

Northminster Presbyterian Church

“Caring for all with

God’s love and grace.”

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**Pacific Brass in Concert
Relay For Life Fundraiser
Sunday, October 30, 3:00 pm, Sanctuary**

**Trunk or Treat
Monday, October 31, 4:30 - 7:00 pm, Parking Lot**

And more! Details inside!

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October 2022

Dear friends,

On September 22, at 6:03 pm, we experienced an annual phenomenon called the Autumnal Equinox, when daylight and night time are equal. It marks the beginning of my favorite time of year, autumn. The days get shorter; the nights get longer. Eventually, the air gets cooler, and it is time to break out our sweaters. October is the first full month of autumn, and in many ways is truly magical!

This transition from summer to autumn reminds us that life is cyclical, and that things will continually change. The Teacher, the writer of the book of Ecclesiastes, reminds us of this: “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a

time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.” (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8) (Be honest now... how many of you are hearing that great tune by The Byrds, *Turn! Turn! Turn!?*)

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CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

Regular 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 - Lobby

Mondays

- 12:30 pm Senior Singers Rehearsal - Geneva Rm

Tuesdays

- 10:00 am Women's Bible Study - Library

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

- 8:00 am Men's Breakfast Fellowship - Geneva Rm
- 10:00 am Knitting Club - Library

Other Events

October

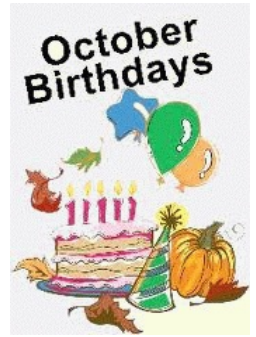
- 2 10:00 am Worship - World Communion Sunday
- 3 6:00 pm Board of Deacons Meeting
- 9 6:00 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
- 15 Newsletter Deadline
- 16 10:00 am Worship - Children's Sabbath
- 23 6:00 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
- 24 6:30 pm Session Meeting
- 30 3:00 pm Pacific Brass Concert
- 31 4:30-7pm Trunk-or-Treat - Parking Lot



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Do we have your email address?
 Contact micki@northminster.org

- 8 Ryan Bangs
- 11 Rhonda Baird
- 16 Connor Bangs
- 18 Autumn Thornton
- 23 Debbie Palmer
- 25 John Gutekunst
- 28 Jim Vincent
- 29 Jean Monarque
- 31 Caity Michels
- 31 Jessica Montero



November Early Birds

- 3 Juliette Loder
- 6 Grace Bryan
- 8 Venita Miltz



October Anniversaries

- 6 **Jeff & Felisa Hoogendyk** 54th
- 7 **Louis & Jane Hembree** 55th
- 8 Jessica & Tino Montero 18th
- 13 Carolyn & Robbie Bohn 14th
- 21 **Don & Vee Thomas** 71st
- 23 **Ken & Pat Tunstall** 51st

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 - Unknown

It's Northminster's



Monday, October 31
4:30-7:00 pm
NPC Parking Lot

Decorate your car!



Bring treats* to share!

* Treats need to be sealed, non homemade. Can be non-food items (pencils, toys, etc)



Save your back/knees by not getting up and down to answer the door all night!



Join us for this "spooktacular" way to love our neighbors - Northminster-style!!

Decoration ideas on Pintrest!
Contact the office if you have any questions!

IN CONCERT



THE PACIFIC BRASS BAND

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

3:00 PM

NORTHMINSTER SANCTUARY

Get your toes tapping to the sounds of this classic British-style brass band, well known in our local area and beyond.

Donations accepted at the door, to benefit Relay For Life so it's a win-win! Come and join us!

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 9 and 23.**



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 4:00 pm or by 6:00 pm if bringing to/serving at the Center, 845 E. Laurel Drive.**

"Lord, we know you'll be coming through this line today. So help us to treat you well."

-Mary Wallis' prayer, serving the D.C. homeless

From the Pastor

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The church has its own seasonal calendar. In October, we are coming to an end of a long season of Ordinary Time, starting after Pentecost in June. Ordinary Time will end on November 20, the Reign of Christ Sunday, and the season of Advent will begin. This also marks the end of Year C of the Revised Common Lectionary, and the beginning of Year A, when the Gospel of Matthew will be read each week, along with readings from the Old Testament, the Psalms and the epistles.

Our lives go through different seasons as well. Do you know the answer to the riddle of the sphinx? "What has four legs in the morning, two at noon, and three in the evening?" The answer, of course, is a human being: We crawl on four legs at the beginning of life, walk on two for most of our lives, and then use a cane toward the end. This riddle, and the Teacher's lesson, remind us that there is a season for everything. Children are born, they go to school and grow up and go to work, and then we get old and eventually die, hopefully after a long life.

And through all these seasons and years, we are in the loving hands of God almighty. Psalm 139 reads, "If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,' even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you. For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb." (Psalm 139:11-13) And Psalm 23 reads, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long."

So whatever season of life you are in right now, in early Spring or late Winter, know that God is with you, that God loves you. And live your life, serving God and others.

See you in church!

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A Deacon = Love

Member Joy Lohuis sends her love and regards to all her church family at Northminster. She reports she is doing okay and misses everyone.

Joy shared this information with her deacon, Terry Heffington during a recent visit. Joy is in Terry's "Tender Loving Care" unit and Terry was checking in with her friend.

One of the hallmarks of our Christian faith is love for one another. One of the duties of our Board of Deacons is to show that love by staying in touch with church members and friends. If members or ministry friends encounter difficulties, their deacon can reach out with love and care, sometimes even tangible support, such as meals or rides, etc.

If you are a member or regular participant at Northminster, you should have a deacon. Our "Tender Loving Care" units are listed on the screen in the lobby. Please check the screen to see your deacon's name. If you don't see your name, please contact the church office so we can plug you in and show Christ's love!

Worship Tech Crew

Worship Tech Director- Bill Lane
Worship Tech Assistant Director - Nathan Emerson
Lead Worship Tech - Tom Foliard
Tech Crew - Dominic Vivit
Apprentice Tech - Juliette Loder

Church Staff / Participants

Pastor Andy Rausch
Organist/Choir Accompanist Claire Vincent
Director of Music Dana Vivit
Parish Associate Bill Lane
Daycare Teresita, Sue, Claire, Ruby, Iris,
..... Jubilee, Jessica, Ale, Esme, Jazmin
Executive Assistant Jackie Gash
Bookkeeping Sue Brockett
Preschool/KinderPrep Amanda Robles
Custodian Jesse Perez
Set Up Techs. Tom Foliard, Bob Hynes
Grounds. Jim Vincent, Bob Hynes, Terry Heffington
Church Secretary. Micki Brown