

Northfield Presbyterian Church

The Good News

October 2025

BEYOND YOUR BROKENNESS

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Psalm 34:18

When you find yourself in the raging storms of life, you're often going to experience brokenness. You'll find yourself so crushed that you're not sure you have the energy to take another breath. But you will. And as Jesus gazes into your eyes, His peace will consume you and you'll find that even if it's not God's will to calm the storm in your life, He'll calm the one in you...you will find rest with Jesus.

It's when you're broken, and your heart is heavy beyond words, that God is closest.

No matter what you're going through or what is yet to come, God's love, mercy, power, and grace can heal the fractured or shattered pieces of your life. Regardless of the hopelessness you're facing, you can respond with the faith that says, "Though He slay me, yet will I hope in Him" (Job13:15).

You won't feel like trusting God. You won't feel like having hope. You'll want to sit in your brokenness for a while. But it's the Spirit dwelling in you that is going to lift you up and renew your strength. He is going to comfort you and give you peace while putting together the pieces of your heart and mending your soul.

It's when your pain is the deepest and your doubt the greatest, that Jesus stands with you through it all. Listen, He's not going anywhere. He's with you to the end. He loves you on your best day and your worst, and His power will heal you when you're broken, and He'll hold you until you're whole again.

When you're hurting and suffering, that's when you need God most. Run to Him, don't walk. He's waiting with open arms.

From A Journey with Jesus By Cherie Hill, P. 270

FROM THE SESSION

Highlights of the Session Minutes from September 21, 2025

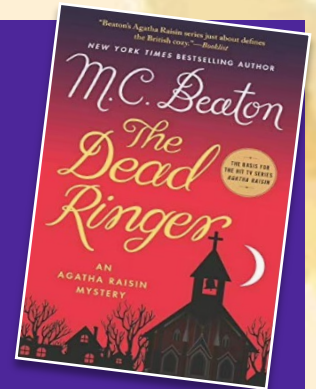
1. The Property and Finance Committee reported the following projects: clearing and adding a bench and pavers to the oval in the lawn in front of the Sunday School wing, moving a bench by the front entrance and replacing several sinks.
2. Daycare is having new carpeting installed in the Infants room and the Family Living Area, plus a new retaining wall built by the playground. They will have a Trunk or Treat on October 11th from 2-4 pm. Come join us and bring grandkids and decorate your car to hand out candy!
3. World Communion Sunday is October 5th and we will have a joint service with Victory Baptist.
4. There will be a Presbyterian Women's luncheon and service on Saturday, November 1st from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will need volunteers to set up, serve, clean up, etc. Please contact Marcia Alcorn for more information.

Minutes summary by Kathy Moore, Clerk

COMFORTING WORDS

Author M.C. Beaton is taking her well-known and nontraditional English sleuth, Agatha Raisin, into the 3 year old mystery of the disappearance of a young woman who had been dating the young and handsome -and eligible - visiting bishop, The Right Reverend Peter Salver Hinkley." Fun reading!

Come join our discussion on Tuesday, October 28, 5:30, at the church.



Have a Seat

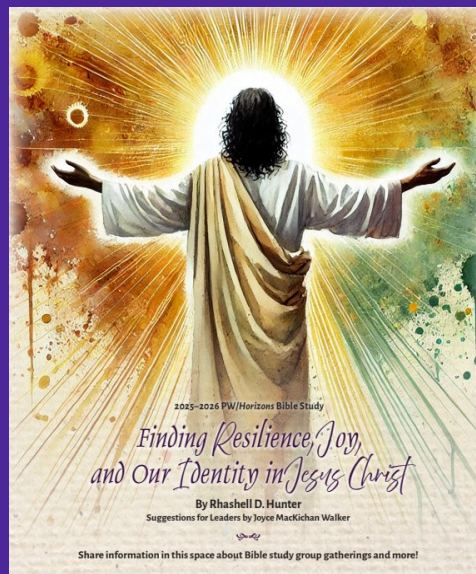
THANK YOU to the Fenn families for the landscaping make-over in front of the education building. The flower bed was renovated to include a paved patio with two new benches and plantings were moved to either side of the pavers. THANK YOU!



OCTOBER Birthdays

Fran Merriam	6-Oct
Chris Fenn	15-Oct
Judy Kovitch	20-Oct
Earl Kane	24-Oct
Ron Emch	25-Oct

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION: The Women's Association has started the 2025-2026 Bible Study. It is not too late to still join in. All women of NPC are invited to join us on the Second Monday of each month, for 9 months. Our next meeting is October 13 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. This month's lesson two is Mary "of a Certain Village". 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 hope to see you on October 13.



We are still collecting items for The Emergency Assistance Center. So far we have donated over 200# of items needed by members of our community. During October we are focusing on Deodorant and Shaving Products for both Men and Women, but any items that you would like to donate are always appreciated.

Finance / Property / Stewardship Committee Report

Profit and Loss

January 1 - September 9, 2025

	TOTAL		
	JAN 1 - SEP 9, 2025	JAN 1 - SEP 9, 2024 (PY)	CHANGE
Income			
4XXX INCOME	126,567.69	124,158.79	2,408.90
Total Income	\$126,567.69	\$124,158.79	\$2,408.90
GROSS PROFIT	\$126,567.69	\$124,158.79	\$2,408.90
Expenses			
51XX SALARIES	70,476.02	34,383.82	36,092.20
52XX OTHER PAYROLL COSTS	6,363.84	6,438.30	-74.46
53XX Service Costs (leadership)	4,651.33	2,936.83	1,714.50
54XX BUILDING & GROUNDS	37,838.44	23,579.45	14,258.99
55XX CHURCH OFFICE	3,581.23	4,446.26	-865.03
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	6,116.98	3,059.44	3,057.54
Total Expenses	\$129,945.02	\$75,718.41	\$54,226.61
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ -3,377.33	\$48,440.38	\$ -51,817.71
Other Income			
9XXX Non Operating Sources of Revenue	1,819.10		1,819.10
Total Other Income	\$1,819.10	\$0.00	\$1,819.10
Other Expenses			
Reconciliation Discrepancies	-4,908.32		-4,908.32
Total Other Expenses	\$ -4,908.32	\$0.00	\$ -4,908.32
NET OTHER INCOME	\$6,727.42	\$0.00	\$6,727.42
NET INCOME	\$3,350.09	\$48,440.38	\$ -45,090.29



October 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1	2 7 pm Choir 8 pm AA	3	4
5 Communion 10:15 Worship 12:30 VBC Worship	6	7	8	9 7 pm Choir 8 pm AA	10	11 2-4 pm Daycare Trunk or Treat
12 10:15 Worship 11:30 Deacons 12:30 VBC Worship	13 10 am Women's Association	14	15	16 7 pm Choir 8 pm AA	17	18
19 10:15 Worship 11:30 Session 12:30 VBC Worship	20	21	22	23 7 pm Choir 8 pm AA	24	25
26 10:15 Worship 11:30 Property & Finance 12:30 VBC Worship	27	28 5:30 pm Women's Book Club	29	30 7 pm Choir 8 pm AA	31	

NOTEWORTHY NEWS - Deacons - for October

from Co-Moderators Barb and Stacy

from the September 2025 Deacon's Meeting: The curtain will change to white on November 1st and then change to green until Thanksgiving. Patty Fenn made the communion bread for the fall months. The Deacons are still working on strengthening and defining the work that Deacons do for Sunshine/Comfort and Service, and they are also revising the organizational chart for what it means to be a Deacon. **The next meeting will be on Sunday, October 12th after worship.**

MISSIONS/OCTOBER 2025

It has been a very busy month –

- August 31st – visit to North Church
- Trunk or Treat – October 11th
 - Deacons will be having a car for the kiddos
 - Session helping w/bags of candy and gift bags
- Fill the Bus –
 - Details to follow
 - This is the competition between Twinsburg/Nordonia on who can bring in the most pounds for TEAC
- Our Very Generous Donations
 - RAHAB – for the ladies retreat, that was in September
 - Church contributions \$675.
 - Three extremely generous members donated straight to RAHAB/totaling \$650
 - Overall total \$1325
 - Peace and Global Witness \$300.00
 - Reminder, church receives 25% of our donations
 - Community Christmas Connection (CCC) \$100.00

More info on CCC – meeting was held 9/25.

- Working on a grant that we can “possibly” receive \$5k
- Budget was worked on
- If anybody knows a dentist that can donate toothbrushes/toothpaste – would be appreciated
- Start saving your grocery bags/they will be handy when we shop w/the Mom/Dad
- Letters will be available at our next meeting, as well list where we can distribute/speak to businesses on donations or possible bin location, for collecting toys/books/etc
 - If you know of a business that would like to contribute, please let Renell Noack or John Gallagher know
- Used Christmas trees donated – shying away due to unaware if they were animal homes that the families may not know of. BUT new boxed trees – a yes
- Christmas Tree to be placed in Narthex, in November with ornaments.
 - Pick an ornament and it will describe gender/age/toy request
- November will also have sign up for those that would like to volunteer by job description and time frame.
- October – Website will be available thru NPC web so that you can see all that is going on.
- Next (2) two meetings, if interested in attending:
 - October 9th and October 23rd, both at 6:30

The mission team thanks you for all your support to let NPC SHINE!!!!

Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering is at NPC this year!

Presbyterian Women in the PWR invite you to the Fall Gathering on Saturday, November 1 from 9am-1pm at **Northfield Presbyterian Church**. The theme is "Ministries of Hope." There will be a speaker from "Reaching Above Hopelessness and Brokenness Ministries, Inc." (RAHAB) to tell us about helping women who have been trafficked. There will also be a mission activity.



Presbyterian Women

Nurture Faith, Support Mission, Work for Justice & Peace, & Build Community

Join us for our Fall Gathering

Ministries of Hope

SATURDAY, November 1, 2025

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Northfield Presbyterian Church

7755 South Boyden Road

Northfield, OH 44067

9:00 Registration & Coffee

9:30 Opening Prayer, Welcome & Business

Speaker from RAHAB



(Reaching Above Hopelessness and Brokenness Ministries, Inc.)

12:00 Lunch

12:30 Thank Offering Dedication & Prayer

**Service Project: Donations of Kitchen Disposables:
Foil, Cling Wrap, Baggies, Paper Plates & Napkins**

Cost: \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door

Payment in advance of the program is expected.

If you register late by e-mail, a return e-mail will be sent to remind you that payment will be expected on the day of the program.

If you do not come for some reason, you will still be expected to pay.

Please make checks payable to: Presbyterian Women PWR(PW-PWR)

Send reservations to: Suzan Plautz 7295 Connie Dr., Mentor, OH 44060

Reservation Deadline – Monday October 27

Name: _____ **Church:** _____

Address: _____ **Phone** _____

E-Mail: _____ **Child Care Needed – Age(S)** _____

Special Dietary Needs _____

Northfield Presbyterian Church
Daycare Center Presents

TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us for face painting, prizes, and fun!

October 11 **Daycare/Church**
2:00-4:00 **Parking lot**



At the DAYCARE: Nothing scary about this! It's a TREAT!

Daycare is sponsoring a Trunk or Treat in the Church parking lot October 11th! From 2-4pm. Treats! Costumes! AND Crafts to make and faces to paint!

Bring your kids and grandkids for trunk-loads of treats and a bit of fun! Teachers, parents, daycare board and church volunteers will decorate their trunks and pass out treats. If the weather turns scary, we'll move to the



...and we TREATED some new furry friends

Miss Dawn's Pre K / STEAM took their class craft donations to the Summit County Humane Society. They made cat toys, dog toys and saved chewy cardboard for Guinea pigs and rabbits and brought food or treats. They visited the Humane Society to deliver their treats.

THANK YOU, KIDS!

