

Northminster Presbyterian Church

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

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**Relay
for
Life**



Friday–Saturday, May 18–19

6:00 pm - 10:00 am

Sports Complex Softball Field

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I HATE CANCER.

There, I said it. Rather strongly.

I hate that cancer robs my friends of life and eats them up.

I hate that, even when it is “cured” or put in remission, it’s always there, lurking, waiting to strike again and leaving its victims always scared.

I hate that it leaves children without grandparents, or parents, or aunts or uncles.

I hate that it is robbing an eleven-year-old boy of his just-starting life, leaving his parents angry at the doctors, at each other, at God.

Psalms 90:10 says, “As for the days of our life, they contain seventy years, Or if due to strength, eighty years, Yet their pride is but labor and sorrow; For soon it is gone and we fly away.” Yes, our time on this earth is numbered. Psalm 139:16 reminds us, “Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.” But don’t

ever let anyone tell you that God made the cancer attack a person, whether to “teach that person a lesson,” or so that “others might come to know God.” That’s a bunch of hooey. Evil exists in this world, both human-caused and “natural evil” (that is, there are just bad things that happen).

Sometimes cancer comes from human-caused evil—pollution, bad habits, poor lifestyle choices. And sometimes cancer just happens. Because our bodies are imperfect.

Yet even when we face cancer, whether ourselves or our loved ones, we can take comfort from knowing that we are in the hands of God, held like a mother holds her child. I can guarantee you that God does not want cancer to invade God’s creation. And we can take comfort from the words of Scripture:

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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

May

- 6 6:00 pm Warming Shelter Meal - 111 W. Alisal St.
- 7 6:30 pm Board of Deacons
- 13 10:00 am "Holy Cow" Offering in Worship
- 13 11:30 am Worship & Arts Committee
- 14 10:15 am Finance Committee
- 15 Newsletter Deadline
- 17 8:30 am Personnel Committee
- 18 6:00 pm Relay for Life Opening Ceremony begins
- 19 10:00 am Relay for Life Closing Ceremony begins
- 20 11:00 am Fellowship Potluck
- 24 1:30 pm Priscilla Circle
- 27 Senior Singers Spring Concert
- 27 6:00 pm Warming Shelter Meal - 111 W. Alisal St.
- 28 Church Office, Daycare, Preschool Closed
- 28 6:30 pm Session



- 3 Annabelle Gonzalez
- 4 JoAnn McCray (Star Wars Day!)
- 8 David Baird
Andy Rausch
- 12 Jordan Montero
- 15 Lisa Loder
- 16 Rubye Riggs
- 24 Jeff Cuda
Gerardo Dominguez
Nancy Palmer
- 30 Joy Lohuis

June Early Birds

- 1 **Dorothy Cavanagh - 103!!!**
Rick Giffin
- 7 Kristine Abbott
Aimee Cuda



Anniversaries

May

- 29 Tom & Nanci Crompton. 14th

June Early Birds

No early birds; check full list next month!

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



Music Camp
July 16-20
Day Camp 8 am -1 pm
Music Camp 1 pm -5 pm

More information coming soon!

Relay for Life Friday-Saturday May 18-19

6:00 pm - 10:00 am

Sports Complex Softball Field

It's not too late to sign up (or sponsor our team) to walk in memory of loved ones lost to cancer, or in honor of survivors! If you'd like to join or support the team, contact Jackie Gash, Suzan Wurz or Lisa Loder! See you there!!



SUPER SPUD SPECTACULAR!

Support our fabulous Baked Potato fund raiser AT THE EVENT! We've got the spuds; we just need the condiments - butter, sour cream, cheese, bacon, onions, etc. Check out the sign up sheet in the narthex coming soon!

IT'S NOT WARM YET!

Spring is well underway, but nights are not yet warm enough for those who find themselves in need of overnight shelter from the elements. So the Warming Shelter will continue to serve our area's homeless folks for a few more weeks. Northminster will provide the evening meal and help serve it **SUNDAYS, MAY 6 AND 27**. You can bring meal items to the shelter's location, **111 West Alisal** (portable/mobile trailer) at **6:00 pm** or 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 - relocating to Chicago area Dorothy Elliott - Merrill Gardens, Monterey

Fellowship Potluck

Join us after worship on **Sunday, May 20** for our monthly gathering. Bring your favorite potluck dish for great, around-the-table greetin' and eatin', just the way Jesus did! If you can't bring a dish to share, still please join us; we love your cooking, but we love YOU more!!



From the Pastor continued

2 Corinthians 4:16-18—"So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal."

Isaiah 40:31—"But those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."

Matthew 11:28-29—"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

And we can fight! May 18-19 is this year's Salinas Relay for Life, a fundraiser of the American Cancer Society. Join our team, Souls for Soles at www.relayforlife.org, or join the team at the Sports Complex for all or part of the Relay. (Unfortunately, I can't be there for much of it. My mother, a cancer survivor, is celebrating her 80th birthday that day!) Give generously to the fundraiser here at the church—Suzan's peanut brittle is amazing! Pray. Cheer on those at Relay and those who search for a cure every day.

God gave us scientists with brilliant minds. Someday, perhaps cancer will no longer exist. Until then, love your family and friends, and pray.

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

Ahoy, Mateys! Join us this summer for our amazing high-seas VBS adventure, PROOF Pirates! As we find the treasure of God's grace, we will learn that

- God's grace is **Planned,**
- God's grace is **Resurrecting,**
- God's grace is **Outrageous,**
- God's grace is **Overcoming,** and
- God's grace is **Forever.**

We be settin' sail on June 18, with plenty o' Bible lessons, crafts, games, grub, an' music t' charm the fishes! Don't be a landlubber - get on board! Sign up with Cap'n Andy!!



**AVAST YE!!! ALL HANDS ON DECK!!
HELPERS NEEDED!**

We needs helpers for our VBS decorating, starting June 11, and during VBS June 18-22. Please let Cap'n Andy know if you can help.

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Our Condolences...



...To the family of Mae Hushbeck. Mae, a Salinas resident for 55 years, was taken too soon in a tragic accident on March 19, 2018. She was 89.

Born in Oakland, California on February 6, 1929, but raised in Watsonville, Mae lived almost her entire life in her beloved central California. A graduate of Watsonville High School, Mae married her sweetheart, Charles Hushbeck, a member of one of Watsonville's founding families. Together they raised two children and a succession of sweet dogs. Married for 58 years, Charles preceded Mae in death following a brief illness in 2005.

Mae was for many years a familiar face in Old Town Salinas as the S&H Green Stamp store manager and later as manager of the first Discovery Shop. Following retirement, Mae was an avid volunteer at Steinbeck House and a member of the Salinas Women's Club as well as for many years a Deacon and recently an elder of Northminster. Mae and Charles were also active leaders in Salinas Masonic/Eastern Star.

Mae is survived by son, Charles Hushbeck, Jr. of Porter Ranch, California and daughter Susan Hushbeck Hoeben of Nijmegen, the Netherlands, two grandchildren, three great grandchildren and eight nieces and nephews.

On March 30, at 10:00 a.m. a Celebration of Life was held at Northminster. Memorial gifts may be made to the Monterey County Animal Services in Salinas to honor Mae's deep love for animals, or to Northminster.

Our prayers continue for the family, and for our dear member Virgileen Day, who was also injured in the same accident.

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
- 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, Bob Hynes
- Audio/Visual Tech..... Tom Folliard
- Church Secretary..... Micki Brown