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Northminster News

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Dear NPC Family,

Couple of things on my mind as I write to you today. First, I'm excited for NPC's 125th Anniversary Celebration this fall. I thought the new coffee mugs (and fancy coffee cart!) were outstanding, and I know there will be other reminders over the next several weeks of the century-plus legacy of ministry you share in. On Sunday, November 9th, we will culminate the festivities with special worship and a lunch gathering. On that Sunday we will also collect our 125th Anniversary financial pledges, which will include your commitment to the 2015 Operating Budget as well as the 125th Capital Fund (three year pledge.)

The 125th Anniversary Celebration also points us to the future. We rejoice in what God has done; we embrace by faith what God will do. As the writer of Hebrews puts it: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses (those who have gone before)...let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith." (Heb 12:1-2) I believe that God has great plans for you in the years ahead.

Which leads me to my second comment. I've shared with the elders and deacons that I believe that now is an appropriate time for me to conclude my interim ministry with you. After much thought and prayer, and in consultation with Presbytery, I've

identified Sunday, November 23 as my final day as your interim pastor.

I'm taking this step for several reasons. 1) It's my sense - no guarantees on this I realize - that your Pastor Nominating Committee is making good progress and may be zeroing in on their final candidate later this fall. 2) It is "Standard Operating Procedure" for there to be a kind of "interim interim" period of 4-6 weeks between the departure of the Interim Pastor and the arrival of the new pastor, and it seems that my November 23 date roughly fits this time-frame. 3) November 23 lets me complete my work with the last of the Interim Tasks that we identified last winter, namely, the financial piece of the 125th Celebration, as well as be a part of the 125th Celebration itself. 4) There are a couple of excellent "interim interim" folks I know of who will be available later this fall so the timing seems good on that front. And 5) there are several family-related reasons that make this timing attractive to me personally.

I know this news may strike some as a vivid reminder of the transitional nature of the season that NPC is in right now, and I certainly don't mean to cause any additional anxiety. I have great confidence that you are on the brink of a very exciting new season of ministry, and will navigate these final months of your interim period with grace and wisdom.

Grace and peace,

LETS HAVE AN ANNIVERSARY PARTY!

Save the date, November 9, for our 125th anniversary celebration immediately following services. We will travel back in time with photos and items spanning our church's history.

For our old-fashion potluck luncheon, we thought it would be fun if you can prepare a special entrée, salad, side dish, or dessert passed down from your grandmother, mother, or a family friend. The more old favorites the better!

We have also had requests for a jello mold contest. Remember those jello creations made from molds in the likeness of fish and other animals and various designs? In the near future, old cookbooks will be available in the coffee room for you to copy recipes if you wish. Bring your pens and paper.



Have you ever fantasized about living in a different time?

Here is your chance to dress up in vintage clothing, whether you are a man, woman, or child. So look in your closets, hope chest, thrift or antique stores for hats, ties, aprons, dresses, knickers, gloves, etc. to dress in your Sunday best. Those of you who dressed up for our recent bingo event know how much fun it was!

Whether you cook and dress in the past or present, we hope all of you will join us to look back on the past and look forward to the future. Expect to have a great and memorable time!

If you have any questions, contact Russ Kintrea 527-1960 or Jen Oxley 216-0315.

HELPING HANDS COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

Did you know that the Northminster Deacons have a "Helping Hands" committee? The purpose and goal of this committee is to provide support in the form of transportation, meals and in-home care. We are developing a list of volunteers. This is not a full-time commitment, but an opportunity to share your talents. Your assistance is crucial (we can't do this alone!) and will be

very much appreciated. The two deacons charged with this responsibility are Stan Linder and Polly Etling. Please fill out the inserted form and place in the offering plate, turn it in to the secretary mailbox, or bring it to the office. THANK YOU!!!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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.

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.

Interested volunteers should visit [www:ballardecumenicalhomelessministry.org](http://www.ballardecumenicalhomelessministry.org), or contact John Skans 206.782.7250, or Susan O'Patka 206.491.2179.

In addition:

Ida Culver Broadview would like a Bible Study Leader for Sundays. If anyone is interested, please contact Sandy Mozelle, Activities Director at 206-368-3713

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

We have received, out of the blue so to speak, a copy of the Quran. This is a gift from the Council on American-Islamic Relations, part of a project to “shed light on the many misunderstandings about Islam prevalent to today.” If you are interested in dipping into it you will find it with the heavy tomes



on the top shelf (south end). There is no check-out card, just bring it back when finished.

- Elaine Boehmer, Church Librarian

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has been hard at work through the summer, reviewing the 108 applications we received in response to our job posting. The posting closed on 8/31/2014. We have narrowed the group down and have spent September conducting telephone interviews. Our next steps include narrowing down to three candidates, then inviting these top three to Seattle for 'neutral pulpit' weekends. We appreciate,

and continue to covet, the prayers you've been offering on our behalf and the words of encouragement we receive from you on a weekly basis.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Van Noord, PNC Chair



BJ IS LEAVING US

BJ Stokay will depart Seattle on October 25 to permanently join Roger and Mark in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Her last day in church will be October 19. Contact details are:

4703 Highlands Loop
Santa Fe. New Mexico. 87503
Bjscat1@gmail.com
206 491.1903 cell



505 954-1591. Hard line

We will miss our Northminster family. Please let us know if you travel our way.

Northminster will miss your many contributions to our church, including your beautiful voice!

NORTHMINSTER HISTORY

From the Seattle Post Intelligencer:

In October 1956 the cornerstone of the new brick and stone sanctuary of Northminster Presbyterian was laid. First services were expected to be held early next year. "Participating in the cornerstone laying ceremony were the Rev. A. Taylor Dunlap, pastor, and J. B. Van Fassen, building committee chair.

Into a niche behind the cornerstone went a "time capsule," a copper box containing documents for posterity. Included were a variety of church papers and booklets, a shiny new 1956 penny, and a Post-Intelligencer account of the new church's ground breaking ceremony. The new building, a handsome edifice of stone and brick, also contains a basement dining hall and kitchen."

125TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS



Bingo night was such a blast! Thank you everyone who came and made it so fun.

Special thank yous to everyone on the 125th committee for all your

hard work. Jen Oxley set it up, Georgia Kurtz handled the white elephant prizes, Signa Treat managed the silent auction, Bronwen was busy in the kitchen keeping everything tasty and hot!

The after church espresso cart was a huge success. The weather was lovely and the

coffee & treats were yummy. Extra thanks to Kim Owens for ordering the fun mugs and getting the cart!



Don't worry.....we still have plenty of mugs if you didn't get one a couple weeks ago. And who wouldn't want one of the mugs celebrating our upcoming anniversary! The mugs are \$7 each. Also for sale....aprons for \$25. If you missed these at the Bingo night, you 'll simply have to have one once you see them. They'll be available after church or during the Anniversary Potluck on Nov. 9th!

THANK YOU FROM PAM

Dear Northminster friends! I was so touched by the generous gift of cash and the gift certificates to one of my favorite nearby restaurants! Thank you so much for these gifts and the many gifts you have given me over the years—the offers of help in the office, your thoughtful concern for me and my family. I have treasured my work with you so very much. There is a reason that Northminster is “a



village church in the city” and it is because of your commitment to be a welcoming presence in the community and all of your concern, care and commitment to one another. I appreciate and treasure the years in which I was able to serve you.

Peace,

Pam Thompson

CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS



Norma Allison [mother of Lisa Horowitz]
 Dick Brooking
 Bobbi Jo Connell [friend of Wynona Morrison’s daughter]
 The Family of Kathy Davis [sister-in-law of Nancy Ingle]

The family of Duane Glasscock
 Lena Harms
Virginia Hillin-Larson
 Betty Jespersen
 Shirley McKenzie
 Gretchen Monteith [friend of Bob Porter]

Wynona Morrison
 Anne Nilsen
 Dennis Pickell
 The Family of Sid Wold
 Pam Cumutt [friend of Dana Hammer],
 Doug [friend of the Wirtas]

CONCERT

THE KING’S GAME

Music for Kings, Bishops and an Empress
 Baroque Masterpieces
 by Marais, Muffat, Biber, Roman, & Wodiczka
 Performed by:
 Christine Wilkinson Beckman, baroque violin
 Kathryn Smith Derksen, viola da gamba
 Elizabeth Brown, lute & baroque guitar

Suggested donation: \$15 general
 \$10 senior/student
 Saturday, October 11, 2014
 7:30 p.m.
 Northminster Presbyterian Church
 7706 25th Ave NW, Seattle
 98117



WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME

WE HAVE A NEW STAFF MEMBER! ALLY PEXA STARTED THIS WEEK AS LEAD TEACHER & YOUTH GROUP LEADER FOR UPPER ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL-AGE KIDS. SHE IS A JUNIOR AT SPU, MAJORING IN THEOLOGY AND MINORING IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY. SHE HAS WORKED AT HER CHURCH IN GRANITE BAY, CA AND SHE IS A NANNY. SHE IS GREAT WITH KIDS AND EXCITED TO TEACH SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAD YOUTH GROUP ONE SUNDAY A MONTH! THE KIDS GAVE HER A THUMBS UP LAST WEEK!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 A.A. Meeting	2 A.A. Meeting Choir Practice	3 A.A. Meeting	4
5 Sunday morning worship service- Sunday school classes	6 A.A. Meeting	7 A.A. Meeting- Knitting, Cro- chet, Needlework group	8 A.A. Meeting Community Night & Bible Study	9 A.A. Meeting Choir Practice	10 A.A. Meeting	11 Concert: The King's Game, Music for Kings, Bishops and an Empress
12 Sunday morning worship service Sunday school classes	13 A.A. Meeting	14 A.A. Meeting	15 A.A. Meeting	16 A.A. Meeting	17 A.A. Meeting	18
19 Sunday morning worship service Sunday school classes	20 A.A. Meeting	21 A.A. Meeting Knitting, Cro- chet, Needlework group	22 A.A. Meeting	23 A.A. Meeting Choir Practice	24 A.A. Meeting	25
26 Sunday morning worship service- Sunday school	27 A.A. Meeting	28 A.A. Meeting Session meeting	29 A.A. Meeting	30 A.A. Meeting Choir Practice	31 A.A. Meeting	



LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER

October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9	Exodus 32:1-14	Exodus 33:12-23	Deuteronomy 33:1-12
<i>Psalm 19</i>	<i>Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23</i>	<i>Psalm 99</i>	<i>Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17</i>
Phillipians 3:4b-14	Philipians 4:1-9	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	1Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 21:33-46	Matthew 22:1-14	Matthew 22:15-22	Matthew 22:34-46

THANK YOU!

Thank you all for the cards and prayers I have received. A special thanks to Tyler for his visit and to

Sheila for her visits and flowers. I am truly blessed to belong to such a caring congregation.

Virginia Larson

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