

Northminster Presbyterian Church

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

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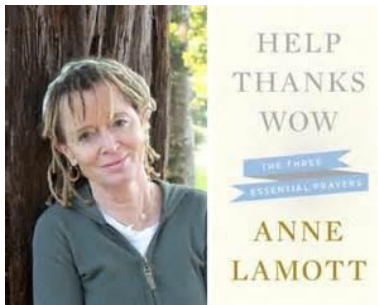
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Adult

Vacation Bible School!

July 9-13

5:30 to 7:30 pm



Details inside!!

Northminster News

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Dear friends,

Have you ever wondered why the Bible is filled with stories about men—Adam, Moses, King David and King Saul, Daniel, Peter, Paul, and so on—and few stories about women. When women are mentioned in the Bible, it is usually a brief passage, gone in the blink of an eye. Ruth and Esther have their very own, rather shortish books, but when was the last time you spent any effort reading those?

The Bible was written down in decidedly patriarchal times. Women were chattel. This is reflected in the old language of wedding ceremonies (which I won’t use, by the way!), “Who giveth this woman to be married to this man?” Women were passed from their fathers to their husbands, usually for the price of a nice dowry.

Thank goodness we are living in enlightened times, when women are equal partners to men. (Still working on that one; equal pay for equal work and all that...) It is thus important to

take a closer look at the women of the Bible, women who had a huge impact on the development of our faith traditions, who led the people of Israel as they became a nation, who followed Jesus and set examples for all of us.

This July and August, I am preaching a series I call “Great Women of the Bible.” We’ll look at Deborah the judge, Sarah, Ruth, Esther, the unnamed Woman at the Well, Mary and Martha, and Priscilla. We’ll explore how their own faith in God influenced them, and what we can learn from them.

Then on August 20, we will celebrate women and men of the church and the service that we have done and are called to do with our annual “Service-Service Sunday.” We begin with worship as usual, and then head out to serve the church and our community.

See you in 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	Youth Connection - 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 - Waffle Shop
10:00 am	Knitting Club - Library

Other Events

<u>July</u>	
9	10:00 am "Holy Cow" Offering in Worship
9	11:00 am Worship & Arts Committee
9	5:30 pm Adult VBS (4 Days)
10	10:15 am Finance Committee
13	Youth Mini Mission Trip
15	Newsletter Deadline
16	11:15 am Fellowship Potluck
17	8:00 am Day Camp #2 Begins
17	1:00 pm Vacation Bible School Begins
17	6:00 pm Music Camp (Adult Session) Begins
19	"Cookies for Cowboys" Due
20	8:30 am Personnel Committee
24	6:30 pm Session
<u>August</u>	
5	10-3 Crafting Rummage Sale Relay for Life Fundraiser
13	10:00 am "Holy Cow" Offering in Worship
13	11:00 am Worship & Arts Committee
14	10:15 am Finance Committee
15	Newsletter Deadline
17	8:30 am Personnel Committee
20	10:00 am Service-Service Sunday
21	6:30 pm Session

	5	Ken Michels
	6	Virginia Cherry
		Liz Hibbard
	8	Priscilla Nitzke
	12	Jackson Abbott
	13	Bob Selvester
	14	Robert Hynes
	15	Bert Robinson
	19	Edna Harris
	20	Gerda Van Meter

23	Helen Busk
	Apolinario Vivit
29	Mackenzie Doss
	Wanda Lawrence
31	Chelsea Palmer

3	Roberta Emmerson
7	Shyanne Johnson
8	Karen Towle
11	Dan Towle
12	Molly Flanagan
15	Sally Leighton
17	Glenndale Tack
19	Keith Sonico
25	Dana Vivit
27	Tino Montero
30	Suzan Wurz



Anniversaries

July

24	Gerardo & Jan Dominguez.....	9 th
27	Gavin & Kristine Abbott.....	15 th
31	Frank & Judy Sonico.....	35 th



August

2	Glenndale & Gladys Tack.....	72 nd
6	Patti & Randy Bangs.....	28 th
14	Jim & Suzan Wurz.....	40 th
16	Tom & Linda Westoby.....	37 th
20	Bert & Jeanne Robinson.....	51 st
21	Apolinario & Dana Vivit.....	41 st
27	Jim & Claire Vincent.....	51 st

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

Vacation Bible School...

For Grown Ups!

July 9-13, 5:30 to 7:30 pm

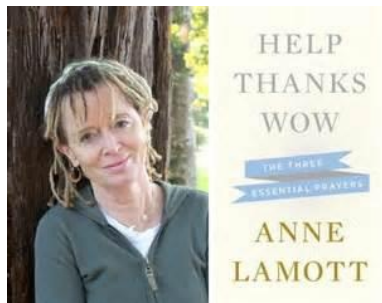


LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR WITH ...COOKIES?!

With summer comes the world-famous California Rodeo, July 20-23! Northminster will once again join area churches in providing "Cookies for Cowboys", for the Salinas Fellowship of Christian Cowboys' Hospitality tent. The rodeo contestants' favorite snack in the center is the homemade cookies donated by local bakers like you!

If you can minister to these visitors with a practical gift of cookie love, please sign up in the narthex. **The cookies will be picked up on Wednesday, July 19**, so please have them wrapped in sturdy, non-returnable containers. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you! "Inasmuch as you baked cookies for the least of these my brethren, you baked them for me." (Matthew 25:40, Cowboy Hospitality Version)

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!



Mark Your Calendar for...

MUSIC CAMP!

"In the Image"

July 17 - 21



Grades 1 - 8:
1:00- 5:00 pm
\$50/child

Grade 9 - Adult:
6:00 - 7:00 pm
\$15/person

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

On Friday, July 21, join us at 6:00 pm for a tasty dinner, followed by a delightful program at 7:00 pm, featuring "In the Image" and other musical offerings by our camp attendees!

Knitters Unite!

If you have a passion for purling, a knack for knitting, then this group is for you! This informal community gathering of folks are "knit" together in their love for the craft! They meet on Thursdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the church library, so join in on the adventure and you'll have quite the "yarn" to share!



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(See Numbers 14) 09-26-2014
OUR SPECIALS OF THE DAY INCLUDE MANNA IN A SMOOTH MANNA REDUCTION AS WELL AS TODAY'S FRESHLY COLLECTED MANNA SALAD TOPPED WITH THREE DIFFERENT SIZES OF MANNA AND, FOR DESSERT ... MANNA

Our Homebound Friends



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



Our Condolences...

...To the family of Emmett Samuel McDowell, III, 86, passed away May 8, 2017 in Hanford. Emmett was born on June 17, 1930 in Griffin, Georgia to Emmett S. McDowell, Jr. & Mary Ella Hammond McDowell. He graduated from Beh Lippeh School for Boys in Ashville, NC in 1948, Erskine College, SC in May 1951 and Columbia Theological Seminary in Georgia. He was ordained as a Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church in the USA.

Pastor McDowell was the first pastor of Northminster, from 1959 to 1965, as well as of at least two more Presbyterian Churches from Florida to California. We were blessed to have him return to Northminster when we celebrated the church's 50th anniversary in September 2009. While pastor of Hanford's First Presbyterian Church from September 1965 to April 1977 he was very active in the community. He and his wife Suzanne moved to Benicia in 1980 and started Heritage Presbyterian Church and various other ministries that helped clothe, shelter and feed the hungry. In retirement, he regularly worked in soup kitchens and Meals-On- Wheels. He enjoyed traveling especially overseas but most of all loved spending time with his family.

Emmett was preceded in death by his parents, and his second of three sons, Jonathan Paul McDowell. While married to Caryl McDowell he had three sons, two of whom survive him; Michael McDowell and Stephen McDowell (Karen) and one daughter, Mary Elisabeth McDowell. Also surviving is his daughter-in-law Mari Hernandez. He leaves behind 4 grandchildren: Maura McDowell Walker, Christina McDowell, James McDowell and Ean McDowell. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Suzanne McDowell and her three children; Nancy Sciacqua (Danny), Creed Bruce, III (Nancy), David Bruce (Mary). He leaves behind 4 grandchildren; Carly Henderson, Tyler Sciacqua, David Bruce, II and Emily Bruce.

A service was held on Friday, May 19, at the Episcopal Church of the Savior in Hanford. We give thanks to God for the journey that we shared with this faithful saint so important to the life and ministry of Northminster Presbyterian Church.

"Service Service" Sunday, August 20



Worshiping God with
hearts AND hands!

10:00 am Worship/Projects

It's our seventh year, so join us on this special day as we worship God in service!! Service opportunities are still being finalized. A portion of the projects to be done include:

- ✓ Making Sandwiches
- ✓ Cleaning around the church
- ✓ Yard work around the church
- ✓ Making Comfort Pillows
- ✓ And more! (Check bulletin for details!)

We'll start the day with **worship at 10:00 a.m.** Then we'll dismiss to our various projects. Be sure to dress in layers, and safely, according to your activity!

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



Sept. 6	5:45 pm	Chancel Bells Rehearsals Resume
Sept. 6	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsals Resume
Sept. 13	3:30 pm	F.L.O.C.K. Rehearsals Resume
Sept. 30		Handbell Mini Workshop

