

Northminster Presbyterian Church

“Caring for all with

God’s love and grace.”

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Inter-Church
Celebration
Worship & BBQ

Sunday, October 6, 10:00 am
Gonzales Central Park

Details inside!

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Dear friends,

As Presbyterians, part of the Presbyterian Church (USA), we are a part of the Reformed Tradition within the whole church (or “catholic Church” as the Apostle’s Creed calls it). Other Reformed churches include the Reformed Church of America, Calvinist Baptists, and of course the “mother” of the reformation, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. It was Martin Luther, a Roman Catholic priest, who, discouraged by the abuses in power he observed by the leadership of the Catholic hierarchy, challenged the church to change its ways in 1517. Instead, he was condemned as a heretic, and tried by the church and sentenced to death, but he escaped after the trial, where he boldly proclaimed, “Here I stand. I can do no other.”

From then on, Luther set out to create a church that he had envisioned, primarily from the towns of Wartburg and Wittenberg. Meanwhile, French theologian John Calvin, exiled from France to Geneva, Switzerland, for his own radical ideas about the Catholic Church, read Luther’s writings, and even thought they never met, was influenced by his teaching. John Knox, a Scottish priest, traveled to Geneva to study with Calvin, and brought his form of Calvinism home to Scotland in 1546, forming the Kirk of Scotland, from which our own Presbyterian Church descended.

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CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

Weekly Events

Sundays

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School - Room 11
- 10:00 am Worship Service - Sanctuary/Onlin
- 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship - Ministry Center

Mondays

- 12:30 pm Senior Singers Rehearsal - Geneva Rm

Tuesdays

- 10:00 am Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Women's Online Bible Study

Wednesdays

- 3:30 pm F.L.O.C.K. - Ministry Center
- 4:30 pm Children/Youth Handbells - Bell Rm
- 5:30 pm Youth Connection - Geneva Rm

Thursdays

- 8:00 am Men's Breakfast - First Awakenings
- 10:00 am Knitting Club - Library

Other Events

October

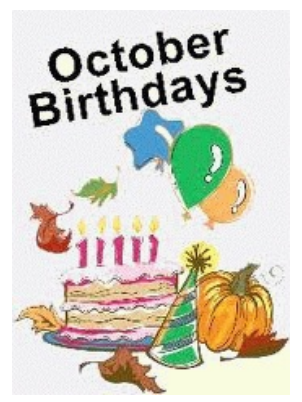
- 6 10:00 am World Communion Svc/BBQ - Gonzales
- 8 6:00 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
- 15 Newsletter Deadline
- 20 11:00 am Fellowship Potluck
- 27 10:00 am Reformation Sunday Worship
- 27 6:00 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
- 28 6:30 pm Session Meeting



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 Contact micki@northminster.org

- 8 Ryan Bangs
- 11 Rhonda Baird
- 16 Connor Bangs
- 18 Autumn Thornton
- 23 Debbie Palmer
- 29 Jean Monarque
- 31 Jessica Montero



November Early Birds

- 3 Juliette Loder
- 8 Venita Miltz

Anniversaries



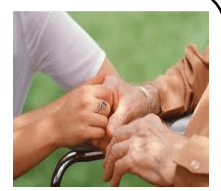
- 6 **Jeff & Felisa Hoogendyk** 56th
- 7 **Louis & Jane Hembree** 57th
- 8 Jessica & Tino Montero 20th
- 13 Carolyn & Robbie Bohn 16th
- 21 **Don & Vee Thomas** 73rd
- 23 **Ken & Pat Tunstall** 53rd

November Early Birds

No early birds this month!

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

Our Homebound Friends



- Emma Price - Brookdale
- Ted Selvester - Texas
- Gerda Van Meter - Home (Cayucos)



Inter-Church Celebration Worship & BBQ

Sunday, October 6, 10:00 am
Gonzales Central Park

You're invited to join Northminster Presbyterian Church, St. Philip's Presbyterian Church, Lincoln Avenue Presbyterian Church and Community Presbyterian Church of Gonzales for this special celebration of our communion together as the Body of Christ.

The service will start at 10 as usual, and will be followed by a BBQ! People are encouraged to carpool down (it's about a 20 minute drive) and to bring a lawn chair and a side dish to share.

Serving Christ—in the Homeless

The SHARE (Salinas Housing Advancement Resources Education) Center is open and meeting the needs of the homeless and Northminster will continue to minister to them by providing and serving dinner for our brothers and sisters on the **second and fourth Sundays, October 13 and 27**. You can help by providing gifts of food for the meal and/or by helping to serve it. **Please bring items to the church by 5:00 pm or by 6:00 pm if bringing to/serving at the Center, 845 E. Laurel Drive.**



Helping Women in Need

The Women's Shelter is thankful for the recent donations coming from our church. The Deacon fund provided a donation for diapers, wipes, and detergent, while throughout the year the shelter needs other assorted items for women (and children) making a fresh start. The list of those needed items can be found on the narthex table and can be left in the bin in the narthex.

Prayer Changes Things!

There is a lot going on in the world, in the life of The Church and in our personal lives. Times like these mean there is a need more than ever for those who will take those concerns to the Lord in prayer. It doesn't take talent or funds to do this vital work, just a heart to serve and a little bit of time. If you would like to join our prayer team, please contact the church office, 831-449-2717, option 4.

Fellowship Potluck



On Sunday, October 20, join us after worship (11:00 ish) for a Fellowship Potluck!!! Bring your favorite dish to share as we fellowship around a meal – just like Jesus did!

If you are not able to bring an item, don't let that stop you from joining us!

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Thanks to Richard Germain (See Exodus 34) 12-07-2007
MOSES GETS CHISLER'S BLOCK

From the Pastor

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What do Reformed churches believe, and how is that different from other churches?

The Book of Order of the PCUSA, put it this way: “Central to this tradition is the affirmation of the majesty, holiness, and providence of God who creates, sustains, rules, and redeems the world in the freedom of sovereign righteousness and love. Related to this central affirmation of God’s sovereignty are other great themes of the Reformed tradition:

1. The election of the people of God for service as well as for salvation;
2. Covenant life marked by a disciplined concern for order in the church according to the Word of God;
3. A faithful stewardship that shuns ostentation and seeks proper use of the gifts of God’s creation;
4. The recognition of the human tendency to idolatry and tyranny, which calls the people of God to work for the transformation of society by seeking justice and living in obedience to the Word of God” (G-2.0500).

1. “Election of the people” means that God has chosen us, not that we have chosen God. That’s why we can practice infant baptism, also known as “covenant baptism.” In covenant baptism, we are acknowledging that God is making the move to us, calling us to be children of God. Other traditions, such as Baptists, believe that it is humans who make the choice and approach God; that call this “believer’s baptism,” meaning that you can only be baptized once you “believe in Jesus.” Reformed tradition allows for “believer’s baptism” when an adult who was not baptized as a child discovers his/her relationship with Christ, but it firmly holds to the movement of God towards humans. (The whole idea of “elect versus non-elect” is a conversation for another time!)

2. As believers, we hold to the revelation of God through the Word of God, which includes the written Word of Scripture and the continued revelation of God through the Living Word of Jesus Christ. *Sola Scriptura* is the Latin meaning “by Scripture alone,” and *Sola Christus* is Latin for “by Christ alone.” This means that other writings, whatever they are, are inferior to Scripture and the revealed Word of God, Jesus. Unlike the Roman Catholic church, we don’t have a Pope who speaks on behalf of God.
3. “Faithful stewardship” means that we live simply and care for Creation. How many churches do we hear about where the leaders live in huge mansions and fly multi-million-dollar jets? Or do we hear of churches that are more interested in the flamboyant beauty of their building than in caring for those in need.
4. Finally, we in the Reformed tradition work to bring about a better society, by caring for the needy, and working alongside government to bring justice into the world.

Reformation Day is October 31. Perhaps we should dress up as Luther, Calvin and Knox for Halloween! On Sunday, October 27, we will be discussing the Reformation further, and what it means to be a “Church Reformed and Always Reforming.”

See you in church!
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Church Staff / Participants

Pastor Andy Rausch
Organist/Choir Accompanist Claire Vincent
Parish Associate Bill Lane
Daycare Jerrianna, Sue, Ruby, Ale,
. Emely, Elizabeth, Cecilia, Asul, Berenice
Executive Assistant Jackie Gash
Treasurer Sue Brockett
Preschool Amanda Robles, Claire Seabock
Custodian Jesse Perez
Set Up Techs. Tom Folliard, Bob Hynes
Grounds Bob Hynes, Terry Heffington
Church Secretary Micki Brown