

Northminster Presbyterian Church

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

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Lent Begins with our

Ash
Wednesday
Service



February 14, 6:30 pm
Geneva Room

*You are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

GENESIS 3:19

Northminster News

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With Pastor Andy on vacation, we’re re-printing one of his “greatest hits” from February 2014!

“Love is in the air, everywhere I look around
Love is in the air every sight and every sound...”

February is the month most associated with Love. February 14 is, of course, St. Valentine’s Day, for the Patron Saint of Love. It is traditional to give your loved one a heart-shaped box of chocolates, or flowers, or both! Children exchange cards at school. Remember those candy heart things we munched on? With such profound sayings as “U Rock,” or “I Luv U” and so on.

Of course, the Bible is a book of love. Some even say it is a love letter from God to humanity. The first letter of John summarizes God’s example of love the best: “Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is

born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.” (1 John 4:7-11)

In the synoptic gospels, Jesus is recorded as saying, when asked what the greatest commandment is, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” (Matthew 22:36-39).

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CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

Regular Events

(Check the Sunday bulletin for updated info)

Sundays

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

Mondays

- 12:30 pm Senior Singers - Geneva Rm

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

- 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch - Library
3:30 pm F.L.O.C.K./Satellite - Ministry Center
5:30 pm Youth Connection - Youth Rm
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

Other Events

February

- 4 6:00 pm Warming Shelter Meal - 111 W. Alisal St.
5 6:30 pm Board of Deacons
8 7:00 am Men's Breakfast's "Valentine's Breakfast"
11 10:00 am "Holy Cow" Offering in Worship
11 11:00ish Annual Meeting (after worship)
11 11:30 am Worship & Arts Committee
12 10:15 am Finance Committee
14 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service
15 Newsletter Deadline
15 8:30 am Personnel Committee
18 11:00 am Fellowship Potluck
18 11:30 am Super Sandwich Outreach
19 Office, Daycare Closed for Presidents' Day
22 1:30 pm Priscilla Circle
25 6:00 pm Warming Shelter Meal - 111 W. Alisal St.
26 6:30 pm Session

February Birthdays

- 3 Margaret Smith
4 William Cuda
6 Mae Hushbeck
Tom Westoby
8 "Kiki" Montero
9 Marilyn Barr
11 Ann Binns
11 Beulah Lane
14 Anna Venecia
16 Gladys Tack
22 Ryen Abbott
24 Claire Vincent
25 Jeff Hoogendyk
Leigh Searson
27 Eric Petty
28 Carol Suggett



March Early Birds

- 3 Gavin Abbott
3 Susan West
7 Dorothy Elliott



February

No anniversaries this month to list.

March Early Birds

No early dates to list - see the full March list in the March issue!

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



The Gift of Food!

Winter is here again, which means the homeless folks of our area are vulnerable to the biting weather it brings. And again Northminster is partnering with the Salinas Warming Shelter to serve their needs. We will provide the evening meal and help serve it **SUNDAYS, FEBRUARY 4 and 25.** You can bring meal items to the shelter's new location, **111 West Alisal** (portable/mobile trailer) **at 6:00 pm.** If you can't provide a meal item, you can make a monetary donation for the purchase of food and/or table service (See Elder Lisa Loder to make donation.) Thank you for partnering with us to minister to "the least of these".

Men's Breakfast presents

"Valentine's Breakfast"

Thursday,
February 8
7:00 am
Geneva Room



Our fabulous Chef Jeff pulls out all the stops at this special celebration of culinary love! So guys, bring your special lady and enjoy a delicious breakfast buffet, with something for everyone. Ladies eat free!

The morning is wrapped up with a devotional ditty by Pastor Andy.

Camerata Singers' Special Concerts

Beatitude Mass (for the Homeless)
to benefit Dorothy's Place and
Gathering for Women

Friday, March 2, 7:30 pm
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Salinas

Saturday, March 3, 7:30 pm
First Presbyterian Church, Monterey

Sunday, March 4, 2:30 pm
First Presbyterian Church, Monterey

In March, the Camerata Singers will present the beautiful Beatitude Mass (for the Homeless) by San Francisco composer Henry Mollicone, a 40 minute contemporary work for chorus, chamber orchestra, and soprano and bass soloists. This moving piece incorporates words from the Latin Mass Ordinary juxtaposed with new texts drawn from interviews conducted with people living in homeless shelters. A portion of all proceeds garnered from these performances will be used to raise funds for Dorothy's Place in Salinas, and Gathering for Women in Monterey, two organizations that support people in need.

We are not charging for tickets for these concerts. Instead, we ask that you "pay what you can" at the door. And we hope you will give more than a usual ticket price and help raise a significant amount to donate to those in need. Please join us in the belief that music has the power to heal and make a difference.

Soprano Leberta Lorál and Baritone Bob Bogardus are featured soloists. Other pieces on the program will bring inspiration and hope including Lord, *Make Me an Instrument* by Roger Q. Holland li; *Amazing Grace* arranged by. Ed Lojeski; *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* arranged by Mack Wilberg; *Hear Me, Redeemer* by Henry Mollicone and more.



Our Homebound Friends

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

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 and administrative purposes.

From the Pastor

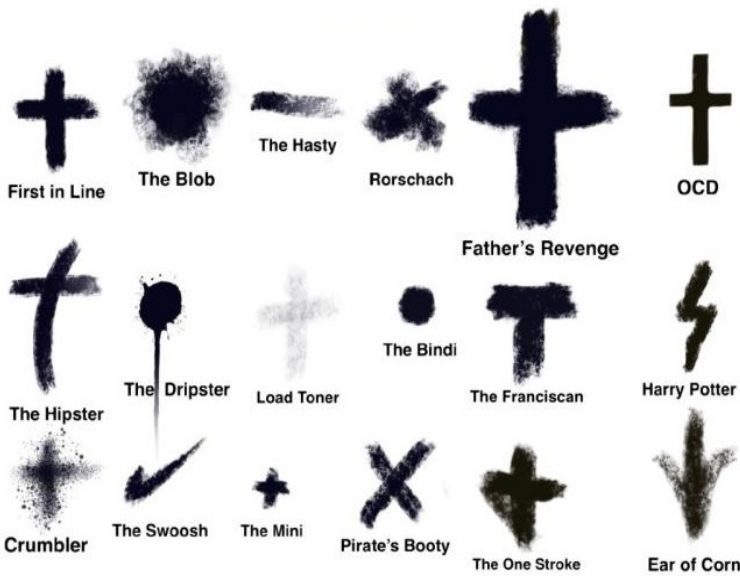
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This February, take a moment to examine how you're loving one another, and loving God. Are you judging others, or are you accepting them and welcoming them as one of God's beloved? Are you spending time with God in prayer and contemplation, or are you blithely rushing about your day, ignoring the Source of Love? Sometimes it's hard to love one another, as one of the characters in this past summer's Music Camp musical said. But with Jesus' help, we can love even those that others have called "unlovable." When we love one another, truly love them, then they will be attracted to the love found in Jesus Christ.

And by the way, I love you!

Andy

Ash Wednesday Styles - Which one will YOU get?



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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



Mix up a batch of these yummy cookies and share with a neighbor or special friend.

You will need:

- ♥ One 6-ounce package of semi-sweet chocolate chips
- ♥ One 6-ounce package of butterscotch morsels
- ♥ 1/4 cup peanut butter
- ♥ 4 cups Rice Krispies

Get an adult to help you melt chocolate, butterscotch and peanut butter in a double boiler. Stir well until blended. Add Rice Krispies. Drop by spoonfuls onto waxed paper. Let stand until cool and firm.

*Something else to do –
 Make a heart-shaped basket to put them in.*

Cut out two circles (from two different colors of paper). Fold circle in half. Put them together to form a heart shape by fitting the right piece inside the left. Glue together. Cut a handle from paper and glue on. Fill with cookies.

