

## Together in Service and Mission...

### GREETINGS FROM THE PHILIPPINES!

**Hello Friends at Northridge Presbyterian Church,**

We know that you recently sent off Pastor Susan and her family, as she begins a new call in Wisconsin. We pray that God will be preparing the right pastor to succeed her, as well as the ongoing search for your next Senior Pastor. We're thankful that Susan facilitated the connections to mission work in southeast Asia.

Back in May and June, you shared more blessings through your consistent financial support. **Thank you for helping us to serve with our partners here in southeast Asia, as we address migration and human trafficking.**



Here are some recent photos that you might appreciate:

This August is **Mission Month** with our home church in the Philippines --- You can read more about it in our recent newsletter that should arrive in your mailbox soon

**Fellowship lunch** with some members from our home church

Two theatre groups of “**artist advocates**” gathered together to commemorate World Day against Human Trafficking. The groups are from 2 different churches. Both groups received funding from a PW circle in Indianapolis.

**One friendly reminder:** January 2020 is the deadline to apply for a travel study seminar to visit both the Philippines and Hong Kong, in order to learn about forced migration and labor trafficking. We hope that you will seriously consider sending someone from your church. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

For more info, check out: [https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/travel\\_study/phillippines-hong-kong-travel-study-seminar/](https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/travel_study/phillippines-hong-kong-travel-study-seminar/)

Please drop us a line too. We'd love to hear from you too. How can we pray for you?

Grace and peace,  
**Cathy, Juan and Aurelie**

### HANDS ON MISSION!

We are “hands on” at Northridge.

Together we make a difference and we invite you to join us by sharing your gifts and talents...

**Every third Friday** - serving others at “The Bridge” Teaching English as Part of **Literacy Achieves...**

Working to Welcome STRANGERS as part of **Northridge without Borders...**

**Growing a Garden** to feed hungry friends...

Going on Youth, Family and Adult Mission Trips...

And so much more!

## Together in Youth Ministry...

### Camps & Conferences

#### YouthQuake: November 1-3

This weekend retreat is a great time for our 7th & 8th graders to meet at the beautiful Camp Gilmont for fellowship, worship, small group discussions, games, activities, and more. Sign up by September 29. (Cost \$125)

#### Sr. High Youth Connection (SHYC): Jan. 31– Feb. 2

A weekend getaway for students in grades 9-12. Come to Austin College to meet up with other Grace Presbytery students for worship, small groups, fun, and service projects. (Cost: TBD)

#### Mo Teen Leadership Conference: June 7-12 (9-12 graders)

#### Youth Celebration at Mo Ranch:

June 21-26 (9-12 graders)

#### Jr. High Jubilee at Mo Ranch:

July 5-9 (6-8 graders)

### 4, 5, 6 Fellowship

Students in the fourth, fifth and sixth grade meet periodically throughout the year for fellowship, fun and service. Most activities are held at Northridge but often we enjoy doing things off site.

**September 29** – Games and Snacks 2:30-4:00 p.m.

**October 27** TBA

**November 16** Bowl & Barrel

Contact Cynthia Petty for more details.



*Many thanks to our youth for their incredible work this summer and the wonderful worship service they led when they returned!*

### Welcome Back

#### Youth!

#### Fall Youth Schedule

By Emily Cox

#### Sunday:

Worship 10 a.m.

Come to the Sanctuary to worship, sing, and pray.

#### Sunday School 11:15 a.m.

Come to the Youth Suite for a time of conversation and scripture reading where we will learn more about our faith, our world, and how that applies to our lives.

Youth Group 5:30-7:30 p.m.



#### Wednesday: Study Party 6-8pm

The 3rd Wednesday of each month, starting October 16, come to the Youth Suite for fellowship and homework with your Youth Group friends.

Come to the Youth Suite to foster friendships, faith, spiritual development, and HAVE FUN!

### Fall Events

**September 8:** New Building Dedication and Celebration

Kick-off pool party at the Rinne's Home 3-5pm

**September 15:** First day of Sunday School and Youth Group.

**September 20-21:** Confirmation Retreat 7:30 p.m.-9:30 a.m. (8th graders)

**October 20:** FAM JAM event featuring Eddie Coker 4-7pm

### Mission Trip

Every year the Northridge Youth Group Mission Trip is a huge success. This past year the participants traveled to Ferncliff in Little Rock, AR where they served at a local food bank, cleaned up the grounds at Ferncliff, went on a hike, and floated down the river.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT NORTHRIDGE!

## EDUCATION AND THE NEW CHURCH YEAR



**Calling everyone young and old:  
It's time for Sunday School!**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES WILL MEET IN THE  
NEW EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY CENTER.**



**Sunday Morning Music, Worship and Education Schedule:  
9:30-10:00 Choir rehearsal and warm ups in the Choir Room**

**10:00 – Worship Service in the Sanctuary**

The church family gathers to worship together in the sanctuary.

Following the **"Time with Young Disciples"** in Worship, children age three through Kindergarten may either go to extended hour in the Education Wing or remain in worship with their family. Nursery Care for infants up to age 3 is available throughout the morning. Caregivers are long time employees of Northridge and are CPR and First Aid certified.

**11:15 – Noon Education For all Ages**

Children's, Youth and Adults Sunday School classes meet from 11:15 – 12:00 (see locations below)

**Where is your class?**

**Infants and Toddlers: Room 110**

**Preschool ages 3-5: Room 112**

**Kindergarten - 2nd Grade: Room 113**

**3rd/4th Grade: Room 114**

**5th/6th Grade: Room 115**

**Junior High (grades 7-8): Room 117A**

**Senior High Students: Room 128A**

**Be a Kirklighter!**

Our kirklighters (acolytes) will also resume on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. Kirklighters are young people in Fourth, fifth or sixth grade who are assigned bring the light into the sanctuary each week, and symbolically carry it out into the world at the end of the service. This is a wonderful way for young people to be involved in the service, and we hope you will sign up often throughout the year! Interested in learning more?

**Contact Cynthia Petty!**

**This year, Northridge is excited to offer Messy Church!** Messy Church is a gathering for children and adults that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality. We will explore a biblical theme through conversation, quiet contemplative activities as well as more exuberant games – celebration time of story, prayer and song, and a sit-down meal together.

**Messy Church will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday,  
October 5, November 2, February 1, and March 7.**



# SPECIAL HAPPENINGS IN ADULT EDUCATION

## 2019 Sunday Morning Adult Education

The Christian Education Committee looks forward to the 2019-2020 Church School Year with Anticipation.



We are excited to begin our Christian Education program year on **September 15th** with Sunday School following worship at a new start time 11:15 am in our new Education, Administration, and Classroom wing.

Because we believe **Christian Education and Faith Formation is a journey of a lifetime** and we know that adults differ in their preferences for learning content and presentation methods, our increased classroom spaces make possible a more robust and varied agenda of adult classes. Watch for more details on our classes and other learning opportunities as we get closer to the kick off of each new series. Courses will share start and end dates to make it easier to move between options.

Additionally, some Sundays have been reserved as **GIFT Sundays**, providing opportunities for all ages to combine cross generational learning and fellowship as we Grow In Faith Together. Watch for details on these special Sundays Dec. 8th, Jan. 5th, Feb. 23rd, and April 5th.

In addition to the courses listed below, adult learners may opt to participate in our new **Parenting Hub**. Parenting faithfully can be hard work! Recognizing the need to provide space and time for groups of parents of similarly aged children to gather for prayer, mutual guidance, instruction, and support, we have created the Parent Hub. Some Sundays will address issues relevant to all age groups, while other Sundays will reflect topics pertinent to particular age groups. Some Sundays will be facilitated conversation, others will be led by experts both within and beyond our congregation. In addition to planned content, topics will also be generated based on participant requests.

**Sept. 15 – Oct. 13**

**When Saying What We Believe Speaks to the World** led by Mary Marcotte

**Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and other things the Bible Doesn't Say** led by Tony Cummins

**Oct. 20 – Nov. 24**

**Heresies and Inquisitions** led by Rob Taylor

**What's My Number, Exploring the Enneagram** led by Lucy Richards

**Dec. 1, 15, 22**

**Incarnation and Mystery** led by Margaret Etheredge

**Unplugging the Christmas Machine** facilitated by various presenters

**Jan. 12 – Feb 16**

**Conversations on The Cross in Contexts: Suffering and Redemption in Palestine** led by Bill Swart

**Immortal Diamond: The Search for our True Self** led by Barbara Rader and Ray Chavez

**March 1 – 29**

**The Wisdom of Solomon: Ecclesiastes, Proverbs, and Song of Solomon** led by Sandy Kress

Sunday morning opportunity to participate in our Lenten Book Study

**April 19 – May 17**

**Scriptures that Shaped Us** led by Jerry Henson, Frank Stevenson, Erik Rinne, Lee Jones and Lily Binford

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