

Good Tidings



Northminster Presbyterian Church, Sarasota, FL

NOVEMBER SERVICES

Sundays at
10:30 AM

Rev. Wally Johnson



Fall Back!
Daylight
Saving Time
Ends Nov. 4

November 4

Our High Priest
Hebrews 9:11-14;
Mark 12:28-34

November 11

Welcome Home
Hebrews 9:23-28;
Mark 12:38-44

November 18

Come On In
Hebrews 10:11-25
Mark 13:1-8

November 25

Christ Is King
Revelation 1:4-8

Pastor's Corner



With November comes some great family times, with Thanksgiving, then Christmas, right around the corner. In typical Sarasota fashion, Joyce and I anticipate a steady stream of family and friends from November 15 through the end of the year. We look forward to a short break around Thanksgiving, when we take the new RV out for a short trip.

I always look forward to Advent, which is a time of great joy for me. I love that we attempt to understand more fully the entrance of God into our world in human form. What an amazing gift to us from the heart of God's love.

The incarnation of Christ is one of the themes of Scripture that captures my imagination and gives rise to many questions for me. It is a season of wonder and awe! During Advent we will begin an Advent series, in our Tuesday Bible studies, that uses a video series by Adam Hamilton entitled, "The Journey." It is a look at the journey Mary and Joseph took from Nazareth to Bethlehem. I think it will give us some great jumping-off places for discussion.

Advent begins in December again this year, which is a bit odd. We will decorate the Sanctuary on Saturday, November 24, which is a little early, but fits the schedule better. I love it when our worship space gets transformed with lights, trees, and the trappings of Christmas.

Our Christmas Cantata will be on Sunday, December 9, and will be a

wonderful presentation of the birth of Jesus and the promises connected with it. I always enjoy the presentation in song with a small orchestra!

My Advent preaching series will be around the Names of Messiah from Isaiah 9. We will take a fresh look at what those names mean to us in 2018!

Joyce and I will be hosting a Christmas drop-in on Saturday January 5 from 3:00 to 6:00. We would love to have you drop by and honor us with your presence.

One more item of interest. On Sunday, November 11, at 5:30, First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota will, once again, host their Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. Several of our folks attended last year and we were blessed to hear the role of Thanksgiving in a variety of faith traditions.

I pray God enables you to enjoy this season with great Thanksgiving. We gather around the table, loaded with food, and remember that all we have comes from God. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

In His Service,
Pastor Wally

Thanking Our Volunteers

At this season of Thanksgiving, we recognize and thank those who tirelessly perform the many “unseen” tasks around the church. Thanks to all these volunteers and to those who remain anonymous, with apologies to anyone we missed.



Bulletin Collators: Helen and Richard Healy and Bea and Don Swanson

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Sunday Flower Coordinators: Jo Ann Paul and Dee Sosnowski

Ushers Recruiter: Marlys Miinch

Communion Preparation: Mark Goslin, Diane and Bob Price, and Diane and Ken Ray

Communion Servers Coordinator: Barbara Clark

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service



The Northminster congregation has been invited to an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota, at 5:30, on Sunday, **November 11**.

This is a great time to gather with those from different faith backgrounds and give thanks to God for his sustaining grace.

Missions

BIBLE MISSION USA

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. Northminster provides the *Gospel of John* in our visitors' packages and stocks the Blessing Box with both English and Spanish versions.

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.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF KIRKUK, IRAQ

Approximately forty Syrian refugees are still housed in the Kirkuk Presbyterian church, where classrooms and offices have become small apartments. The Kirkuk Church has managed to not only minister to these refugees, but also to refugees in churches and camps elsewhere in northern Iraq. The Church still continues its regular programs including a Kindergarten and Child Care Center. Northminster helps to provide support for their relief efforts.

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 multiple emergency and on-going services for survivors of abuse. They are also 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 is one of four local missions that regularly receives gifts from Northminster due to your support of our Mission Fund.

FREE WHEELCHAIR MISSION

Seventy million people, in the developing world are in need of a wheelchair, but cannot afford one. A wheelchair provides mobility, independence, dignity, and the ability to participate in society. It's impossible to put a price on these benefits! Northminster supports Free Wheelchair Mission, through your Mission Offerings.

THE BLESSING BOX

We never know what someone needs at any particular moment. Your donations of food and water are welcome and vital to the continuation of this ministry. Please leave your contributions in the red bin, in the Narthex. May you be blessed!



Violence against one affects every member of the family.



Welcome to Our Newest Member!



Marilyn W. Thompson learned about Northminster through attending the Suncoast Concert Band performances. She joined the church on October 7 and is already a member of the choir and bell choir! Along with her interests in music, she enjoys boating, quilting, sewing, and knitting. She is also an avid reader. At her former church, Marilyn was a deacon.

Marilyn was originally from Canonsburg in western Pennsylvania.

She now divides her time between Bradenton and the small town of Nevis, in the lake region of Minnesota.

Her professional career involved medical transcription and serving as a technical advisor at a medical center in Minnesota. Marilyn has a daughter who lives in West Fargo, North Dakota.

We are happy to have her as a member of the Northminster family!

Salute to the Services

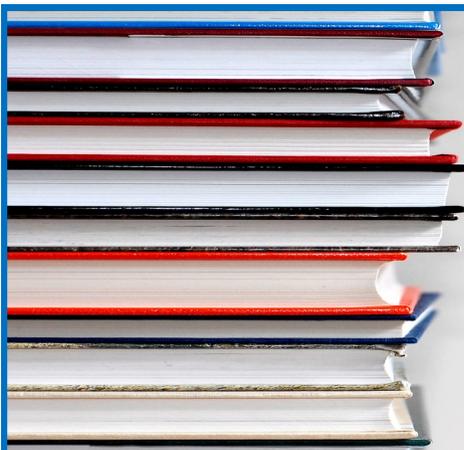
PANCAKE BREAKFAST & OPERATION SHOEBOX



On **November 17**, at 9 am, NPC will have a Salute to the Services pancake breakfast. The cost is \$5 for pancakes, breakfast casserole and sausage. Come and bring a friend! There is a sign-up sheet for the breakfast in the foyer.

Our activities for the morning will be to honor the Veterans in our congregation by having a display of our Heroes' memorabilia. If you are a veteran, please contact **Val Wilde** to reserve a space for displaying your picture, uniform, or commendations.

We are partnering with Operation Shoebox to send gift bags to *deployed* Service Members in Iraq or Afghanistan. Select an "ornament" from our tree in the Sanctuary and purchase the requested items. You can return your donations to the box in the Sanctuary or bring them to the breakfast. If you have playing cards, handheld games, or small puzzle books laying around your house that you can donate, please bring them! If you have questions, you can contact **Joyce Johnson**.



NPC Library Update

Since early September, it has been my privilege to be in charge of the care of the church library. I have begun processing recent book donations, rearranging shelves, and revising check-out procedures.

Do you have any additional ideas for making the library more "user friendly?" Please email me, **Bonnie Kiger**, at gulfgal2@comcast.net.



POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY

It is time to sign up for the Christmas poinsettias that beautify our Sanctuary during the holiday season. These gorgeous plants are yours to take home following the Christmas Eve service.

Look for a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex. The cost per 6.5" plant is \$10.00. Please write "flowers" on your check or envelope.

SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE

Our Angel Tree will be set up with names and wish lists of area children on Sunday, **November 11**. Pick a tag and purchase some of the suggested gifts for "your" child. Bring the gifts to church by **December 2**, for delivery to the Salvation Army.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Wally's Advent study, "The Journey," begins on Tuesday **November 20**, and will be held at 10:00 and 4:00. The five-part series goes through December 18.

DECK THE HALLS

Remember when Thanksgiving weekend was the start of the Christmas season? This year the Sanctuary will be decorated on **Saturday, November 24**, at noon. Join the Worship Committee for a proper beginning to the Christmas season!

Save These Dates!

CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE

Save postage and donate the savings to a charity. Use the Christmas card "mailbox" on a table under the portico, before and after the Worship Service on Sundays in December. Bring the Christmas cards you'd like to send to your Northminster family and place them in the box. The postage saved, and donated to a charity, is the reason for the "mail-boxes."

IT'S COOKIE BASKET TIME AGAIN!

Each year the Deacons and Parish Life Committee take gift bags and baskets of homemade Christmas goodies to our homebound members, to help brighten their holiday season. You can help by bringing in Christmas cookies or candies **December 4-6**. We will package our holiday goodies and deliver them on December 7.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA: BETHLEHEM'S CHILD

Bethlehem's Child, will be performed by our Northminster Choir and area musicians on **Sunday, December 9**, during our 10:30 worship service. Invite your neighbors and friends, to hear the beautiful music of the Christmas Story.

CHRISTMAS RECEPTION

Everyone is invited to a reception in the Fellowship Hall, following the Cantata on **December 9**. We'll savor the glow of the beautiful music, goodwill, and friendship, while indulging in some holiday treats.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR

We're going to rent a **third trolley!** That means we have room for **more people** to go see the Christmas lights! If you thought you were too late, make sure you sign up for one of these extra seats.

On Tuesday **December 11**, the trolleys will pick us up at 6:00 in the church parking lot and return us approximately two hours later. Come early - cookies and wassail will be available at 5:15.

HORNS-A-PLENTY CONCERT

Come hear Christmas music with only the rich, beautiful French Horn sound on Saturday, **December 15**, in NPC's Sanctuary. The French Horn players are of all ages and from the Florida West Coast. The Concert is free, though a goodwill offering will be accepted to help fund a scholarship for a French Horn player.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Our Sanctuary will be filled with well-loved Christmas Carols on **Christmas Eve, at 5:00**, as we remember and celebrate that birth of Jesus. This traditional Christmas Eve service includes communion, and closes in candlelight.

CELEBRATE WITH PASTOR WALLY AND JOYCE

You're invited to come share some Christmas cheer with the Johnsons! Pastor Wally and Joyce will be hosting a not-quite-the-twelfth-day-of-Christmas drop-in, at their home, on Saturday, **January 5**, 3:00 to 6:00.



Coming Soon

SUNCOAST CONCERT BAND AND JAZZ AMBASSADORS

The Suncoast Concert Band and Jazz Ambassadors have made Northminster their home for concerts and rehearsals since 2012.

Concerts are always **Sunday afternoons at 3:00** and tickets cost \$5. Performances sell out fast, so reserve your tickets in advance by calling 941-97-4123.

Suncoast Concert Band

Nov. 4 The Pride of America
Nov. 18 American Music
Dec. 2 Fiddler and Hanukkah
Dec. 16 'Tis the Season

Jazz Ambassadors

Dec. 9 Let's Meet the Band

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-neck, 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

Special Matching Fund Established for Church Operating Account

YOU GIVE



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MATCHING FUND



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NORTHMINSTER RECEIVES



Our church was built on this site in 1958. The original members supplied the money and the labor. In the early years we were a vibrant young church, serving the local community with classes and activities for families and children. University Parkway was a two-lane crushed shell road and we were a quaint country church.

Sarasota was evolving from a working community to a retirement and resort area, with a large seasonal population. The children grew up and moved away. Their parents stayed and got older, and many have passed away. By 2005 our Sunday service attracted about 100 adults and one child, a granddaughter. At that time, the decision was made to build a new modern church, designed to attract and serve the retired and seasonal population.

We had our first service in the new facility on April 22, 2012. That year we had 226 members and finished the year in the black. We currently have 179 members and anticipate a very significant shortfall in funds. The money is not coming in. What is the problem?

- The average age of our members is 70 years. Many are on fixed income, in nursing homes, or have moved to be with families. Each year a significant number pass away.

- Events beyond our control: lightning strikes and electrical and plumbing problems .
- Are we spending too much?

To remedy the immediate problem, we must come up with additional funds, now. We are fortunate to have donors who are sponsoring a **matching program, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$50,000.**

The Finance Committee asks everyone to prayerfully consider contributing to the matching fund. A donation of \$200 would become \$400; one hundred donations of \$200 would become \$40,000. We need to raise \$25,000 to take full advantage of the matching offer.

To distinguish these extra gifts from regular giving, please be sure to write "Matching Fund" on your check or envelope so that we can accurately reflect the amount that will be doubled. All funds received for this program will be set aside and drawn down only with Session approval. In the meantime, we continue to address some long-term problems by:

- Attracting younger retirees to the church
- Encouraging members to include NPC in their wills
- Encouraging seasonal members to support the church annually
- Encourage families to suggest a donation to NPC in lieu of flowers, upon a member's passing
- Carefully examining our budget, and spending less.

2019 Offering Envelopes

Boxes of offering envelopes will be available for pick-up, after Sunday services, during the month of December. Using the numbered offering envelopes is a great help to our volunteer counters and facilitates the keeping of accurate records of your contributions.

Whether you prefer to contribute **weekly or monthly**, we have a

boxed envelope set for you. Please let us know which set you prefer, or envelopes will be assigned according to your giving pattern in 2018. If you weren't assigned envelopes in 2018 and would like to begin using them, please contact **Isabel** before Thanksgiving, at the church office.

Online Giving

Have you considered using our online giving option to make your regular pledge payments?

Online Giving helps make sure your pledge, mission offering, and other gifts are received regularly, on the schedule you designate. You will be able to check the status of your giving at any time, from the comfort of your home.

Just go to Northminster's web page, www.npcsarasota.com, and click the Online-Giving tab at the top of the page. There you can print easy instructions on how to sign up, or go directly to the Online Giving page to register.

If you have any questions, please call the office.



Financial Update

Operating Fund Results

	<u>September 2018</u>	<u>Year To Date 2018</u>
Income	\$34,943.89	\$ 236,023.13
Expenses	<u>\$25,505.12</u>	<u>258,702.25</u>
Net Income	\$ 9,438.77	\$ -22,679.12

Operating Fund Balance

Iberia Bank	\$47,854.21
PILP Money Market	<u>\$22,766.29</u>
	\$70,620.50

Capital Campaign Fund Balance

Scott Trade	\$ 100.13
PILP Money Market	<u>\$23,866.39</u>
	\$23,966.52

Cornerstone

Charles Schwab \$39,818.93

Mortgage Balance as of 9/30/18

	\$247,002.62
Required Monthly Payment	\$ 2,184.74
Breakdown: Principal	\$ 1,367.16
Interest	\$ 817.58
Revised Payment Estimate	\$ 2,184.74
Interest Rate:	3.9720

Bob Silver, Treasurer

Office Notes



OFFICE HOURS:

Mon—Thurs: 9:00 - 3:30

Fri: 9:00 - 2:00

**Office closed Nov. 22 & 23
in observance of Thanksgiving**

NOVEMBER DEADLINES

- **Announcements for the Sunday Bulletin** are due in the office by **noon every Wednesday**.
- **Session Reports** are due in the office by **Wednesday, November 7**, for the meeting on **November 14**.
- **Good Tidings deadline:** Please submit all articles, reports, and announcements for the November newsletter by **Thursday, November 15**, to office@npcsarasota.org.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Many thanks to Office Angels **Sally Kirby, and Ellen Roth** who helped staff the office in September while I took off a day!

WELCOME BACK SEASONAL FRIENDS

For those who are in Sarasota only part of the year, it can be easy to overlook filing address changes with everyone. If you follow a fairly regular schedule, *you'll only have to notify us one time!* Notify the office, just once, the dates when you usually change address and our database program will automatically update your address every year!

Please email the office at office@npcsarasota.org with this information so that we can send statements, newsletters, and other correspondence to the correct address.

PICTURE DIRECTORIES ARE STILL AVAILABLE

The updated 2018 Picture Directory is available to everyone whose picture appears in it. If you haven't received your copy yet, please contact the office at office@npcsarasota.org.

Isabel Oake
Office Administrator



November Birthdays

1	Barbara Donaldson	13	George Burgess
3	Don Bagnall	14	Wayne Austin
	Jim Fewell	17	Bob Silver
	Ron Handwork		Chuck Reeves
6	Caroline Pinson	19	Penny Mulak
7	Joan Melnick	21	Rita Cunningham
	Dianne Gleeson	25	Jim Harman
8	Carmen Anderson		Sally Kirby
10	Jo Ann Paul	28	Earl Fleck
11	Leslie Gillis	29	Richard Healy



November

Northminster Presbyterian Church 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <p>Locations EB=Education Bldg. FH= Fellowship Hall L= Library S= Sanctuary</p> </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <p>* The Spanish speaking congregation of Iglesia del Redentor, meets Sunday mornings & Thursday evenings in the Education Building.</p> </div>		<p><i>1</i> 9:30 Band-S 10 Bible Study-FH 12 Esther Cir-L 1:30 Finance-L 2 Bible Study at Inspired Living 6 Al-Anon (Sp)-EB 6:45 Choir-S 7:30 Iglesia</p>	<p><i>2</i> 8:30 ROMEO & JULIET 10:00 Bible Study at Discovery Village 2 Line Dance-FH</p>	<p><i>3</i></p>
<p><i>4</i> 9 Bible Study-FH 9:45 Choir-S 10 Iglesia-EB 10:30 Worship/Communion 3Suncoast Band</p>	<p><i>5</i> 10 LR Falls-EB 10:30 PW Coordinating Team-L 3:30 Bells-S 5:30 Fellowship Com.-L 6 AlAnon-EB 7 Scouts-FH/EB</p>	<p><i>6</i> 9:30 Jazz Band-S 10 Bible Study-FH 11:15 Staff-L 12 Worship Committee-L 4 Bible Study-FH 6 AlAnon (EB) 7 Rose Group Women's AA-FH</p>	<p><i>7</i> 10 Tai Chi-FH 10:30 Artists-EB 1 Bridge-FH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Session Reports Due</p>	<p><i>8</i> 9:30 Band-S 10 Bible Study-FH 10 LR Falls-EB 10 Bible Study at the Windsor 11:30 Outreach & Marketing-L 6 Al-Anon (Sp)-EB 6:45 Choir-S 7:30 Iglesia</p>	<p><i>9</i> 2 Line Dance-FH 2 LR Falls-EB</p>	<p><i>10</i> 11 Bells-S</p>
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<p><i>18</i> 9 Bible Study-FH 9:45 Choir-S 10 Iglesia-EB 10:30 Worship 3Suncoast Band</p>	<p><i>19</i> 9:30 Band-S 10 Ruth Cir-L 2 LRFalls-EB 3 Bell Choir-S 6 AlAnon-EB 7 Scouts-FH/EB</p>	<p><i>20</i> 9:30 Jazz Band-S 10 Bible Study-FH 11:15 Staff-L 4 Bible Study-FH 6 AlAnon (EB) 7 Rose Group Women's AA-FH</p>	<p><i>21</i> 10 Tai Chi-FH 10:30 Artists-EB</p>	<p><i>22</i> Thanksgiving</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Office Closed</p>	<p><i>23</i></p>	<p><i>24</i> 12 Decorating the church for Christmas</p>
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