



Northminster News

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

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INTERIM PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Church Family,

By the time you read this, I'm guessing it will be early July. I will have been away on my unpaid "leave of absence" for a week or so, and you I'm confident will be doing quite well in the able care of Elyse Fairweather and the two talented guest preachers we lined up.

And when I return on July 21, we really will be in the final stretch of this interim season we embarked on together in September of 2013. I say this with a fairly high level of confidence for a couple of reasons.

First, at the start of this calendar year, your elders and I identified four interim tasks that needed to be accomplished - or at least be well underway - before your new pastor arrives. Those tasks were: 1) Review and update the mission and vision statement of the church, 2) Attend to certain pastoral care matters, including creating and implementing a Sexual Misconduct Policy, 3) Prepare for NPC's 125th Anniversary Celebration in November of 2014, and 4) Review and update the church's "Org Chart" in light of the new Mission/Vision document.

I'm happy to report that great progress has been made in all four areas. Some of the teams still have work to do of course, but

that which still needs to be done looks very "doable" if we think in terms of a late-fall of 2014 wrap-up target. Good job, all!

Which leads me to my second reason: You have elected a simply OUTSTANDING Pastor Nominating Committee. Working closely with the Presbytery of Seattle, they have mapped out a plan to do a thoughtful and prayerful search for your new pastor in as timely of manner as possible. While "results" are ultimately in God's hands, I'd be shocked if their work didn't come to fruition sooner rather than later. If you press me for "when exactly?", I couldn't give you a specific answer. (Sorry. See opening of previous sentence!) But I do know that your PNC is as able a bunch as any PNC I've been around. You pray for them, they will diligently go about their work, and let's see how God works.

So there you have it!
Have blessed summer.

Warmly,

Tyler Easley, Interim Pastor

CONCERT AT THE BALLARD LOCKS



Join your friends from Northminster on Sunday, July 20th at 1:30 for a 2:00 FREE concert of the West Seattle Big Band.

The West Seattle Big Band is an 18-piece community band

that plays jazz and swing music. Their mission is to increase awareness and support instrumental music in the West Seattle Public Schools

Bring your blanket or chair and a picnic or snacks and enjoy some great big band music. Any questions? Please see Jen Oxley.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

This summer we are mixing it up in Elementary Sunday school! Using a fun summer curriculum, we are learning about God and His role in our lives through cooking and baking!!!

Our PreK kids are learning about God through wondering about the world around us! How wonderfully does God love flowers, animals, and even us!

Our Youth will have an upcoming service project in July, as well as our LAST Youth Group of the Summer on July 11th. Come join us that Friday for fun games, snacks, and a mini-farewell!

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns! Thanks for your support of the CE Program!

- Elyse Fairweather, Pastoral Assistant

FAREWELL TO ELYSE

As you have probably heard by now, July is my last month at Northminster. I will be focusing, in the following year, on finishing my MDiv at Fuller, doing a chaplaincy internship at a hospital, and working towards ordination in the PC(USA). While the decision to leave NPC was a very difficult and trying one to make, I do feel that God has affirmed this decision to take this next year and focus on checking off the necessary boxes in order to move forward with the ordination process, constantly seeking to follow His will.

There are many things I will miss about NPC, and countless ways you, as a congregation, have blessed me. From my very first week here, I was welcomed with open arms, encouraged and supported to try new things, to learn, and to grow. You have blessed me, dear congregation, in ways you may not even realize. I came to you as a nervous, timid seminary student. Through your love and support, I have blossomed into a confident servant of God. Thank you. Yours is the first church in

which I have worked, and you will always hold a special place in my heart. Thank you for these last few years. Thank you for serious times and silly times. Thank you for loving me.

July 27th is my last Sunday here at NPC. I would love to see you, hug you, and thank you in person for all that you have given me. This is not a sad time, my friends, but a happy one as we each move forward; myself moving forward in the process to become a pastor, and you as a congregation, moving forward to receive a new, cherished Christian Educator. Change is always hard, but I know this will be beautiful and God-honoring. I have faith in that fact! Blessings to you all in the months, and years, ahead.

Fondly,

Elyse Fairweather

RUMMAGE SALE RECAP

Wow! What a great sale! Between the book room, toy room and general rummage we made about \$1400 with more money still to come with placing some items on consignment and on



ebay. The Youth who served lunch raised money for camperships. Did you know they even had a special song? Thanks to all who donated items, helped and shopped. You made it a big success.

GARDEN CORNER

Flowers for the month of June were provided by the memorial for Kay Glasscock, the gardens of Signa Treat and Georgia Kurtz and the church garden. If you would

like to see your flowers in the sanctuary, just let Sheila know what's in bloom in your garden.

Sheila @ 206-781-4192

READING GROUP

The next meeting of our book group will be on July 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The selection is Laila Lalami's depiction of Moroccan Life in *Secret Son*. Youssef has always had big dreams of living another life. His life changes when it discovers his father is not dead, but very much alive. Youssef leaves his mother to live a life of luxury, until a reversal of fortune sends him back

to the slums. Trapped once again by his class and the limitations of his prospects, he becomes easy prey of a fringe Islamic group.

There are copies of the book in the reading group cubby at church. If you take a book, please note that on the form; likewise, if you return a book check the returned column.

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Your Pastor Nominating Committee has been meeting weekly since it was appointed on Sunday May 18, 2014. After receiving initial training from Kevin Nollette of Seattle Presbytery, committee members have drafted a work plan with milestones and have drafted an updated job description which was approved by Session on June 18th. The next steps are to get approval from Presbytery and to post the job description on the national Presbyterian Church's website.

We have asked Elyse to work with the church youth to draw the major milestones in our process so that we can post them for everyone to see. They include:

- ◇ Post the Ministry Information Form (Job Description)
- ◇ Review Personal Information Forms (Job Applications)
- ◇ Conduct Initial interviews
- ◇ Conduct second interviews (with neutral pulpit at other churches)
- ◇ Candidate visit to Northminster

We will let you know when the job is open and will keep you posted on our progress!

Respectfully submitted by Liz Tennant, Elder

OLD FASHIONED HYMN SING AT 9:30 JULY 13TH

Gather in the sanctuary July 13 before worship at 9:30 to sing those old gospel songs you remember. There shall be showers of blessing as we sing Oh, how I love

Jesus with blessed assurance. Janelle Walhout will lead/play, and is open to suggestions by phone or email.

SUMMER MUSIC AT NORTHMINSTER

Summer music has already begun, with a great kick-off by our own Elyse Fairweather. We start July with our monthly summer pick-up choir. This is open to any and every one interested in singing with others – no previous choir experience necessary. We will meet on July 6 before the service at 9:30 am to learn several things to sing in that morning's service, no robes required.

The following week, July 13, Janelle Walhout will treat us to a hymn sing before worship (see separate article for more information) and special music during the ser-

vice. Jason Wu will sing for us July 20, and Becky Rufin is providing special music July 27. August will also start with another pick-up choir, so if you missed the July choir, please join us on August 3.

There are several spaces available in August for more volunteers – put those private music lessons to good use and share your favorite music with your church family!

Contact Kathryn at 206-271-5245 or smithderksen@gmail.com to arrange. Thank you!

NORTHMINSTER CELEBRATES OUR 125TH ANNIVERSARY!

November 9th marks the 125th anniversary of Northminster Church. In celebration of our anniversary, we're embracing our past and looking forward to our future, all summer long. You may have already seen the historical series in the newsletter, brought to you by Signa Treat. Plans are underway for a historical booklet and displays throughout the church, as well as the sale of commemorative anniversary items and a series of

fun activities. The celebration will culminate with a special potluck on the actual anniversary date on November 9th.

Mark your calendars and please stay tuned for more details as plans unfold. Join the celebration!

Another planning meeting will take place after church on July 6th, so if you would like to be part of the planning please join us.

NEW OFFICERS FOR NORTHMINSTER

By the time you read this we will have new officers - the Class of 2017. We will have installed five elders and four deacons to work on the projects of the church. Thanks to all who consented to serve.

The elders in the Class of 2017 are Leslie Duke, Cathy Linder, Signa Treat, and Ann Wightman. Liz Tennant will be filling a vacancy in the Class of 2016.

The new deacons in the Class of 2017 are Dana Hammer, Stan Linder, Jen Oxley, and Dawn Thornhill. We're still looking for one more individual to serve as a deacon in the Class of 2017.

If you know of someone, or are interested in doing this yourself, please call Ann Wightman at 206-784-0883.

KEEPING IN TOUCH



Phoebe Wold has moved to Emmett, Idaho to be nearer her daughter and Sid. Here is her address. 2133 Corral Rd., Emmett, ID 83617

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

The library receives three monthly magazines: Presbyterian Life, Presbyterian Outlook and The Christian Century. If you are unfamiliar with any or all of these, summer might be a good time to dip into one or two. Articles are informative, interesting, (and not too long)! Keep up with what the larger church is doing—at home and in the world.
- Elaine Boehmer, Church Librarian

CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

Norma Allison [mother of Lisa Horowitz]	Duane Glasscock	Shirley McKenzie	Sylvia King]
Dick Brooking	Mary Gruenke [sister-in-law of Sylvia King]	Vicki Mears [sister of Gary Ingle]	Sid Wold
Bobbi Jo Connell [friend of Wynona Morrison's daughter]	Lena Harms	Gretchen Monteith [friend of Bob Porter]	Dixie and Wayne Wynne
Kathy Davis [sister-in law of Nancy Ingle]	Betty Jespersen	Anne Nilsen	
	Sylvia King	Dennis Pickell	
	Gilbert Kurtz [brother-in-law of Georgia Kurtz]	Joan Stavig [friend of	



UPDATE FROM THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

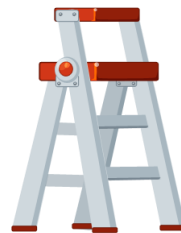
The Building and Grounds Committee has been hard at work, with a lot accomplished in the last couple of weeks. A very special thanks to Diane and Bob Barrie for changing two dozen light bulbs, sorting and marking light bulbs in the janitor's closet, counting our chairs and tables, and ordering ballasts for a number of fluorescent light fixtures. And heartfelt thanks to Jen and Scott Oxley for their donation of the super new high arc faucet in the upstairs kitchen. The prize goes to Fred Kern for ripping out the upstairs kitchen counter molding. He created proper support for same, then sanded, replaced, and repainted the boards. No more leaks and drips!

Our chore list is cut in half. We still are looking for a few volunteers to work on one or more of the following things:

- Repair and repaint a small spot in the upstairs hall at the far end from the elevator
- Hang curtain track in the fellowship hall at the two north windows
- Video all the church assets
- Create attractive new interior signs
- Rehang a fire extinguisher in the basement at the foot of the office stairs
- Clean the alley brick wall and coat with silicon
- Repair checked wood in a porch pillar and repaint
- Repair and paint a leaky spot in the porch ceiling

- Rent a variable leg ladder and change the two front light bulbs in the sanctuary (this is a two or three man job - the ladder weighs 102 pounds - need a truck or van)

If you're bored and looking for something fun to do in your spare time, please call Ann Wightman at 206-784-0883 and let her know what you'd like to do. Building and Grounds has keys and can help with tools and special materials.



Watch for a notice of a summer cleanup weekend in mid-July.

- Ann Wightman, B&G Chair



JULY, 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<u>1</u> •12:00 A.A. group •1:00 Psalms Bible Study	<u>2</u> •12:00 A.A. group	<u>3</u> •12:00 A.A. group	<u>4</u> •12:00 A.A. group OFFICE CLOSED 	<u>5</u>
		<u>6</u> • 10:30 Worship Coffee Fellowship • 125th anniversary planning committee	<u>7</u> •12:00 A.A. group	<u>8</u> •12:00 A.A. group •1:00 Psalms Bible Study	<u>9</u> •12:00 A.A. group • 7:00 Reading group •7:00 Deacons	<u>10</u> •12:00 A.A. group
<u>13</u> • 9:30 Hymn Sing! • 10:30 Worship Coffee Fellowship	<u>14</u> •12:00 A.A. group	<u>15</u> •12:00 A.A. group •1:00 Last Psalms Bible Study with Elyse!	<u>16</u> •12:00 A.A. group	<u>17</u> •12:00 A.A. group	<u>18</u> •12:00 A.A. group	<u>19</u>
<u>20</u> • 10:30 Worship Coffee Fellowship •1:30 meet at Ballard Locks for Big Band concert!	<u>21</u> Office closed •12:00 A.A. group	<u>22</u> •12:00 A.A. group • 7:00 Session Meeting	<u>23</u> •12:00 A.A. group	<u>24</u> •12:00 A.A. group	<u>25</u> •12:00 A.A. group	<u>26</u>
<u>27</u> • 10:30 Worship Coffee Fellowship	<u>28</u> •12:00 A.A. group	<u>29</u> •12:00 A.A. group	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>		
						

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS IN JULY

July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67	Genesis 25:19-34	Genesis 28:10-19a	Genesis 29:15-28
<i>Psalm 45:10-17</i>	<i>Psalm 119:105-112</i>	<i>Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24</i>	<i>Psalm 128</i>
Romans 7:15-25a	Roman 8:1-11	Romans 8:12-25	Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	Matthew 13:1-9. 18-23	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

THE WOMEN OF NORTHMINSTER

On September 11, 1930 three women elders were elected to serve on the session of Northminster Presbyterian Church, known then as Ballard Presbyterian Church. The three were the first women elders in the Presbytery. As reported in the Seattle Weekly News “It is believed that Ballard Presbyterian is the first church in which women have been elevated to the office of ruling elders. It is in keeping with the progressive spirit of the community.”

Five women deacons were elected and installed in 1941.

Earlier records have been sent to the Historical Society of the PCUSA in Philadelphia but they undoubtedly would show women deacons before that time. Many women have served and continue to serve as elders and deacons.

Also, several women have served as Associate Pastors or Interim Associates, commencing with Miriam Dixon (1979-1985), Ethel Livingston (1986-1996), Adrienne Lloyd (1996-1997), and Karen Breckenridge (1998-2008).

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Holy Week Services at Northminster

Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday

10:30 a.m. Worship service

Thursday, April 17, Maundy Thursday

6:30 p.m. Soup supper and service in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 18, Good Friday

7:30 p.m. Good Friday service

Sunday, April 20, Easter

9:00 a.m. Easter breakfast youth mission fundraiser

10:30 a.m. Easter morning worship service with communion

