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# News & Views

A newsletter of Northminster Presbyterian Church



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## Worship in April

**April 7 is the 5th Sunday of Lent** and we continue in the Gospel of Matthew. We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper and explore Matthew 25:31-46. Is this about service or is it judgement? Could it be both?

**Sunday, April 14, is Palm Sunday.** Join us for the Palm Parade welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem. Matthew 21:1-17 tells the story but we will hear from other voices as well about that day and what it meant. Children should return their Fish Banks today.

**Maundy Thursday is April 18.** Our Last Supper will be in the sanctuary beginning at 7:00. Join

us as we remember this important event in Jesus' final week.

**Good Friday, April 19,** we will have a Tenebrae Service. This 7:00 pm service of candles, music, scripture, poetry and prayer prepares our spirit for the celebration on Easter.

**Easter Sunday, April 21,** we welcome the resurrection with scripture, sermon, music, brass and the return of the Alleluias. Help us celebrate and help us welcome neighbors and visitors. Would you consider parking down the street and leaving the close spots for our guests? What about sharing a pew? A bulletin? A hymnal? Let's open

our doors and our hearts to the risen Christ and all who come to worship Him.

**Sunday, April 28,** is another huge celebration. Our Confirmation class will be leading worship at both 9:00 and 11:00. Their statements of faith will challenge and impress. This is also Music Sunday at 11:00. All our choirs will participate as we celebrate the gifts they bring and share in worship each week.

Sunday worship begins at 9:00 and 11:00 am. Everyone is welcome at all worship services!

## Pastoral Ponderings

After the last month I feel as though I have developed an intimate attachment to the organ even though it has not even been started yet. I feel like it ought to have a name so I can quit saying, "The new organ that has not yet been built." Joy and Gloria seemed too expected. Today I am leaning toward Windy. Just a thought. The Session has appointed a Taskforce to take it from here on Organ planning, construction, installation, etc. These are the folks who will know everything there is to be known about the status and details of the project. If you have questions, please seek one of them out and ask away.

The members of the Taskforce are: Rob Rothrock, David Neitzel, Andy Longo, Mike Boris, Blake Schlabach, Linda Furuness and Bob Gudgel. John Wright and Marko Petričić will provide staff-

ing. Andy Longo will be serving as the chairperson.

Thank you again for your generous support of this project. Watch for more details.





## Adult Education

### Music of Holy Week at Northminster

**Sunday April 7, 10:00 - 10:40 am**, Board Room. John Wright will provide historical background and insights into hymns and choral music we will hear at Northminster during Holy Week. Everyone is welcome.

### New York Times and the Bible

**Sunday, April 14, 10:00 - 10:50 am**, Board Room. Led by Mark Moore. Church membership is not necessary to join this discussion.

### Wednesday Night Lenten Study

“When the World Breaks Your Heart: Spiritual Ways of Living With Tragedy” by Gregory S. Clapper. Taught by Rev. Carol McDonald on **Wednesdays, 6 pm, through April 17**, downstairs in the Board Room. On April 17 we will be joined by Author Greg Clapper to lead discussion of his book. Books can be purchased at the church office for \$10. Community invited!

## “You Asked For It” Returns this Summer

Do you have a scripture you would love to hear about in a sermon? Is there a topic or issue you struggle with and would like a faith perspective? This summer we will take a few weeks to entertain your requests for “You Asked For It” sermons. Give your topic or scripture to Pastor Teri or Pastor Ruth in writing or send an email. We will be planning summer worship soon, so do not delay.

## Better Nutrition, Better Tomorrow – Feeding Hungry Children

### Offering of Letters - Sunday, May 5

Did you know:

- In 2017 hunger around the world increased for the third year in a row. Much of this is due to climate change, conflict, and economic downturns.
- 45% of all preventable child deaths are linked to malnutrition.
- Every dollar spent on nutrition programs for pregnant women and young children produces an average \$16 return from reduced health care costs and people’s ability to participate in the labor market.
- One in four of the world’s children suffers from physical and cognitive stunting.
- In 2017, more than 7 million U.S. women and children living in low-income households received

nutritious food and nutrition education through WIC

Because of these alarming statistics, our Offering of Letters this year will focus on:

- urging Congress to support a global initiative to accelerate progress on nutrition
- urging Congress to protect and increase funding for global nutrition

Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, proclaimed, “When love is the way, no child will go to bed hungry in this world...when love is the way, we will let justice roll down like a mighty stream.”

Out of love for our neighbors, we write letters to Congress. Our let-

ters are an offering of our time and our voice to those who need us to be their advocates.

Join us on May 5 to write letters to proclaim Matthew’s words again, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”



## Northminster Food Barrels

Please consider making a contribution to the Northminster Food Barrels when coming to the church. The barrels have been redecorated with Presbyterian blue paint and white lettering. One barrel is located in the hallway across from the church office. The other barrel is up at the top of the ramp before entering the Narthex.

Donated food is taken to Westminster Neighborhood Services, Inc. (2325 East New York Street), which provides basic human necessities and educational opportunities to support and empower at-risk children and families on the near east side of Indianapolis. The food is taken by the Deacons of Northminster every 6 to 8 weeks, or when full, to be included in the Westminster Food Pantry.

When you give to your local food bank, make sure you are stocking their shelves with what they really need and avoid what they don't. The following are 20 items that Food Banks need the most:

1. Applesauce – plastic jars of unsweetened applesauce provide quick snack, fiber, and vitamin C.
2. Canned Beans – loaded with protein and fiber. Opt for the low sodium varieties whenever possible.
3. Canned Chicken – it is simple to toss this non-perishable into soups and casseroles or add to a sandwich or cracker.
4. Canned Fish (Tuna and Salmon)

– has vitamins, omega-3 fatty acids and protein and makes for a quick and easy meal.

5. Canned Meat (SPAM and Ham) – shelf stable and doesn't require much prep or equipment to eat.

6. Canned Vegetables – these last the longest on the food bank shelves. Low sodium, please.

7. Cooking Oils - olive and canola oils are best because of their mono-unsaturated fats and mild flavor.

8. Crackers – whole grain crackers are the best; they are shelf-stable and portable, making them ideal for snacks and lunches.

9. Dried Herbs and Spices – stick to the basics, like oregano, basil, cumin, pepper, rosemary, thyme and cinnamon.

10. Fruit (Canned or Dried) – choose those that are packed in water or fruit juice rather than sugary syrups.

11. Granola Bars – look for ones with less sugar made with oats or other whole grains.

12. Instant Mashed Potatoes – last longer and require minimal tools to whip up. They are a popular item.

13. Meals in a box – look for pasta, rice and soup kits, especially those that are lower in sodium and higher in fiber and protein.

14. Nuts – food banks have a hard time finding them due to their higher price, so donations are essential.

15. Pasta – this is a food bank staple since it is easy to turn into a meal. Whole grain varieties offer more fiber and nutrition than white pasta.

16. Peanut Butter – it is high in protein and one of the most popular items in a food bank.

17. Rice is filling, versatile and easy to prepare and store. Quinoa is also a great item to donate.

18. Shelf-stable Powdered Milk – needs no fridge and it provides much needed calcium and protein.

19. Soup, Stew, Chili – these canned /packaged items are filling for and often come complete with protein (meat) and veggies.

20. Whole Grain Cereal – these make a healthy breakfast or snack. Select varieties that are low in sugar and high in fiber.

When purchasing food for a food bank, try to avoid: junk food, items with glass or cellophane packaging, and things that need can openers or special equipment.



## Health Support Group

Coping with a chronic disease is a long-distance journey that requires strength, determination and the faith that God is with you on the journey. It can be very difficult road to walk.

The Health Care Group is a group of individuals that meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Knox Room to provide support to each other along the journey. If you feel you would like to participate in the group, please plan on joining us this month on April 8th.

## Caregiver's Group

On Monday, April 1st at 6:00 pm, join us for a combined group presentation from Attorney Lisa Dillman and a Thrivent Financial representative in a discussion about Estate Planning. Members and non-members are welcome.

## Northminster is a Stephen Ministry Congregation

This ministry provided by trained lay members of our congregation is a wonderful outreach of Christ's love to both those in our congregation and our community who can be helped by receiving the extra care and support they need to make it through a challenge or a crisis they are facing. If you or someone you know is struggling through a difficult time and would benefit from a confidential, caring relation-

If you have any questions about the group, contact any one of the following members: Jim Mann (jmann@saintlawrence.net, 317-753-3163), Terri Hubbard (tandchloe@icloud.com, 317-627-2521), Bill Dynes (wdynes862@comcast.net, 317-577-9742), Nancy Flamme (nancyflamme21@gmail.com, 317-847-6692), Jackie Schmidt (NY2721@aol.com, 317-253-2669) Jack Mart (jmartindy@att.net, 317-542-1186), Betty Bowers (Betbobbowers@att.net, 317-259-7366), Anita Day (anita@outrunthesun.org).

## 3B Exercise

Every Monday and Thursday at 2:30 pm. Chair Yoga has now been added on an every-two-week basis on Mondays, April 1st, 15th, 29th & May 13th, 27th. Guests, please join us!

ship with one of our Stephen ministers, please contact Ruth Moore or Teri Thomas in our church office (317-251-9489) or our referrals coordinator, Carol Campbell (317-432-7889).



## OGHS - Happy 70th Anniversary

Since 1949, One Great Hour of Sharing during the Lenten season has provided teaching moments of sacrifice and giving. A generous OGHS offering provides funding for the following:

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), such as the 2017 hurricanes as well as international aid;
- Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP), that seeks to address the root causes of hunger in addition to relieving hunger itself around the world; and
- Self-Development of People (SDOP), which assists low-income communities across the U.S. in farming, worker rights, immigration/refugee issues, etc.

Further information about OGHS can be found at: [www.presbyterianmission.org/oghs](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/oghs). Designated OGHS envelopes will be in our church pews. Special envelopes are in your offering boxes. Contributions can also be made by texting OGHS to 20222. **The offering is collected Palm Sunday, April 14.**

Let's be who Jesus preached to, and about — a community of Christians in word and deed who see beyond themselves and include anyone who takes up Christ's teachings. We are One. Great. Hour. Of Sharing.

## NorthStars in April - Terre Haute

NorthStars are back on the road in April, travelling to Terre Haute to visit the CANDLES Holocaust Museum (acronym for Children of Auschwitz Nazi Deadly Lab Experiments Survivors). We will meet at church on Tuesday, April 16, departing by 8:30 am to arrive in time for the opening of the Museum at 10 am. At 10:30 am, we will be treated to a presentation by Eva Kor, speaking about her Holocaust experience and her message of Forgiveness.

We will plan on lunch around 1 pm in Terre Haute, before returning to church by 4 pm.

Cost is \$5 per person for the Museum, plus any transportation expenses and lunch on your own. We will reserve the church bus, though carpooling is preferred.

Please contact Dolly Craft at dollybike317@gmail.com or 317-502-2080 to indicate your interest. Reservation deadline is April 11. Newcomers are always welcome!

## Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference

June 20-23, 2019, Harrisburg, VA  
Students who have completed grades 5-8, wishing to participate, contact Maureen Wilson ASAP. True Cost: \$375.00 per person. From the support of the congregation and proceeds from Italian Night we are able to cover 1/2 the cost for Northminster students, making the price per student \$187.50 (this may decrease depending on lodging)

## Welcome to Our New Members!

### Hannah and Keenan Cave

Hannah is a pediatric physical therapist and Keenan is a dentist. They live right across the street from the church and are the parents of 10-month-old Jake. Hannah grew up Presbyterian and is transferring from a sister church in Illinois. Keenan joins us by reaffirmation of faith.

### Dawn and Blaine Dinwiddie

Dawn works in development for Brooke's Place and Blaine is in sales with FlexPac. They are the parents of Ellie (14), Jane (12) and Mae (6). They are transferring their membership from a neighboring Methodist church.

### William Zerkel

William is a district account manager with Royal Canin. He and his

wife Sara are the parents of 7-year-old Emma. William grew up in the Presbyterian Church and is joining by reaffirmation of faith.

### Mari Ann Jackson

Mari Ann is a pediatric speech/language pathologist and is married to long time member Kent Jackson. They are the parents of Heather. Mari Ann is joining us by reaffirmation of faith after a life time of membership in the Catholic church.

### Kristi and Nick Walden

Kristi works for her family jewelry business and Nick is a construction contractor. They are the parents of 17-month-old Johnny. Kristi grew up at Northminster and Nick joins us by reaffirmation of faith.

## Youth Group

4/7 & 4/14 - Youth Group at NPC 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

4/28 - Youth Group Confirmation Party at NPC 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

Newcomers are always welcome. Contact Maureen Wilson: mwilson@northminster-indy.org.

## Save the Dates

### Intergenerational Vacation Bible School!

Evenings, June 17 – 19.

Exploring the biblical theme stories of water.

## Thank You!

Thank you all who donated, volunteered and participated in this year's Italian Night. From our generous donations we are able to offer partial or full scholarships to students wishing to participate in faith based camps, retreats, conferences and mission projects.

## Church Work Days

Spring clean-up, fix-up on April 12 and 13. Volunteers of all ages welcome and needed. Sign up in the Gathering Place at church.



## April Calendar Highlights

4/1	6:00 PM	Caregivers Support Group
4/3	6:00 PM	Lenten Study - When the World Breaks Your Heart
4/7	10:00 AM	Music of Holy Week at Northminster
4/7	4:00 PM	Sound & Spirit - Horta Certa - Brazilian Jazz
4/8	6:00 PM	Stephen Ministers
4/8	7:00 PM	Stephen Ministers
4/8	7:00 PM	Health Support Group
4/9	4:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting
4/9	6:00 PM	Organ Task Force
4/9	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
4/10	9:00 AM	Spiritual Striders
4/10	1:00 PM	American Village Bible Study
4/12	9:00 AM	Work Day
4/13	9:00 AM	Work Day
4/14	9 & 11 am	Palm/Passion Sunday
4/14	10:00 AM	The Bible and The New York Times
4/16	8:00 AM	NorthStars - Candles Holocaust Museum
4/16	7:00 PM	Confirmation Class Meet With Session
4/18	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service
4/19	7:00 PM	Tenebrae Service
4/21	9 & 11 am	Easter Sunday
4/22	all day	Building Closed
4/23	6:00 PM	Organ Task Force
4/23	7:00 PM	Sarah Circle
4/23	7:00 PM	Session Meeting
4/25	1:30 PM	Stephen Minister Leaders
4/28	5:30 PM	Youth Group Confirmation Party
4/30	9:00 AM	Newsletter Stuffers

*See the complete calendar at [www.northminster-indy.org](http://www.northminster-indy.org),  
click on **Menu** and then **Calendar**.*

## IHN/Family Promise Thanks You!

The week of March 10, Northminster completed another successful week hosting families with IHN. We would like to thank all our volunteers; because of your generosity, we were able to feed, temporarily house and provide a warm, welcoming environment for four families, including seven children. Thank you to all who helped

set-up/clean-up, drive the van, play with children, prepare and serve meals, spend the night and do laundry. Your time, energy and kindness truly make a difference as these families navigate homelessness and work to get back on their feet. Thank you!

## April Birthdays

4/1	Lorrie Klain
4/2	Bob Bork
4/3	Helen McNeil
4/3	Kathy Schick
4/4	Ashleigh Rexford
4/4	Meredith Stevens
4/6	Mary Holland
4/8	Jack Whiteman
4/10	David Scott
4/11	Quinn Bensi
4/13	Bob Bowers
4/13	Jim Clark
4/13	Judy Reasoner
4/13	Pattie Weyreter
4/14	Anita Hicks
4/14	Bob Mart
4/14	Jackie Wilson
4/17	Josh Hill
4/18	Mildred Bagley
4/18	Hannah Cave
4/18	Carol Euliss
4/18	Cheryl Jacklin
4/18	Donna Schmahl
4/18	Nancy Wynne
4/19	John Eyler
4/19	Alicia Noneman
4/19	Michael Shebek
4/19	Suzy Steger
4/20	Rick Campbell Jr
4/20	Dawn Dinwiddie
4/20	Katharine Ruegger
4/21	Juliet Hardesty
4/21	Karalea Jasiak
4/21	Jessica Rasmussen
4/22	Netta Mae Browne
4/22	Marilyn Davis
4/23	Maureen Cornelius
4/24	John Moore
4/25	Juanita Cox
4/25	Neil Moehring
4/27	Lauren Lancaster
4/28	Steve Boller
4/28	Steven McNeil
4/28	Max Ruegger
4/28	Pam Young
4/29	Mike Runge
4/30	David Crook
4/30	Laura Stitle

## Chancel Choir & Orchestra Presents: Bach, Mozart, and More

Sound & Spirit presents the Northminster Chancel Choir, soloists, and orchestra in a performance of two giants in western classical music - Johann Sebastian Bach and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart – at **4:00 pm, Sunday, May 5th** in the sanctuary at Northminster. Soloists are David Rugger, Bass; Jonathan Punt, Tenor; Michael Walker, Alto; and Elisabeth Kleinsmith, Soprano.

The two featured works on the program are Bach's Ascension Oratorio and Mozart's Coronation Mass. Composed for Ascension Day, 1735, the Ascension Oratorio was written during Bach's most fruitful period, when he was the music director for two churches in Leipzig, Germany. It follows Bach's two earlier oratorios, the Christmas Oratorio and the Easter Oratorio. Joining the choir and soloists is an orchestra comprised of strings, flutes, oboes, trumpets, timpani, and harpsichord. The Ascension Oratorio is a jubilant setting, which contains three movements for chorus, two arias – one for soprano and one for alto, and six recitatives which move the story along.

Mozart's Coronation Mass (1779) was composed during Mozart's earlier years in the beautiful city of Salzburg, where he worked for the Archbishop. The Archbishop had declared that any mass setting was to last "no more than three quarters of an hour." At 25 minutes, Mozart is able to meet the Archbishop's

time restriction by mostly setting the text syllabically (one note per syllable rather than multiple notes per syllable) and homophonically (all voices singing at the same time with the same rhythm). Set in the bright key of C Major and incorporating horns, trombones, trumpets, and timpani, the Coronation Mass maintains a celebratory character throughout.

Separating these two works will be the Northminster Chamber Ensemble in a set that features mostly 21st century choral repertoire connected with the ideas Ascension or Sky. Two such pieces are British composer Jonathan Dove's spacey "Seek Him that Maketh the Seven Stars" and Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo's atmospheric "Northern Lights."

As with all Sound & Spirit events, this concert is **free of charge**. We hope you will make plans to hear this 90-minute concert, Sunday, May 5, at 4:00 pm.

### Sound & Spirit welcomes Hora Certa - Sunday, April 7, 4 pm

Jazz musician Mike Tracy and Hora Certa celebrate the music of Brazilian masters and contemporary composers. The ensemble specializes in performing the varied styles and rhythms that are unique to Brazil. Join us for Hora Certa, Sunday, April 7, at 4 pm, in the sanctuary at Northminster.

For more about this and all *Sound & Spirit* concerts, go to: <http://bit.ly/SandS18-19>.

