

Northfield Presbyterian Church

# The Good News

August 2024

## Let's talk with God

Prayer is a conversation with our higher power, God. It's a two-way communication. Speaking our part is the easier part. Hearing from God is elusive, difficult to hard to interpret.

I learned the speaking to God at a very young age. My mom put me to bed at night and recited this prayer. I was encouraged to speak it with her.

The prayer went like this, "Now I lay me down to sleep. I pray the Lord my soul to keep. If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take." And then we God-blessed everyone. By the age of four I could recite the prayer by myself. At six, I began to question my mom about the part of "dying before I wake". More about that another time.

I went to Sunday school early on. And in third grade we learned by rote the Lord's prayer. On children's Sunday we, individually, recited the prayer to the whole church. (Scary). They, of course, applauded when each of us finished and the minister gave us a blue ribbon. It was a big deal. And I've prayed ever since.

The Lord's prayer is a great prayer. First of all, Jesus said this: "When you pray like this," Our Father...The first words tell us who we are, a child of God.

There are other great prayers in the Bible, 23rd Psalm, 100th Psalm, 121st Psalm. But for me and I think for most people, the one or two prayers are ones we use over and over.

A great prayer from the Bible is Numbers 6:24-26: "The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace." (Can I hear an Amen?)

Prayers like "Help" sometimes shouted out loud. Another is "Mercy" or "Please", "Save me", "That's beautiful", "I hurt", "I'm grateful", and of course, "I love you". Who we are communicating with God or Jesus or the Spirit, they need to hear that we love them. My Spiritual director told me that the prayer of love is our most important word to the Holy Other.

So now, how do we hear God speak to us? First, we must be open to hear God. For many, the Bible speaks God's word to us. When God seeks a hiding Adam, God says, "Where are you?" How often is that true for me. God seeks me and calls me through that Adam story.

And the place to hear God speak to us is in a sermon. Pay attention. A third way is in speaking to someone about your pray concern. I've often been surprised by the wisdom I hear from others.

Know this, church, God wants a holy conversation with you.

Blessings,  
Wally

### AUGUST 4

Preaching:  
Rev. Missy Shiverick  
Communion Sunday

### AUGUST 11

Preaching:  
Rev. Missy Shiverick

### AUGUST 18

Preaching:  
Rev. Kathy Hartzell

### AUGUST 25

Preaching:  
Rev. Anita Stuart-Steva

There is no report from Session, this month. They did not meet in July.

## Finance / Property / Stewardship Committee Report

### Northfield Presbyterian Church Income and Expenses

June 2024

	Jun 24	Jun 23
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
<b>INCOME</b>	11,755.60	11,732.00
<b>Total Income</b>	11,755.60	11,732.00
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS</b>	2,576.59	708.15
<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>	7.88	0.00
<b>CHURCH OFFICE</b>	711.90	562.71
<b>LEADERSHIP</b>	2,104.90	1,186.99
<b>MISSIONS</b>	400.32	286.52
<b>OTHER PAYROLL COSTS</b>	655.63	1,956.92
<b>SALARIES</b>	4,028.95	7,190.15
<b>WORSHIP</b>	0.00	145.94
<b>Total Expense</b>	10,486.17	12,037.38
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	1,269.43	-305.38
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Lilah Smith      8th  
Karen Koenig     9th

#### Calendar at a glance:

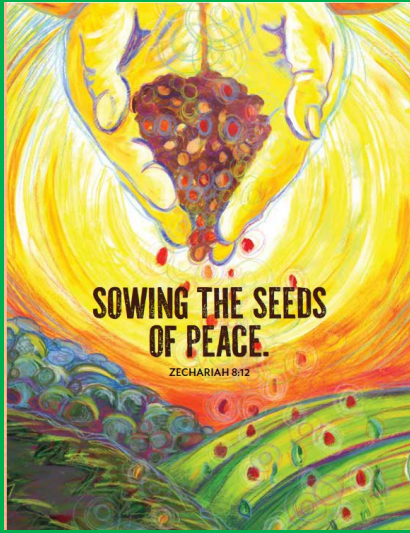
No Property & Finance Meeting this month.

Sunday, Aug. 11th - Joint Session / Deacon's meeting  
following worship

#### Update from Property and Finance:

The office has successfully converted its Quickbooks accounting system to the online version through TechSoup an organization serving churches and other non-profits with technology discounts. Online Quickbooks offers new features helpful to those who use it while improving the Church's data accuracy and security with controlled access.

- Alan Gruber, Treasurer



**PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS**  
 SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
 PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

Throughout the month of September we will be collecting for the Peace and Global Witness Special Offering. Advocating for peace 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 the peacemaking work being done by Presbyterians in our region across the globe.

## COMFORTING WORDS - Christian Women's Book Club

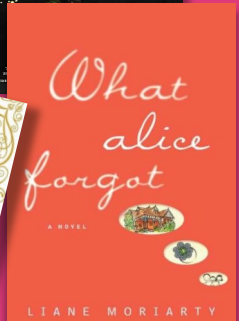
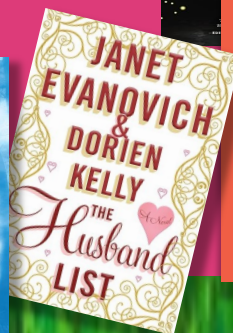
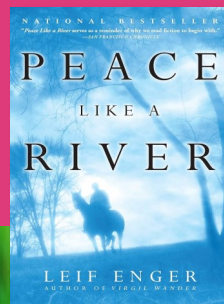
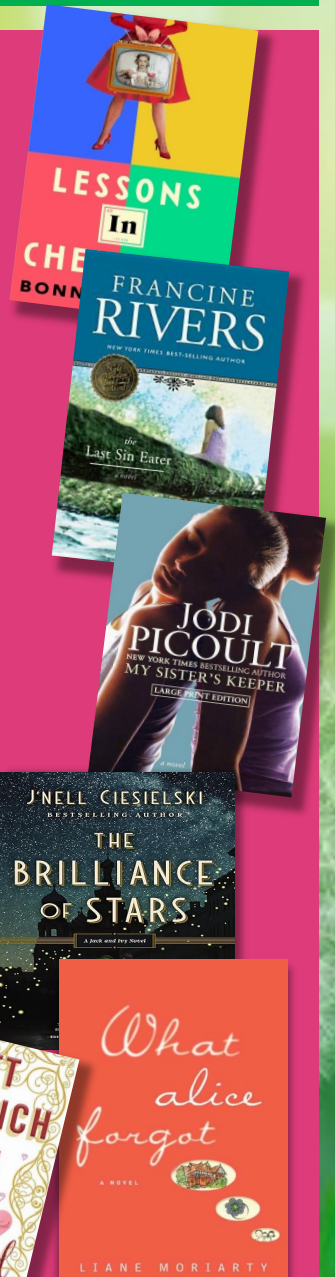
All Christian-minded women are welcome to join our women's book club. We have just planned another exciting year of reading starting with Lessons in Chemistry, a rave-review novel by Bonnie Garmus that follows the life of chemist Elizabeth Zott.

Through tears of compassion, frustration, and laughter, you will come away with a new appreciation for yourself and each-and-every, unique woman.

Below is the list of the 2024-2025 meeting dates and the book we will discuss on that Tuesday, 5:30, at NPC:

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| September 10, 2024 | <u>Lessons in Chemistry</u> , by Bonnie Garmus                |
| October 22, 2024   | <u>The Last Sin Eater</u> , by Francine Rivers                |
| January 7, 2025    | <u>My Sister's Keeper</u> , by Jodi Picoult                   |
| February 25, 2025  | <u>The Brilliance of Stars</u> , by J'Nell Ciesielski         |
| April 15, 2025     | <u>What Alice Forgot</u> , by Liane Moriarty                  |
| June 3, 2025       | <u>The Husband List</u> , by Janet Evanovich and Korien Kelly |
| July 22, 2025      | <u>Peace Like a River</u> , by Leif Enger                     |

Get your book and mark your calendars for our next meeting on Tuesday, September 10th- 5:30, in the living area.





# August 2024

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

				1  7 pm Choir 8pm AA	2	3
4 <b>Communion</b> 10:15 Worship  12:30 VBC Worship	5	6	7	8  7 pm Choir 8pm AA	9	10
11 10:15 Worship 11:30 Session / Deacons joint mtg  12:30 VBC Worship	12	13	14	15  7 pm Choir 8pm AA	16	17
18 10:15 Worship  12:30 VBC Worship	19	20	21	22  7 pm Choir 8pm AA	23	24
25 10:15 Worship  12:30 VBC Worship	26	27	28	29  7 pm Choir 8pm AA	30	31

# MISSION HIGHLIGHT - AUGUST 2024



*Do not neglect to do good  
and to share what you have,  
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.  
Hebrews 13:16*




**NPC has supported the inner city North Presbyterian church for the past 4 years with generous yearly donations, joint worship at North**

**Church and serving/sharing lunch with the North congregation 4 times each year. Are you interested in joining our Mission Committee in worship at North Church? These are the 2024 dates we will be at North for Sunday worship: August 18, September 29, December 29.**

**We would love to share the experience with you. For further information on North Church please follow this link: <https://www.preswesres.org/findachurch/north>**

**Please contact Karyl Neubauer (216-650-7647) if you are interested in joining our mission to North Church in August, September or December.**

**Blessings to all of you,  
Northfield Missions Committee**



## 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.

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

Thanks for helping!



**THE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE CENTER**  
*Love Your Neighbor*

## THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

**Continues to collect new items each month this year to help supply items not covered by SNAP benefits to TEAC.**

**The category for AUGUST is all diapers and wipes. All sizes are needed.**

**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!**