

# Good Tidings

Northminster Presbyterian Church † Sarasota, FL

June 2019

## JUNE SERVICES

Sundays at  
10:30 AM

Rev. Wally Johnson

### June 2

*Unity*  
John 17:20-26

### June 9

Rev. Lyn Olson  
Guest Minister

### June 16

*God is Transcendent  
and Immanent*  
Psalm 8

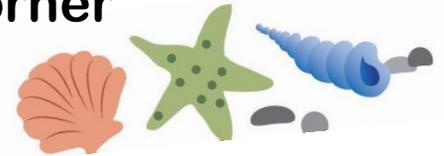
### June 23

*The Lord's Prayer-Part 1*  
Matthew 6:9-12

### June 30

*The Lord's Prayer-Part 2*  
Matthew 6:9-12

## Pastor's Corner



So, here we are! It is June and that means Joyce and I have now been here two years. As you know by now, Joyce is the better part of this deal. I am thankful to walk this journey with her at my side!

In physical training we pay attention to our "core." That means we do things to strengthen our core and grow stronger overall. That is what is on my mind as I write today. Our seasonal friends have returned north, and we look forward to their return. As I have told all of them, we will keep their seats warm for them!

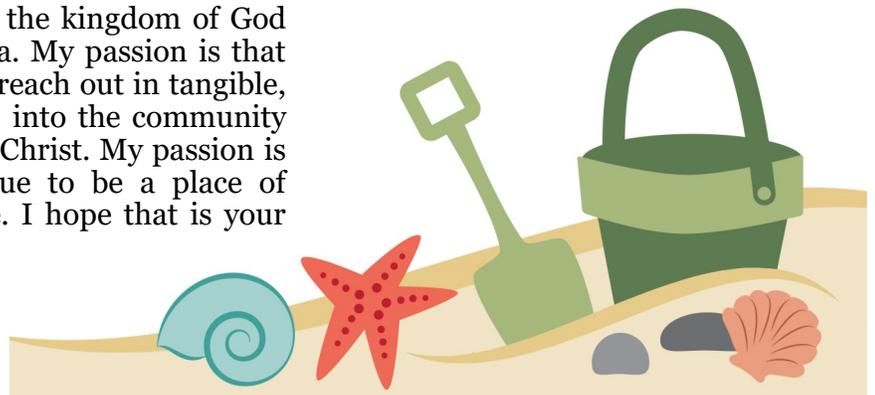
Last year I wrote these words that I want to share with you again: *I am filled with hope and joy as we look to the days and years in front of us. I cannot predict the future, but I do know that this church will look very different in ten years than it does today. How does that make you feel? Scared? Tired? Joyful? Hopeful? Maybe a mish-mash of many emotions?*

My passion is that we continue to be a beachhead of the kingdom of God here in Sarasota. My passion is that we continue to reach out in tangible, hands-on ways, into the community and the love of Christ. My passion is that we continue to be a place of grace and hope. I hope that is your passion as well.

To that end – the question I pose to staff, and the question we must always ask ourselves, is "What is the most grace-filled thing we can do?" "What is the most grace-filled way we can do what we do?" "What can we do that will bring hope?" Great questions to ask and great questions to answer!

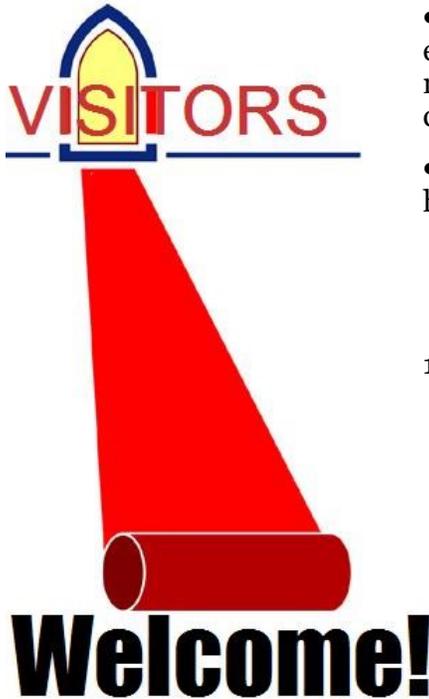
I am excited to move into another year with you. I hope you will engage and invite at least ten people to come to church with you in the coming year. Ten? I could have suggested a much smaller number, but I want us to stretch and be creative and imaginative. I want to encourage you to connect with the guests that others bring. It is essential that we connect with our guests who choose to be with us.

So, how do we welcome strangers, avoid intimidating visitors, and encourage them to come back to our church? Turn the page for some general ideas.



## PASTOR'S CORNER

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- Seek out new people and introduce yourself.
- Start slow. You don't need to obtain 30 years of backstory in one conversation or invite them over on the first visit.
- Listen well. You will be able to tell if something makes them uncomfortable. You will also learn things that you can mention in future conversations.
- Introduce them to someone else in the church. Think of a member who has something in common with the visitor.
- Ask a question that doesn't have a yes or no answer.

### Questions to Ask a Church Visitor:

- 1) **What is your name?** Preface this question with "Hello. I'm xxx. I am glad to see you here." Remember the visitor's name. Write it down if you have to. Review the name before next Sunday so that you can call them by name next time. *Even though I have trouble remembering names, I believe this is the most important question I can ask.*
- 2) **How did you discover our church?** On a basic level, this will tell you what types of outreach are successful. And, you will find out what the visitor already knows, e.g., from looking at the church's website. In addition, some visitors are comfortable with sharing more without being asked. You might learn that they are dissatisfied with their current church or that they are new to the area and don't know anyone. This will help you understand them better.
- 3) **What did you do before you retired?** Most people can easily talk about their job. Another question that might open a door is to ask – **What do you do for fun?**
- 4) **What about the style or culture of our church is different than what you are used to?** The answer to this question will allow you to explain things and help the visitor get acclimated to a new environment. Being a visitor is a tough job, especially for one who doesn't go to church much. Some churches have kneelers, and some have hipsters. Some think Calvin is not Calvinistic enough, and others have never heard of Calvin. In addition, visitors face more practical matters of where to sit so that they don't take someone's regular spot, how to find the restroom, and when to stand up in the service.

Even if the visitor dashes for the door at the first opportunity, and you never get a chance to ask any of these questions, the warm smile you offer from across the room may be the start of a great conversation. Next Sunday.

In His Service,  
*Pastor Wally*

## New Committee Chairs Introduced

At the Session meeting on May 15, committee chair assignments were made. If you have any questions about a committee's activities or duties – or would like to join a committee – contact the following individuals (\* indicates not a session member):

Christian Education - Sally Kirby  
 Fellowship - Matt Stevenson\*  
                   Mark Goslin, session liaison  
 Finance Committee - Bob Price &  
                               Bob Silver (co-chairs)



Librarian - Bonnie Kiger\*  
 Membership - Valerie Wilde  
 Mission - Colette Stevenson\*  
                   Bob Silver, session liaison  
 Nominating Committee Representatives - Jim Christie & Betty Miller  
 Parish Life - Betty Miller  
 Personnel Committee - Open  
 Prayer Chain - Jeannie Peters\*  
 Property - Jim Christie  
 Outreach and Marketing - Ron Myers  
 Worship - Mark Goslin

## Who Is My Deacon?

This year the Board of Deacons has been revitalized and consists of mostly new members. Chances are good that you have been assigned to a new Deacon. Assignments were made by last names. Check the list below.

If your name starts with...  
                                   your Deacon is....

A     Rita Dralus  
 B     Mary Smith  
 C     Judy Konen/Betsy Lange  
 D,E,F Marilyn Thompson  
 G     Marlys Miinch  
 H     Sherrie Hendry/  
           Dottie Herndon



J,K    JoAnn Nilsen  
 L     Mary Lou Lefferson  
 M,N   Matt and Colette Stevenson  
 O     Mary Lou Lefferson  
 P     Neva Low  
 Q,R   Helen Healy  
 S     Martie Myers  
 T,U,W Rita Dralus

### DEACONS' MODERATOR:

**Sherry Hendry**, the new Deacons' Moderator is a seasonal member. If you have any questions, while she is away, please contact her Co-Moderator, **Martie Myers**.

## Mission

### WHEN SCHOOL ENDS, HUNGER BEGINS

**All Faiths Food Bank's** Campaign Against Summer Hunger is in full swing. The boys and girls who miss out on free and reduced lunch during the school year often face hunger during the summer months.

Our yellow food donation barrel fills up every month during the winter. Please remember to bring in donations during the summer when they usually fall off. The most needed items include peanut butter and jelly (no glass containers), canned tuna and chicken, beans (any kind), rice, and shelf-stable milk. Pick up a sheet of requested food donations in the Narthex.



### BLESSING BOX

The red Blessing Box, is stocked daily with food and water donated by the Northminster congregation. Some of the best items for the Blessing Box are:

- canned meals (spaghetti, ravioli) in pop-top cans
- single serving fruit cups
- nutrition bars
- single serving snacks,
- bottled water

These *items are needed on a continuing basis* to support this ministry to our neighbors. Please leave your donations in the red tub in the Narthex.



### PENTECOST OFFERING June 9, 2019

This offering serves as a church-wide effort to serve young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children.

Forty percent (40%) of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries to children and youth by the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

### SAFE PLACE AND RAPE CRISIS CENTER

SPARCC provides 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. SPARCC is the only state-certified center for domestic violence and sexual assault services for Sarasota and DeSoto Counties. Your gifts to Northminster's Mission Fund help to support the work of this organization.

**SPARCC's Treasure Chest** receives clothing and household items daily, for resale, to provide financial support to the organization. The store's address is 1426 Fruitville Rd. And their phone number is 941-953-7800

## Ministry

### THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF KIRKUK, IRAQ

Still housing several Syrian refugee families, since 2014, the Kirkuk Presbyterian Church manages to continue its regular programs, including a Kindergarten and Child Care Center. Northminster helps to provide support for their relief efforts.

### BIBLE MISSION, USA

Bible Mission USA is the fervent calling of Rev. Dr. Paul Eckel and Faith Eckel, his daughter. This mission is dedicated to Jesus Christ our Lord for the spreading of God's Word.

Following the success of their translation of *The Gospel of John* into contemporary English and Spanish, Bible Mission, USA has translated *The Gospel of Mark* into conversational English and is beginning the Spanish translation.

### BETH-EL FARMWORKER MINISTRY

has an immediate need for the following items:

Bath Towels  
Deodorant  
Toothpaste  
Disposable Razors  
Feminine Products  
Shampoo for Men, Women,  
and Children  
Baby Wipes  
Hats (baseball style)  
Men's Pants Sizes 30-36  
Adult Long Sleeve Button Up Shirts  
New Men's & Women's Underwear  
- All Sizes  
New Socks  
Adult Diapers  
Insect Repellent  
Small Flashlights for Cedarkirk  
Campers  
Children & Youth Bibles  
Sunblock



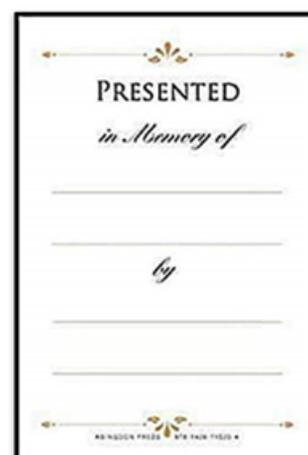
## Explore the Church Library

Remember when Memorial Day was called Decoration Day and almost everyone wore a bright red paper poppy? There are many ways to remember loved ones and I'm excited to announce that members of NPC now have a new one. We are beginning a program whereby you can choose to donate funds for a new book to be added to the church library in honor of or in memory of someone. I will then purchase a suitable book that reflects the person's interest or favorite Christian author for the donor and place an appropriate bookplate in the book. More details coming soon!



Bonnie Kiger

**Library Hours:**  
Monday afternoons, 1-3  
Friday mornings, 10-12



# Let's ~~EAT~~ Get Together!

## POTLUCK AND HYMN SING



Come join your fellow Northminsterites for a fun evening of fellowship, food and favorite hymns, Sunday evening, **June 2** in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 PM. YOU pick your favorite hymn to sing and YOU bring your favorite food to share! Gail and Ed will be there to lead us in congregational singing of the hymns of your choice. Bring whatever you want to eat, but with the summer heat, it is suggested that you bring something that can be served cold.

Please sign up in the Narthex, indicating what hymn you'd like to request and what you will bring to eat.

## HOT DIGGITY DOG!

Celebrate Independence Day early! Nothing says "Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July" like a hot dog piled high with your favorite condiments, a cup of ice cold lemonade, and a slice of apple pie! Join us in the Fellowship Hall after church on Sunday, **June 30th**. It's FREE, but please sign up in the Narthex so we know how much to prepare. God bless America!

**Attention pie bakers:** Is apple pie *your* specialty? Then Uncle Sam wants YOU! Apple pies are needed for the "Hot Diggity Dog" Independence Day lunch on June 30th. If you are willing to bake (or buy) an apple pie, please sign up on the pie sheet in the Narthex. Happy Fourth of July!

## PRESBYTERIANS EATING OUT



Order Chicken and Waffles at the June PEO dinner.

On Thursday, **June 20**, at 5:00, our PEO group will be checking out Glory Days Grill, in the Shoppes at University Towne Center, Copper Creek Blvd. Their all-American menu includes a variety of burgers and sandwiches; grilled steak, ribs, salmon, and chicken; and Chicken and Waffles. Please sign up in the Narthex, so we can reserve enough seats!

## EAT, DRINK, AND DONATE TO YOUR CHURCH

When you eat at 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.

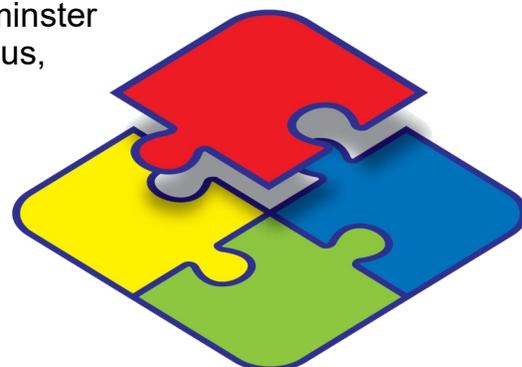
*Just mention the Northminster 10% Donation to your server, when you order food and/or drink and they will send a check to NPC at the end of the month. Remember to thank your server for their support of Northminster!*

## Get Connected!

If you are interested in becoming a member of Northminster Presbyterian Church, or in finding out more about us, this three-part class is for you!

You will find out about what Presbyterians believe and how our church government compares to other denominations.

We will find out about YOU and introduce you to some of the programs here.



Connections Class will be held in the Library, at 9 AM, on Sundays, June 16, 23, and 30.

## Financial Update

### Operating Fund

	<b>April 2019</b>	<b>Year to date</b>
Income	\$ 21,954.85	\$ 120,799.62
Expenses	\$ 28,871.94	\$ 103,742.99
Net Income	\$ < 6,917.09 >	\$ 17,056.63

### Operating Fund Balance

Iberia Bank	\$144,182.85
PILP Money Market	\$ 22,839.29
	\$167,022.14

### Capital Campaign Fund Balance

Scott Trade	\$ 100.17
PILP Money Market	\$41,105.77
	\$41,205.94

### Cornerstone

Charles Schwab	\$41,018.32
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### Mortgage Balance as of April 2019

	\$209,116.88
Required Monthly Payment	\$ 2,184.74
Breakdown: Principal	\$ 1,448.05
Interest	\$ 736.69
Interest Rate: 3.9720	





## From the Church Office

### OFFICE HOURS:

Mon-Thurs: 9:00 - 3:30  
and Fri: 9:00 - 2:00

### DEADLINES:

- **Announcements for the Sunday bulletin** are due in the office by noon on the Wednesday before.
- **Session Reports** are due in the office by **Wednesday, June 12** for the meeting on **June 19**; and on Wednesday, **July 10** for the meeting on **July 17**.
- **Good Tidings:** Please note that the next issue of the Good Tidings will be for the months of **July and August** and will be mailed at the end of June. There will be no August newsletter. Please plan ahead and submit all articles, reports, and announcements for the months of July-August by **Monday, June 17**. Please e-mail your items for the Good Tidings to [office@npcsarasota.org](mailto:office@npcsarasota.org).

## Current & Future Office Angels

From: Isabel Oake, Office Admin.

Summer is approaching, bringing summer vacations!

Whenever I leave town on vacation, the office is staffed by a crew of volunteers I call the "Office Angels." They typically work a half-day shift; 9-12:15 or 12:15-3:30. Primarily, they are there to answer the phone and route messages. They are also trained to set up rooms for meetings and run copies.

Would you like to help? You will get to meet and talk to fellow parishioners every time you volunteer.

Please give me a call (355-4729) or email me ([office@npcsarasota.org](mailto:office@npcsarasota.org)), if you'd like to help out. Training can be arranged at your convenience.

Thank you!



JUNE  
BIRTHDAYS

1	Rita Dralus	15	Karin Ciholas
	Bea Swanson	21	Mary Lou Jatho
2	Ron Conner	24	Helen Crozier
3	Wayne Cain	25	Marilyn Thompson
6	Harry Neal	27	Martie Myers
11	Dave Messinger	29	Paul Ciholas
	Mark Goslin		Larry Harvell
13	Jane Clark		Lori Ladd
14	Aurea Siebert		



**Northminster Presbyterian Church 2019**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">                     The Spanish-speaking congregation of <b>Iglesia del Redentor</b>, meets Sunday mornings in the Education Building.                 </div>		<b>Locations</b> EB=Education Bldg. FH= Fellowship Hall L= Library S= Sanctuary				<i>1</i>
<b>2</b> 9:45 Praise Team-S 10 Iglesia-EB 10:30 Worship/ Communion 5:00 Potluck/	<b>3</b> 10 LakeRidge Falls (EB) 4:00 Bells-FH 5:30 Fellowship Com.-L 6 AlAnon-EB	<b>4</b> 11:15 Staff-L 12 Worship Committee-L 6 AlAnon (EB) 7 Rose Group Women's AA-FH	<b>5</b> 10 Tai Chi 10:30 Artists-EB 10:30 Membership Committee -L	<b>6</b> 1:30 Finance-L 6 Al-Anon(Sp)-EB	<b>7</b> 2 Line Dance-FH	<b>8</b>
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