

# September 2017 Innovator



~Beginning September 10~  
9:15 Traditional Worship  
9:15 Sunday School  
10:45 Christ Connection Praise Worship

***Refreshments and Fellowship begins at 10:10 in the Hall.***

Office Hours are 9:00am – 2:30pm Monday thru Thursday.

*Youth Kick-off Celebration ~ September 27, 5:30pm at the Bearth's House.  
The Wednesday Discipleship Program resumes October 4.*

## **HILL FAMILY CANCER RESEARCH YARD SALE**

Do you have new or gently-used items that are cluttering your house? Your items can be donated at North Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, September 6th, between the hours of 5pm-7pm to help this wonderful cause. The sale will be held from 7:30am-6pm on September 7th & 8th and from 8am-4pm on September 9th. If you are able to help with the sale, sign-up forms are in the Narthex. Please help us raise money to support cancer research!



Lunch With  
the Pastor

Seniors you are invited to bring your lunch and fellowship with Pastor James on Monday, September 18, from Noon to 1:30pm in the Fireside Room. 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.



## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS**

Session has been prayerfully reflecting upon and discussing our congregational meetings. We will continue to have two Congregational Meetings a year. One in January to approve the Pastor's Terms of Call and one in May to discuss the annual report and elect officers.

### **Sunday, January 7, 2018**

10:00 One Worship Service

- Liturgy of celebration of 2017 ministries
- Liturgy of hopes to bless others in 2018

11:00 Refreshments and Fellowship

11:15 Discussion in Meisenheimer Hall followed by Congregational Meeting

- Present 2017 Financials (Complete copies printed and available)
- Present 2018 Budget (Complete copies printed and available)

*After everyone has completed sharing we will call the Congregational Meeting to order*

Congregational Meeting

- Handout Pastor's Terms of Call
- Discuss Pastor's Terms of Call
- Vote on Pastor's Terms of Call
- Prayer

Enjoy a Soup Luncheon together (All donations will support our youth ministries.)

### **Sunday, May 20, 2018**

9:15 One Worship Service

10:15 Refreshments and Fellowship

10:30 Annual Meeting of the Congregation (Annual report available on May 13)

- Prayer
- Election of officers
- Discuss Annual Report
- Open floor for sharing
- Thank retiring officers
- Honor Saints who entered Life Triumphant in 2017
- Prayer

Serve together through a Hands-On Mission

Enjoy lunch together

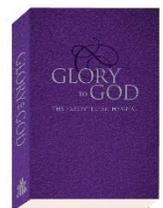


Back-to-school means back-to-work for the Sanctuary Choir! Haven't sung in a choir since high school? No problem! Can't make it every week? Come anyway! The choir welcomes folks of all abilities and availabilities. We are particularly excited to welcome high school students and young adult church members. The choir sings at the 9:15 a.m. service most Sundays, September through May, meeting at 8:30 a.m. for warm-up; we have one Sunday off each month. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Choir Loft, beginning September 6. No auditions—stop in and try us out! We are also looking for instrumentalists to augment our choral music - brass, strings, woodwinds and percussion. Sometimes we need just one instrument for a particular anthem, but we would also like the option to have a multi-instrument combo to accompany the choir or play a piece on their own. If you have at least 2 years experience playing an instrument, please consider volunteering your musicianship. Contact Mary with questions at 651-331-1089 or [mary.livingstonmusic@gmail.com](mailto:mary.livingstonmusic@gmail.com).



The Life Commission is looking for more teams to help with preparing and serving coffee and doughnuts for our fellowship time on Sunday mornings. We've had a couple teams retire and we could use your help. Training will be provided. The requirement is to serve about once every seven weeks. Please contact Leslie Etter (651-271-1120) if you're interested. Thank you!

Throughout the coming year, the Nurture Commission will be offering adult education opportunities on the Sundays that Kerygma is not meeting. Please join us September 17th from 10:45am-11:45am in the Sanctuary. Karen Pepin, Coleen Colten, and Mary Livingston will be presenting a class on our new Presbyterian Hymnal. During the class, you will become more familiar with the hymnal, learn how new hymns are chosen, sing some old and new hymns, and talk about your favorites. There will be small and large group discussions, singing, trivia, and maybe a few prizes! Everyone is welcome!



Sunday School Teachers and Youth Leaders will be commissioned during the "Celebration Time" on September 10. We encourage everyone working with our children, youth, and adults to attend this blessing.



Sunday school classes will begin on September 10. Classes begin at 9:15 and end at 10:20. At the end of class, teachers will promptly shepherd the children to the Hall where children can join their parents. We hope that parents and children will then join us for a time of "Celebration" in the Hall. The children will meet in the following rooms.

Preschool - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Room 26  
Room 28

We are looking for Sunday School teachers to help out on Sunday mornings. It would be a commitment of one Sunday every 6-8 weeks. If you are interested in volunteering, you can contact Renee Kristensen at [north@northchurch-mn.org](mailto:north@northchurch-mn.org) or sign up on the bulletin board located in the entryway.



We will be presenting Bibles to our first graders on October 8. If you are new to our church and have a child who is entering the first grade, please stop by the church office and let us know or contact Renee at 651-777-4044 or [north@northchurch-mn.org](mailto:north@northchurch-mn.org).

***Do you have a student who will be attending college this year?***

The Deacons like to stay in touch with all the college students throughout the coming year. If you have a new student or a returning student, please give their name and address to the Church Office so we can update our list.





### **CLEARWATER YOUTH RETREAT**

Middle School Youth (ages 11-14) and Senior High Youth (ages 14-18) are invited to attend the Clearwater Youth Retreat. The Middle School Retreat will be October 6-8 and the Senior High Retreat will be November 17-19. If you attend, you will have fun, discover what God is doing in your life and make new friends with youth from throughout Minnesota. Your cost is \$95 (financial aid is available per request to Pastor James). All meals, transportation, programming, and lodging is included. We need a few adults to provide transportation and participate with our youth. Questions contact Pastor James. All youth should receive an email with a link to register in mid-September.

**Registration deadline with Clearwater for the Middle School Retreat is October 3 and November 14 for the Senior High Retreat.**

### **HANDS-ON MISSION**

Last month for our Hands-On Mission Project we had two opportunities to participate. Our onsite option was *The Sandwich Project*. Thank you to all those who gathered and made 300 sandwiches to be delivered to the homeless and area shelters. We had over 30 people involved in helping! Our offsite option was working at a house purchased for victims of domestic violence at The Dwelling Place. Thirteen people cleared weeds and bushes, washed walls, built shelves, and cleaned carpets. Thank you to all those who participated. If you didn't get an opportunity to join us and still want to volunteer at The Dwelling Place, there are many ways to help this ministry. You can sign-up online to volunteer at <http://www.thedwellingplaceshelter.org/volunteer/>.

On September 17 from noon - 2pm, we will be working with Friends of the Mississippi River doing a stenciling project near storm drains. Our team will spray paint signs near the sewers in the city of St. Paul. We will also be walking and leaving door hangers. This project is open to anyone who wants to join us and is great for kids of all ages. We will be in the Hillcrest area of St. Paul near White Bear Ave. and Larpenteur. Please sign up, so they bring enough supplies for us to work with! Here is a sample of the stencil they use:



## **FAITH COMMISSION - MISSION MATTERS**

By Pat McKisson

### ***PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING***

*“So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.” —Ephesians 2:14–17*

The letter to the Ephesians tells us that Jesus came to proclaim a universal peace. As followers of Christ, our call to work for peace begins in our own neighborhoods and extends to the ends of the earth. The Peace & Global Witness Offering supports the holistic and wide-ranging witness of the whole church. At the national level, it means supporting those working to heal the divisions in violent contexts like South Sudan, strengthening the collaboration of the Peacemaking Program and the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations with the peace work of global partners through World Mission.

As always, 25 percent of the Offering is retained by both your congregation and mid council, providing support where you feel is needed most. That could mean supporting an organization that seeks civility in political discourse. It might mean scholarships for students recognized as peacemakers, or refugee resettlement, or support for shelters where those who are abused may find refuge.

This Offering sustains these diverse initiatives and at every level of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), but all are bound together in Christ. Together they are a living proclamation of the peace we know in Christ, who puts an end to hostility and speaks peace to all, near and far.

Blessings from Bryce Wiebe, Director, Special Offerings of the PCUSA

### ***SEASON OF PEACE***

In conjunction with the Peace & Global Witness Offering, Special Offerings recommends participating in ‘A Season of Peace from September 3 – October 1.

Daily reflections, ideas for building peace in your community and a children’s coloring sheet are all available for use during this important season at:

**[www.presbyterianmission.org/seasonofpeace](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/seasonofpeace)**.

While there, be sure to click the link and sign up to receive the 2017 Pat of Peace daily reflections.

### ***WORK FOR THE CHURCH***

The 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly (2015) voted to take specific action, not just in word, but also in deed, to address and improve the worsening plight of the African American male in any of the five specified cities, —New York, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Charlotte, and Baltimore, as a pilot initiative pointing toward future and further nationwide intervention.

Micah 6:8 with its powerful words to ‘Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly (with your God), call us to action and not only proclamation. As part of this overture, congregations are invited to contribute their retained 25% of the Peace & Global Witness Offering toward this effort.



**P.W. NEWS**  
by Pat McKisson  
P.W. Moderator

We are about to start a new year for P.W. With that said, there will be much to do for the 2017-2018 season. From study at the women's group level to mission work, we hope to keep the spirit of P.W. alive and vibrant in our church!

We start the year off with a **Brunch, Fellowship Time and Bible Study**. Please join us on Saturday, September 9th starting at 9:30 am. Enjoy the comradery of old and new friends, partake of a meal together as Jesus and the disciples did, and then hear about the new Bible Study, *CLOUD OF WITNESSES: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*.

***BE SURE TO SIGN UP AT THE TABLE IN THE GATHERING AREA.***

***– or –***

***Call Mary Morrisette to let her know you plan to attend.***

The **Study Guides** are available now for \$10. Please be sure to pick yours up prior to the Brunch so you can review Lesson One. If you can't pick it up before then, it will be available at the Brunch or in the office at any time thereafter.

Mark your calendars to attend the **P.W. of PTCA Fall Gathering** on October 7, 2017 at the Presbyterian Church of the Apostles in Burnsville. The theme for the day is *'INTERFAITH OUTREACH: Understanding our Muslim Neighbors'*. Our speaker is Sadia Tarannum, who is the Interfaith Outreach and Community Building Director at the Northwest Islamic Community Center in Plymouth.

Registration Deadline is September 13. All registration forms and money must be given to Beryle Zimanski by that date. These forms are available on the P.W. Bulletin Board. If you have any questions, please let Pat McKisson know.

**A HUGE  FELT THANK YOU**

goes out to all bakers and buyers who helped make the July Bake Sale Food Shelf Drive a success. Together you raised \$235.50 for the North St. Paul Area Food Shelf to help them provide sustenance for families in need in our very own backyard. Without your generosity, this could not have happened.



## THERAPEUTIC MUSIC MINISTRY

The Therapeutic Music Ministry program continues to thrive! Mary Livingston, our Sanctuary Choir Director, is also a Certified Music Practitioner who provides one-on-one music sessions to create a healing environment based on each individual's needs – examples include coping with pain, recovering from illness or injury, memory loss, anxiety, loneliness, or nearing the end of life. The visits can take place at home, in a hospital, or other care facility. Mary plays keyboard, accordion, or harp depending on the needs or preferences of the individual. The response from participants has been very positive!

This program is facilitated by the Board of Deacons. Therapeutic Music Ministry sessions are a gift from the church and are therefore free to the person receiving the visit. **For more information, or to arrange a therapeutic music session, please contact any current deacon or the church office.**

**Donations, contributions, and memorials can be designated to go directly to the TMM program.** If you would like to make a donation, simply indicate Therapeutic Music Ministry, or "TMM", on the memo line of your check made out to North Presbyterian Church. **Thank you!**



## *We've Lost a Friend*

Carroll Keller who was a member of the North Church's Coral Bells for the last 25 years and volunteer director for the last 15 years passed away on August 21<sup>st</sup>. She will be missed by the many people whose lives she touched.

In the absence of the pastor or when contact with the session is desired, the elder on call for the month of September is Scott Zoya, 651-748-9784.



### TECH BOOTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are looking for volunteers to help in the tech booth 1-2 Sundays a month. No experience necessary. Please contact our technology coordinators if you are interested at [socialmedia@northchurch-mn.org](mailto:socialmedia@northchurch-mn.org).

Over the summer, Don has been busy deep-cleaning and reorganizing the kitchen. Please pick up any pans, bowls, or dishes that may belong to you or they will be donated. He is planning on defrosting the church freezer on September 5th. If you have food in the freezer, please remove it or it will be thrown out when the freezer is cleaned. Thank you for helping us keep our kitchen clean!



Thank you for your donation of 45 pounds of food items in July to the North St. Paul Area Food Shelf. In July we distributed over 20,000 pounds of food. Thank you and may God bless you. ~ Linda and Dave Zick, North St. Paul Area Food Shelf

### September Birthdays



Laura Yates	September 4	Alex Hill	September 19
Carol Havran	September 6	Jason Hanna	September 19
Sharon Grapp	September 7	Virginia Pleban	September 19
Sheila Ferrazzo	September 9	Charlie Goebel	September 22
Ila Basch	September 12	Derick Ngu	September 22
Sandy Brogren	September 12	Ron Andrus	September 23
Mary Parrott	September 12	Rod Collins	September 23
Diane Albright	September 12	Kathy Carlson	September 23
Daniella Atud	September 12	Mike Marah	September 23
Leslie Etter	September 15	Yao Dumanya	September 23
Mitch Carlson	September 15	Noah Kristensen	September 24
Kathy TeWinkel	September 16	Del Langer-Anderson	September 26
Gabby Boyles	September 16	Ed Richardson	September 27
Abbey Tiffany	September 17	Laurel Nelson	September 27
Lynn Davis	September 18	Donna Sandstrom	September 28
Dave Etter	September 18	Annie Glasenapp	September 29
Becky Yust	September 19		

# September



## Saturday, September 2

3:00pm El Shadai

## Sunday, September 3

8:00am Praise Band

9:30am Worship in the Hall

1:30pm El Shadai

## Monday, September 4 ~ Labor Day

### Office Closed

9:30am PW Coordinating Team

## Tuesday, September 5

9:00am Comforters

7:00pm Northern Bells

## Wednesday, September 6

10:00am Choral Bells

5-7pm Yard Sale Drop-Off

7:00pm Choir Practice

7:00pm Praise Band

## Thursday, September 7

7:30am-6pm Yard Sale

6:00pm El Shadai

6:30pm Faith Commission

6:30pm Music Sense Garage Band

7:00pm Life, Stewardship, & Nurture

## Friday, September 8

7:30am-6pm Yard Sale

## Saturday, September 9

8am-4pm Yard Sale

9:30am PW Gathering

## Sunday, September 10

9:15am Sunday School

9:15am Traditional Worship

10:10am Refreshments

10:25am Teacher/Leader Commissioning

10:45am Praise Worship

1:30pm El Shadai

## Monday, September 11

8:00am ARM Breakfast

9:30am Ruth Circle

1:00pm Rachel Circle

7:00pm Personnel

## Tuesday, September 12

9:00am Comforters

7:00pm Northern Bells

## Wednesday, September 13

10:00am Choral Bells

6:00pm Wednesday Women

7:00pm Choir Practice

7:00pm Praise Band

## Thursday, September 14

5:30pm Great Rivers District Meeting

## Saturday, September 16

9:00am NMG

3:00pm El Shadai Pastor Day

## Sunday, September 17~ Hands-On Mission

9:15am Sunday School

9:15am Traditional Worship

10:10am Refreshments

10:45am Adult Education

10:45am Praise Worship

1:30pm El Shadai

## Monday, September 18

12:00pm Senior Lunch

3:00pm Guild Meeting

6:00pm Quilt Guild

## Tuesday, September 19

9:00am Comforters

7:00pm Northern Bells

## Wednesday, September 20

10:00am Choral Bells

7:00pm Choir Practice

7:00pm Praise Band

## Thursday, September 21

6:00pm El Shadai

6:30pm Music Sense Band

7:00pm Session

## Friday, September 22

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

## Saturday, September 23

3:00pm El Shadai

## Sunday, September 24

9:15am Sunday School

9:15am Traditional Worship

10:10am Refreshments

10:30am Kerygma

10:45am Praise Worship

1:30pm El Shadai

## Monday, September 25

### Innovator Articles Due

7:00pm Boy Scouts

## Tuesday, September 26

9:00am Comforters

7:00pm Northern Bells

## Wednesday, September 27

10:00am Choral Bells

5:30pm Youth Kick-off Celebration

7:00pm Choir Practice

7:00pm Praise Band

## Thursday, September 28

6:00pm El Shadai

## Saturday, September 30

3:00pm El Shadai