

Northfield Presbyterian Church

The Good News September 2025

Sometimes there are no words:

Sometimes there are no words for the things that human beings do to each other.

Sometimes there are no words to express our horror, or our sadness, or our fear.

Because we humans are capable of being so very inhuman. We forget that we have minds that allow us to think before acting. We forget that we were created to love. We forget that we don't have to go through this alone, but we have friends and strangers who will help us get through the rough spots.

At the end of his life, Jesus had very few words. "I thirst." "Forgive them."

"It is finished." But in those few words he spoke there was no hatred.

There was no blame. There was no judgment. There was pain in his words, of course. He had been in physical agony as he died. His spirit was in agony, too, wondering if God had left him there.

But at his core, Jesus was love, and so even in the pain of his dying, love shone through.

At his core, was Jesus expressing his human side, or was he expressing the God part of him? Because if he was expressing his Godliness, then there is no expectation that we should show love whenever we are in pain. But if it was his humanity showing, if that was Jesus the man who loved even at the end, well then, we are not off the hook.

Sometimes there is only one word that will get us through this life, and that word is love.

From the blog: "Hold Fast to What is Good"

holdfasttowhatisgood.com

Rev. Beth Merrill Neel

Westminster Presbyterian Church,
Portland, OR

Finance / Property / Stewardship Committee Report

Profit and Loss
January 1 - August 8, 2025

	JAN 1 - AUG 8, 2025	JAN 1 - AUG 8, 2024 (PY)	CHANGE
Income			
4XXX INCOME	111,172.53	106,587.88	4,584.65
Total Income	\$111,172.53	\$106,587.88	\$4,584.65
GROSS PROFIT	\$111,172.53	\$106,587.88	\$4,584.65
Expenses			
51XX SALARIES	49,938.63	27,625.52	22,313.11
52XX OTHER PAYROLL COSTS	4,846.70	4,965.79	-119.09
53XX Service Costs (leadership)	4,651.33	2,936.83	1,714.50
54XX BUILDING & GROUNDS	40,561.14	22,354.72	18,206.42
55XX CHURCH OFFICE	3,624.07	4,181.57	-557.50
56XX CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	24.95	7.88	17.07
57XX WORSHIP	767.23	741.43	25.80
58XX EVANGELISM	125.00	125.00	0.00
59XX MISSIONS	5,543.94	2,572.92	2,971.02
Total Expenses	\$110,082.99	\$65,511.66	\$44,571.33
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$1,089.54	\$41,076.22	\$ -39,986.68
Other Expenses			
Reconciliation Discrepancies	25.00		25.00
Total Other Expenses	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
NET OTHER INCOME	\$ -25.00	\$0.00	\$ -25.00
NET INCOME	\$1,064.54	\$41,076.22	\$ -40,011.68

Session did not meet in August. The next meeting is scheduled for September 21 after worship.

SPECIAL THANKS: Many thanks go out to the Northfield Daycare and Daycare Board for contributing more than \$30,000 toward the re-pavement of our church parking lot and have now paid for the re-pavement of the back driveway of our church.

The driveway in the back of our church is used each day by delivery trucks to the daycare and as a pathway for daycare children to safely meet the school bus, and play in the back yard of the daycare and church.

Next time you are at church, take time to walk the back driveway. The re-pavement project is complete and safety was forefront in the mind of the daycare and the paver professionals.

Thank you Northfield Presbyterian Daycare!!

COMFORTING WORDS

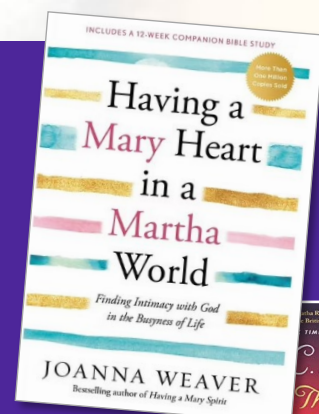
Our ladies book club is off to a meaningful start with Joanna Weaver's *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*, an in-depth, dynamic study of the sisters Mary and Martha in the Bible.

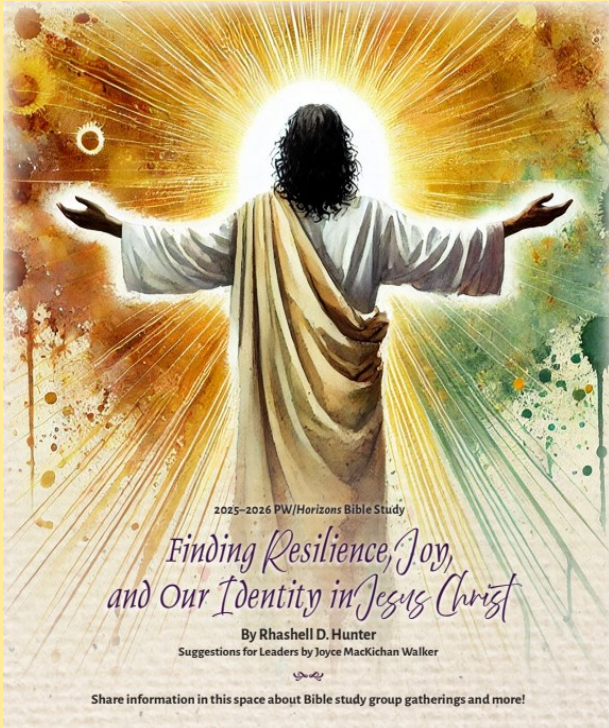
Tuesday, September 9, 5:30, we will discuss the book.

Our next book is from the well-known author M.C. Beaton, *The Dead Ringer*.

This entertaining mystery of an unsolved murder takes place in a small English village and is investigated by the local detective Agatha Raisin.

Get your book and mark your calendar for the October 28 discussion.





WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

After our summer break the Women's Association is getting ready to start back up in September. All women of NPC are invited to join us on the Second Monday of each month, for 9 months.

We start September 8 at 10:00 a.m. and the meetings usually last until 11:30 in the living area.

Our bible study this year is *Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*, by Rhashell D. Hunter. The first lesson is Mary Magdalene, the Tower.

This is the same bible study that the Presbyterian Women Organization is doing nationwide. Come and join us for fellowship and bible study. Give it a try, there is no prep work so you can just come and listen and participate. If you wish to study with us we ask that you donate the \$15 to cover the cost of the study guide.

Any questions, please contact Kerry Buddie at 216-650-2546. Mark your calendars and we hope to see you on September 8.

September Birthdays

Dwayne Smith	9-Sept
Cindy Kokenos	11-Sept
Sue Foote	11-Sept
Trudy Polcen	12-Sept
Debbie Czech	13-Sept
Gil Polcen	14-Sept
Tyler Fenn	14-Sept
Casey Harber	17-Sept
Billie Mordas	19-Sept
Donna Patz	22-Sept
Genny Pauley	23-Sept
John Gallagher	23-Sept
Richard Griffith, Jr.	30-Sept

PRAYER SHAWL MAKERS,

it's time to get your needles a-clacking and hooks a-looping!

We have added a new recipient for our handiwork, Hospice of Western Reserve, thanks to coordination with Pastor Jenni.

Scarves need to measure about a minimum of 16 x 60" and be made with washable (not wool) yarn.

And, as the fall winds are picking up, let's continue to remember the men from the shelter at North Church with lots of warm winter scarves.

We still have quite a bit of yarn ready for your use - and can always use new and partial skeins of yarn for our cupboard. Thank you for your dedication to the care of saints at NPC and now an even broader population.

NOTEWORTHY NEWS - Deacons - for September

from Co-Moderators Barb and Stacy

August 2025 Deacon's Meeting: The curtain will now remain green until All Saint's Day.

Patty Fenn will bake the next batch of communion bread for the fall months.

The Deacons are working on strengthening and defining the work that Deacons do for the Sunshine/ Comfort and Service, and they are also revising the organizational chart for what it means to be a Deacon.

The next Deacon's meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 14th after the service.



September 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1 LABOR DAY Office Closed	2	3	4 7pm Choir 8pm AA	5	6
7 Communion 10:15 Worship 12:30 VBC Worship	8 10 am Women's Association	9 5:30 pm Women's Book Club	10	11 7pm Choir 8pm AA	12	13
14 10:15 Worship 11:30 Deacons 12:30 VBC Worship	15	16	17	18 7pm Choir 8pm AA	19	20
21 10:15 Worship 11:30 Session 12:30 VBC Worship	22	23	24	25 7pm Choir 8pm AA	26	27
28 10:15 Worship 11:30 Property & Finance 12:30 VBC Worship	29	30				

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS FOR AUGUST 2025

No Sessions meeting in August – so not much to report.

- Community Christmas Connection
 - There was a meeting on July 31st and August 21st
 - Family names will be provided in October – total of 80 families
 - Working on the website so anybody that enters will understand all that is going on
 - Once completed, we will add to our NPC’s website for visibility on all activities/etc.
 - Confirmed Decisions
 - Babysitting will NOT be offered
 - Families have option of having gifts wrapped/by the boy scouts or they can wrap at home
 - Asking for Donations of:
 - Wrapping Paper
 - Tabs
 - Tape
 - Requesting no toys to be purchased w/batteries
 - 37 Bikes have been donated to this project from “Cycles for Christ”
 - They have also committed to donate a helmet and bike lock for any child from kindergarten age and up.
 - There will be (1) one PREMIUM gift ticket drawing/per family AFTER the event is completed. Further discussing what will be a part of the premium gift winnings.

DONATIONS rec’d thus far:

- Community Christmas Connection -- \$100.00
 - I’m sure that as more information is provided and congregation is educated, that more funds or items will be donated.
- RAHAB -- \$675.00 – This is wonderful!!! – For Ladies Retreat – each person is for \$200. As of now we are able to provide for 3 ladies. NPC still has time to help with this wonderful program.

On behalf of our missions team – we thank you for all your support.
God Bless



12 MONTHS OF CARING

Women's Association
Monthly Collections

The Women's Association will be collecting the items below each month. We plan to buy in bulk, if possible, so if you would prefer to donate cash, we will take those funds and purchase the items each month at Sam's or Costco. Please feel free to donate smaller packages and place your donated items in the blue bin in the Narthex. Any cash donations should be marked "Women's Association" and may be placed in separate envelopes in the Collection Plates or the Mailbox on the wall outside the church entrance.

January Pullups - Toddler size 4T-5T (bulk-up diapers)	July Pet Food and Supplies Canned or Bags (some bags will be donated out)
February Incontinence Underwear Men's XXL Women's Medium	August Diapers and Wipes All sizes
March Paper Goods: Toilet Paper Paper Towels, Kleenex	September Home Cleaning Products Sprays, Liquids Brooms, Brushes
April Personal Hygiene Shampoo, Body Wash, Soap	October Deodorants, Shaving Products for Men and Women
May Denture Tabs, Floss Toothbrushes, Toothpaste	November Kitchen Disposables Foil, Cling Wrap, Baggies
June Feminine Hygiene Pads and Tampons	December Paper Plates and Napkins Containers for leftovers

Thanks for helping!



THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

is collecting a new item category each month through 2025 to help supply items not covered by SNAP benefits to TEAC.

September collection is Home cleaning products: sprays, liquids, brooms, etc.

Calendar copies are available on the Narthex table.

You can help TEAC supply the women, men and children in need by donating the items highlighted each month.

Your donations will be delivered to
The Emergency Assistance Center. **THANK YOU!**

At the DAYCARE: We're ROCKING...



The Daycare's flower bed has been transformed!

Kids, teachers and parents got involved painting rocks as part of this year's VBS projects. The flower bed was weeded, and covered in outdoor forever turf cover. The kids painted the large rocks Miss Misty found and the heavily weeded flower bed was transformed! Animal statuary was added to reflect the names of the daycare classes and posts of forever flowers add to the colorful display! Thank you to everyone who was involved and Misty and Kerry Buddie for all their hard work! We appreciate all of YOU!



...and we're Rocking and Rolling back to School!

DANCE PARTY! D.J. Kris had several classes (burning up Summer energy) in our last indoor "fieldtrip" of the Summer!

Everyone is back to school full-time after Labor Day, and Preschool and new STEAM Program start this week at the Daycare!





...and we're helping our animal friends

Miss Dawn's Pre K / STEAM class will be working on a service project to support the animals of the Summit County Humane Society. They are in need of the following items to make toys for the cats, dogs, and other animals in their care.

They appreciate donations of the following to make:

Cat toys: Clean baby / toddler socks and poly fill.

Dog toys: Clean old jeans or fleece blanket material to be cut into strips and knotted and braided for pull toys.

Guinea pigs and rabbits: Cardboard toilet paper or paper towel rolls.

They are also accepting unopened food or treats. All completed projects and donations will be taken to the society September 24th during their field trip. **THANK YOU!**

AND, WE'RE HIRING!!



AKRON ZOO is FREE to Summit County residents for the month of September:

- Free Admission Sept 1-30th
- Limited tickets, reserve online in advance
www.akronzoo.org/community-days
- Limit 4 tickets per household, while supplies last.

Come while the weather is cooler and the animals aren't hiding in the shade!

The Daycare is hiring! Join the fun!

WE ARE HIRING
Northfield Presbyterian Church Daycare Center

♥ Part and Full Time Positions available for Summer and Fall

- ♥ High School Diploma
- ♥ Experience with Children
- ♥ Positive and Hardworking
 - ♥ Flexible Schedules
 - ♥ Paid Training

If you or someone you know is looking for a rewarding career in a family centered daycare – please call 330-467-4411 or email administrator@npcdaycare.com