

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

O Lord, set your blessing on us as we begin this day together. Confirm in us the truth by which we rightly live; confront us with the truth from which we wrongly turn. We ask not for what we want, but for what you know we need, as we offer this day and ourselves for you and to you through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

***HYMN**

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

No. 306

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, our short-sightedness. We so often do not use the eyes, ears, and mouths you have given us to bear witness to the reality of your work in the world. We let our lust for power and the pride of life blind us. Open our eyes to see your love for us. Empower us to share your love with the world. Forgive us in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.
[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 Tom Mazula.

OLD TESTAMENT

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

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ANTHEM

"Songs from the Northmont Family Choir"
Sue Swick, piano

NEW TESTAMENT

John 3:1-17

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SERMON

"Things Aren't Always What They Seem"

Nadia Mullin

***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.
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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 Bob and Cathy Koehler in loving memory of Paul E. Koehler; flowers are given in loving memory of Gladys and Bill Ochsenhirt from their children Bill, Jim, Arlene and their families. Flowers are also given by Annette Curtis in loving memory of her daughter, Maureen.

CHILDREN WHO ARE BAPTIZED and are being nurtured in the Christian faith, are welcome to the Lord's Table.

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

LOOKING AHEAD

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

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

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

PW CIRCLES will begin this Tuesday, September 8th. Kelly LeVasseur will lead Sarah Circle at 9:30a and Judith Shifrin will lead Esther Circle at 7:30p.

A CHOIR APPRECIATION DINNER IS PLANNED for Saturday, September 12th at 6:00p in Polley Fellowship Hall. A wonderful catered meal will be offered and Julia Scott on harp will be on hand for entertainment. This is a way for our entire church to say thank you to our Northmont Chancel Choir and Northmont Belles for their talents and dedication through the year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF (RALLY DAY) IS SEPTEMBER 13th. C.E. will be hosting a Carnival for all who participate in Sunday school starting at 9:30a in Fellowship Hall. There will also be a Sunday School Teacher dedication at the 11:00a service.

IF THE BOUNTY OF YOUR VEGETABLE GARDEN IS BLESSING YOU with a cornucopia of produce, think about returning thanks 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.

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM & YOUTH GROUP are having a joint Tailgating Party to kick-off the fall on September 16th at 6:00p. Kids of the Kingdom, (children in 1st – 5th grade), families and friends are invited to come! Beginning Wednesday, September 23rd Kids of the Kingdom will meet on Wednesdays from 5:30p till 6:45p. If you have any questions please contact Kelly LeVasseur (kelly@northmontchurch.org).

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 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.

THIS FALL KELLY LEVASSEUR will be leading a study on the book The Jesus I Never Knew by Philip Yancey. 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).

THE MISSION COMMITTEE IS WORKING WITH HOSANNA INDUSTRIES to select a date for a contingent from Northmont to join one of their house building efforts on behalf of local people in need of affordable housing. If you would be interested in participating, sometime in September or early October, please contact Ted Mills (364-4002). Date and place will be provided as soon as it is available.

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

BLOOD DRIVE TO BE HELD AT NORTHMONT CHURCH on Sunday, October 4th, 8:00a to 1:30p. If you know someone who has cancer, been in an accident, had surgery or has been burned, then you probably already know someone who has used blood. Please give blood and help ensure it is there when a member of our community need it. Please give blood.

WHITE TOWELS ARE NEEDED FOR PLEASANT VALLEY SHELTER. If you can contribute any the men at the shelter would be most appreciative. Leave your donation in the box provided in the Malawi Room.

THE DEACONS WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU that next Sunday they will be collecting items to send to our military personnel. Please bring your items to church and deposit them in the boxes located at the tower entrance or in the Library.

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 – Macaroni and Cheese. All items are very much appreciated.

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

STEPHEN MINISTER Pat Frank will be making hospital calls this week. If you have a special request, please call her at 412-364-2063. 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, shared with the staff and published here. Prayers are requested for: Family of Emily Lewis, MacDonald Kolumba and family, Pat Glaser, Ernie Frederick, Lynn Merriman, Jennifer Irvin, Marian Brown, Dorothea Fisher

TO BE REMEMBERED WITH CARDS AND PRAYERS

Warren Johnson, Cumberland Crossing, 9350 Babcock Blvd., #334, Pittsburgh, PA 15237



Week of September 6, 2009

Sunday, Sept. 6 *John 10:31-42*

9:00a Adult Bible Study - MR

10:00a Worship - Sanctuary

6:30p AA - FH

Monday, Sept. 7 *Phil. 1:1-11*

Office Closed

Tuesday, Sept. 8 *Psalms 133*

8:30a NBC - FH

9:30a Staff Meeting - Library

9:30a Sarah Circle - MR

6:30p Staff Relations - BR

7:30p Boy Scout Committee - FH

7:30p Esther Circle - MR

Wednesday, Sept. 9 *Matt. 2:1-12*

9:30a Knitters - MR

7:30p Choir - WR

Pleasant Valley Shelter - NBC

Thursday, Sept. 10 *Phil. 2:12-30*

6:30p Cub Scout Den Meetings - FH

7:00p Stewardship & Finance

Committee - Library

7:15p Stephen Ministry - BR

Friday, Sept. 11 *1 Kings 18:20-40*

Piper Deadline - Noon

Saturday, Sept. 12 *Matt. 3:13-17*

6:00p Choir Appreciation Dinner - FH

Sunday, Sept. 13 *1 Kings 19:8-21*

8:30a Worship - Sanctuary

9:45a Rally Day

11:00a 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

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Tom Mazula
Judith Shifrin
Kathy Wissner

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Lee Karayusuf
Jeff Morris

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Darleen Noah
Helen Traynor
Tim Zeitler

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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.