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# Northminster News

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## *Letter from the Pastor*

Dear Northminster Family -

October welcomes us with World Wide Communion Sunday. This tradition began in Pittsburgh, PA in 1933. By 1940, the World Council of Churches had adopted the idea to be integrated across the globe. Just as the world was beginning to unravel once again with another World War, the church proclaimed that the table was a place of hope and a sign of unity. Now, 80 years later, the church still practices this tradition of World Wide Communion on the first Sunday of October. The table calls us to unity and to hope, and in the Presbyterian Church, we pair this with a special offering that is designated for peace making throughout the world. At Northminster, we will retain a portion of this offering for the work of Kathryn and Dan Smith Derksen as peacemakers in Cape Town, South Africa.

The first World Wide Communion Sunday was practiced as a proclamation of peace and this one that we practiced last Sunday in 2015 was still a firm proclamation of peace. The table, indeed, stretches wide into the world and enacts the peace that it proclaims. It is a feast indeed.

This is simply one more way that worship commits us to the world in which we live. Rather than calling us out of the world, or keeping us separate from the world, worship should invigorate and strengthen our presence in the world. We walk on sacred ground each Sunday precisely because our feet are firmly planted on earthly soil. The very fruits of the earth fill up the table as Jesus' reminder that the ground underneath us is the very place he intended to change. When we worship, we boldly dare to proclaim that God loves the world now more than ever.

It was counter cultural in 1933, and it is counter cultural now. But it is still our quiet and powerful invitation every Sunday.

In an effort to examine our Sunday practices more closely, our organist Eric Johnson and I will be teaching a class for three Sundays in October called: We Sing! The class will explore the themes that we see in worship every Sunday. We'll also sing together the hymns that guide us through our worship. Come join us to fill our Fellowship Hall with song and worship exploration on these October mornings: Oct 11, 18, 25 from 9:00-9:45am.

Living in Hope,

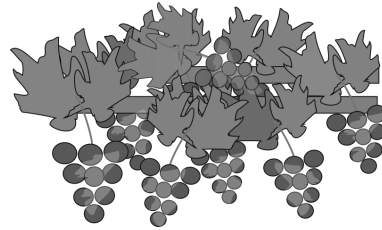
Dani

## Grape Day 2015!

We were blessed with 2 grape Sundays this year! Elsie Wassenaar, along with Ben Peterson, brought grapes from Elsie's family vineyard in the land of milk and honey—Sunnyside in the Yakima Valley. Elsie brought four different varieties. They were free but donations could be made to Life Options, a group that helps pregnant women. They discuss the wom-

en's options. Thanks to generous Northminster folks, Elsie was able to donate \$100 to Life Options. They will be most grateful for this generous gift.

Elsie Wassenaar



DON'T MISS:

## "*Laudate*"

# a concert of 17th & 18th century baroque music

Rebekah Gilmore - soprano, Christine

Wilkinson Beckman - violin,  
Kathryn Smith Derksen - viola da gamba,  
Elizabeth Brown - lute & baroque guitar

When: Saturday, October 24,  
2:00pm

Where: Northminster Presbyterian  
Church

7706 25<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, Seattle 98117

Suggested donation: \$20/\$15 students &  
Seniors, children 12 and under free

Adult Ed This Sunday

**We Sing!** A class to examine the themes of worship through song taught by: Rev Dani Forbess and Organist Eric Johnson on October 11, 18 & 25 9:00-9:45am

Narthex Activity: Have you noticed a new feel in the narthex? We are in the process of creating more open space for people as they arrive at Northminster. The narthex should give you a taste of what life is like at Northminster and how to get connected. Let us know what you think!!

### *Garden Corner:*

Sanctuary flowers for the month of September were from the gardens of Sylvia King, Dani Forbess and the church gardens. If you have flowers in your yard that you would like to arrange for the sanctuary I will be glad to help you with any supplies you need.

A lot of planting and changing has gone on in the garden this year. By next year we hope to be able to produce more flowers for cutting so that we can share flowers from the garden with our members and friends when they are unable to join us on Sundays. So, thinking ahead, please save small jars (4-5 inches) that can be used for vases. Sheila @ 206-781-4192



**OCTOBER 2015**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Noon AA meeting  BEHM @ NPC 7:30 Choir Practice	2 Noon AA meeting	3
4 10:30 am Worship Service & Kids SS	5 Noon AA meeting	6 Noon AA meeting 6 Knit & Crochet	7 Noon AA meeting BEHM @ CHUMC Community Night & Earl Palmer lecture	8 Noon AA meeting BEHM @ NPC 7:30 Choir Practice	9 Noon AA meeting BEHM @ NPC	10
11 10:30 am Worship Service & kids SS  3:30 pm Dean Hardy Memorial	12 Noon AA meeting	13 Noon AA meeting	14 Noon AA meeting BEHM @ CHUMC Community Night & Book Club, Youth Group & PNO info mtg	15 Noon AA meeting BEHM @ NPC 7:30 Choir Practice	16 Noon AA meeting BEHM @ NPC	17 6 Movie Night
18 10:30 am Worship Service & kids SS	19 Noon AA meeting	20 Noon AA meeting  6 Knit & Crochet	21 Noon AA meeting BEHM @ CHUMC Community Night & Youth Group & Adult discussion	22 Noon AA meeting BEHM @ NPC 7:30 Choir Practice	23 Noon AA meeting BEHM @ NPC	24
25 10:30 am Worship Service & kids SS	26 Noon AA meeting	27 Noon AA meeting 7 pm Session	28 Noon AA meeting BEHM @ CHUMC Community Night & Youth Group & Adult discussion	29 Noon AA meeting BEHM @ NPC 7:30 Choir Practice	30 Noon AA meeting BEHM @ NPC	31

**LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER**

<b>October 4</b>	<b>October 11</b>	<b>October 18</b>	<b>October 25</b>
<i>Psalm 26</i>	<i>Psalm 22:1-15</i>	<i>Psalm 104</i>	<i>Psalm 34</i>
Philippians 1:3-11, 27	Philippians 2:1-13	Philippians 3:7-16	Philippians 4:1-9
Mark 10:2-16	Mark 10:17-31	Mark 10:35-45	Mark 10:46-52

**Calendar notes:**

**October 7 7-8pm**

**Earl Palmer comes to share “How to Read the Bible” [www.earlpalmerministries.org](http://www.earlpalmerministries.org)**

**Community Night**

Every Wednesday Night Dinners 6-7pm  
Youth Group and Adult Formation 7-8pm

Adult Formation: “Why Bother? A Close Look at Why We Gather Around This Story.” During this time we will look at & discuss various videos put together by The Work of the People exploring the themes of church for the 21st century.

Youth Group will be led by our Christian Education Leader, Ally Pexa. She will prepare lessons and activities for children 8 and up. Come and join us!!

October 17: Northminster Movie Night!! Bring your friends!

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**From the Bookshelf:**

New in the library: The People's Bible. This is an account of the making of the King James Bible. Who knew a translation could cause so much furor! Look for it on the display table.

**READING GROUP NEWS—Meetings the 2nd Wed. @ 5:30. This Month we're discussing Shanghai Girls by Lisa See on 10/14.**

**Our next book will be Surveillance by Jonathan Raban.** In the not to distant future no one trusts anyone and everyone is watching everybody else. America is obsessed with information and under siege from an insidious enemy: paranoia. National identify cards are mandatory, terrorism alerts are a daily event, and privacy is laid bare on the Internet. For a freelance journalist, her daughter, a bestselling author, and a struggling actor, these tumultuous times provide the backdrop as their lives become inextricably bound in a darkly humorous, frighteningly accurate story of life in an unstable world. (Amazon.com)

Copies of the book will be in the mailboxes by the office or ask Signa Treat.