

# NORTHMINSTER NEWS

## September 2010

### Upcoming Events

September 19th  
Sunday School Registration  
Congregational Meeting after church

September 25th  
Welcome Back BBQ

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Small Group Ministry Information Evening

October 3rd  
Communion  
Long Service Recognition Luncheon for Sharon Sly

October 16th  
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Craft Fair



## Message From The Chair

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Well, it seems this year that our summer was rather sporadic, weather-wise and I have noted a few yellow leaves falling already! The good news however, is that we Albertans' have been blessed to not have to deal with extreme forest fires like our neighbours in BC.

The next few months will see meetings and activities start up, especially noting those of the Board and Sunday School and hopefully a congregational meeting September 19<sup>th</sup> to be presented with the final JNAC report. Your Transitional team will continue in some capacity to move forward with initiatives in our 5 year plan and one of those will be a session on Small Group Ministry; stay tuned for that announcement.

I hope that our return to Northminster after the summer hiatus will see us revitalized and ready to grow in our faith journey. I know that we will continue to be the caring family that we pride ourselves in; so as we gather, please meet and greet *and* pray with enthusiasm with friends and newcomers alike.

Blessings  
Lori Arndt  
Board Chair



## Ministry and Personnel

We would like to thank Claire Goodson for her many years of hard work and dedication to the M&P division. Although we will miss Claire we are excited about Pat Demerais joining the team.

The summer has been very busy for M&P. We would like to welcome the following new employees to Northminster:

Lynda MacKinnon—Church Secretary  
Rachel Meyers-Jordon—Youth Leader  
Nick Turnbull—Choir Director

## Administration

We have reached September again and I have some comments regarding the church finances. This year a beef dinner was held and the church realized nearly \$1,000.00 from this project. The Easter Egg Bee was not held again but the Silent Auction was held in April realizing approximately \$8,500.00. While this was lower than in prior years we are very grateful for this support. Times are tough right now and we must be grateful for what we do receive. We have been pretty successful in holding our expenses this year but we continue to struggle with receipts. In the end we are no better off than we were last year.

At the end of August we have little or no cash available at the bank and the line of credit is nearly maxed out. Some expenses incurred over the summer have not been paid. Your church is desperate for your help. Please ensure your contributions are up to date and consider adding an additional amount this year. One way to ensure you are always current is to join the United Church PAR program. Your donations to the church will be automatically charged to your bank account each month and the proceeds deposited directly to the church each month. The cost to the church is much less than the envelopes many members have faithfully used for years. If you are already on PAR consider increasing your monthly allocation. The budget approved for 2010 anticipates a modest 3% increase over last year. Have you increased your givings to help??

You can also help the church by supporting the Turkey Supper planned for October 16<sup>th</sup> and the Craft Fair planned for November 13<sup>th</sup>. These are both very important fundraisers for the church.

The new insurance policy was received this week and the cost to the church will be nearly \$10,000.00. Our coverage is excellent but this does come with a cost. If you can, please make some additional contributions to assist with this expense. Place these funds in an envelope with your name attached and designate it as being for insurance expense.

The Church continues to house the daycare operated by the Churchill Family Care Society and also provides administrative office space for Churchill's city-wide work. The income received from this operation is very welcome. In addition to the monthly rent received from Churchill, they pay 75% of the increased utility costs over the 2006 base year. Other renters also contribute amounts to the church. Receipts received to the end of August from renters total over \$26,000.00.

Once again the Administration Committee thanks all those who helped throughout the summer in keeping the property maintained and in good condition.

Respectfully submitted  
Clarence Glessing



## Congregational Meeting September 19th

There will be a congregational meeting after church. The final JNAC report will be presented.

## Sunday School Registration



Come and join us for Christian Development classes this year! Tell us what you think is FUN and EXCITING. Tell us what you want to learn. Classes start on September 19th, bring a friend. See you there!

## Welcome Back BBQ September 25th

Ernie and Tracey Abbott are please to host the Northminster's "Welcome Back Barbeque!" The BBQ will be held at 316 Hidden Valley Landing NW, 403.274.9742. Meat and potatoes, punch, tea and coffee will be provided. Please bring lawn chairs. The fun will begin at 2:00 pm with supper at 4:00 pm. Signup sheets are in the large gym. See you there!



## Coming to Northminster

### Small Group Ministry Leadership Program September 27th

During the Transition Committee process one of the feedbacks and requests from the Congregation was to have some training on Small Group Ministry Leadership. The Transition Committee have secured Sidney Craig Courtice to provide this training for Northminster.

Small Groups bring people together as a community to feed and nurture their mind, heart and spirit. Learn how Small Group members create a community, covenant with each other, explore meaningful spiritual practices and discover new information on group dynamics.

We would ask you to take a very prayerful look at coming to an **Information Evening Monday September 27 at 7:00PM**. Sidney Craig Courtice will lead this information evening. Please contact the Church office or any member of the Transitional Committee if you will be attending.

**Transitional Committee.** Lori Arndt, Sue Smith, Sheila Johnston, Mary Glessing, David Ng Ted Carter

## Long Service Recognition Celebration October 3rd

Sharon Sly has been the Secretary at Northminster for 25 years. Please join us after church on October 3rd as we celebrate Sharon's long service with Northminster. Sign up sheet for food and volunteers is in large gym.



## Turkey Dinner

**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 2010

**Sittings:** 5 PM and 6:30 PM

**Ticket Prices:**

Adults	\$12
Seniors 65+	\$10
Youth (13-17)	\$10
Child (4-12)	\$5
3 and under	free



Tickets will be on sale starting Sunday September 19 after church in the large gym.

You can also call the church office at 403.277.0322 or Jane Borbridge at 403.276.1384 to order tickets.



Seating is limited so remember to get your tickets early !!!!

Bring your family and friends!!!

**Craft Fair**  
**Saturday November 13th**  
**9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM**

**We need your help!      Not sure what to bring?**

**Here are some suggestions:**



- Preserves: jars of jam, relish, antipasto, salsa, pickles

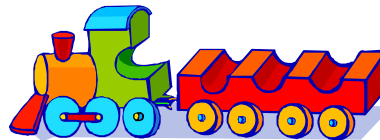


- Christmas items: santas, tree skirts, stockings, angels, snowmen

- Knitting: mitts, toques, sweaters, afghans

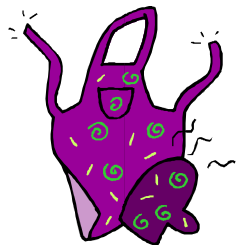
- Kitchen: hand towels, knitted dish clothes, casserole carriers, pot holders

- Woodworking: cars, trucks, trains, planes, clocks, mirrors, ornaments, candle holders



- Toys: dolls, stuffed toys, puzzles

- Sewing: aprons, quilts, vests, bags, cushions, table runners, place mats, oven mitts



- Baking: bread, buns, loafs, pies, cakes, squares

- ***Christmas Cookies by the dozen***: hundreds of Christmas cookies are needed (remember to bake with the Christmas theme in mind)

## What is Christmas cookies by the dozen?

Hundreds and hundreds of different types of Christmas cookies will be available. This is the only fair that you can purchase one of each kind or a dozen. Where else can you visit with friends and do all of your Christmas baking at the same time?



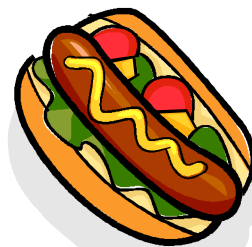
## Craft Fair Cafeteria

Does shopping at the craft fair make you hungry? Come to our café.

We will have coffee and a muffin, hotdogs, chilli, homemade soup. Don't forget a piece of our home made pie.

We need help to make this year's craft fair a huge success. Sign up sheets will be in the large gym closer to the fair.

If we all do a little bit, we can make this church project a great success again!



## United Church Observer

The United church Observer is a monthly magazine that explores faithful living today. This magazine includes such topics as : Faith, Justice, Ethics, Living, Arts, Letters, Columns and Classified Ads. There are so many articles that you won't want to miss. A subscription is only \$20 a year. The new subscription year starts October 1st. If you would like to receive a copy of this magazine or would like to continue receiving this magazine we need to know by September 30th. Please put your subscription fee in the donation plate marked Observer.

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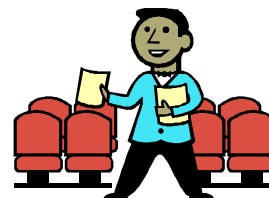
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### Volunteers Needed!



Ushers  
People to serve Communion  
Sound System help  
Update the Centre Street sign  
Take a turn at serving coffee  
Spares for tellers



Please let the church office know if can spare an hour each month to help.

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