

**Northminster Presbyterian Church**

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

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MEMORIAL DAY  
BBQ &  
BOARD GAMES

MONDAY, MAY 27

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# *Northminster News*

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Dear friends,

The “Merry Month of May” is upon us again. It is that time of year when we begin the transition to summer. The days are getting longer and the sunshine is getting warmer.

The “April showers” are bringing May flowers (and, as Larry Tack reminded us the other day, “if April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring... Pilgrims!).

School years are winding down. Seniors will be graduating from high school and college, looking forward to the summer of transition. Eighth graders are eyeing their freshman year of high school with both eagerness and trepidation. Schools are going on their last field trips of the year.

But in the church, the year isn’t winding down, it’s just beginning!

Pentecost Sunday this year is May 19. Pentecost is often called the “Birthday of the Church,” when the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles “as of tongues of fire,” while the sound of a “violent, rushing wind” filled the room. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Peter and the others began to “speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them the ability.” This was the “Feast of Pentecost,” or the “Harvest Feast” in the Jewish tradition, so “there were Jews from every nation” in Jerusalem for the feast, and each one heard the Good News of Jesus in their own languages.

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# CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

## Weekly Events

### Sundays

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School - Room 11
- 9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 10:00 am Worship Service - Sanctuary/Online
- 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship - Ministry Center

### Mondays

- 12:30 pm Senior Singers Rehearsal - Geneva Rm

### Tuesdays

- 10:00 am Women's Bible Study On break

### 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
- 7:00 pm Women's Online Bible Study On break

### Thursdays

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

## Other Events

### May

- 12 6:00 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
- 15 Newsletter Deadline
- 19 10:00 am Day of Pentecost Worship 
- 19 11:00 am Fellowship Potluck
- 19 3:00 pm Senior Singer Spring Concert
- 26 6:00 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
- 27 Office, Daycare closed for holiday
- 27 11:00 am Memorial Day BBQ & Board Games

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## Worship Tech Crew

- Worship Tech Director - Bill Lane
  - Lead Worship Tech - Tom Folliard
  - Worship Tech - Juliette Loder
  - Worship Tech - Scott Spencer
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### May

- 3 Annabelle Gonzalez
- 8 David Baird
- 8 Jannadi Blake
- 8 Andy Rausch
- 12 Jordan Montero
- 15 Lisa Loder
- 16 Rubye Riggs
- 24 Jeff Cuda
- 24 Gerardo Dominguez
- 24 Nancy Palmer
- 30 Joy Lohuis



### June Early Birds

- 1 Rick Giffin
- 3 Daniek Blake
- 7 Kristine Abbott
- 7 Aimee Cuda



- 29 Tom & Nanci Crompton. . . . . 20<sup>th</sup>

### 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.

## Our Homebound Friends



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

# Vacation Bible School



June 17-21, 2024

VBS

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

\$60

Hang n' Play Mornings (optional)

8:00 am - 1:00 pm

\$50

All kids entering Kindergarten through entering 6th grade can join us for a week of playing games, crafts and Bible stories. With the help of Lu the Lightning Bug and the Camp Counselor Guidebook, Counselor Sam and our Campers will explore timeless Bible stories that show how Old and New Testament Campers trusted God in the face of their own fears and went on to do great things in God's name.

If you are a working parent, we will offer Hang n' Play Mornings each day beginning 8:00am. The kids will have free time, snack, crafts and play.

Sign up for VBS and Hang n' Play online at [www.northminster.org](http://www.northminster.org) Financial assistance is always available. Just ask!

## *Women's Bible Study*

The live and online groups are taking a well-deserved break and will return in August, fresh and ready to dig into another informative study that helps to deepen one's faith. Contact Elder Terry Heffington for information.

## 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, May 12 and 26**. 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.**



## Fellowship Potluck



On Sunday, May 19, 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!



## Senior Singers Spring Concert

**Sunday, May 19, 3:00 pm**

**Sanctuary**

Join your favorite group of vintage voices singing a delightful blend of sacred and secular songs. Admission is free; donations are gratefully accepted.



# MEMORIAL DAY BBQ & BOARD GAMES

## MONDAY MAY 27

11:00 AM PRE-EVENT GAMING  
12:00 PM BBQ - COALS READY

GAMES & FELLOWSHIP  
THE REST OF THE DAY!

BRING YOUR OWN MEAT  
AND A SIDE TO SHARE!

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Thanks to Colin Nelson 11-02-2012  
DAVID SLEW THE LION AND THE BEAR, BUT  
THE KITTEN WAS JUST TOO CUTE

### Church Staff / Participants

- Pastor . . . . . Andy Rausch
- Organist/Choir Accompanist . . . . . Claire Vincent
- Director of Music . . . . . Dana Vivit
- Parish Associate . . . . . Bill Lane
- Daycare . . . . . Jerrianna, Sue, Ruby, Ale,  
. . . . . Esme, Emely, Elizabeth, Cecilia
- 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

## From the Pastor continued

And then Peter, the leader of the group, stood up and gave the greatest speech of all time, telling that crowd the story of Jesus and his salvific actions, and here was the true miracle of the first Christian Pentecost: Each of those listening could understand Peter's speech. The Holy Spirit was not just active among the disciples, but everyone in the crowd! Chapter two of Acts ends with the statement that "about three thousand persons were added" that day.

I think that the world is ready for another revival! I ask you to share the story of Jesus with your friends and neighbors. Tell them what Jesus has done for you, and invite them to join you in worship. Pray that the Holy Spirit will convict people and bring them into church, for the first time, or back to church after a long absence.

And I invite you to wear red, orange and yellow to church on May 19, Pentecost Sunday. Let's set the world on fire!

See you in church!

Andy



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