

***HYMN**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

No. 473

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love and compassion, we are without words. You know if our lives have reflected Your truth and love. You know if our actions have been Christ like. You know if our discipleship is for real or not. Lord, make us aware of the moments when we have broken our covenant and ignored your commands. As you make us aware, so to, may we know your forgiveness. Set our feet on Your path, now and forever. [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

Rev. Donald R. Ewing

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

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalms 84

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ANTHEM

"Sonata in C Major"
Aaron Reckless, Cello; Sue Swick, piano

Breval/Stutschewski

NEW TESTAMENT

John 6:56-69

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SERMON

"Stumbling Blocks"

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 Medley of Familiar Hymns Goldston
 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
 "He's Got the Whole World In His Hands"
 "Kum Ba Yah"
 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"
 Aaron Reckless & Sue Swick, piano duet

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** "To God Be the Glory" No. 485

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

POSTLUDE "Praise God, Ye Christians, One and All" J.S. Bach

*All Who Are Able May Stand

*If you have a joy or concern, a Stephen Minister is available to pray with you.
Susan Holman 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

GREETERS Hub Garver, Jim Dickson
ELDER Betty Fraley

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 in honor of our children and grandchildren by Kathy and Glen Wissner.

THE CONGREGATION OFFERS its congratulations to and prayers of celebration for Kelly LaVasseur and Drew von Arx who will be married this Tuesday.

WE WELCOME BACK our secretary, Rose Dragan, who is in the office part-time from late August to early June. She returns this Friday.

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

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.

PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY will be meeting on Thursday, September 3 at Camp Crestfield in Slippery Rock. The meeting begins at 10:00a.

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!

LOOKING AHEAD

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

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

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM starts on Wednesday, September 16th.

NORTHMONT BELLES begins on Friday, September 18th at 3:45p.

DINAH'S BOOK CLUB will be held on Saturday, September 26 in the Malawi Room. The book is From a Distance by Tamera Alexander. 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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION will be having a meeting/training for school teachers after the service next Sunday, 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) or Tom Mazula (tomazula1@comcast.net).

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM is in need of a few substitute teachers and co-teachers for Sr. High 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 we hope and pray that you are, then please contact either Kelly LeVasseur at kelly@northmontchurch.org or Tom Mazula at 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 2nd and 4th Monday of the month from 7:00-8:00p. For more information please contact Kelly (kelly@northmontchurch.org).

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.

LONGVUE ACRES GARDEN CLUB special guest speakers this Tuesday, August 25th at 7:30p will be Steve and Sarah Zolock from the Pittsburgh Daylily Society, showing slides and speaking about these fascinating plants. The program is open to the public free of charge and takes place in Polley Fellowship Hall.

APPROXIMATELY 70 PRESBYTERIAN ASSOCIATION OF MUSICIANS (PAM) members from Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania and West Virginia will be attending the workshop on church music here at Northmont Church this Saturday from 9:30 to 3:30p. Various clinicians will present classes on such topics as children's choirs, handbells, adult choirs, organ playing and conducting. Lunch will be provided by our PW, with Mary Lou English heading the project. The entire day is sponsored by the local Pittsburgh Chapter. We are pleased to be able to host such an event in our building.

PIPER DEADLINE is September 11th for the October 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.

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 Jean Stultz will be making hospital calls this week. If you have a special request, please call her at 412-364-7217. 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: Chris Glanco, Randy Stowe

TO BE REMEMBERED WITH CARDS AND PRAYERS

Betty Hawthorne, Wexford House, 9850 Old Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15090
Shawn Russell, 581 Jackson Blvd., Freedom, PA 15042

Week of August 23, 2009

Sunday, August 23 *John 8:12-20*
9:00a Adult Bible Study - MR
10:00a Worship - Sanctuary
6:30p AA - FH

Monday, August 24 *Mark 13:14-27*
6:30p Book Study - Library
7:30p DPNC - BR

Tuesday, August 25 *Psalm 28*
8:30a NBC - FH
6:30p Longvue Garden Club - FH

Wednesday, August 26 *Psalm 91*
9:30a Knitters - MR
7:30p DPNC - BR

Thursday, August 27 *Mark 14:12-26*

Friday, August 28 *Acts 28:1-16*

Saturday, August 29 *Psalm 63*
9:00a PAM Meeting
6:00p Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 30 *John 8:47-59*
9:00a Adult Bible Study - MR
10:00a Worship - Sanctuary
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

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.