

Northminster Presbyterian Church

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

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Time to BURN!!!



**Saturday, January 11
Details inside!**

Northminster News

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Happy New Year!

As the calendar flips to a new year, we have wonderful news to share with you. Due to several gifts from an anonymous donor, **OUR MORTGAGE HAS BEEN PAID OFF!** What a wonderful way to start the new year! Northminster has been paying on the mortgage for 25 years, and now we no longer have that debt. Think of the wonderful ministries we will be able to do with the money that had been going toward the loan!

The Session and I think we need to celebrate! So, on Saturday, January 11, at 1:00pm, we will join together for a catered luncheon, enjoy some entertainment from Sean Lane-Bortell on the piano, hear some speakers from the past and present, and then burn the mortgage. Session decided that this is such a special occasion that there will be no charge. However, we do need to know how many people to expect so we can tell the caterer. Please

RSVP no later than January 3 by calling the church office at 831-449-2717, or email Pastor Andy at andy@northminster.org.

Spread the word! While we are looking at the **NEW** things we can do now that the mortgage is paid off, we want to celebrate all our friends and family who have contributed to that mortgage through the years. As you invite people, just be sure to have them RSVP.

Paul wrote, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” (2 Corinthians 5:17) We have indeed been made new creations through Christ. Let us live our lives as that new creation, spreading God’s love with all that we meet!

See you in church!

Andy

CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

Weekly Events

Sundays On break

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School - Room 11
- 10:00 am Worship Service - Sanctuary/Onlin
- 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship - Ministry Center
- 5:30 pm High School/Young Adult Group - Room 24 ✓

Mondays

- 12:30 pm Senior Singers Rehearsal - Geneva Rm ✓

Tuesdays

- 7:00 pm Women's Online Bible Study - Zoom ✓

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

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

Other Events

January

- 1 Office, Day Care closed for Holiday
- 3 Annual Report Articles due
- 3 RSVPs for Luncheon due
- 6 9:00 am Preschool/KinderPrep resumes
- 8 3:30 pm FLOCK resumes
- 8 5:30 pm Middle School Youth resumes
- 11 1:00 pm Mortgage Freedom Luncheon/Celebration
- 12 5:30 pm High School/Young Adult Group resumes
- 12 6:00 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
- 15 Newsletter Deadline
- 19 11:00 am Fellowship Potluck
- 21 7:00 pm Women's Online Bible Study resumes
- 26 11:00 am Annual Congregational Meeting
- 26 6:00 pm SHARE Center Meal - 845 E. Laurel Dr.
- 27 6:30 pm Session Meeting



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Do we have your email address?

Contact micki@northminster.org

- 1 Tom DeLay
Chris Vivit
- 5 Rebekah Loder
- 12 Jessica Blake
- 13 Laura Hunter-Michels
- 15 Tom Crompton
- 19 Nanci Crompton
Dick Palmer
- 22 Judy Sonico
- 30 Carolyn Bohn



February Early Birds

- 4 William Cuda
Tom Westoby
- 8 Kiki Montero



January Anniversaries

- 16 Ken & Laura Hunter-Michels 43rd
- 26 Dick & Nancy Palmer 62nd

February Early Birds

No early anniversaries this month

Our Homebound Friends



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

"Light it up!!" Mortgage Freedom Celebration



**Saturday, January 11, 1:00 pm
Northminster Gym**

**Free Catered Luncheon
Special Music by Sean Lane-Bortell
Special Speakers
Special Guests
Mortgage Burning!!**

**Reservations Required
RSVP by January 3
to 831-449-2717 or 831-578-9668**



Articles Due: January 3rd

It's time to review the year that was 2024! If you are an elder or program leader, please submit an article on your group's activities and accomplishments this past year. We look forward to sharing this information at the Annual Meeting Sunday, January 26, following worship. Please email your information to micki@northminster.org by January 3, 2025!

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, January 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, January 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!

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the congregation of Northminster Presbyterian Church will be held Sunday, January 26th, directly following the 10:00 a.m. worship (approximately 11:00 a.m.) We will review the 2024 Annual Report and approve the 2025 Pastor's Terms of Call.

This is a great opportunity for official members of the church to participate in the PC(USA)'s uniquely democratic process. Non-members and friends of the ministry are also welcome - don't miss it!

faith and finances



2025 Giving Envelopes will be available in the narthex. You are encouraged to use these envelopes in your giving, as they help in the accounting process. If you have given or are planning to give in 2025, and need a set of envelopes, please call the church office.

2025 Per Capita apportionment will be \$44.50 per member. This fee covers insurance and other administrative costs.

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SORRY GUYS, WE'RE A TRUMPET SHOP UP HERE

Church Staff / Participants

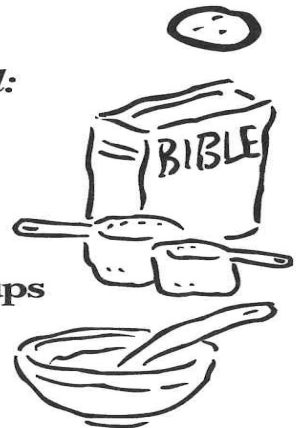
- Pastor Andy Rausch
- Organist/Choir Accompanist Claire Vincent
- Parish Associate Bill Lane
- Daycare Jerrianna, Sue, Ruby, Ale,
 Emely, Elizabeth, Cecilia, Asul, Berenice
- Executive Assistant Jackie Gash
- Treasurer Sue Brockett
- Preschool Amanda Robles
- Custodian Jesse Perez
- Set Up Techs. Tom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

Sweet Scripture Treat!

... a recipe hidden in your Bible!

You will need:

- a Bible
- a bowl
- a spoon
- waxed paper
- a plate
- measuring cups



In the bowl put:

1/2 cup I Samuel 14:25
 (Hint: H _ _ _ _)

1 1/2 cups Judges 5:25
 (powdered/dried)
 (Hint: M _ _ _)

1/2 cup I Samuel 30:12
 (Hint: R _ _ _ _ _)

Mix together and drop on waxed paper on the plate. Put in the refrigerator for a while to set.



Enjoy!