



## Behind the Scenes:

We hope that this note finds all of you safe and healthy during this very difficult time in the life of Northminster and the world.

Leading into March, everything musical at NPC was progressing beautifully; our choir, our bells, and our music team. Then, COVID-19 struck, and we were unable to gather as a choir, bell ensemble, or even as a congregation. As difficult as this is, and as much as we miss being together, worshipping together, fellowshiping together, we must look to the Lord for our blessings.

Those blessings for NPC have been that we are now sending our Sunday services throughout the world, via Facebook Live. If you aren't aware, we have had viewers from all over the United States, Canada, New Zealand, Hong Kong, South Africa, and even Australia!

As for our Worship Music, we are truly blessed that we have Gail ministering to us each Sunday with her abilities on the organ and piano. Also, we have been fortunate and blessed to have the talented couple of Joyce and Bob Schaer graciously volunteer to assist us weekly, with Joyce's gorgeous soprano voice and Bob's masterful ability on the drum set. Thanks also goes out to the number of other musician friends (Bob Stoll, Eric Guth, Angela Smith, Karen Bowes, Tricia McKenney, Lynn Kesten, and Celia Rayman) that have added their talent to our services. Also, we can't forget to mention our amazing technical team; Don Kesten, Caleb Kesten, Rocky Bentley, Sandy Stiles, and Joyce Johnson, who make it possible each Sunday to see and hear our services.

One unfortunate circumstance that we have run into is that the drum kit, that Bob so tastefully plays, has stopped functioning, which has led us to acquire a bet-



Joyce Johnson captures the service on camera and I-pad.



Working audio and video equipment:  
Sandy Stiles, Rocky Bentley, Don Kesten, and Caleb Kesten



Pastor Wally consults his I-pad



## Video Service

ter kit from a local church which had multiple sets. Thank you to Session for allowing this needed purchase. By the time you read this, you will have already heard these drums added to our Worship Service.

Truly, we are missing our precious Choir and Bells Ensemble and can't wait to be able to, once again, gather together, lifting up the Spirit of our Lord and Savior in song. We are so grateful to be able to continue to use the gifts that our Father has given us for his glory and know that during this time apart, we are still together in Spirit. Thank you for all of the kind messages and support that are sent our way. We are truly blessed!

*Ed Stiles*

Music Ministry



Gail Offerdinger-Legdister provides a variety of solo pieces on the piano and organ, as well as accompanying guest soloists.



Joyce & Bob Schaer have been lending their musical talents almost every week



Celia Rayman,  
flutist



Tricia McKenney,  
trumpeter



The Suncoast Brass Quintet:  
Angela Smith, Karen Bowles, Eric Guth, Bob Stoll, and Ed Stiles

## Library



A little over a year ago I wrote in this column about a new program approved by the session whereby a book could be donated to the church library in honor or memory of someone. By the time you read this, the first memorial book given under this new program by Mary Circle in memory of Colette Stevenson should be on display in the library.

Colette was not only an active member of Mary Circle but also served as Moderator of Presbyterian Women Group and Chairperson of the Missions Committee. With that in mind, the book chosen is a memoir about a young American woman, Megan Boudreaux. In 2010, at the age of 24, she sold everything and went to Haiti to found an organization called Respire Haiti. Her mission was “to fight for the freedom of Haiti’s estimated 300,000 child slaves.” The book is titled “Miracle on Voodoo Mountain.” If you go the Respire Haiti website you’ll see that today this organization now has a Christian school, a medical clinic and a food distribution program, as well as other social programs.

I hope all will be inspired by Colette’s example, and this book, to continue supporting the various missions our church sponsors.

*Bonnie Kiger*, Librarian

## Mission Report

### MID-YEAR DONATIONS

In July, all funds received that were designated for specific Missions were disbursed, as follows:

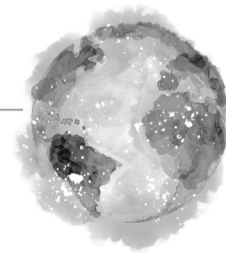
- \$790 to Beth-El
- \$199 to Kirkuk Presbyterian Church
- \$170 to SPARCC

### DAY4HOPE

As of July 20th, we have received \$1,740 for Day4Hope. That will provide 69 backpacks, stuffed with school supplies and a \$25 gift certificate for clothing.

### BLESSING BOX

As the the Covid-19 pandemic continues, our Blessing Box has become more important in helping our neighbors find a bite to eat. At this time, some of the local missions are not accepting donations. Please remember to share food staples and ready-to-eat meals and snacks with those who visit our Blessing Box. We are in need of bottled water, especially during these hot summer days.



In the world  
you will have tribulation.

*But take heart;*

I have overcome the world.

John 16:33

## Office Notes

### OFFICE HOURS:

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

*Social distancing is practiced;  
wearing a mask is appreciated.*

### GOOD TIDINGS DEADLINES

Please submit all articles, reports, and announcements for the September newsletter by **Friday, August 14.**



- 4 Bonnie Kiger
- 6 Mary Lou  
Lefferson
- 14 Dale Davies
- Ginny Engleman
- 15 Sandy Heslin
- Don Swanson
- 19 Rolf Samson
- 20 Phil Paul
- 21 Gail Cerniglia
- 22 Betty Miller
- 23 Marty Manning
- 25 Cynthia Murphy
- 26 Shirley Riesz
- Barbara Austin
- 25 Tim Underwood

### August Birthdays



### DIRECTORIES & UPPER ROOM

Our new LifeTouch Picture Directory is here!

Anyone who wants a copy can swing by the office to pick it up. If you don't want to come in, give me a call and I'll leave it outside for you.

### "SIGN-UP SHEETS"

Please call **Isabel**, at **941-355-4729** to sign up for either of these.

**Flowers for the Sanctuary:** Our beautiful arrangements are purchased by members and friends of the church and can commemorate a special date or honor a loved one. There are still dates available for the month of August and throughout the year. Each arrangement costs \$35.

**Golf Cart Drivers:** Help fellow congregants, who have trouble walking, get from their cars to the front doors. Drivers needed starting in August.

*Isabel Oake, Office Administrator*

### Northminster Presbyterian Church "Called by Christ. Sent by Christ."

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:30 a.m.**  
Also online on Facebook

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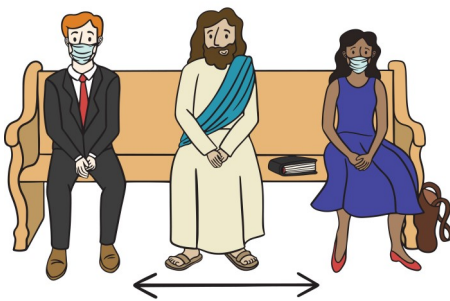
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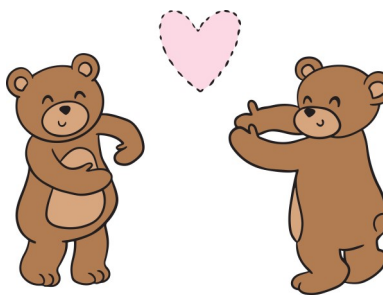
## **In-person Sunday Worship resumes on August 9! What's new?**

**LEAVE ROOM FOR JESUS**



Please sit 6 ft. apart

Every other pew will be marked off to insure social distancing.



**AIR HUG ZONE**

Please refrain from hugs and handshakes.



**FACE MASK  
REQUIRED**

If you don't have your own mask, one will be provided.