

Good Tidings

Northminster Presbyterian Church † Sarasota, FL October 2019

OCTOBER SERVICES

Sundays at
10:30 AM

Rev. Wally Johnson

October 6

Celebrating World Communion Sunday with the Hispanic congregation of Iglesia del Redentor

*Hope in the Steadfast
Love of God
Lamentation 3:19-26*

October 13

*Gratitude
Luke 17:11-19*

October 20

*Pray On
Luke 18:1-8*

October 27

*Triumph of Grace
Joel 2:23-32*

The Pastor's Corner

October is here, and the return of our seasonal friends is just around the corner. I am looking forward to their return and the energy they bring to us. They are a blessing!

I hope you enjoyed our walk through the Lord's Prayer and the reminder that, as we pray this prayer each week, we are praying that we might be empowered to be the means of the answer. We pray that we might be the means by which the Kingdom of God comes and the will of God is done, "on earth, as it is in heaven." How thankful I am for the reminders of our need of God in the daily walk of life!

The companion thought to this, for me, has been that God is faithful in his steadfast, covenant love. I cannot tell you how profoundly grateful I am that our God is like that! He is a covenant-keeping God! In the words of the Prophet Jeremiah, in the Book of Lamentations: *The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

God is faithful even when we are not. Because of that realization the prophet Habakkuk declares in Chapter 3:

Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights.

So, what is in store as we follow our faithful Lord in the days ahead? Our Session will have a planning retreat in October and we will be discussing new avenues for ministry and service. Pray that God will grant creativity, imagination, and wisdom.

I will begin my Bible Study this month. We will be looking at current events through the lens of Scripture. I am excited about this study and I hope you are as well.

On the Mission front – we will have a Meal Packaging Event in the coming weeks and a return trip to Cuba after the first of the year. I am also looking forward to leading the trip to Israel in October of 2020. These are exciting days and I am thrilled to walk this journey with you!

In His Service,
Pastor Wally

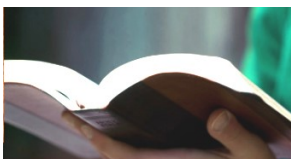


New Bible Study Classes for Fall



PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

The Pastor's Bible Study will begin **Tuesday, October 1. at 10:00 a.m.** Due to low attendance in the afternoon session, we will only have the morning class this year. The topic of the Study will be "Fresh From the News." Each week we will take an item that has been in the news and look at it from a Biblical Perspective.



The goal is to relate current events to Scripture passages and encourage us to apply God's Word to everyday life. Each week I will email some questions for you to consider prior to the class. I will use material from "The Wired Word" as the starting place for our discussions.



Karl Barth wrote, "Take your Bible and take your newspaper and read both. But interpret newspapers from your Bible."

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



A new program year has started with two active Circles meeting in the Library

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

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

This year the women are studying the Ten Commandments. All women of the church (members and non-members) are invited to join one of these friendly study groups.

EXODUS

Dick Murphy teaches a weekly Bible study in the Fellowship Hall on the Book of Exodus **every Sunday at 9:00 and Thursday at 10:00.**

The Book of Exodus contains the two greatest periods in the history of the Jewish people. The first was when God rescued his chosen people out of the land of Egypt where they had been held in slavery for over 400 years. The second was when God gave them the Ten Commandments on how they were to live their lives. It is also the expansion and renewal of the covenant promises God gave to Abraham, that he would be their God and they would be his people. In Exodus, God will mold them and shape them to become a nation of priestly people so that the world will know that a personal God exists.

God chose one man to lead them; a man called Moses. His job would not be easy. God would have to show the people endless miracles and wonders to convince the people of who God is and why he is. No one can fully understand the Christian faith without understanding what happened in Exodus and why it happened. What God did for sinful Israel foreshadows what Jesus Christ did for the world.

This study will be presented not only from a Christian perspective but also from a Jewish perspective. We will be following the Torah, written by Moses himself, in order to understand the culture, traditions, and Midrash of the ancient Jewish people, as interpreted by two Jewish authors:

Exodus: God, Slavery, and Freedom, the Rational Bible, by Dennis Prager.

Exodus, The Book of Redemption, Covenant & Conversation, by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks.

Please come and be a part of our study and spirited discussions. Free coffee is always available!

Mission Ministry

HOW DO YOU SUPPORT NPC MISSIONS?

Northminster regularly contributes to five non-profit, mission organizations. They are: Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry, Bible Mission USA, the Presbyterian Church in Kirkuk, Resurrection House, and Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center (SPARCC). If you would like to contribute specifically to one of these missions, you can write the name of the organization on your envelope or on the memo line of your check.

All mission offerings received, that are not designated to one of the above organizations, are deposited in the **General Mission Fund**, which is administered by the Mission Committee. The Committee has the discretion to use funds for special events, such as Day-4-Hope and Kids Against Hunger, and also makes periodic distributions to the five featured missions.

KIDS AGAINST HUNGER MEAL PACKING EVENT

Our third meal-packing event with Kids Against Hunger is coming up soon! (Watch for announcements of the date and time.) It will be held in the Fellowship Hall, where everything will be set up and ready to go. This is an easy project and ANYONE from 5 to 95 can help. You can even do this project sitting down!

The meals cost 25 cents each for all the ingredients. You can help with this cost by *designating your mission gift for Kids Against Hunger (KAH)*. It's fun getting together for a project like this and it helps us make a difference!

NON-MONETARY MISSION GIFTS

In addition to the yellow barrel in the Narthex, we have a box here for **All Faiths Food Bank**.

The red wagon in the Narthex collects your donations for the **Blessing Box**, which stands in front of Northminster. Bottled water and on-the-go food are left in the box daily, as a blessing for anyone who needs one.

A bin for **Resurrection House** sits near the office doors, for donations of hotel or sample size toiletries. We will also accept towels, women's sanitary products, and men's shoes for them.

Another bin is for phones for **SPARCC**. Please include phone chargers and other accessories. All information will be deleted before giving these to individuals at risk, to use for emergencies.

At this time we are collecting only specific items, for **Beth-El Farm Workers**, including: men's pants size 3-36; adult long-sleeve, button-up shirts; baseball-style hats; new socks; and new underwear (men, women & children). We are not accepting other clothing or household items.

Don't forget the little things. Pull-tabs or "pop-tops", from beverage cans are used by the Shriners to raise money to fund transportation for needy children to and from **Shriners Hospitals**. Box Tops for Education, is a fundraiser for **Duvall Children's Home**. You'll find these coupons on many products and a list is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.



Volunteers at the Kids Against Hunger Meal Packing Event at NPC in March 2019



In March, 6,000 packed meals were donated to Beth-El to distribute among the farmworkers and their families.



MESSAGE FROM MATT

October brings fall colors, crisp air, the smell of apple pie cooking in the stove. Or am I thinking of coffee, under the portico, after church? Or maybe I'm thinking of a group of God-loving people gathering together, enjoying a meal at Perkins. But, there is nothing better for a good ending to drinking a cup of coffee and having a good meal, than taking a sunset cruise

God loves us and enjoys us, and God wants the same for us. Love one another as he loves you. See the details of our October Fellowship offering below. And remember to share them with your neighbors, friends, and relatives. All are welcome!

Matt Stevenson

CARD CRAFTING CLASS

Learn basic greeting card-making skills with **Barbara Austin** on Wednesday, **October 16**, at 1:00, in the Fellowship Hall. Barbara will share her creative skills and will furnish all necessary supplies. You will go home with three beautiful greeting cards that you'll make yourself! Did we mention the class and supplies are FREE? Please sign up in the Narthex to reserve your spot for this fun, hands-on workshop.

Anyone who would like to share a talent or special skill in a class or workshop, please contact the church office.



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

October brings the return of Sunday Coffee Fellowship. After the worship service, enjoy a snack and a cup of coffee, while greeting old friends and newcomers.

Let's Get Together

PRESBYTERIANS EATING OUT

Join us at 5:30 on Friday, **October 18**, for dinner with your Northminster friends at **Perkins Restaurant**, 5921 Fruitville Road. Perkins offers all day breakfast, Fit Favorites, Comfort Classics and more. A free piece of pie, from their famous bakery, comes with every entree. You can choose from Lemon, Pumpkin, and French Silk (Chocolate). Invite your friends! Just remember to sign up and pick your pie!

SHALL WE DANCE?

No partner? No problem! **Every Friday at 2:00** in the Fellowship Hall, there is a **free** line dance class. We learn simple to intermediate line dances in a friendly environment. Learn the popular wedding / cruise standards like the Electric Side, Cupid Shuffle, and Boot Scootin', along with some fun and easy "home grown" cha-cha's, waltzes, and Latin dances. Come and join us for fun, fellowship, and get a little exercise too!

NPC MARATHON BRIDGE

Bridge partners and the schedule have been set. The annual Marathon starts Wednesday, **October 2**, at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

There are always plenty of opportunities for substitute players. If you love playing bridge, and would like to fill in occasionally, please contact **Jan Gubrud**.

Fellowship at NPC

LET'S GO CRUISIN'

Join us on Wednesday, **October 23**, for a relaxing sunset cruise through the intercostal waters and Gulf of Mexico. We will meet at LeBarge Tropical Cruises, at the south end of Marina Jack, at 5:15. Boarding is at 5:30. There will be live music and food and drink are available for purchase.

The cruise costs \$26 and the deadline for sign-up and payment is Sunday, October 20. Please make your check out to *Northminster* and give it to **Dave Messinger** or **Matt Stevenson**.

ROMEO & JULIET

"Retired Old Men Eating Out" and "Just Us Ladies Into Eating Together" will have breakfast on Friday, **October 4 and 18**, at 8:30, at First Watch, on the corner of Lockwood Ridge Rd. and SR70. Groups will be discretely seated at opposite ends of the restaurant. Note: Men don't necessarily have to be old or retired. Please sign up in the Narthex.

FAMILY THANKSGIVING AT CHURCH

Enjoy turkey and all your favorites at a **Thanksgiving day lunch**, at Northminster, with your church family. Details will soon!

MIDDAY PROGRAM

The brochures are out for the 2020 Midday series, which is celebrating its fifth season. Pick up a copy in the Narthex

There will be four history lectures on topics ranging from Andrew Jackson, to World War I, Russian President Putin, and Smugglers in American History. The four concerts feature an internationally-known piano trio, the outstanding Rollins College Choir, a new Latin music ensemble with a program that honors Herb Albert, and a 16-year-old piano virtuoso.

Please save the dates and bring your friends to these free events on every **Friday at noon from January 10 to February 28**. There are receptions immediately following the presentations in the Fellowship Hall.



Check It Out!

Fall has arrived, which means college football season is in full swing. Those of us who are regular attendees at NPC know that means Sunday service begins with game scores.

A good library should provide books that patrons want to read. Therefore, with that in mind, books by Tony Dungy, Bobby Bowden and Urban Meyer have been added to the church library. They are on the shelf and ready for you "football fanatics" to check out. Go Team!



Library Hours

Mondays: 1:00-3:00
Fridays: 10:00-noon

Prayer Chain News

One of our church members recently asked me what the Prayer Chain was all about, and why she hadn't ever received any prayer requests. The explanation is simply that no one is automatically placed on the Chain as a member of the praying Prayer Team. It wouldn't be right to just assume someone wishes to be included. However, it is very easy to become a member of the Prayer Team; simply let me know you would like to be a praying member.

Then my friend asked about the "requirements" to be on the Team. I told her there are no meetings to attend, no forms to fill out, no calls to make, no rules or requirements other than a willing heart to pray for someone, or something, when our Father God's help is needed.

The Prayer Team consists of 75 households that receive requests for prayers whenever there is a need. When an urgent need for prayers for one of our members or friends is called in (or emailed in) to me, all those households will swiftly receive that information. When the Prayer Team receives the prayer request, they simply spend a few minutes in concentrated prayer, right there in their own home, and throughout the week, asking our Heavenly Father

God to watch over and help those in need. Just think of the power of 75 households praying, and what joy it brings to our God to hear from us!

Every Sunday there are requests for special prayers turned in to Pastor Wally during the church service. These requests are then sent out, via email, to all on the Prayer Team. If anyone reading this is not receiving email notices of prayer requests after the Sunday church service, and would like to be added to the Team, please email or call me with a request to join.

One last note, the Prayer Chain is only as good as the information received from others. The deacons should request prayers when one of their flock is ill or has asked for prayers; and so should any one of you who knows of someone needing the assurance that our Compassionate Father God is ever-constant and merciful. We know the power of prayer! God is listening and waiting for us to speak to him on behalf of others. "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me!'" (Matthew 25: 40)

Jeanne Peters



ATTN: ALL ORDAINED ELDERS & DEACONS

October 6 is World Communion Day. The Deacons need some assistance, this year, in administering communion to our home-bound members. All ordained Elders and Deacons, even if you are not currently serving on Session or the Board of Deacons, are eligible to offer communion. Please **contact Pastor Wally** if you are able to offer this service.

Would YOU Make a Good FLOWER CHILD?

Did you know that, on most Sundays, our lovely alter flowers are made into smaller arrangements and distributed to our sick, homebound, hospitalized, or nursing home residents? Would you like to help “spread the sunshine” to some of those folks? We need volunteers to help deliver flower arrangements. You can stop by the worship room, (through the door at the front of the Sanctuary, piano side) following the Sunday service, to pick up an arrangement. Then deliver it ,at your convenience, during the week. For more information, contact **Robin Sutcliffe** at robin_mark@verizon.net. What a great way to brighten someone’s day!



Financial Update

Operating Fund

date	August 2019	Year to
Income	\$ 35,826.75	\$ 229,637.51
Expenses	<u>\$ 28,032.99</u>	<u>\$ 219,580.71</u>
Net Income	\$ 7,793.76	\$ 10,056.80

Operating Fund Balance

Iberia Bank	\$ 103,480.98
PILP Money Market	<u>\$ 22,879.18</u>
	\$ 126,360.16

Capital Campaign Fund Balance

Ameritrade	\$ 100.20
PILP Money Market	<u>\$ 18,880.36</u>
	\$ 18,980.56

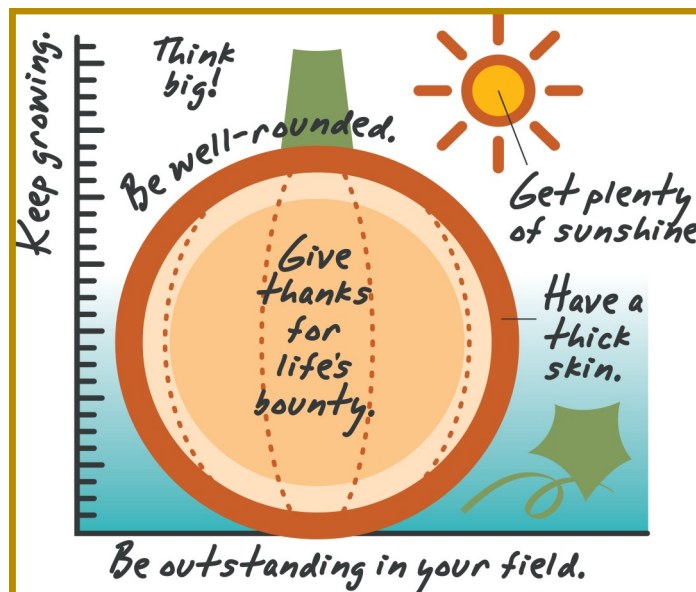
Cornerstone

Charles Schwab	\$ 41,419.90
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Mortgage Balance as of August 2019

	\$196,118.84 *
Required Monthly Payment	\$ 2,184.74
Breakdown: Principal	\$ 1,535.59
Interest	\$ 649.15
Interest Rate: 3.9720	

* \$50,00 paid on principal Aug. 27, not yet reflected



Office Notes

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, **October 9** for the meeting on **October 16**.
- **Good Tidings:** Articles and announcements for the November issue of the Good Tidings will be due on **Tuesday, October 15**. Please e-mail your articles and announcements for the Good Tidings to office@npcsarasota.org.



QUARTERLY PLEDGE STATEMENTS

Your third quarter pledge statements will be mailed out in early October. These statements are for those who have made pledges to the Operating and/or Mission Fund(s)). If you have any questions, please contact **Isabel Oake** in the church office.

OFFICE ANGELS

Office Angels are individuals who staff the office whenever I am away. I'll be looking for volunteers to help out **October 10-14**.

Please call or email me if you are available. New Angels are welcome! A brief orientation can be arranged at your convenience.

Isabel Oake,

October Birthdays

1	Ken Ray
3	Tom Lefferson
14	Jim Christie Claude Thomas
19	Betty Stokes
26	Connie Grinstead
27	George Haberkorn
30	Helen Reynolds



Dear Church Family,

I want to thank everyone for my birthday and get well cards, and especially all of your prayers. Your prayers have made me better.

Thank you,
Dottie Herndon

It was quite a treat to receive the beautiful, refreshing flowers from the church recently. The thoughtful kindnesses shown by this church family are truly appreciated.

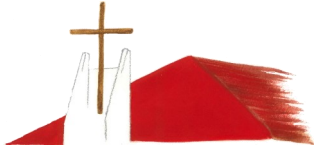
Bud Glidden



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p><i>6</i> World Communion Sunday</p> <p>9 Bible Study-FH 9 Bells 9:45 Choir 10 Iglesia-EB 10:30 Worship/Communion</p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>4:15 Bells-S 5:30 Fellowship Com.-L 6 AIAnon-EB 7 Scouts-FH</p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>10 Bible Study-FH 11:15 Staff-L 12 Worship-L 2 Deacons-L 6 AIAnon (EB) 7 Rose Group Women's AA-FH</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>10 Tai Chi-FH 10:30 Mission-L</p> <p>Session Reports Due</p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>9 Outreach & Marketing-L 9:30 Band-S 10 Bible Study-FH 6 AI-Anon-EB 6:45 Choir-S</p>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p>2 Line Dance-FH</p>	<p><i>12</i></p>
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