



**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Patient God, gracious God, we are tired of the loneliness, tired of the struggle. We belong to a generation that makes decisions, takes pride in independence, owns things and doesn't like to look foolish. We have moved you from the center of our lives, yet we seek to enter your Kingdom. Forgive our foolish ways; restore to the center of our lives our God and King. In Christ's name.  
[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**

Kelly LeVasseur

After Kids' Corner children ages 4 thru 3rd grade may go to Steps of Faith with Sarah Jane Beorn.

**OLD TESTAMENT**

Psalms 111

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**ANTHEM**

"Here I Am, Lord"  
Jeannie Schott, flute

arr. Albrecht

**NEW TESTAMENT**

Acts 10:34-35

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**SERMON**

"Hindering God"

Rev. Dr. Donald R. Ewing

\***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.

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" arr. Callahan  
Jeannie Shott, flute

**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** "Song of Hope" [sing it twice] No. 432

**\*CHARGE & BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE** "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" arr. Fleischer

\*All Who Are Able May Stand

*If you have a joy or concern, a Stephen Minister is available to pray with you.  
Jean Stultz 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  
Lemonade on the Lawn and check out our website: [www.northmontchurch.org](http://www.northmontchurch.org)

GREETERS Dick Krotzer, Wally Hough  
ELDER Kathy Wissner

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 Bill's mother, Betty Goff. Flowers are also given by Hank Wojdyla in loving memory of his beloved wife, Kathryn.

THE 2009 CHANCEL FLOWER CALENDAR is posted in the upper hallway next to the Library. The Deacons continue to accept up to three requests for arrangements per Sunday. With each arrangement, you have a choice of colors, type of flowers, and price. All requesters are contacted for the pertinent information prior to their chosen Sunday, and billed afterward.

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

THE STAFF will be spending Monday morning in a planning and organization meeting for the fall. All committees and groups should have program dates and times (finalized or still being developed) to the office by 9:30a tomorrow.

DON'T FORGET Northmont's Community Ice Cream Social Saturday, August 29 from 6:00-8:30p. Invite your friends and neighbors. Donations of cookies, brownies, and fresh fruit can be dropped off at the church ahead of time (clearly marked for the social) or brought to the church the evening of the social. The Deacon's appreciate your help.

DINAH'S BOOK CLUB will be held on Saturday, August 22 in the Malawi Room. The book is Twenty Wishes by Debbie Macomber. Join us for fellowship and socializing at 9:00a; discussion begins 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](mailto:bettyfraley@gmail.com). We will meet on Saturday, September 26 at 9:00a, with discussion at 9:30a. Our book for that meeting will be From a Distance by Tamera Alexander.

FAMILY CHOIR WILL SING IN WORSHIP ON SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, (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!

## LOOKING AHEAD

TWO WORSHIP SERVICES begin on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30a and 11:00a.

CHANCEL CHOIR rehearsal begins on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30p.

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM starts on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.

NORTHMONT BELLES begins on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:45p.

PW FALL GATHERING has been cancelled.

IF THE BOUNTY OF YOUR VEGETABLE GARDEN IS BLESSING YOU with a cornucopia of produce, think about returning some of those gifts back to the source, God. Calculate how much you are saving each week at the grocery store and then think about adding some of that total to your Sunday offering envelope this month.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION will be having a meeting/training for school teachers after the service on August 30. All those planning on teaching (both regular and subs) this year and anyone interested in teaching are invited to join. We will be going through the Fall curriculum and sharing ideas on how to continually improve our Sunday school program. If you have any questions or are interested in teaching, please contact Kelly LeVasseur ([kelly@northmontchurch.org](mailto:kelly@northmontchurch.org)) or Tom Mazula ([tomazula1@comcast.net](mailto:tomazula1@comcast.net)).

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM is in need of a few teachers for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes 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](mailto:kelly@northmontchurch.org) or Tom Mazula at [tomazula1@comcast.net](mailto:tomazula1@comcast.net)

THIS FALL KELLY LEVASSEUR will be leading a book study for anyone interested in joining. We will be meeting in the Berean Room every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month from 7:00-8:00p. For more information please contact Kelly ([kelly@northmontchurch.org](mailto:kelly@northmontchurch.org)).

PRODUCTS OF THE MONTH FOR NORTH HILLS FOOD BANK – Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauce. All items are very much appreciated.

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

STEPHEN MINISTER George Depee will be making hospital calls this week. If you have a special request, please call him at 412-364-6266. 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: Rand & Sue Stowe, Ernie Frederick, Linda Sabina, Kim Kowalski

TO BE REMEMBERED WITH CARDS AND PRAYERS

Ruth Arch, Vincentian Assisted Living #21, 111 Perryment Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237

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

Betty Hawthorne, Wexford House

**Week of August 16, 2009**

**Sunday, August 16** *Gal. 3:6-14*

9:00a Adult Bible Study - MR

10:00a Worship - Sanctuary

6:30p AA - FH

**Monday, August 17** *Mark 11:12-26*

9:30a Staff Meeting - Library

7:15p DPNC - Library

**Tuesday, August 18** *Psalms 30*

8:30a NBC - FH

**Wednesday, August 19** *Mark 12:13-27*

9:30a Knitters - MR

**Thursday, August 20** *Mark 12:28-34*

7:00p Stewardship & Finance

Committee - Library

**Friday, August 21** *2 Sam. 19:24-43*

9:30a Project Linus - MR

**Saturday, August 22** *Acts 25:13-27*

9:00a Dinah's Book Club - MR

**Sunday, August 23** *John 8:12-20*

9:00a Adult Bible Study - MR

10:00a Worship - Sanctuary

6:30p AA - FH

For the latest information, see [www.my.calendars.net/northmontchurch](http://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**

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](http://www.northmontchurch.org).*