

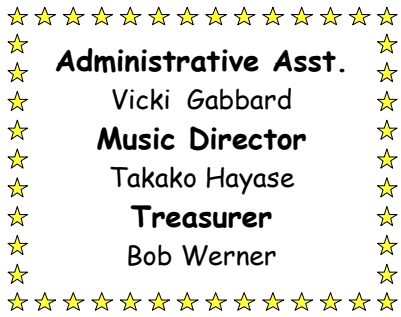


Norwood
Presbyterian
Church
Newsletter

The Highlands Piper



January 2012
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Happy New Year of our Lord, Jesus Christ, 2012!
FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR PAT BROWN

If you shared in our incredible Christmas Day worship service with our Congolese neighbors at the Grace Ministries International, you were blessed with an experience of God's love for all who believe. We prayed. We sang. We danced. We ate. Then we prayed, sang, and danced some more. The children [and adults] loved Merle Pointer's story of Christmas in Norwood and the gentleman who talked about Christmas in Congo turned out to be the son of a Presbyterian minister.

The PC(USA) has three partner churches in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the largest being The Presbyterian Community of Congo (CPC) with more than 1,250,000 members as of 1995. Rooted in the ministries of the American Presbyterian Congo Mission (APCM), it is firmly committed to the ecumenical movement and maintains a good relationship with the World Council of Churches, of which it has been a member since 1972. Our other two partners in Congo are Eglise du Christ au Congo (ECC) and the Presbyterian Community of Kinshasa (CPK). To learn more about our partnerships in the region, look in the library copy of PCUSA Mission and Study 2011 entries for March 2 and 3. How blessed we are to have these new friends in our lives!

Our new friends asked us to pray for the Congo because of the political unrest that may erupt into something like what has happened in Northern African and the Middle East. The PCUSA world mission personnel have explained the situation:

On November 28, the Democratic Republic of Congo held their second-ever democratic elections. While there have been irregularities reported at polling stations, the voting process was less volatile than some had feared.

While official results have given incumbent President Joseph Kabila victory in the election, both opposition candidates claim that Tshisekedi was the rightful winner. Currently, the situation is tense, with occasional protests breaking out, but the situation continues to be fluid and could change quickly. Average Congolese on both sides of the election long for safety and stability in their communities.

Our global partners, both the Presbyterian Community of Kinshasa and the Presbyterian Community of Congo, continue to minister to the hearts and needs of the people of Congo. Please pray for them, their ministry and the safety of their staffs and of those with whom they work. Pray also for our mission coworkers in Congo, who continue to accompany them during this difficult time.

Prior to the joint Christmas worship service at Norwood Presbyterian, the pastor and assistant pastor of Grace Ministries International here in Norwood came to meet with me. Pastor David was very happy for our invitation, but apologized that he would not be able to attend. He had to travel back to the university in Congo to help calm the situation there. Assistant Pastor Gustav was also traveling, but he was to go meet with people in Belgium about the same issue. Pastor David prayed in French at the end of our time together and Gustav translated simultaneously for my benefit. Let us pray for the safety of both as they continue to concern themselves with the wellbeing of people at risk in Congo. How blessed we are that our country's political rest is confined to angry words and accusations!

Session	
Michael Douglas Kathi Hadley Mary Carol Parker	12
Sara Lehew Bob Werner	13
Sue Flory Christine Street	14
Deacons	
Eleanor Hayes Iva Ritner Anne Troy	12
Pat Bowman Bob Collier Joyce Rosskopf	13
Melissa Bates Dee Douglas Ruth Williamson	14



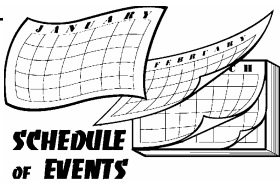
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Grace to you and peace, now and throughout the New Year.



Upcoming Events: Also see the calendar for other regularly scheduled events.

January 2012

Jan 1 - First Sunday after Christmas; Theme: Peace; Songs of Korea

Jan 5– GLAD will meet at noon at the Blue Gibbon.

Jan 6 - Epiphany of the Lord. Baby Bear open house from 10:30-11:30 am.

Jan 7 - Men’s Breakfast and Bible Study at Frisch’s in Norwood at 9 am.

Jan 8 - Epiphany & Baptism of the Lord; Theme: Worship with Communion; Los Peces En El Rio ‘Three Kings Day’

Jan 11 - 10 am Norwood Community Coalition meeting. 12 pm Norwood Ministerial Association Lunch; 7 pm Session meets in the church office.

Jan 18 - First Evening Baby Bear open house 6:30-7:30 pm. See Cathy Donohoue or Melissa Bates for more details.

Jan 19 - Book Club at 5:30; place TBD; Book is “The Confession” by John Grisham

January Wednesdays - Movers & Shakers 10:00 am Ages 1-4. Preschool Storytime at 11:30 am Ages 3-6
Taking place at the Norwood library.

LOOKING AHEAD: (details will follow, not every event listed)

Feb 2 – GLAD will meet at noon. Location to be determined.

Feb 3 - Baby Bear open house from 10:30-11:30 am.

Feb 4 - Men’s Breakfast and Bible Study at Frisch’s in Norwood at 9 am.

Feb 5 - Souper Bowl of Caring; Worship with Communion

Feb 8 - 10 am Norwood Community Coalition meeting. 12 pm Norwood Ministerial Association Lunch; 7 pm Session meets in the church office.

Feb 14 - Presbytery meeting at 5 pm at St Johns Westminster

Feb 15 - Evening Baby Bear open house 6:30-7:30 pm.

Feb 16 - Book Club at 5:30 pm

Feb 22 - Ash Wednesday service at 7 pm in the Chapel.

NPC’s **NEW** office hours:
Wednesday-Friday from
8 am-3 pm.

Pastor Pat is in the office
Tuesday, Wednesday &
Thursday from 10 am-4 pm



Norwood Ministerial Association (NMA)

Several pastors and representatives from local Norwood churches meet once a month on the 2nd Wednesday to share what God is doing through our congregations.





THANK YOU!!!

If we missed your name, please accept our sincere apologies. We DO appreciate you!



Thank You to...
NPC for the generous
Christmas gift~ from Vicki,
Takako & Luis.

2011 NPC Stewardship Update 12/5/2011

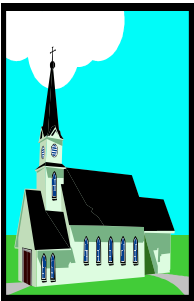
Thank you to everyone who pledged for our Norwood Presbyterian Church mission for 2012.

We currently have received a total of 27 pledges in the amount of \$47,864 for 2012. We have almost obtained our budget goal of \$48,000. If you haven't made your pledge for 2012 it is not too late. Just mail to the church or drop in the offering plate on Sunday.

Thank you to all who have helped during the campaign with follow-ups, writing letters and standing up in church telling us about themselves. We learned something new each week from these experiences.

Bob Werner—Treasurer

Joyce Rosskopf would like to thank everyone for all the support given to her during her mom's last days. You are such a loving congregation. God bless you all.



Saints Serving The Church

Thank you to all those who served as liturgist, usher, hosted gatherings, participated in special readings or otherwise volunteered during the month of December: Cathy & Tom Donohue, Sue Flory, Eleanor Hayes, Carol Malott, Chris Stevens, Ethan & Scott Street, Anne & Gene Troy, and Sue Werner.

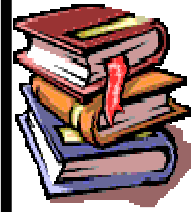
January 2012 volunteers to include:

1/1 – Eleanor Hayes/liturgist
1/8 - Sue Werner/liturgist
1/15 - Kathi Hadley/liturgist
1/22 - Scott Street/liturgist
1/29 - Peggy Hiller/liturgist

Bill Bowman & Kay Shafer/ushers
Eleanor Hayes & Joyce Rosskopf/ushers
Carol Malott & Chris Stevens/ushers
Anne & Gene Troy/ushers
Scott & Ethan Street/ushers

Congratulations!

If you have a congratulations announcement, please contact the church office.



Book Club
Jan 19- at 5:30 pm at
Cancun in Norwood.
"The Confession" by
John Grisham

Book Club is open to anyone who likes to read, so mark your calendars and invite a friend or two!



**Christian
Education 9:30 am
Classes**

"Let's Chat" (adults) - Meets
in Church office
Christian Education Class - Meets up-
stairs



Thank you NPC & Kroger



Thank you to everyone who has signed up for and is using the Kroger gift card program for Norwood Presbyterian Church. Using your gift cards when making Kroger purchases has generated \$2033 income through December 2011. Our budget goal for 2011 was \$2800 we came very close to meeting this.

Due dates:

~Items for the bulletin must be received by Thursday.
~Items for the Piper must be received by the 15th of the month.



Kroger Gift Cards for Gifts

A great gift anytime of year for giving friends and relatives are Kroger gift cards. If you get them from NPC (Bob Werner) purchases with the card will go to help support NPC mission. You can preload the cards with any amount prior to giving the gift and the recipient will get the benefit of the original amount on the card. He/she can reload the card if they like and continue to use the card providing on-going benefit to NPC. If you would like to order cards for you please let Bob Werner know at 374-6868. I can get cards within a week for an initial investment of \$5 per card.

Thank you, Bob Werner
PS - See gift card status in above!



Gentle requests & reminders!

~ Please be sure to take your dishes (and any left-over food) with you after our potlucks so that our refrigerator doesn't get cluttered.
~ Please do not leave your bulletins in the pews after worship service. If you would like to recycle them, drop them off in the church office. We'll see that they get mailed to one of our "at home" friends to enjoy!

Notes from the Committees

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - (*Mary Carol Parker*) - **Adult/“Let’s Chat”** meet Sundays at 9:30 am in the Church office. Come and join the discussion **Youth/Children** - Classes meet at 9:30 upstairs. **Men’s Bible Study & Breakfast** - (1st Saturday at Frisch’s 9 am) - Next gathering will be Jan 7th. **Book Club** - (3rd Thursday at 5:30) January 19 at Cancun in Norwood. Book is “The Confession” by John Grisham. **Loser’s Club** - We finally finished up our last session and the biggest loser was.....(drum role)....**Peggy Hiller!** with **Sue Werner** coming in second. Congratulations to them and all of our losers. We did start a new session on October 23 that will run through the end of December. It’s not too late to join us and enjoy the competition of seeing less of each other!

CLERK OF SESSION - (*Sue Werner*) - Action items included approval of the finance report for November, approval to give City Gospel Ministries \$100, approval to hold the annual congregational meeting on January 29, approval to suspend financial support to the B2SB but, to continue to offer the use of our parking lot and member support if needed, that there not be an increase for staff this year and that Vicki’s new hours starting in January are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8-3. The office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday. Communion was served on December 4 by intinction and ECOT sent a letter thanking us for the use of the building. **The next Session meeting is January 11 at 7 pm and is open to all who would like to attend.**

COMMUNITY & MISSION - (*Kathi Hadley*) - The Mission Committee is currently in the process of reviewing our involvement in projects that we supported in 2011 and deciding which of those we will continue to support in 2012. We are prayerfully considering our options as we try to achieve a balance in our “wants” and our “abilities” with substantial budget concerns! Please pray with us and for us as we make these (sometimes) difficult decisions. Thank you for your support in the past and remember to support our Baby Bear “experiment” of a night time open house in January!

DEACONS - (*Dee Douglas*) - No home communions this month.

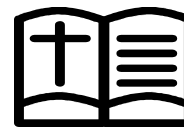
EVANGELISM & MEMBERSHIP - (*Carol Malott*) - No Evangelism & Membership report this month.



“GLAD”: Gals Lunch Away Day is the first Thursday of every month at noon. We will meet on January 5 at Blue Gibbon. Chosen by our “hostess” Sally Abney. Come join us for fun, food and fellowship!



*Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
on January 7 at 9 am at Frisch's.*



The Rev. Ed McNulty is a career movie critic, retired to the Cincinnati area. Here are some of his reviews.

War Horse Rated PG-13 Luke 2:13-14

Steven Spielberg's first of two films to be released in December (Tintin will be out next) will win the hearts of those who loved *Black Beauty* or *The Black Stallion*.

When an English father foolishly buys a thoroughbred horse for plowing his field, his son works hard to train the high-spirited animal to pull a plow. The bond developed between them remains strong, even when the father has to sell Joey (the horse) to a cavalry officer at the beginning of WWI. There follows a series of adventures, some of them horrendous as Joey passes through the hands of various humans amidst the carnage of the war. As usual, the director brings out the humanity to be found on both sides of the battle lines. One of the best films of the year.

Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol Rated PG-13 Ps. 36:1-4; Ecc. 8:11-13

This is a film that shows nothing is impossible if you have vast funds for computer generated effects and a public willing to believe anything — implausible plot devices and a hero able to withstand crushing blows to the head and falls/jumps from great heights that would injure or kill ordinary humans.

The most enjoyable part of the film is its use of scenic locales — Moscow, Mumbai, and especially Dubai with its world's tallest skyscraper piercing the sky like giant needle. Our team of heroes is racing to prevent a rogue terrorist from starting a nuclear conflagration between Russia and America.

New Year's Eve Rated PG-13 - Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

Boasting a screen full of stars, Gary Marshall's latest work is similar to a Robert Altman film (remember *Nashville*?) with its large ensemble cast, but lacking the depth of any of the great master's.

Hilary Swank is in charge of operations involving the dropping of the ball in Times Square on new Year's Eve when it becomes stuck during a daytime trial run. As she struggles to overcome obstacles, a number of other stories—of a broken romance, the revival of hope, a dying man's last wish, and a wife with her Army husband far off in the Middle East—are interwoven. Enjoyable if you are not expecting a whole lot.



NPC Website Calendar

Our new NPC calendar is hosted by My Church Events. It is an easy to use tool and we hope an addition to our website. The calendar is accessible on the first page of the website. It also provides flexibility in setting up events and also capability to send out email reminders and invite friends to upcoming events.

The calendar can be updated by Pastor Pat, Vicki and session members.

You can send yourself email reminders or you can email invite a friend to an event NPC is hosting. Click on an event, and you will be presented with two boxes to the left of the screen. You can invite a friend or send a reminder for this event.

If you have any questions concerning this material, see Cathy Donohoue or Bob Werner.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is already responding to the need for help in the United States. OGHS & PDA funds are already at work in at least 11 presbyteries around the country. You can help by giving to PDA through our local presbytery. Please mark your offering envelope PDA and we will make sure that your donation goes to help those in need. If you would like to give by phone, you can at 1-800-872-3283 - please use acct #DR000015 to help with the disasters in the United States. You can also help by praying for the people that have been displaced by the storms or lost loved ones.



Hold your event at NPC!



Have you thought about using the church for a future meeting or social event? How about a wedding? Do you know someone looking for a place to meet or hold an important family event?

We believe it is important to serve our community and one way to do that is by making our NPC building available to everyone in our community. Many groups are currently sponsored by NPC and use the church for regular meetings. This provides benefits for everyone involved.

If you or someone you know would like to use the NPC church building please check the building policy and building request form on the website www.norwoodpresbyterian.org You can also check the calendar for availability.

Please call the church secretary or Pastor Pat with questions regarding building usage and availability. If you have questions about using the website please call Cathy Donohoue or Bob Werner.



MISSION: IT'S NOT ABOUT CROSSING THE SEA. IT'S ABOUT SEEING THE CROSS.

NPC LOCAL MISSION EFFORTS INCLUDE:

NSL - Food Closet - Non-perishable canned goods and personal care items are always welcomed—especially those items not allowed when using food stamps: laundry soap, toilet paper, paper towels, etc. There is a bin in the main hallway for your contributions. If you'd like to make a monetary donation, please mark your offering "Food Closet". Also, if you'd like to volunteer distributing the food, see Kathi Hadley or Carol Malott.

Baby Bear - If you know someone who needs help with baby items, have them come to NPC on the 1st Friday of the month or call the church office. *Baby Bear "open houses" are held the 1st Friday of the month; 10:30-11:30 am. See Cathy Donohoue or Melissa Bates for details or to volunteer!*

On January 18 from 6:30-7:30 will be our first evening open house. See Cathy or Melissa if you would like to be a part of this mission outreach.

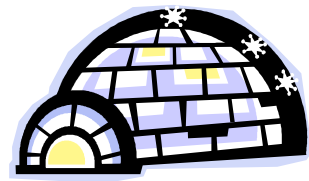
Back to School Bash

It's never too soon to start collecting school supplies...watch for sales and bring them in for next year!

PC(USA) SPONSORED EFFORTS:

FIVE FOR FIVE: We at NPC are considered a "five for five" congregation because we support four annual church-wide special offerings AND donate to the PC(USA) "general" mission efforts. The four offerings recognized by the PC(USA) are: Christmas Joy, One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), Pentecost, and Peacemaking.

PDA—Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
The theme for the PDA is "Out of Chaos, Hope." If you would like to give towards the PDA's efforts, please clearly mark your donation!



If you have another mission effort you would like for NPC to consider, please see Kathi Hadley or Sue Flory!

The Community Coalition continues in its efforts to help our Norwood youths through the “40 Assets” all kids need in order to succeed. Below is information on the current asset being emphasized.

“Cultural Competence”

ASSET #34 - Kids know and are comfortable with people of different cultural, racial, and/or ethnic backgrounds. 35% of the youth surveyed have this asset in their lives.

In the congregation:

- ~Form a relationship with a congregation that’s different from yours. Provide opportunities for members of both congregations to meet, work together, serve together, and get to know each other.
- ~Make sure that the materials used in your religious education classes reflect cultural diversity.
- ~Include information and traditions from many cultures in religious education classes and worship services.
- ~Invite members of other congregations to join you for special celebrations and events. Or arrange for your youth groups to get together.

In the community:

- ~Include the images and voices of a variety of people (black, white, Latino, Native American, Asian) in community publications, advertisements, posters and promotional materials.
- ~Celebrate many types of cultural events within your community.
- ~Articulate clear community expectations that honor diversity and don’t tolerate racism, bias, or prejudice.

The following November information is provided by the Stewardship and Finance Committee:

Income:

From offerings	\$ 4,184.14
From savings to cover costs	\$ 6,346.69
From other	\$ <u>235.00</u>
	\$ 10,765.83
Expenses	\$ <u>12,657.76</u>
Difference (over)/under	\$ (1,891.93)

Thank you for your continued financial support of NPC. Please note that we are continuing to have to “dip into” our savings to cover our costs. Any additional donations you can make will be greatly appreciated and put to good use!

Attendance

	<u>Christian Ed.</u>	<u>Worship</u>
11/6	10	37
11/13	11	37
11/20	12	36
11/27	11	35

Special Giving Opportunities

For those of you using church envelopes to place your donation in the collection plate, you will notice an “extra” envelope for “initial offering” and “per capita”. Please prayerfully consider giving “extra” to this good cause, keeping in mind Hebrews 13:16: *Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.* If you are not currently using envelopes, you are invited to use the envelopes in the pews. If you would like to start using envelopes on an ongoing basis, please contact Bob Werner or the church office. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Norwood Presbyterian Church Prayer List

Take a moment to pray for someone on our lists

Prayer List

- ★ Jackie Aronhalt
- ★ Randy Bedell
- ★ Lois Bittikofer
- ★ Jared Boyd
- ★ David Braden
- ★ Nancy Braden
- ★ Kadence Butler
- ★ Terry Carmack
- ★ Dorothy Clark
- ★ Violet Cook
- ★ Jeff Douglas
- ★ Ron Dyer
- ★ Hal Hall
- ★ Marilyn Hall
- ★ Linda Hill
- ★ Roger Hinkle
- ★ Karen Lane
- ★ Jerry Lucas
- ★ Don Lyons
- ★ Donna McConnell
- ★ David Ruebusch
- ★ Corny Sanders
- ★ Lara Sekula
- ★ Sherry Spurlock
- ★ Brenda Stevens
- ★ Julie Volle
- ★ Dorothy Weber
- ★ Len Woelfle
- ★ Holly Woodrum

Retirement & Nursing Homes

- Ralph Erlick
(Amber Park Care Center)
- Kathryn Gray
(Amber Park Care Center)
- Betty Kamp
(Twin Towers)
- Mel Pemberton
(West Chester Health Care Ctr.)
- Helen Salt
(Tri-County Extended Care Ctr.)



At Home

- Katy Henderson
- Debbie Powers
- Marie Withrow

Remember to keep Brett Angi, Nicholas Bates, Leonard Clark, Jr., Richard Clark, Matthew & Tom (Hughie) Farris, Brian Mastin, & Scott Schwankhaus in your thoughts and prayers as they serve our country through their participation in the military.

Please keep NPC's college students in your prayers:

- Katie Clark
- Allison Douglas
- Kelsey Douglas
- Sean Douglas
- Wesley Parker
- Emma Werner

It's "Praise God Party" Time!

January Birthdays

2	Maryellen Giesman
5	Marilyn Henderson
7	Ken Fieger
8	Jess Nicholls
11	Ari Eastman
16	Nicholas Giesman
16	Scott Street
17	Bertha Ferguson
24	Rob Nicholls



January Wedding Anniversaries

9	Mary Carol & Larry Parker
18	Anne & Gene Troy



Here's to another year of YOU!

(And if we've missed your special day,
please contact the church office!)

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 <i>Happy New Year</i> 10:45 12:00</p> <p>7 pm GA</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:30 Scouts</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8 pm AA</p>	<p>4 9-5 Counsel</p>	<p>5 12 pm GLAD at Blue Gibbon</p> <p>1-6 Counsel</p> <p>8 pm AA</p>	<p>6 10:30 Baby Bear open house</p>	<p>7 9 am Men's Bkfst & Bible Study</p>
<p>8 9:30 10:45 12:00</p> <p>7 pm GA</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30 Scouts</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8 pm AA</p>	<p>11 9-5 Counsel 10 am Comm Coal 12 NMA</p> <p>7 pm Session</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1-6 Counsel</p> <p>8 pm AA</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 GA Dinner in Victory Room</p>
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<p>29 9:30 10:45 12:00</p> <p>7 pm GA</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:30 Scouts</p>	<p>31</p> <p>8 pm AA</p>		<p><i>Christian Education</i></p> <p>9:30 <i>Sunday</i></p>	<p><i>Worship</i></p> <p>10:45 <i>Sunday</i></p>	<p><i>Fellowship</i></p> <p>12:00 <i>Sunday</i></p>

