

# NEWS

## Dedication Sunday, November 4

**Blessed to Be a Blessing**

**“I am confident of this that God who began a good work among you will bring it to completion” Philippians 1:6**

The Outreach Commission hopes you have enjoyed celebrating blessings; your personal blessings, North Presbyterian Church's anniversary of 125 years, and all the outstanding mission work your giving enables both locally and around the world.

We will be dedicating our pledges to be used for God's glory on Sunday, November 4. Please bring your pledge card to church that day and drop it off in a basket in one of the services, or you may mail, or deliver it to church ASAP. Session relies on your pledge to determine the scope of ministry for the upcoming year.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We have been richly blessed. We hope you are experiencing the joy of giving and seeing the abundant blessings of your stewardship. Rejoice and be glad! *God is blessing people through you!*

## Operation Christmas Child 2012

On November 11, 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 28 in boxes located in the Narthex. 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). ***CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE***

***DO NOT INCLUDE:***

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

## **Presbyterians Women's Corner**

The Presbyterian Women's Praise Service will be held on Sunday, November 11. Please join us to celebrate and joyfully praise God for His blessings to us and our commitment to helping those in need at home and around the world.

The speaker for the Praise Service this year is Kirsten Zoellner, from the Minnesota Council of Churches Refugee Resettlement Program. She will have a heart-warming message for all of us regarding her work with the refugees who come to Minnesota to make a new home after years of uncertainty in their own homeland or in a refugee camp in another country.

As a part of the Praise Service, we also take the Thank Offering. This offering funds many projects throughout the year. Below are the 2012 projects.

- Establish a mobile medical clinic in Seattle, WA.
- Fund a disposable diaper project for infants in Marion, OH.
- Help upgrade community garden facilities to benefit single parents, their children and other low-income community members in Cleveland, NC.
- Expand recovery programs for women seeking a way out of prostitution through the Mind/Body Wellness Program in San Francisco, CA.
- Provide assistance to incarcerated immigrants and their families in Saybrook, CT.
- Put in central heating and cooling system at Domestic Violence Shelter in Torrington, WY.
- Hire a coordinator/teacher with Sudanese language skills to support the Sudanese fellowship at a church in UT.
- Develop a park with accessible trails and sensory stations for people with special needs in Greenwood, SC.
- To serve a Brazilian immigrant population through affordable legal services, social services, counseling and English-language training in Ococee, FL.
- To conduct additional Camp Noah programs to help children and parents from two disaster-affected communities in Little Rock, AR.
- Expand a parent education program in the city of Philadelphia.
- Train women to be community health evangelists and improve basic health care, sanitation and disease prevention in two districts in eastern Zambia.
- Provide funds to accomplish the next step of the school's building program by building a staff house, library and administrative office in Nkhoma, Malawi
- Offer computer and English-language courses for girls and women in Faisalabad, Pakistan.
- Train traditional birth attendants in Guatemala using video and other innovative tools.
- Help to acquire materials and provide services for victims of HIV/AIDS living within the slums of Nairobi.
- Promote mushroom production to boost health for HIV-infected community members in Bukoba, Tanzania.
- Help enable refugees to dry and store harvested cereals in the Congo.
- Increase number of maternity and neonatal beds at hospital in Nkhoma, Malawi.
- Refurbish camp buildings destroyed by fire in Smolensk, Russia.

- Build water tank and pipeline to bring drinking water to a high-school in Andhra Pradesh, India.
- Build a two classroom school building that will house orphans and vulnerable children in a rural community in Arandis, Namibia
- Promote marriage certification for the just treatment of women in the Congo.
- Improve children's primary education through enhanced teacher training, learning materials and trained volunteers in Mzuzu, Malawi.

## **Remember Niger Coalition**

'DECKING THE HALLS CAMPAIGN' ALTERNATIVE MARKET 2012 NOVEMBER 18, 25  
and DECEMBER 2

Come join us for Remember Niger Coalition's 2012 Alternative Markets. You will find many items from various countries in the world such as baskets made by Roma women in Carpath-Ukraine to handmade jewelry or soapstone items from Niger to ostrich egg lamps from South Africa. There are many more wonderful items to peruse as well so plan to do some shopping at the markets and help Remember Niger Coalition help educate the children of Niger.

This year's proceeds will go to benefit the school in Aguié. A new three-room school building will go up next year and with the proceeds from our Alternative Market we will help furnish those new classrooms with desks, text books, blackboards and school supplies.

Thank you for your continued generosity to the children of Niger!

**Don't forget to set your clocks back  
an hour on November 4**

**Mission Possible  
Coming 11-17-12**

# Presbyterian Youth TRIENNIUM

**Who:** Youth in grades 8-12

**What:** A fun, Spirit filled gathering of thousands of Presbyterian youth. This is a wonderful, faith deepening event that happens every three years. Enjoy an interactive Prayer, Mission and Friendship Center, exceptional worship, engaging small groups with people from all over the world, a college and seminary fair and much more. Be prepared to make lots of friends and exchange buttons. For more info check out: <http://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org/>

**Theme:** The theme for the 2013 event is "I am". Each day participants will explore one of the significant "I am" metaphors from the gospels. Jesus used the "I am" images to help the rookie disciples understand his purpose, depth of care, everlasting presence and wide redemptive love. We hope to do the same in hearing and seeing and praying these stories at Triennium!

**Where:** Purdue University

**When:** Triennium is July 16-20. Our youth will travel as a group with youth from throughout the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area.

**Registration:** Contact Pastor James at [pastorjames@northchurch-mn.org](mailto:pastorjames@northchurch-mn.org) or in person. He will forward your name onto the Presbytery.

**Endorsements:** Triennium is a once in a lifetime experience. I had such an amazing time, met tons of amazing people from around the world, and grew so much in my faith. The most powerful part of the week was worshiping everyday with 5,000 other Presbyterian youth! It is such a great opportunity to meet other Presbyterian youth in the Twin Cities- I still talk to many of the people I met, even six years later! It is hard to describe how much fun and rewarding the week was! I would HIGHLY encourage everyone able to attend, it was a week I will never forget! If anyone has any further questions or would like to see pictures, let me know and I would be happy to chat with you! Cassie Javner [javner@stolaf.edu](mailto:javner@stolaf.edu).

## Workcamp 2013

**When:** Friday, June 21 - Saturday, June 29 2013

**Where:** Davenport, IA

**Who:** Youth who are in grades 8-12 or (age 14-21)

**How:** Sign up and turn in your \$50 deposit to Pastor James to guarantee a spot on the trip. (Deposit is nonrefundable unless you find someone to take your spot.)

**Theme:** Coming Soon

**What:** This is an exceptional experience. Workcamp is a mission trip in which we put our love of neighbor into action. Workcamp is a fun, action packed week of making new friends, serving others by repairing homes and growing closer to God through devotions, drama and worship. Most of the participants have little to no home repair experience but because of the great training you will find it easy to learn and very rewarding. The number one goal of Group Workcamp's is your spiritual growth so be prepared to see God in new ways and come home with a deeper faith. Since 1977 over a quarter million youth have participated in a Group Workcamp with over 90% saying that they have grown closer to God through workcamp. On the way to workcamp we will enjoy hiking and a waterpark. If you want to know more about Workcamp, speak to Pastor James or check out their website at [www.groupworkcamps.com](http://www.groupworkcamps.com)

**Cost:** Total Cost per youth will be \$325. Payable \$50 when registering and \$275 by May 1, 2013. If this is a financial hardship contact Pastor James and a scholarship will be provided. This fee covers all expenses for the week. (Total cost per youth will be approximately \$1,000, the church and fundraisers will cover the balance)

# DEEP FREEZE

# RETREAT 2013



**Who:** Youth in grades 8-12. Each youth is welcome to bring a friend.

**Where:** The Windy Hill Farm House at The Wilderness Fellowship near Fredric Wisconsin.

**When:** Martin Luther King Jr.'s Weekend, depart from church Friday, January 18 at 6:00 pm, return Sunday, January 20, at 1:30 pm.

**Cost:** \$40 which covers five meals, lodging, fun activities, a devotion book, and a wonderful time with your youth group.

**What:** The retreat will be action packed with crazy games, winter fun, fellowship, worship and Biblical insights. We will be exploring our heart, Christ's home and going on an experiential prayer path.

# Thank You

**Dear North Congregation,**

Thank you for the many bags of clothes which were delivered to the Dayton Ave. Presbyterian Church Clothing Center to be distributed, free of charge, to people who are in need. We packed 316 pounds of clothing. A special thank you to Craig Seyforth and Dick Zoya for doing all of the heavy work from packing to loading.

Mary Japs

**Dear Members of North Presbyterian Church,**

Thank you for your donation of 32 pounds of food items in September to the North St. Paul Area Food Shelf. Throughout this month, we served 216 families and distributed over 22,000 pounds of food.

Sincerely, Linda and Dave Zick

**Dear Friends of North Church,**

My sincerest thank you for your cards and support in the time of my son Johns passing. Your thoughtfulness meant so much more than I can express.

Sincerely, Donna Sandstrom and family

## Birthdays for November

Carole	Javner	02-Nov
Glenn	Fager	02-Nov
Heather	DeVaughn	04-Nov
Kevin	Schneider	04-Nov
Richard	Zoya	06-Nov
Mary	Leisman	11-Nov
Donald	Schroeder	15-Nov
Esther	Robinson	15-Nov
Mary	Morrisette	15-Nov
Verna	Rowe	15-Nov
Doris	Hanner	16-Nov
Paula	Hagen	17-Nov
Shirley	Lambert	17-Nov
Kathryn	Richardson	18-Nov
Sydney	Tiffany	18-Nov
Carolyn	Morrisette	19-Nov
LaVonne	Holle	21-Nov
John	Hanner	22-Nov
Terrie	Arfi	22-Nov
Bobbie	Wetz	24-Nov
Elaine	Collins	24-Nov
Joan	Purrington	25-Nov
Ryan	Purrington	26-Nov
Ryan	Bearth	27-Nov

**Thursday, November 1**

10:30am Tai Chi  
 6:30pm Faith Commission  
 6:30pm Music Sense Garage Band  
 7:00pm Praise Band Practice  
 7:00pm Life, Outreach, Nurture Commissions

**Saturday, November 3**

7:30am Pilates  
 5:00pm Worship Service

**Sunday, November 4**

All Saints Sunday  
 Daylight Savings Time  
 Dedication Sunday  
 Pulpit Exchange Sunday  
 9:15am Sunday School  
 9:15am Trad. Worship  
 10:10am Refreshments  
 10:45am Kerygma  
 10:45am Praise Worship  
 5:30pm Confirmation

**Monday, November 5**

7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, November 6**

Election General Here in Gath Space  
 9:00am Quilters/Crafters  
 1:00pm Rachel Circle  
 7:00pm Northern Bells

**Wednesday, November 7**

10:00am Choral Bells  
 5:30pm Dance  
 5:45pm Youth Group Supper  
 6:00pm Youth Fellowship  
 6:00pm Childrens Gathering Time  
 6:15pm Childrens Choir  
 6:35pm Children's Fellowship Time  
 7:00pm Youth Band

**Thursday, November 8**

10:30am Tai Chi  
 4:30pm CPR training  
 6:30pm Cub Scouts  
 6:30pm Music Sense Garage Band  
 7:00pm Praise Band Practice

**Saturday, November 10**

7:30am Pilates  
 1:00pm Girl Scouts

**Sunday, November 11**

Operation Christmas Child  
 PW Praise Service/Thank Offering  
 8:00am Mens Breakfast  
 9:15am Sunday School  
 9:15am Trad. Worship  
 10:10am Refreshments  
 10:25am Operation Box Packing  
 10:45am Kerygma  
 10:45am Praise Worship  
 5:00pm Mentors Meeting (for mentors only)  
 5:30pm Confirmation

**Monday, November 12**

8:00am ARM Breakfast  
 9:30am Ruth Circle  
 7:00pm Boy Scouts  
 7:00pm Personnel Com.

**Tuesday, November 13**

9:00am Quilters/Crafters  
 6:15pm Girl Scout Troop 53626  
 7:00pm Northern Bells  
 7:00pm WOW

**Wednesday, November 14**

10:00am Choral Bells  
 5:30pm Dance  
 5:45pm Youth Group Supper  
 6:00pm Sarah Circle  
 6:00pm Youth Fellowship  
 6:00pm Childrens Gathering Time  
 6:15pm Childrens Choir  
 6:35pm Children's Fellowship Time  
 7:00pm Youth Band

**Thursday, November 15**

10:30am Tai Chi  
 6:00pm Girl Scouts 50077  
 6:30pm Music Sense Garage Band  
 7:00pm Praise Band Practice  
 7:00pm Session

**Saturday, November 17**

7:30am Pilates  
 6:00pm Mission Possible

**Sunday, November 18**

Confirmation Led Worship Service  
 RNC Alternative Market  
 9:15am Sunday School  
 9:15am Trad. Worship

10:10am Quilters and Comforters Sale  
10:10am Refreshments  
10:45am Kerygma  
10:45am Praise Worship

**Monday, November 19**

6:00pm Quilt Guild  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, November 20**

9:00am Quilters/Crafters  
4:00pm Girl Scout Troop 53649  
7:00pm Deacons  
7:00pm Northern Bells

**Wednesday, November 21**

No Wed Ministries

**Thursday, November 22**

Happy Thanksgiving!

Office Closed

9:00am Nelsons F.H. Thanksgiving

**Saturday, November 24**

7:30am Pilates

**Sunday, November 25**

RNC Alternative Market

Thanksgiving Sunday

9:15am Sunday School

9:15am Trad. Worship

10:10am Refreshments

10:45am Kerygma

10:45am Praise Worship

**Monday, November 26**

Innovator Articles Due

9:30am PW CT Meeting

7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, November 27**

9:00am Quilters/Crafters

6:15pm Girl Scout Troop 53626

7:00pm Northern Bells

**Wednesday, November 28**

10:00am Choral Bells

5:30pm Dance

5:45pm Youth Group Supper

6:00pm Hanging of the Greens

6:00pm Youth Fellowship

6:00pm Childrens Gathering Time

6:15pm Childrens Choir

6:35pm Children's Fellowship Time

7:00pm Youth Band

**Thursday, November 29**

10:30am Tai Chi

6:30pm Music Sense Garage Band

7:00pm Praise Band Practice

**Friday, November 30**

6:00pm Boy Scout All Nighter