

Northside Community Church

**Newsletter
January 2018**



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Here's what's happening at Northside:

Happy Birthday January & February birthdays:

January 11 – Phil Daws-Lazar

February 3 – Holly Perry

February 4 – Gloria Taylor

February 14 – Glenn Perry

Baby Dedication:

On December 9, 2017 We had a baby dedication! Piper Emilie Hesson was dedicated during the church service. It was a lovely service and Piper was adorable – of course!







Adopt a Family at STEAM at Northside

2017 was the biggest year yet for our adopt a family program. Things started off in a controlled organized manner with 1 and then 3 families. In the end we bought for 5 families! This included 15 kids and one parent for each of 4 families and 2 grandparents (raising grandkids) for the 5th family. The fifth family came to our attention on the Wednesday before Christmas! Thank you to those who donated, shopped, wrapped, delivered and prayed over this. In addition to gifts for 5 families we also supplied emergency Wal-Mart gift cards before all this for 2 families who had immediate food and household goods needs prior to this (early December). Pretty big work for our 'beacon on the hill' church!

Annual Christmas Concert: Glad Tidings of Joy, 2017

At our Christmas Concert this year the theme was certainly one of Glad Tidings of Joy! Our program began with a beautiful prelude by our longtime friend and gifted organist Susie Goodson. Susie later also played a wonderful solo piece again. After a warm welcome by our pastor Terry McGinn, the program proceeded with music by our Bell Choir and Chancel Choir. During this beautiful mix of music by our choirs, we had a special performance by Steve Sigurdson on cello. Later Steve on cello and Gloria Taylor on recorder joined with the chancel choir on one of their pieces. Singing with our choir to round out our bass section was longtime friend Gene Goodson. Al Clark joined the choir on his hand drum for one of the songs. The bell choir was assisted for this concert by Dennis J. Carter, Sr., and Kathryn Goodson. Both have filled in for absent players before in our bell choir, and this time was extra special. Paul Clark played his first ever

bell duet, performed with director Sheree Clark. The passing back and forth of the bells was as much fun to watch as it was to do!

We thank each of the musicians named above, and just as importantly our regular members. You are all so much more than “regular members”, so perhaps “extraordinary members” shall forevermore be your titles.

Each of our singers and ringers, and our other musicians, continue to amaze us and bless us. We are in awe of your commitment, faithfulness, and the joy you bring to our lives, each other, and the congregation of Northside Community Church and its guests. You give your time, your talent, some weeks we know it feels like your everything, to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. God bless you.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Goodson, Paul Clark, and Sheree Clark
Music Director, Chancel Choir Director, and Bell Choir Director



Annual Meeting:

We will be having a congregational meeting after worship on January 21. We will have appetizers in the Anderson room right after service and then go downstairs for a potluck lunch and our budget meeting.

Prayer and Praise

January 8, 2018

I Thessalonians 5:17 says to “pray without ceasing,” then verse 18, “give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

Paul wrote this letter to the church, the Christian community, in Thessalonica in Macedonia in northern Greece. They had suffered hard times, faced hardships, but remained faithful. He asked this group of believers “rejoice always”, verse 16. I don’t know what hardships the church of believers in Thessalonica faced but Paul believed in prayer and thankfulness, as well as joy.

Prayer is coming into the presence of the One who loves us all the time-just being there in that presence.

That’s all. Coming and being there. You don’t have to talk when you don’t want to or don’t know what to say.

“Pray without ceasing” is being aware that we are always there. All we must do is feel God’s love for us, and when we feel it, respond in any way our heart wants... You do not have to pray in order to get something from God that God already was going to give you anyway.

Pray in order to feel God’s love and to give God our love.

We are faced with hardships daily that threaten to steal our joy and thankfulness-making it difficult to feel God’s presence. That’s when we rely on each other as family for support, comfort and care. Call, visit, ask for what you need. Ask. Ask again. When we reach out, that gives the next person, the person we are reaching to, permission to reach back to us.

We are all connected by the one true One, by the God who loves us and gave His son Jesus to reach out to us.

So pray without ceasing-with or without speaking, remembering we are always in the presence of the One who loves us.

Rejoice and be thankful.
And reach out anytime.

Sincerely,
 In God's service,
 Sheree Clark
 313-910-1689
 the6clarks@comcast.net
 Or leave a message in my box in the office



Scriptures	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Luke 6:47-48		1 Pray we will listen to God's teachings	2 Pray we will follow God's teachings	3 Pray we will dig deep into the word of God	4 Pray we will build our temple on the right foundation	5 Praise God, with the right foundation we can stand firm	6 Praise Jesus for being our Solid Rock
Ephesians 2:20-22	7 Pray we will realize that Jesus must be the cornerstone of our temples	8 Pray we will allow Jesus to be the cornerstone of our thoughts	9 Pray we will allow Jesus to be the cornerstone of our speech	10 Pray we will allow Jesus to be the cornerstone of our desires	11 Pray we will allow Jesus to be the cornerstone of our actions and motives	12 Pray we will allow Jesus to be the cornerstone of our ministry work	13 Pray we will allow Jesus to be the cornerstone of our giving
Proverbs 24:3, James 1:5	14 Pray we will realize that our house must be built on the wisdom of God	15 Praise God, He gives His wisdom freely if we ask	16 Pray for wisdom and understanding for fathers	17 Pray for wisdom and understanding for mothers	18 Pray for wisdom and understanding for children	19 Praise God for the Holy Spirit who helps us understand His word	20 Praise God for His wisdom that extends from one generation to another
1 Corin 3:9-13	21 Praise God for choosing us to be His fellow workers	22 Pray we will realize that each of us plays a role in building God's church	23 Pray that the members of the church will strive to work together	24 Pray we will realize that we are the church	25 Pray that the church will build on the True Foundation, Jesus Christ	26 Praise God for our Spiritual Gifts we were giving to help build His church	27 Pray we will encourage our fellow workers
2 Corin 4:16 2 Corin 5:1	28 Praise God for our growth and maturity	29 Praise God that our inward being is being renewed day by day	30 Praise God, one day we will have our new temples built by God	31 Praise God, one day we will live in eternity with our Solid Rock our Cornerstone, our Master Builder	Happy New Year Building God's House		

Missions

We are starting the America for Christ special offering this week.

**If you have an article or information to add to a future newsletter please email to Anne, or leave information in the office (church email: northsidecommunity2@gmail.com)

Thanks to those who provided material for this newsletter

Northside Community Church Prayer Chain 2017

These chains are for both JOYS and CONCERNS!

When you have a need for prayer, please call Esther Yost at 7616145 first. She will start each chain and call Anne Daws-Lazar 734-649-7948. Anne will call Sheree Clark (313-910-1689), MaryRuth Hegerich and RoseAnna Hoxey. Sheree will call our pastor Terry (Terry's # 734-834-0598)

Prayer Chain #1

Esther Grundy	- 668-1995
Steve McTaggart	- 973-0656
Sophie Farah	- 665-0063
Holly Perry	- 717-8797
Dennis Carter	- 572-7312

Prayer Chain #2

Sue Wurster	- 663-0064
Kathryn Stafford & Steve Guerriero	- 995-9322
Kathryn Goodson	- 576-2355
Andy Block	- 668-0222

Prayer Chain #3

Elizabeth Kitchens	- 662-4190
Loumar Sondeen	- 662-7335
Ellie Grinstead	- 996-4457
Mary Ellen Hagel	- 668-8069

Thank you for being part of this vital ministry of our church. Please call the next person on the chain promptly, if not answering, leave a message and call the next person. If you were not able to leave a message please call them again later. Thank you for your faithfulness. Updated 10/10/17

Ministers: All the members of the Church

Staff:

PastorRev. Terence McGinn
Ministry AssociateDennis J. Carter, Sr.
Ministry AssociateSheree Clark
Music DirectorKathryn Goodson
Chancel Choir Director.....Paul Clark
Bell Choir Director.....Sheree Clark
Musician In Residenc..... Nich Roehler
Perry Vocal Intern.....Natalya Matskevych
Church OfficeAnne Daws-Lazar
Building Use AdministratorEsther Yost

Church Officers:

Advisory Board Chair Anne Daws-Lazar
ClerkGloria Taylor
Financial Secretary
Treasurer Elizabeth Kitchens
Historian..... Esther Yost

Advisory Board Members:

Christian Education..... Kathryn Stafford
Fellowship Anne Daws-Lazar
Exterior.....Mary Ellen Hagel
Finance Sue Wurster
Interior.....Lloyd Kitchens
Missions /Good News.....Gloria Taylor
Music & Worship.....Dennis J. Carter, Sr
Pastor/Staff RelationsAndy Block
Member-at-large.....Sheree Clark
Member-at-large..... Holly Perry

Campus Outreach.....Ian Beck, Emily Young