

North Star

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Makeover!

The quarterly North Star is undergoing a makeover!

We have some exciting changes planned that will give the quarterly newsletter a whole new look and feel. Some of the new features include member profiles, book reviews, wellness tips, and a whole lot more. We hope the new format will be more informative and interesting to our readers.

The North Star publication dates are also changing. New issues will be released on the calendar quarter rather than a “seasonal” quarter beginning with the Spring 2023 issue. The North Star will be released on the following schedule:

Spring (April 1) April/May/June

Summer (July 1) July/August/September

Fall (October 1) October/November/December

This March issue is an abbreviated version to allow us to transition to the new format and release schedule on April 1.

If you have any ideas for new content or features, we would love to hear from you! Just call or email the Church Office with your ideas!

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Mission & Outreach

Special Offerings

One Great Hour of Sharing

Our next Special Offering, administered by the Advocacy and Outreach Committee, is for the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) and is collected on Palm Sunday, April 2nd. Fish Banks for the OGHS will be distributed to the children during Children's Time on March 12th and collected on April 2nd. Please bring any extra change you may have to help the kids with their Fish Bank collection efforts.

In 2022, North raised \$4,440 for One Great Hour of Sharing. Together, congregations across the USA donated \$5.7 million to fund three critical programs for the less fortunate among us: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%), the Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%) and Self-Development of People

(32%). These three programs focus on material needs and their root causes – from direct famine and disaster relief to the implications of systemic poverty and structural racism from naturally occurring and human-caused phenomena.

Watch your mail for further information regarding this Special Offering.

A Big Thank You for Your Generous Contributions!

Thank you notes for donations have been received from Family Promise (\$986.24 given in November) and the UPC Food Pantry for the breakfast foods donated in February.

Spiritual Growth

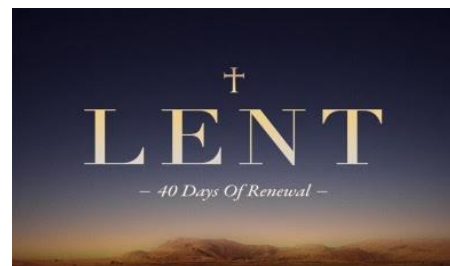
Loving Our Neighbors as Yourself: a Multi-Religious Perspective

Join Rabbi Alex Lazarus Klein and Rev. Bill Hennessey as they discuss loving our neighbors as you love yourself from a multi-religious perspective. Both are open to the community!

*Wednesday, March 15th at 11 am
at Congregation Shir Shalom*

*Wednesday, March 29th at 11 am
at North Presbyterian Church*

Please RSVP to Joanne Marquisee at joanne.marquisee@gmail.com



Lenten Soup and Study

Join us for Lenten soup and study suppers in Westminster Hall from 5:30-7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays during Lent.

The meal will take place from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. followed by study and discussion at 6:15 pm. Enjoy homemade soup, fresh bread, and dessert.

We'll be exploring *The Threat of White Christian Nationalism and How to Combat It*.

If you plan to attend, please let us know so we may plan accordingly. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you can call the Church Office at (716) 632-1330 or email n.church.npc@gmail.com.

Adult Ed Holy Week Discussions

This year join the Adult Ed group during Holy Week via [Zoom](#) for nightly discussions of Marcus Borg's and Dominic Crossan's book *The Last Week: A Day-by-Day Account of Jesus's Final Week in Jerusalem*.

Palm Sunday, April 2 at 7 pm
Monday, April 3 at 7 pm
Tuesday, April 4 at 7 pm
Wednesday, April 5 at 7 pm
Thursday, April 6 at TBD
Friday, April 7 at 7 pm
Saturday, April 8 at 7 pm

Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023

10:15 am Worship Service, NPC

Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2023

7:30 pm Communion Service, Clarence
Presbyterian Church
In person and [live stream](#)

Good Friday, April 7, 2022

12:00 pm Communion Service, NPC
In person and [live stream](#)

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2022

7:30 am Sunrise Service, NPC Memorial
Garden
10:15 am Communion Service, NPC
In person and [live stream](#)

Stewardship

Financial Snapshot Total Year 2022

	<u>2022</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
INCOME:		
Giving	\$295,159	\$283,150
Rental Income	\$71,313	\$63,000
Investment Income	\$14,368	\$15,000
All Other	<u>\$8,719</u>	<u>\$11,200</u>
Total Income	\$389,559	\$372,350
EXPENSES:		
People/Staffing	\$294,046	\$285,306
Building/Property	\$70,876	\$55,933
Programs/Outreach	\$14,367	\$15,000
All Other	<u>\$17,975</u>	<u>\$19,000</u>
Total Expenses	\$397,264	\$375,239
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$7,705)	(\$2,889)

2022 Summary: The year 2022 ended with a \$7,705 deficit. This compared with a 2022 budgeted deficit of \$2,889.

Total income of \$389,559 was less than total expenses of \$397,264. We are extremely grateful for the generosity of the North Church community. Donations are the single largest component of income representing approximately 75% of total income. The church has tenants, both lease and not lease renters, in our building throughout the week. Building use income from our tenants was another significant source to our overall total income.

The expenses were higher than budgeted primarily in the areas of support staff and building maintenance. In the support staff category, more maintenance hours were incurred than budgeted. Building maintenance similarly was higher than budgeted largely due to major maintenance items incurred during the year. These major maintenance items are reflective of an aging building that requires attention. Major maintenance items in 2022 included a new stove,

new windows in the office area and a door security system installation.

Please feel free to contact any member of the Finance Committee if you have questions.

Finance Committee: Duncan Hemink, Brad Hahn (Treasurer), Marci Hunt, Tim Hutton, Mary Beth Karr (Assistant Treasurer), Dick Mesmer (Session Rep)

Bits & Pieces

Our True North

At North Church we find our true selves and become most like Christ when we persevere and hold each other up in love and prayer.

Please pray for the families of the following who passed away recently:

Isabel Johnson, December 24, 2022

John (Tim) Breth, Jr. January 27, 2023

If we have missed someone, please accept our apology and contact the church office so we can update our records.

Save the Date

March

- 4 Breakfast with Speaker 9 am, Amherst PC
- 13 Session Meeting 7 pm
- 14 Deacon's Meeting 7 pm
- 15 Loving Our Neighbors 11 am, CSS
- 29 Loving Our Neighbors 11 am, NPC



Let's Connect

Sunday Bulletin

If you have an announcement, please e-mail n.church.npc@gmail.com by **noon on Wednesday**.

Weekly E-mail Blasts

This church-wide e-mail generally goes out on **Thursday evening**. If you are not receiving this communication but would like to be added to the list, e-mail n.church.npc@gmail.com to be added.

Newsletter (North Star)

The newsletter is published in April, July, October, and January. The newsletter is available online but we are happy to mail it to you if you wish. Please call the office to make arrangements.

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