Summer Worship 2021
- by Dave Smazik, Interim Pastor, and the Worship & Music Team

The Northminster congregation will reunite this summer for in-person Sunday Worship at 10 am, beginning Sunday, June 13th. (No 9:00 am worship.)

Worship services will be held at Northminster and will be live-streamed for those unable to attend in-person, with the exception of three special Second Sunday gatherings.

On June 13th, the second Sunday of June, we will gather at Broad Ripple Park for worship and to enjoy a family reunion atmosphere. We will do the same on the Second Sundays in July and August. (A pre-recorded service will be available on these Sundays for those unable to come to the park.)

Each Second Sunday worship service will have a distinct focus:

**June 13th:** Taking NPC’s Mission Beyond Our Walls
**July 11th:** All-Church Picnic
**August 8th:** Blessing of Backpacks/Recognition of Educators

Please register for 10 am Worship in the Park - or any of our in-person worship services. Go to the Events page of our website or call the office at 317-251-9489.

Plan to wear your face mask and bring a lawn chair. If you have mobility issues, volunteers will be on hand to help.

On Sunday, September 12, the summer worship schedule will culminate at the church with the celebration of Northminster’s 75th Plus One anniversary.

This summer is a time to reunite, renew, and rejoice. We hope to see you!

For more information about these and other events and classes, go to [www.northminster-indy.org](http://www.northminster-indy.org) and click on Events.
Summer Fun for Kids - Night Out for Parents!

We are going to be having two Wednesday Summer Fun Evenings at Northminster. On June 23rd, we will be having a Luau themed evening in the south parking lot, by Kessler. On July 21st, we will take over the parking lot again for a Western Themed night. Drop off the kids, ages Pre-K through 5th grade, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 pm to have fun and enjoy some time to yourselves. We'll be providing dinner, crafts, games, and lots of Summer Fun! We hope you can all join us! Please register on the Events page of our website.

Thank You to
My Northminster Family
- by Nancy Fortenberry, Director of Youth and Family Ministries

I have a verse posted on my new office wall here at NPC that was given to me the day I left my school in Mississippi. "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." Proverbs 11:25

Thank you for welcoming me so generously. I am grateful for the gifts that were especially helpful during the long wait for my moving truck to arrive. I have been overwhelmed with the kindness of the church staff as they have gone out of their way to make it a smooth transition.

I look forward to meeting all of you in the days, weeks, and months to come! May you be REFRESHED as you have refreshed me as I begin this new chapter of my life here at NPC!

Youth Group

June 6 – Indians Game
June 13 – Swim Party
June 20 – No Youth Group (Father’s Day)
June 27 – Walk to Broad Ripple for Ice Cream

Youth AND Parents: For up to date information, join us on the GroupMe App!

Text your name and cell number to Nancy Fortenberry, Dir of Youth and Family Ministries, to be added to the group! (330) 501-4555.
For more information go to www.northminster-indy.org

Sunday School and Heifer Project
- by Melissa Hopkins, Interim Christian Education Director

Our Sunday School here at Northminster has supported the mission of Heifer International for many years. We have collected money in various ways, the most popular being our Joyful Noise Bucket and a tube to collect quarters out in the Gathering Space. I’m excited to let everyone know that we were able to make a sizable contribution this year of funds previously collected.

On April 25th, we had a Children’s Church Zoom Class with Greg Merkel, our member who serves as the church liaison with Heifer International. We learned more about their mission; we gave $880 to help people. With that $880, we were able to purchase: a water buffalo, a mating pair of alpacas, 3 flocks of chicks, 2 sets of garden seeds, and a gift of a pump for irrigation and clean water. We hope these gifts will be a blessing to those who need it, and we thank you for making it possible. You can donate to help us continue to support Heifer’s mission in the future, allowing people to become self-supporting. Simply donate either online, send in a check, or drop off donations on Sunday morning; just make sure to specify the funds should go to support Heifer.

Photo: Joe Komenda, previous volunteer coordinator for Heifer Project, with Jason Boone, Brad Hill, Morgan Boone, and two llamas – 2003.
Window of Opportunity Fundraiser

The Window of Opportunity fundraiser was a success! Thanks to all of our generous contributors, ALL of the 50 windows that Northminster must replace have been “sold!”

We are so grateful for the financial support from:

Jim and Norma Arend
Christie and Casey Call
Scott Cavins
Debbie Everett
Carol Frohlich
Linda Furuness
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Sharon Gremel

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Max and MaryAnn Ruegger
Gary Ryan
Tom and Barb Stayton
Dale and Linda Theobald
Bo and Mary Walker
Joyce Mallette

Thank You from the Building & Grounds Committee

A special thanks to all of those who helped out with Work Days, replacing light bulbs in the Sanctuary, oiling doors and hinges, clearing out gutters, cleaning in the Narthex, ramp, Gathering Place, office, kitchen and hallways and picking up trash and debris: Bill Lord, Don Craft, John Brooks, Jeff Schmahl, Bob Gudgel, Gary Ryan, Jim Arend, Elizabeth Brandes, Nancy Jarrell, Debbie Everett, Lori Schlabach and Linda Furuness
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Reads

Book discussions

On Sunday, June 13 - 5:30 pm we'll discuss What's Mine and Yours by Naima Coster. This is a sweeping novel of legacy, identity, and the American family -- and the ways race affects even our most intimate relationships. "A beautifully wrought investigation of family, race, inheritance, and belonging." -- Cristina Garcia, author of Here in Berlin and Dreaming in Durban.

Join Parish Associate Carol McDonald for these Zoom meetings:
(Class begins at 5:30 pm)
Meeting ID: 756 536 8661 Passcode: 410957

Phone-in Option
Dial any of these numbers to join by phone (no long distance charges):
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)
+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C)
+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)
+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
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Looking Ahead … Date changed to July 18th

Sunday, July 11 -- Concrete Rose by Angie Thomas. In this searing and poignant exploration of Black boyhood and manhood, the author of The Hate U Give takes us back to Garden Heights 17 years before the events of The Hate U Give.
For more information go to www.northminster-indy.org

Northminster Missions & Volunteers
Working in the Community

Promoting Stewardship of Earth and Resources

Electronics Recycling

We are having our annual Electronics Recycling Drive on Saturday, August 28, 10 am to 2 pm, and Sunday, August 29, 11 am to 3 pm.

Start saving up your recyclable items, and mark your calendars. This event is open to the community. Details coming soon!

*Sponsored by the Northminster Deacons.*
Family Promise Update
- by Dolly Craft

Thank you to the 21 Northminster donors who contributed more than $3,400 to the #NightWithoutABed campaign for Family Promise. ($1000 came from the NPC Deacons!)

In Indy, 400+ donors contributed nearly a quarter million dollars … $241,460 to be precise. This incredible support will allow Family Promise to rent at least 16 apartments, serving 100-130 families over the next year and putting our faith into action!

Watch for a request for housewares coming this summer to help set up one of these apartments.

As 2021 advances and people get vaccinated, we are tentatively planning to host four families (all adults vaccinated) at Northminster the week of November 14-21. Watch for volunteer sign-ups in the early fall.

(Below: A group in Spokane participates in Night-Without-A-Bed.)

Supporting World Hunger Relief

Bread for the World 2021

Sunday, June 13th, is the annual letter-writing campaign. This year, Northminster will be joining more than 60 congregations around Indiana in writing our leaders, asking for their support in ending world hunger. We will also be sending thank-you notes to acknowledge those who have supported COVID-19 relief efforts during the past year. Look for letter-writing materials and information that will be available at our in-person service as well as information on submitting letters via email.
# Summer Worship Schedule

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