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Since being nominated at the July 18 Congregational Meeting, your Pastor Nominating Committee has been working diligently to complete the required steps to attract pastoral candidates to Northminster. We plan to provide periodic updates on our progress during Sunday services and here in the newsletter.

To start with, we wanted (re)-introduce ourselves to you. (See photos on the front cover.)

Anne Ricchiuto, Chair (top row, left)
Anne and her husband Tony have been attending Northminster since 2004. Anne was raised in a Presbyterian church in Rock Island, Illinois where her father served on a PNC when she was in high school. Anne is a recent Elder (co-chair of Worship Team), past President of the Trustees, and served with Lisa Longo as liaison to consultant Aimee Laramore during her 2020 congregational study. She is an active member of the NPC Moms Group. Her son Wade is 9 and Keane is 13 and will begin confirmation classes in October. During the day, she is a litigator. She is overjoyed to serve the congregation in this important capacity.

Christie Call (top row, center)
Christie has been a member of Northminster for 16 years. She has been a Deacon twice and an Elder, in addition to serving as co-chair and member of the Personnel committee. Christie has been involved with church school, VBS, and youth groups and serves as a HOST on Sunday mornings. She learned a great deal about our church and members during the search for our interim pastor. She is very excited for the future possibilities for Northminster and looks forward to searching for the next pastor to lead us.

Emily Plunkett (top row, right)
Since Emily and her family joined 16 years ago, Northminster has always felt like a second family to her. She has fond memories and lifelong friends from VBS and Sunday School, youth group and choir, confirmation and Montreat Music and Worship Conference—all because of this church. Emily’s love of service and deep care for the environment are rooted in the faith that she developed here. She is honored to serve on the PNC, and truly excited to embrace the ways in which God is already at work in the future of Northminster.

Gabriel Goncalves (middle row, left)
Gabe has been attending Northminster for about 8+ years and became a member in 2014, the same day that he was baptized by Ruth. He enjoys volunteering for different projects, including IHN and Habitat for Humanity, and currently serves as a co-chair on the Stewardship committee. Gabe has a 20-month-old (Luca) and recently transitioned to a role where he will be working from home 100% of the time, which is a blessing with a little one. He is looking forward to being a member of the PNC because he wants to ensure the long-term success of Northminster as a welcoming place of worship where people can grow personally and spiritually.

Roslynn Lancaster (middle row, center)
Roz and her family have been members of Northminster for 10 years. In addition to her membership, she recently retired from Covance/LabCorp as a Global Logistics/Supply Chain Manager. Lancaster is a graduate of Kentucky State University and received her master’s degree from Purdue University, West Lafayette. Elder Lancaster has previously served as an elder, committee chair, participated on numerous committees and currently serves on the Commission on Preparation for Ministry. She is also very active in the Indianapolis community, her sorority, several service organizations, and served on an educational STEM board. Lancaster is a person of deep faith and is humbled to serve on the PNC. She seeks to earn the membership’s trust and confidence and constantly calls upon God’s will and his wisdom while serving. Although Northminster has a rich historic past, Lancaster will rely upon one of her favorite Scriptures, Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV as a compass while working with the membership to “Seek, Serve, and Embrace” a new chapter.

Hitch Learned (middle row, right)
Hitch Learned and his wife Sandy have been members of Northminster for seven years. He has served on our Session, is a former Moderator of Whitewater Valley Presbytery and is a retired Senior Vice President of Methodist Hospital.

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Jennifer Dzwonar
(bottom row, left)

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Jen and her husband Tony, along with sons David and Jacob, began attending Northminster in 2008, after about 20 years at Orchard Park Presbyterian in Carmel. Tony was running for school board in Washington Township, and they knew a number of neighbors and friends who attended Northminster, the church where Tony grew up attending in the ‘70s. The Dzwonars jumped in to Northminster with both feet (even if they sat in the balcony every Sunday), as Jen joined the E-Team, then later served on Session, and began singing in the choir after the boys went off to college. Jen is a proud PK of a Presbyterian minister (or Teaching Elder, as her dad refers to himself). Jen’s “day job” is as an owner of Borshoff, a Public Relations/Advertising agency, where she has been for 27 years, and became an owner 14 years ago. Her specialty is crisis communications and community relations. Jen thanks you for allowing her to serve on this wonderful PNC!

Steve Boller
(bottom row, center)

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Steve joined Northminster in 2013 with his soon-to-be wife, Kaitlyn. He learned about the church after attending a Sound and Spirit concert in November 2012. Steve was so impressed with the music that he decided to give the church a try and soon came to appreciate the quality of the sermons and the church’s inclusive values. He has been involved in the church as a choir member and occasional guitarist for services for 8 years. Steve and Kaitlyn were married at Northminster in 2014 and their first child, Maren, was baptized here in 2021. Steve is honored to help shape the future for this congregation.

John Purcell
(bottom row, right)

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Maureen and John started attending Northminster services just in time for Howard Lindquist to announce his retirement, and they joined NPC in the mid ‘80s. John has been on the Session, the Foundation board, the 2009 project’s building committee, and the 2013 mission delegation to Kenya. John has also taught Children’s Church, helped do VBS builds in the parking lot, hosted on Sunday mornings, and written for Proclaim. He values our ongoing mission projects—Clothe-a-Child being his favorite. John expects that none of those experiences will prove more important, or rewarding, than helping this wonderful congregation find the next head pastor it deserves.

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Day of Caring & Food Collection
October 10th, beginning at 10 am
(No 8:30 am worship service)

Day of Caring is back, although as we try to stay safe it will look a little different this year. We will begin with a short devotion outside in the parking lot and then break into work groups. You can choose to work in the neighborhood with BRVA, help at Day Spring Shelter, visit homebound members, or cook emergency meals in our kitchen. Wreathing making, remembrance bags, and birthday cake kits will be assembled in the Gathering Place. Childcare will be available for little ones. We will be collecting non perishable food (meal kits like Hamburger Helper, rice skillet kits, and taco kits are very popular and welcome) for Westminster Neighborhood Services. So all are encouraged to bring donations that morning.

2021 Day of Caring Projects
Broad Ripple Village Association – planting, weeding, trash pick up, and graffiti cover up. (20 volunteers needed)
Day Spring Shelter – storage organization, mum planting, assembling tables, outdoor clean up – (20 volunteers needed)
Casserole Prep – at church – (15 volunteers needed)
Visit homebound – (20 volunteers needed)
Prep for homebound gifts – wreath making, and goodie bags – (20 volunteers needed)
Birthday cake kits – (10 volunteers needed)
Note writers – (5 volunteers needed)

Sign up on the Events page of our website or call the church office (317-251-9489).

Westminster Christmas Baskets

Beginning Sunday, November 7th we will again collect toiletries for Westminster Neighborhood Services Christmas Baskets. We are responsible for collecting 300 shampoos (shampoo and conditioner combos are the best) and 300 deodorants. So when you are out and about start stocking up and bring them to the Gathering Place and the yellow collection container in November. Thanks for helping to bring joy to underserved and struggling families on the near east side of Indianapolis.

Youth Group in October
October 3 - Youth Group, 5:30 pm
October 17 - No Youth Group (Fall Break)
October 24 - Trunk or Treat (5 - 6:30 pm)
October 31 - Halloween Movie Night, 5:30 pm

Save these Dates
Montreat Youth Conference
June 11 - 18, 2022
Pokagon 2022
January 21-23
Watch for registration to begin soon!

New Northminster T-shirts

We are going to offer new NPC t-shirts this fall! Purchase yours in the Gathering Place on Sundays, or go to https://bit.ly/2021NPCt-shirts. And wear your NPC shirts on Day of Caring, October 10th!
The Christian Ed Team has a great lineup of options for adults as we move into this new Church School Season! Stay tuned for specific dates, times and specific topics that will be posted in Northminster’s weekly emails, social media posts, on the website and in future newsletters. Classes and sessions will be offered through three main options:

**Wednesday Night Adult Ed**
Wednesday nights from 6:00-6:50 pm. We’ll have a variety of fun and interesting topics, activities and speakers to create time and space for adults to connect and learn. Join others for dinner beforehand at 5:30 - just make sure to register!

**Seek, Serve & Embrace Series**
A variety of sessions is offered after the 10 am Sunday service from 11:15-12:00. Each of the sessions below will be offered at least once a month!

**Seek - Diving Deeper sessions**
Dive deeper into the lectionary through discussions, teachings, and readings of the week’s Biblical stories and verses.

**Serve - Who We Are sessions**
Learn about all that makes us NPC and Presbyterians in order to maximize our ability to serve. Learn about key Northminster initiatives like Stephen Ministries, being a Matthew 25 Church and about various ministries in our community.

**Embrace - Confirmation Companion sessions**
Geared towards parents of our Confirmation youth, but open to all who are interested - come learn and discuss together how we can guide and support our youth as they navigate their faith.

We hope to see you at our Adult Ed opportunities in the coming months! If you have questions or suggestions regarding Adult Education at Northminster, reach out to Heather Banks or Nancy Fortenberry.

**Northminster Reads**
**Sunday, October 17 – 5:30 p.m. on ZOOM**
*Be the Bridge: Pursuing God’s Heart for Racial Reconciliation* by Latasha Morrison. To quote Jen Hatmaker, “When it comes to the intersection of race, privilege, justice, and the church, Tasha is without question my best teacher. Be the Bridge is the tool I wish to put in every set of hands. Put frankly, if we followed the path she writes about – the path of humility and repentance, courage and action – we would see the end of racism…”

Join us for discussion of this provocative book which was suggested by Girtha Perkins. Discussion will be facilitated by Parish Associate Carol McDonald.

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**Sunday, November 14 – 5:30 p.m. on ZOOM**
*What are you reading?* A time to share what you’ve been reading – especially books you’d encourage others to read. Plan to share a 2-3 minute “review” of a book you’ve read – or re-read – recently that you found interesting/stimulating/challenging/or just plain enjoyable! Discussion will be facilitated by Parish Associate Carol McDonald.

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Butter Braids...YUM!

The Deacons are bringing back the popular and delicious Butter Braids pastries & cookie dough. Don’t miss this “once a year” opportunity to purchase these special treats. This is one of two annual fundraisers that capitalizes the Deacons’ Fund. In turn, this fund supports many programs, such as Communion service & flower delivery to NPC’s homebound members, Clothe-a-Child, and Washington Township Schools “Back to School Extravaganza”.

Ways to Place Your Order

1. Complete the order form included in this newsletter and mail it to the church office, along with a check payable to: Northminster Presbyterian Church with “butter braids” in memo line.

2. Place your order online by using the link on the NPC website and/or in the weekly NPC emails during the month of October.

3. Email or call Donna Schmahl to place your order: dlschmahl@gmail.com or 317-691-0721.

Ordering deadline is Monday, October 18th.

Order delivery date is Wednesday, Nov. 3rd, 5-7pm. We will offer “curb-side pick up” outside of the Gathering Place. Questions? Contact Donna Schmahl: dlschmahl@gmail.com or 317-691-0721.

Sound & Spirit
New Season Schedule

Friday, Oct. 1, 2021  7:00 p.m.
With Pipes of Tin and Wood
Organ dedication concert featuring Marko Petricic and Frank Boles, Organ; the Northminster Chancel Choir; and instrumentalists.

Friday, October 29, 2021  7:00 p.m.
Po’ Ramblin’ Boys
Feel and hear the energy of the traditional IBMA award winning bluegrass band from East Tennessee.

Friday, November 12  7:00 p.m.
Marko Petricic, Organ
Dr. Petricic demonstrates the flexibility, beauty, and power of Northminster’s new (2020) Fisk pipe organ.

Friday, February 11, 2022  7:00 p.m.
Special Consensus
Two time Grammy nominee bluegrass band celebrates its 45th anniversary, winner of IBMA Song of the Year 2020.

Sunday, March 27, 2022  4:00 p.m.
Requiems and Alleluias
The Northminster Chancel Choir, orchestra, and internationally renowned soprano Sherezade Panthaki perform Michael Haydn’s Requiem, two fiery Vivaldi motets, and more.