



# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HEIGHTS

Northminster Evangelical Presbyterian Church

*Experiencing and sharing God's love to transform our homes, community and world.*

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## DO SOMETHING!

*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. — James 1:22*

*"The greatest single cause of atheism in the world today is Christians: who acknowledge Jesus with their lips, walk out the door, and deny Him by their lifestyle. That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable." — Brennan Manning*

If one thing jumps out at us from the story of the man born blind in John 9, it's how his life was immediately and powerfully changed after his encounter with Jesus Christ. An inward change (the healing of his eyes) led to an outward witness and confession of Jesus Christ as Messiah and Lord. He might not have known much, but he knew enough: "I once was blind, but now I see." His life was changed in very real and practical ways forever.

That's the essence of the reality for every Christian as well. To believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior isn't a mere mental exercise, along the lines of, "I believe in the Easter Bunny." Ok, that's great, but that belief doesn't have an impact on your every day life. However, when we confess Jesus Christ as Lord and place our faith and trust in Him as our Savior we are declaring an entirely different way of being and doing. But, as the quote from Brennan Manning above says, many Christians have forgotten that to be a Christian is not just about what we believe but also about how we live. We're really good at listening to the Word of God, but struggle with doing what it says.

Take heart, though! This isn't a new problem! James wrote his letter barely 10 years after Jesus was crucified. Hardly a decade had passed, and the new Christians were already struggling with living out their faith. It isn't easy, and it never has been. Fortunately, James' letter is loaded with practical advice, encouragement and exhortation to live our faith and do what the Word of God says. Join us this summer as we work through this fascinating letter that pushes us to "Do Something" with our faith.



Blessings,  
Pastor David Garrison

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

- 9 Judy Reyburn
- 14 Marge Mills
- 16 Jennifer Mann
- 19 Albert Garrett
- 21 Kaleigh Bennett
- 25 Garrett Mann



**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

- 3 Jonathan & Britt Bryant 2011
- 10 Jeremy & Robi Vandevander 2013
- 12 Don & June Hedrick 1960
- 15 John & Margie Seal 1956
- 22 Albert & Bobbie Garrett 1951
- 26 Bobby & Debbie Irvine 1971
- 28 Bob & Marge Mills 1980



**JUNE NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

- 2 George & Mickie Brine
- 9 Gerald & Sharon Bryant
- 16 Maggie Brockman,  
Anne Wilkins
- 23 Ron Reyburn, Sandy Stafford
- 30 Ernie & Barbara Baker



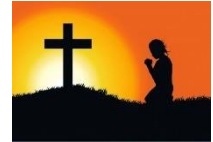
More nursery attendants are needed. If you can volunteer once every 2 months to serve our children in this important ministry, please contact Sharon Bryant ([sharonc.bryant5@gmail.com](mailto:sharonc.bryant5@gmail.com) or 929-0610)



We send our sincere sympathy and Christian love to Rick France whose father, Wilton (Bob) France, passed away on April 29, and mother, Marie Governor France, passed away May 28. Bob and Marie were former charter members of Northminster.

*I sought the Lord, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears.*

*Psalm 34:4 NIV*



**Prayer requests:**

**Arlene Horton** is having treatment on her spine for hip pain.

**Betty Reed** is at Guggenheimer receiving physical therapy to recover from surgery on a broken hip.

**Mary Wilhelm's son, Stan**, is hospitalized to be treated for an immune deficiency.

**Marge Mills** has had about half of her radiation treatments following surgery for breast cancer.

**Sandy Stafford's mother, Bessie Gillie**, will begin radiation treatments soon.

**Sue Burnett** continues treatments for lung cancer.

**Bobbie Garrett** is receiving rehab at Liberty Ridge. Please keep her and Albert in your prayers.

**Will Thomasson** is in school in Lima, Ohio to become a mechanic. He has now found work at a car dealership in their shop.

**Virginia Carnefix** is recovering from a fall she had at home.

**All active servicemen and women.**

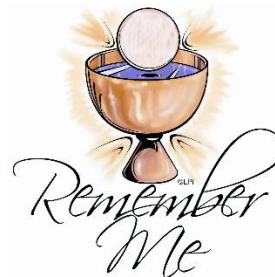
**Law enforcement personnel, first responders.**

*Remember others who cannot be with us in church:*

**John and Dick Collins, Dot Stinnett, Leonard Rowe, Margaret Watts, Dot Rucker, Doris Eden, Monyeene Wood.**

**COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**June 2**



We observe the Sacrament of communion on the first Sunday of each month.

*"This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."* Luke 19b-20

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN****Morning Circle:**

Starting June 4, the morning circle will meet in June, July and August with a different agenda. The plan is to meet at **1 p.m.** on the first Tuesday and instead of a Bible study, they will be visiting shut-ins. Anyone not a circle member, who would like to join them in visiting the shut-ins would be most welcomed.

**Evening Circle:**

The evening circle does not meet in June, July or August. They will continue their Bible study in September with Margaret Feinberg's study of the Gospel of John.

**WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB****Sat, June 29, 10am - Noon**

The Women's Book Club will meet June 29 from 10 a.m. until noon at Sherry Meng's home. The group is reading **The Potluck Club: Trouble Brewing (book #2)**. Please let Sherry know if you will be attending.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MONROE  
FOOD PANTRY-CLOSING**

First Baptist Church of Monroe will close its food pantry as of June 1. They have seen a significant decline this year in requests for their food services. Their church is looking for a way to continue to assist in feeding the hungry in Amherst County. If possible, let Monroe Baptist know how much you appreciate their efforts in this ministry over the years.

Since we have referred people to Monroe Baptist for food when they call us in need, we now are looking for other food pantries. We do let people know about Neighbors Helping Neighbors warehouse distribution on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, but our callers often are in need of food immediately.

**SAVE YOUR PLASTIC  
GROCERY-STORE BAGS**

for

**NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS**

THANK YOU for continuing to bring to church each Sunday your PLASTIC GROCERY-STORE bags. Deposit them in the wicker basket found underneath the coat-rack in the entrance foyer of our church.

NHN said they use at least 1,000 bags each week of their distribution.

Thank you for your participation. And thank you, Don Hedrick for taking these bags to NHN each week.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS:**

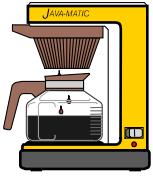
Pastor David is planning a New Member Class to begin mid-summer. If you are interested in knowing more about the EPC and more specifically Northminster Evangelical Presbyterian Church, please contact Pastor David: [dgarrison@npcmh.com](mailto:dgarrison@npcmh.com).

**FATHER'S DAY****June 16**

The Fellowship Committee will be serving Brown Cows (ice cream floats) after worship service on Sunday, June 16, in honor of Father's Day and June-National Dairy Month! You



will have your choice of a Brown Cow (coke or root beer float) or a Blonde Cow (ginger ale float). No matter which you choose, it's certainly to be a moo-velously delicious experience!

**AFTER-WORSHIP RECEPTIONS**

Our after-worship receptions are always an enjoyable time, as they give church members and visitors an opportunity to chat and get to know each other better in a welcoming, relaxed setting. We would like for there to be at least one reception every month.

A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board, along with suggested dates and themes. June 16 the Fellowship committee will honor the men with a Father's Day reception.

Please consider signing up to host an after-worship reception!

*Your Fellowship Committee*

**SonWorld Adventure Park VBS****June 23-27****6-8PM**

A visit to a theme park is a day of choices. The clickety-clack of a wooden coaster, or the speedy swoosh of tubular steel? The cool tartness of frozen lemonade, or the gooey richness of a giant cinnamon roll?

The choices we make in a theme park will determine the kind of day we'll have. But the big and little choices we make every day will determine what kind of lives we'll have, our relationships with those around us, and ultimately our relationship with God. And all that begins with our understanding of who is Jesus and how we will choose to respond to Him? At SonWorld Adventure Park VBS, kids will meet various people who encountered Jesus and discover how they responded to Him:

- A blind man was given sight by Jesus. Afterward, the man made the startling claim that Jesus is God's promised Savior. Will your kids also **Choose to BELIEVE?**
- Then men with leprosy were healed by Jesus. When your kids see people in need of God's love, will they **Choose to ACT?**
- When a paralyzed man was first forgiven and then healed by Jesus, witnesses questioned Jesus' right to forgive sin. Will your kids **Choose FORGIVENESS?**
- A rich young ruler met Jesus, seeking eternal life. When he learned what he needed to give up in order to obey Jesus, he walked away sadly. Will your kids **Choose to OBEY?**
- The disciple Thomas doubted his friends when they said that Jesus is alive. But when he saw Jesus, he believed. Will your kids also **Choose JESUS?**

At SonWorld Adventure Park, there's no height requirement, the lines are short and everyone gets a good view of the parade. But hold on to your hats and glasses, because it's sure to be a life-changing ride!

**Sign up to volunteer** by calling or emailing Karey Garrison ([kareygarrison@gmail.com](mailto:kareygarrison@gmail.com), 386-8869).

**Register now:** [www.npcmh.com/vbs](http://www.npcmh.com/vbs)

**All VBS volunteers are asked to attend the VBS Planning Meeting with Karey and Sharon Monday, June 17 at 6:30 p.m.**

**PER-MEMBER ASKING FOR THE PRESBYTERY OF THE MID-ATLANTIC SUPPORT**

The Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic of the EPC asks its churches for their financial support in the amount of \$25 per Active Member. They call this the **EPC Per-Member Asking**. Although this is not mandatory, Northminster has pledged to financially support our denomination, realizing they have expenses just as we have. We have on several occasions reaped benefits from the Presbytery at no charge to us. Active members are asked if they can *voluntarily* give to this fund, beyond their regular tithe, once a year. If you are able to do so, please use a pew envelope or include \$25 in your offering envelope designating "EPC Per-Member Asking".

**UPDATE – PCUSA DISMISSAL DEBT**

Due to your faithful giving over the past 3 years, we feel like we can reach our goal within 1 more year. You will see below in the Financial Stewardship Report that we have accumulated \$51,735.74 towards the balance owed (\$60,000). Please help us reach our goal of obtaining the full amount owed within this year by continuing your giving to the PC USA Dismissal.

<b><u>PC USA DISMISSAL DEBT UPDATE</u></b>	
Nov. 2015, Original amount:	\$ 89,600
Paid:	29,600
Held in savings as of May 31:	<u>51,736</u>
Balance needed:	\$ 8,264

<b><u>FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT</u></b>				
	<u>General Operating Fun.</u>		<u>Campaign/PC USA Debt</u>	
	<u>April</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Total</u>
Income	8,956	38,277	1,275	50,092
Expenses	<u>11,152</u>	<u>48,139</u>		
Balance	-2,196	-9,862		

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DAVID GARRISON, *Pastor*

**ELDERS**

Ron Reyburn, *Clerk of Session*

Judy Reyburn, Michael Babcock, George Brine,

John Lange, Sharon Bryant, Anne Wilkins

Bob Mills, *Director of Music*

Liz Boothe, *Organist*

Sharon Bryant, *Superintendent of Sunday School*

Vonnie Rucker, *Secretary/Treas.*