

Northfield Presbyterian Church

The Good News

September 2022

Pastor's Pen

The month of September is an occasion for us to further appreciate our mission partnerships. On September 11, Rev. Charlie Hurst, from the North Presbyterian Church in Cleveland, will be providing the message for Northfield and I will be going to North Church to provide the message there. The North Church is a unique church with a unique ministry. Located at 4515 Superior Avenue, it is one of only four congregations in our presbytery located in the city of Cleveland, and one of only two congregations comprised primarily of people of color. Many who attend North Church either are now or recently have been homeless or are financially challenged. Our church serves as one of the "partner" congregations in the presbytery who provide financial support as well as volunteers to help prepare meals and/or attend worship on Sundays.

As a partner congregation, we have an opportunity to serve the North Church by assisting in the meal service and also learn more about them through the interaction and fellowship which takes place there. It's an opportunity to build relationships with people whose life's circumstances are different than our own and also provide ministry beyond our own congregation.

On September 18, we will welcome Joyce Hunt, Director of The Emergency Assistance Center (TEAC), here in Northfield. She and her team provide tremendous service to those within our immediate community who are experiencing economic hardship. Our congregation has supported them in various ways the past several years, and this year we have allocated money from our mission budget as a way to increase our support. She will be sharing some of the stories of how this outreach has made a difference.

Then on September 25, we will welcome Amy Gay, Family Support Specialist, Nordonia Hills City Schools. She is the connecting point with the families of school agers in the Nordonia School system. In the past, our congregation has supported her efforts with providing school supplies and backpacks for children and youth who could not afford to purchase on their own. Amy will be talking about other ways we can support the schools.

These outreaches mentioned are a reminder of Jesus's words to "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:39). A neighbor is not just a brother or sister in faith, or those with whom we have a common identity, but includes those outside our normal scope of life. This challenges us on how we direct our actions as a church.

See you in Church,

Pastor Peter

SEPTEMBER 4:

This Sunday is the final "episode" in the Book of Genesis we will look at and it is about a man named Jacob. He was, among other things, a thief and a con-artist. Yet God chose him to be the continued link in God's covenant plan. The focus for this Sunday will be on Jacob's encounter with a divine being who "wrestled with him until daybreak" (Genesis 32:24). The message is called, "A Wrestler of Angels." We will also be celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on that day as we do the first Sunday of each month.

SEPTEMBER 11:

On this Sunday we welcome Rev. Charlie Hurst, the Pastor of North Presbyterian Church in Cleveland. Pastor Peter and he are switching pulpits this day. NPC will be providing meals for this congregation on that day as well. North Church is a partner congregation with NPC.

SEPTEMBER 18:

The sermon for this Sunday is called "Dusting Off" and is focused on the words from Jesus when he commissioned the disciples with proclaiming the gospel: "If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake of the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them" (Mark 6:11). How might these words guide us in our Christian living?

SEPTEMBER 25:

The focus for this Sunday is on Psalm 19. Here the psalmist refers to God's Law as, "More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold" (Psalm 19:10). What function does the Law of God play in our lives? The sermon is called, "A Mirror, a Fence, and a Guide."

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
STARTS SEPTEMBER 18th**

MIDWEEK ADULT STUDY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 7

Our Adult Study group will resume on Wednesday, September 7, 1:00 pm, meeting upstairs in the church library.

The pastor will be leading a four-part look at the story of Joseph and his Brothers in the Old Testament (Genesis 37-50).

Come and enjoy a time of fellowship and learning. Speak to the pastor if you would like him to send you an invite or just show up and we will be glad to welcome you.

MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

REMINDER:

Sunday Sept 11 Pastor Peter and Pastor Charles Hurst (North Church) will do a pulpit switch. The mission committee is looking for a few kind Northfield members to join us in worship at North Church as well as eating lunch with the North Church congregation. Please contact Karyl Neubauer if you can join in person Sept. 11th at North Church, 4515 Superior Avenue, Cleveland. If you want a ride to North Church, we can provide – just call. 216-650-7647.

Mission Support Representatives joining us in September:

Sept 11: North Church, Pastor Charles Hurst

Sept 18: The Emergency Assistance Center
- Joyce Hunt, Executive Director

Sept 25: Northfield School System
- Amy Gay, Social Worker Nordonia School System

Stay Tuned—we will partner with Victory Baptist Church to provide Holiday Food Assistance to our local neighbors in financial need. We will want your help to distribute the food on a Saturday in late November.

**Current Mission Fund Balance
Jan-July, 2022 is \$22,448.34**

Peace and Blessing to all of you,
Members of the Mission/Finance Committee

Finance/Building & Grounds

The Finance Committee gained approval from Session for these necessary Capital Improvement projects.

Capital Improvement Requests

Jackson Comfort:

Install 4 dampers Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall \$4,915.00

A&B Painting

Prime/Paint/Glaze windows -Education bldg. 5,650.00

Sanctuary Building Sign 4,500.00

TOTAL

Capital Improvement Requests: \$15,065.00

Remainder in Capital Improvements
after requests: \$33,244.01

Financial Statement Jan-July 2022

Total Income \$107,068.83

Expenses

BUILDING & GROUNDS \$25,932.37

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 209.99

CHURCH OFFICE 4,133.20

EVANGELISM 175.40

LEADERSHIP 2,515.95

MISSIONS 8,841.58

OTHER PAYROLL COSTS 15,780.89

SALARIES 57,982.21

WORSHIP 947.47

Total Expense \$116,519.06

**Shortfall \$9,450.23

**Session approved discontinuance (July-Dec 2022)

of 10% of all pledge income to the Mission local options fund. This action is intended to cover the income deficit 2022 (-\$9,450.23).

Mission fund balance Jan-July 30, 2022 is \$22,448.34.

SATURDAY Sept 10

9am-noon is our next workday. Please bring your weeding tools; pole saws to trim tree branches; shovels, and rakes to level North side yard.

We will have great weather, terrific fellowship and EXERCISE!! Please Join us.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Sharon Danko (friend of Renell Noack, now home)

Jeff Cavallo (friend of Ted Kokenos)

Braylon Gallagher (John and Cindy Gallagher's grandson)

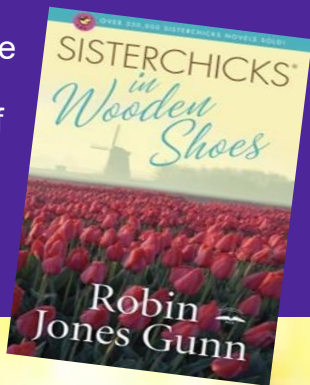
Amanda Karduck (friend of Earl and Sharon Kane)

Karyn Patton (friend of Don and Judy Kovitch)

The Women's Association will resume meetings and Bible study in September. Our first meeting will be September 12th at 10AM . We will be studying " Jesus' Final Week". If you would like a copy of the book, please see Carol Metz. All ladies are welcome to join us!

COMFORTING WORDS NPC
 Women's Christian Book Club
 Our Next Meeting is
Tuesday, September 13
 5:30 - 5:45, Coffee and Visiting
 5:45 - 7:00, Discussion of
Sisterchicks in Wooden Shoes
 by Robin Jones Gunn Mark your calendar for our subsequent meeting on October 25, when we'll discuss Trace of Doubt, a mystery by Diann Mills.

All women are welcome to come, even if you haven't finished the book!



Knit.Crochet.Pray.



Prayer shawls are meant to provide a "hug" to remind the recipient that people are praying for them.

Ministries of this kind can be found in many churches all around the world.

It means a lot to a struggling individual to know that people really do care about them.

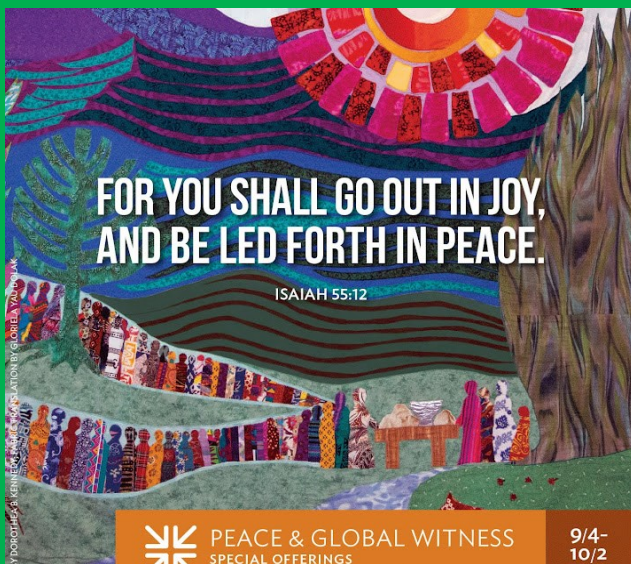
We are happy to report that we have a few ladies that are excited to get started making prayer shawls!!

We are currently in need of donations of yarn so these ladies can get started! If you have left over yarn from old projects or would like to purchase yarn to donate please feel free to bring the yarn to the church and I will see that it is distributed. It will be very helpful to kick off our Ministry.

Your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer to make a shawl - please call Judy Kovitch at 330-467-6181.

THANK YOU!!



Throughout the month of September we will be promoting the Peace and Global Witness Special Offering which advocates for the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our communities and across the world.

Our congregation retains 25% of this offering to support peacemaking and reconciliation within our own community. The other 75% goes to joining with other congregations in our area to support peacemaking work being done by Presbyterians in our region across the globe.

This is one of the four annual special offerings of the Presbyterian Church USA.



September 2022

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4 Communion 10:15 Worship 12:30 VBC Worship	5 Labor Day Office Closed	6	7 9:30am Daycare Chapel 10:00 am Property & Finance meeting 1pm Adult Bible Study	8 7pm Choir 8pm AA	9	10 9am Church workday
11 10:15 Worship Deacons meeting 12:30 VBC Worship	12 10:00 am Women's Association 7pm Session	13	14 9:30am Daycare Chapel 1pm Adult Bible Study	15 7pm Choir 8pm AA	16	17
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At the Daycare...Annual Food Drive!



Thanks to the kids, parents and staff of the NPC Daycare! The kids collected almost 300 pounds of food on their annual Food Drive to take to the Emergency Assistance Center! Great work, kids!

September Birthdays

Nancy Damon	3-Sept
Beth Wiggins	5-Sept
Tara Russo	8-Sept
Dwayne Smith	9-Sept
Logan Schmid	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
Ethan Schmid	17-Sept
Barb Harbert	17-Sept
Sydney Fox	18-Sept
Billie Mordas	19-Sept
Debbie Brooks	20-Sept
Donna Patz	22-Sept
Debbie Satola	22-Sept
Genny Paulie	23-Sept
John Gallagher	23-Sept
Stephanie Schmid	23-Sept
Richard Griffith Jr.	30-Sept
Paul Schmid	30-Sept



Suicide Loss **SUPPORT GROUP**

We Understand the Struggle
You are not Alone

WHEN ● Mondays 6PM-8PM
September 26, 2022 - November 14, 2022
Refreshments & meal provided at the start of each meeting!

WHERE ● St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
8667 Shepard Rd.
Macedonia, OH 44056

A Suicide Loss Support Group is a group for bereaved family and friends of those who have died by suicide. The group, facilitated by a trained and licensed social worker with experience in grief work and an Episcopal priest whose daughter died by suicide in 2010, provides a safe place for survivors to support one another as they cope with the painful questions and feelings that follow suicide. Group members can talk about their experiences and receive helpful information on how to cope with their loss.

MORE INFO & HOW TO REGISTER

330-554-2852/JENNINGS4@ROADRUNNER.COM