

Northminster Presbyterian Church

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

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Sunday, September 16
10:00 am & 11:00 am

Details inside!

Northminster News

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Happy New Year!

Wait... isn't it September, you may be asking? Well, if Merry TubaChristmas can celebrate Christmas in August (just got an email about that!), then why can't we celebrate the New Year in September?

Actually, September is that time of year when the church programs that took a hiatus over the summer months are resuming. Of course, the work of the church goes on year-round. We worship together every Sunday. The Day Care Center is open. We serve at the Salinas Warming Shelter. We pray for one another and the world.

But in September, several programs start again:

- Choir rehearsals resume, and the choir will once again lead us in worship each Sunday

beginning September 16.

- The Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm in the choir room just off the sanctuary.
- Chancel Bells rehearse in Room 13 each Wednesday at 5:45 pm.
- Both these groups start on September 5.
- Both groups are looking for new members of any age/skill level.
- Youth Connection resumes its regular meetings.
 - Youth Connection is open to all kids in grades 6 through 12.
 - Youth Connection meets Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in Room 24, the Youth Room.

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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
- 4:30 pm Staff Meeting - Library

Tuesdays

- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study - Rm 11

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

September

- 2 6:00 pm Warming Shelter Meal - 111 W. Alisal St.
- 3 Church Office, Daycare Closed
- 4 9:00 am Preschool/KinderPrep Returns
- 4 6:30 pm Board of Deacons
- 5 5:45 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsals Resume
- 5 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsals Resume
- 6 7:00 am Men's Breakfast Fellowship Resumes
- 9 10:00 am "Holy Cow" Offering in Worship
- 9 11:00 am Worship & Arts Committee
- 10 10:15 am Finance Committee
- 12 3:30 pm FLOCK/Satellites Returns
- 15 Newsletter Deadline
- 16 10:00 am "Happy New Year" in Worship
- 16 10:00 am Chancel Choir in Worship
- 16 11:00 am "Happy New Year" Fellowship Potluck
- 20 8:30 am Personnel Committee
- 23 6:00 pm Warming Shelter Meal - 111 W. Alisal St.
- 24 6:30 pm Session
- 27 1:30 pm Priscilla Circle



- 2 Linda Westoby
- 6 Stacy Wilmoth
- 12 Warren Sonico
Larry Tack
- 14 Micki Brown
- 16 Emma Price
- 18 Louis Hembree
- 22 Diane Parks
- 23 Jackie Gash
- 28 Cindy Lumsden
- 29 Barbara Perry
- 30 Thomas Thomson

October Early Birds

- 1 Larry Bernardez
- 8 Ryan Bangs



September

- 4 Dan & Karen Towle..... 53rd**
- 8 David & Rhonda Baird..... 45th
- 26 Paul & Rubye Riggs..... 26th

October Early Birds

- 6 Jeff & Felisa Hoogendyk..... 50th**
- 7 Louis & Jane Hembree..... 51st**
- 8 Jessica & Tino Montero..... 14th

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

From the Pastor

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- FLOCK and Satellite begin another year of fun and learning on September 12.
 - FLOCK and Satellite meet at 3:30 pm each Wednesday in the Ministry Center.
 - FLOCK and Satellite include Bible stories, recreation, snack and music.
 - FLOCK is open to children age 4 through 2nd grade.
 - Satellite is open to children in 3rd through 5th grade.
- Deacons resume their regular meetings, first Monday at 6:30 pm in the Geneva Room.
- The Elders meet as a Session on the fourth Monday at 6:30 pm in Room 11.
 - We need both Elders and Deacons!
 - Talk to the Nominating Committee if you can serve the church as an officer.
- Women's Bible study meets every Tuesday at 9:30 am. (Return date to be announced.)
- Men's Breakfast and Study is back on September 6 at 7:00 am, meeting every Thursday!
- Priscilla Circle (women's group) will resume their fourth Thursday meetings on September 27, 1:30 pm.
- The Senior Singers will rehearse every Monday at 12:30 pm, beginning September 24th. Open to all ages and skill levels!



On Sunday, September 16, we are going to celebrate the ministries of Northminster in worship and then during our third-Sunday Potluck after worship. This is a good day to invite your friends: they may just find something here that ministers to them!

Paul wrote, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" (2 Corinthians 5:17) We are new creations in Christ, so let's live that way! Put aside the old and stuffy and see what God can do in and through you this coming year!

See you in Church!
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The Gift of Food!

Northminster will continue to serve area homeless folks through the Salinas Warming Shelter. We will provide the evening meal and help serve it **Sundays, September 2 and**

September 23. You can bring meal items to the shelter, **111 West Alisal at 6:00 p.m.** 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 a donation.) Thank you for partnering with us to extend Christ's hands to his less fortunate children.



If you've got the gift of hospitality (think Jesus' disciple, Martha), or if you'd just like to insure that Coffee Fellowship serves the kind of refreshments YOU like, now's your chance to shine: **sign up to be the Coffee Fellowship Host/ess!!** There are easy to follow directions for making the coffee (or you can get a demo, if desired), and snacks can be as easy or as elaborate as you have time/resources for. (*Cookies, punch and coffee works for me! -ed.*) You can also get a friend or group to join you! Sign up on the clipboard outside the kitchen; each week's host will be acknowledged in that week's bulletin insert! See Deacon Bob Hynes if you have any questions!

Fellowship Potluck

Join us after worship on Sunday, September 16 for our monthly gathering. Bring your favorite potluck dish for great, around-the-table greetin' and eatin', just the way Jesus did!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! We'll continue the focus on our church's ministries and programs at this special gathering.

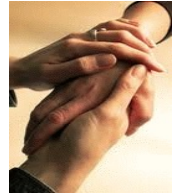
If you can't bring a dish to share, still please join us; we love your cooking, but we love YOU more!!



Our Homebound Friends

Dorothy Cavanagh - Katherine
Ann Binns, Emma Price - Brookdale
Grace Bryan - Chicago
Dorothy Elliott - Merrill Gardens, Monterey

Our Condolences...



...To Anna Venecia and family.
Beloved husband, father, grandfather and sage, Fred Venecia, died June 18, after a brief illness. He was 95.
Fred was a special "character" in the life of Northminster, with his stereotype-busting red sports car, and his love of music as the calling cards of his unique and unconventional approach to life - and ministry. He was an integral member of the "Three Musketeers", a colorful group of Northminster Parish Associates, which also included Rev. Dr. Al Solomon, Rev. Tom Patten, and later Rev. Betsy Goss Stilwell (Musketeer No. 4) as they assisted Pastor Kim Nelson in pastoral work. I am sure there was a rollicking reunion of all three gents as Revs. Al and Tom greeted Fred at the Pearl Gate! Heaven had better batten down the hatches!!

In addition to his P.A. work, Fred was also an frequent guest preacher, stated pulpit supply, a prison chaplain, and an accomplished trombone player, playing almost to the day of his passing.

All Fred's glorious manifestations of faith-ful love were celebrated at Northminster on July 7. The service was full of musicians paying tribute to their friend, along with Anna and numerous family and extended family members.

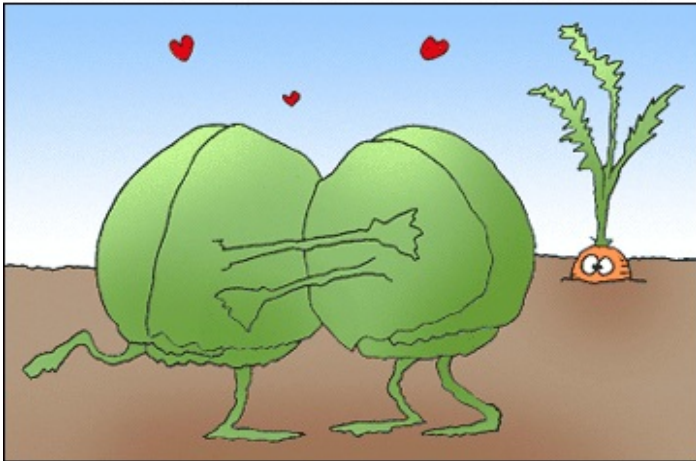
...To Joyce Solazzi and family on the passing of Bob, devoted husband, father, grandfather, friend and mentor, on July 2, after a brief battle with cancer. He was 87.

Testaments to Bob's talent and faithful service to God are abundant around Northminster, evident in the wood pieces he so beautifully crafted, such as the pulpit, mini-pulpit, secretary's desk and countless bookshelves throughout our campus. Some folks have been blessed enough to have a piece of Bob's handiwork to remember him by, such as "Lazarus", a wooden secretary seriously damaged in a fire, that found new life when "Jesus" Solazzi resurrected him into a thing of beauty again.

There are even more testimonies that abound in the lives of those Bob has touched throughout the years through family, school, while fishing, and during summer relocations to the family's other home, where a second community mourns the loss of this awesome saint. He was a faithful, supportive husband to Joyce during her music teaching career and a great friend to all in his extended family.

A memorial service celebrating the life of this much-beloved member of our church and community was held July 23, at Northminster, where the Senior Singers sang in tribute to their friend and sideline supporter. And I'm sure that Bob and the Creator who gifted him were comparing woodshop notes and fishing stories as they watched...

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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
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