

H.O.P.E. FOOD PANTRY TO LAUNCH JUNE 24TH!

H.O.P.E stands for Helping Other People Eat and that is just what will be happening from 5 to 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of every month at Northminster Presbyterian Church starting June 24th. The Missions Team began working on this project in March after



Peter Casamento of All Faiths Food Bank contacted Pastor Lyn as was detailed in last month's newsletter.

Since then, David Gleeson, as Lead Coordinator and Crew Leaders have been busy making plans and figuring out all the logistics required for an undertaking such as this. All Faiths Food Bank will be supplying all the food and



sacks at no cost to us for the remainder of the year. Once the non-perishable food items are delivered on Wednesday the 23rd, volunteers will unload the food off the pallets, pack the food into sacks and load them on to shelving ready for the distribution crew to hand out Thursday evening.



This will be a drive-thru event and each sack contains enough food for a family of four for three days. Plans are to have 100 sacks ready to bless our working poor, food insecure neighbors. The response from our congregation has been heartwarming and three other churches are offering assistance but more volunteers are still needed for both days. If you would like to help, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Bonnie Kiger or the church office.



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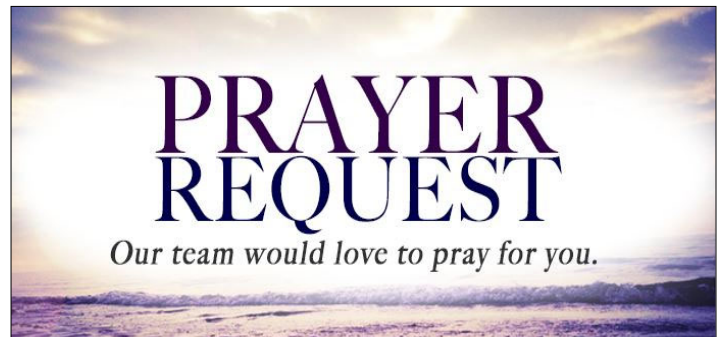


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- Barbara Austin**
- Donna Bagnall**
- Neva Low**
- Helen Healy**
- Robin Sutcliffe**
- Sherry Hendry**



Please contact Jeanne Peters or the church office if you'd like to join the team or if you have a prayer request.

CURRENT PRAYER REQUESTS

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| Barry L. | Gail C. | Sally K. |
| Beau and family | Jay G. | Susie S. |
| Bonnie R. | Joanne B. | Vic & Barbara S. |
| Clarence K. | Karla Z. | Victoria U. |
| Don S. | Matt S. | Wanda R. |
| Gaelle S. | Melissa M. | Wayne S. |
| | Ron M. | |



THE WAY FORWARD

As I begin my fourth month as Northminster’s Transitional Pastor, I can honestly say, “My how times flies!” We’ve shared a lot together already, as we’ve navigated Covid 19, welcomed a new administrator, and resumed in person worship with upgraded equipment. I have thoroughly enjoyed sharing devotions on Facebook Live at 10 every morning. We also celebrated together the Resurrection and were re-ignited by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. And we remembered those who served our country in a special Memorial Day service. What glorious time we are having with the Lord together!

Now we must begin to look to the future as you shall prepare to call a new pastor. There are several steps to this process, as guided by the Committee of Ministry of Peace River Presbytery. With hope and discernment, first and throughout, pray! As you do, a Transitional Team has been tasked to update the Mission Study conducted a decade ago, that will provide a guide to future ministry and mission goals, and pastor requirements. The Mission Study will form the basis for the Mission Information Form (MIF) to be sent out to solicit candidates. This study will include a heritage study, a congregational survey, talk times, and a demographic study, and will explore questions like, “What is the predominant demographic of this area?” “What are the felt needs of the people in our community? How could NPC meet those needs?” “What brought you to NPC, and what has kept you here?” “Where do you see NPC in 5-7 years?” Everyone’s hopes and dreams will be heard and reflected in the Mission Study.

Next, after the COM approves the Mission Study, a Pastor Nominating Committee will be elected by the congregation, who will draft the Mission Information Form. Once that form, again, is approved by COM, the pastor search may officially begin! Hopefully, the search will launch later this year.

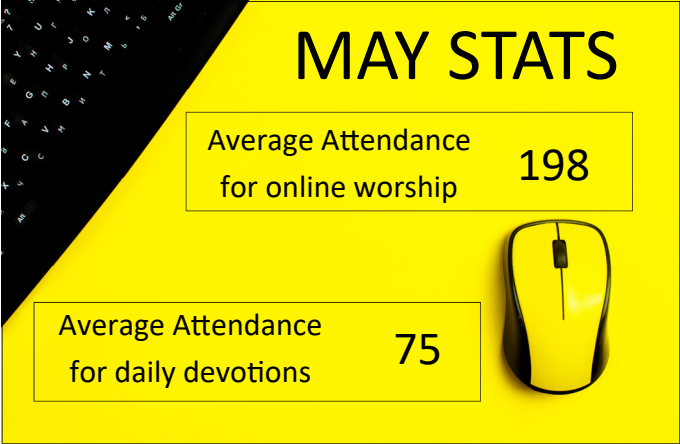
The elders, deacons, staff, and other leaders will begin the mission study process with a Retreat on June 5. Each leader will be actively involved in the exploration and evaluation, however calling your next pastor is the diligent work of all the people. I think of Jesus’ words in Luke 14:28-30 when he says, “Suppose you want to build a tower. Will you not sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough to complete it?” It will be hard work, and time consuming, but joyful work, as you look to the glorious future God has planned for you.

In the meantime, we carry on the Lord’s ministry at NPC! Come back to worship! Let us together lift up Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior, with shouts of gladness. Let us serve the least of

these as we launch H.O.P.E. Pantry (Helping Other People Eat); let us grow in our faith with Bible Study, prayer, and caring. “Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:25).

Love,

Pastor Lyn



JUNE 1ST
Bea Swanson

JUNE 14TH
Andrea Siebert

JUNE 2ND
Ron Conner

JUNE 21ST
Mary Lou Jatho

JUNE 3RD
Wayne Cain

JUNE 25TH
Marilyn Thompson

JUNE 11TH
Ray Davies
Mark Goslin
Dave Messinger

JUNE 27TH
Martie Myers

JUNE 29TH
Lori Ladd

JUNE 13TH
Jane Clark



R.O.M.E.O.
 Retired Old Men Eating Out
Starting June 11th
Every Other Friday
9am
 Meet at
First Watch
 SR 70 and Lockwood Ridge Rd.




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 Distribution starts
 Thursday, June 24th
 5 - 7 pm

Receiving and Packing
 Wednesday, June 23rd

Contact the office or Bonnie Kiger to volunteer



Hot Diggity Dog
 July 4th After Service

HOT DIGGETY DOG!!! We're back! Nothing says "Happy 4th of July" like a hot dog covered with your favorite condiments, a glass of ice-cold lemonade, and a slice of pie! Join us in the Fellowship Hall right after church on Sunday, July 4th as we come together again in fellowship. It's FREE, but please sign up in the narthex, or call the church office to RSVP so we know how many to prepare for. God bless America!



Line Dancing
Friday afternoons @ 2pm
in the Fellowship Hall



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