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Shine!

Vacation Bible School 2025
July 14-17, 2025 / 5:30-8:30pm
Forest Hills Presbyterian Church / 13200 Bandera Rd



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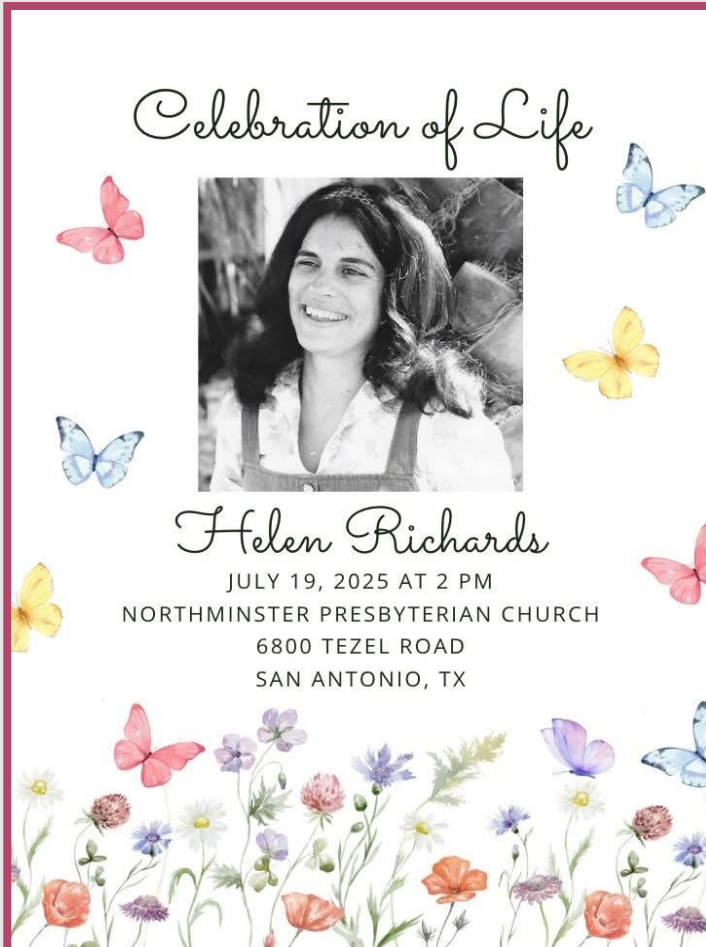
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Celebration of Life



Helen Richards

JULY 19, 2025 AT 2 PM
NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6800 TEZEL ROAD
SAN ANTONIO, TX



Northminster Presbyterian Church

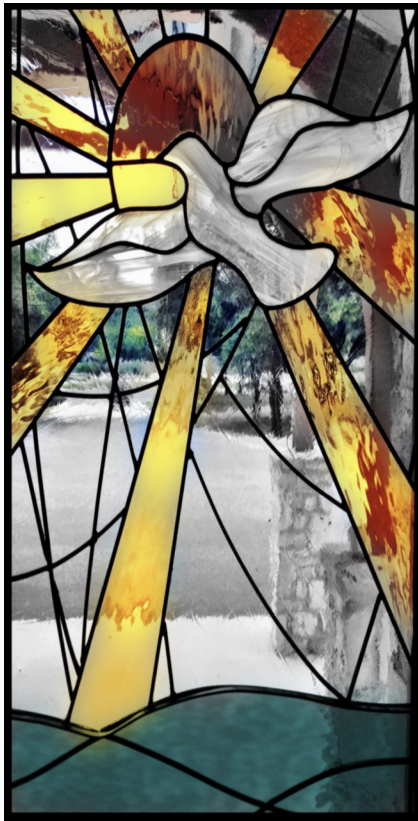
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Website:





This Week at Northminster

For Further Information check the calendar on the church website at

www.npcsatx.org

Calendar

Sunday, July 13 – 5th Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 A.M. - Sunday School (All Ages)
10:30 A.M. - Worship Service
Children's Church
11:45 A.M. - Fellowship Hour
Property Management Ministry Meeting

Monday, July 14

10:00 A.M. - MMG Bible Study via Zoom
5:30 - 8:30 P.M. - VBS at Forest Hills Presbyterian

Tuesday, July 15

10:00 A.M. - Cancer Support Group
5:30 - 8:30 P.M. - VBS at Forest Hills Presbyterian
6:30 P.M. - Line Dancing Class

Wednesday, July 16

5:30 - 8:30 P.M. - VBS at Forest Hills Presbyterian

Thursday, July 17

5:30 - 8:30 P.M. - VBS at Forest Hills Presbyterian

Friday, July 18

11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. - Project Linus
11:30 A.M. - Men's Luncheon - BJ's Alamo Ranch

Saturday, July 19

8:00 A.M. - Church Workday
2:00 P.M. - Celebration of Life Service for Helen

Sunday, July 20 - 6th Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 A.M. - Sunday School (All Ages)
10:30 A.M. - Worship Service
Children's Church
11:45 A.M. - Fellowship Hour



The NPC Worship, Music, and Arts Ministry continues to spotlight some of the music that is being used in worship this week:

[Turn Your Eyes - Sovereign Grace Music \(Lyric Video\)](#)

[Let There Be Peace on Earth | Choir and Piano with Lyrics | Song for World Peace | Christian Hymn](#)

[GIVE THANKS \(WITH A GRATEFUL HEART\) - Lyrics | Christian Song](#)

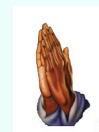
Prayer List

Members:

- ◆ Georgia Hale
- ◆ Eunice Damon
- ◆ John Bemben
- ◆ Bill & Louise Bischoff
- ◆ Guy Greene
- ◆ Myron Leet
- ◆ Nancy Moore
- ◆ Margie Brown
- ◆ Ken & Carol Polsz
- ◆ Yvonne May
- ◆ Karen Currie
- ◆ Bertha Snyder
- ◆ Anne Nicolaou
- ◆ Cynthia & Jack King
- ◆ Family of Helen Richards

Friends

- ◆ Gretchen Lewis
- ◆ Zach McManus
- ◆ Family of Shirley Hundemer



UPCOMING EVENTS

NAOMI'S SISTERS
SUPPORT GROUP FOR WIDOWS
FRIDAY, JULY 11TH AT 12:00 P.M.

Brown Bag Lunch Talks

Shine!

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Cancer Support Group

NPC CANCER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 15TH
10:00 A.M.

JULY 15TH AT 6:30 P.M.

LINE DANCE LESSONS



SATURDAY, JULY 19TH



WORKDAY AT THE CHURCH

8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.



Men's Luncheon
Friday, July 18th, at 11:30 A.M.
BJ's @ Culebra and 1604

JULY 29TH
YOUTH SUNDAY

RAISING UP THE NEXT GENERATION

STUFF the BUS SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



See a member of the Mission Ministry for more details.

JULY & AUGUST MISSION

“Love That Goes the Distance”

In this week’s lectionary readings, we are reminded of the transformative power of God’s love and our calling to be people of action and compassion. In Colossians 1:1-14, the Apostle Paul gives thanks for a community grounded in faith, love, and hope. He praises their spiritual maturity and urges them to live lives worthy of the Lord, bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God. It's a call to live not only with belief but with purpose.

Then, in Luke 10:25-37, Jesus shares the parable of the Good Samaritan. It’s a familiar story, but one that still convicts us today. A man is beaten, left for dead. Religious leaders—those we’d expect to help—pass him by. But the Samaritan, the outsider, stops. He not only tends to the man’s wounds but goes the extra mile, ensuring his ongoing care. Jesus concludes with a simple command: “Go and do likewise.”

This week, these scriptures take on even deeper meaning as we witness the unfolding tragedy in the Texas Hill Country, where devastating floods have displaced families, destroyed homes, and left communities reeling. It is in these moments that the call of the Gospel becomes undeniably clear. The victims of the flood are our neighbors, and we are the ones now walking that road—faced with the choice of whether to pass by or to stop and help.

In the face of disaster, we have the opportunity to live out our faith in tangible ways. Whether it’s giving financially, collecting supplies, offering shelter, or lifting up prayers of healing and strength, we are invited to respond with the love and mercy of Christ. Paul’s words remind us that we have been “rescued from the power of darkness and transferred into the kingdom of his beloved Son.” That kingdom is built on compassion, service, and sacrificial love.

May we be like the Samaritan, refusing to be bound by convenience or comfort, and instead moved by the Spirit to serve. And may our faith, like that of the Colossians, grow stronger as we bear fruit in every good work—even and especially in the hardest of times.

Let us go and do likewise. Let us be the church that doesn’t just believe, but *acts*. There is a link in the article on page 7 of this newsletter to PCUSA’s disaster relief fund if you are moved to give.

[Live Like That - \[Lyric Video\] Sidewalk Prophets](#)

[Mathew West - Don't Stop Praying \(Lyric Video\)](#)

STUFF the BUS SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



The Mission Ministry will be starting its annual school supply drive for the four Title 1 schools in our area. Fernandez Elementary, Timberwilde Elementary, Knowlton Elementary, and Zachry Middle School are the local schools that NPC supports.

Title 1 schools are the schools that receive federal funding based on the percentage of free-lunch students that they serve.

Here is a list of supplies that they need:

- ◆ Composition Notebooks
- ◆ Crayons
- ◆ Markers
- ◆ Folders
- ◆ Glue
- ◆ Scissors
- ◆ Pencils
- ◆ Supply Boxes
- ◆ Tissues
- ◆ Disinfecting Wipes
- ◆ Hand Sanitizer
- ◆ Plastic Folders with Brads and Pockets
- ◆ Glue Sticks
- ◆ 1 Subject Wide-Ruled Notebooks
- ◆ Colored Pencils

School supplies will be collected during July and early August prior to the start of the new school year when they will be delivered to the schools.

The Mission Ministry will have a receptacle in the Family Room to collect donations.



New York Times Bestselling Author of *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership*
JOHN C. MAXWELL



**RUNNING
WITH THE
GIANTS**

*What the Old Testament Heroes
Want You to Know
About Life and Leadership*

Running With the Giants

The July meeting for this study will be on July 31st this month.

Please note this is a change from the regular schedule.

**The group will meet at 7:00 P.M. at Pastor Dana's house,
12119 Trewell Glen.**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HAPPENINGS

Monday Morning Group Bible Study via Zoom

Monday Morning Group
(Recurring every week on Monday at 10:00 A.M.)

Join the Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89671038799?
pwd=NGdrdlZNM2FXQWpudVlaYTdSSzhvQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89671038799?pwd=NGdrdlZNM2FXQWpudVlaYTdSSzhvQT09)

Meeting ID: 896 7103 8799

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HYGIENE KITS

HAVEN
FOR
HOPE

VBS

Mission Project



SHAMPOO

CONDITIONER



SOAP



LOTION



TOOTHPASTE

TOOTHBRUSHES

*Travel Size Items Needed

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Road Trip



KINDERGARTEN - 5TH GRADE

AUGUST 1-3, 2025

Presented by:
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

2025 SERVING OF GRACE

Grace releases and affirms. It doesn't smother. Grace values the dignity of individuals. It doesn't destroy. Grace supports and encourages. It isn't jealous or suspicious.

CHARLES SWINDOLL

EVERYDAYPOWER



Mission Presbytery issued this prayer:

Good and Gracious God,

We come before You with humble hearts, overwhelmed by the catastrophic floods in parts of our Mission Presbytery and beyond.

We thank You for the lives saved in the midst of this devastation.

We grieve with those who have lost their loved ones.
Comfort and console them, O God!

We pray for those who have lost their homes, businesses, and cherished belongings.

Hear our prayers, O Lord!

As the community prepares to rebuild, we pray for strength and resilience.

Grant us all a generous heart, so that we may rally the resources needed to rebuild our flooded communities.

We trust in Your faithfulness, dear God, even in the midst of devastation.

Bless all who work for relief and restoration. And may Your peace, which passes understanding, guard the hearts and minds of those who suffer.

May our response reflect Your love for all people and all creation, and thus bring honor and glory to Your holy name.

We pray all these in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord!

Amen!

Go [here](#) to donate to disaster relief for U.S. flooding. Funds in this account will help communities' overall relief and recovery efforts associated with flooding to include assessments, clean-up efforts, and rebuilding. Your prayers and faithful giving are deeply appreciated.



If you're unable to attend Northminster Presbyterian Church's weekly worship service in person, you can view it on NPC's YouTube channel on Sundays at 10:30 A.M.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJVyafEQzKv7Vol235zQ8Qw>

The YouTube livestream of the worship service can be conveniently accessed from the homepage of our website. Just click on the button "Live Stream Services."



J of the JOKE WEEK

Q: Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A: Samson, because he brought the house down.



Lectionary Readings for the week of July 13

Amos 7:7-14

Psalm 82

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37



Weekly Meditation Time

Household Prayer

Prepare my mind
to listen to You today.

Prepare my heart
to be filled with Your love today.

Prepare my lips,
that they can shout Your praise today.

Prepare my soul,
that I can be attuned to Your will today.

Prepare me to feel Your presence
in the world today! Amen.

Questions for Reflection

How can we bear God's fruit in the world?

How can we live out the commandment to love God and to love
our neighbor as ourselves?



Sermon of the Week

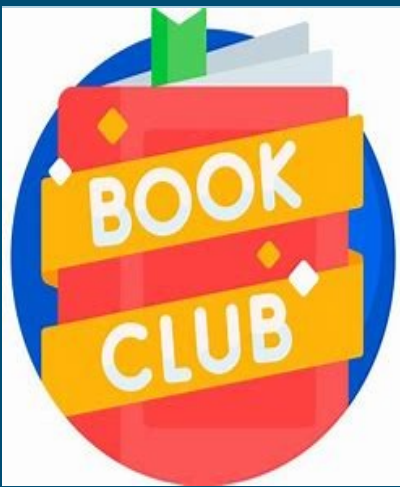
Text:

Psalm 46

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

Rev. Dana Boes Pope

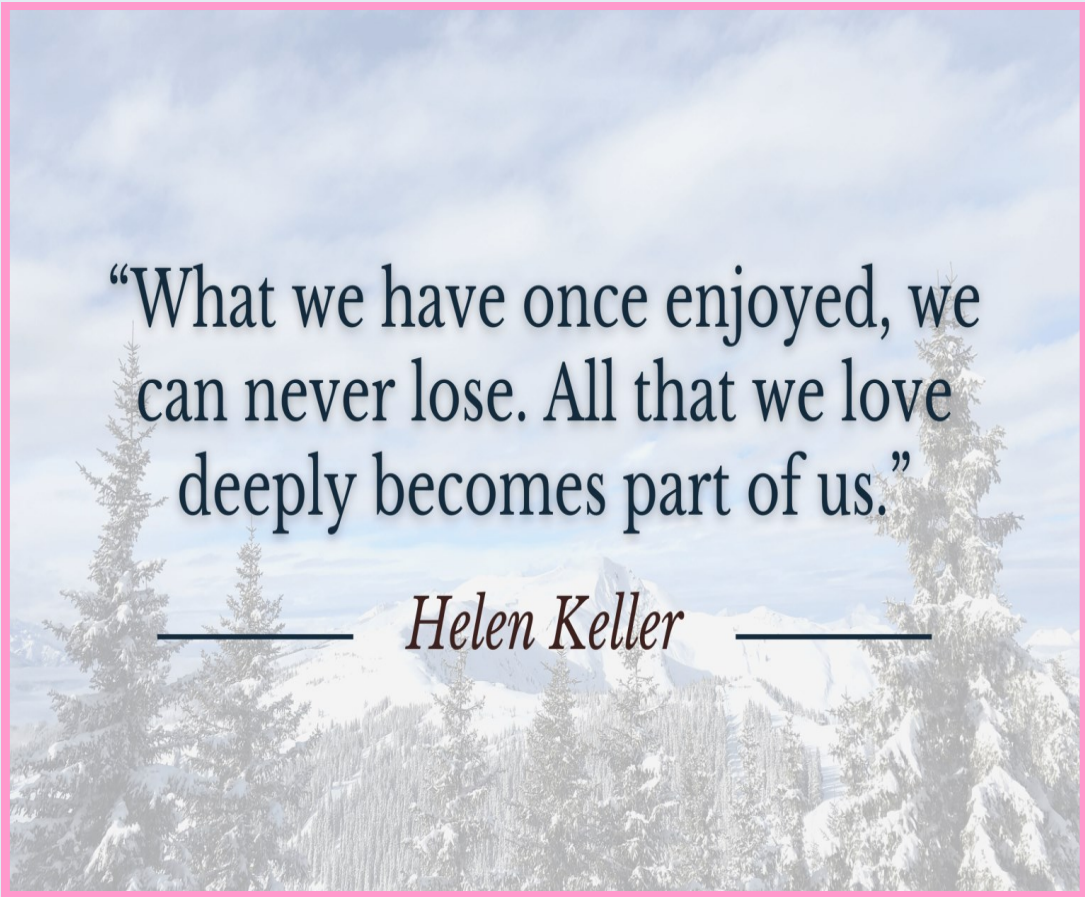


NPC Book Club

The NPC Book Club has been taking a break for the summer but it will be starting up again in August. And the featured book will be *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn. It's a long book (some 624 pages) but it's tabbed as a "heart-stopping World War II story of three female code breakers and the spy they must root out after the war is over." The group meets the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. so for the upcoming meeting mark August 26 on your calendar.



Weekly Food For Thought



“What we have once enjoyed, we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes part of us.”

————— *Helen Keller* —————



Did you know that the NPC Nominating Committee is actively seeking nominations for the 2026 NPC Leadership? Elders and Deacons at NPC serve 3-year terms. If God has placed it on your heart to serve in this capacity at NPC, or if you have someone that you feel moved to nominate for one of these leadership positions, please contact Marsha Schendel, Nominating Committee Chairperson.

