

# October 2016 Innovator

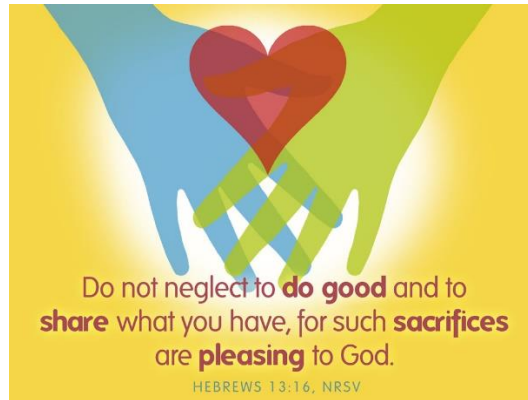
## News

9:15 Traditional Worship

9:15 Sunday School

10:10 Refreshments and Fellowship in the Hall

10:45 Christ Connection Praise Worship



## Dedication Sunday

October 30, 2016

*“...do not neglect to do good and to share what you have for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”*

Hebrews 13:16 (NRSV)

The Stewardship Commission extends a heartfelt thank you for all you have done and are doing to contribute to the ministries of North Church. God is blessing people locally and around the world through your support. Please bring your pledge card to church to be dedicated to God's glory on Sunday, October 30, 2016. If you are unable to attend the service, please mail it to the church. Pledge cards are also available in the pews, meeting space, and in the church office if you need one. Thank you for your ongoing support. We hope you are experiencing the joy of giving and seeing the abundant blessings of your stewardship.

## MISSIONS & GIVING



The Faith Commission on your behalf has given \$10,000 to missions in September:

- \$1,000 to Houses for Haiti
- \$1,000 to North Saint Paul Area Food Shelf
- \$1,000 to Remember Niger
- \$1,000 to Interfaith Action of Greater St Paul
- \$1,250 to Missions facilitated by Presbyterian General Assembly
- \$1,250 to Missions facilitated by our Presbyterian Synod
- \$3,500 to Missions facilitated by Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area

**The Faith Commission will be matching your gifts to PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) dollar for dollar up to \$750; so far, \$227.50 has been donated, so there are still \$522.50 matching funds available.** Thank you for your giving which enables us serve people locally and around the world.



**On October 5, we will begin our Wednesday Evening Discipleship Program. Everyone is invited, so bring your friends!**

### **Wednesdays for Children**

6:00-7:00 Children in Preschool – Grade 5 will meet in Room 19. Children will use Legos to learn how to build their faith brick by brick.

### **Wednesdays for Youth**

5:30-5:50 Youth in Grades 6 – 12 will meet in the Hall for supper.  
5:50-7:00 Youth will meet in the Hall for fellowship time.  
6:30-7:15 Youth Drama Rehearsal meets in the Hall.  
7:15-7:45 Youth Praise Band meets in the Hall.

### **Wednesdays for Adults**

6:00-7:00 *Comprehensive Legalization Program for Immigrants Living and Working in the United States.*  
7:00-8:30 Choir rehearsal meets in the Sanctuary.  
7:30-8:30 Praise Band rehearsal meets in the Hall.

We invite you to embark upon a fascinating and vital journey which may potentially lead our congregation to greater acceptance and understanding of the many different members of the body of Christ. We encourage all adults to join us for our class, *Comprehensive Legalization Program for Immigrants Living and Working in the United States*, which will focus on the official position of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) on immigration. Beginning October 5, this seven-week class will meet Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm and will be led by Coleen Colton. We hope to have an intergenerational and multicultural group to explore the issues of fair and equal treatment of immigrants in the United States.



Seniors you are invited to bring your lunch and fellowship with Pastor James on Tuesday, October 11, from Noon to 1:30 in Meisenheimer Hall. You bring the topic. It could be discussing a recent sermon, scripture selection, hopes for the church, current events, God's activity in our life or something else. Pastor James is eager to enjoy fellowship with you.



Join us at 10:30am Sunday mornings, beginning October 2, as we begin studying the Book of Acts. It will be a time of lively and thought-provoking discussion. Newcomers and guests always are welcome to join us.



Our next Red Cross Blood Donation Drive will be held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church on Monday, October 10, 1-7 pm. If you have any questions, want to be added to the current donor list, or set up a donor appointment please contact Kathie Johansen at 651-271-9342 or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Walk-ins are always welcome!

If you are a parent of a child under the age of 5, we invite you to enjoy a Parents' Night Out on October 5. You can feel comfortable knowing that your children are being watched by your church family as you enjoy an evening of adult time. Parents' Night Out will be held from 5:30pm – 7:00pm the first Wednesday of each month in Room 21.



Houses For Haiti is hosting its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowling Tournament and Silent Auction/Raffle at Mattie's Bowl (365 Concord St., South St. Paul) on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Registration is at 12:00pm, bowling starts at 12:30pm. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 18, which includes 3 games of bowling, shoes, and a chance to win fabulous prizes. We are raising money to build houses for homeless people in Cite Soleil, Haiti, the poorest slum in the Western Hemisphere. If you have any questions, you may contact Diane Albright at (651) 983-7501 or at [Dalbright@housesforhaiti.org](mailto:Dalbright@housesforhaiti.org).



Please join us on October 26 at 6:00 for a Halloween Party. We invite children to dress-up in their Halloween costumes for this fun, non-scary celebration. The evening will be jam-packed with Halloween games and crafts, and even a costume parade! We invite all family members to join us for hot cider, cookies, face painting, and chances to win prizes. It's a great way to get into the Halloween spirit. If you are interested in helping with the party, please contact Renee Kristensen at [north@northchurch-mn.org](mailto:north@northchurch-mn.org) or 651-777-4044.

Due to our growing nursery attendance, North Church is currently seeking a second childcare provider to work on Sunday mornings (9:00-12:00). This person is responsible for overseeing and providing childcare for infants and toddlers in our church nursery. If you or someone you know would be interested in this position, please pick up a complete job description in the church office or email Renee at [north@northchurch-mn.org](mailto:north@northchurch-mn.org).

Childcare Provider



Needed

Everyone is invited to our Family Movie Nights which will be held from 5:45pm – 9:00pm in the Hall. The evening will begin with a light snack and conclude with a short discussion about the movie. The following movies will be shown in the month of October. There isn't any cost to attend. We hope you can join us!



October 14<sup>th</sup> – *Gods Not Dead 2*  
October 28<sup>th</sup> – *War Room*



By now you have been able to enjoy our new Presbyterian hymnal, *Glory to God*. We have only raised about 20% of the funds needed to pay for these new hymnals. We invite members and friends to contribute funds to purchase a hymnal to be designated as:

- In Honor of,
- In Memory of, or
- Presented to North Presbyterian Church

Hymnals are \$20 each. Please look for order forms in the Gathering Space or office.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**A Breakfast to Honor All Our Church Military Veterans**

On Sunday, November 6, Life Commission will host a breakfast to honor our military Veterans. This is open to everyone (in other words, it's not just for men). Please come, help us honor those who have served in the military, enjoy a wonderful breakfast and a great speaker. The breakfast starts at 7:45am. More details to follow.



**P.W. FALL - WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE**

Oct. 16 - Oct. 23, 2016

Please bring in your gently-used fall and winter clothing, towels, and bedding to help those who are in need this fall and winter. Clothes will be taken to Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church Clothing Center in St. Paul on October 24. The Clothing Center was started over 30 years ago and has served the community well. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Nowak at 651-756-7887.



Presbyterians have a long history of building great communities through excellent education. There is a fact sheet on school district 622 levy request in the Gathering Space. Please cast an informed, prayerful vote.





## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

On November 20<sup>th</sup>, the congregation will be packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. Through this program, children throughout the world receive shoe boxes filled with Christmas presents to remind them that they are loved.

We need inexpensive donations of gifts for boys and girls ages 2 - 14 that are small enough to fit into shoe boxes. Donation will be accepted beginning October 23 in boxes located in the Gathering Space. Some gift ideas are listed below.

### **TOYS**

small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

### **HYGIENE ITEMS**

toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

### **OTHER**

Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)



### **SAVE THE DATE!**

You are invited to the Christmas Luncheon to be held on Saturday, December 10th at 11:30am. Join us for fellowship, lunch, and singing Christmas music! More details to follow.



*Christmas Luncheon*



## NEWS

By Pat McKisson

**The Fall Fun Fellowship Luncheon** will be held on October 8 from 9am-12pm. All North Church ladies (ages 10 and up) are invited to have brunch, share a short worship time, and hear a presentation by Mary Livingston. Please RSVP to Kathy Richardson at 651-770-3657 by October 3.

**The P.W. Praise Service and Thank Offering** will be held on November 13. Since 1888, Presbyterian Women have joyfully expressed gratitude for God's blessings by sharing their blessings with those in need at home as well as around the world. The Thank Offering has funded thousands of programs throughout the years since that first plea for a "Thank offering to your Lord"! Every year this offering provides education, safe housing, clean water, health care, help for prisoners and justice for women, and so much more to our brothers and sisters throughout the world and in our own backyard. How much can you give as a "Thank Offering to your Lord"?

To see a list of this year's recipients please see information posted on the P.W. Bulletin Board.

### SUNSHINE BAG COLLECTION

This mission helps Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul and Church Women United in hosting the Union Gospel Mission and Native American Christmas parties which are held in St. Paul.

**HOW IT WORKS:** For each day of **personal** sunshine you should put a coin (a penny, a nickel, a dime, a quarter depending on how bright your day is) in your special sunshine bag or container. Then on a Sunday bring your bag to church and place your coins in the special Sunshine Bag located in the Gathering Area.

### UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2016 (Questions? Contact Pat McKisson)

November 20	Sunshine Bag Collection
November 20	Praise Service/Thank Offering received
November 28	Assemble packages for Brittany's Place
December 2	Brittany's Place Christmas Gift Drop-off

### ONGOING P.W. PROJECTS:

- 1) Collect and assemble Church World Service baby care, hygiene, and school kits.
- 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/Interfaith Action.
- 6) Hold semi-annual clothing drives for Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church's clothing center.
- 7) Support Brittany's Place as our 2016 Mission of the Year.
- 8) Honor North Church graduating seniors.
- 9) Support Youth of North Church.

In the absence of the pastor or when contact with the session is desired, the elder on call for the month of October is Jim Holle, 651-919-4183.

## FAITH COMMISSION - MISSION MATTERS

By Pat McKisson

### WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY; PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

October 2

*A letter from Bryce Wiebe, Director, PCUSA Special Offerings*

Since 1980, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has invited Presbyterians to mark this unity in the Spirit by receiving the Peace & Global Witness Offering, and to celebrate Jesus Christ as Prince of Peace.

For 36 years, the funds raised have been used by local congregations (25%), mid councils (25%), and the Presbyterian Mission Agency (50%), to advance a witness to Christ's peace in all areas of life and society. These funds support the important work of networking and educating Presbyterians done by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, as well as strengthening connections to the wider world through the reconciliation work in which the Mission Agency is engaged.

Through the years, this Offering has provided support to Presbyterians, who, just like Dr. Kerr, see the Communion table as a place of peace and unity. Despite the ways violence and division mire our world, we still claim a God who spreads a table in the wilderness, and invites all people and all nations to come and dine. In the weeks leading up to World Communion Sunday and the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we encourage you to reflect upon and share these resources as we hope they serve as a reflection of God's invitation for us all to come to the table of peace. ~ With the assurance of grace and peace, Bryce Wiebe

*Your gifts to the Peace Offering will be received on October 2, 2016. Please open your hearts and give generously!*

LOOK AHEAD, LEARN ABOUT SUBJECT, PRAY for PEOPLE INVOLVED & GO FORTH and DO GOOD:

Oct. 9 is Domestic Violence Awareness Day. Pray for those who lives are affected by violence.

Oct. 16 is World Food Day. Give to your local food shelf.

Oct. 23 is Children's Sabbath: Educate a Child, Transform the World. Celebrate children.

Oct. 30 is Reformation Sunday. Do you know what this day represents?



Thank you so much for letting us meet monthly in your church. And also for sewing Saturday! It is greatly appreciated! ~ Northern Material Girls

Thank you for your donation of 15 pounds of food items in August to the North St. Paul Area Food Shelf. We are now making a big change in the food shelf and are now closed on Wednesday mornings but will add some Wednesday evening hours. We need volunteer to help during these evening hours. Please call Linda Zick at 651-777-5448 if you are available to help. ~ Linda and Dave Zick, North St. Paul Area Food Shelf

Thank you for your VBS donation. We are excited to see God working in Haiti, India, Mazatlán, Nigerian, and Cancun ~ Back to Back Ministries





Cody Javner	October 1	Loveline Ngu	October 10
Craig Moore	October 1	Steve Glasenapp	October 12
Mason Ramey	October 1	Madison Bergmann	October 16
Lisa Smith	October 1	Ann Bearth	October 17
Brenda Willar	October 2	Harvey Gleason	October 17
Aaron Knapp	October 3	Damien Langer	October 19
Jane Maggart	October 3	David Novy	October 22
John Parnell	October 3	Beth Shipway	October 25
Erin Sellie	October 3	Sharon Iliff	October 27
Dave Hoffman	October 4	Ryan Smith	October 28
Deloris Phipps	October 5	Nancy Matteson	October 28
Helen Bowers	October 7	Gerry Dalquist	October 29
Kris Craft	October 8	Ralph Maves	October 29
Billie Novy	October 8	Helen Enyeart	October 30
Nancy Hansen	October 10		

## OCTOBER



### Saturday, October 1

8:00am Rally for Niger  
3:00pm El Shadai

### Sunday, October 2~ World Communion

9:15am Sunday School  
9:15am Traditional Worship  
10:10am Refreshments  
10:45am Kerygma  
10:45am Praise Worship  
12:45pm El Shadai Leadership  
1:30pm Middle School Retreat Returns  
1:30pm El Shadai  
5:30pm Confirmation

### Monday, October 3

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

### Tuesday, October 4

9:00am Comforters  
7:00pm Northern Bells

### Wednesday, October 5

10:00am Choral Bells  
1:00pm El Shadai/Staff Meeting  
5:30pm Youth Group Fellowship  
6:00pm Children's Fellowship  
6:30pm Youth Drama Rehearsal  
7:00pm Choir Practice  
7:15pm Youth Band  
7:30pm Praise Band

### Thursday, October 6

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

### Friday, October 7

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

### Saturday, October 8

8:00am Fall Fun Fellowship Luncheon  
9:00am Church Staff Meeting  
2:00pm El Shadai Music Lessons  
3:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, October 9**

9:15am Sunday School  
 9:15am Traditional Worship  
 10:10am Refreshments  
 10:30am First Grade Bible Presentation  
 10:45am Kerygma  
 10:45am Praise Worship  
 12:45pm El Shadai  
 5:30pm Confirmation

**Monday, October 10**

8:00am ARM Breakfast  
 9:30am Ruth Circle  
 1:00pm Rachel Circle  
 7:00pm Personnel

**Tuesday, October 11**

9:00am Comforters  
 12:00pm RPR  
 12:00pm Senior Lunch  
 6:30pm Girls Scouts  
 7:00pm Northern Bells  
 7:00pm WOW

**Wednesday, October 12**

10:00am Choral Bells  
 5:30pm Youth Group Fellowship  
 6:00pm Children's Fellowship  
 6:00pm Wednesday Women  
 6:30pm Youth Drama Rehearsal  
 7:00pm Choir Practice  
 7:15pm Youth Band  
 7:30pm Praise Band

**Thursday, October 13**

5:30pm Great Rivers District Meeting  
 6:00pm El Shadai  
 7:00pm Endowment Committee

**Friday, October 14**

5:45pm Family Movie Night

**Saturday, October 15**

9:00am NMG  
 3:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, October 16**

9:15am Sunday School  
 9:15am Traditional Worship  
 10:10am Refreshments  
 10:45am Kerygma  
 10:45am Praise Worship  
 12:45pm El Shadai  
 5:00pm Confirmation Mentors  
 5:30pm Confirmation

**Monday, October 17**

3:00pm Guild Meeting  
 6:00pm Quilt Guild

**Tuesday, October 18**

9:00am Comforters  
 7:00pm Northern Bells

**Wednesday, October 19**

10:00am Choral Bells  
 5:30pm Youth Group Fellowship  
 6:00pm Children's Fellowship  
 6:30pm Youth Drama Rehearsal  
 7:00pm Choir Practice  
 7:15pm Youth Band  
 7:30pm Praise Band

**Thursday, October 20**

6:00pm El Shadai

**Friday, October 21**

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

**Saturday, October 22**

3:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, October 23**

9:15am Sunday School  
 9:15am Traditional Worship  
 10:10am Refreshments  
 10:45am Kerygma  
 10:45am Praise Worship  
 12:45pm El Shadai  
 5:30pm Confirmation

**Tuesday, October 25**

9:00am Comforters  
 12:00pm RPR  
 6:30pm Girls Scouts  
 7:00pm Northern Bells

**Wednesday, October 26**

10:00am Choral Bells  
 5:30pm Youth Group Fellowship  
 6:00pm Halloween Party  
 6:30pm Youth Drama Rehearsal  
 7:00pm Choir Practice  
 7:15pm Youth Band  
 7:30pm Praise Band

**Thursday, October 27**

6:00pm El Shadai  
 7:00pm Session & Deacons

**Friday, October 28**

5:45pm Family Movie Night

**Saturday, October 29**

3:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, October 30 ~ Dedication Sunday**

9:15am Sunday School  
 9:15am Traditional Worship  
 10:10am Refreshments  
 10:45am Kerygma  
 10:45am Praise Worship  
 12:45pm El Shadai  
 5:30pm Confirmation

**Monday, October 31****Innovator Articles Due**

8:00pm El Shadai Worship



