

Good Tidings



Northminster Presbyterian Church, Sarasota, FL

FEBRUARY SERVICES

Sundays at
10:30 AM

Dr. Christopher
Carlson, Pastor

February 5

Each One Bring One
John 1:35-51

February 12

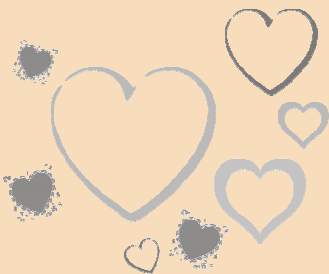
Gifts of Women
Jinny Miller,
Guest Speaker

February 19

*The God of Second
Chances*
John 3:1-21

February 26

*Pray for Divine
Appointments*
John 4:1-30



The Gospel by Hospitality

Dear Friends,

What can you do to help grow our church? I want to encourage you to do something very simple, yet incredibly effective; something most of us are good at and practice on a regular basis. In a word, I want to encourage you to practice the Gospel by Hospitality.

Most of us are good at hospitality. We often have people into our homes; and we are very good at that. We know how to make people feel welcomed and wanted: we greet them; we offer them something to eat; we get them a drink; we introduce them to other people; we offer them a comfortable place to sit. It is the same with our church home. When new people come, we want them to feel welcomed and wanted. So, we practice hospitality. We greet them; we can help them find a place to sit; we introduce them to others, etc. It really is that simple.

We have all heard of the famous phrase, "Build it and they will come." It is true that since we built our new Sanctuary many people have visited to check us out. Many churches grow just by making sure they help those who visit feel welcomed and wanted on Sunday morning. Well, of course it takes much more than that. If we are intentional and practice good hospitality, it is likely many will stay and join us on our faith journey, here at Northminster.



Of course to grow our church, we need to do other things as well. One of the very powerful programs Northminster will be doing over the next four years is "Each One Bring One." The idea is very simple. Would you commit to bringing one non-churched person to church each year for the next four years? Of course you can bring more, but would you commit to just one? The person you invite may or may not be a Christian, but for some reason he or she does not belong to a church. Members of other churches do not count. We do not want to "steal sheep" from other churches. How do you do that? Just be hospitable. We do not hesitate to invite others to eat with us. We do not hesitate to tell them some wonderful news we have heard. In this case, we commit to telling others about our church and inviting them - no forcing, no but-tonholing, just inviting.

In His Grip,

Pastor Chris

Thank You for Your 2016 Mission Gifts!

During this past year, our wonderful congregation made noteworthy donations to several local and international missions.

Our quarterly local missions:

SPARCC	\$1,647.00
Resurrection House	1,698.00
Bible Mission USA	1,427.00
Beth-El Farm Ministry	3,157.00

(We also made over twenty trips to Beth-El with donated clothing, food, and household items.)

Our two international missions were:

Kirkuk Presbyterian Church	\$1,950.00
Free Wheelchair Mission	1,844.00

(Providing over 25 all-terrain wheelchairs)

We also supported the following:

Christmas Joy Offering	\$1,640.00
Cedar Kirk Camp	581.00
Romanian Mission	880.00
Crop Walk	1,220.00
All Faiths Food Bank	275.00

(Plus over 2,000 pounds of food)

The Presbyterian Church in Kirkuk, Iraq



Syrian refugee camp

In 2014, ISIS took the city of Mosul and pressed into the nearby Nineveh Plain. Ahead of them fled tens of thousands of Christians, seeking shelter wherever they could find it. More than 70 of them ended up living in the **Presbyterian Church in Kirkuk**, where every classroom and office became a small apartment. They are all still there. With the help of other Christians all over the world, the church continues to help them, as best they can.

In addition, Rev. Haitham Jazrawi reports that there is still an influx of refugees, mainly women, children, seniors, and the disabled. (The able-bodied men are being forced to join ISIS.) They flee in the middle of the night, in freezing winter temperatures. The church has distributed heavy winter blankets to refugees living in the street and in UN camps.

To support this mission, please write "Kirkuk" on your offering envelope, or on the memo line of your check.

Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry



Beth-El Mission is located in Wimauma, Florida, where the agricultural industry is one of the largest employers. 70% of the population is Latino and more than half of them are under the age of 30.

Some of these young people follow their parents into the fields, while others pursue an advanced education. Many feel themselves adrift between two cultures and have expressed frustration that they do not have a place of worship that provides an outlet that addresses their faith within the complexities of the world in which they live. That is why the mission believes

the time is right to begin a new young adult ministry for this unique community; a ministry to nurture spiritual development and help individuals navigate life between two diverse cultures.

Beth-El continues to offer programs for worship, a food pantry, education, meals, camps for children, and counseling.

Please make your contribution by marking the "local mission" line on your offering envelope or by using a white mission envelope.

We also accept donations of clothing and household items for their thrift store.

Fellowship Activities

MORE FELLOWSHIP FUN

A trip to Mixon Fruit Farm is scheduled for **Friday, February 17**. A tour of the orchards, bird and small animal display, and a buffet lunch are all included in the \$20.00 ticket. The tour is at **11:00** and lunch at 12:00. If you'd like to join us for the tour only, the price is \$9.00. Please make your check out to Northminster and give it to Cora Lee or Wayne Cain by **February 5**. Friends are welcome! Please be sure to list them on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



ATTN: PINOCHLE PLAYERS

Do you enjoy a fun game of pinochle? Come join us on the **second and fourth Wednesdays**, in the Fellowship Hall, for a casual game.

FRIDAY LINE DANCING

Join us **every Friday**, at 2:00, for a Line Dancing Class in the Fellowship Hall. It is a fun way to exercise and stay active! There's no cost ... just show up!

FREE TECH HELP

If you wish you knew how to use your iPhone, computer, or tablet, and don't know who to ask, this individual training is for you!

Just bring your device to the Fellowship Hall **at 1:00 on Monday afternoons** and **David Stoltie** will be glad to help you.

PRESBYTERIANS EATING OUT

Our next PEO dinner will be held at **Square 1 Burgers**, 5239 University Pkwy. (Kohls shopping center), on Friday, **February 24**, at 5:00. Their Angus beef is all natural, antibiotic and hormone free, and humanely raised. Chicken, salmon, and salads are also on the menu. Contact Rich Rhodes, if you have any questions. Please sign-up in the Narthex.

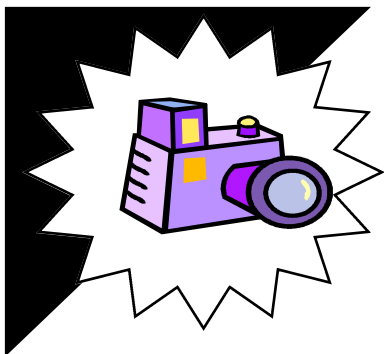
SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Coffee and refreshments are served outside, in front of the sanctuary, after the Worship Service. Stay for a while, enjoy a cup of coffee, and connect with your fellow worshippers.



The annual Ash Wednesday Soup and Communion Service will be held on March 1 at 5:30, in the Fellowship Hall. Plan to join us for our traditional soup dinner, followed by communion and a beautiful Ash Wednesday service, led by Pastor Chris.

2017 Photo Directory



Did you miss the photo sessions in October, for our upcoming Photo Directory? LifeTouch professional photographers are returning on **February 3 and 4** (Friday and Saturday) to photograph the remaining members and friends who want to be included in the directory. Appointments can be made online by clicking the LifeTouch link on the church website, NPCSarasota.com.

If you cannot make an appointment on one of these dates, there are some alternate methods to be included in the directory. Please contact **Isabel Oake**, in the church office, as soon as possible to make arrangements.

There is no cost to our church, and no obligation to purchase anything. Each participating family will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a copy of the directory. We will receive only enough directories to give to those who have their pictures included.

Presbyterian Women



February PW Meetings

All meetings in the Library

PW Coordinating Team:

Tuesday, February 7, 10:30

Esther Circle:

Thursday, February 2, 12:00

Leader: **Joan Melnick**
and **Jane Clark**

Ruth Circle:

Monday, February 20, 10:00

Leader: **Valerie Wilde**

Mary Circle:

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 10:00

Leader: **Debbie Latimer**

GIFTS OF WOMEN SUNDAY

February 12 will be Gifts of Women Sunday, when the women of the church are celebrated. *All women are encouraged to wear something red.*

During this service we will receive the Thank Offering. The money collected will go to 22 ministries, in the US and internationally, to provide clean water, alleviate homelessness, provide educational opportunities, promote health, and improve the lives of women and children. Look for the blue Thank Offering envelopes that will be provided in the bulletins.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BALANCE

On **Monday, February 13** at 11:30, the Presbyterian Women will present a program, led by a physical therapist, on the Importance of Balance. We will learn some exercises to help us gain better balance. Lunch will be provided by the PW Coordinating Team.

DECEMBER'S EVENT

Our PW general meeting on December 12 was great fun. Jerry Landis led us in Christmas music, helping to put us all in the Christmas spirit. Thank you, Jerry! Thank you to all who donated to the Birthday Offering. It will go to help those who are in need. And, a big thank you to Ruth Circle for the delicious lunch and beautiful birthday cake for Jesus.

WOMEN'S CIRCLES

All women are invited to join one of our three Circles to share Bible study and fellowship. A Circle can provide friendship and support in your faith journey. You are invited to attend any of the dates and times listed to the left.

PWCT MEETING

Any interested woman of our church, whether a member of a Circle or not, is welcome at the PW Coordinating Team meeting on **Monday, February 6**, at 10:30 in the library.

From the Deacons' Bench

The Roman cross has become a symbol of the Christian faith. On the cross, Jesus effectively paid the ransom price for our redemption from sin and death with his innocent life blood. But Jesus is no longer on the cross. His saving act was successfully completed – once and for all.

He is now the triumphant Savior and victorious Lord situated in the heavenly realms. He is resurrected, exalted, and glorified, and seated at the right hand of the Father. And he intercedes on our

behalf, from this amazing vantage point. Jesus brings our prayers and needs directly to God the Father, who cares for us.

Should we place our sins, problems and burdens at the metaphorical (or imaginary) “Foot of the Cross”? Or should we hand them over to God the Father, through the real, resurrected, and exalted Jesus Christ?

J.B. Donaldson



Hearing Assistance

Northminster's Sanctuary is equipped with a **Hearing Loop** which magnetically transmits sound to hearing aids and cochlear implants with telecoils (T-coils). Talk to your hearing aid provider about installing T-coil in your hearing aid - *OR you may already have a T-coil that only needs to be activated!*

A limited number of headphones, for use with the Hearing Loop system, are available from the ushers.



A Thank You Note

Dear Northminster Family,
I would like to say thank you for all the sharing that I have received from so many. While I was at Life Care, I had many visitors, cards, and flowers. Also, the Christmas cookies were well-received and Jeanne brought many Christmas cards. I cannot say enough about the thoughtfulness that has been shown to us.

I especially appreciate the prayers that have been said for me. I have to say, more are needed. I have a very complex issue.

I am hopeful now, with very limited movement, and hope I can soon be back at church. Again, thanks to all for everything.

In God's love,
Colette Stevenson



Midday Music Presents David Allen Wehr in Concert



Northminster's 2017 Midday Music Concert Series continues on **February 10**, with a concert by pianist **David Allen Wehr**.

All concerts are held in Northminster's sanctuary and last one hour, beginning at noon. They are free and open to the public. A Meet-the-Artist reception, in the Fellowship Hall, will follow each performance.

Mr. Wehr has been called by the *New York Times* "a man who so strongly believes in his ideas that they come across as statements of musical fact," and the *American Record Guide* "more than a pianist's pianist; he is a musician's musician." He holds the Jack W. Geltz Distinguished Piano Chair at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Since winning the Gold Medal at the 1987 Santander International Piano Competition in Spain, he has toured in over thirty countries in Europe, the Far East, and North and South America. Mr. Wehr has been soloist with the London Symphony, the National Symphony, the Houston, Chattanooga, New Zealand symphonies, and all the major Spanish and Latin American orchestras. He toured for thirteen seasons with Community Concerts as recitalist, member of the Sartory Trio, and pianist with violinist Linda Wang and cellist Zuill Bailey, and has recorded 20 albums with Connoisseur Society, including the complete Beethoven Sonata Cycle. He is in great demand as presenter and judge for national and international piano competitions.

More Music at NPC

SUNCOAST CONCERT BAND AND JAZZ AMBASSADORS

The Suncoast Concert Band and Jazz Ambassadors make their home at Northminster from November—April. All performances are at 3:00 on Sunday afternoons and tickets cost \$5.00.

The Suncoast Concert Band will play on **February 5**, **March 5**, and **April 2 & 23**.

The Jazz Ambassadors will play on **February 12**, **March 12**, and **April 9**.

To reserve tickets, please call **907-4123**.

THE ANNA MARIA ISLAND CONCERT CHORUS AND ORCHESTRA

AMICCO will move out of Manatee County for the first time, with a concert at Northminster Presbyterian Church, Saturday evening, **February 11, 2017** at 7:00. The concert will feature Brahms's "Nanie," Borodin's "Polovtsian Dances," and outstanding young performers from AMICCO's 10th Annual Young Artists Solo Competition, who will perform works by Bruch, Weber, and Haydn.





Contribution Statements for 2016 were mailed near the end of January. This Statement itemizes all gifts to the church during 2016, including pledges, capital campaign, mission gifts, flowers, etc. and can be used in filing your income tax returns.

Please review your statement when you receive it and, if you have any questions, call **Isabel Oake** in the office.



Congregational MEETING

February 19, 2017
after the Worship Service

At this meeting we will review the annual report, and elect officers. Please plan to attend.

Financial Update

Thanks to all of our NPC members and friends, we closed out our Operating Fund for 2016 in the BLACK!

We used the surplus of several thousand dollars to reduce the negative amounts shown in several of the funds on our balance sheet, leaving a Net Income of \$1.

	<u>Dec 2016</u>	<u>YTD 2016</u>
Income	\$40,686	\$342,115
Expense	<u>\$38,078</u>	<u>\$342,11421</u>
Net Income	\$ 2,608	\$ 1

As of January 1, 2017, our mortgage principal has been reduced from \$642,723, at the end of 2015, to \$499,814. And a significant additional payment will be made soon, further reducing the total.

Please continue your excellent financial support of our church.

Harry Wilde, Treasurer
Bob Silver, Co-Treasurer
Jack Tibbets, Business and Finance Manager



Office Notes

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon—Thurs: 9:00 - 3:30
Fri: 9:00-2:00

WELCOME BACK WINTER FRIENDS!

Please update your address with the office when you return to Florida. Call, e-mail, or look for the address-change clipboard in the Narthex.

LOST AND FOUND

Have you lost an umbrella, glasses, keys, or other items? Be sure to check the Lost and Found box behind the counter in the Narthex .

DEADLINES

- **Announcements for the Sunday Bulletin** are due in the office by **noon every Wednesday**.
- **Good Tidings:** The deadline for the March issue of the *Good Tidings* is **Wednesday, February 15**. Please submit your articles and announcements to office@npcsarasota.org.
- **Session Committee Reports** are due in the office by **Wednesday, February 8**, for the **February 15** meeting.

Isabel Oake



February Birthdays

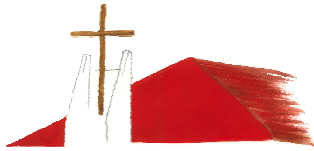
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| 11 | Judy Egan | | |
| 13 | Jerry Landis | | |
| 20 | Betty Jo Dutcher | | |

February



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