



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HEIGHTS

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The Air We Breathe

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

— Hebrews 10:23–25

I've been thinking about breathing lately. If you cease to breathe, do you cease to be human? Certainly you cease to be alive, but you are still a human being... just not a living human being. Air is necessary for life, but it does not define us as human beings. When we have problems with our breathing due to illness, allergies, or something else, it affects how well our bodies function, but still does not change what we are. Breathing is essential for living, but not for making us human.

This directly relates to the importance of gathering with other believers for worship, what we commonly call "going to church" (that's an important distinction - bear with me). For a long time, many thought that if they simply "went to church" regularly, that would make them a Christian. But that isn't true. Just "going to church," no matter how active or "good" you are, isn't going to save your soul. Only placing our faith and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior can do that. "Going to church" doesn't make you a Christian, just like breathing doesn't make you a human being.



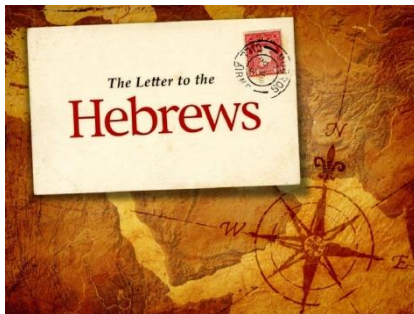
However, just like breathing is essential for living, gathering together with other believers for worship, fellowship, encouragement, and mutual discipleship is essential for our faith. That's what happens when we "go to church" each Sunday, and, honestly, I don't know a better time during the week when that happens. Does it only happen when we go to church? No, it happens whenever and wherever believers gather for worship, fellowship, etc., but it most commonly happens at church. And it is essential for the health of our faith and our souls that we are intentional in doing so. As a friend of mine said, "We were MADE to worship together, collectively. We were made to practice the liturgy; to pray, to sing, to confess, to rejoice in our pardon, to hear the word preached, and

to engage with one another. Literally, we were made for this. And not participating can really disrupt the Lord's desire to fine-tune our hearts."

Breathing doesn't make us human, but it's really hard to keep living without breathing. Worshipping together with other believers regularly (ideally weekly) is the air we breathe as Christians. Breathe deeply the breath of God this week, whether you do so by joining us at Northminster or another church. Your soul needs its air, just as your body needs to breathe.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! — Psalm 150:6

Blessings,
Rev. David Garrison



Pastor's Midweek Bible Study

Every Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.

Join us in person or online for a midweek Bible study with Pastor David as we focus on learning to study the Bible ourselves and apply it to our daily lives.

We are currently studying the Book of Hebrews. Eugene Peterson writes, "[The letter to the Hebrews was] written for 'too religious' Christians, for 'Jesus-and' Christians. In the letter, it is Jesus-and-angels, or Jesus-and-Moses, or Jesus-and-priesthood. In our time it is more likely to be Jesus-and-politics, or Jesus-and-education, or even Jesus-and-Buddha. This letter deletes the hyphens, the add-ons. The focus becomes clear and sharp again: God's action in Jesus. And we are free once more for the act of faith, the one human action in which we don't get *in* the way, but *on* the Way."

Sign up at <https://npcmh.churchcenter.com/groups/small-groups>

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Life Together



JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

- 9 Judy Reyburn
- 14 Marge Mills
- 19 Albert Garrett
- 21 Kaleigh Bennett

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES:

- Jeremy & Robi Vandevander, June 10, 2013
- Don & June Hedrick, June 12, 1960
- John & Margie Seal, June 15, 1956
- Bobbie & Debbie Irvine, June 26, 1971
- Bob & Marge Mills, June 28, 1980

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT 2021

| | April | Y-T-D |
|----------|--------|--------|
| Income* | 14,777 | 46,824 |
| Expenses | 9,835 | 39,634 |
| Balance | 4,942 | 7,190 |

*Tatman 588.65

I sought the Lord, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears. Psalm 34:4 NIV

Prayer Requests:



Larry Irvine is recovering from heart valve replacement.

Arlene Horton is in need of healing in her right leg and from other complications after her fall.

Peggy Wright needs restoration of strength in her right leg

Lorraine Ledden has three broken ribs

Beth Colville, Lorraine Ledden’s daughter, has ongoing, undiagnosed pain. Had surgery for skin cancer last month

Sue Burnett continues chemotherapy for lung cancer.

All medical personnel who have continued serving those with coronavirus in spite of the possibility of getting infected themselves.

Remember others who cannot be with us in church: **Dot Stinnett, Leonard Rowe, and Margaret Watts.**

Women’s Book Club

The Women’s Book Club met Tuesday, May 25 to discuss *THE THURSDAY MURDER CLUB*, by Richard Osman. The next book the women are reading is *THE BAGGAGE HANDLER*, by David Rawlings. If you’d like to join us, you’re more than welcome. The next meeting will be Thursday, June 24, at 10 a.m. at Vonnie Rucker’s home.



Missions, Outreach, and Evangelism Update

Care Portal

We did it again - we have helped another family through Care Portal! A family in Monroe needed assistance in adopting three children, and we provided clothing for them.



Christmas Cheer Boxes – Peanut Butter & Jelly

In July we will begin collecting items for the Christmas Cheer Boxes. We will be partnering with Amelon United Methodist, Randolph Memorial, and Madison Heights Baptist to collect food items which will be distributed near Christmas. Eligible families are identified through Social Services, area school guidance departments, and by church member nomination. If you know of people in our community who have needs, feel free to let Pastor David or any elder know. In December you will have an opportunity to help pack and deliver the boxes. We are grateful for this partnership with other Christians in our community and the chance to see God at work. July's item for collection is peanut butter and jelly. There will be a container by the front door for donations.



Gleaning for the World

We will resume going to Gleaning for the World on the third Thursday mornings of each month beginning in June. Meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. We will work from 9 a.m. to noon.



Old Glasses

Got any old eyeglasses cluttering your drawers? Bring them to church and put them in the collection box in the hallway and we will pass them on to the Lion's club.



Here's the Scoop!

IT'S NATIONAL DAIRY MONTH!

Ice Cream Social

Where: Northminster Evangelical Presbyterian Church

When: Sunday, June 13, 2021

Time: After the 11 A.M. Worship Service

Ice Cream and All the Toppings!

To prevent duplications, a sign-up sheet for toppings will be available
on the church bulletin board in the hall.



“Y’all come!”

Youth Ministry June 2021 Update

Sundays, 6:30-7:30 pm



All students in 6th-12th grades are invited to join us Sunday evenings for youth group, a fun time of games, Bible study, and fellowship. Join us at 6:30 p.m., and we'll wrap up by 7:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there!

Because of the changes made by the CDC and VDH regarding social distancing in schools being down to 3 ft, the increase in vaccinations, and indoor groups expanded to 50, we have decided **to no longer continue the Zoom youth group meetings**. We hope all students will join us in person.

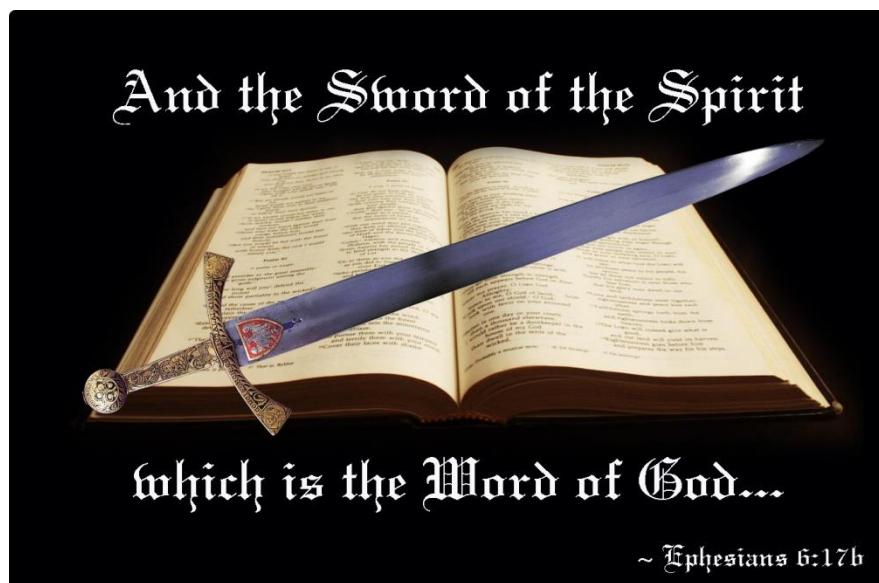
Schedule Note: **No Youth Group** on Father's Day, June 20 or the next week, June 27.

Current Series: **All Out War: Investigating Spiritual Warfare**

Every day we are under attack from a culture that dismisses the idea of truth and mocks a serious faith in Christ. With spiritual warfare being a very real, but often times neglected, issue with our faith, the need to defend our hearts and our faith become extremely important. In Ephesians 6, Paul wrote about the Armor of God, key parts of a healthy spiritual life that will protect us from temptation, misinformation, and disillusionment.

- Week 1 The Belt of Truth
- Week 2 The Breastplate of Righteousness
- Week 3 Shoes of Peace
- Week 4 Shield of Faith
- Week 5 Helmet of Salvation
- Week 6 Sword of the Spirit.

Join us @ Youth Group, Sundays, 6:30 p.m.



Kids' Adventure Weekend

Friday, July 23- Sunday, July 25



VBS might look a little different this summer, but the message of God's great love remains the same! Instead of an entire week of VBS, we are fitting all the stories, songs, and crafts into one fun-filled weekend.

Children are invited to set sail for adventure with the castaways on Son Treasure Island as they search for gold only to discover that God's great love is the greatest treasure of all.

We need all hands on deck for this 3-day adventure. Please be praying about how you might like to help— anything from teaching a class to cutting out crafts in the comfort of your own home. And please invite all of the local children you know to join us this summer!

When: Friday, July 23, from 6-8 p.m.

Saturday, July 24, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (lunch included)

Sunday, July 25, from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

(kids will participate in the service)

Who: Children 3 yrs old through those who completed 6th grade

Where: Here at Northminster

We look forward to seeing what God has in store for us this year!



Northminster Online Worship and Giving

Over the past year, Northminster has worked hard to take advantage of various online resources to help us stay connected. Our efforts have primarily focusing on helping you join us for worship on Sunday mornings through live-streaming the service, and providing ways for you to make your donations to church online. Here's a basic tutorial for these services.

Worshipping With Us Through Facebook Live

On a Phone or Computer

On any internet-connected device, go to www.npcmh.com/live to find our worship service. You *should not* need a Facebook account to access this. If you don't see the Live feed, refresh your browser to reload the page. We expect to start the live stream about 5 minutes before the service begins, but we might be a little bit late every once in a while.

If You Have a Facebook Account

Make sure you "Like" our page and set it to notify you whenever we go live, and Facebook will send you a notification when the service starts. You can find our page by searching for "npcmh" in the Facebook search bar.

We do encourage you to watch the service on the largest screen you have available, to help give the sense of "being there." Many modern TVs allow you to "send" a video from your phone or laptop directly to the TV.

On A "Smart" TV, Roku device or Apple TV

If you've purchased a TV in the past 5 years or so, most likely it is a "smart" TV that includes a variety of streaming services and apps. On those TVs, or if you have a Roku or Apple TV, you can download the Facebook Watch app. Again, you shouldn't need a Facebook account to use this app. Once downloaded, search for "npcmh" to find our page and our videos.

Download the Bulletin Each Week

To assist your worship, the bulletin will be available on our website at www.npcmh.com/sunday-bulletins. Be sure to download and print it off prior to worship. The bulletin will have all liturgical elements as well as hymn and song lyrics included each week.

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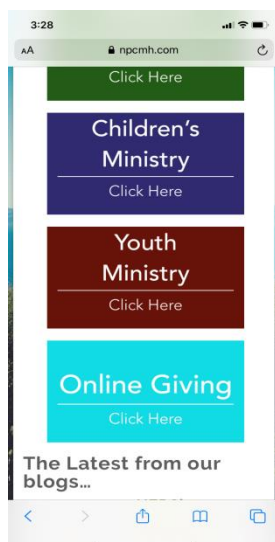
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(Tip: find it more easily by going to www.youtube.com and search for "Northminster Clearview")



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