

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "God of the Sparrow" [vs. 5-6] No. 272

***[8:30] HYMN** "As the Deer"
[Found in *Sing the Faith*] No. 2025

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, you call us to follow you and to bear witness in speech and deed. Forgive us for resisting your call and for being fearful of your claims. Forgive us for seeking to justify our resistance. Stir up in us the fire of faith and mission, that we might be about healing, feeding and proclaiming the Good News. [Moment for Silent Prayer]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The steadfast love of the Lord is for all time and God's forgiveness endures.

All: Receiving God's love and forgiveness frees us to live for Him.

[11:00] KID'S CORNER Kim Englert
After Kids' Corner children ages 4 thru 3rd grade may go to Steps of Faith with Darleen Noah

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 41:8-14 Page 669

ANTHEM "Hymns for Band"
Troop 335 scout band

NEW TESTAMENT Mark 1:29-39 Page 35

SERMON "Weight Lifting" **Rev. Dr. Donald R. Ewing**

***HYMN** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" No. 404

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

[8:30] ORGAN OFFERTORY

[11:00] OFFERTORY ANTHEM "All Things Are Yours, My God" Schalk

SONG OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia!

***HYMN**

"Somebody's Knocking at Your Door"

No. 382

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

***[11:00] CHOIR RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

"Postlude on *Holy, Holy, Holy*"

Post

*All Who Are Able May Stand

If you have a joy or concern, a Stephen Minister is available to pray with you. At the 8:30a service Pat Frank; at the 11:00a service Sue Swick will be in the front of the sanctuary after the service.

WELCOME VISITORS

WE ARE GLAD you have chosen to worship with us. We invite visitors to sign the red friendship register pad in the pew racks. To learn more about Northmont Church please take a visitor packet located in the back of the sanctuary, attend Fellowship Time after the 11:00a service and check out our website: www.northmontchurch.org

GREETERS	8:30	Dick Krotzer, Bill Held
	11:00	Ed Weaver, Alick Kennedy
USHERS	8:30	Patrick Kelly (head usher), Robyn McMillan, Timothy Zeitler, Dick Margerum
	11:00	Dick Spahr (head usher), Rob Butorac, Fred Beorn, Brian English

NORTHMONT OFFERS a well-equipped nursery that is supervised by permanent staff. Families are welcome to use the nursery for infants and preschoolers for all or a portion of each service. When exiting the rear doors of the sanctuary, turn right and continue through the double wooden doors.

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by Bill and Diane Goff in loving memory of Diane's father, David W. Harris, Sr.; flowers are given by Nancy Huggins in loving memory of Bob; and Jill Gable in loving memory of her mother, Jean Morrow.

THE SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION goes to Ginny Dorow and family in the death of her sister, Helen Miladin who died on Saturday, January 31st. Helen's Service of Resurrection was held on Wednesday at Devlin's Funeral Home. We also extend our sympathy to Margot Plant, Director of the Northmont Child Development Center, in the death of her son, Brian Zimick who died on Sunday, February 1st.

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE SCOUTS from our Troop 335 who are taking part in today's worship services. Scout Band: Richard Gayler, Andy Hickly, Brian Bayer, Drew Ruffolo, Steven Smith, Joe Tonzio, Nik Hamilton, Ryan Hopey, Anthony Cicco, Brennan Pollack, Ben Goehring and Luke Nolan. Ushers: Ben Peters, Ryan Cecala, Nick Tusa, Brendan Bristow. Senior Patrol Leader: Josh Kaib.

THE DEACONS INVITE YOU TO AN AFTERNOON OF FUN TODAY at the *Chili Cook- Off* after the 11:00a service in Fellowship Hall. Each cook will have his/her dish tasted and voting will be by monetary donation. All funds collected will be used to support Northmont families in need. The cook getting the most donations will win a prize and more importantly, the coveted title of Northmont Chili King/Queen. The menu includes tacos and sandwiches and we ask those attending to bring a dish to share: A-G dessert; H-R appetizer; S-Z salad. After lunch we are planning fun and games. Casual dress is suggested.

PRESBYTERY-WIDE FOOD DRIVE WILL BE HELD IN FEBRUARY. Every congregation in the Pittsburgh Presbytery is being asked to participate in a major food drive from February 1-March 1. Hunger in our presbytery is on the rise and the food pantries that our congregations support are in need of your help. To address this growth in demand the Hunger Fund Ministry Team is asking for your support in this major food drive.

LUNCH BUNCH is meeting at Market Café (Siba's – next door lunch place) in Seven Fields at noon on Thursday, February 12. Those who want to carpool from Northmont meet in the parking lot at 11:30a. Directions: I79 north to Rt 228 exit. Right Turn exit. Pass through shopping center and restaurant alley. Make a right onto the first street off 228 into Seven Fields. First left into parking area behind bank & Siba's. Go into back entrance of Market Café. Call Judith Shifrin to RSVP– 724-687-0992.

DINAH'S BOOK CLUB will be held on Saturday, February 21, in the Malawi Room. The focus book is The Shack by William Paul Young. Join us for fellowship at 9:00a, discussion will begin promptly at 9:30a. BYOC (Bring Your Own Coffee, or tea, or water, or whatever you prefer!) For more information, contact Betty Fraley at 412-417-3522.

ASH WEDNESDAY POTLUCK DINNER will be held in Fellowship Hall on February 25th at 6:30p followed by an informal Ash Wednesday service. Please bring your own place setting, and a dish to share according to the first letter of your last name: A-G dessert; H-O main dish; P-Z salad. Presbyterian Women will provide the rolls and beverages.

VBS NEEDS YOU! The Christian Education team is currently looking for a director for Vacation Bible School. No experience necessary. Tentative dates are June 22 – 26. We are looking for one (or two) people to help us plan and coordinate the wonderful youth activities for that week. Please contact Tom Mazula or the CE team if you are interested.

NORTHMONT CHURCH is helping to support the mission of North Hills Community Outreach by participating in their 2009 Citrus Sale. Help a neighbor in need and treat yourself by purchasing fresh, high quality citrus fruit. Order forms are available from the church office. You can place an order through today.

STEPHEN MINISTER Jean Eckert will be making hospital calls this week. If you have a special request, please call her 724-935-6146. If you need extra caring support from a Stephen Minister contact Nancy Garver at 724-935-2194.

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are in each pew rack as well as on the table in the back of the church. If you have a prayer request, please fill out the card and place it in the offering plate. If so requested your prayer will be placed on the prayer chain and shared with the staff. Recent Requests: Helen Milsom

TO BE REMEMBERED WITH CARDS AND PRAYERS

Betty Hawthorne, Windsor Place, One Windsor Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Shawn Russell, 581 Jackson Blvd., Freedom, PA 15042
Warren Johnson, Wexford House
Carl Dorow, Wexford House
Paul Conrad, Shadyside Hospital
Dennis Stanko, Passavant Hospital

THE MILITARY LIST is available on the bulletin board outside the Associate Pastor's office.

PRODUCT OF THE MONTH FOR NORTH HILLS FOOD BANK – Canned fruit. All items are very much appreciated. Please see the announcement of the Presbytery wide food drive.

PIPER DEADLINE is February 13 for the March 2009 Piper! We need to hold to the deadline date in order to produce and mail the Piper in a timely manner. Email your article to the editor by *noon*. (piper@northmontchurch.org) Mark your email: *Request Read Receipt* to be sure the Piper Editor received your article.

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - 9:45a Sunday Malawi Room

ADULT TOPICS CLASS - 9:45a Sunday Fellowship Hall

TODAY: Dr. James Withers, founder of Operation Safety Net providing medical aid to Pittsburgh's homeless.

NEXT WEEK: We will discuss the challenges of raising children in the world today.

Week of February 8, 2009

Sunday, February 8 *Psalm 22, 148*

8:30a Worship
9:30a Sunday School
11:00a Worship
12:00p Church Gathering - FH
12:00p Memorial Committee - Library
6:30p AA - FH

Monday, February 9 *John 17:20-26*

10:00a Staff Meeting - Library
6:30p Youth Committee - YL
6:30p Congregational Nominating
Committee - BR
7:00p Boy Scouts - FH

Tuesday, February 10 *Dan. 9:3-10*

8:30a NBC - FH
9:30a Sarah Circle - MR
7:00p Longvue Garden Club - WR
7:30p Esther Circle - MR
7:30p Boy Scout committee - FH

Wednesday, February 11 *Mark 1:1-13*

7:30a Men's Bible Study - off site
9:30a Knitters - MR
6:15p Kids of the Kingdom - FH, MR
7:00p Youth Group - FH
7:30p Choir - WR
Pleasant Valley Shelter - Mission Committee

Thursday, February 12 *Mark 1:14-28*

7:00p Stewardship & Finance - Library
7:15p Stephen Ministry - BR

Friday, February 13 *Gen. 37:25-36*

3:45p Belles - WR
Piper Deadline - Noon

Saturday, February 14 *Mark 2:1-12*

Sunday, February 15 *Gen. 40:1-23*

8:30a Worship
9:30a Sunday School
11:00a Worship
6:30p AA - FH

For the latest information, see www.my.calendars.net/northmontchurch. Contact Linda Allerton at (412) 364-0105 to add entries to church calendar. Meeting locations: FH = Fellowship Hall, SANC = Sanctuary, Library, KIT = Kitchen, MR = Malawi Room, BR = Berean Room, YL = Youth Lounge, WR = Westminster room, PS = Pastor's Study, BSR = Bible Study Room



ELDERS

CLASS – 2010

Bill Baierl
Betty Fraley
Dorothy Phillis
Cindy Sardon

CLASS – 2011

Larry Anderson
Tom Mazula
Judith Shifrin
Kathy Wissner

CLASS - 2012

Dianna Hollo
Jennifer Irvin
Lee Karayusuf
Jeff Morris

DEACONS

Carol Concelman
Pat Krotzer
Bill McGaffick
Darleen Noah
Helen Traynor
Tim Zeitler

Jason Cooper
Kim Englert
Rhonda Horton
Carolyn Perry
Scott Reckless
Glen Wissner

Sarah Gable
Kevin Greenleaf
Lori Holloway
Jeanne Russell
Ken Yoest
Marlene Yoest

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Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Donald R. Ewing
Organist and Director of Music: C. William Goff
Youth Director: Sean Kelly
Seminary Intern: Nadia Buzzelli Mullin
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Stephen L. Polley
Parish Associate: Rev. Alick Kennedy
Office Manager: Linda Allerton
Secretary: Rose Dragan
Treasurer: Lynn Merriman
Custodian: James Gable
Global Mission Partnerships with:
Our Mission Family currently serving in the Middle East
Michael & Rachel Weller Family serving in Ethiopia
Northmont Child Development and Preschool Center
Director: Margot Plant

Current announcements, bulletins, Piper monthly newsletters, church group information, and the up-to-date church calendar can be found online at www.northmontchurch.org.

For 26 years, Samaritan Counseling Center's mission has been to help individuals, families and communities achieve spiritual, emotional and physical well-being through **professional counseling** and **educational programs**, using the resources of faith. As a result, we provide one-on-one counseling for adults, children, adolescents, couples, and families as well as **group counseling** and **grief support groups**. We are now happy to announce that we have recently added **Spiritual Direction** to our services. Spiritual Direction is a one-on-one relationship with a person who is trained to help people grow spiritually and to become more aware of and responsive to God's presence and activity in their lives.

All of the therapists at the Samaritan Counseling Center are state licensed and/or certified by a professional organization, and have at least one Masters Degree. We also have a consulting psychiatrist who conducts psychiatric evaluations and reviews medication needs. The Center is fully accredited by the Samaritan Institute in Denver Colorado and our staff is committed to helping clients through the difficult times in their lives.

Many of our services are reimbursable using health care benefits. An adjusted fee, based on a family's gross income, can also be used to determine a client's fee. It is our mission to provide our services to anyone regardless of their ability to pay for counseling. Over \$90,000 was used to subsidize clients' fees during 2008. With increasing stress on families and individuals the need for affordable faith-based counseling continues to rise. Thank you for your support!

www.samaritancounseling.net

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