exploration of what it means to be post-evangelical. In October and November, we will explore the shaping and tending of our own stories, and discuss how decolonial perspectives can impact our spirituality and theology. Visit www.coastlandcommons.org to learn more and RSVP for upcoming gatherings.

THANK YOU FROM MARK AND REBECCA RHOOP-KHARASCH

Dear Church Family,

Mark and I have lived in the Seattle area for 9 years. When we first arrived we attended a large Seattle church regularly yet were never able to really feel connected. So, after hearing about Northminster from our good friends Jim and Lisa Lady we began to attend. Within a couple weeks people knew our names and we knew yours. There were smiles, handshakes, barbecues, and conversations at coffee hour. We continued to feel cared for, connected, and welcomed.

Then Mark had his life-changing stroke at the end of December. It was unbelievable how many folks sent cards and meals and well-wishes. Some even came to visit us at the hospital. UNBELIEVABLE! I was so dumbfounded that I wasn't even able to pray. Dani reassured me I didn't need to worry about that because there were plenty of people praying for us.

It reminded me of the paralytic at Capernaum who couldn't get to Jesus but was lowered down through the roof by others. I don't know what the paralytic said or even if he wanted to be lowered but when he was unable to help himself he was helped by others and that is what you have done for us. You have held us up in a very difficult time. THANK YOU! We have never felt so attended to and cared for at a church and want to thank you all for your on-going prayers, well-wishes and kindness. You will never know how much it all means to us.

LECTIONARY

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Psalms 90
Luke 17:5-10

10/13

Psalms 62
Luke 17:11-19

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Psalms 139
Luke 18:1-8

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Psalms 137
Luke 18:9-14

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Psalms 118
Luke 19:1-10

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Psalms 33
Luke 20:27-38

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Psalms 42
Luke 21:5-19

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Jeremiah 23:1-6
Luke 23:33-43