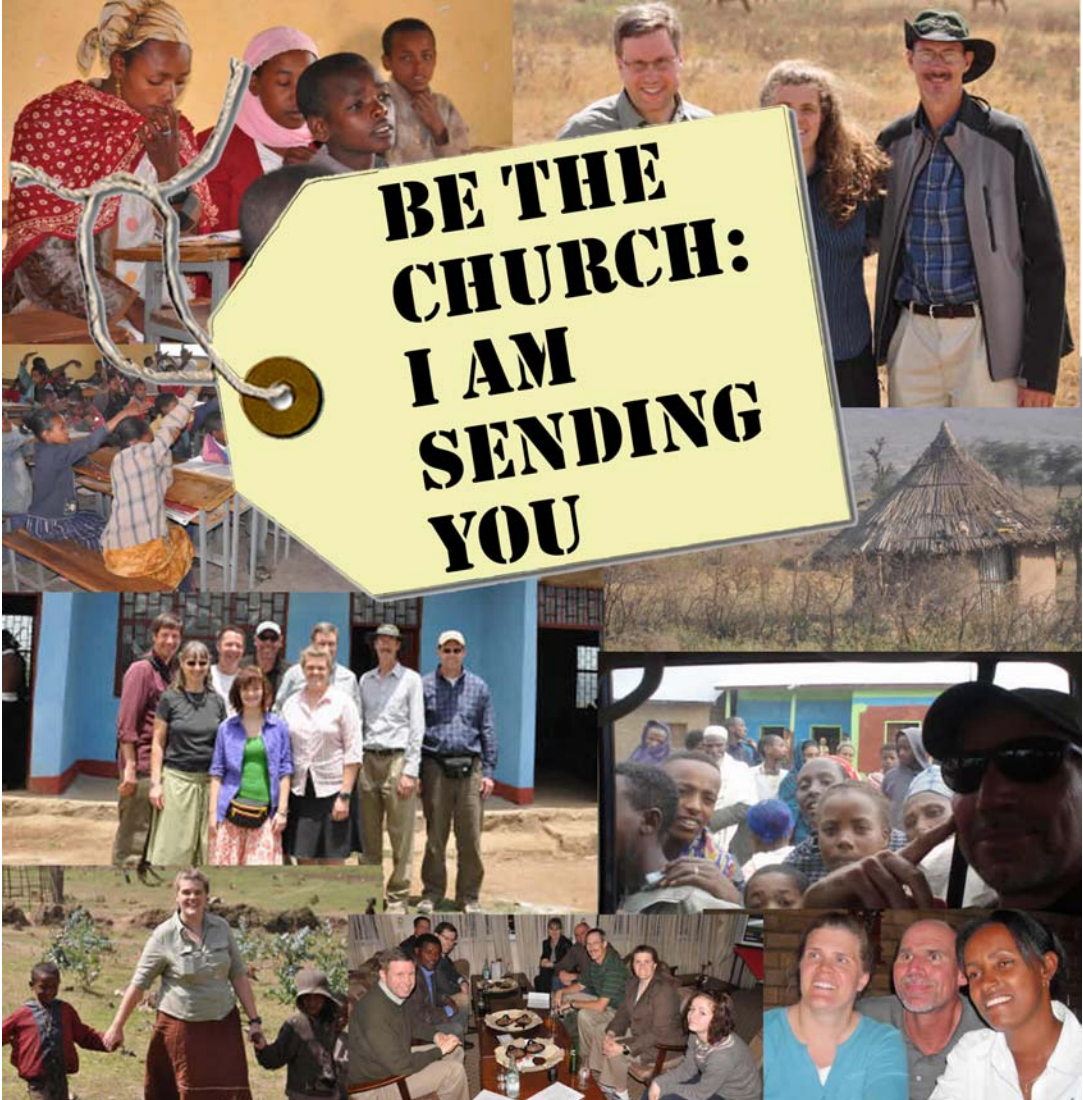


MAY 3, 2009



Northminster

Presbyterian Church



**BE THE
CHURCH:
I AM
SENDING
YOU**

Who We Are

“Joyful and alive in Christ!”

Our Purpose

*Through Jesus Christ
Planting seeds of hope
Branching out in faith
Bearing fruit in love
All for the glory of God!*

WELCOME

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WELCOME

“Wake up and smell the Worship!” As we gather to celebrate God - it is an important way we stay awake to what’s most important in life - loving God, loving others, and seeking to be sent where Jesus wants us to go.

Welcome! We are so glad you have been sent by God to join us today in the act of praise!



... FROM PASTOR
ANDY ROSS

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Contemporary:	8:00am
Worship & Wonder for children:	8:00am (dismissed from Sanctuary)
Traditional:	9:30am and 11:00am
Worship & Wonder for children:	11:00am (dismissed from Sanctuary)
Fusion:	6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday:	8:00am - 4:00pm
Friday:	8:00am - 3:00pm
Sunday:	8:00am - 12:30pm

INTERNET

Visit our website at www.northminstertucson.org for online versions of our newsletters and bulletins, as well as information on current and upcoming events, or check out our daily web devotional to start your day at www.godmorning.org.

RADIO BROADCASTS

Join us on the air! Our worship services and ministry are broadcast on KGMS 940AM on Sundays from 6:00-7:00pm and Monday through Friday, 6:30-7:00am.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Be sure to pick up the latest monthly edition of our devotional guide based on readings from *The Daily Lectionary*, and written by Northminster members! Pick one up from an usher, or from the Church Office or view them online at www.godmorning.org.

PUBLICATIONS DEADLINES

Articles for the weekly bulletin must be submitted by Wednesday, 8:00am. Articles for the monthly newsletter, *The Vine & The Branches*, are due no later than 8:00am on the second Friday of the month. If you would like to receive our newsletter, please contact our Church Office.

Articles should be submitted in Microsoft Word when possible. Electronic submission via email is preferred. Please email all articles to Jim Peck, Publications Editor, jpeck@northminstertucson.org.

UPCOMING SERMONS & THEMES

BE the Church: "I Am Sending You" series

May 10	1 Samuel 1:21-28	Sent in an Envelope Marked "Family"!
May 17	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Hi-Ho, Hi-Ho, It's Off to Work I'm Sent!
May 24	1 Kings 2:1-11	Sent to Take a Stand!

FUSION SERMONS

Myth Busters series

May 3	Worship in the Park (7:00pm in Reid Park after the All-Church Picnic)	
May 10	Do What Feels Good	
May 17	Whatever Works for You	

CHANCEL FLOWER DEDICATIONS

If you would like to give the Chancel Flowers in memory of someone, please contact Kathy Mallgren at 327-7121.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM SCHEDULE

In order for you to plan accordingly, the following dates have been scheduled for the Sacrament of Baptism: **May 10, June 14, July 12, and August 9**. Please call the Church Office, at 327-7121, to arrange for a baptism. If possible, we would like to receive requests three weeks prior to the baptism.

CHURCH NURSERY FOR INFANTS TO THREE YEARS OLD

The Nursery is staffed from **7:45am-12:15pm every Sunday** and is located in Room 2 of the Christian Education Building. Child care is provided during all three Sunday morning worship services. Children are promoted out of the Nursery in August only.

WORSHIP & WONDER: CHURCH FOR KIDS!

Worship and Wonder is a worship experience for children age four through second grade held during the **8:00am and 11:00am worship services**. It is designed to help children experience God through music, biblical storytelling, and prayer while giving children the freedom to respond to God (wonder) in their own way. After the children's message, leaders escort children to Room 7. Any parent of a new or visiting child is welcome to go with their child to Worship and Wonder until they feel that their child is comfortable. Parents may pick up their children in Room 7 after the worship service.

HEARING ASSISTANCE

The Northminster Sanctuary is equipped with an amplification system to assist worshippers who have difficulty in hearing the worship service. If you would like to use one of the receivers, just ask any of our ushers. They will give you a receiver and your choice of attachments, and will provide you with additional information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

Sunday school for all ages takes place at 9:30am. See this week's calendar at the back of the bulletin for room assignments.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP - 8:00AM

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Welcome! Thank you for silencing your cell phones and pagers during the worship service.

Feel free to join the worship leaders in singing or reflect in silence as we prepare for worship.

Gathering

Be the Center

Praise Team

Invitation to Worship

Pete Seiferth

Songs and Prayers

Come Now is the Time to Worship

Son of God

Sharing

Greetings

Message for Children

The children are dismissed to Worship & Wonder at this time.

Church Life Update

Pastor Seiferth

Songs

How Great Thou Art

How Great is Our God

Commissioning Hospital Visitation Ministers

Offerings

Let God Arise

C. Tomlin

The Word

Scripture Romans 13:8-14

Series BE the Church: "I Am Sending You"

Message How to Wake Up All Day!

Andy Ross

Communion

Blessing

8:00

***Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

Commissioning	Hospital Visitation Ministers	
Offertory	<i>Brother James Air</i>	Hedley/Jacob
Anthem	<i>Without the Cross</i>	Martin
Scripture		Romans 13:8-14
Sermon Series	BE the Church: "I Am Sending You"	
Sermon	How to Wake Up All Day!	Dr. Andrew Ross
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper		
*Hymn 339	<i>(blue hymnal) Be Thou My Vision</i>	
*Benediction		
*Response	<i>(9:30am) Amen</i>	
Postlude	<i>A Mighty Fortress is Our God</i>	Luther/Rostach

Romans 13:8-14

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

WITHOUT HIS CROSS

JOSEPH M. MARTIN (1959)

*Without his tears, there is no comfort.**Without his death, there is no life.**Without his blood, there is no pardon.**Without his cross, there is no crown.**Without his shame, there is no glory.**Without his grief, there is no joy.**Without his stripes, there is no healing.**Without his cross, there is no crown.**Lamb of God, You bring salvation,
and with your grace our hearts are sealed.**Lord, with your tears of love you bathe our sorrows.**In Your eyes we stand revealed.**Without his tears, there is no comfort.**Without his death, there is no life.**Without his blood, there is no pardon.**Without his cross, there is no crown.*

This morning's anthem is taken from *The Weeping Tree*, the music sung by the Sanctuary Choir at our recent Maundy Thursday service. It is the final piece in the larger cantata and it beautifully summarizes the cost of our redemption, paid in the death of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who was obedient unto death, even death on a cross. It is through Christ's obedience unto death that our salvation is procured.

The prophecy from Isaiah 53:3-6 (21st Century King James Version) foretells his suffering and grief:

He is despised and rejected of men, a Man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief. And we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Composer Joseph Martin created a piece that beautifully reflects the text. In addition to composing and arranging, Martin is Director of Sacred Publications of Shawnee Press. The late Northminster and Sanctuary Choir member, Ernie Farmer, was co-founder and president of Shawnee Press.

A special and warm welcome is extended to the Desert Aires Clarinet Choir which is playing the prelude, offertory and postlude for the traditional services. The ensemble plays under the leadership of Budd Malchus, who is a member of Northminster and of the Steeple Bells Choir. Both Budd and Clarinet Choir member, Rudy Rostach, arranged some of the pieces being played this morning.

6:8 SUNDAY

This morning, a Food for the Hungry (FH) information table will be set up in the Rowley Courtyard to share with you FH's work "in the hard places" in over 35 countries.

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

Northminster's church family is invited to an afternoon of good food, great fellowship and a whole lot of fun at this year's All-Church Picnic, **this afternoon, 3:30-6:00pm at Reid Park, Ramadas 5 and 6, northwest corner of 22nd Street and Randolph Way.** Young and old and everyone in between will enjoy the buttery taste of fresh-popped popcorn, cold, delicious snow cones, hamburgers and hot dogs straight off the grill and a relaxing day outside in God's creation. There will be organized games, a jumping castle, kiddy train for the kids, and much, much, more! The horseshoe pits have been reserved. Bring your own shoes and get a game going. There is no charge for this event - all we ask is that you bring a food item to share. Look for the first letter of your last name to see a suggested item for you to contribute: A-G: salad item; H-S: side dish; and T-Z: dessert. Items you should bring along: lawn chairs, blankets, sunscreen, bug spray, family games, etc.

Fusion in the Park - Immediately following the picnic the Fusion Worship Service will take place. Consider hanging out for an inspirational message by Pastor Andy Ross. The service should end around 7:00pm.

SENIOR SNEAK VERDE VALLEY TRIP - 4 SPOTS LEFT!

Join us for this Senior Sneak on **May 6-8** and bring your family and friends. Seats are still available for this three-day trip to Red Rock Country. The costs are \$548 per person for double and \$648 per single and includes all admissions, hotels, six meals, and includes the famous Asylum Restaurant in the Jerome Grand Hotel! All aboard! Don't miss the train! **Sign up in the Church Office.**

GUEST SPEAKER FOR REVELATION CLASS

This morning at 9:30am in the Parlor, Bob Krepps will talk about his work with New Missions Systems International. Bob and his wife, Anne, provide mentoring and spiritual counseling as they work with missionaries in the field around the world and with young people preparing for the missions field at NMSI's headquarters in Fort Myers, Florida.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND PRAYER BREAKFAST

Thursday, May 7 is a National Day of Prayer. Join us at **6:30am for a worship service in the Prayer Garden**, followed by a time of food, refreshment and fellowship in the Parlor at 7:00am.

PIANO-ORGAN DUO CONCERT

Saturday, May 9, 7:00pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 7650 N. Paseo del Norte. Pianists Alan Curtis Tripp and Scott Griffin will present an exciting concert. They are a brilliant, Christian piano-organ duo renowned internationally for their talent, high-energy concerts which are filled with comedy and first-rate entertainment. They play a variety of music certain to delight the whole family on Mother's Day Eve. Admission is free and child care is available.

OLD PUEBLO BRASS BAND CONCERT

Sunday, May 10, 3:00pm in the Sanctuary. The 30-member, British-style, Old Pueblo Brass Band returns to Northminster for a concert. Their programs are always interesting, varied and enjoyable and include original compositions, transcriptions, British style marches, folk songs of the British Isles, and some popular arrangements for the unique score that is the British style of brass band music. This year conductor Barbara Chinworth is teaming up with Northminster's Steeple Bells Handbell Choir directed by Arlene Sturm, to play *Down by the Riverside*.

Other program selections include pieces from *Carousel*; a newly composed selection entitled *Arlington Anthem*, inspired when the composer traveled to Arlington Cemetery with his high school band; *The William Tell Overture*; *English Folk Song Suite* by Ralph Vaughan Williams; the *Pie Jesu* from Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Requiem*. Martha Dow, Cheryl Carter and Budd Malchus, members of our congregation, are members of the Old Pueblo Brass Band. The entire band gives thanks for being able to perform at Northminster and invites everyone to attend the program. It's sure to be an enjoyable program.

NEW GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP FORMING

Those who have lost a spouse or child, or who are resolving any issues with grief, are encouraged to attend a new grief support group **every Monday at 4:00pm in the Library**. The group will meet for a 4-5 week series following materials developed at Northminster. Drop-ins are welcome. For more information, please contact John Almond at 745-9769 (daytime) or 888-1271 (evenings).

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

What the Heck is "Missional" and Is It a Hazard to My Health? **This morning through Sunday, May 24, at 9:30am in the Grundstrom Room.**

Come join Pastors Pete Seiferth and Ken Skodiak for this lively six-week discussion and investigation of this important topic of what it means for our church to be "missional." Through our sermon series over the last few months, we have been looking at some broad concepts about what being "missional" means, as we have been looking at some Acts 16:5 principles. Elders on Session have also been talking about "missional" concepts as well. So now is a good time for us as a congregation to sink our teeth into a concept that is at the center of what the church has been formed for and what Jesus has told us to be and do.

You are all invited (and especially those of you in leadership in our church) to come along on this exciting journey to which God is calling us.

MID HIGH SUMMER CAMP

Students entering grades 6-8 are invited and encouraged to join Pastor Ken Skodiak and the youth leaders for summer camp 2009. Our 2009 summer camp will take place **June 14-19** at the United Christian Youth Camp (UCYC) in Prescott, Arizona. UCYC is committed to providing a Christ-centered camp of exceptional quality for all campers. Students will discover amazing truths about God and how to apply them to real living through this year's theme, "My Life."

The cost for the week is \$300. Registration forms can be found in the Youth Rooms. Space is limited. A \$50 deposit is requested to reserve your spot. For more information, contact Sheila Yamanaka at 327-7121 ext. 222 or syamanaka@northminstertucson.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 8-12, 9:00am-12:15pm. CAMP E.D.G.E. Vacation Bible School 2009 will take children to an extreme adventure camp where they Experience and Discover God Everywhere! CAMP E.D.G.E. VBS is not your typical stroll through the woods. It's an action-packed, adrenaline-filled expedition that teaches kids age four (by August 31) through fifth grade that their strength and might come from God. Through rockin' contemporary music, larger-than-life recreation games, mind-boggling science activities, extreme sports videos, and cool, challenging crafts, we'll show your kids how to live on the E.D.G.E. in their faith.

CAMP E.D.G.E. VBS 2009 Daily Pledges are: 1) God is with me. I will stay close to God. 2) God guides me. I will follow. 3) God teaches me. I will learn. 4) God loves me. I will love God and others. 5.) God sends me. I will go.

Pre-registration begins on Sunday, May 10. Look for registration forms in your child's classroom or the Church Office. For information, contact Peter Earhart at 327-7121.

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULES

SonLife Mid High Youth Group, for students in grades 6-8, meets **every Wednesday, 6:30-8:00pm in the Multipurpose Building**. All events and gatherings are open to your friends!

May 6	Regular meeting - NEW TIME
May 13	Regular meeting

Cornerstone Senior High Youth Group is for students in grades 9-12, and meets **every Sunday, 4:00-5:30pm in the Multipurpose Building**. Remember to support Roger, please bring \$3.

May 3	All-Church Picnic (no youth group meeting).
May 10	Mother's Day (no youth group meeting).

THE EMERALD ISLE AWAITS

This summer, July 21-30, Pastor John Cheek and his wife, Lou will be hosting a frolic on the Emerald Isle, one of the most spectacular locations of art, culture, and Christian missionary expansion to be found in the world. The story of Ireland is a story to experience first-hand, and even better if it's in the company of friends who cherish Christian fellowship. You are invited! Come and join the Ceilidh!

The trip to Ireland is still going to happen. Although there have been some cancellations, the trip is still on, and there are spaces still available. Please contact Pastor John Cheek at 327-7121 ext. 226 for an itinerary and cost information. The deadline for registration is Friday, May 8.

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

Do you need transportation to and from the church for Sunday worship? Can you provide transportation to someone for Sunday worship? Please stop by the Deacons' Transportation Ministry table in the Rowley Courtyard between worship services **this morning and on Sunday May 10, 17, 24 and 31** to complete a short survey form. Jesus commands us to love one another, to love our neighbor as ourself. "Love" is a verb in this command, calling us to act and/or serve one another. There is a need in our church for this ministry. Has God chosen you?

BUILD A ROOF

Ever wanted to build a concrete roof or wondered why anyone would want to build a concrete roof? Ever wanted to go to the small village of Huechen Balam in the middle of the Yucatan Peninsula, where it is 95 degrees and 95% humidity and build a concrete roof? Most people don't get an opportunity to take part in such a wonderful and pleasant activity, unless you are a part of the young adult mission trip this summer. But you can be a part of building one of these roofs and remain in the comfort of your air-conditioned home, praying for us who are on the trip.

Please plan to drop by the Yucatan Mission Team's "Build a Roof" table **this morning in the Rowley Courtyard**, where you can help us buy the materials needed for such a project. You can purchase everything from a bucket of sand for \$1 each to a concrete beam for \$25 to a wheelbarrow for \$37 or go for a full roof for \$300. The plan is for the team to build 8-10 roofs for families to prepare for hurricane season.

Thank you for all the support you have already given the team and for your continued support in the future. For more information, contact Sheila Yamanaka at 327-7121 ext. 222 or syamanaka@northminstertucson.org.

BECOME A SUPER SUMMER SERVANT

Is God calling you to serve at Northminster Church? If so, Children's Ministry has the place for you!

- Guide a child through Camp EDGE Vacation Bible School 2009, June 8-12.
- Become a Summer Bible BLAST Workshop Leader, two or more Sundays, between May 31 and August 9.
- Show off your gifts and talents by leading a class at Fine Arts Camp, July 27-29.
- Be a chaperone for KONA (Kids Out N' About), our summer program for children entering grades 4-6, June 29-July 2.
- Lead children through worship at Worship & Wonder, every Sunday at 8:00 and 11:00am.

For more details, please visit our Super Summer Servants signup table **this morning in the Rowley Courtyard** after all three morning worship services, or contact Sheila Yamanaka at 327-7121 ext. 222 or syamanaka@northminstertucson.org.

HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE TURTLES FOR MOTHER'S DAY

The Crafters and women of the church will be making chocolate turtles for Mother's Day and selling them in the Rowley Courtyard **this morning and on Sunday, May 10**. If your Mom loves chocolate, caramel and pecans stop by the table between one of the services and buy a box for Mom and one for yourself. These funds will go towards local mission. The turtles will be made on Friday, May 1 at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen. If you would like to help package them, come by and give us a hand. You might even get a sample. They are outstandingly rich and delicious.

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention parents of elementary, mid high, senior high, and college graduates: Northminster wishes to congratulate all of our graduates by listing them in the June issue of *The Vine and The Branches* newsletter. Please use the back of your yellow Communication Card to supply us with the graduate's first and last name, school & city/state graduating from, and grade completed (if college, please include degree type and major). **Please submit names by 8:00am, Thursday, May 14.**

COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL

On **Sunday, May 10 after each morning worship service in the Rowley Courtyard**, Northminster will once again partner with Compassion International in the hope of bringing together a loving adult/family with a deserving child. Compassion International is a Christian child advocacy ministry that releases children from spiritual, economic, social and physical poverty and enables them to become responsible, fulfilled Christian adults.

Come learn how you can get involved and sponsor a child. When you sponsor a child, you are linked with one particular child who will know your name, write to you, and treasure the thought that you care. He or she will pray for you often and write to you.

Your tax-deductible contribution of \$32 a month connects your child with a loving, church-based child sponsorship program that provides food, clean water, medical care, educational opportunities, and important life-skills training, and most important of all, your sponsored child will hear about Jesus Christ and be encouraged to develop a lifelong relationship with God.

Give a child hope for the future—and for all eternity. For additional information, go to www.compassion.com.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Monday, May 11 at 1:00pm in the Multipurpose Room.

If you knit or crochet and would like to be a part of this growing ministry, we'd love to have you join us on the second Monday of every month. If you know someone who is in need of comfort from the loss of a loved one, is having emotional issues, or has any reason for needing comfort and would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please contact Pastor John Cheek at 327-7121, ext. 226. We also have small Burden Bears for children or adults who are in need of extra TLC. For more information, please contact Diane Shackelford at 400-7496.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S SPRING GATHERING

Saturday, May 16, 9:30-11:30am. Women and daughters are welcome; nursery will be provided for children five years old and under. Please register in the Rowley Courtyard this morning or in the Church Office.

- After enjoying a light brunch - have we got stories for you!
- Come to hear Mary Bitar interviewed by local Fox News anchorwoman and NPC member, Deanna Morgan. Mary & George Bitar, missionaries from Lebanon, host the Middle Eastern Presbyterian Fellowship in our church every Sunday at 3:00pm.
- Have you heard the stories of brave women you know who have served in our armed forces? We also have a few women related to our congregation who are presently serving. Come hear their stories.
- The new PW officers will be installed for the 2009-2010 calendar year. There will be good news about programs for the coming year.
- Finally, come hear the stories of the missions our women support throughout the year.

JOIN US FOR MISSION SUNDAY

On **Sunday, May 17**, in all four worship services, Northminster will celebrate the way God is sending us into the world in the name of Christ to join him in his mission around the world. Each worship service will include stories, music by our Fusion band and Sanctuary Choir, teachings and images with a focus on our Ethiopia mission trip that Charissa Kamps, Jack Mallgren and Pastor Ken Skodiak recently took, as well as the shared hopes and dreams of our college and young adults participating in the upcoming Yucatan mission trip this summer.

There will be a special offering on Mission Sunday to support our global mission efforts and help to cover some of the expenses for the Yucatan trip. We look forward to seeing you!

OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE

Mark your calendars! Sunday, May 17, 8:00am-12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested in donating blood or in volunteering to work at the drive, please contact Kathy Lee at 318-0536 or e-mail her at kleemassage@gmail.com.

DISHWASHERS NEEDED

As we encourage the use of real mugs for fellowship coffee after worship services, the need has developed for volunteers to pick up, wash, and put out the eco-friendly, non-styrofoam ceramic mugs. **The thirty-minute volunteer shifts are 9:15-9:45am, 10:45-11:15am, and 12:15-12:40pm.** Training provided! Please contact Linda or Greg Meade at 887-3581 if you are interested.

FINANCIAL FOCUS: JANUARY-APRIL 2009:

	<u>Jan-Apr 2009</u>
Plate & Pledge Budget:	\$ 383,333
Plate & Pledge Actuals:	\$ 377,619
Other Giving Budget:	\$ 82,897
Other Giving Actuals:	\$ 71,519
Expenses Budget:	\$ 479,516
Expenses Actuals:	\$ 394,844

Thank you for your offerings and gifts. They are an expression of worship, and are a vital resource for the ministry and mission of the church. This financial focus article will appear the first Sunday following the end of the month.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ITEMS NEEDED

Help transform Northminster's campus into an extreme adventure camp by loaning or donating one of the following items:

Environmental Supplies

undecorated green or white
artificial Christmas trees
tree stumps
large logs or driftwood
pine needles or dried leaves
pinecones
ferns or large potted plants
artificial vines or greenery
artificial flowers
river rocks
stuffed animals (raccoons,
bears, and other forest wildlife)

Camping Supplies

tents and sleeping bags
backpacks
outdoor folding chairs
camp stools and stoves
metal plates, bowls, and
utensils
coolers and canteens
marshmallow roasting tongs
small plastic or inflatable
swimming pools
lanterns or flashlights
binoculars and maps

Extreme Sports Gear

mountain bikes
skateboards
snowboards
skis or ski poles
ropes
carabiners
hiking boots
inflatable rafts/kayaks/canoes
oars
helmets
compasses

Please bring all loaned and donated items to the Church Office marked VBS. If you would like your items returned, please label with your name and contact information. Please contact Peter Earhart at 327-7121 ext. 237 or pearhart@northminstertucson.org with any questions.

DECORATING CREW NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School, one of the biggest events of the year, needs you to become part of the decorating crew that will create room and campus decorations, prepare materials for centers and more. Childcare is available. Decorating will take place **every Wednesday from 6:00-8:00pm in Rooms 8/9 of the Christian Education Building**. No experience necessary! For more information, please contact Peter Earhart at 327-7121 ext. 237 or pearhart@northminstertucson.org.

JOIN THE FUSION BAND

The Fusion Worship Team is looking for experienced guitarists and drummers to assist in leading worship at the Fusion service Sundays at 6:00pm. Rehearsals are every Sunday at 4:00pm. If interested, please contact Julia Higgins at 906-9304 or at jewleeanne@hotmail.com.

SUMMER FOOD CLOSET NEEDS

Our Deacons have seen a sharp increase in the requests for food assistance this month and are needing your help in filling the shelves. They are in need of dry, unsweetened cereal, tomato products, jello, peanut butter, jelly, juice (individual size packaging please), and dry cake mixes. Donations may be placed in the Food Box collection basket in the church Narthex on Sunday mornings, or brought to the Church Office. Thank you for helping our Deacons in this time of need!

COME GET SOME DOUGH!

Just add bakers! We have tubs of pre-mixed cookie dough ready to bake for our Sunday morning fellowship between services. The tubs are available to pickup from the Fellowship Hall kitchen refrigerator. Baking instructions are printed on the lid of the tub. You may then return baked cookies to the freezer in the Fellowship Hall kitchen. It's that simple and greatly appreciated!

HOSPITAL VISITATION

Through the vision of Pastor John Cheek and the Northminster Compassion Ministries, a program has been developed and dedicated to bringing the love and grace of Jesus Christ to those who have been hospitalized. Those involved will be readily available for hospital visitation needs. This ministry will greatly increase the level of visitation to those in hospitals, rehab, hospice, etc. Please pray for this effort. Those wishing to become a part of this important ministry, please sign up in the Rowley Courtyard, or e-mail Sam Adkins at samkadkins@aol.com; e-mail Pastor Cheek at jcheek@northminstertucson.org, or contact the Church Office at 327-7121.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Candy Sales - The Preschool is selling See's Chocolate Candy in the Church Office to benefit their scholarship fund. The demand for scholarships is up due to the economy. The bars are just \$1.50. Thank you for your support!

Preschool and Kindergarten Readers Needed - Make a difference in the life of a child! You can help them develop a lifelong love of reading. The Preschool and Kindergarten have openings for volunteer readers on Tuesday at 9:15am or Friday at 11:30am. If you can help us out once a month for 15 minutes, it would be wonderful.

Enrollment - Classes are filling up fast! If you are interested in your child attending our school, stop by and sign your child up! Please tell your friends and neighbors about our accredited program and stop by for a visit!

EMPLOYMENT OPENING

Northminster is seeking a paid, part-time Office Secretary to manage the Front Office operations of our church. Job description and application forms are available in the Church Office. For more information, please contact Kate Kelly at 327-7121 ext. 236.

QUILTERS THANK YOU

The Northminster Quilters wish to express their appreciation to all those who purchased item at our Spring Quilters' sale held on Sunday, April 19. Proceeds have purchased a roof for the Yucatan Mission Trip and benefited other local charities. More quilted items are for sale in the Church Office.

JUST COFFEE NEW PRICES

Due to increased product and shipping costs, the Just Coffee prices have been increased as follows: regular and dark roast are \$10 per pound and decaffeinated is \$11 per pound. All sales are still non-profit. Also available in the Ministry Center, formerly known as the Gift Shop, are copies of *Just Coffee: Caffeine with a Conscience* for \$15.

BIRTHDAY FUND

A birthday fund has been established at Northminster Presbyterian Church to give gratitude to God for another year of life that we have been given. A one dollar per year of life gift to Northminster to further the work of Christ's work is suggested. This fund will be used for special needs that are outside the normal operating budget of the church. This fund is part of the Permanent Funds at Northminster. Please mark your contribution to the "*Birthday Fund*."

Each month a listing of current birthdays will be made in *The Vine & The Branches*. This will alert us to the opportunity to send birthday greetings to family and friends, and a contribution to the Birthday Fund in thanks to God for their life. Birthday cards are available for a minimum \$5 contribution in the Church Office to send to the birthday person expressing birthday greetings and acknowledge a contribution to the NPC Birthday Fund to God in their honor.

***Remember the Church in your will, trust or IRA!
Others have and you can too!***

NORTHMINSTER PRAYER MINISTRIES

Each prayer ministry is individual. Listed below are the contact numbers for the various prayer ministries here at Northminster.

Prayer Chain

Annie Bahnson 323-0646; Delores Ray 325-4958; Helen Reynolds 296-9531 or call the Church Office at 327-7121 and ask that the prayer request be forwarded to a prayer chain or published on the Prayer List printed in the weekly bulletin.

Bulletin Prayer Page

Call 327-7121 ext. 226 and ask for Pastor John Cheek, or dial ext. 503 and follow the voicemail instructions. The person to be prayed for or an immediate family member must make the request. Names will remain on the list for three weeks unless otherwise requested by the person or his/her immediate family.

Prayer Categories

Celebrations of Joy (births, anniversaries, etc.)

Prayers for Members and Friends

Prayers for Military Family and Friends

NOTE: When submitting names, please include rank and branch of service.

Example: Sgt. John Q. Public, USMC

Prayers for the Sick and/or Hospitalized

Prayers of Sympathy (death of a loved one)

Please call by 10:00am on Tuesday for next Sunday's bulletin.

Prayer Request Cards

Use the yellow Northminster Communication Card to make a prayer request and drop it in the collection boxes at the Sanctuary entrances or deliver it to the Church Office. Please use the check boxes on the back of the card to indicate the nature of your prayer request and which distribution method for written requests.

CELEBRATIONS OF JOY

- For the SonLife Singers presentation of *Stories of Worshipping Him*.
- For the ten adult and six youth new members received by the Session on Sunday, April 26, who will be received by the congregation on Sunday, May 10.

SYMPATHY

We offer our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of the following:

- † **Peter Plimpton** (*Conrad and Anne Plimpton's son*) who died on April 22, 2009.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND/OR HOSPITALIZED

Jean Barber	Desiree Hawthorne	Jason Hiscock	Shirley Pattengale	Beth Thompson
Mary Baumgartner	Daun	Francis Joseph	Brian Perrill	Adam Thran
Pat Belwish	Bradford Eicher	Jeslie Kaleak	Verlyn Peterson	Arthur VanCleave
Drew Comey	Olive Foltz	Sarah Kooy	Jen Schmidt	Stephanie Wetmore
Steven Cook	Bonnie Hawkinson	Betty Marr	Jennifer Sooter	Piper Whiteman
	Christine Hawley	Elsie Olson	Owen Stavish	

PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Sunday, April 26 Robert Cavanaugh Daniel & Laura Caywood Barker	Tuesday, April 28 Susan Chapman Ralph & Faye Chapple	Thursday, April 30 Micah Cheek Andrew & Kathryn Cheronos	Saturday, May 2 Karin Christensen Paul & Patty Christian
Monday, April 27 Daniel & Susan Chambers Jerome & Lois Chandler	Wednesday, April 29 Edwin & Nancy Chase John & Lou Cheek	Friday, May 1 Marva Chiaminto and family Nick & Jan Christensen	

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Spc Joel T. Adams, USA PO3 Christopher Allen, USN <i>(Martha Allen's grandson)</i> OS3 David Barton, USCG <i>(Bob & Maggie Barton's son)</i> O'ryan Hewey Begay, USMC Sgt Stephen Bohn, USA SSgt Christopher Carpenter, USMC <i>(Frank & Yvonne Shallenberger's grandson)</i> Spc Hope Castro, USA <i>(Lilly Hargrove's mother)</i> Sgt Joseph Colwell, USAirNG Allan Craft <i>(civilian in Afghanistan)</i> <i>(Bob & Lisa Grenier's brother-in-law)</i> Pvt Marco Deleon, USA <i>(Jim & Julie Crane's son-in-law)</i> Sgt Leander Denetso, USMC <i>(Lisa Bolton's brother)</i> Capts James & Rachel (Ott) Fagan, USAF SSgt Sean Ferguson, USA Maj Mick Harper, USAF Sgt Adam Hawthorne, USMC <i>(Lyle Daun's grandson)</i> Scott Irish, USAF <i>(Vic & Henrietta Pisano's friend)</i> MSgt Marnie Jewell, USAirNG Lt jg Katie Jones, USN <i>(Brad & Carol Bacon's granddaughter)</i> E3 Airman Barek Kamps, USAF <i>(Charissa & Danielle Kamps' brother)</i>	E3 Alexander Kohlhepp, USN Capt Bill Kostan, USAF Jack Laing <i>(civilian in Iraq)</i> Pvt Brent LeFevers, USA <i>(Terry & Lorrie LeFevers' son)</i> LtCol Glen McFarland, USA <i>(Art & David Hargrove's brother)</i> MSgt David Neve USAirNG Maj Adin Pfeuffer, USMC <i>(Elmer & Lorraine Pfeuffer's grandson)</i> SrA Lindsey Phillips, USAF <i>(John & Kathy Bayer's daughter-in-law)</i> LCpl Paul Reimund, USMC <i>(Michele Ross's cousin)</i> Col Ken Sersun, USAF <i>(Patty Tidy's brother)</i> Capt Eunice Sorrell, USA <i>(Chong Mayfield's niece)</i> Lt Marc Stirton, USN <i>(Jane Ray's grandson)</i> HT1 Michael Strohmeyer, USN TSgt Anne Marie Taylor, USAF <i>(Fred & Nancy Utter's granddaughter)</i> 1Lt Barry Tucker, USAF Cadet Samuel Wharton, USMA <i>(Dick & Polly Wharton's grandson)</i>
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SUNDAY, MAY 3

- 7:00am Nursery - CE Room 2
 8:00am **Contemporary Worship Service with Communion** - Sanctuary
 Worship & Wonder (age 4 - grade 2) - CE Room 7
 8:30am Sanctuary Choir Warm up - Fellowship Hall
 9:30am **Traditional Worship Service with Communion** - Sanctuary
Adult Education Classes
 Book of Revelation - Parlor
 What is Missional? - Grundstrom Room
Bible BLAST Classes
 2 year olds - CE Room 1
 3 year olds-Kindergarten - CE Room 5
 Grade 1 - CE Room 4
 Grade 2 - CE Room 6
 Grades 3 and 4 - CE Rooms 8 & 9
 Grade 5 - CE Room 10
Youth Sunday School Classes
 Mid High - Mid High Room
 Senior High - Senior High Room
 10:30am Choraliers Rehearsal - Music Rehearsal Room
 11:00am **Traditional Worship Service with Communion** - Sanctuary
 Worship & Wonder (age 4 - grade 2) - CE Room 7
 12:15pm Senior Sneak Verde Valley Information Meeting - Grundstrom Room
 3:00pm Middle Eastern Presbyterian Fellowship Meeting - Grundstrom Room
 3:30pm All-Church Picnic - Reid Park
 6:00pm **Fusion Worship Service** - Reid Park
 Radio Broadcast on KGMS 940AM

MONDAY, MAY 4

- 6:30am Radio Broadcast on KGMS 940AM
 9:00am Kindergarten - CE Room 6
 Preschool - CE Rooms 4 & 5
 9:30am Library Workers - Library
 12:00pm Preschool Enrichment - CE Room 4
 4:00pm Grief Support Group - Library
 6:00pm Disciple Bible Study - Grundstrom Room

TUESDAY, MAY 5

- 6:30am Radio Broadcast on KGMS 940AM
 Women's Morning Bible Study - Parlor
 8:00am Aerobics - CE Rooms 10
 9:00am Deacons' Food Distribution - Mid High Room
 Kindergarten - CE Room 6
 Preschool - CE Rooms 4 & 5
 9:15am Preschool Library for four-year-olds - Library
 9:30am Crafters - Multipurpose Room
 Mom to Mom Small Group - CE Room 2
 Ruth Circle - Grundstrom Room
 12:00pm Preschool Enrichment - CE Room 4
 12:30pm Staff Lunch and Meeting - Grundstrom Room
 4:15pm Pilates - CE Rooms 8 & 9
 5:30pm Seven Pipers Society Rehearsal - Sanctuary Narthex
 6:00pm Living Every Single Moment - Grundstrom Room
 6:30pm Decker Bible Study - Senior High Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

- 6:30am Radio Broadcast on KGMS 940AM
 7:00am **Senior Sneak Verde Valley Trip Departure**
 8:30am Preschool Pictures - CE Rooms 8 & 9
 9:00am Kindergarten - CE Room 6
 Preschool - CE Rooms 4 & 5
 Quilters - Multipurpose Room
 9:15am Preschool Chapel - Grundstrom Room
 10:00am Women of the Word - Grundstrom Room
 11:00am Presbytery Ministry for Leadership - Upper Room
 11:15am Preschool Mother's Day Tea - CE Rooms 8 & 9
 4:30pm Predestinators Rehearsal - Music Rehearsal Room
 6:00pm Disciple Bible Study - Parlor
 VBS Decorating Crew - CE Rooms 8 & 9
 6:30pm SonLife Mid High Youth Group - Mid High Room
 7:00pm Contemporary Praise Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary
 7:00pm Steeple Bells Rehearsal - Grundstrom Room

THURSDAY, MAY 7

- 6:30am National Day of Prayer Worship Service** - Prayer Garden (*refreshments in Parlor following*)
Radio Broadcast on KGMS 940AM
- 8:00am Aerobics - CE Rooms 8 & 9
- 8:30am HEART Bible Study - Fellowship Hall
Men's Cycling Group -
South Parking Lot
- 9:00am Kindergarten - CE Room 6
Preschool - CE Rooms 4 & 5
- 9:15am Preschool Library for two-and-a-half-year olds - Library
- 9:30am Campana del Rio Bible Study -
Off Campus
- 11:00am Administrative Commission -
Senior High Room
- 12:00pm Men's Power Lunch Bible Study -
Grundstrom Room
Preschool Enrichment - CE Room 4
- 2:30pm Bereavement Small Group - Library
- 5:45pm Lydia Bible Study Video Replay -
Grundstrom Room
- 6:00pm Taking Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) -
Parlor
- 6:45pm Men's Choir Rehearsal -
Music Rehearsal Room
- 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal -
Sanctuary Choir Loft

FRIDAY, MAY 8

- 6:00am Grounds Maintenance - Whole Campus
- 6:30am Pastor Cheek's Prayer Group -
Grundstrom Room
Radio Broadcast on KGMS 940AM
- 8:00am Crafters Candy-making -
Fellowship Hall Kitchen
- 9:00am Kindergarten - CE Room 6
Preschool - CE Rooms 4 & 5
- 9:15am Preschool Library for three-year olds -
Library
- 11:30am Kindergarten Library - Library
- 5:00pm Arabic-English Classes -
Mid High Room
- 5:30pm Groff-Armstead Wedding Rehearsal -
Sanctuary
- 7:00pm Senior Sneak Verde Valley Trip Returns

Friday Continued

- 7:00pm Old Pueblo Brass Band and Steeple Bells
Rehearsal - Sanctuary

SATURDAY, MAY 9

- 8:00am Organ Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 8:30am Sons of Orpheus Planning Meeting -
Fellowship Hall
- 9:00am Yucatan Mission Trip Retreat -
Grundstrom Room
- 4:00pm Groff-Armstead Wedding - Sanctuary
- 6:00pm Middle Eastern Presbyterian Fellowship
(MEPF) Newly Married Meeting -
Grundstrom Room

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