

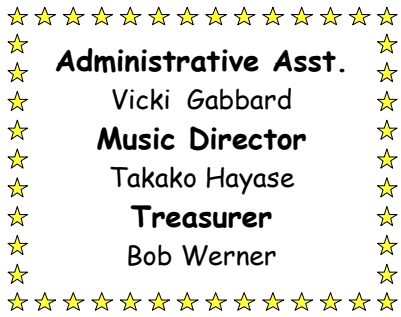


Norwood  
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Newsletter

# The Highlands Piper



November 2011  
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## FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR PAT

November is the home of football with tailgate parties. It is the place of falling leaves in bright colors that blanket the grass we finally got to grow. November is the time of rationed Halloween candy and holiday children's shows. November is the rush of the wind and the disparate hurry of students turning in assignments before the winter break deadline. But most of all November is the month of Thanksgiving.

For me, Thanksgiving was actually more of a family thing than Christmas. I remember sitting at my grandmother's table on a stack of telephone books, reciting the things for which I was most grateful. The list always included my parents and grandparents because I knew that was what they wanted to hear and it made them happy. As a teenager, I put in the least amount of "required" time at the table and headed out for the annual City and Politech Football Game. They were Baltimore's rival high schools and everybody went. It was a time to meet and greet teens from around the city without the watchful eye of adults – or so we thought.

With marriage, young children, and a move to Cincinnati, we began to do alternate Thanksgivings between my husband's family in Norfolk and mine in Baltimore. When our parents began their struggle with illness and aging, those who were able came to our table in Cincinnati. One by one their chairs became empty. Our children married and began sitting at the table of their in-laws in other places for Thanksgiving. It is now their children who recite the things for which they are grateful. It is the "circle of life" if you are into music from *The Lion King*.

Being with family for just that one afternoon is often a challenge because there are no pretenses. Whatever the relationships were when you growing up, take over the psyche and its *Back to the Future*. You want very much to see your relatives and when you are together longer than 10 minutes, you want them gone. Amazingly enough that is the blessing of family. It's the real thing. It is the tension that creates the dynamic of living. It is the driving force that makes you who you are.

Even with its stories of pilgrims and indigenous people sitting at table together to pray and break bread, Thanksgiving is not a religious holiday. It was actually declared a national holiday by then President, Abraham Lincoln. His notion was to unify a nation torn by the Civil War. It is still a worthy goal that everyone recognize his/her role in God's creation. We in the USA have made a big to do about Thanksgiving and that in effect does unify us – especially since the only other country with the holiday is Canada. We who are the haves make baskets or serve meals to the have-nots. Families spend time together who normally would not know one another because of a separation of distance or age. Thanksgiving may not be a religious holiday *per se*, but it is a God day. Use it well. Think about our blessings and pray that others may someday have the same.

*Grace to you, and Peace, Pastor Pat Brown*

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

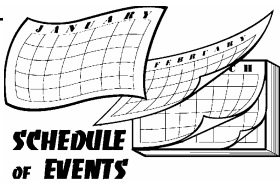


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**Upcoming Events: Also see the calendar for other regularly scheduled events.**

**November 2011**

- Nov 1-2** - ECOT will be using the Victory Room for testing from 9 am-1 pm.
- Nov 3** - GLAD at Rusty Bucket in Rookwood at noon. Chosen by Eleanor Hayes.
- Nov 4** - Baby Bear open house from 10:30-1130 am.
- Nov 5** - Men's Breakfast and Bible Study at Frisch's in Norwood at 9 am.
- Nov 6** - Stewardship Commitment Sunday; Daylight Savings Time will end. Remember to set your clocks back on Saturday night.
- Nov 8** - Election Day; Presbytery meeting at Northminster PC at 5 pm.
- Nov 9** - 9 am Norwood Community Services training in lieu of normal Community Coalition meeting. Vicki will be out of the office to attend this training; 12 pm Norwood Ministerial Association Lunch; 7 pm Session meets in the church office.
- Nov 11** - Veterans Day (11-11-11)
- Nov 17** - Book Club will be at the Rusty Bucket in Rookwood at 5:30 pm. Everyone is welcome!
- Nov 19** - Gingerbread Shoppe Craft Show & Luncheon at College Hill PC from 9:30 am-3:30 pm; 5742 Hamilton Avenue in the Fellowship Hall. Craft items, baked goods, coffee bar, kids corner, home cooked hot & cold lunch available for dine in or carry out.
- Nov 24** - Happy Thanksgiving
- Nov 25** - Church office closed
- Nov 27** - First Sunday of Advent
- November 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)**

- Dec 4** - 2nd Sunday of Advent
- Dec 11** - 3rd Sunday of Advent
- Dec 18** - 4th Sunday of Advent
- Dec 24** - Christmas Eve service at 9 pm.
- Dec 25** - Nativity of Jesus Christ/Christmas Day

NPC's church office is open  
Tuesday-Friday from  
9 am-1 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...

~Randy Bedell for keeping our front yard looking wonderful!

~all the youth who participated in our Children's Sabbath.

## Saints Alive! Living Generously

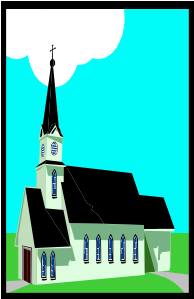
1 Corinthians 16: 1-4

As faithful stewards of the ministry and mission we share, we continue to seek ways to live generously in Christ. I invite you to join with all the saints at Norwood Presbyterian Church on a stewardship journey as we explore what it is to live generously.

October began our journey with World Communion Sunday. Our stewardship journey covered four weeks and will end on November 6<sup>th</sup> with a celebration and dedication of our commitment to God honoring his generosity toward us.

Along the way we'll share our personal stories from the past, as we remember the examples of people who have taught us to be generous; on stories from the present relating our current ministry of today and on stories of the future as we consider the legacy of giving we would like to leave.

Watch for more information as we begin this exciting time of growth in our congregation.



### 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 October: Dee Douglas, Eleanor Hayes, Carol Malott, Sue Mellinger, Iva Ritner, Joyce Roskopf, Kay Shafer, Chris Stevens, Scott Street, Anne Troy, Sue Werner and Ruth Williamson.

#### November 2011 volunteers to include:

11/6 – Sue Werner/liturgist

11/13 - Chris Stevens/liturgist

11/20 - Eleanor Hayes/liturgist

11/27 - Bob Werner/liturgist

Bill Bowman & Chris Stevens/ushers

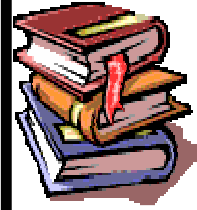
Iva Ritner & Ruth Williamson/ushers

Carol Malott & Kay Shafer/ushers

Eleanor Hayes & Joyce Roskopf/ushers

# Congratulations!

~to the City of Norwood, who won one of 100 Best Communities in the United States for 2011.



**Book Club**  
Nov 17- at 5:30 pm  
at Rusty Bucket in  
Rookwood

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

## Thank you NPC & Kroger



Fundraising is made easier for NPC using the Kroger Neighborhood Reward Program.

If you have questions or need a card see Bob Werner. All you need to do is put money on the card and use the card for purchases.

Kroger has now made fundraising easier for NPC. All you do is purchase a card from Bob (\$5) and reload the card with additional money when you shop at Kroger. When NPC reaches \$5,000 or more in reloads, within Kroger's 4 week cycle, we will receive a rebate check for 4% of the total amount. If we don't reach \$5,000 in a cycle, our funds carry over into the next cycle. We will post program status on bulletin board in the hallway.

The more you reload your card the more money NPC can earn! Cards are also accepted at area fuel centers.

“Let’s Chat” will begin a study on the *“Figures in the New Testament”* as their next series.

Join us in the church office at 9:30 am on Sundays.



Christian  
Education 9:30 am  
Classes

“Let’s Chat” (adults) - Meets in Church office  
Christian Education Class - Meets upstairs

### Due dates:

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



### ***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!

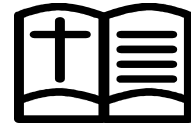




“GLAD”: Gals Lunch Away Day is the first Thursday of every month at noon. We will meet on November 3 at the Rusty Bucket. Please call the church office if you plan to attend. Come join us for fun, food and fellowship!



*Men's Breakfast and Bible Study  
on November 5 at 9 am at  
Frisch's.*



### The Way Rated PG-13 Proverbs 4:11-13

**The Rev. Ed McNulty is a career movie critic, retired to the Cincinnati area.**

**Here are some of his reviews.**

By far the best film currently showing, this combination of the themes of father-son and on-the-road, features real life father Martin Sheen directed by his son Emilio Estevez. The latter plays the son in flashback scenes, and even wrote the script inspired by experiences that he and his father had when several years ago they walked the pilgrimage of Camino de Santiago, in English known as “The Way of St. James” or simply, “The Way.” Sheen is Tom Avery, an ophthalmologist who has settled into the routine of life, estranged years earlier from his free-spirited son Daniel. He receives word of Daniel’s death while starting out from the French Pyrenees on the Way. When he goes to retrieve the body, he impulsively decides to finish Daniel’s pilgrimage. He meets many people on the journey, including three who become his close companions, none of whom started with any religious motive. A deeply spiritual film, without becoming explicitly Christian, the director/writer’s attention to small details, of the journey and of the development of the various characters (including that of a proud and honest gypsy father), will embed this film in your memory long after those of lesser films have into oblivion.



### Courageous Rated PG-13

I have not been able yet to see this latest film from the Georgia Baptist church that has gone into film production, but if they have continued to improve, as they did with *Fireproof* as compared to their earlier *Facing the Giants*, then this story focusing upon four police officers should be a good family film. *Vicki saw this film, it's very good.*

### Moneyball Rated PG-13 Matthew 9:16-17

Based on the Michael Lewis book, *Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game*, this sports film deals with management rather than what takes place on the field. Brad Pitt again displays his fine acting talent as Billy Bean, general manager of the always cash-strapped Oakland Athletics. Tired of seeing his best players lured away by wealthier teams, he joins with the nerdish Peter Brand (Jonah Hill), a recent Yale graduate who has never walked onto a ballfield, yet who has studied baseball statistics and believes that it is the number of times a player gets on base that is the most indicative of his true value to a team, not more flashy statistics such as number of hits. The engrossing film is about change and dealing with resistance to change, something that church leaders, lay and cleric, also face from week to week when they seek to improve their congregations.

## 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.



Per Capita for 2011 is  
\$27.19



***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](http://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.***

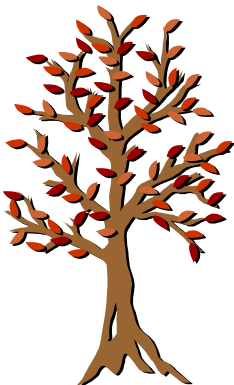
## **NPC LOCAL MISSION EFFORTS INCLUDE:**

**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!*

### **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.*

**“Responsibility”**

**ASSET #30 - Kids accept and take personal responsibility for their actions and decisions. 60% of the youth surveyed have this asset in their lives.**

**In the congregation:**

- ~Give youth real responsibilities within the congregation. Assign specific tasks to children and teens and expect them to follow through.
- ~Make responsibility the topic of sermons, homilies, articles in bulletins and mailings to members.
- ~Support youth when they’re in situations where it’s difficult to carry out their responsibilities.

**In the community:**

- ~Challenge assumptions that young people are naturally irresponsible. Call attention to ways that youth can and do act responsibly.
- ~Make responsibility a community value. Hold community leaders to high standards. Expect them to take personal responsibility for their actions and decisions.
- ~Implement a restorative justice program in your community. Don’t just punish kids who break the law or violate community standards; insist that they take responsibility for their actions and repair any damage they have done.
- ~Be willing to get involved when you witness dishonest behavior.

*Watch for more assets and suggestions!*

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

Income:

From offerings	\$ 4,101.00
From savings to cover costs	\$ .00
From other	\$ <u>2,395.03</u>
	\$ 6,496.03
Expenses	\$ <u>8,353.98</u>
Difference (over)/under	\$ (1,857.95)

*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>	
8/7	26		No Christian
8/14	25		Education
8/21	32		in August.
8/28	34		

**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
- ★ Becky Limerick
- ★ 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  
(Fairfield Pavilion)

## 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

## Pumpkin Cupcakes with Pumpkin Mousse Filling & Cream Cheese Icing

\*Recipe makes approx. 24 cupcakes. The amounts of pumpkins and spices listed are estimates. Feel free to use more/less to taste!



### Cupcake ingredients:

Store-bought spice cake mix  
4 eggs  
1/2 cup water  
1/3 cup vegetable oil  
2 1/2 cups canned pumpkin puree (not pumpkin pie mix)  
2 tsp pumpkin pie spice OR 1 tsp each cinnamon & ginger, 1/2 tsp each nutmeg & cloves

### Mousse ingredients:

1 pkg vanilla instant pudding  
1 1/2 cups cold milk  
1 cup pumpkin puree  
1 cup Cool Whip  
1 tsp pumpkin pie spice OR 1/2 tsp each cinnamon & ginger, 1/4 tsp each nutmeg & cloves  
2 tbsp orange juice (optional)

### Icing ingredients:

1 brick cream cheese, softened  
1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened  
2 tsp vanilla  
4 1/2 cups powdered sugar  
Chopped pecans (optional)

Preheat oven to 350°F (325 for dark or nonstick pans).

Beat cupcake ingredients with electric mixer for 2 minutes, scraping bowl occasionally.

Spoon evenly into 24 muffin/cupcake cups and bake for 19-24 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Then set cupcakes aside to cool completely (about 20-30 minutes).

While cupcakes are cooling, prepare the mousse mixture. Whisk together vanilla pudding with milk and orange juice (optional) for 2 minutes. Combine pudding mixture with pumpkin puree and spices, stirring until completely mixed. Fold in Cool Whip and chill mousse in refrigerator while preparing the frosting.

For frosting, whip cream cheese and butter with electric mixer until well blended. Beat in vanilla and 2 cups powdered sugar until mixed and fluffy. Beat in remaining sugar 1/2 cup at a time. Set aside.

Once cupcakes have cooled, cut or spoon-out center and fill with mousse (you don't need to be super-neat with this step as the icing will cover any messes!)

Fill pastry bag or sandwich bag with icing and pipe onto cupcakes. Sprinkle chopped pecans on top immediately after icing, as they won't stick once the icing hardens.

### America's Promise Alliance - 100 Best Communities for Young People, Norwood Wins Again for 2011!



I love being part of this community, yes Norwood, but also NPC. I began attending the Community Coalition meetings to keep up with the happenings in Norwood and keep Baby Bear in the loop. Through that connection I have been able to help with the applications for Norwood to America's Promise Alliance, and we have won 2 years in a row. NPC has very generously allowed me to take my vacation time to attend the awards ceremonies and to see our nation's capital. This year, the alliance, arranged for us to visit the capital building and what an experience! It was very moving to hear "Norwood, OH" called out during the presentation and to know what an awesome community we live and serve. If you would like to read the application or find out more information about the award you can go to [www.americaspromise.org/100best](http://www.americaspromise.org/100best) All the things that you do here at NPC is part of what makes our community one of 100 Best Communities for Young People. Thank you for all you do!

~Vicki Gabbard

# It's "Praise God Party" Time!

## November Birthdays

1	Sean Douglas
2	Pat Bowman
4	Steve Hiller
14	Will Douglas
14	Jeremy Schenk
18	Allison Douglas
28	Katie Clark
30	Jim Bates



## November Wedding Anniversaries

12	Sue & Rick Dickman
24	Sara & Chad Lehew
29	Peggy & Ken Fieger



**Here's to another year of YOU!**

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

# November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9-1 ECOT  8 pm AA	2 9-1 ECOT 9-5 Counsel	3 GLAD at Rusty Bucket  1-6 Counsel  8 pm AA	4 10:30 Baby Bear	5 9 am Men's Bkfst & Bible Study
6 9:30 10:45 Communion 12:00  7 pm GA	7  6:30 Scouts	8 Election day Presbytery meeting @ 5 Northminster  8 pm AA	9 9-5 Counsel	10  1-6 Counsel  8 pm AA	11 Veteran's Day	12
13 9:30 10:45 12:00  7 pm GA	14  6:30 Scouts	15  8 pm AA	16 9-5 Counsel	17  1-6 Counsel  5:30 Book Club 8 pm AA	18	19
20 9:30 10:45 12:00  7 pm GA	21  6:30 Scouts	22  8 pm AA	23 9-5 Counsel	24 Church office closed  <b>Thanksgiving</b>	25 Church office closed	26
27 9:30 10:45 1st Advent 12:00  7 pm GA	28  6:30 Scouts	29  8 pm AA	30 9-5 Counsel	<i>Christian Education</i>  9:30 <i>Sunday</i>	<i>Worship</i>  10:45 <i>Sunday</i>	<i>Fellowship</i>  12:00 <i>Sunday</i>

