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Letter from the Pastor

Dear Northminster Family -

The church year takes us through quite a journey in November. We mark the first Sunday of the month in recognition of All Saints. This year, the Sunday and the actual holiday coincide. So November 1 will be the Sunday that we gather in worship to turn our attention to that great cloud of witnesses that has marked our path. In different cultures, All Saints Day carries the weight of a real holiday. It is a day of remembrance, and also strange celebration. There is a way that death brings the saints close to mind. All Saints Day whispers to us that even though death meets us all, there is a stronger story beyond the grave. Somehow the lives of the saints grow more precious in their absence. Perhaps because in their absence we anticipate the day we will meet again. We weep and we laugh all at the same time.

All Saints becomes more than mere remembrance in the presence of Christ the King Sunday, November 22. This is the Sunday before Advent, and the great climax of the church calendar. Christ the King Sunday honors not just that Jesus reigns at the right hand of God the Father, but it really reveals that time itself is one more construct and configuration of the created order. It too will come to an end. And there will be one who is standing outside of time itself, Jesus himself, true king not just of matter but of time and space.

Then just before we feel that we are about to take off into the celestial places ourselves, we come back to the beginning. All of a sudden, the smell of the straw and the groans of birth confront us with the earthly reality of the here and now. We might have eternity to look forward to, but for the moment we have the very God of time and space calling us clearly into the here and now of our very bodies. We have the very God who stands outside of time taking on, loving, and living in his own flesh and blood.

In the wake of All Saints and Christ the King, we may find ourselves looking up, awaiting the return of Jesus - just as his disciples did so long before. And Advent reminds us, just as the Holy Spirit told the disciples, for now it is this particular geography in which God is revealed.

The wonder of the Christian year is that time holds meaning. It does not just pass, but every journey around the sun tells a story. The universal spinning is not without rhythm and hope, even though some days reveal nothing of the sort.

We join together in worship because we have the opportunity to give this story to the world. Our newsletter is filled with different ways that people are seeking to do just that. Let's take a look at our familiar community in a new way. How are we, the people of Northminster, seeking to give this story to the world? Take a look!

Dani

Christmas Singers Needed!

Want to sing with the choir for Christmas Eve? Now's the time to let Kathryn know. During our traditional service of lessons and Christmas carols the choir will sing certain movements from Camille Saint-Saen's Christ-

mas Oratorio, in English. It's a lovely, accessible piece, and we will be accompanied by our chamber orchestra. Rehearsals are Thursday evening, and you wouldn't need to come every week if you just want to sing Christmas Eve. Thanks!

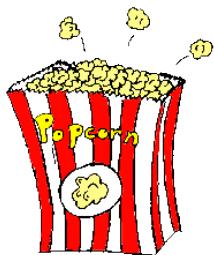
Adult Formation

Adult Formation is taking on form and substance in both familiar and new ways here at Northminster. A new piece that I am starting provides space for individual members to tell us about what they are reading, listening to and thinking about so that we can connect to texts and ideas that might not normally come our way. I look forward to learning from other members in future communications, but it seems only fair that I go first. As we prepared to greet Earl Palmer, I so valued using the Earl Palmer Ministries website to listen to sermons Earl has preached over

the years. In addition to listening to some old favorites that I remember from his time at University Presbyterian, I especially was taken by the ones he preached while at National Presbyterian in Washington, D.C., which is my hometown. During his time with us, Earl spoke of the influence in his life of Robert Boyd Munger's "My Heart, Christ's Home." I've read it before, but Earl reminded me of the need to read it again. I am glad I did. My other reading comes from Lars Rood, who has preached with us several times and was here during Dani's lovely installation ceremony, and is called Bold Parenting.

Viol Concert

Several members of the Tahoma Consort of Viols played for our service Oct 25 - and invite you to hear more of the viola da gamba at their **concert Nov 7 at Woodland Presbyterian Church**. *The Versatile Viol! The personalities and textures of the viol consort.* Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015, 7pm. Woodland Park Presbyterian Church, 225 N. 70th St. Seattle, 98103. Explore the music for viols from the Renaissance and Baroque periods, and beyond! Chris Briden, Robert Bolyard, Ronnee Fullerton, Lee Inman, and Kathryn Smith Derksen, on a variety of Viols!



Movie Night

November 7th we're watching Inside Out! There'll be snacks! We'll hang out in the Reception Room! Come and bring a friend!



Garden Corner:

Thanks to Nancy Ingle for providing and arranging the flowers on October 4. Nancy also added a touch of fall to the green banners in the sanctuary. Thanks Nancy. Additional flowers for the month of October came from Georgia Kurtz and the church gardens. Our garden is settling in for it's winter nap so there will be less flowers coming from the church garden. If you would like to provide flowers for the sanctuary there is a signup chart in the reception room. If you need help with vases or arranging just give me a call. Sheila @ 206-781-4192
*Remember, you can take the bouquet to someone in need after the service.



November 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10:30 am Worship Service & Kids SS Healing Service	2 Noon AA meeting	3 Noon AA meeting 6 Knit & Crochet	4 Noon AA meeting BEHM @ CHUMC Community Night	5 Noon AA meeting BEHM @ NPC 7:30 Choir Practice	6 Noon AA meeting BEHM @ NPC	7 6 Movie Night
8 10:30 am Worship Service & kids SS	9 Noon AA meeting	10 Noon AA meeting	11 Noon AA meeting BEHM @ CHUMC Community Night Youth Group	12 Noon AA meeting BEHM @ NPC 7:30 Choir Practice	13 Noon AA meeting BEHM @ NPC Youth Group Cooks	14
15 10:30 am Worship Service & kids SS	16 Noon AA meeting	17 Noon AA meeting 6 Knit & Crochet	18 Noon AA meeting BEHM @ CHUMC Community Night & Youth Group & Adult discussion	19 Noon AA meeting BEHM @ NPC 7:30 Choir Practice	20 Noon AA meeting BEHM @ NPC	21 7:30 pm Concert by Ahra Yoo
22 10:30 am Worship Service & kids SS, Kathryn Smith Derksen to preach	23 Noon AA meeting	24 Noon AA meeting 7 pm Session	25 Noon AA meeting BEHM @ CHUMC NO Community Night or youth group	26 Noon AA meeting	27 Noon AA meeting	28
29 10:30 am Worship Service & kids SS	30 Noon AA meeting					

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER

November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
<i>Psalm 24</i>	<i>Psalm 127</i>	1 Samuel 2:1-10	<i>Psalm 132</i>	<i>Psalm 25</i>
Colossians 1:15-23	Colossians 2:20-3:4	Colossians 3:9-17	2 Samuel 23:1-7 Revelations 1:4-8	Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
John 11:32-44	Mark 12:38-44	Mark 13:1-8	John 18:33-37	Luke 21:25-36

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Ahra is coming back! Our former organist, Ahra Yoo, will be performing an awesome organ concert here at Northminster on Saturday, November 21, from 7:30 pm to about 8:30 pm. We don't know what

her selections will be yet, but it should be classy and light. She misses us all and would love to see us. Be sure to invite your friends and family and plan to stay for cookies and coffee.

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Please notify us with corrections if needed, or if you wish to stop receiving the Northminster News.

“Guest Preacher”

Kathryn Smith Derksen, our beloved Choir Director, will preach on November 22nd. She will share her vision for peace making and its importance in the world today, now more than ever.

Dick Brooking has moved to an Adult Family Home in Shoreline. Many thanks to the many friends at Northminster who have visited him at his previous place.....bringing him pictures, flowers, cards and many pleasant conversations. All these kind thoughts and prayers are much appreciated by both Dick and Janet. We are thankful for our Church Family.



Calendar notes:

Youth Group cooks for BEHM November 13th

Alternative Christmas Fair, December 6th and 13th

Christmas Pageant - December 13th!!

Christmas Eve Service 8pm —
time change

Community Night will NOT meet on November 25th. We will resume December 2nd.



READING GROUP NEWS—Meetings the 2nd Wed. @ 5:30. This Month we’re discussing Surveillance by Jonathan Raban on 11/11.

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