

Northminster Presbyterian Church

"Caring for all with God's love and grace."

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Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 11



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One Easter morning, the preacher gathered the children of the church in the front of the sanctuary for the weekly children's sermon. He began with a thematically appropriate question.

"Children, today is Easter Sunday. What do we celebrate on Easter?"

One girl spoke up quickly: "We remember our mothers and how much we love them."

"No, that's not quite right," the pastor replied. "You're thinking of Mother's Day."

Then, an eager boy took a shot: "Easter is a time when we say 'thank you' to God for all the good things in our lives."

"We can always say 'thank you' to God," the pastor said, beginning to worry about the dullness of the children in his church. "But, you're thinking of Thanksgiving, not Easter. Children, what is the meaning of Easter?"

After a few seconds of awkward silence, another girl in a fancy Easter dress gave it a try.

"Easter," she said tentatively, "is the day when we remember that Jesus died on the cross for our sins. Then he was buried in the tomb. On Easter morning, God rolled the stone away and Jesus came out of the tomb."

"Excellent," cried the relieved pastor.

"And then," the girl continued, "Jesus looked and saw his shadow, so he went back into the tomb and there were six more weeks of winter!"

Easter... the most important of the Christian holy days. Yes, on Christmas we celebrate Jesus' birth, and recently someone pointed out that if Jesus had never been born, then Easter never could have happened! True... but it was that final act of love, when Jesus took our sins away and conquered death by his sacrificial act on the cross, and more importantly, by his resurrection, his physically coming back to life so that we know that death will no longer hold any of us. Yes, definitely the most important holy day. (continued on backpage)

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

March

- 4 6:00 pm Warming Shelter Meal - 111 W. Alisal St.
- 5-9 Preschool Parent Conferences
- 5 6:30 pm Board of Deacons
- 11 2:00 am Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 11 10:00 am "Holy Cow" Offering in Worship
- 11 11:30 am Worship & Arts Committee
- 12 10:15 am Finance Committee
- 15 Newsletter Deadline
- 15 8:30 am Personnel Committee
- 18 11:00 am Fellowship Potluck
- 22 1:30 pm Priscilla Circle
- 25 6:00 pm Warming Shelter Meal - 111 W. Alisal St.
- 26 Preschool/KP Easter Break Starts
- 26 6:30 pm Session
- 29 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Supper/Service
- 31 TBA Easter Decorating

April

- 1 10:00 am Easter Worship Service
- 1 11:15 am Children's Egg Hunt (after service)
- 1 6:00 pm Warming Shelter Meal - 111 W. Alisal St.

March Birthdays



- 3 Gavin Abbott
Susan West
- 7 Dorothy Elliott
- 12 Tom Folliard
- 14 Fred Venecia
- 15 Adam Noggle
- 17 Grayson Abbott
- 23 Felisa Hoogendyk
- 24 Terry Heffington
- 28 Doris Wason

April Early Birds

- 3 Norton Strand
- 4 Pat Tunstall



March Anniversaries

- 15 Eric & Kim Petty..... 20th
- 29 Brooks & Margaret Smith..... 48th

April Early Birds

No early birds this month!
See the full list next month!

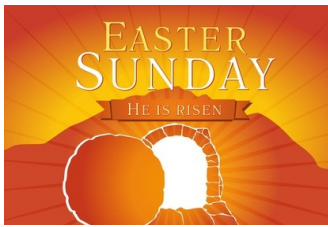
* If your name is missing from this list and you would like to add it, please contact the church office.



**HOLY WEEK
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**

**Palm Sunday, March 25
Special Worship Service 10:00 am**

**Maundy Thursday, March 29
Supper/Service 6:30 pm**



April 1

**Worship Service 10:00 am
with special, glorious music!**

**Children's Egg Hunt
After Worship (appx.) 11:15 am**

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**

**Admission: Pay what you can,
with proceeds donated to
Dorothy's Place and Gathering for Women
Students are always Free!**

**Tickets:
Online: camerata-singers.org
Phone: 831-642-2701**

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, MARCH 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".



Our Homebound Friends

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

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**I SEE THERE ARE A FEW OTHER FOLKS OUT
THERE WHO ENJOY THE DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME CHANGE**

From the Pastor

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Paul wrote this: “The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing” (1 Corinthians 1:18). The whole notion of one man—a very good man!—dying on a cross to save others is foolish to those who don’t know Christ personally. And the whole idea of a person coming back to life after three days in the tomb—pah! Balderdash! Foolishness!

And yet, it’s real. It did happen. Not only do all four gospels relate the event, but elsewhere in the New Testament Paul and other tell about it. And extra-Biblical accounts from historians of the time tell about Jesus and his life and death. In the year 93, a Roman historian called Josephus wrote a tome titled Jewish Antiquities. In it, he wrote, “About this time there lived Jesus, a wise man, if indeed one ought to call him a man. For he was one who performed surprising deeds and was a teacher of such people as accept the truth gladly. He won over many Jews and many of the Greeks. He was the Messiah. And when, upon the accusation of the principal men among us, Pilate had condemned him to a cross, those who had first come to love him did not cease. He appeared to them spending a third day restored to life, for the prophets of God had foretold these things and a thousand other marvels about him. And the tribe of the Christians, so called after him, has still to this day not disappeared.” Pretty cool.

This year, Easter in on April Fool’s Day (first time since 1956), and I think that is very appropriate! Jesus says to death “Ha-ha! April Fool on you!” To non-Christians, our Easter celebration does appear foolish, but invite them to church to see what it really is all about, and how a relationship with Christ might change their lives! (And maybe we’ll have a few jokes, too!)

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(By the way... there’s a spider crawling up your arm!)



Relay for Life
Friday-Saturday, May 18-19
6:00 pm - 10:00 am
Sports Complex Softball Field

Sign up for the team; support our fundraisers!



Vacation Bible School
June 18-22
Day Camp:
8:00 am - 1:00 pm
VBS
1:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Arrh, maties, join us for a great time of Bible lessons, crafts, music, games, snacks and fun!

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, Jim Vincent
Audio/Visual Tech..... Tom Folliard
Church Secretary..... Micki Brown