



# Northminster News

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*Proclaiming God's Grace,  
Creating Community,  
Serving our Neighbors*

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## THE INTERIM PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Church Family,

I want to update you on some important news regarding your church staff.

On June 1, Elyse Fairweather, NPC's current CE Director, will move to full-time Pastoral Assistant for the months of June and July. Her duties will include Children and Youth Ministry, worship assistance, some preaching, Adult Ed, and pastoral visitation. Elyse is uniquely equipped for and excited about these important roles. She knows the NPC congregation well and has almost completed her seminary education. This opportunity will allow Elyse to experience a broader range of pastoral duties, and I trust you share my absolute confidence that she will do an outstanding job.

Then at the end of July, Elyse will be leaving NPC for the next step in God's plan for her life. She will be giving her full attention to completing her seminary classes and fulfilling a hospital chaplaincy internship. Please keep Elyse in your prayers as she moves forward with God's good purposes beyond the NPC family. She will be greatly missed!

Additionally, also on June 1, I will be reducing my hours to three-quarter time. I believe that I will be more than able to ful-

fill my responsibilities to NPC on this basis during the final months of your search for your new pastor. We've done much good work together over the past 9 months and I see this shift in personnel budget as the right move to make. For example, this approach makes Elyse's change of status during June and July "budget neutral," creates some funding for your Pastor Search Committee to do its work in the most thorough manner possible, and in general strengthens the financial position of NPC for the remainder of 2014.

Looking further ahead, the wheels are turning to find a new seminary intern to replace Elyse. While Elyse is still with us, she will do all she can to make the transition to this yet to be determined new person a smooth one. Again, your prayers would be much appreciated.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please talk with me or any of your elders. Thank you for keeping your church in your prayers.

Warmly,

Tyler Easley, Interim Pastor

## A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I'd like to take a minute to say how inspired I am by this congregation, and to offer thanks to all of our elders and deacons. In this time of transition, which could be so chaotic, everyone has stepped up to keep things running smoothly. Not

only are we chugging along with our regular activities, we are even pursuing special events and projects. Kudos to all! And many thanks to Tyler as well, for his leadership through it all.

- Jen Oxley

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## PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE ELECTED

On Sunday May 18, 2014, a congregational meeting was held to receive the report of Northminster's Nominating Committee and to elect the Pastor Nominating Committee. Elder Ann Wightman, chair of the nominating committee, presented a slate of eight candidates. The members of Northminster unanimously elected the Tom Haff, Michael Kullmann, Ann Ringstad, Becky Rufin, Liz Tennant, Rachel Van Noord, Kathryn Voyles, and Bret Wirta.

The newly elected PNC members met immediately following the congregational meeting.

Tyler and Ann sent the committee members on their way. Tyler noted that his involvement in the PNC is limited and that Kevin Nolette is our Presbytery Liaison. Ann provided contact information for the members

PNC. We thanked both for their help in getting us this far and for their ongoing prayers.

Committee members met briefly to confirm meeting times and dates, discuss communications preferences and organize how they want to work together. They plan to work as a team to share the work. Rachel Van Noord will serve as PNC chair.

The PNC will meet on Wednesday 5/21/14 with Kevin Nollette and as frequently as needed thereafter to draft the job description and get it posted.

We will keep you posted on the process and timing!

- Elder, Liz Tennant

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Summer is just around the corner and we have some exciting things planned! The first thing is that we have our annual Youth Sunday on June 8<sup>th</sup>. This is a morning full of youthful energy, as our children and youth help run the service. We will also be recognizing several youth and young adults in our congregation on their recent graduations, including high school and college graduations! There will not be Sunday school that day as everyone will be in worship together.

We are, as always, grateful to our volunteers. Thank you

for helping keep our classrooms afloat and for investing your time, energy, and love into these children! Your time with them means more than you may know. Please be sure to join us on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, for special recognition for your time and efforts!

We will also have several service opportunities for our children and youth over the course of the summer – stay tuned for more info!

- Elyse Fairweather, CE Director

## RUMMAGE SALE!

The sale will commence in the fellowship hall at 12:00 after church services. Lunch will be available this year.

Starting on May 27<sup>th</sup> you can bring your contributions to the church. You should call ahead to be some one is there to let you in. Remember -- no electronics,

no clothing, no exercise equipment and no furniture.

Help will be needed for the day of the sale and to sort and set-up on June 20<sup>th</sup> after 2:00 p.m. and on June 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 until ?? Please let Sheila [781-4192] or Signa [781-4850] know when you can help.

## KNIT, CROCHET AND NEEDLEWORK GROUP



Bring your knitting, crochet or sewing needles, yarn or floss and join us on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at

6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a new stitching group here at church. Need more info?

Call Leslie Duke at 317-640-3855.

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The sanctuary flowers for the month of May were provided by John and Virginia Larson, the gardens of Myla Belston, Kim Owen, and Georgia Kurtz and the church gardens.

Thanks to all who have offered flowers. It is nice to have an abundance.

- Sheila Striegl

## SUMMER MUSIC



Summer is right around the corner and it's time to plan Summer Music at Northminster! As always, we will have a couple pick-up choirs that anyone is welcome to join. But we also need special music for the rest of the summer. Do you have a favorite hymn you want to sing with a couple of friends? A flute-playing cousin coming to visit that could share their talents with the congregation? Maybe your family would like to put

something fun together? We would love to hear from you! Kathryn is coordinating the schedule – please contact her at 206-271-5245 or [smithderksen@gmail.com](mailto:smithderksen@gmail.com).

This year, the summer pick-up choirs will be the first Sunday of each month: July 6 and August 3. Please join our choir director, Kathryn, as we prepare a couple pieces for the service, starting at 9:30. No robes, no extra rehearsals, no choir experience necessary. Just the fun of joining others in song!

- Kathryn Smith Derksen, Choir Director

## BOOK GROUP

The next gathering of the book group will be on June 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The book we will discuss is *Suite Francaise*. This novel tells the story of men and women thrown together by the Nazi occupation of Paris in 1940. When the author began working on *Suite Francaise*, she was already a highly successful writer living in Paris. But she was also a Jew, and in 1942 she was arrested and deported to Auschwitz, where she died. For sixty-four years, this novel remained hidden and unknown. Her



daughter kept the manuscript for fifty years she decided to have it published in France, where it became a best seller in 2004.

Copies of the book and the sign-up sheet are in the book group cubby in the cabinet outside the office. Pick up a copy and join us for the discussion.

- Signa Treat

## SEATTLE PRESBYTERY "SEAPRES CAFÉ



The Seattle Presbytery is holding another "SeaPres Café" at Steele Lake Presbyterian Church on Saturday, June 7th. This Café will be held at Steel Lake Presbyterian Church, 1829 S 308th St, Federal Way, WA 98003.

### The keynote address is entitled *Tomorrow's Church Today*

Featuring Rev. Roger Dermody  
Deputy Executive Director for Mission, PCUSA

In the morning there will be the following workshops; NEXT Church Resources, Spirituality of Children and their Families, 221st General Assembly Preview

These workshops may be attended by elders, deacons, Christian Educators or YOU if you are interested.

Here is the schedule of events;

### Cafe Schedule:

- 8:30 - Café opens, registration begins
- 9:00 - Keynote with Roger Dermody
- 10:15 - Workshops
- 12:00 - Lunch

### Stated Meeting Agenda:

1:00 - Worship  
1:45 - Opening Prayer  
Quorum and Welcome

- Adopt Docket
- 1:50 - Stated Clerk's Report
- 2:00 - COM
- 2:10 - CPM
- 2:45 - Council Report
- Consent Agenda

Adjourn

Childcare is available for this event. **Must register no later than June 2.** You may register on the Seattle Presbytery website or by calling Eliana Maxim.

If you have questions or require more information, please contact Eliana Maxim:

206.313.8669 / [eliana@seattlepresbytery.org](mailto:eliana@seattlepresbytery.org).

### FROM THE BOOKSHELF



We have several new books in the library which hopefully you will enjoy during the summer. A word as you start a new book—Read the Introduction! This is especially important if you read (and hopefully you will)

*Christians, Muslims & Jesus* written by author Mona Siddiqui.. The intro will tell you where the author is coming from, always helpful to know. Happy reading!

- Elaine Boehmer, Librarian

### KEEPING IN TOUCH

LeRoy Kelderman has moved to Ballard Manor.  
His new address: 1710 NW 57th St. Apt. 506  
Seattle, WA 98107  
Telephone: (206)384-0572



rect in the directory. The correct phone number for them is (301)840- 0798

Please make a note of these changes.  
Thank you.

Sharon and Stan Steenrod’s phone number was incor-

### CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

Dick Brooking	Roberta Evans	-in-law of Sylvia	Helen Pheasant	Wynne
Bobbi Jo Connell	[friend of Vera	King]	Dennis Pickell	
[friend of Wynona	Crooks]	Lena Harms	Mary Purcell [mother	
Morrison’s daughter]	Tori Fairweather	<b>The family of Doro-</b>	of Mark Purcell]	
Kathy Davis [sister-in	Duane Glasscock	<b>thy Jensen</b>	Joan Stavig [friend of	
law of Nancy Ingle]	<b>The family of Kay</b>	Vicki Mears [sister of	Sylvia King]	
<b>The family of Don</b>	<b>Glasscock</b>	Gary Ingle]	Sid and Phoebe Wold	
<b>Drake</b>	Mary Gruenke [sister	Anne Nilsen	Dixie and Wayne	



### THE NORTHMINSTER BELL

On October 14, 1943, a letter went out to O.A. Wiggen thanking him for the gift of the old bell from the Ballard Presbyterian Church (now Northminster) and telling him that when funds were available a bell tower would be constructed. The letter continued: "This bell has rung its message of invitation to worship God for so many years that it gives the congregation great joy to know that it will soon be heard again, especially those older members who listened to its tones for so many years."

In 1947 the memorial bell tower was erected as a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hampton in memory of their son, Neil Hampton, who was killed in action November 2, 1944. [See the plaque by the office door.]

The same bell continues to call us to worship on Sunday mornings.

- Signa Treat



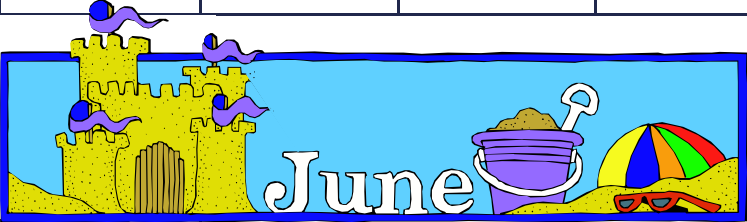
### NORTHMINSTER THROUGH THE YEARS

This photograph of Northminster was taken in 1950, prior to the building of the new sanctuary and fellowship hall that was built after the church needed additional space.

“Once more the faithful had vision, raised enough funds to build a new sanctuary and fellowship hall next door, and dedicated it in 1957.”\*

\*from the 1988 publication “Forward in Faith—Renewal for our Second Century

June, 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> • 10:30 Worship in the Coffee Fellowship	<b>2</b> • 12:00 A.A.	<b>3</b> • 12:00 A.A. • 6:00 Knitting, crochet, needlework group	<b>4</b> • 12:00 A.A.	<b>5</b> • 12:00 A.A. • 7:30 Choir	<b>6</b> • 12:00 A.A. • 4:15 Youth group!	<b>7</b>
<b>8 Youth Sunday/ Teacher Appreciation</b> All children in worship today! • 10:30 Worship in the Coffee Fellowship • 12:5th Anniversary planning meeting	<b>9</b> • 12:00 A.A. • 2:00 Worship and Music	<b>10</b> • 12:00 A.A.	<b>11</b> • 12:00 A.A.	<b>12</b> • 12:00 A.A. • 7:30 Choir	<b>13</b> • 12:00 A.A. • 4:15 Youth group!	<b>14</b> • 1:00 Kay Glasscock Memorial Service/ Reception
<b>15</b> • 10:30 Worship No Sunday school! • Coffee Fellowship	<b>16</b> • 12:00 A.A.	<b>17</b> • 12:00 A.A.	<b>18</b> • 12:00 A.A. • 7:00 Joint meeting of Session and Deacons	<b>19</b> • 12:00 A.A. • 7:30 Choir	<b>20</b> • 12:00 A.A.	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> • 10:30 Worship Service No Sunday school • Coffee Fellowship • 12:00 Rummage Sale!	<b>23</b> • 12:00 A.A.	<b>24</b> • 12:00 A.A.	<b>25</b> • 12:00 A.A.	<b>26</b> • 12:00 A.A.	<b>27</b> • 12:00 A.A.	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> • 10:30 Worship Service • No Sunday School • Coffee Fellowship	<b>30</b> • 12:00 A.A.	<b>30</b> • 12:00 A.A. • 6:00 Knitting, crochet, needlework group				

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS IN JUNE

June 1	June 8 Pentecost	June 15 Trinity Sun.	June 22	June 29
Acts 1:6-14	Acts 2:1-21	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	Genesis 21:8-21	Genesis 22:1-14
<i>Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35</i>	<i>Psalm 104:24-34, 35b</i>	<i>Psalm 8</i>	<i>Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17</i>	<i>Psalm 19</i>
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Romans 6:1b-11	Romans 6:12-23
John 17:1-11	John 20:19-23	Matthew 28:16-20	Matthew 10:24-39	Matthew 10:40-42



NEW POLICIES AT NORTHMINSTER

Copies of the new Building Use policy and Sexual Offender policy (that was discussed after church on Sunday, June 1st) are available in the church office should

you wish to have a copy. Thank you.

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