

Northminster Presbyterian Church

“Caring for all with

God’s love and grace.”

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A SUMMER OF FUN

VBS!

WEDNESDAY GAMEDAYS!

JULY 4TH GAMES & BBQ!

DETAILS INSIDE!

Northminster News

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Happy Summer!

Did you ever go to summer camp as a kid? Maybe you went to Girl or Boy Scout camp. Or maybe you went to a camp that your extended family always attended together. Perhaps, especially if you were from the East Coast, you went to one of those all-summer-long camps. Or maybe you went to a Christian camp. When I was a kid, I went to both Boy Scout Camp (down at Pico Blanco Boy Scout Reservation near Big Sur), and I went to camps at Mount Hermon Christian Conference Center. As a young adult, I worked summers at Pico Blanco, Mount Hermon’s Redwood Camp, and one of those Easter rich-kid all-summer-long camps, in addition to volunteer counseling at other camps around the country, including the Presbyterian Westminster Woods in Occidental.

So you might say camping is in my blood!
Especially the Christian camps I’ve been a part of.

I think a week at a Christian camp is one of the most amazing experiences any child or teen can have. You spend a week away from the prying eyes of mom and dad, meet counselors who really aren’t all that much older than you and who like to hang out with you, and you get to make a bunch of new friends with kids your own age. You play lots of crazy games, learn some new skills, enjoy the great outdoors, and, unique to Christian camps, you get to learn more about Jesus and your relationship to him. It was at Redwood Camp that I made the decision to follow Christ, even though I’d been raised in the church and called myself a Christian (this was the

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CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

Weekly Events

On
Summer Break

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 ✓

Wednesdays

- 1-5 pm Wednesday Gamedays (starting 6/26-7/31)
- 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 ✓

Thursdays

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

Other Events

June

- 9 6:00 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
- 11 10:00 am Trudy Tresch Memorial Service/Reception
- 13 6:00 pm Preschool/KinderPrep Graduation
- 16 11:00 am Fellowship Potluck
- 17 8:00 am Pre-VBS Hang n Play
- 17 1:00 pm "Camp Firelight" Vacation Bible School
- 23 6:00 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
- 24 6:30 pm Session Meeting
- 26 1:00 pm Wednesday Gameday

July

- 3 1:00 pm Wednesday Gameday
- 4 Office, Daycare closed for holiday
- 4 11:00 am Memorial Day BBQ & Board Games
- 10 1:00 pm Wednesday Gameday
- 14 6:00 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
- 15 Newsletter Deadline
- 17 1:00 pm Wednesday Gameday
- 21 11:00 am Fellowship Potluck
- 24 1:00 pm Wednesday Gameday
- 28 6:00 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
- 31 1:00 pm Wednesday Gameday



June

- 4 Rick Giffin
- 3 Daniek Blake
- 7 Kristine Abbott
- 7 Aimee Cuda
- 12 Vee Thomas
- 15 Sophia Bohn
- 15 Jim Wurz
- 16 Perla Bernardez
- 16 Ken Tunstall
- 21 Jane Hembree

July

- 5 Ken Michels
- 6 Virginia Cherry
- 6 Liz Hibbard
- 12 Jackson Abbott
- 14 Robert Hynes
- 15 Bert Robinson
- 20 Gerda Van Meter
- 23 Helen Busk
- 23 Apolinario Vivit
- 29 Mackenzie (Fuller) Hatrell
- 31 Chelsea Palmer

August Early Birds

- 7 Shyanne Gonzalez
- 8 Karen Towle



June

- 10 Lonnie & Terry Heffington 35th
- 23 Larry & Debbie Tack 51st
- 16 Charles & Dorothy Walker 55th

July

- 24 Gerardo & Jan Dominguez 15th
- 27 Gavin & Kristine Abbott 21st

August Early Birds

- 6 Patti & Randy Bangs 35th

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

Vacation Bible School



June 17-21

VBS: 1:00-5:00 pm / \$60

Hang n' Play Mornings: 8am-1pm / \$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.

Working parents: Hang n' Play Mornings offered 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

Northminster family: We need helpers and ukeles (on loan) for the week. Please contact Pastor Andy if you can help us make this a life-changing experience for our community's children!

Fellowship Potluck



On Sunday, June 16, and July 21, 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!

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, June 9 and 23, and July 14 and 28.** 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.**



Our Homebound Friends



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

INDEPENDENCE DAY BBQ & BOARD GAMES

THURSDAY
JULY 4TH

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!

From the Pastor

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summer before my 7th grade year, sitting at the firepit with my counselor “Chickenlegs”). My faith grew stronger as I moved up the hill to Ponderosa Lodge, the high school center, and I started to learn to play guitar. It was on staff at Redwood Camp that I first heard the call to the ministry. And because camp was so important to me, I wanted other kids to have that same experience, and why I worked and volunteered at so many camps.

“What makes camp special?” you might ask. I think that being in the nature that God created makes you feel closer to God. I think that being with your peers who are on the same path you are lets you know that you are not the only one. And counselors and other leaders who love Jesus are there sharing their relationship with the Lord with you.

We call that a “mountaintop experience.” Moses had a mountaintop experience with the Lord God on Mount Sinai when he received the Ten Commandments. When he came down, it is said that he “glowed” so much he had to put a cloth over his face to protect the people. Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience when they went up the mountain with Jesus and saw him “transfigured” and joined by Moses and Elijah. They came off the mountain transformed, and ready to spread the gospel to all the ends of the earth.

Vacation Bible School is often a “mountaintop experience” for kids, even if there isn’t a mountain! This is for many of the same reasons—having fun with your peers and learning from caring adults. Our VBS theme this year is “Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Experience with God.” We’ll transform the church into a summer camp, complete with trees, streams, butterflies and more! And caring youth and adults like you will share the love of Jesus with the children who come.

So, if you can, volunteer to help us out! We need people who can check kids in each day, who can lead recreation, who can “sing and dance” (as our Rebekah likes to say!) and more! And we need people to PRAY for the kids and staff who are here for the week. Perhaps some of the kids who come will have a life-changing “mountaintop experience” as well.

Camp Firelight begins on June 17 and ends on June 21. On Sunday, June 23, be sure to join us in worship as we celebrate all we did during VBS!

See you in camp!

Andy



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I THINK YOU WANT VACATION-FROM-BIBLE SCHOOL DOWN THE ROAD THERE

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



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YouTube: Northminster Presbyterian - Salinas, CA

Venmo (donations) @northminsterpresbyterian-church

Do we have your email address?

Contact micki@northminster.org

Wednesday Gamedays!

Every Wednesday, June 26 to July 31
1:00-5:00pm \$10/week

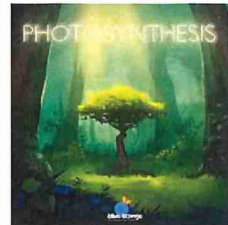
See our website for
more information!
www.northminster.org

Open to anyone age 7 through high school and beyond!
We'll play boardgames, play in the gym, have snacks and more!
No need to sign up, just come!



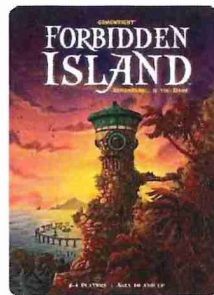
June 26

"Queens, Kings, & Castles!"



July 3

"Back to Nature"



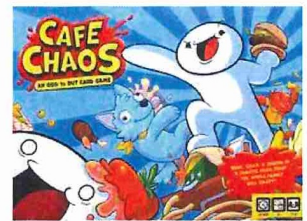
July 10

"Survival!"



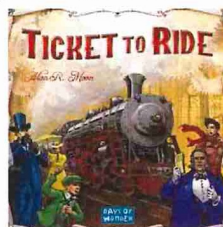
July 17

"Questing Through
The Dungeon"



July 24

"All About
Food!"



July 31

"Planes, Trains and
Automobiles"