

Northfield Presbyterian Church

The Good News

February 2025

Beginnings

“Every new beginning comes from some other beginning’s end.”
~ Seneca the Younger, Roman Hellenistic philosopher, 4BCE-65AD

This is my ninth pastoral beginning. Like every beginning I’ve experienced in my call as a Teaching Elder, I come to this time with Northfield Presbyterian with much joy and hope (knowing I also have a lot to learn about the congregation and church). I’m also very aware that you’ve had wonderful ministerial leadership over the last 18-months, as well as through all the previous multitudes of decades. I recognize that each beginning comes from endings with pastors who served you with creativity, intelligence, imagination, and love. I celebrate and honor the relationships and individuals who served this congregation previously and give thanks for their gifts, leadership, and presence.

I hope you will share your stories ~ church stories as well as stories from your life that will help me get to know you, your faith journey, your beginnings, and also your endings. What beginnings do you treasure and who either joined or helped you along the way? What ending in your life brought about new beginnings?

There is a quote on Facebook, attributed to Brooke Hampton, which says, “I am pieces of all the places I have been, and the people I have loved. I’ve been stitched together by song lyrics, book quotes, adventure, late night conversations, moonlight, and the smell of coffee.”

While I appreciate the smell of coffee, I appreciate the taste even more when shared with others. While I love this quote, I also give thanks that our individual lists of things that stitch us together also includes other good things like faithful witness and stewardship, prayer and presence, love and laughter, community and worship, and ministry and mission.

Every time Jesus shared a parable, he shared a new beginning of thinking and responding in the world. Every time Paul wrote to the church, he offered the people a way to begin again. Every time we come to God with our confessions, it is a chance to start anew. Every time we rise in the morning and thank God for the gift of a new day, we begin again.

I give thanks to God for this beginning and will continually ask God’s blessing and leading on our time together. May we listen for the still, small voice of God; may we be led by Christ’s witness and love; may the Spirit guide us in using our gifts, and may the Fruits of the Spirit be ever present in our thoughts and actions. May we enjoy the journey together!

Pastor Jenni

FROM THE SESSION

Summary of Special Session to Vote on New Member, January 12th, 2025

1. The Session welcomes Karen Koenig as a member of the church.

Summary of Annual Meeting on January 12th, 2025

1. The Pastor Nominating Committee announced the hire of Rev. Jenni Walker-Noyes as a part-time Covenant Pastor. Her first Sunday will be February 2nd, 2025. She has agreed to serve as a transitional pastor while the pastor nominating committee continues to search for a permanent pastor.
2. Annual report was presented including the 2025 budget.

Summary of the Stated Session Meeting, January 13th, 2025

1. Session welcomed John Gallagher, Kirk Louis & Amy Williams
2. Session Committee chairs were assigned.
3. The 2024 Church Statistical Report was reviewed. At the end of 2024, membership was 79.
4. A revised budget for 2025 with financial details for the ½ time pastor was presented at the meeting and at the Session meeting.

Clerk pro tem, Michelle Williamson

COMFORTING WORDS - Our Christian Women's Book Club

The Brilliance of Stars, by J'Nell Ciesielski

What a jam-packed adventure for the dreary winter month of February! You will be led by two D.C. street urchins on a fictional journey of friendship, spy-intrigue, war's brutality, and romance, all set in the true, turbulent times of World War I. Come and share how God speaks to you through this novel, Tuesday, February 25, 5:30.



Calendar at a glance:

- February 9 - 11:30 AM Deacon's Meeting following worship
- February 10 - 10 AM Women's Association Meeting
- February 10 - 7 PM Session Meeting
- February 25 - 5:30 PM Comforting Words - Women's Book Club

WOMENS ASSOCIATION CALENDAR OF GIVING

Again this year, The Women's Association is collecting a different item category each month to help supply TEAC with Items not covered by SNAP benefits. These items TEAC must purchase to supply to their clients. Copies of the 2025 calendar to keep with you are also available on the Narthex table.

You can help The Emergency Assistance Center supply the women, men and children in need by donating the items highlighted each month.

Your donations will be delivered to TEAC.

THANK YOU!



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 (large bags will be divided up)
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!



Katie Juhas	1st
Pauline Enczur	2nd
Donna Hamed	4th
Kathy Moore	4th
Joyce Selzer	9th
Marie Fiala	10th
Jeanne Swanson	13th
Abby Williamson	15th

Welcome New Member!

While she's a New Member, Karen Koenig has been a Friend of our Church for many years. We officially welcomed her as a member January 12th.



Karen, Rev. Missy Shiverick and Emmet Fenn helping.



February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Communion 10:15 Worship 12:30 VBC Worship	3	4	5	6 7pm Choir 8pm AA	7	8
9 10:15 Worship Deacons meeting 12:30 VBC Worship	10 10am Women's Association 7pm Session	11	12	13 7pm Choir 8pm AA	14	15
16 10:15 Worship 12:30 VBC Worship	17	18	19	20 7pm Choir 8pm AA	21	22
23 10:15 Worship 12:30 VBC Worship	24	25 5:30 pm Women's Book Club	26	27 7pm Choir 8pm AA	28	

Mission Committee News

With the new elders coming aboard – at our last sessions meeting – all were allocated our new committee roles. For Missions – I’m happy to let our congregation know that this will be “co-chaired”. The chairing will be: John Gallagher and Renell Noack.

With this just being assigned, John and I need to put our heads together to do what we can for Missions. With that said, there truly is nothing to report, this month.

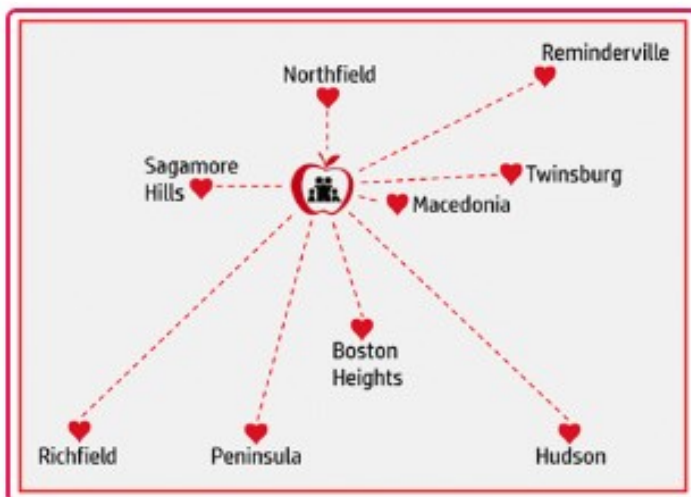
If anybody has any ideas or wish to assist in any way – please reach out to either of us and we will do our best to work with all to make NPC proud.

God Bless,
Renell Noack

2025 Mission Budget

RAHAB Ministries	1000
TEAC	1000
Nordonia Hills Senior Meal Program	1000
North Presbyterian 3 x meals & worshipper assist items	1000
Local Mission Projects	1000
Nordonia School Supply Program	300
Monthly Gift Cards to neighbor in financial distress	1200
TOTAL	6500

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



In **December 2024**, we served **647** people in **247 households** including **199 seniors** and **175 children**. There was **11 new families (23 people)** who came to TEAC for help for the first time.

WITH YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT, TEAC provided enough food for **13,587 meals!**

The Emergency Assistance Center
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Northfield, OH 44067
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