

November 2020

The Good News

Northfield Presbyterian Church

Pastor's pen

The month of November is about looking back and looking forward. The first Sunday of the month, November 1st, is All Saints Day, a day in the life of the church when it looks back at the forebearers of our faith and who demonstrated great faithfulness and service to the Lord. Whether they lived centuries ago or in recent memory, the church sets aside this time to offer gratitude for the gift of their lives. All Saints Day provides us with the sure and certain hope that is embodied not solely in Jesus Christ, but made visible and tangible in the people of faith who have gone through many ordeals and remained steadfast in their loyalty to Christ and their love for neighbor and the world. Perhaps some of these were people known to you here at this church who helped you with your faith and demonstrated a model of Christian living for you.

Yet, even as we remember and appreciate the past, we are also called to look to the future. As the Book of Hebrews says, "Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run with perseverance that race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12.2). This is to say, as we reflect on our forebearers and give thanks for their lives, we must also fix our eyes forward on what the ministry and mission of our church will be in the future.

That's why our stewardship commitment to the church is vital the church's ministry. It enables us to carve out what the future of the church's service to the Lord can and will be. Your financial support of the church matters! Biblically, stewardship is the outwardly focused and visibly effective vehicle by which our gratitude to God finds expression. We give, not simply to meet our church expenses and pay bills, but to express our thanks for what God has done for us in Christ. We give with the confidence God will use what we render to provide tangible expressions of God's grace in people's lives. Heartfelt gratitude leads us to make passionate investments for the building of God's kingdom! This is why our giving can and should be a prayerful decision.

I look forward to our worship service on Sunday, November 8, when together as a community of faith we will dedicate our commitments for the upcoming year. Together, we are given the opportunity to again express our thanks to God and commit in faith our resources to the future ministry of the Northfield Presbyterian Church.

See you in church,

Pastor Peter

WORSHIP FOR NOVEMBER:

NOVEMBER 1: The text for the sermon on this All Saints Day is Matthew 6:19-21. This appears in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which covers chapters 5-7. The sermon is called "Letting Treasures Go." We will also be celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper that day. As mentioned previously, communion is observed within strict sanitary guidelines and social distancing. The elements provided are in sanitary unit wafer and cup packages which are picked up at the entrance of the sanctuary.

NOVEMBER 8: On this Stewardship Commitment Sunday, the text is Mark 12:38-44. Please remember to bring your Estimate of Giving Commitment Card to provide during the Stewardship Dedication portion of the worship service.

NOVEMBER 15: The text is Luke 10:38-42 and the sermon is called "What is the Better Portion?"

NOVEMBER 22: This is the Sunday before Thanksgiving and that will be our focus! The text is Luke 17:11-19 and the sermon is called "Giving Thanks".

NOVEMBER 29: On this First Sunday of Advent, we will observe the season of preparation to Christmas. The sermon is called "Voice in the Wilderness" and the text is Isaiah 40:1-11

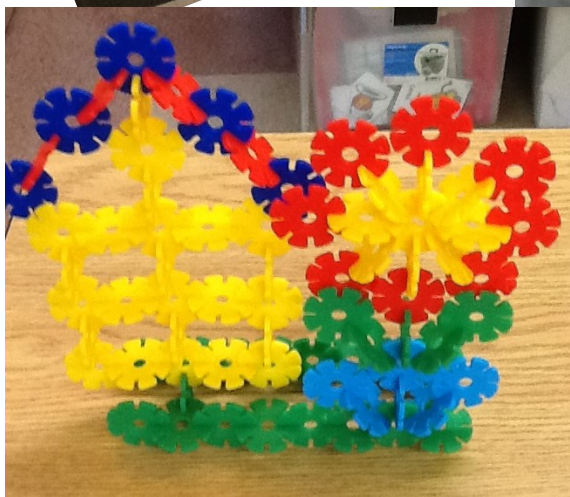
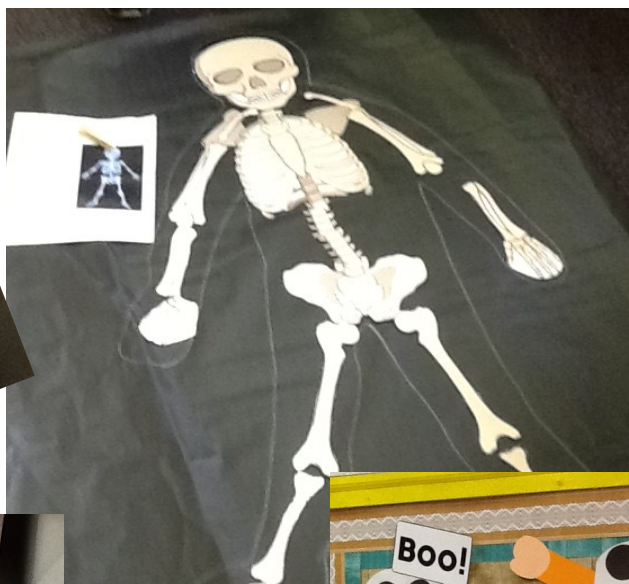


**NOVEMBER
1st!**

In case you're wondering what spooky things daycare has been up to..

The bridge class has been busy decorating for Hallowe'en!

Spooky Q-Tip skeletons and a skeleton puzzle...
future Doctors in training?



Ghostly
bulletin
board art...



**AND, creative builders looking forward
to sunny days and Spring!**

Did you know?

The Cub Scout Pack that has been meeting at NPC is looking for new members. Currently, they are meeting virtually, but the Pack 261 is still going strong. Open to boys and girls K thru 5th grade.

See flyer on the bulletin board.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

OCTOBER INCOME: \$16,404.00 EXPENSES: \$12,484.80

YEAR-TO-DATE: INCOME: \$135,775.82 EXPENSES: 147,341.49

SYMPATHY:

We extend our sympathy to Steve Brooks whose mother passed on October 16.
We offer our prayers to Steve and his family in their time of loss.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES IN NOVEMBER

We will be starting another book of the Bible for the mid-week in person Bible study at noon beginning this Wednesday, November 4. We will be looking at Paul's letter to the Philippians, a letter Paul wrote while he was in prison. It's four chapters and we will explore one chapter each week and conclude the study on the last Wednesday of November.

We will be observing the precautions for COVID just as we have been for our in-person Sunday Worship. The Family Living Area is large and comfortable enough to be able to observe social distancing, and we ask that you bring the appropriate face covering. Sanitizer containers are readily available as well.



Happy Thanksgiving
Psalm 107:1
Give thanks to the Lord, for
HE IS GOOD.



Paul Jackson	1-Nov
Susan Russo	2-Nov
Dave Cavanaugh	13-Nov
Ian Fox	13-Nov
Sharon Hofmeister	19 Nov
Ron Fenn	16-Nov
Deborah Watters	19-Nov
Jack Stitt	27-Nov

From the Session

The session met for its stated meeting on Monday, October 19.

Some of the actions of session included:

1. Approval of commitment to mission partnership with Victory Baptist Church for the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, as recommended by the Mission and Evangelism Committee.
2. Approval of 2021 Budget as recommended by the Property and Finance Committee.
3. Approval to pay the balance of Per Capita monies owed to the Presbytery of the Western Reserve.
4. Acceptance of Report from the September 28 meeting of the Presbytery of Western Reserve.
5. Approval of promotion of the Christmas Joy Special Offering during the Month of December.
6. Approval of Special Congregational Meeting on December 6, 2020 to vote on slate of officers and the terms of call for the pastor.



Looking ahead to Christmas!

Emergency Assistance Center Christmas Lane

This year, our church will be helping to provide gifts to our neighbors in need. The Emergency Assistance Center is collecting and distributing gift cards to families in need. The collection will begin November 1st and distributing the gift cards to families through the Holidays. Last day to donate is Sunday, **November 22** for NPC to deliver to the Assistance Center. See the flyer on the bulletin board. **Gift cards in the amount of \$10 are requested.**

Suggested gift cards are Target, Walmart, 5-Below and Amazon and food gift cards from Chipotle, McDonald's, Subway and Chick-Fil-A.



Holiday
Church
Decorating
Saturday,
Nov. 28th
at 9am

Chimers prepare for Christmas!

There's still time to sign up and play chimes for Christmas services:
Rehearsals begin 11/19.
You **MUST** be able to attend all four rehearsals:
Thursday November 19,
December 3, 10 and 17
from 7:30 - 8:15pm
and be able to play on
Sunday, December 20.



Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

It is the time of year when the Deacons need to place our holiday order for poinsettias. Varieties listed below are available for purchase. The **cost is \$9.50** for a 6 ½ inch foil wrapped pot with a cover and plastic saucer.

All orders must be received in the church office by Sunday, November 22, 2020. The order will be placed with the greenhouse the following day to assure pricing and delivery dates. Please indicate color and number of plants desired below. Make checks payable to Northfield Presbyterian Church and marked for Christmas Flowers in the memo section. Cash payments should be placed in an envelope and marked "Christmas Flowers".

Payment must accompany all orders. **All orders must be on this form...sorry, no telephone orders.**

Red _____ Pink _____ Jingle Bells _____ (red with white flecks)

White _____ Marble _____ (Pink and White)

Your name(s) _____ Phone _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Taking Poinsettia home? Yes _____ No _____ Cash () Check () Total: \$ _____

Poinsettias marked for home may be picked up after the 10:15 service on December 20, 2020.

All others will be left in place for the Christmas Eve services and then distributed.

Please mark your order form appropriately. See Kerry Buddie with any questions.





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Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p>1 All Saints Sunday 10:15 am Worship COMMUNION 11:15 Worship Committee 12:00 VBC Worship</p>	2	<p>3 ELECTION DAY</p>	4	5	6	7
<p>8 Stewardship Sunday 10:15 am Worship 11:15 am Deacons 12:00 VBC Worship</p>	9	10	<p>11 VETERAN'S DAY 12:00 Bible Study</p>	<p>12 8pm AA</p>	13	14
<p>15 10:15 am Worship 12:00 VBC Worship 8pm AA</p>	<p>16 7pm Session</p>	17	<p>18 12:00 Bible Study</p>	<p>19 7pm Chimes 8pm AA</p>	<p>20 5 - 6 pm Food Distribution</p>	21
<p>22 10:15 am Worship 12:00 VBC Worship 8pm AA</p>	23	24	<p>25 12:00 Bible Study</p>	<p>26 Thanksgiving 8pm AA</p>	27	<p>28 9 am Church Decorating for Advent</p>
<p>29 Advent Begins 10:15 am Worship 12:00 VBC Worship 8pm AA</p>	30					