

Northside Community Church

Newsletter

January/February/March 2019



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Here's what's happening at Northside:

It has been awhile since the last newsletter – so let's catch up!

Christmas in October

October 27 was our 2nd Vendors fair. We had 13 vendors and Sheree gave foot massages for donations.

Here are just a few of the vendors:

Usborne Books



Elizabeth Kitchens, Steve McTaggart, Amanda Kitchens - Norwex



Joy Bayani – Tupperware and Tea



Denise Wirtz – Thistle Blossom Herbals, Karen (Sondeen) Redies – Peace by Piece Quilts, Loumar Sondeen



We had baked goods this year - thanks Carolyn Grapentine!

Christmas program



We had 63 people at our Christmas program on December 16 (the bells were preparing to play in this picture – they are off camera on the left). Bell and Chancel Choirs played and we enjoyed a bell duet with Sheree and Paul Clark. Refreshments were downstairs after the program.

Boiler

We ended the year with CLEAN floors downstairs due to a boiler malfunction. We briefly had a wading pool in the fellowship hall. Thanks to Rick Berry for his MANY hours of work! Hopefully a new boiler in the spring will make this a thing of the past!

Fun with Paul

Several of us got together to go to the Out Loud Chorus 'Boi Bands, Gurl Groups' concert in January. It was Paul's debut as director of the whole chorus. A good time was had by all and there was no doubt who Paul's fans were!



NYC (Northside Youth Chorale)

This FREE program for kids in 4th to 6th grade starts Wednesday, February 6, 2019 and runs for 6 weeks until March 13 with a 'Concert' during church on March 17. They will sing, play hand chimes and ukulele (FREE ukulele for participants!). Run by Kara Huckabone, Cinderella Ksebati, Paul Clark and thanks to Kathryn Goodson. **UPDATE:** The last 2 Wednesdays have been snow days so it hasn't started yet. Now the start date is February 20.

Happy Birthday and Anniversaries in December, January, February, March!

December 9, Sarah Block
December 13, Elizabeth Kitchens
January 11, Phil Daws-Lazar
February 3, Holly Perry
February 4, Gloria Taylor
February 14, Glenn Perry
March 9, Ben Yount

America For Christ Offering



We will be taking this offering thru March. There are envelopes in the Narthex or you may write a check designating America For Christ – or give on Paypal and indicate this offering.

For more information see below:

We live in a time when polarization and alienation are common. Diverse persons in our society often feel shunned, and differing voices are at times muted. American Baptist Home Mission Societies' (ABHMS) America for Christ (AFC) Offering 2019, "Healing Communities"—based on Galatians 6:9-10 ("Let us not become weary in doing good")—reminds American Baptists that mission and ministry are rooted in service and that God's grace extends to all, regardless of location.

Through generosity, American Baptists minister as God's heart and hands, healing the broken and the downtrodden. Congregations and individuals serve on the front lines of local communities, opening wide our doors, intervening amid the messiness, healing the broken-hearted, and caring for others amid disaster and devastation. Through our caring actions, Jesus touches those who are hurting and dying.

Your gifts to the AFC Offering impact thousands—through ministries with marginalized children, disaster response, prisoner re-entry and aftercare, immigration and refugee resettlement, public witness and advocacy, resources that equip Christian leaders, chaplains who bring comfort to those in hospitals and nursing homes, and so much more.

While our AFC giving window is January through March 2019, you can give as often as you like by visiting ABHMS' website at abhms.org, clicking "Give Now" and then choosing "ABHMS America for Christ Offering" in the drop-down menu. Please join ABHMS in reaching our goal of \$1,200,000.

Thanks for partnering with us and for being involved in a "Healing Community" that reflects God's redemptive love, transforming lives and communities. Thank you for your generous gifts to the AFC Offering 2019.

With Hope and Grace,
Dr. Jeffrey Haggray
Executive Director, ABHMS

It's A Heart Thing

February 2019

My friend's son-in-law is waiting for a heart transplant. He is only in his thirty's. He and his wife have many plans for their lives and have had since they married almost seven years ago. He is very athletic and loves to play basketball and run. He's been sick for about 6 months now – his symptoms began then, and these symptoms that were pretty mild the first couple months have become very aggressive. He is in and out of the hospital frequently for monitoring and therapy. He is too weak to walk any farther than from his bed to sit in his recliner. This last hospitalization he couldn't do that.

When people ask him "What's wrong with you?!", he simply replies "It's a heart thing."

I watch his bravery and calm as he faces every day. He and his wife are both Christians. They pray together. They are happy for each day. My friend, his mother-in-law, tells me that each day he has is a miracle, a miracle of love.

We will begin our time of Lent in just a few weeks. Lent is the forty weekdays before Easter, beginning on Ash Wednesday. Lent is the time that parallels Jesus' forty days of sacrifice and withdrawal into the wilderness before he began his public ministry. Jesus was preparing to make his way to Calvary to give of himself for all of us. It wasn't the hate or Roman Empire that drove Jesus to the cross – it was love. He gave his all. All his love – what we might understand as all his heart.

My young man's heart quit completely this week while he was in the ICU at U of M hospital. The medical team was able to resuscitate him – bring him back – give him more time until a heart becomes available. He and his wife continue to walk together in faith. They continue to walk toward an uncertain immediate future. But he continues to smile and say, "It's a heart thing."

Easter will be here before you know it. But first, we will make the journey of Lent together, with Jesus at our side.

Jesus and Calvary.
It's a Heart thing.

Blessings,
Sheree Clark
Ministry Associate

**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:northsidecommunitya2@gmail.com)

Thanks to those who provided material for this newsletter

Northside Community Church Prayer Chain 2018

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

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 07/12/2018

Ministers: All the members of the Church

Staff:

Pastor Rev. Terence McGinn
Ministry Associate Dennis J. Carter, Sr.
Ministry Associate Sheree Clark
Music Director Kathryn Goodson
Chancel Choir Director..... Paul Clark
Bell Choir Director Sheree Clark
Martin Katz Musician In Residence..... Robby Baine
Holly Perry Vocal Intern..... Taylor Adams
Goodson Family Vocal Intern..... Jack Williams III
Carter Family Vocal Intern..... Tim Zajdela
Church Office Anne Daws-Lazar
Building Use Administrator Esther Yost

Church Officers:

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

Advisory Board Members:

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

Campus Outreach.....