

GOOD TIDINGS

Northminster Presbyterian Church
3131 61st Street, Sarasota, Florida 34243

June 2013

The Pastor's Corner



MAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays at 10:30

**Christopher
Carlson,
Pastor**

June 2

*What Would Jesus Say
About Happiness?*

(part 1)

Mathew 5:1-6

June 9

*Death is Swallowed
Up in Victory*

Rev. Ray Davies
Guest Pastor

June 16

*What Would Jesus Say
About Happiness?*

(part 2)

Mathew 5:7-11

June 23

*What Would Jesus Say
About Purpose?*

Mathew 5:13-16

June 30

The Peace of Christ
Rev. Ray Davies
Guest Pastor

Dear Friends,

Downtime is uptime, if it's God's time!

'Tis the season," as they say. No I do not mean Christmas. It is summer-time and that means many of us are traveling, taking time with friends or family, resting or just spending as much time as possible outside. There is nothing wrong with any of these activities. In fact, they are God's gift to us to recharge and renew.

We all need a little time off. But there is a problem. We are so focused on taking a little time off, many times we also find ourselves taking a little "time off from God". Writer Leonard Sweet puts it this way, "The fluidity of summertime schedules means that more families are out of town, and Sunday morning attendance significantly withers. By now the Sunday school is closed and even vacation Bible school may be over. It's a bad time of year to schedule important meetings or to make any great future-shaping decisions. Everyone, it seems, is ready for a break, a change, a chance for a little well-deserved 'personal time.' If we are perfectly honest with ourselves, however, we must admit that we have already segmented our lives into 'God's time' vs. the 'rest of our lives.' So much of our days evaporates into grocery shopping, staff meetings, budget-crunching, commuter traffic snarls, refereeing sibling squabbles, 'environmental science' (a.k.a. housecleaning and yard work), writing reports, keeping coworkers informed, keeping bosses informed, filing reports, preparing meals and preparing for tomorrow's onslaught, that we struggle to 'find time' for God. At best, we schedule a half-hour of Bible study here, a half-hour of prayer there, and a scant hour of 'worship' once a week. The problem with this attitude is that we can't segment life into 'God times' vs. 'god-less times.' Christians don't find time for God. We find God's time in all our time. If we are truly 'in Christ,' then Christ's Spirit fills us at every moment of our day. In everything we do, we must be finding God and serving God. Christians don't take 'time off' from being Christians any more than our hearts can take 'time off' from beating."

As we all enjoy the summer and our times off, let us encourage one another to not take time off from God. All time is a gift from our God. Make an effort to find God in whatever you're doing. He never takes time off from us. He is with us no matter where. Have a blessed summer.

In His Grip, **Pastor Chris**



LIFE IS SHORT - EAT DESSERT FIRST

SUNDAE SUNDAY is coming June 2nd! Come for some fun, food, and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service. It's FREE -- just bring your appetite and your creativity to 'make-your-own-sundae.' Then sit down and enjoy it as you visit with your fellow church members. See you there!

PRESBYTERIANS EATING OUT

Presbyterians Eating Out will be going to the Red Lobster at 5711 14th St. W. on June 21 at 5:00 PM. Plan to come and share the good food and fellowship. Don't forget to add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

FELLOWSHIP

BRIDGE MARATHON BRIDGE PLAYERS

Our annual Marathon Bridge Awards and Cocktail party will be held on Saturday, June 15 at 5:00 PM at the home of Bob and Diane Price. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre to serve at least 8 people, and RSVP to the Price's (359-1159) by June 8.

All outstanding bridge scores must be sent to Carol Clark no later than June 10th to be counted.

We look forward to seeing you all on June 15th for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, prizes and bridge.



TAKE ANOTHER BITE OUT OF OUR MORTGAGE!

You can help take another bite out of our mortgage while making your everyday purchases!

How it works: If you buy groceries, gasoline, medication, or dine out - that is all you have to do. The only difference is that you make your purchases with gift cards purchased from the Church. Northminster is getting these gift cards at a discount from Scrip Pro. When you purchase the cards, at face value, the difference goes to our Mortgage Fund. When you make a purchase with your gift card you get the total value that you paid for!

How much can Northminster raise?

It's up to you. At an average of \$400 in gift cards per month, 50 households can raise \$9,600—\$12,000 per year. Imagine how much our whole congregation can raise!

Which stores & restaurants offer cards?

To start with we have chosen 28 vendors, including Publix, Walmart, Walgreens, BP Gas, Applebees, Subway, Taco Bell, and

Amazon.com. Pick up an order form to see all the cards that are available. If your favorite store or restaurant is not on the list, just **ask Barbara or Rich Rhodes** if it's available.

Two opportunities to participate in June:

1. **On June 2** you can purchase Publix gift cards in the Narthex immediately following the service. Publix cards will be on hand—no advance ordering required.
2. You will be receiving more information about the Scrip Fundraising Program throughout the month of June. Order forms will be available for you to look at. Just fill out an order form, make your check out to Northminster, and give them to Barbara or Rich Rhodes **on June 30**. Cards will be available on Sunday, July 7. As we phase in this program, all orders will be taken monthly.

Help Northminster take a bite out of its mortgage! **Order your Publix cards on June 2 and other Scrip gift cards on June 30.**



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Coordinating Team for PW met the morning of May 6 to introduce the new officers/members and to begin planning luncheons, programs/speakers and trips to various mission facilities. The new year begins in October and runs through April 2014. There were many good suggestions for programs and interesting places to visit. Our next meeting is scheduled for June 3, 10:30 a.m. in the Library.

BE A FLOWER CHILD

Do you like to make people smile? Be a messenger of good cheer and brighten someone's day by volunteering to deliver flowers to shut-ins. It's easy and rewarding and only costs a few hours of your time each week. Who doesn't like to get flowers? Don't like to drive or deliver, but love to arrange flowers? We need you too!

For more information, contact Robin Sutcliffe.

Make someone's day brighter --
it may end up being your own!



FINANCIAL REPORT

Year to date actual (as of 4/30/13)

<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$128,050
Expenses	<u>\$116,882</u>
Net Income	\$ 11,168



Year to date income continues to exceed expenses; however, the April expenses exceeded income. This discrepancy is primarily due to pledged April income that was not received until May, underlining the importance of staying current with your planned giving.

Your generous support of our operating budget and the many activities of our church is appreciated and needs to be continued as we grow and expand.

Jack Tibbets, Business and Ministries Administrator

MISSION MINISTRY

CEDARKIRK CAMP: 2ND QUARTER MISSION EMPHASIS

June is the final month of our Mission Emphasis Committee on **Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center**. Summer Camp programs provide a variety of activities and adventures, including swimming, hiking, canoeing, archery, arts and crafts, cookouts, and meeting new friends. Activities are all centered around daily Bible study and worship that both focus on the camp's summer theme, *All Things New*. Donations can be made by checking the "local mission" line on your offering envelope or by using the blue and white mission envelope in your Sunday Bulletin.

Camp is not just for kids! The You & Me Conference (June 28-30) is a special event at Cedarkirk for children ages 3-12 and their adult relatives or grandparents. This special weekend provides opportunities for you to spend time with—and grow closer to— that special child or grandchild in your life. Find more information at www.cedarkirk.org or by picking up a brochure in the Narthex or church office.



ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK

Northminster supports All Faiths Food Bank year round. Summer vacation is a time of great need for families whose children usually receive free lunch (and sometimes breakfast) at school. Please remember to bring donations of canned or boxed food staples and place them in the yellow barrel in the Narthex. Please do not donate anything in glass containers.

FREE WHEEL CHAIR MISSION

Founded in 2001, Free Wheelchair Mission is an international nonprofit organization whose mission is "to provide the transforming gift of mobility to the physically disabled poor in developing countries, as motivated by Jesus Christ."



In the third world, millions of disabled people crawl around in the dirt or have to be carried to get where they want to go, so for \$72.00 you can literally buy a wheel chair and change a life. FWM founder, Dr. Don Schoendorfer, an engineer and inventor, came up with a wheel chair design that is durable and all-terrain and can be made and shipped for approximately \$72.00.

FWM works around the world in partnership with a vast network of humanitarian, faith-based and government organizations, sending wheelchairs to hundreds of thousands of disabled people, providing not only the gift of mobility, but of dignity, independence, and hope.

MEDICAL OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM

Dr. Barry Ladd continues his Medical Ombudsman ministry with parishioners wishing to talk and ask questions about their illnesses or treatment. All conversations are free, private and confidential. Appointments may be made for Tuesday mornings through the church office.

DO YOU NEED A RIDE?

Bob Silver arranges for transportation to Sunday Worship for any who need a ride. Contact Bob if you or someone you know needs a ride.

ROMANIA MISSION TRIP

Northminster continues to support the work of Pastor Alex Stroie with the Gypsy population in Romania through the annual Romanian Mission Trip, sponsored by the Howell, Michigan Presbyterian Church.

This year three needs stand out:

- Replacing the van used as the school bus.
- Expand the winter food bank.
- Scholarships for the pre-school children, which cost \$220 per child for the year.

It seems that the money situation for Romanians is becoming more difficult. Salaries are being cut and monthly government income for the elderly is reduced. One

emphasis of the Mission is a Christian assisted living facility. Donations of medical items and hotel/sample size soaps will go to this facility and the Health Clinics.

Please bring your items for the Mission to the church office

by Tuesday, June 18, so they can be packed and shipped on June 19.



A special mission offering will be received on Sunday, June 2 in support of the Romanian Mission.

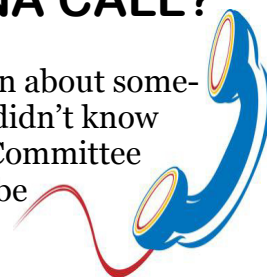
Many thanks to all who have supported the Romanian Mission with materials or monetary donations.

DONATION DELIVERY ASSISTANCE

Bill Marvin is available to pick up household items for delivery to Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry. Please contact Bill by phone, or through the church office to arrange for pickup.

WHO YA GONNA CALL?

Did you ever have a question about something at Northminster and didn't know who to ask? The following Committee Chairs and volunteers will be happy to help you with concerns in their area(s).



Christian Education • Sally Kirby
Clerk of Session • Sally Kirby
Communications • Joan Shirey
Deacons Moderator • Betty Miller
Fellowship • Cora Lee Cain*
Finance • Barry Ladd
Librarian • Aleta Blachly*
Membership (AIM) • Jan Rodriguez*
Mission Ministry • Bob Silver*
Nominating Committee • Jim Stoltie & Barry Ladd
Parish Life • Judy Haywood
Personnel • Brandon White
Presbyterian Women • Phyllis Maisel*
Property • Jim Christie
Stewardship • Jack Tibbets*
Worship • Mark Goslin

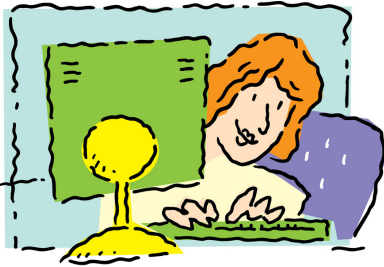
NPC Officers

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* indicates not currently on Session

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 Mary Stoltie
 Robin Sutcliffe
 Annette White
 Don Winter

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday—Thursday
9:00 - 3:30
Friday
9:00 - 2:00

DEADLINES

- **Sunday Bulletin announcements** are due in the office by **noon every Wednesday**.
- **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**. The preferred method of submission is by e-mail to office@npcsarasota.org.
- **Session Committee Monthly Reports** are due in the office by **Wednesday, June 12**.

THANK YOU OFFICE ANGELS

- Welcome new office volunteers, **Jan Gubrud, Richard & Helen Healy, Billie Hultin, Betty Miller, and Pat Patterson**.
- Thank you for your assistance in May—**Gene Colter, Inga Larsen, Joan Melnick, and Annette White**.
- Thank you **Helen Healy** and **Manny Gonzalez** for collating the Sunday Bulletins during Choir rehearsals this year.

HELPING HANDS NEEDED

During the summer we need volunteers to fold and collate the weekly bulletins. This can be done, by a team of two, in about one hour. You pick the time between 9AM and 2PM on Fridays!

To lend a helping hand, please call me in the office at 355-4729 or e-mail me at office@npcsarasota.org.

Thanks!

Isabel Oake

Office Administrator

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

2 Ron Conner
3 Wayne Cain
6 Willis Mather
Harry Neal
7 Flo Goldner
8 Shelley Cushman
11 Dave Messinger
Mark Goslin



12 Bobbi Shay
Fran McGuire
13 Cyndi Carlson
Jane Clark
18 Chuck Eldred
22 Bette Stemple
29 Georgia Hines
Lori Ladd



JUNE 2013

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 Sunday School (FH) 10:30 Worship 11:30 Ice Cream Social (FH) 7PM Iglesia* (FH)	3 10:30 PWCT (L) 5:30 Fellowship Committee – Gubruds' Home 6:00 Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts	4 9-12 Medical Ombudsman 10:00 Bible Study(FH) 3:00 Finance Com (L) 7:00 Rose Grp-AA	5 10-3 Artists (EB) 2:00 AIM Com. (FH) 6:30 Brownies (FH)	6 11:00 Knit Wits (L)	7 6:30 Big Book-AA	8
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