

Good Tidings

Northminster Presbyterian Church † Sarasota, FL January 2020

JANUARY SERVICES

Sundays at
10:30 AM

Rev. Wally Johnson

January 5

*What Song are
You Singing?*
Ephesians 1:3-14

January 12

*What Do You Want
to Be?*
Matthew 3:13-17

January 19

*When Christ is
Our Center*
John 1:29-41

January 26

Oneness in Christ
1 Corinthians 10-18

Pastor's Corner: Resolutions

2020 - it sounds weird on my ears, even as I write it. Years ago, I came across a list of resolutions from Jonathan Edwards (one of the old dead guys in my library). It is a long list, but I want to share a few that relate to our overall life mission.



1. Resolved, that I will do whatsoever I think to be most to God's glory, and my good, profit, and pleasure, in the whole of my duration, without any consideration of the time, whether now, or never so many myriad's of ages hence. Resolved to do whatever I think to be my duty and most for the good and advantage of humankind in general. Resolved to do this, whatever difficulties I meet with, how many and how great soever.
2. Resolved, to be continually endeavoring to find out some new invention and contrivance to promote the aforementioned things.
3. Resolved, if ever I shall fall and grow dull, so as to neglect to keep any part of these Resolutions, to repent of all I can remember, when I come to myself again.
4. Resolved, never to do any manner of thing, whether in soul or body, less or more, but what tends to the glory of God; nor be, nor suffer it, if I can avoid it.
6. Resolved, to live with all my might, while I do live.
22. Resolved, to endeavor to obtain for myself as much happiness, in the other world, as I possibly can, with all the power; might, vigor, and vehemence, yea violence, I am capable of, or can bring myself to exert, in any way that can be thought of.
62. Resolved, never to do anything but duty; and then according to Eph. 6:6-8, do it willingly and cheerfully as unto the Lord, and not to man; "knowing that whatever good thing any man doth, the same shall he receive of the Lord." *June 25 and July 13, 1723.*

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Obviously, Edwards was a deep thinker. I did not find anything on his list of resolutions about needing to lose a few pounds! I hope you can see how profoundly he was affected by the thought of living for the glory of God. May we be so minded in the coming year!

With the beginning of 2020, I am reminded of our goal to pay off our mortgage by the end of this year. We are very close, and now it is time to finish the

job. Prayerfully consider how you might give to this endeavor. If we are able to pay off the mortgage, we will free up dollars for mission and ministry. What a great prospect! Can you imagine what we might be able to do in Mission with an additional \$20,000 each year? Now, that is exciting!

In His Service,
Pastor Wally

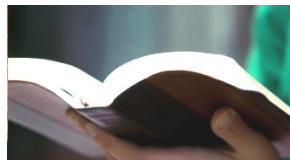
Bible Studies

FRESH FROM THE NEWS

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

In his class, "Fresh From the News" Pastor Wally will take an item that has been in the news and the class will examine 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.

The Pastor's Bible Study is held **every Tuesday at 10:00.**



EXODUS

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

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. The second was when God gave them the Ten Commandments.

This study will be presented from both Christian and Jewish perspectives.

Presbyterian Women

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

This year the women are studying the Ten Commandments.

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.**





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MUSIC

SEASON OPENER ON JAN 10

THE ORFEO TRIO

Jan 24 Rollins College Choir

Feb 7 Marco Jimenez, solo piano

Feb 21 The Tijuana Taxi: Tribute to
Herb Alpert

HISTORY

Jan 17 John Behlolavek: *Andrew
Jackson: A New Perspective on Old
Hickory*

Jan 31 Justus Doenecke: *The U.S.
and World War I – A New View*

Feb 14 Bob Barylski: *What is Putin
Up To?*

Feb 28 Alfred Eckes: *Trade Wars,
Past and Present*

Suncoast Concert Band

Northminster is happy to host The Suncoast Concert Band in their 87th season of presenting quality music to the Sarasota Community.

Come hear the Suncoast Concert Band play in our sanctuary, on **January 12**, playing, "Another Year, Another Concert." The Jazz Ambassadors perform "The Rat Pack and Basie; Live in Vegas" on **January 19**. Both concerts are at 3:00.

Tickets cost \$5. Please call **941-907-4123** for ticket information and reservations.



Welcome New Members



MARY SMITH and her late husband had been snowbird golfers from Lansing Michigan, where Mary was a member of First Baptist Church and an Affiliate member of Northminster. When they moved permanently to this area, her former Baptist pastor suggested Northminster for church membership.

Mary is an alumna of Michigan State University and retired several years ago from her career as an elementary school teacher. In her last church she served as secretary of the Endowment Committee and chair of the Children's Fellowship Activities.

She has three daughters and two sons, eleven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

We're happy to welcome Mary as a full-time member!

BRIAN KAPPLER and his wife, Kelly, moved to Florida in April of this year, from Columbus Ohio. They brought with them Kelly's mother, Irene Hanlin, and Barry's mother, Tola, and brother, Barry.

Brian has been in sales his entire adult life. Sports are his passion, especially golf, as are their five grandchildren. We are pleased to welcome Brian into the membership of Northminster Presbyterian Church.



How to Join 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.

If you're interested in becoming a member of Northminster, **simply contact Pastor Wally or the church office.** It's exciting to be a part of something so much bigger than we are!



Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live in a convent? or be in a witness protection program? Join us on Saturday, **January 25**, for the 2:00 matinee performance of *Sister Act*, the Tony Award winning musical, presented by The Players Centre for Performing Arts.

The cost is \$22 per person and must be paid to **Joyce Johnson** by Sunday, January 12. The venue is at 838 N. Tamiami Trail. Sign up now to reserve your seat for this hilarious play!

Fellowship Committee Notes

Larry Barnhart has stepped in as the temporary Chair of the Fellowship Committee, standing in for Matt Stevenson.

The **BBQ and Bingo**, previously announced for January, has been rescheduled for Wednesday, **February 12**. Watch for more information and a sign-up sheet near the end of January.

The Fellowship Committee is open to your ideas and suggestions for activities. New committee members are also welcome! They meet on the first Monday of every month, at 5:30, in the church Library.

Smile! It's Our 2020 Photo Directory!

The LifeTouch photographers will be here on **Saturday, February 8**. To take pictures for our new directory. We especially Encourage all new members and those whose households have changed, to sign up.

Northminster is participating in an annual update program. This is an opportunity for new members, and anyone who was not pictured in the 2018 book, to be added to an updated directory. If you were pictured in the 2018 book—your picture will automatically appear in the update.

LifeTouch will be at Northminster for one day only. If you can't make it then, you may schedule appointments at another church in the area, where LifeTouch is working. Call or email **Isabel Oake**, in the church office, for information.

Jeanne Peterson will continue making appointments on Sundays, through **January 12**. Appointments can also be made online by clicking the LifeTouch link on the church website, NPCSarasota.com.

There is no cost to our church, and no obligation for you to purchase anything. **Each participating family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a copy of the directory.**

Remember—you can invite family members and friends, who do not come to Northminster, to have their photos taken, as well. They will just not appear in the directory.



Mission Ministry

CHRIST CALLS US, CHRIST SENDS US

The Mission Committee coordinates various mission activities throughout the year. It is in charge of distributing the money received for the Mission Fund to our established missions and to other charities, as the need arises.

During last year, Northminster's general mission fund gave to four local organizations: Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry; Bible Mission, USA; Resurrection House; and Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center; and to the Outreach Foundation for the Presbyterian Church in Kirkuk, Iraq. After Hurricane Dorian devastated the Bahamas, Northminster members gave generously and funds were sent to the PC(USA), the Salvation Army, and Agape Flights to assist in hurricane relief efforts.

Special projects last year included, a meal-packing event with Kids Against Hunger, in March; Operation Shoebox for deployed service members; and the Salvation Army Angel Tree. The Presbyterian Women collected bathing suits and towels for disadvantaged kids attending Cedarkirk Summer Camp.

Look for more Mission Opportunities in 2020!

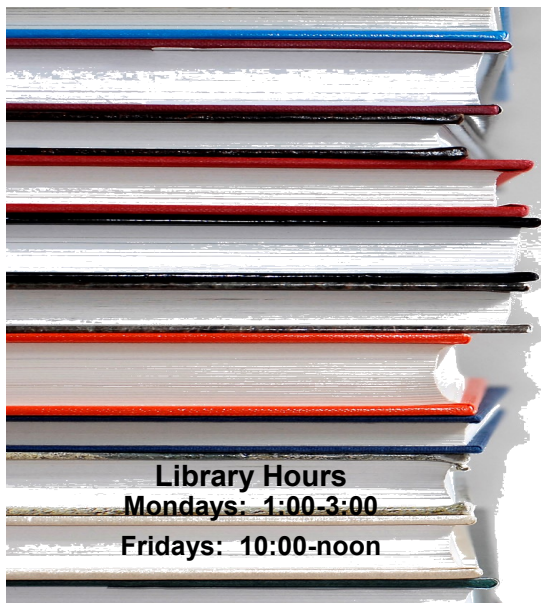
NEIGHBORHOOD MISSION

The Blessing Box has proven to be a very successful neighborhood outreach project, providing a simple act of kindness to anyone passing our doors. The congregation has contributed single-serve food and snacks and bottled water, every week throughout the year. We have noticed that individuals and businesses in the neighborhood also have been contributing to the Blessing Box.

REMEMBER THESE COLLECTIONS

- Non-perishable food staples for **All Faiths Food Bank**.
- Hotel or sample size toiletries, towels, women's sanitary products, and men's shoes for **Resurrection House**.
- T-shirts, work pants, new underwear and socks, gently used work boots, and baseball caps for the farmworkers served by **Beth-El Ministry**.
- Pop-tops/pull-tabs from beverage cans for **Shriners Hospitals**.
- Box Tops for Education, a fundraiser for **Duvall Children's Home**.
- Old cell phones and accessories for **SPARCC**.

In the Church Library



Happy New Year! If one of your resolutions is to learn more about the bible there are some excellent reference books to help you in this pursuit in the church library. The section of shelving closest to the door is the reference section and there you will find titles such as: Expository Dictionary of Bible Words, Book of Bible Charts, Maps and Time Lines, Who's Who in the Bible, and Oxford's Illustrated Companion to the Bible.

Please note, however, that the reference books are labeled "For Library Use Only," so you'll need to plan on studying these volumes when the library is open. Normal hours are Monday's from 1:00 to 3:00 and Friday's from 10:00 to noon, but it may be possible to arrange access at other times, if the room is not in use, by contacting the office. Reference volumes needed for a circle meeting or bible study class can be checked out by the leader for a short period of time.

2020 Church Giving

NEW YEAR - NEW BUDGET- NEW PLEDGES

As this issue of the Good Tidings is being written, in mid-December 2019, the Finance Committee is working on a budget for 2020 to propose to the Session.

Details for this year's Stewardship Campaign will be announced later in January.

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES



Using the numbered offering envelopes is a great help to our volunteer counters and facilitates the keeping of accurate records of your contributions.

There are still assigned envelopes ready to be picked up. And for those who were not assigned envelopes, but who would like to use them, we have extra boxes available for both monthly and weekly contributors. **Please contact Isabel, in the church office.**

Have you considered using our on-line giving option to make your regular pledge payments?



Just go to our webpage at 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.

Online Giving helps make sure your pledge, mission gifts and any other payment 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.

If you have any questions, please call the office.

Financial Update

Operating Fund

	Nov. 2019	Year-to-date
Income	\$ 23,034.85	\$ 295,290.06
Expenses	<u>\$ 27,162.01</u>	<u>\$ 303,927.46</u>
Net Income	\$ - 4,127.16	\$ -8637.40

Operating Fund Balance

Iberia Bank	\$ 69,802.03
PILP Money Market	<u>\$ 22,917.67</u>
	\$ 92,719.70

Capital Campaign Fund Balance

Ameritrade	\$ 100.20
PILP Money Market	<u>\$ 20,649.64</u>
	\$ 20,749.84

Cornerstone Fund

Charles Schwab	\$ 5,439.49
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Mortgage Balance as of November 2019

	\$141,181.87
Required Monthly Payment	\$ 1,183.50
Breakdown: Principal	\$ 716.19
Interest	\$ 467.31
Interest Rate: 3.9720	

Bob Silver, Treasurer

Office Notes



OFFICE HOURS:

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

Office closed on January 1

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 call 355-4729 or email (Office@npcsarasota.org) with this information so that we can send statements, newsletters, and other correspondence to the correct address.

DEADLINES

- Announcements for all Sunday Bulletins are due in the office by noon on the Wednesday before.
- **Session Reports** are due in the office by **Wednesday, January 8**, for the meeting on **January 15**.
- **Good Tidings deadline:** Please submit all articles, reports, and announcements for the February 2020 newsletter by **Wednesday, January 15**, to office@npcsarasota.org.

ANNUAL OFFERING STATEMENTS

Your 2019 Statement of Offerings will be mailed out before the end of January.

This Statement will itemize all gifts to the church during 2019, including pledges, building fund, mission, 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, contact **Isabel Oake** in the office.*

1 Al Gorham
7 Connie Eastburn
Tom Latimer
9 Gerry Mead
10 Wally Hough
11 Richard Dahlem

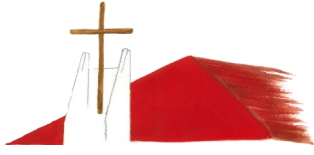


12 Fran McGuire
17 Yvonne Farquhar
19 Sanford Mullet
Mary Smith
29 Jack Kirby
30 Pat Patterson



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>New Years Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	2 10 Bible Study-FH 1:30 Finance-L 6 Al-Anon(Sp)-EB	3 2 Line Dance-FH	4
5 9 Bible Study-FH 9:45 Choir-S 10 Iglesia-EB 10:30 Worship/Communion-S	6 9:30 Suncoast Rehearsal-S 4:15 Bells-FH 6:30 Fellowship Com.-L 6 AlAnon-EB	7 9:30 Jazz Band Rehearsal-S 10 Bible Study-FH 11:15 Staff-L 12 Worship Committee.-L 6 AlAnon-EB 7 Rose Group Women's AA-FH	8 10 Tai Chi-FH 1 Bridge-FH 1:30 Mission-L 3 Nominating Committee-L Session Reports Due	9 9 Outreach/Mktg-L 9:30 Suncoast Rehearsal-S 10 Bible Study-FH 6 Al-Anon(Sp)-EB 6:45 Choir	10 8:30 ROMEO & JULIET 12 Midday Program-S 1 Reception-FH 2 Line Dance-FH	11
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