

**Northminster Presbyterian Church**

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

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**Vacation  
Bible  
School**



**June 19-23  
1:00 - 5:00 pm**

Details inside!

# Northminster News

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Dear friends,

As you may or may not know, my sermons are generally guided by the Revised Common Lectionary. The Lectionary is a series of Scripture readings developed some 40 years ago by several committees of the church. (It’s amazing that these committees, made up of several denominations, could ever come to an agreement!) The RCL usually has a reading from the Old Testament, the Psalms, an Epistle, and a Gospel. It is on a three-year cycle, and in that three years, most of the Bible is read. Lectionaries like the RCL have been around for a long time, and this one is just the most recent. I understand that there is a new lectionary being tested right now; we’ll see what happens!

I preach from the lectionary because it keeps me focused on hearing what God has to say through the Scriptures, instead of pulling Biblical texts together to support whatever it is I want to say (as many preachers do!). I think that this practice keeps me true to God’s will, and, hopefully, offers meaningful sermons each week to you, the members of this church.

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# CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

## Regular Events

(Check the Sunday bulletin for updated info)

		On Summer Break
<u>Sundays</u>		
8:45 am	Adult Sunday School - Rm 11	
10:00 am	Traditional Worship - Sanctuary	
11:30 am	Cribbage Club - Lobby	
<u>Mondays</u>		
12:30 pm	Senior Singers - Geneva Rm	✓
<u>Tuesdays</u>		
9:30 am	Women's Bible Study - Rm 11	✓
10:30 am	Staff Meeting - Library	
<u>Wednesdays</u>		
12:00 pm	Lunch Bunch - Library	
3:30 pm	F.L.O.C.K./Satellite - Ministry Center	✓
5:30 pm	Middle School Youth - Youth Rm	
5:45 pm	Chancel Bells Rehearsal - Bell Rm	✓
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Rm	✓
<u>Thursdays</u>		
7:00 am	Men's Summer Breakfast - Black Bear Diner	
10:00 am	Knitting Club - Library	

## Other Events

### June

5	6:30 pm	Board of Deacons
8	6am-10pm	Black Bear Diner Relay Fundraiser
8	6:00 pm	Preschool/KinderPrep Graduation
11	10:00 am	Dr. Chris Hasekawa Preaching
11	11:00 am	Worship & Arts Committee
12	10:15 am	Finance Committee
13	7:00 pm	Celebration Ringers of Colorado Springs Handbell Concert
15		Newsletter Deadline
15	8:30 am	Personnel Committee
18	11:00 am	Called Congregational Meeting
18	11:15 am	Fellowship Potluck
19	8:00 am	Day Camp #1 Begins
19	1:00 pm	Vacation Bible School Begins
22	12:00 pm	Priscilla Circle - Bernardez' home
26	6:30 pm	Session



- 1 **Dorothy Cavanagh..... 102 years wonderful**
- 4 Rick Giffin
- 5 JT Biesinger
- 7 Kristine Abbott
- 7 Aimee Cuda
- 12 Vee Thomas
- 15 Sophia Bohn
- 15 Jim Wurz
- 16 Perla Bernardez
- 16 Ken Tunstall
- 18 Alan Balch
- 21 Jane Hembree
- 27 Nathan Biesinger

### July Early Birds

- 5 Ken Michels
- 6 Virginia Cherry, Liz Hibbard
- 8 Priscilla Nitzke
- 12 Jackson Abbott



### June

- 10 Lonnie & Terry Heffington..... 28<sup>th</sup>
- 21 **Tom & Margaret McKey..... 53<sup>rd</sup>**
- 23 Larry & Debbie Tack..... 44<sup>th</sup>

### July Early Birds

- 24 Gerardo & Jan Dominguez..... 9<sup>th</sup>
- 27 Gavin & Kristine Abbott..... 15<sup>th</sup>

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



## Relay On!!

The 2017 Relay is now behind us, but the fight against cancer NEVER ENDS! We will continue to raise funds (to apply to 2017 totals) in the battle against this horrible disease.

**On Thursday, June 8, between 6:00 am and 10:00 pm,** you can enjoy a meal AND fight cancer by eating at Black Bear Diner, 805 W. Laurel Drive. Ten percent of your meal cost will be donated to Relay. So, eat hardy and help to KILL CANCER! Must present the flyer, available in the narthex and lobby.

## Our Homebound Friends



Dorothy Cavanagh, Doreen Graham - Katherine Ann Binns, Emma Price, Esther Johnson - Brookdale

## Called Congregational Meeting

A meeting of the congregation of Northminster Presbyterian Church has been called for Sunday, June 18, 2017, directly following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to review and approve changes to the by-laws of Northminster. Copies will be available in the narthex for your review beginning June 11<sup>th</sup>. We hope you will stay and participate in this important part of our democratic denominational governance.

## VBS 2017: Maker Making Music!!!

At our VBS this year, one of our projects will be MAKING and playing music instruments! We need the following household items to make these fun yet educational instruments! If you can help, please bring whatever items you can find to the church by Monday, June 19!

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| PVC Pipes (any length)    | PVC joints & fittings        |
| 2x4 Wood planks           | Sticks (free of leaves)      |
| Rice                      | Water bottles                |
| Plastic eggs              | Plastic spoons               |
| Dried corn                | Paper towel cardboard dowels |
| Construction paper        | Plastic soda bottles         |
| Duct tape (bright colors) | Popsicle sticks              |
| Rubber bands              | Big balloons                 |
| Computer paper            | Funnels                      |
|                           | Match sticks                 |



**Vacation Bible School!**  
**June 19-23**  
**1 - 5 pm**

**Age 4 - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**\$50/child**

**Bible lessons, crafts, music, snacks, games & mission project “geared” to our theme! Need an all-day experience for your child? We’ve got them covered, at**

**Day Camp 8 am - 1 pm**  
**\$50/child**

**From there we’ll take them to VBS!**  
**Sign up online or in the church office!**

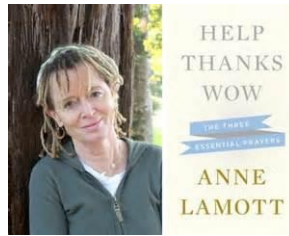
## Special Musical Guests

**On Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm** music lovers will enjoy a special performance by the Celebration Ringers, a youth handbell choir of First Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs, CO. The group is undertaking an ambitious touring schedule, performing in Wyoming, Nevada, Arizona and California, with appearances in Stockton and Monterey prior to Salinas.

**We will be hosting the group and are looking to house 14 youth (minimum two per home) on the evening of June 13<sup>th</sup>.** If you can host any of these special friends, please sign up in the narthex. The group will be going to the Monterey Bay Aquarium during their stay, so we are also looking for aquarium guest or season passes. A sign up sheet for passes is also in the narthex.

# Vacation Bible School... For Grown Ups! July 10-14, 5:30 to 7:30pm

Each evening we'll gather for a shared meal in Room 11, followed by the study of Anne Lamott's delightful little book on prayer, *Help Thanks Wow: The Three Essential Prayers*. You'll need a copy of the book, which can be purchased at any bookstore or through Amazon.



Andy will be happy to order the book for you if you want!

## From the Pastor

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However, in the summer I like to do something different. In the past, we have looked at the Ten Commandments, and the Lord's Prayer, and the Great Ends of the Church. This Summer, beginning after the Vacation Bible School celebration on June 25, I will be preaching a series on "Great Women of the Bible." We all too often focus on the great men of the Bible, men like Abraham and David and Solomon, and Peter and Paul and the rest of the apostles. But there were some amazing women who were followers of God, and who led God's people.

I invite you to read about these women in preparation for the series, and if anything makes you wonder, give me a call and we'll discuss it together!

These are the women, just a few of the Great Women of the Bible:

From the Hebrew Scriptures:  
Deborah, Sara, Ruth, and Esther

From the New Testament:  
the Woman at the Well, Mary and Martha, and Priscilla.

Be sure to put August 20 on your calendar, our annual Service-Service Sunday. And be sure to be in worship on June 11 when the Moderator of the Presbytery, Dr. Chris Hasegawa, will be bring a powerful message about love overcoming the powers of evil.

Andy



## Our Condolences...

...to Lynne Sergius-Briscoe and the family of Jack Briscoe. Jack passed away on May 2, 2017 after a valiant six-year battle with cancer. He was 74. He was born in Missoula Montana and lived in Salinas for the last 39 years.

Jack graduated from Arkansas Teacher's College in 1964 with a BS, in math. He loved to solve problems which lead him to an analyst job in 1964 at Vandenberg AFB. He became an early programmer in 1967 when he was hired at TRW, Redondo Beach. He taught himself scientific programming. In 1978 he moved to Salinas to work for BDM at Ft, Hunter Liggett. His job moved to Monterey in 1998 and following mergers he again worked for TRW and then eventually Northrop Grumman. He retired from Northrop in 2003 but continued on working with Northrop for 6 years doing contracting.

Jack was a member of First United Methodist Church and also attended Northminster Presbyterian Church. Jack loved golf and was a former member of the Men's Club. He also liked to volunteer and he worked on the Measure V Committee for the City of Salinas from 2005.

Jack was preceded by death by his parents Andy and Elsie Rae Briscoe. He is survived by his wife, Lynne Sergius-Briscoe who describes Jack as the perfect husband who was humorous, generous and smart. He is also survived his beautiful stepchildren; Erin Wogan, David Redding, grandchildren; Makenna and Christian and sisters; Marge Gentle and Linda Baldwin.

A Celebration of life service was held at Northminster on Saturday, May 27, with both congregations of his Methodist and Presbyterian church families coming together to celebrate his wonderful life.

## Church Staff / Volunteers

Pastor. . . . . Andy Rausch  
Organist, Choir Accompanist. . . . . Claire Vincent  
Director of Music. . . . . Dana Vivit  
Daycare. . . Laura Hunter-Michels, Michelle Dominguez,  
. Tasha Layman, Stephanie Dominguez, Amanda Robles,  
. . . . . Jennifer Moore, Susan Neilson, Jessica Meza,  
. . . . . Kelsey Ramirez, Jerrianna Bigham, Katia Aldaco  
Children's Ministry Assistant. . . . . Margarita Perez  
Preschool/KinderPrep. . . . . Laura, Amanda Robles  
Custodian, Assistants. . . . . Jesse Perez, Alan Balch,  
. . . . . Tom Folliard, Bob Hynes  
Groundskeepers. . . . . Tom McKey, Jeff Hoogendyk,  
. . . . . John Gutekunst  
Audio/Visual Tech. . . . . Tom Folliard  
Church Secretary. . . . . Micki Brown