

Good Tidings

Northminster Presbyterian Church † Sarasota, FL

February 2021

WORSHIP SERVICES

Take place in the Sanctuary and on Facebook Live Sundays at 10:30 AM

Annual Congregational Meeting

February 14, immediately after the Worship Service

At this meeting we will review the annual report, elect officers, and Request that the Presbytery dissolve the pastoral relationship with Pastor Wally Johnson.

We hope to provide a way for NPC Members, who are not present, to participate in the meeting electronically.

PASTOR'S CORNER

This month is one of transition, both for Northminster and for the Johnson family. Goodbyes are never easy. You are our church family; you are our friends. We value the time God has given us here, and we look forward to returning on vacation and seeing you all again.

We will take you with us in our hearts and will pray for you often. We covet your prayers as we adjust to familiar, yet new, surroundings.

The Halverson Benediction is one I use often, and have adapted it slightly over the years. In it we are reminded with these words:



*Remember as you go that
you go nowhere by accident.
Wherever you go, God is sending you there.
Wherever you are, God has put you there.
He has a purpose in your being there.*

*Christ, who indwells in you,
has something he wants to do in you
and through you, wherever you are.
Believe this, and go in his grace,*

We love you all,

Joyce and Wally



Goodbye Wally

After three and a half years of inspired leadership, Wally and Joyce will be moving back to Oklahoma. Pastor Wally's last Sunday will be on February 14th. On February 7th, during the Service, the Session and congregation has planned a ceremony to honor Pastor Wally and wish him well in his new calling. Please mark **February 7th** down on your calendars and plan to attend, either in person or by tuning into the live broadcast.

Farewell Isabel

No matter how you say it -- Send off, adieu, bon voyage, ciao, aloha, good-bye or God speed -- on **Sunday, February 21st**, during the 10:30 church service (in-person or online), we will be bidding Isabel 'farewell' as she launches into her new life in Bastrop, TX. We hope you will put on your COVID armor, and join us to honor Isabel for her 14 years of stellar service to Northminster Presbyterian. Thank you, Isabel!



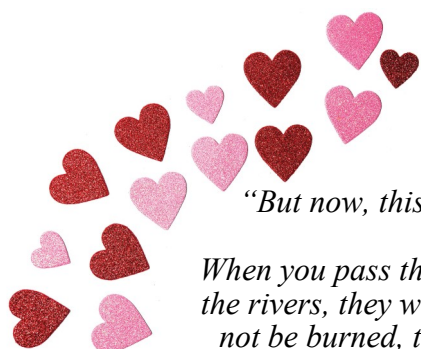
Welcome Lynn Lambert!

Lynn Lambert will be coming on board to take on the job of Administrative Assistant on **February 2**.

She is a native Californian and has called the West Coast of Florida home for more than ten years. She graduated from St. Thomas University in Houston, TX, where she majored in psychology.

In addition to prior church office experience, she has a dry sense of humor and a love of the arts. She "plays at" piano and guitar and enjoys painting.





THE PRAYER CHAIN

*“But now, this is what the Lord says.....Fear not for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through
the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will
not be burned, the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord, your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.” (Isaiah 43:1-3)*

What wonderful words of assurance that our Father God is with us, watching over us, protecting us. How can we possibly thank him? All he asks is our communication with him. He longs to hear from us. He invites us to bring all our concerns, fears and needs to him.

That is what the Prayer Chain is designed to do, isn't it? To call on our Father in heaven, to prayerfully request his attention and to thank him for it.

The Prayer Chain serves those who are in need when their names are lifted up to our God. When a prayer request goes out, more than 90 people who have become members of the Prayer Team, bow their heads for a few moments of prayer asking God's mercy and blessings for that named person.

This is a reminder that the only way I am certain to keep the Prayer Chain current is by receiving calls or emails from you requesting prayers for yourself or for someone in need of prayer. You may contact me by telephone, 941-752-6036; or email, jeannep123@yahoo.com.

I hope this Prayer Chain ministry has been a blessing to you in some way, for it surely has been a blessing to me. May God continue to bless us.

Jeanne Peters

Financial Update

Operating Fund

	Dec. 2020	Yr-to-date
Income	\$ 36,364.21	\$ 362,418.91
Expenses	<u>\$ 36,582.61</u>	<u>\$ 345,523.74</u>
Net Income	\$ 218.40	\$ 16,895.17

Operating Fund Balance

Iberia Bank	\$ 58,916.22
PILP Money Market	<u>\$ 23,045.33</u>
	\$ 81,961.55

Capital Campaign Fund Balance

PILP Building Fund \$6,254.04

Cornerstone Fund

Charles Schwab \$ 135,737.87

Bob Silver, Treasurer



Have We Got an Opportunity for You!

Do the rising cases of Covid-19 have you stuck at home?

Are you bored and looking for a pleasant and easy task to occupy some of your free time?

Well, you're in LUCK! Look no further... Northminster has an opportunity for YOU!

For the past year Isabel has taken over the task of coordinating the flower donations, which we all very much appreciated. With Isabel's pending retirement, we're looking to fill the gap that will be left when she heads to Texas.

The gift of flowers dates back to early Egyptian times. It's believed that flowers are given to connect with an emotion, whether it's love, joy, affection, appreciation, sympathy, or apology. Flowers are also known to "boost" our moods, improve air quality, and can also relieve STRESS!

In these times, who wouldn't want to give up some of that added stress by working with flowers?

I know, you're ready to sign up right now, but WAIT....there's MORE! The coordination of the flowers, for the most part, can be done from home, via phone or email.



With the Covid-19 restrictions, we no longer have a sign-up list for flower donations, so envelopes are available in the Narthex on the table. As attendees walk in for worship, they can pick up the envelope, write their date and dedication on the outside of the envelope, place their \$35 check or cash inside, and place the envelope into the offering plate on their way out. Those who are attending online can contact the office directly.

Your duties would be to communicate with the office and follow up with flower donors, in case they didn't indicate a dedication, or whether they'd pick up the arrangement or donate it as a gift to members who are ill, hospitalized, or home-bound. You'll also coordinate with our designated florist.

Please consider contributing your skills and time to bringing the beauty of flowers to our worship services! Please reach out to Isabel, via phone or email, if you'd like further information or wish to accept this role.

Thank you for your consideration. God bless!

Jan Cory,
Worship Committee Chair

From the Office

OFFICE HOURS:

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

*Social distancing & mask-wearing
are practiced in the office.*

GOOD TIDINGS DEADLINE

Please submit all articles, reports, and announcements for the March newsletter by **Monday, February 15**

SESSION REPORTS

Please send your Session Reports for the February 17 meeting to Sally Kirby and the office by **Wednesday, February 10.**



1 B.J. Dotzour	11 Judy Rhodes
2 Bill Manning	13 Jerry Landis
6 Bill Marvin	21 Audrey Schmidt
Ellen Roth	23 Ron Myers
Audrey Sagers	Mary Ribeiro
7 Joyce Johnson	27 Rich Rhodes
9 David Gleeson	Tim Underwood

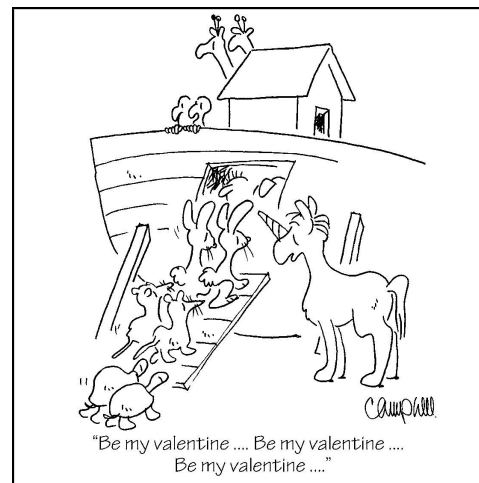
2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Please pick up a copy of Northminster's Annual Report, in the Narthex, before the Annual Meeting on February 14. It offers a summary of activities, and endeavors that took place before and as a consequence of the COVID pandemic.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The Contribution Statements for 2020 were mailed recently. This Statement itemizes all gifts to the church during 2020, and can be used in filing your income tax returns. Please review your statement carefully. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

*Isabel Oake,
Office Administrator*



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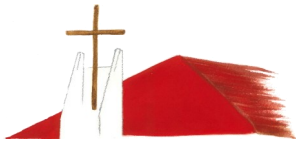
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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:30 a.m.
Also online on Facebook

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LOVE

Love is *patient,*
love is *kind.*
It does not *envy,*
it does not *boast,*
it is not *proud.*

1 Corinthians 13:4