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Travel Journals

One practice that helps us appreciate our travels is journaling. Whether we write voluminous pages or simply record a meaningful thought or two, doing so helps us appreciate the experience and provides us with a record of the same. In fact, if you think about it, the common practice of taking photographs to record our experiences is a form of travel journaling. Looking back at those keepsake photos, we're brought back to a particular date, time, & place, and memories of our best travel moments begin to bubble to the surface of our minds.



During October, we're reflecting on our experience of journeying together as a community of faith so we can begin envisioning a renewed future. Along with the "Here We Go!" sermon series, our travel journals* are helping us reflect on our memories of North Creek's best moments of proclamation, service, teaching, fellowship, and worship. When we gather at the church for the Envisioning Workshop & Luncheon on Saturday, October 22, we'll be primed for sharing our thoughts about North Creek's best and most life-giving moments along with our hopes and dreams for the congregation's future.

*If you haven't already done so, be sure to pick up your copy of the "Envisioning Our Future" Travel Journal at the main hallway Welcome Center, or contact the church office for assistance.

In our journaling and our sharing on October 22, we'll be appreciating the past and remembering North Creek at its best. We'll give glory to God for bringing out the best among us as a congregation, for it is the Lord who is the author of all the life-giving moments in our life together. We'll also look forward in hope and faith, knowing that the same Lord who provided for us in our past walks with us today and into the future. We'll share our hopes and dreams as possible "next chapters" in the story of God working in and through NCPC. Consider the five essential practices we're studying in the fall sermon series as chapters God will write into our corporate story. What might God write about how we

- Share the gospel of Jesus in a meaningful way with people in our community?
- Serve those with needs with the compassion of Christ?
- Dedicate ourselves to learning the ways of Jesus as our faith seeks understanding?
- Care for and support one another in Christian fellowship?
- Attend to our covenant relationship with God through worship & prayer?

Each of our reflections is important to getting the whole picture. Your participation matters! What a wonderful adventure this is! And what a great time to be actively involved in God's envisioning work at North Creek Presbyterian Church.

Joyfully in Christ, Pastor Kurt

