

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, forgive our rush to judgment of people; forgive our quickness to surrender to the forces of society; and forgive our thinking that says nothing can change for the better. We pray that you soften the hardest parts of our hearts that we would show mercy to others, even as we have received mercy, in and through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. [Moment for silent prayer]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"We are Forgiven"

Hopson

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

KID'S CORNER

Anne Linaberger

After Kids' Corner children ages 4 thru 3rd grade may go to Steps of Faith with Kathy Wissner.

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalms 23

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ANTHEM

"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"
Leslie Scheuer, soprano

Spiritual arr. Scott

NEW TESTAMENT

Mark 6:30-34; 53-56

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SERMON

"When You're Weary"

The Rev. Carolyn Cranston

***APOSTLE'S CREED** sung to the tune, "*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*"

I believe in God Almighty, Father of all things that be,
Maker of the earth and heavens, Keeper of the sky and sea.
I believe in God's Son, Jesus, now for us both Lord and Christ,
Of the Spirit and of Mary born to bring abundant life.

I believe that Jesus suffered, scourged and scorned and crucified,
Taken from the cross, was buried, true Life there had truly died.
I believe that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave,
Then ascended to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.

I believe in God's own Spirit, bonding all the saints within
One Church, catholic and holy, where forgiveness frees from sin,
In the body's resurrection, for the breaking of death's chain
Gives the life that's everlasting. This the faith that I have claimed.

CONGRATULATIONS to Cory and Rachel Marion on the birth of their daughter, Madeline Grace, who was born on Thursday, July 9th in Colorado. Madeline's grandmother is Susie Kiehl.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY as a congregation to Jerry Holman in the death of his mother, Janice Holman Wade, who died on Sunday, July 12th. Her Service of Resurrection was held on Friday.

JIM AND BETTY BODFISH wish to thank the congregation for the prayers, cards and concern for their son-in law, Larry Seifert, during his recovery from an accident.

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN will be held following worship (or in Polley Fellowship Hall if the weather is inclement) hosted by the Worship Committee.

REV. EWING is on vacation through the end of July.

REV. CAROLYN CRANSTON is an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA). A lifelong resident of Pittsburgh, Carolyn graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a B.S. in Home Economics Education. She earned her M. Div. from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and did a one-year residency for Clinical Pastoral Education at West Penn Hospital. Carolyn serves as the Director of Alumnae/i and Church Relations at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, a position she has held since November 2000. She is Vice-Chair of the Committee on Ministry for Pittsburgh Presbytery and serves on the Conflict Resolution Committee. Carolyn has one grown daughter and three grandchildren.

NBC'S guest speaker this Tuesday is Bill Butch, owner of Pittsburgh Rehabilitation Services in Perrysville. Fellowship, coffee and doughnuts at 8:30a; program at 9:00a and golf at 10:00a.

DINAH'S BOOK CLUB will be held on Saturday, July 25 in the Malawi Room. The focus book is the focus book is The Friday Night Knitting Club by Kate Jacobs. 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 or bettyfraley@gmail.com. We also selected the next book to be read. We will be meeting on Saturday, August 22 at 9:00a. Our focus book for that meeting will be Twenty Wishes by Debbie MacComer. This is in the "Blossom Street Series."

WE ARE TAKING REQUESTS FOR HYMN FAVORITES during the summer months. If you have a favorite hymn(s) in either the Presbyterian Hymnal or Sing the Faith, contact Bill Goff at 412-364-0105 or billgoff@northmontchurch.org.

FAMILY CHOIR WILL SING IN WORSHIP ON SEPTEMBER 6TH, (Labor Day Sunday).

We will meet in the sanctuary at 9:15a to learn some easy and fun music to sing at the 10:00a worship that day. Everyone of any age is invited to sing. By Family Choir, we mean the entire church family, children, parents and grandparents of Northmont! Come and lift your voices to God!

CHANCEL CHOIR - CHECKOUT THE SIGN-UP SHEETS on the Choir Room door. One is for the Choir Picnic on Sunday, August 2nd at Bob and Kathi Patterson's and the other is for the Pleasant Valley Shelter meal on Wednesday, August 12th.

NOW THAT JULY IS HERE it is officially air conditioning season. For each degree you raise your thermostat setting, you reduce cooling costs 6-8%. The Stewardship and Finance Committee is asking you to "sacrifice" a few degrees this month for God. Please turn up your thermostat a bit this month and put the savings in your Sunday offering envelope.

PRODUCT OF THE MONTH FOR NORTH HILLS FOOD BANK – Cereal. All items are very much appreciated.

THE MILITARY LIST is available on the board outside Kelly's office.

STEPHEN MINISTER Cathy Koehler will be making hospital calls this week. If you have a special request, please call her at 412-366-9930. 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: Emily Lewis, Ernie Frederick, Linda Sabina, Liz Colligan – Anne Schwendeman's niece, Donald Abram, Dorothea Fisher

TO BE REMEMBERED WITH CARDS AND PRAYERS

Isabel Miller, UPMC Cranberry Place, 5 St. Francis Way, Room 361, Cranberry Twp., PA 16066

Shawn Russell, 581 Jackson Blvd., Freedom, PA 15042

Betty Hawthorne, Passavant Hospital

Kathy Zink, Shadyside Hospital

Week of July 19, 2009

Sunday, July 19 *Matt. 25:14-30*

9:00a Adult Bible Study - MR
10:00a Worship - Sanctuary
6:30p AA - FH

Monday, July 20 *Mark 4:1-20*

7:15a DPNC - Library

Tuesday, July 21 *Acts 14:1-18*

8:30a NBC - FH

Wednesday, July 22 *Psalms 15*

9:30a Knitters - MR

Thursday, July 23 *Mark 5:1-20*

Friday, July 24 *Acts 15:12-21*

10:00a PAM - Library

Saturday, July 25 *2 Sam. 1:1-16*

9:00a Dinah's Book Club - MR

Sunday, July 26 *Rom. 12:9-21*

9:00a Adult Bible Study - MR
10:00a Worship - Sanctuary
6:15p 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





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS A WEEK AWAY and there's still work to do! Maybe you are unable to be here in person, but there are still LOTS of ways you can help out! Please look around your house to see if you have any of the following items that you might be able to donate for crafts and decorations:

- Empty Altoids Mint containers (little tin containers)
- ~~Empty egg cartons~~ – not needed
- Stickers, craft pompoms, googly eyes, letters, etc... (small craft items for the children to decorate their picture frames)
- Small paint brushes
- Large pieces of cardboard or foam board for scenery (in good condition)
- Old crayons – can be broken or small pieces – to be melted

Another way to help out is making a donation to help cover the cost of snacks. Checks can be made out to: Northmont Church (with VBS in the memo) and placed in the offering plate or given to Kelly LeVasseur (Director of Family Ministries).

There is still room to sign-up if you know anyone who would like to be a part of VBS this year! And we are still in need of volunteers. VBS will run from July 27 – 31, 9:30a to 12:30p. Please contact Kelly LeVasseur (kelly@northmontchurch.org) for more information.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM is in need of a few teachers for the 3rd grade class and as substitutes for the coming year. If you agree with the premise that the youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow then you will understand how important this request is for our faith and for Northmont in particular. If you are interested, and I hope and pray that you are, than please contact either Kelly LeVasseur at kelly@northmontchurch.org or Tom Mazula at tomazula1@comcast.net

ELDERS

CLASS – 2010

Betty Fraley
Dorothy Phillis
Cindy Sardon
George Pearsall

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

Glen Wissner
Kim Englert
Rhonda Horton
Carolyn Perry
Scott Reckless

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
Director of Family Ministry: Kellyn LeVasseur
Youth Director: Sean Kelly
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Stephen L. Polley
Parish Associates: Rev. Alick Kennedy and Rev. Doyle Snyder
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 the PCUSA
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.