

Northfield Presbyterian Church

The Good News June 2025

Confession of faith, sung:

*“O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand’ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love;
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.”*

I do love all the pageantry and crowds and flowers of Easter, but somehow the Sunday after Easter feels more real and more to the point. There are no processions to organize, no flowers to maneuver around, fewer handshakes and smiles after the service, and no eggs to clean up. It’s normal worship again – or as normal as worship ever gets – and the folks who are there are there because it’s their church and they come rain or shine, flowery holiday or regular holy day.

It was the offertory that got me.

Our choir sang a beautiful arrangement of “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing.”

I love that hymn. I love the poetry of the words and I am a complete sucker for any tune out of the Southern Harmony tradition. So the choir starts in, the women first, and a little interlude, the men coming in on a new verse in a new key, *a cappella*. And then it gets going with the culmination of that line “O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be” and it hit me: *That is why I do all of this.*

That was my first sense of call, my push toward ordination, the thing that motivates me week after week and year after year to be a part of the gorgeous flawed thing called church and to be a member of this hilarious and weird and flawed thing called the clergy. It’s because I am indebted to the grace of God every single moment of my life, and in gratitude and penance and hope I do this Christianity thing and I do this ministry thing because grace has overpowered my will, my guilt, my ego, my sense of worthlessness, my sense of awesomeness, and all the misery the world can throw at me. That is why I do all of this.

What if our creed were those words Robert Roberston wrote in 1758? What if our creed were the admittance of our utter reliance on the grace of God, and the hope that God would fetter us, and that all of this life is just part of sealing our hearts for something more? What if those words were our confession of sin, and our profession of faith, and our proclamation of the good word, and our marching cry every week? Would that my heart were tuned to sing that grace.

From the blog: “Hold Fast to What is Good”
holdfasttowhatisgood.com
Rev. Beth Merrill Neel
Westminster Presbyterian Church,
Portland, OR

FROM THE SESSION

Highlights of the Session Minutes from May 18, 2025

1. Alan Gruber presented the Financials, showing that we are on the plus side for 2025 by \$10,099.
2. We will participate in the Nordonia Hills Christmas Community Connection with other churches to provide gifts for approximately 80 families in the community.
3. The Summer Outdoor service will be June 22nd at the Sagamore Hills Park. There will be a sign up sheet for salads and desserts.
4. Kathy Moore presented information about the Daycare's contributions to the church showing that the daycare's monthly "utility reimbursement" of \$2340 has covered over 100% of the church's utility bills since 2020. Also, the daycare has paid over \$180,000 toward capital improvement projects, including parking lot paving (\$35,000), air conditioners, new sidewalks, retaining walls and more.
5. The June Session meeting has been moved to Monday, June 16 at 5:30 p.m.
6. The Pastor Nominating Committee had nothing new to report.

Minutes summary by Kathy Moore, Clerk



Vera Hardiman	4th
Ed Selzer	5th
Tim Maholm	5th
Patti Maholm	9th
Jim Davies	10th
Dylan Maholm	20th
Emmett Fenn	20th
Stacy Harber	20th
Sharon Kane	21st
Molly Davis	29th

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY- The Daycare Children lead our Worship on April 27th (Sorry, not in time for the May newsletter) Daycare children along with Pastor Anita practiced diligently on songs, fun, and a joyous program to celebrate worship with us. Pastor Jenni delivered the message, and the kids lead each portion of the service with knock-knock jokes. Great fun!





MOMENT FOR MISSION

Cheri Kuczma, Director of the Doorstep Meals Program; came to NPC to thank our congregation for their generosity (\$1,000 yearly donation) and thanks to four of our members who deliver meals weekly to residents throughout the Nordonia Hills communities.

The Doorstep Meals delivery teams provide wellness checks in addition to meal delivery to neighbors throughout Macedonia, Northfield, Northfield Village, Northfield Center, Sagamore Hills and Boston Heights.

Cheri told us we currently service 175 residents. She revealed several of our participants are unable to cover the \$4.00/meal cost.

NPC's yearly donation provides for three program recipients who are unable to pay for the meals. Our congregation is the face of caring for our neighbors.

The Doorstep Meal Program is just one of the ways YOU provide direct assistance to people in our community. Thank you!!

To register for Doorstep Meal Delivery, call Cheri Kuczma at 330-468-8334.

Information is on the bulletin board and on the Narthex table.

NPC OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND PICNIC SUNDAY, JUNE 22 - 11 am

We have reserved the Rosemary Snell Pavilion at the Sagamore Hills Township Park for our fourth annual worship service and church picnic on June 22.

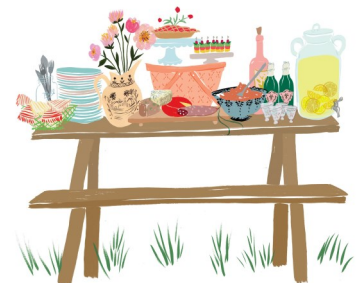
The address is 11550 Valley View Road, Sagamore Hills. The Pavilion is the large one in the back of the park, just follow the one-way road.

The picnic is rain or shine. The service will start at 11am with lunch to follow.

There is a sign up sheet in the narthex so that we have a head count for food.

Deacons will provide sandwiches and water, you may bring either a side dish or dessert. This is not a requirement, you can just bring yourself and enjoy the outside service.

Sign up and join us!





June 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p>1 Communion 10:15 Worship</p> <p>12:30 VBC Worship</p>	2	<p>3</p> <p>5:30 pm Women's Book Club</p>	4	<p>5</p> <p>8pm AA</p>	6	7
<p>8</p> <p>10:15 Worship 11:30 Deacon's Meeting 12:30 VBC Worship</p>	9	10	11	<p>12</p> <p>8pm AA</p>	13	14
<p>15 Father's Day 10:15 Worship</p> <p>12:30 VBC Worship</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:30pm Session Meeting</p>	17	18	<p>19 Juneteenth</p> <p>8pm AA</p>	20	21
<p>22</p> <p>11am Worship - Sagamore Park</p> <p>12:30 VBC Worship</p>	23	24	25	<p>26</p> <p>8pm AA</p>	27	28
<p>29</p> <p>10:15 Worship 11:30 Property & Finance meeting 12:30 VBC Worship</p>	30					

Finance / Property / Stewardship Committee Report

Profit and Loss

April 8 - May 8, 2025

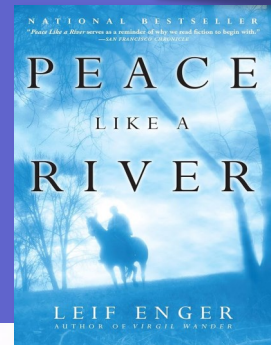
	TOTAL		
	APR 8 - MAY 8, 2025	APR 8 - MAY 8, 2024 (PY)	CHANGE
Income			
4XXX INCOME	11,096.00	11,755.00	-659.00
Total Income	\$11,096.00	\$11,755.00	\$-659.00
GROSS PROFIT	\$11,096.00	\$11,755.00	\$-659.00
Expenses			
51XX SALARIES	7,021.19	3,629.62	3,391.57
52XX OTHER PAYROLL COSTS	588.04	636.04	-48.00
53XX Service Costs (leadership)		-210.00	210.00
54XX BUILDING & GROUNDS	5,028.63	4,729.95	298.68
55XX CHURCH OFFICE	1,257.80	2,407.69	-1,149.89
57XX WORSHIP		504.94	-504.94
59XX MISSIONS	998.04	286.52	711.52
Total Expenses	\$14,893.70	\$11,984.76	\$2,908.94
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$-3,797.70	\$-229.76	\$-3,567.94
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COMFORTING WORDS - Christian Women's Book Club

As we begin summer, all women are welcome to join our discussion of The Husband List by Janet Evanovich and Dorien Kelly, a fictional, romantic look at the American ultra-rich set in the late 1800's. That meeting will be June 3rd at 5:30.

We then move on to reading our final book of the year, Peace Like a River, by Leif Enger. Set in the late 1900's, this is American fiction of a totally different kind; "a rich mixture of adventure, tragedy, and healing" (Ron Charles of The Christian Science Monitor). Fill your summer leisure with this riveting novel that we will review on July 22, 5:30.

Please, Ladies, if you have read books that you can recommend for next year's reading list, bring them to both our June and July meetings. Books will be chosen at our July 22 meeting.



THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION will not meet during the summer months.

We will resume meetings in September.

We will continue to collect and deliver donations to TEAC through the Summer months.

MISSIONS June 2025

Session meeting was held with the Deacons, in May and then we each branched off:

April 25 – Nordonia High School Seniors celebration – Organized by Nordonia Hills

Community Connection

Food Truck Lunch

Lemonade

Popcorn

Sno-cones

2 Members of NPC and 6 Members of Victory Baptist participated

April 27th – NPC DayCare Service

82 sports/sippy cups were distributed to the children that participated in the service,

that morning as well as 1 was given to Emmett and Griffith's grandson

May 21 @ 6:30 – Nordonia Hills Ministerium will provide graduate recognition and blessings

Rev Lavelle will be offering prayer to families

NPC will be providing celebration cake to honor students

June 29 – NPC Worship & serve lunch to North Church

Anybody can join worship/lunch

4515 Superior Ave, Cleveland

Contact Karyl Neubauer for Details

Christmas in July – Christmas Community Connection

SAVE THE DATE.....

Dec 6th, backup Dec 13th

Will start brainstorming/fundraisers for project

Will be brought up at each July service for funds request

Earmark Christmas Community Connection

Adopting 50 families as well as St Barnabas will bring their 40 families into the group

St Barnabas will still take care of the 40 families but will also provide food baskets for the other 50

Looking for \$50, per child

\$25/\$30 per child/in toys

12-16 year olds

Sports Attire

Gift Cards

Coupon Book for Carrier

FREEBEE Table

Stuffed Animals

Books

Lots of great things coming up within the Missions Committee.

A volunteering hand is never turned away.

Graciously submitted by:

Your Missions Committee



This Special Offering will be collected through June 8th.

40% of the Pentecost offering stays with congregations to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community.

The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

NOTEWORTHY NEWS - from Deacons for June

from Co-Moderators Barb and Stacy

There was no Deacon's meeting in the month of May due to it falling on Mother's Day.

On May 10th, the "Joy Jars" were assembled to be handed out on Mother's Day. A special thank you goes out to Ron and Cindy Maxhimer for the assistance putting the jars together.

The jars were then handed out to the mothers in attendance on May 11th.

Scott Williamson and his chancel helpers will continue to change the paraments to the appropriate colors going forward.

Sharon Hofmeister has offered to help make the communion bread for some of the summer months which is greatly appreciated, and Cindy Kokenos will continue to buy the loaves of bread for communion.

On Father's Day (June 15), the deacons will be handing out cookies to all fathers in attendance.

The outdoor church service/picnic will be held on June 22 at 11:00 AM at Sagamore Hills Park and a sign up sheet will be posted in the coming weeks. Note the change in time.

The next Deacon's meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 8th after the service.



THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION:


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

The items for JUNE are feminine hygiene products: Pads and Tampons

Calendar copies are available on the Narthex table.

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

June
Feminine Hygiene
Pads and Tampons



12 MONTHS OF CARING - 2025

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.

A member of the Women's Association will deliver the collected items to TEAC throughout the month.

January Hats, gloves and scarves For men, women and children	July Pet Food and Supplies Canned or Bags <small>(large bags will be divided up)</small>
February Incontinence Underwear Men's XXL Women's Medium	August Diapers (all sizes) and Wipes Pull-Ups for Toddler size 4T-5T
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, Paper Plates & Napkins, Leftover Containers
June Feminine Hygiene Pads and Tampons	December Socks! For Men, Women and Children

Thanks for helping!



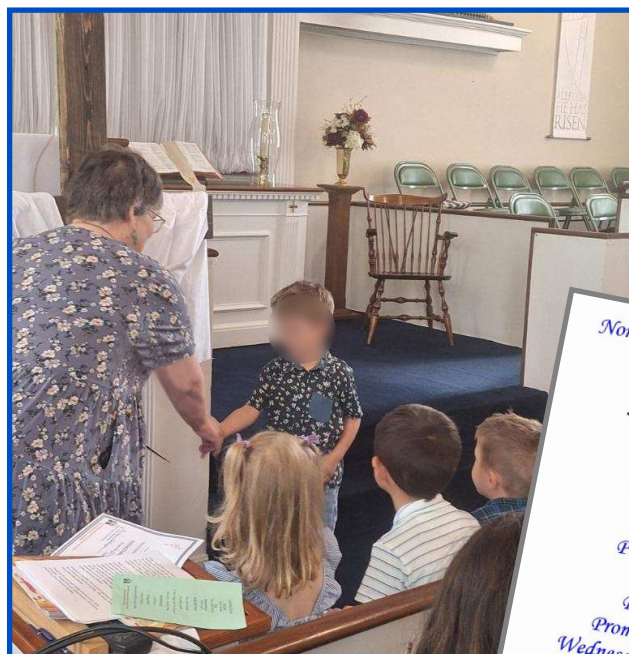
THE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE CENTER
Love Your Neighbor

At the DAYCARE: Preschool GRADUATION



Preschool 3s and 4s classes celebrated their graduation from their respective classes! 4s will start Kindergarten and 3s will start as the Preschool 4s class in the Fall to prepare them for Kindergarten.

After Miss Misty's welcome message, the children had a special musical presentation for the parents and grandparents. Miss Dawn presented each child with their diploma, and a gift. Cupcakes and lemonade were enjoyed after the ceremony. Congratulations!



- Songs and Poems:
- The Wise Man and The Foolish Man*
 - Here is Grandma's Glasses*
 - Ten in a Bed*
 - Peanut Butter*
 - Jesus Is Alive*
 - Five Green Speckled Frogs*
 - Zacchaeus*
 - You Are My Sunshine*
 - March in the Lord's Army*

Preschool registration for the 2025-2026 school year is underway! Information is on the bulletin board.



It's MYSTERIOUS!

This week our 3 year old preschoolers found 2 mysterious eggs in a cupboard - one green and one yellow. We made guesses about what they could be and who left them. We decided they were left by the Easter bunny and probably full of candy. We added water and watched them fizzle. A few minutes later we found 2 little aliens. It was AMAZING!

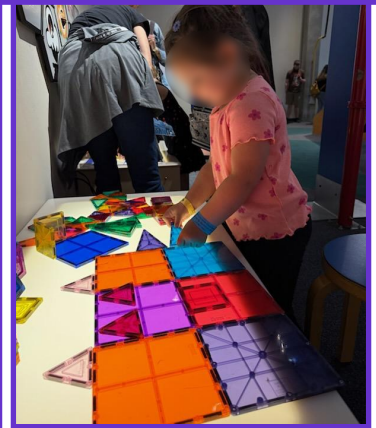


Owls Class Field Trip - to the Great Lakes Science Center

In conjunction with our unit on Ohio, the Owls Classroom visited the Great Lakes Science Center. Here the children explored many hands-on activities, including making cloud rings and sending a bottle shuttle into space.

We also compared the first bi-plane invented by the Wright Brothers to modern day planes and space shuttles. All of the children had a turn to board a shuttle and sit in the confined area much like an astronaut.

Lunch was provided by the daycare and then to the polymer ball-pit! It was enjoyed by all! - Miss Mary Jane



DO GOOD
WITH CHIPOTLE

CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR
NORTHFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DAY CARE CENTER

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4TH | 4-8PM
8195 GOLDEN LINK BLVD, NORTHFIELD, OH, 44067

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE D6T6DA8
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT

For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

NEW DAYCARE FUNDRAISER!

Chipotle fundraiser - Wed. June 4th 4-8pm!

At the Macedonia Chipotle.

Show the flyer at left when you order.

The Daycare will receive 25% of our orders.

Our fundraisers help pay for Summer field trips & busses!

Flyers also available on the table. In the Narthex.

