

Northminster Presbyterian Church

“Caring for all with God’s love and grace.”

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Epiphany



January 6

5:00 pm

Details inside!

Northminster News

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Happy New Year, everyone!

Where did 2017 go?

Here at Northminster, we had a busy, fulfilling year! Here are some of the highlights:

- We served at the warming shelter at least every other week while it was open;
- We had fun with potluck lunches and mystery games;
- FLOCK served some 30 or more children;
- Our youth went on a mini-mission trip and learned about what other groups do in ministry to the homeless;
- At Maker Fun Factory more than 60 kids learned that they are created by God;
- We learned about prayer in our adult VBS;
- Worship services were meaningful;
- Bible studies explored God’s Word.

It wasn’t all fun and games, though. We bid farewell to friends Karen Bohn, Jack Briscoe, Bonnie Ish, Marguerite Clark, Lois McFarlane, Richard Rathbun, Daisy Harner, Ed McKinney and other loved ones in our families and extended families.

And each month the Session met to do the nuts-and-bolts work of the church, and the Deacons provided for the care of the congregation.

In the wider world, we saw floods (Northminster was a Red Cross shelter) and fires that devastated entire neighborhoods to our north. We saw missiles launched into the Pacific, and celebrities behaving badly. But we also saw babies being born, and long-time anniversaries being celebrated, and Prince Harry being engaged!

What a year!

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CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

Regular Events

(Check the Sunday bulletin for updated info)

Resumes on

Sundays

8:45 am Adult Sunday School - Rm 11
10:00 am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

Mondays

12:30 pm Senior Singers - Geneva Rm 1/29

Tuesdays

9:30 am Women's Bible Study - Rm 11 1/9
10:30 am Staff Meeting - Library

Wednesdays

12:00 pm Lunch Bunch - Library 1/10
3:30 pm F.L.O.C.K./Satellite - Ministry Center 1/10
5:30 pm Youth Connection - Youth Rm 1/10
5:45 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal - Bell Rm
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Rm

Thursdays

7:00 am Men's Breakfast Fellowship - Geneva Rm
10:00 am Knitting Club - Library 1/4

Other Events

January

1 Office, Daycare Closed - Happy New Year!
6 5:00 pm Epiphany Game Night
7 5:30 pm Warming Shelter Meal - 111 W. Alisal St.
8 6:30 pm Board of Deacons
9 9:30 am Women's Bible Study resumes
10 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch resumes
10 3:30 pm FLOCK, Satellite resume
10 5:30 pm Youth Connection resumes
14 10:00 am "Holy Cow" Offering in Worship
14 11:00 am Worship & Arts Committee
10:15 am Finance Committee (no meeting in Jan.)
15 Newsletter Deadline
15 Office, Daycare Closed - Keep "Dreaming"
18 8:30 am Personnel Committee
22 6:30 pm Session
25 1:30 pm Priscilla Circle
28 5:30 pm Warming Shelter Meal - 111 W. Alisal St.
29 12:30 pm Senior Singers Rehearsals resume

January Birthdays



1 Tom DeLay
Chris Vivit
5 Rebekah Loder
13 Laura Hunter-Michels
15 Tom Crompton
19 Nanci Crompton
21 Nancy Forsman
Dick Palmer
22 Judy Sonico
30 Carolyn Bohn

February Early Birds

3 Margaret Smith
4 William Cuda
6 Mae Hushbeck
Tom Westoby
8 Kiki Montero



January Anniversaries

16 Ken & Laura Hunter-Michels. 36th
26 **Dick & Nancy Palmer**..... 55th

February Early Birds

No early anniversaries this month

* If your name is missing from this list and you would like to add it, please contact the church office.



Epiphany Game Night January 6 5:00 pm

Join us in the Geneva Room for pizza and games on Epiphany, Saturday, January 6, from 5:30 until we're done! Bring an old favorite, or learn something new! All ages welcome!



The Gift of Food!

Winter is here again, which means the homeless of our area will be vulnerable to the biting weather it brings. The Salinas Warming Shelter is again serving the needs of the less fortunate and Northminster is an eager partner as we minister to "the least of these". We will provide the evening meal and help serve it on the first and fourth Sunday of each month, in **January on the 7th and 28th**. You can bring meal items to the shelter's new location, **111 West Alisal** (portable/mobile trailer).

If you can't provide a meal item, you can make a monetary donation for the purchase of food and/or table service. Thank you for partnering with us to minister to the less fortunate in our community.



The deadline has been extended to submit 2017 Annual Report articles. If you are a committee chair, moderator, or program coordinator/director, please submit a short article on your group or activity **by Friday, January 19**.

We look forward to reading of and celebrating the ministry that occurs through Northminster by the grace of God and the participation of us all, the church! Thank you!

faith and finances

2018 Giving Envelopes

Don't forget to pick up your 2018 Giving Envelopes, available in the narthex or church office (weekdays). The envelopes help us process your donations in a quick, efficient manner. If you can't find your set of envelopes, or don't have an envelope number, please contact the church office!

Per Capita Apportionment

This year's per capita apportionment is \$36.73 per member. If you are an official member of Northminster Presbyterian Church, please remit this amount along with your regular or special giving. These monies are then paid to the Presbytery of San Jose and Synod of the Pacific for insurance/administrative purposes.

Thank you for your quick response, so that we don't have to take money from the general budget, and away from other important church programs!

2017 Giving Statements

The year-end giving summary statements for 2017 will be available for pick up in the narthex at the end of January. Those not picked up will be mailed. Please watch for yours!



Our Homebound Friends

Dorothy Cavanagh, Doreen Graham - Katherine Ann Binns, Emma Price, Esther Johnson - Brookdale Grace Bryan - Villa Serra

Church Staff / Volunteers

Pastor..... Andy Rausch
Organist, Choir Accompanist..... Claire Vincent
Director of Music..... Dana Vivit
Daycare. . . . Laura Hunter-Michels, Michelle Dominguez, Tasha, Stephanie, Susan, Jessica, Jerrianna, Bobbie, Claire, Katie
Children's Ministry Assistant..... Amanda Robles
Preschool/KinderPrep..... Laura, Amanda
Custodian, Assistant..... Jesse Perez, Alan Balch,
Set Up Techs. Tom Folliard, Bob Hynes
Groundskeepers.. Tom McKey, Jeff Hoogendyk, John Gutekunst
Audio/Visual Tech..... Tom Folliard
Church Secretary. Micki Brown

From the Pastor continued

And on January 1, we have an opportunity to start again. In the Book of Ecclesiastes, the "Preacher" laments, "What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done; there is nothing new under the sun. Is there a thing of which it is said, 'See, this is new'? It has already been, in the ages before us." (Ecclesiastes 1:9-10) (Sounds like Eeyore, doesn't it!)

But in his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul wrote, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" (2 Corinthians 5:17) Through the gift of God, Jesus Christ, everything has been recreated, everything is new!

So will you be like the Preacher (and Eeyore), with the attitude that "everything's old and dried up," or will you live like Paul, knowing that in Christ, we have new life, and the world will sparkle!

Here are some of the new things coming up in 2018:

- Epiphany Game Night, Saturday, January 6, from 5:30 pm until, well, whenever!
- Service at the Warming Shelter, every first and fourth Sunday;
- FLOCK and Youth Groups;
- Pirate-themed Vacation Bible School in June;
- Music Camp in July;
- Bible studies and small groups;
- And, of course, exciting worship opportunities every Sunday!

See you in church!

And Happy New Year!
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Sweet Scripture Treat!

... a recipe hidden in your Bible!

You will need:
 a Bible
 a bowl
 a spoon
 waxed paper
 a plate
 measuring cups

In the bowl put:
 1/2 cup I Samuel 14:25
 (Hint: H _ _ _ _ _)
 1 1/2 cups Judges 5:25
 (powdered/dried)
 (Hint: M _ _ _ _)
 1/2 cup I Samuel 30:12
 (Hint: R _ _ _ _ _)

Mix together and drop on waxed paper on the plate. Put in the refrigerator for a while to set.

Enjoy!