

Northminster Presbyterian Church

October 4, 2022

*"Realizing God's Love by Serving and
Empowering..."*



October is here!

We pray that you are all doing well and continuing to stay safe, healthy and cool during another recent heat wave. Below are some brief church updates.

PREPAYMENT OF PLEDGES

For those who are able to do so, we ask that you consider prepaying your pledge for 2022. Your generous and faithful contributions help to keep NPC operating smoothly, and prepaying part or all of your pledge for the year will help to provide some stability as we continue to navigate life and ministry while dealing with COVID. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Connie Modglin at 909-860-4282 or conniemodglin@npcdb.com. Thank you for your consideration.

ADULT EDUCATION BOOK GATHERING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

All are invited to attend the next Adult Education Book Gathering, which will be held on the NPC campus Sunday, October 16th, 11:30 am until 12:30 pm in the CE Room. There has been a change in the material that we will be reading for this gathering. We will be discussing a short story by Doris Lessing entitled **"To Room Nineteen."** This story is the title and only one of a collection of short stories by this author, but we believe you will find this interesting in the midst of the challenges society is experiencing with brokenness, pain and suicide. By

clicking on the blue button below, you will be directed to a free downloadable PDF version of this story.

[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD "TO ROOM NINETEEN"](#)

Below is a list of future events for Adult Education. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Yvonne Harmon by email (yrelectron@verizon.net) by phone (909-773-2531) or contact the church office. We welcome suggestions on book choices or volunteers to facilitate any event. Adult Education looks forward to gathering with you for this event.

Adult Education Events 2022

- **Sunday, October 16, 2022 – Book Gathering “To Room Nineteen”**
- **Sunday, November 13, 2022 – Congregational Prayer Meeting**

NPC WORSHIP NOW LIVESTREAMING!

Northminster is livestreaming worship at last! You can find our YouTube channel "NPC Livestream" by clicking the blue button below. Watch our services live, or view past worship services at your convenience. Be sure to check it out!

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW NPC LIVESTREAM YOUTUBE CHANNEL](#)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

The women's Sarah Circle Bible Study will meet Wednesday, October 12th from 10am to 12pm in the Fireside A room. We are reading and discussing the Presbyterian Women Horizons Bible Study entitled *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight* by Carol M. Bechtel, who is a professor of Old Testament at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan.

For this meeting, please read the sections on Sabbath and Creation.

Hope to see everyone there!

SHELTER DINNER SERVERS NEEDED

We invite all NPC members to join in supporting our monthly dinners for residents of Inland Valley Hope Partners shelter. **A big thank you to Esther Bang and Kathy Farris for providing the dinner items for September 25th!**

There are many opportunities for you to help over the next several months - please see below for specific dates and dishes/items needed. Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex at church (next to the Sunday flowers sign-up sheet), or contact Ward Palmer (wardpalmer918@gmail.com). Thank you!

- **October 23rd:** main dish, green salad and beverages, fruit salad and dessert

PRAYER REQUESTS



Please continue to pray for:

- The conflict in Ukraine - for peaceful resolution; for God's protection, healing and provision for the people affected; for safety for people trying to evacuate and/or trying to provide supplies and aid to others; for world leaders
- Sam and Yulia Naylor and family
- Michelle Weissinger and her family
- Leo Neeleman
- Frances Cummings, brother Stewart Cummings, and family - Stewart is getting better every day. He is in an intensive therapy unit receiving physical, occupational and speech therapy, and can hopefully start cancer treatment soon.
- Dick and Brenda Engdahl
- Victims of Hurricane Ian

If you have prayer requests to share with the NPC prayer chain, you may email them to office@npcdb.com.

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday!

Silvia Bishop - October 1
Pat Williams - October 6
Lorna Wagner - October 7
Igwe Ochuru - October 8
Sarai Lopez-Tran - October 11
Yvonne Harmon - October 14
Noor Abdo - October 17
Naddy Mannix - October 24
Alicia Hernandez - October 25
Mary Fulgham - October 31

Happy Anniversary!

Ward and Debbie Palmer
October 19

Drexel and Jacki Smith
October 23

DIAMOND BAR COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

Diamond Bar Community Preschool, which meets on the NPC campus during the week, is still accepting enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year. If you or anyone you know is looking for a preschool, please check out and share the information below.

2022-2023 Enrollement is open!

**DIAMOND BAR
COMMUNITY
PRESCHOOL**

**A Parent
Participation
Preschool**

www.diamondbarcommunitypreschool.org

Contact us for a school tour today!
909-861-2260

The advertisement features a red circular graphic on the left with the school's name. To the right, the text 'A Parent Participation Preschool' is displayed in blue. Below this, the website URL is provided. A blue starburst graphic contains contact information. The background of the bottom half of the ad shows school supplies like pencils and scissors.

ASSISTANCE FOR UKRAINE

We were so grateful to have Sam Naylor and his family join us in worship on July 24th and share with us about their ministry in Russia and Ukraine. We continue to ask you all to **pray** and **give** financially to help Christian families in Ukraine who are trying to evacuate safely.

As a reminder, you can contribute through any of the following ways:

- **Send a donation by check to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** to help with Ukrainian refugees who are fleeing the country - write "DR000156" in the memo and mail to:
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700
- **Send a donation directly to Peter's Work** through [PayPal](#) or through a check mailed to:
Peter's Work
P.O. Box 2308
Manhattan Beach, CA 90267

RIDES TO CHURCH

The NPC deacons are coordinating rides for those in our church family who are in need of a ride to church. Please let Debbie Palmer or your deacon know if you are able to help out with providing rides, OR if you need a ride. You may contact Debbie at debpalmer525@gmail.com or 951-660-4224.



PER CAPITA COLLECTION

Per capita is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Said another way, it is a Presbyterian Covenant Community Fund - part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. Because every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the

PC (U.S.A.) system of government, the expenses associated with coordinating and performing the functions of that system should be shared by everyone as well.

Presbytery's suggested Per Capita pledge is \$65.00 per member for 2022. If you wish to donate the Per Capita for your membership (per individual member), please write the words "Per Capita" on your check memo line and mail it to the church office or place it in one of the offering boxes at Sunday worship. For more information, please contact conniemodglin@npcdb.com.

SUNDAY FLOWERS



Thank you to all who donate for Sunday morning worship service flowers. You may take the flowers home with you after the service. We are so grateful that most of our flower donations are covered for the rest of 2022! Thank you for your generosity! If you would still like to sign up for a specific date to honor a special occasion or loved one, there are a few dates left in November and December. You can also add your name in to donate a second flower arrangement if there is one donor already listed on that date. Please see the book on the table in the Narthex to sign up. **Please note that the cost for flowers is \$30.**

SUPPORT NPC THROUGH AMAZON SMILE

Remember that your purchases from Amazon.com can help NPC! When you shop on Amazon, be sure to shop through AmazonSmile and link your account to NPC, and Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchase amounts to NPC. Here's how:

- Go to smile.amazon.com in your web browser (e.g., Chrome, Safari, Internet Explorer, Firefox, etc.)
- Log into your Amazon account
- Look for where it says "Or pick your own charitable organization" and type in "Northminster Presbyterian Church"
- Find NPC on the list of search results (be sure to find the one that says "Diamond Bar CA") and click the yellow "Select" button on the right

Please note, you must always start at smile.amazon.com to make sure your eligible purchases will be credited for donations. **We're glad to report that on September 1, we received a donation from AmazonSmile of \$13.52!**
Thanks for your support!

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

With last Sunday, October 2nd being the official World Communion Sunday, as well as Peace & Global Witness Offering Day, we think about how we as Presbyterians, or simply as Christians, are part of a global community of believers. We have brothers and sisters around the world who are worshipping God and spreading the good word of Jesus to those around them.

We think of Sam Naylor and his family as he works with his church in St. Petersburg, Russia, to minister to orphans and disadvantaged in their area, along with his hard work to support church communities in Ukraine. We need to keep them in prayer now especially as the US embassy in Russia has warned dual nationals that Russia may deny their dual citizenship and prevent them from leaving the country, or even conscript them into the military.

We think of Ryan and Alethia White, who spoke at our church a number of years ago. They are ministering to Christian Iranians living in Berlin. News in Iran doesn't make it into our headlines very often, but there are ongoing protests across Iran calling for a change in government after the death of a young woman in police custody. Her name was Mahsa Amini. Those in the church in Berlin are very concerned about the instability in their home country where they have family and property.

We are called to pray for Peace in all the parts of the world currently in turmoil.

We are also called to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are reaching out in mission around the world.

The Peace & Global Witness offering, one of the PC (U.S.A.)'s four special annual offerings, enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. A portion is retained by NPC to apply to our expression of global witness, a portion is used by the Presbytery for peace and reconciliation ministries, and a portion goes to the Presbyterian Mission Agency. You can give to this particular offering by

writing a comment on your check or online donation that says Peace & Global Witness.

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