

Good Tidings



Northminster Presbyterian Church, Sarasota, FL

SEPTEMBER SERVICES

Sundays at
10:30 AM

Rev. Wally Johnson

September 2

A Surprise Gift
Acts 2:1-47

September 9

*Reformed and
Always Reforming*
Acts 15:1-41

September 16

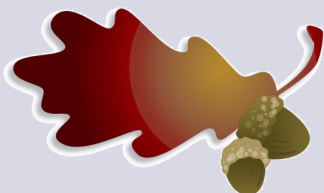
The Best is Yet to Come
Romans 8:1-39

September 23

Sola Scriptura
2 Timothy 3:10-4:8

September 30

Guest Speaker
John Frazee



Pastor's Corner

Here we are in September already! Time has flown by. As I write this, Joyce and I have just returned from vacation! We had a great time and it was very relaxing! It was great to recharge our batteries. I find I need those times!

September will bring the return of our Fall Bible Studies. Stay tuned for the start dates for Dick Murphy's Sunday and Thursday morning classes. I will begin my Tuesday Studies on Oct. 2. Why so late? I have a week of Study leave in September and then a trip to Cuba late in the month.

I will be going to Cuba with about 28 others from our Presbytery. Pray for this trip as we hope to make inroads into the actual partnership with a sister congregation there.

I have been reading a book on Spiritual disciplines and another on Restoring our Passion. One discipline they both focus on is the importance of solitude and quiet times. You find several times where Jesus went apart to spend time alone with his Father. Forty days in the wilderness - the mountaintop after the feeding of the 5,000, and Gethsemane, come to mind. I am struck by the importance of this to Jesus. How much more important should it be for me?

One of my takeaways from the summer is the intentional building of quiet times into my daily schedule as a way of preparing for the increased demands of pastoral life during the "season."



You are familiar with the words of Psalm 46:10, as I use them often with you. It is the invitation to "be still and know that I am God." The surrounding context is important. The invitation to be still comes at a time when the earth is changing, the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, and there is chaos all around. That is when we find the invitation to be still. It is in being still, the Psalmist tells us, that we will find that God is still exalted in the earth.

May God grant to all of us the waters of refreshing that come, not from trying to get a sip from a fire hose, but from the still waters to which the Good Shepherd leads us.

In His Service,

Pastor Wally

P.S. September 9, will be Show Your Colors Sunday! To celebrate the kickoff of college football you are invited, and encouraged, to show your pride and wear the colors of your favorite team.

Fall Bible Studies

THE ESSENTIAL 100

Our reading of the Essential 100 Stories of the Bible will conclude this month. Pastor Wally continues to lead a discussion of the previous week's readings **at 9:00, on Sundays, in the Fellowship Hall.**

ties but losing the war. The people were too headstrong, stubborn, and corrupt to change their ways. God eventually had no choice but to bring to an end the special blessings he promised the people. It would be sad news for the Israelites, but good news for the world, because it culminated in the coming of Jesus Christ.

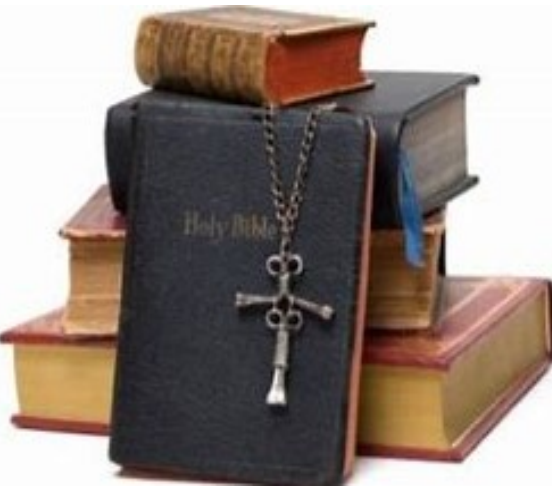
ELIJAH AND ELISHA

Elijah and Elisha are coming to Northminster this fall through the teaching of **Dick Murphy**. The class will be offered twice weekly; **Sundays at 9:00, starting September 16, and Thursdays at 10:00, starting September 20.**

The two great prophets of God show us that little has changed in the past 3,000 years. People are still worshipping false gods. Like the Old Testament people, America and the world are on the precipice of either stopping their disobedience and turning to God or facing the consequences of a lost and broken world. Jesus is our prophet, priest, and king who begs the world to turn to God. Christians are the answer.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR WALLY

Pastor Wally's Bible study class will begin on Tuesday, **October 2**, at 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall.



These two great prophets were called by God at a time in the Old Testament when God's chosen people were breaking God's Covenant and worshipping the foreign gods of Baal and Asherah. The prophets were sent to remind the people of the consequences of their disobedience and to beg the people to repent and turn back to God before it was too late. The prophets fought the good fight and kept winning the bat-

Choir Seeks New Members



Do you enjoy praising the Lord through song? Are you uplifted by the music you hear during the Worship Service?

Great news! Our choir has begun rehearsing for another wonderful year of music-making and we'd love to add your voice. Come join us on Thursday evenings at 6:45, in the Sanctuary, as we begin our new season of praising the Lord through song! If you have any questions, contact our **Music Director, Ed Stiles**, at music@npcsarasota.org.

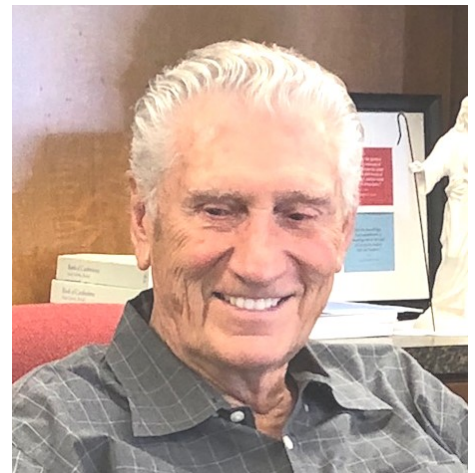
Welcome New Members

LARRY AND LUIGINA (GINA) BARNHART of Bradenton have enjoyed more than 44 years of marriage and are the parents of daughters Lindsay and LeAnna. Larry is a U.S. Navy veteran of the Vietnam War and is retired from Sam's Club. Gina has worked in the medical field for more than 30 years and is currently associated with Eye Associates in Manatee. In their last church, Gina was a Sunday school teacher, council member, and communion assistant, while Larry served as a deacon and president of the congregation.



PATRICIA ANN MARTIN (PAT) of Temple Terrace was born in Pennsylvania, but grew up in Tampa. Pat is a retired agency administrator and office manager for the southeast region of a major title insurance company. She is a widow with four sons and one daughter and many grandchildren. Pat had been a co-leader of a women's group in her past church and was also active in Bible study and Sunday school groups. She enjoys reading, writing, decorating, and yard work. She earned a BS degree in Mass Communications from the University of South Florida.

WILLIAM A. QUILLIN (BILL) of Sarasota, has been a local resident for more than 50 years. Prior to retirement, the former corporate executive traveled throughout the nation on various business assignments. Bill enjoys golf and especially time now spent with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Previously, Bill has served as president of Church Council at Sacred Heart Church and as a trustee at Geneva Christian Church.



Thinking About Joining Northminster?

Whether or not your church background is Presbyterian, we welcome you to our congregation!

God calls us to worship him, to be in regular fellowship with one another, and to serve. You do not need to be a member of our church in order to do any of these - but many have found that formally uniting with a local church body is a commitment that brings to them a sense of belonging, the challenge to grow in their faith, and an opportunity to use their talents and experience in the service of God. **Simply contact Pastor Wally, Val Wilde, or the church office.** It's exciting to be a part of something so much bigger than we are!

Mission Offerings,

HELPING THE HUNGRY

At Northminster, we support many different ministries and recently have been asked why we are collecting food for both the Blessing Box and All Faiths Food Bank and how are they different?



The Blessing Box is a neighborhood outreach to provide a simple act of kindness to anyone passing our doors. Its sign reads, "Been Blessed - Leave One. Need Blessing - Take One." The recipients of these blessings may be someone waiting on the bus to go to work, may be someone walking to nearby shopping centers, or may be a homeless person. We don't know who they are, but they have passed by our church and were in need of something we left in the Blessing Box. Your donations of individually packaged, single-serve, food and drinks can be left in the red bin, in the Narthex. We have noticed that other people and Metro Diner have also been contributing to the Blessing Box. It's wonderful to have neighborhood involvement!

All Faiths Food Bank is a larger mission which serves more than 160 shelters and facilities that serve the needs of the homeless, and low-income families in need of food. Their outreach is to all of Sarasota and DeSoto Counties. We collect food staples in the big yellow barrel in the Narthex. Our monthly donations average 140 pounds of food.

Both of these missions are important causes for Northminster to support. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. *We are greatly Blessed to be a Blessing!*

BIBLE MISSION USA

"I send out my Word and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and prosper everywhere I send it." (John 21:17)

Dr. Paul Eckel's contemporary translation of the *Gospel of John*, has been distributed to over 24,000 people in the past four years. The Spanish version is being widely distributed to Latino farmworkers in Beth-El and Immokalee. Manatee County's Habitat for Humanity is field-testing the *Gospel of John* as a house-warming gift for residents of Habitat homes. Northminster provides the *Gospel of John* in our visitors' packages and stocks the Blessing Box with both English and Spanish versions. The demand is great and the inventory of books must be replenished.

A radio program, *Changing Lives*, with Dr. Paul Eckel, is being proposed as a weekly show on popular Christian stations. Dr. Eckel will use this platform for teaching John's Gospel.

Mark will be the next Gospel to be translated from Greek into conversational English. This translation will also provide guidance to help the reader understand what is being read.

Donors and volunteers are being sought for all of these Bible Mission USA projects, and more. A portion of your gifts to Northminster's Mission Fund are directed, by the Mission Committee, to support BMUSA. So far, this year, Northminster has sent them \$1,851.



Gifts, and Action

FREE WHEELCHAIR MISSION

Seventy million people are in need of a wheelchair, but cannot afford one. Northminster supports Free Wheelchair Mission, an international nonprofit organization that provides "the transforming gift of mobility to the physically disabled poor in developing countries, as motivated by Jesus Christ." A wheelchair provides so much more than simple mobility; it provides independence, the ability to participate in society and earn a living; and it provides dignity, lifting people off of the ground.

SAFE PLACE AND RAPE CRISIS CENTER

SPARCC is the only state-certified center for domestic violence and sexual assault services for Sarasota and DeSoto Counties. They provide a 24-hour crisis hotline, emergency shelter, and multiple services for survivors of abuse. In addition, SPARCC is actively engaged, through community education programs, in addressing and changing social norms that support violence against women.

In addition to monetary support, we collect used cell phones (and chargers) to be refurbished and programmed to serve as 911 phones to help those in crisis.

SPARCC's Treasure Chest, at 1426 Fruitville Road, is another way to support this cause. Donate clothing or household items or go there to shop! All *Treasure Chest proceeds* are used to fund programs and services provided by SPARCC.

DAY4HOPE THANK YOU

In July, Northminster partnered with two churches, Church of the Palms Presbyterian and First United Methodist Church, on their Day4hope events, sending several volunteers from our congregation and donating \$1,800.

Volunteer Coordinator, **Judy Egan**, sends the following:

"On behalf of Pastor Wally, the Outreach Committee, and Day4Hope, I would like to thank everyone who gave of their time and energy, and those who supported this program to bring food, backpacks and services to children who are homeless in our community. We have just scratched the surface, but over 350 children were impacted by this program in the two churches with which we partnered. Many more were impacted by the 31 local churches that participated. Thank you all and may God's work continue to grow at Northminster and within our community.

In deep appreciation,
Judy Egan"

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR BETH-EL KIDS

This summer we gathered items requested by Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry to help the children they serve get ready for school. The congregation filled a large box with every kind of supply on their list, including six backpacks. Thank you to everyone who participated!



The original wheelchair distributed by Free Wheelchair Mission has been joined by two new designs.



Violence against one affects every member of the family.



Aloha! We're Having a Luau!

Friday, September 14, at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall

MENU

Tropical Fruit Cup
Sweet & Sour Chicken
Fried Rice
Piña Colada Cake

Free Flower Leis
Entertainment
Poi Sample

Tickets are \$10 each
Available at the Reservations Table on Sundays
For more information contact
Pat Patterson or Matt Stevenson



Presbyterian Women

We are ready to start a new year to help fulfill our needs for learning and giving to others.

The learning will be focused on our book studies in the monthly circles meetings. This year our study is: *If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat*. That could end up being the adventure of our life, bringing us closer to God. It could answer Christ's call to greater faith, more deeds, and a new way of knowing him. Please join us to learn how much more is to come.

Esther Circle meets on the first Thursday of the month at noon. The chairperson is Jane Clark.

Mary Circle meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 10:00. The chair is Debbie Latimer.

Ruth Circle meets on the third Monday of the month, at 10:00. The chairperson is Valerie Wilde.

In addition to the monthly meetings, four general meetings are being planned. We will learn about a foster care organization for children in our local area and a visit to their site. And a representative from one of the Senior Centers in Sarasota will come speak to us. Plans are also in the works for a Christmas party for Jesus and an end-of-year luncheon. More information about the general meetings will be available later. Hope to see some new faces this year!

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

PW Coordinating Team - September 4 at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall

Ruth Circle - Monday, Sept. 17

Mary Circle - Wed., Sept. 26

Esther Circle - Thursday, Oct. 6



Get-Togethers and Activities

NPC BRIDGE MARATHON

Although bridge partners are set and the schedule made, we are still in need of substitutes. Players often have a conflict and can't make the regularly scheduled games. Substitute players are in great demand! If you like to play bridge, but didn't want to commit to the whole Marathon, this is a perfect opportunity. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or contact **Jan Gubrud**.

PRESBYTERIANS EATING OUT

Join us at 5:30 on Friday, **September 21**, for dinner with your Northminster friends at **Perkins Restaurant**, 5921 Fruitville Road. Perkins offers everything from pancakes and omelets, to chicken pot pie and burgers. Their Fit Favorites selections are perfect for those on a diet and their famous bakery has pies, cookies, and muffins for dessert – or to go. Invite your friends! Just remember to let us know how many are coming on the sign-up sheet.

LET'S GO CRUISIN'

Join us on Wednesday, **October 3**, for a relaxing sunset cruise through the intercoastal waters and Gulf of Mexico. We will meet at LeBarge Tropical Cruises, at the south end of Marina Jack, at 6:00. Food and drink are available for purchase. Live music is provided by "Jimmy Buffet-style" musicians.

The cruise costs \$27 and the deadline for sign-up and payment is Sunday, September 9. Please make your check out to *Northminster* and give it to **Matt Stevenson**. Matt can also answer any questions you might have.

MIDDAY MUSIC AND HISTORY

An exciting lineup of music performances and history lectures has been scheduled for the 2019 season! Browse the events, listed below, and mark your calendars. All dates are Fridays and all events start at noon, lasting one hour. A reception, in the Fellowship Hall, follows each event.

January 11 Hein Jung, soprano, Grigorios Zamparas, piano from Tampa University

January 18: Prof. Justus Doe-neckke, New College, "Reflections on Lost Peace of 1919 and the Origins of WWII"

January 25: Manasota Trombone Consort; Dan Dodds, Dave DeWitt, Greg Lecewicz, and Marty Musgrove

February 1: Prof. Robert Barylski, University of South Florida, "From Stalin to Putin: The Soviet Union/Russia in the Cold War"

February 8: Dr. Gloria Cook, Rollins College, Dr. Cynthia Lawning, Davidson College, duo piano concert

February 15: Prof. Alfred Eckes, "From Truman to Trump: The United States in the Cold War"

February 22: The Blue Heron Sextet, Harry Miedema, director



Northminster's Midday Program continues with music performances and history lectures.



LeBarge Tropical Cruise
Wednesday, October 3

Where Is My Deacon?

“Why didn’t my deacon contact me when I needed them?”

Your Northminster deacons are dedicated volunteers whose greatest desire is to serve the Lord by helping the people under their care. They do their best to know, help, pray, and visit their flocks, but commonly hear statements like, “Why didn’t my deacon come when I was in the hospital?”

The answer is: When they don’t know there is a problem, they can’t help you with it. If you are sick, injured, in the hospital, transitioning, or just in need of assistance or prayer, please call - or have someone else call - your deacon or the church office. This is the only way that your church family can be aware of your situation. They can’t help if they don’t know, and as Jesus said, “Ye receive not because ye ask not.”

You are assigned to a deacon by the first letter of your last name. Please refer to the list below to find your deacon.

- A** Rita Dralus
- B-C** Diane Ray
- D-G** Robin Sutcliffe
- H-K** Eileen McKenzie
- L** Mary Lou Lefferson
- M-N** Matt & Colette Stevenson
- O** Mary Lou Lefferson
- P-R** Helen Healy
- S** Martie Myers
- T-Z** Rita Dralus

...Grant that I may not so much seek *to be* consoled as *to* console; *to be* understood, as *to* understand; *to be* loved, as *to* love. For it is in *giving* that we *receive*.



GriefShare Support Group at First Presbyterian Church

If you have experienced the death of a family member or friend, you are invited to register for the GriefShare program held at **First Presbyterian Church**, 2050 Oak St, Sarasota.

This weekly program features Christ-centered, biblical teaching that focuses on grief topics, associated with the death of a loved one, in a safe environment. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion.

Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. You will find encouragement, comfort, and

help wherever you are on your grief journey. You will learn the symptoms of being stuck in grief and learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future.

GriefShare will be held on **Fridays starting September 14, 10:00-11:30 AM for 13 weeks** at First Presbyterian Church, 2050 Oak St, Sarasota, FL 34237. It is not necessary to take the whole series from the beginning, as each session is self-contained. To register or for questions, call the church office at **941-955-8119**. You can also sign up online at www.griefshare.org



HEY NPC FASHIONISTAS- IT IS TIME TO LIVEN UP YOUR NPC SHIRT!

This season, the well-dressed Northminsterite will be sporting the new church logo, polo shirt. These stunning bright blue shirts are available exclusively, and for a limited time, by special order in the church Narthex.

Offered in both men's and women's sizing, at the following prices:

Small, medium, large and XL are \$25
2XL is \$27
3XL and 4XL are \$30.

Sample shirts and order form are available in the Narthex on Sundays and the church office during the week.

*Please make your check payable to NPC and give it to **Sandy Stiles**.* All orders must be received by Sunday, **September 24**.



If you are a seasonal member and would like to order, please email Sandy at Sandra.stiles52@yahoo.com

Financial Update

Operating Fund Results

	July, 2018	Year To Date 2018
Income	\$26,620.15	\$ 178,775.54
Expenses	\$27,443.76	208,117.90
Net Income	\$ - 823.61	\$ -29,342.36

Operating Fund Balance

Iberia Bank	\$34,643.97
PILP Money Market	\$22,738.58
	\$57,382.55

Capital Campaign Fund Balance

Scott Trade	\$ 100.04
PILP Money Market	\$33,503.39
	\$33,603.43

Harry Wilde, Treasurer

Eat, Drink, and Donate to Your Church

When you go to the Public House Tap & Grill (across from the church between Parkway 8 Movies and Detwilers), they will make a donation to Northminster in the amount of ten percent of your bill (pre-tax). This is not a discount to you, but a gift to the church.

Just mention the **Northminster 10% Donation** to your server, when you order food and/or drink and they will send a check to NPC at the end of the month. Remember to thank your server for their support of Northminster!

Office Notes



OFFICE HOURS:

Mon—Thurs: 9:00 - 3:30

Fri: 9:00 - 2:00

**The Office will be closed on
September 3
in observance of Labor Day.**

OCTOBER DEADLINES

- **Announcements for the Sunday Bulletin** are due in the office by **noon every Wednesday**
- **Session Reports** are due in the office by **Wednesday, September 5**, for the meeting on **September 12**.
- **Good Tidings:** Please submit all articles, reports, and announcements for the October newsletter by **Sunday, September 16**, to office@npcsarasota.org.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Many thanks to Office Angels **Jackie Conner, Sally Kirby, Betty Miller, Pat Patterson, and Ellen Roth** who helped staff the office in July and August while I was away!

REMEMBER IRMA?

As we head into the high point of the hurricane season, please familiarize yourself with **NPC's Congregational Care/Disaster Assistance**. Pick up a copy - it's the bright orange sheet at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex.

Before an event (approximately seven days): contact your Deacon or the church office. Do you need assistance in disaster preparation? Do you plan to evacuate?

During an event: Stay safe!

After an event: Please call your Deacon and report your status. We will gather at the church 24 hours after an event for check-in and prayer. Worship will go on, whether it is on the grounds or in other facilities.



Isabel Oake

Office Administrator




September Birthdays

2	Audrey Hill	14	Wally Johnson
3	Ron Handwork	15	Jackie Conner
4	Joan Gale	18	Jim Shirey
	Ann Lassig	23	Donna Lindenau
	Diane Ray	26	Bill Post
6	Barbara Clark	27	Carol Tibbets
8	George Hagen		Jerry Roth
9	Jean Wadsworth	28	Allene Swanson
11	Donna Bagnall	30	Connie Buell
13	Dick Konen		

September



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