

February 2016 Innovator

News

9:15 Traditional Worship

9:15 Sunday School

10:10 Refreshments and Fellowship in the Hall

10:45 Christ Connection Praise Worship

February Sabbatical Worship Schedule



February 7th

9:15am & 10:45am

Worship lead by Pastor Gail and members who will share about Sabbath

February 10th

6:00pm Supper & 6:45pm Worship

Please join us for a light supper and reflective evening service lead by Pastor Gail who invites us to examine our lives and prepare for Easter.



February 14th

9:15am

Short Worship and then members will work on mission projects

February 21st

9:15am & 10:45am

Worship lead by Roderick Oji

February 28th

9:15am & 10:45am

Worship lead by Pastor Gail



The Faith Commission invites all to participate during Worshipful Work Sunday on February 14! After a short worship service, we have three options for hands-on participation:

- **363days.org:** We will have a guest speaker from this organization which provides sandwiches to the homeless in the Twin Cities. Our goal is to make 450 sandwiches!
- **Prayer shawls:** We invite those who would like to knit prayer shawls to bring your knitting needles and yarn to church on this Sunday.
- **Fleece blankets:** We will be making 50 fleece blankets to be distributed to those in need. No prior experience is needed to participate.

We thank all of you for doing the work of God for others!



Friday, February 26th at 6pm

Come enjoy an elegant evening out with red carpet treatment! Dust off that suit and shake out that fancy dress for your photo-shoot. The North Church Youth Group will be serving you dinner in Style. You may even have a chance to win best actor! More details to follow.

Join us on Saturday March 5th at 5:30pm for a Hawaiian Dinner!

We'll be breaking bread in the Hall. Please come in your best tropical themed attire! Please sign up in advance. Email us at RSVP@north-churchmn.org. We will also have sign-up sheets between services for 3 weeks leading up to the meal.



If you have a prayer request, please contact Renee at north@northchurch-mn.org or 651-777-4044. You may also contact Shelly Willar at 651-777-4662. We will get your prayer request started on the prayer chain.

Make a joyful noise! The Sanctuary Choir welcomes new members age 16 and older of all voices and experience. Please consider joining us as we begin our journey through Sabbatical, Lent, and Easter. Rehearsals are 7 – 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and again on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. to warm-up for the 9:15am service. If you have questions or are interested in joining the choir, contact Mary at 651-331-1089 or livingstonmusic@q.com.



Clearwater Forest offers unique camps for you! Register at www.clearwaterforest.org!

- Our **Discovery** programs (grades 3-6) have the week set for maximum fun! Try your hand at snorkeling, biking, archery and more! We gear the week to provide for spiritual, personal and emotional growth all while being supported by incredible staff.
- The **Junior High** camps (grades 7-9) include six weeks of our traditional programming and our ever popular Jr. High Pedal, Paddle, Climb and the restructured Jr. High/Senior High Sailing programs that will pique your interest, challenge you to try new things, and learn more about yourself.
- Five **Senior High** specialty camps (grades 9-recent graduates) include: **Counselor-in-Training (CIT)** (grades 11-12); **Sailing Camp**; **Senior High Two Week**; **Beach Camp**; and our ever popular **Endless**. All of the programs are designed for you to have maximum fun, learn about others, share your faith, and of course have a BLAST at the same time!

*From the Girl Scouts of your Church
Family ...*

**“GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TABLE”
Sundays – February 7, 14, & 21**



Girl Scout Cookies are available just once a year, and the time is here! Many girls over the years, from your North Presbyterian Church Family, have proudly participated in Girl Scouts.

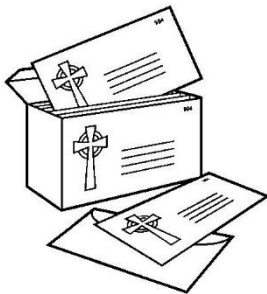
Girl Scout Cookies are easy to order, and you will be supporting any of the participating Girl Scouts from our church. Just stop by the Girl Scout Cookie Table in the Narthex, and write your order on the sign-up sheet.

All orders placed at the Cookie Table will be distributed evenly amongst our participating North Presbyterian Church daughters who are Girl Scouts. If your daughter is a Girl Scout and would like to participate, please contact Kim Wirka.

All the classic Girl Scout Cookies are back (just with some updated names), plus we have a couple new cookies that are sure to quickly become favorites. Classic cookies include: Shortbread, Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Patties, Caramel Delites, and Peanut Butter Sandwich. New cookies include: Thanks-a-Lot, Cranberry Citrus Crisps, Lemonades, and Trios (Gluten Free).

Don't really need any cookies for yourself right now? You can still support our Girl Scouts and our church at the same time! Consider purchasing cookies and donating them to the church for Sunday Fellowship and Wednesday Suppers.

Thank you from your Girl Scouts!



Thank you to all of you who pledged during the 2016 Stewardship Campaign! We appreciate your support of ministry at North Church. If you have pledged to both the General Operating Budget and the Building Fund, please help us accurately record your contribution by indicating on your check or offering envelope what amount goes to each. ~ The Stewardship Commission



By Pat McKisson, PW Moderator

EVENTS COMING UP IN 2016

Monday, March 7

Mission Fundraiser

Final Blanket Collection to benefit Brittany's Place

Saturday, April 23

Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women

Westminster Presbyterian Church in Austin, MN.

Keynote speaker will be Denise England who participated 2014 Global Exchange in the Caribbean.

May (Date TBD)

North PW Spring Event

June 15 - 18

Synod Gathering of Presbyterian Women

The event will be held at the in Sioux Falls, South Dakota at the Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center. This is an excellent opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of other women from our synod as we explore timely topics together. Registration for the event is required as well as making your own housing arrangements at the conference center. Pat McKisson has the registration book available for you to look at.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please contact Pat McKisson.

FIRESIDE CHAT WITH PAT

Women of North Church, don't forget to mark your calendars for these 'chats' and your chance to help our P.W. group revise and restructure our visions and missions for the upcoming years. Your input is especially important as this is your organization and legacy for the future. Let's use our time and talents wisely in the future, so we can keep our Presbyterian Women's organization strong and functional, leaving a legacy of devotion to the church and dedication to God for continuing mission and taking Christ into every area of life. Together, with God's help, we can embrace one another for who we are and continue the great work of P.W.

WHEN: 1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAYS IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH

TIME: 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: FIRESIDE ROOM

AGENDAS:

<i>Getting Acquainted: The Women Tell All!</i>	2/03/2016
<i>Generational Perceptions: The Truth Be Told!</i>	2/17/2016
<i>Communication: Communicate, Communicate, Communicate</i>	3/02/2016
<i>Where Do We Go From Here: Change & Acceptance</i>	3/16/2016

P.W. Mission for 2016
Brittany's Place
A Safe and Sound Shelter for Girls in St. Paul
Part of 180 Degrees Org.

Established in 2014, the shelter is a safe haven for young girls who are victims of sex trafficking. It supports the Minnesota Safe Harbor Law that recognizes sexually exploited youth under the age of 18 as victims rather than juvenile delinquents. Their goal is to empower young girls and women to be aware of their self-worth and to make healthy choices to ensure a successful and prosperous future. It is a 14-bed facility for girls and young women ages 10-17.

Some of the needs of Brittany's Place are: notebooks and journals (not spiral bound); bath and body products (lotion, body spray, skincare, etc.); hairbrushes, combs, hair elastics, styling products; clothing (NEW, for teen girls); all in-season items in a variety of sizes (we tend to run out of larger sizes quickly); pants (leggings, sweatpants, fleece, etc. are fine – we go through these very quickly); tops (sweatshirts, t-shirts, tank tops, all are fine); bras – particularly larger sizes; socks; underwear; arts and crafts supplies (paint, markers, jewelry making, stamping, scrapbooking, etc.); yarn – heavy weight (5 or 6) preferred; puzzles and board games

If any of you have or want to donate any of these items (monetary donations are also accepted), please see Pat McKisson.

Ongoing P.W. projects:

- 1) Assemble Church World Service baby care, hygiene, and school kit,
- 2) Knit baby caps,
- 3) Make dresses and britches for Little Dresses for Africa and Haiti,
- 4) Support Fellowship of the Least Coin,
- 5) Support Sunshine Bag collection for Church Women United of Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul for the Native American Christmas Party,
- 6) Hold semi-annual clothing drives for Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church's clothing center.



We would like to organize all of our possessions within the church as we prepare for new flooring. All groups are asked to sort and declutter by March 1st. If you need assistance with storage or disposal of materials, please contact our custodian Don Schroeder or Norm Purrington.

'MISSION HIGHLIGHTS'

FAITH COMMISSION

By Pat McKisson

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Around the world, people lack access to food, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing serves to help change the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us with a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need.

One Great Hour of Sharing received during the season of Lent makes a difference in the world through three impactful programs:

- **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA):** Works within communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-causes disasters. PDA receives 32% of funds raised.
- **The Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP):** Takes action to alleviate hunger and its systemic causes and helps create access to healthy food for entire communities. PHP receives 36% of funds raised.
- **Self Development of People (SDOP):** Partners with people and communities with tools for development and education to alleviate poverty, oppression, and injustice. Receives 32% of funds raised.



Heartfelt thanks for all the love and support given to us following June's passing. We so appreciate the many friends who joined us at the memorial service celebrating her life, those who provided food and other help at the luncheon, the cards, words of comfort, and other gestures of care and concern. We are blessed to be a part of such a warm community of faith. ~ Roy Brogren, Karl and Sandy Brogren, Karen and Doug Pepin, and Annaliese and Bryan Miller

Thank you for your donation of 108 pounds of food items and \$50 in December to the North St. Paul Area Food Shelf. Through donations, our food shelf is able to give out between 24,000 and 28,000 pounds of food per month to residents of North St. Paul and Oakdale. During the year of 2015, over 309,000 pounds of food were distributed. Thank you again for your gift! ~ Dave and Linda Zick, North St. Paul Area Food Shelf

In the absence of Pastor James or when contact with the session is desired, the elder on call for the month of February is Mike Gerhardson, 651-808-0307. You may also contact Pastor Gail at 727-278-3511 or 651-213-1082.

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calendar

Monday, February 1

9:30am PW Coordinating Team
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, February 2

9:00am Book Study
9:00am Crafters
1:00pm Rachel Circle
7:00pm Northern Bells

Wednesday, February 3

10:00am Choral Bells
5:30pm Youth Group Fellowship
5:45pm Book Study
6:00pm PW Fireside Chat
7:00pm Choir Practice
7:00pm Youth Band
7:30pm Praise Band

Thursday, February 4

6:00pm El Shadai
6:30pm Faith Commission
6:30pm Music Sense Garage Band
7:00pm Deacons
7:00pm Life, Stewardship & Nurture

Saturday, February 6

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, February 7

9:15am Sunday School
9:15am Traditional Worship
10:10am Refreshments
10:45am Book Study
10:45am Praise Worship
12:00pm Cameroon Women's Group
12:45pm El Shadai Leadership
1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, February 8

8:00am ARM Breakfast
9:30am Ruth Circle
7:00pm Personnel

Tuesday, February 9

9:00am Book Study
9:00am Crafters
7:00pm Northern Bells
7:00pm WOW

Wednesday, February 10

10:00am Choral Bells
6:00pm Sarah Circle
6:00pm Ash Wednesday Meal
6:45pm Ash Wednesday Service
7:00pm Choir Practice
7:00pm Youth Band
7:30pm Praise Band

Thursday, February 11

6:00pm El Shadai
6:30pm Music Sense Garage Band

Saturday, February 13

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, February 14

9:15am Hands-On Mission
9:30am Refreshments
12:45pm El Shadai Leadership
1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, February 15

7:00am Carol Mathey's Training
3:00pm Guild Meeting
6:00pm Quilt Guild

Tuesday, February 16

9:00am Book Study
9:00am Crafters
7:00pm Northern Bells

Wednesday, February 17

10:00am Choral Bells
5:30pm Youth Group Fellowship
5:45pm Book Study
6:00pm PW Fireside Chat
7:00pm Choir Practice
7:00pm Youth Band
7:30pm Praise Band

Thursday, February 18
 6:00pm El Shadai
 6:30pm Music Sense Garage Band
Saturday, February 20
 9:30am El Shadai
 10:30am Blue & Gold Banquet
 2:00pm El Shadai Music Lessons
 3:00pm El Shadai
Sunday, February 21
 9:15am Sunday School
 9:15am Traditional Worship
 10:10am Refreshments
 10:45am Book Study
 10:45am Praise Worship
 12:00pm Cameroon Women's Group
 12:45pm El Shadai Leadership
 1:30pm El Shadai
Monday, February 22
 7:00pm Boy Scouts
Tuesday, February 23
 9:00am Crafters
 7:00pm Northern Bells
Wednesday, February 24
 10:00am Choral Bells
 1:00pm El Shadai/Staff Meeting
 5:30pm Youth Group Fellowship

5:45pm Book Study
 7:00pm Choir Practice
 7:00pm Youth Band
 7:30pm Praise Band
Thursday, February 25
 6:00pm El Shadai
 6:30pm Music Sense Garage Band
Friday, February 26
 3:00pm Youth Group Fundraiser
 Dinner
Saturday, February 27
 9:00am NMG Sew-In
 2:00pm El Shadai Music Lessons
 3:00pm El Shadai
Sunday, February 28
 9:15am Sunday School
 9:15am Traditional Worship
 10:10am Refreshments
 10:45am Book Study
 10:45am Praise Worship
 12:45pm El Shadai Leadership
 1:30pm El Shadai
Monday, February 29
Innovator Articles Due
 7:00pm Boy Scouts



Bella Glaser
 Irene Callahan
 Nicholas Olson
 Pat McKisson
 David Nelson
 DD Dumenya
 Kim Lewandowski
 Margaret Verlautz
 Joann Manz
 Karen Hummel
 Mikey Gerhardson
 Julie Bergmann-Barnett
 Bill Morrisette
 Zachari Wetz
 Eli Rangel

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