

NEWS FROM NORTHAMPTON

Northampton Presbyterian Church
539 Buck Road, Holland, PA

AUGUST 2020



“Hot Time, Summer In the City; Back of My Neck Gettin’ Dirty and Gritty.”

By The Rev. Dr. Andrew H. Mann Jr.

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Well, it is indeed gettin’ to be summer. Things change. The weather warms; days lengthen; air thickens; life slows. It is a time of relief for so many. It is a time when favorite activities relocate our lives to the beach or mountains, or at the very least to our back yard or front stoop.

Meals often involves the use of charcoal and a grill. Diets change. Fresh vegetables bring us the profound flavors denied us during the winter. Meals become lighter with the warmer weather. There is a wooden table out back at which we eat. Birds chirp. Insects buzz.

That which occupies our time changes as well. Replacing all other sports, baseball is played by the boys of summer. And it is played in a park, not a stadium, conjuring up images of moist green grass, with straight white lines against the vivid green. Things become fair or foul. We once splurged for a ticket and would now if we could. Or we watch on Comcast.

We read books, and, at times, allow our minds to drift from the pages we have been reading into phantasms of thought or vision. The mind drifts in



the warm evening air. Clouds play themselves into fantastic shapes, animated by our imaginations.

In summer, there is time. How shall we spend this time, this marvelous, opportune time? What to do with this different time, this time which we do not usually allow ourselves during the other seasons of the year.

Let me urge you to spend this precious time in sabbath. "Sabbath" is much more than the seventh day of the week. To be sure, there is a day of the week called "the Sabbath". But in truth, SABBATH is a way of life in the Scriptures. Sabbath is a life that obeys the simple rhythm of a life that cycles between work and rest.

God began that pattern, of course. It is a pattern that rebounds between a time of purpose-giving work and a time to enjoy restorative rest. God showed us that pattern, lived it during the Creation, and then told us that we were made to enjoy that same pattern.

Sabbath is a time of recreation. It is no accident that recreation also spells re-creation. God told us to re-create. Or recreate. Either way, take this wonderful, different, summer time to enjoy the gift of Sabbath. I urge you to do this on Sunday mornings, certainly. But also I urge you to chase this remarkable opportunity in the cadences of the warm summer days that lay before us.

- Drew

Leadership Teams

Our NPC leadership teams for 2020—2021 are listed below.

Please continue to keep our leaders in your prayers and thank them for faithfully serving us. They are going above and beyond their duties in order to move us forward.

THE SESSION/ELDERS:

Administration & Personnel

Pam Kemper

Clerk of Session

Elva Naphy

Budget & Finance

Jacqui Edwards

Communications & Fellowship

Laura Wilson

Facilities

Kathie Piscella

Missions

Bob David

Worship & Christian Education

Barbara Erdmanis

Cathy Cocchia

Kathy Hurwitz

Dana Winslow

THE PNC—PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Steve Cocchia

Kathy Hurwitz

Corinne Kauermann

Helen Mercer

Joseph Rawson

Jane Smith

Dana Winslow

THE DEACONS:

Nadine Fern

Carole Housel

Liz Kauermann

Mary McCaffrey

Carolyn Mee

Sharon Melsky

Lea Pennington

Amy Piscella

Betty Ruhfass

THE PRESCHOOL BOARD:

Cathy Cocchia

Jacqui Edwards

Mary McCaffrey

Sharon Melsky

with...

Jessica Havercamp *(as parent rep)*

Pam Kemper *(as treasurer)*

Kathie Piscella *(as facilities chair)*

Monica Platt *(as director)*



Financial Update

By Pam Kemper

Dear friends, as we continue to walk down this strange path, with our church life becoming virtual and our personal lives in upheaval, our church finances have been remarkably stable.

Giving has moved on-line and through the mail, but you have all remained faithful and as of June our income has matched our needs. Expenses have, of course, continued despite our physical closure. Regular bills have been paid, and our commitment to paying our staff through this crisis has continued. We have even been able to pay several large expenses budgeted in January before “normal” life changed.

Looking ahead, July is a month full of tax payments and insurance payments in addition to our regular bills. Session also voted to resume our monthly contribution to the Pastor Housing Fund given the stability of our income. So, we may see a summer dip in our Fund Balance.

Finally, I wanted to provide an update on the Paycheck Protection Loan that we received in May. We have passed the end of the expense period (8 weeks from May 5th) that can be used to apply for forgiveness for a portion of our loan. That portion would be the amount of our actual expenses in those eight weeks for salaries, utilities and mortgage interest and we would not have to pay it back! Once the forms are available from the bank sometime later in the summer, we will be making that request.

It has been a strange and scary year so far, but we rest under Mighty Wings and that’s the most important news of all.

- Pam

| | April-June | Year to Date |
|------------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| GENERAL FUND INCOME | 65,184.70 | 128,349.17 |
| GENERAL FUND EXPENSES | | |
| PAYROLL | 33,294.58 | 66,211.40 |
| BENEFITS | 3,317.84 | 6,790.73 |
| ADMINISTRATIVE | 2,995.21 | 10,219.20 |
| CHRISTIAN EDUCATION | | 233.19 |
| CONGREGATIONAL LIFE | | 106.17 |
| FACILITIES | | |
| PNC Mortgage | 14,115.09 | 28,230.18 |
| Church Facilities | 10,250.61 | 15,760.37 |
| PASTOR SEARCH | | 50.00 |
| STEWARDSHIP | 455.03 | 455.03 |
| WORSHIP | 172.87 | 605.88 |
| Total GENERAL FUND EXPENSES | 64,601.23 | 128,662.15 |

A detailed graphic for the Rocky Railway VBS event. It features a steam locomotive pulling a train through a mountainous landscape with evergreen and autumn-colored trees. A large, metallic-looking sign in the foreground reads 'ROCKY RAILWAY' and 'JESUS' POWER PULLS US THROUGH'.

ONLINE VBS AUGUST 17-21

CLIMB ABOARD FOR MOUNTAINS OF FUN AT ROCKY RAILWAY! ON THIS FAITH-FILLED ADVENTURE, KIDS DISCOVER THAT TRUSTING JESUS PULLS THEM THROUGH LIFE'S UPS AND DOWNS.

Vacation Bible School

By Jacqui Edwards

NPC has hosted VBS every summer for as long as I can remember, and for many years before that. This year is no exception, although there will be some changes for VBS 2020. Instead of meeting in the church and shepherding children from station to station for four nights in June, we will be moving to Facebook as a safer alternative. Music, crafts, lessons, and games will all be prerecorded and posted each day during the week of August 17-21.

HOW TO JOIN VIRTUAL VBS. . .

Join our facebook VBS event page posted at
facebook.com/northamptonpresby

Register at **vbspro.events/p/events/1b2722**

AUGUST

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 10:00 AM Sunday Worship Livestream | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 10:00 AM Sunday Worship Livestream | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 7 PM Virtual Women's Bible Study | 14 | 15 |
| 16 10:00 AM Sunday Worship Livestream | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| | VIRTUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | | | | | |
| 23 10:00 AM Sunday Worship Livestream | 24 7 PM Virtual Women's Bible Study | 25 | 26 | 27 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | 28 | 29 |
| 30 10:00 AM Sunday Worship Livestream | 31 7 PM Virtual Women's Bible Study | | | | | |

Livestream Information:

All "livestreamed" messages are broadcasted from our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/northamptonpresby

Livestream service bulletins are posted on our website: www.northamptonpresby.com/bulletins

Sunday Worship Services are additionally posted on our website: www.northamptonpresby.com/sermon-videos

Zoom Meetings:

A few of our virtual activities are taking a summer break, but will be back in September!

~Theology on Tap will resume meeting (2nd & 4th Tuesdays!) on September 22nd.

~Fireside Chats will resume meeting on September 9th.

~Thursday Bible Study will resume meeting on September 17th.

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