



Northminster News

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

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Dear Church Family,

Prayer is many things: an expression of gratitude, a request for guidance, a plea for mercy, an offering of praise. In fact all aspects of our human existence can be expressed in prayer.

At its root, prayer is anchored in two key Biblical themes: faith and hope. Faith in the sense that when we pray, even imperfectly, we're expressing a belief that there is a God and that he hears our prayers. In fact John Calvin, the great Reformer, called prayer the "chief exercise of faith." Hope in the sense that prayer embodies the NT affirmation that "with God, all things are possible." We pray even when things look grim. We pray when we see no solution. We pray when even when our own hearts and minds are telling us to give up. Why? Because God is God, and with God, all things are possible!

And so I encourage you to do two things: First, pray more. Whatever your current status is as a "person of prayer," continue to grow and develop in this most important of spiritual disciplines. Second, I'd like to ask you to pray specifically for

the following needs. Your faith and hope expressed in prayer will make a huge difference!

Please pray for:

- 1) Your Pastor Nominating Committee. Pray that they receive great wisdom and unity from the Lord as they work together.
- 2) Pray now for your next pastor, whoever he/she is. Pray that the person God has in mind for NPC is truly open to the leading of God's Spirit.
- 3) Pray for Elyse Fairweather in her new season of life and ministry.
- 4) Pray that we can find just the right person to fill Elyse's position.
- 5) Pray for a strong season of ministry at NPC this fall, especially as NPC celebrates 125 Years of ministry.

That's it for now. God bless you,

Tyler

PASTOR TRANSITION COMMITTEE UPDATE



Your Pastor Nominating Committee is hard at work reviewing the job applications, called Personal Information Forms (PIFs) that have come in through the Presbyterian Church's national Church Leadership Connection website. We have received 94 applications so far. The job remains open until August 31st.

We arranged with Elyse to develop a visual road map of where we are in the process. She has drawn two black and white posters which the kids will color in when each step

is completed. One poster will be hung in the Narthex (it was there last Sunday) and the other will be hung in the Reception Room. Keep your eyes open for them. Can you find them? Can you see where we are in the process?

Please keep us in your prayers as we sort through the PIFs and seek to discern God's will for our church. We will keep you posted on our progress!

Respectfully submitted

Liz Tennant, Elder

C.E. CURRICULUM FOR FALL

As we look ahead to the close of summer and the start of Fall, we have much to be excited about! More than new pencils and backpacks, we have a whole new set of curriculum for our Christian Education department! It is our hope that this curriculum will not only add excitement, energy, and a fun learning environment to our classrooms, but that it will also be accessible to our volunteers, as everything you need is in the box!

Our Rainbow Room classroom will use curriculum from Gospel Light, called “Baby Beginnings,” focusing on introducing classroom structure, simple sayings such

as “God loves me,” and fun, interactive activities to teach our youngest church members about Jesus!

Our Whale Room classroom will use curriculum from Group Publishing, called “Hand-On Bible Curriculum.” Here they will focus on exciting stories, learn Bible verses, and learn the way that Jesus taught his disciples! This fun curriculum also offers learning for our teachers in its weekly “Teacher Enrichment,” so our volunteers are learning right alongside our students.

- Elyse Fairweather

NORTHMINSTER RETRO BINGO AND BAKE SALE!

White Elephant Prizes Needed for Northminster Retro Bingo and Bake Sale

The Northminster 125th anniversary fun continues with the Retro Bingo and Bake Sale and we need your help. If you’ve got leftovers from the rummage sale or “unique” items that you can bear to part with, please bring them to church. We’re collecting white elephant

prizes for Northminster’s upcoming “Retro Bingo and Bake Sale”, August 23rd from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We’ll have a light dinner of hot dogs and chips, an old-fashioned bake sale, crafts for the kids and BINGO!



- The 125th Anniversary Committee

BALLARD ECUMENICAL HOMELESS MINISTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!



Ballard Ecumenical Homeless Ministry (BEHM) supports an overnight shelter serving mentally ill homeless. Our shelter has been open in the Crown Hill/Ballard area since 1998. Northminster Presbyterian was a founding member of BEHM.

Our objective is to provide a warm and safe shelter in an atmosphere of respect.

Ours is a mission of hospitality—to be companions, not case managers or therapists.

Ours is a mission of safety—to provide guests with a warm and inviting “living room” atmosphere, a good meal, evening companionship, and a safe overnight place to sleep.

We are open three nights a week: Wednesdays at Crown Hill United Methodist Church, and Thursdays and Fridays at Northminster Presbyterian Church.

BEHM guests are under case management of and referred by Community Psychiatric Clinics in Belltown, Wallingford, and Northgate.

A steady core of volunteers is required to keep the shelter going. Volunteer duties include: meal preparation and delivery, evening companionship with guests from 5 to 9 pm, sleeping overnight with guests, doing weekly laundry, and van driving. The shelter is on a summer break and will open again after labor day.

Interested volunteers should visit www.ballardecumenicalhomelessministry.org, or contact John Skans 206.782.7250, or Susan O’Patka 206.491.2179.

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

For all gardeners: *Garden Blessings*. We have a new book of prose and poetry about our gardens.

Other new books in the library include *The Bloody Covenant*, a history of the Presbyterian Church in



the 14th and 15th century Scotland, and *What Christians Can Learn from Other Religions*.

- Elaine Boehmer, Church Librarian

A NEW STOVE AND OVEN IN OUR FUTURE!



Our institutional stove in the fellowship hall kitchen is sixty years old, rusty, and greasy. The oven thermostat isn't reliable. The two auxiliary ovens are also ready for replacement - they no longer work at all. So, after some research, the session voted last night to purchase a new stove and a separate, free-standing convection oven.

The new stove is almost the same as the old one, made of stainless steel, with six stovetop burners and a large oven. The convection oven is free standing, plugs into

110V, is not too hot to touch, and very speedy.

We also will be receiving a second household style dishwasher from the Hammer family to pair up with the existing one now in use. Our very large World War II surplus dishwasher will eventually be removed to allow room for the smaller dishwashers or for more counter-top space.

Thanks to the Hammers and to those whose memorial fund donations will buy our new stove and oven.

- Elder Ann Wightman

SESSION STRUCTURE

Our July session meeting was an exciting one - our first this term with new elders present. This meant that we have new officers assigned to some of our committees. And we've made some minor changes to a couple of the committees.

We have combined Adult Education and Church and Society, chaired by new member Leslie Duke. Christian Education will stand alone, chaired by Trisha Wirta. Cathy Linder, another new member, will chair Worship and Music.

We have high hopes for the Connections Committee, which we renamed the Outreach and Community Com-

mittee. Bronwen Matthews and Keith Hammer will be looking at activities for us both at church and in the community. Pass your ideas along to one of them.

We have staffed our Personnel Committee with Liz Tennant and Leslie Duke. Signa Treat will be leading Building and Grounds this term, with help from elder Ben Woldseth.

Some of our committees will be looking for people to help with their duties, so if you have a talent we can use look for the complete list to be posted on the reception room bulletin board and contact the chair to volunteer.

- Elder Ann Wightman

NEW SESSION AND DEACON COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Here is a list of the assignments for our busy elders and deacons.

SESSION STANDING COMMITTEES

Adult Ed./Church & Society—Leslie Duke, David Rufin

Budget, Finance & Memorials—Ann Wightman

Building and Grounds—Signa Treat, Ben Woldseth

Christian Ed.—Trisha Wirta

Outreach & Community—Bronwen Matthews, Keith Hammer

Worship & Music—Cathy Linder, Ann Wightman, Nancy Ingle

SESSION OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES

Financial Review—Ann Wightman, Liz Tennant

Heritage—Signa Treat

Nominating—Ann Wightman

Personnel—Liz Tennant, Leslie Duke

Stewardship—TBD

Clerk of Session—Antonio Rufin

DEACON OFFICERS

Moderator—David Voyles

Treasurer—Dana Hammer

Secretary—Jeremy Rice

DEACON COMMITTEES

Communion—Katy Suchland, Kim Owens, Lisa Horowitz

Community Service—Georgia Kurtz, David Voyles

Outreach and Community—Jen Oxley, Dawn Thornhill Flowers-Jen Oxley

Friendship/Fellowship—Sylvia King

Greeters—Vera Crooks, Stan Linder

Helping Hands—Stan Linder, Polly Etling

Memorial Receptions—Georgia Kurtz, Kim Owens, Lisa Horowitz

Nominating—Dana Hammer

Ushering—Polly Etling, Jeremy Rice, Sara Timmons, Lisa Horowitz

BYLAWS AND COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Session approved some minor changes to our bylaws and committee structure to keep us current and at our most effective. We hope to present these changes to the congregation for a vote in the near future.

As a corporation in the State of Washington, we are required to file a copy of our bylaws with the Attorney General's office and keep them accurate and current. This document outlines who we are, how we are structured, and how we operate, in-



cluding the responsibilities of our committees.

As well as having the congregation vote to amend this document, we would like to offer a class on the polity of our church to inform the congregation on how we function - what the deacons, elders, staff, and committees do. Watch for more on this in the coming weeks.

- Elder Ann Wightman

CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

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

NORTHMINSTER HISTORY—THE BROOM DRILL

What was a Broom Drill? It started in the late 1880's in which young ladies dressed in regimental gear went through the regular regimental marches armed with brooms instead of guns. It was frequently used as a device to raise church funds.



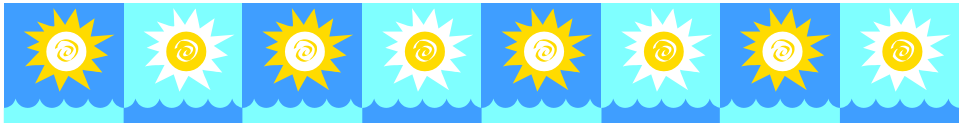


From a Ballard Newspaper March 14, 1891

The prospects for an enjoyable and successful entertainment to be given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church next Wednesday evening at the new opera house, are unusually good. The young ladies who are drilling for the occasion have

become somewhat proficient as regards their training of the broom drill with one exception, and that is when they have to comply with the command to "Fire." The poor girls' nerves are put to a terrible test; so much so that Mr. Sinclair, their worthy instructor, finds it necessary to assure them repeatedly that the brooms will neither explode nor injury their best fellows should they happen to be present. Thus far, however, his assurances avail but little, and indications point to a revolt. In justice to what courage the dear girls possess, it ought to be explained that there have been some young men engaged to fire pistols at the command of "Fire!" in the event of the brooms failing to explode, and as there is considerable animosity between some of the girls, who are loyal to the Old Maids' League, and those particular young men, who are members of the Bachelors' Club, it is not to be wondered as much that they were frightened when the command of "Fire!" is given. But as they have a few more evenings to practice, it is expected they will become accustomed to the noise of the discharge and will perform their duties like old veterans."

- Signa Treat

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<u>1</u> •12:00 A.A. group	<u>2</u>
<u>3</u> •9:30 Pick-up Choir • 10:30 Worship Coffee Fellowship	<u>4</u> •12:00 A.A. group	<u>5</u> •12:00 A.A. group •6:00 Knitting, Crochet and Needlework	<u>6</u> •12:00 A.A. group	<u>7</u> •12:00 A.A. group	<u>8</u> • A.A. group	<u>9</u>
<u>10</u> • 10:30 Worship Coffee Fellowship	<u>11</u> •12:00 A.A. group	<u>12</u> •12:00 A.A. group • 7:00 Building and Grounds meeting	<u>13</u> •12:00 A.A. group	<u>14</u> •12:00 A.A. group	<u>15</u> •12:00 A.A. group	<u>16</u>
<u>17</u> • 10:30 Worship Coffee Fellowship	<u>18</u> •12:00 A.A. group	<u>19</u> •12:00 A.A. group •6:00 Knitting, Crochet and Needlework Newsletter Deadline today!	<u>20</u> •12:00 A.A. group	<u>21</u> •12:00 A.A. group•	<u>22</u> •12:00 A.A. group	<u>23</u> • 5:00 Retro Bingo Night and Bake Sale! 
<u>24</u> • 10:30 Worship Coffee Fellowship	<u>25</u> •12:00 A.A. group	<u>26</u> •12:00 A.A. group • 7:00 Session	<u>27</u> •12:00 A.A. group	<u>28</u> •12:00 A.A. group	<u>29</u> •12:00 A.A. group	<u>30</u>
<u>31</u> • 10:30 Worship Coffee Fellowship						

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
Genesis 32:22-31	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	Genesis 45:1-15	Exodus 1:8-2:10	Exodus 3:1-15
<i>Psalm 17:1-7, 15</i>	<i>Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b</i>	<i>Psalm 133</i>	<i>Psalm 124</i>	<i>Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c</i>
Romans 9:1-5	Romans 10:5-15	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Romans 12:1-8	Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 14:13-21	Matthew 14:22-33	Matthew 15:10-20	Matthew 16:13-20	Matthew 16:21-28

THE GARDEN CORNER

In July, the flowers for the sanctuary were provided by the gardens of Pam Thompson, Helen Pheasant, Elsie Wassenaar, the church gardens



and the wedding of Shiang-Ping Huang and Jason Eisele.

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