

Northbrook Presbyterian Church Newsletter



NORTHBROOK

“Live the Love of Jesus Christ”

Come to the Water

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters...

~ Isaiah 55:1

Ah, summer! I don't know about you, but I'm so ready to kick back and relax a bit this summer. Maybe you are already visualizing how you plan on getting some much needed re-creation. Whether it's a babbling brook, a crashing surf, or a backyard pool, I bet your summer re-creation will take place somewhere near the water.

I have quite a bit of much-needed vacation lined up for the summer. As always, you can expect to be blessed by the guest preachers while I am away. You won't be surprised that much of my time away will be spent on or near water. That's how I find rest and renewal for



my spirit. And, I'm hoping to infuse the Sundays that I am here with a bit of that water-focused re-creative spirit.

Not only do I love water, I also love how - even in the resurrection stories - Jesus is always showing up by the water. During our family Sunday in May, we offered up our prayers to God in a special net during the service, that they might be “caught up” (like the miraculous catch of fish in John 21).

It was a blessing to read your prayers and get a window into your joys and struggles. Can you guess the most common prayer concern? Fear. I was impressed by how much fear continues to plague us, and by how much we yearn for relief.

Here's praying that our worship this Sunday offers relief and release. I look forward to revisiting some familiar water-centered stories with you (see schedule below). May we all find refreshment and renewal this summer.

Pastor Ben

- ◆ June 26 - WADE IN THE WATER: Our faith story through water. (Genesis 1:1-2)
- ◆ July 17 - WALKING ON WATER: Let's get out of the boat. (Matthew 14:22-33)
- ◆ July 31 - BAPTIZED IN WATER: Wildly different. United in baptism. (Acts 8:26-39)
- ◆ August 14 - STAY HYDRATED: Stay hydrated with living water. (John 4:4-26)
- ◆ August 28 - UNDERWATER: It's a whale of a tale. (Jonah 2)



Something for Everyone: June 3—5

The first weekend of June is full of activities at Northbrook. You'll be sure to find something that sparks your passion and interest!

Friday Fun Zoom - Friday, June 3 at 7pm

Our next Friday Fun Zoom is June 3rd at 7pm. We will share high school and college stories, and, without doubt, lots of laughter. If you'd like to join, please contact Winnie Davies-Hancock at winsomeann@aol.com by 4pm on Friday for Zoom details (please put Northbrook in the memo line when you email Winnie for the Zoom details). Please refer to future bulletins and church emails for more summer updates. Contact Winnie if you have any requests for Zoom scheduling or topics.

Spring Clean Up - Saturday, June 4, 9am-noon

It's time to clean up the church grounds. Bring your spare garden tools and an appetite: homemade sticky buns will be served. (*This will replace our planned June Soul Stroll.)



Northbrook Mission Care & Share Donation Drive-In

Saturday, June 4, 2022

10 AM – NOON (Rain or Shine) - Northbrook Parking Lot

We will be collecting the following donations for the Presbytery of Detroit Hunger Ministries Program's 7th Annual *Cereal for Summer Drive*:



- *Kid-friendly cereals
- *Breakfast and granola bars
- *Personal & hygiene care travel size items
- *Healthy cereals
- *Individual serving size fruits
- *Travel-style toothbrushes
- *Juice and milk boxes (individual servings) that don't require refrigeration until after opening

Please use the Lahser Road entrance. If you are unable to deliver your items on June 4th, you may bring them into the church on Sunday or during office hours. **The Collection runs through Monday, June 13th.**

Pentecost Sunday—June 5th

Celebrate Pentecost this Sunday, June 5th! Through our Pentecost Special Offering gifts, we help inspire young people to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world, and in so doing, bring hope to others. Our gifts help connect young people with each other and with caring communities. Our PCUSA annual Pentecost Offering is one of our four special offerings of the year. This offering focuses on youth ministries; PCUSA Young Adult Volunteers, affectionately known as YAVs; and initiatives that support children, youth, and young adults who are at risk. Forty percent of our Northbrook collection remains with our church to use for and/or contribute to such purposes. Please note with your payment that it is for the Pentecost Offering. Thank you for your support and generosity. **Contributions may be sent in through Monday, June 6.**

Family Sunday—Graduation Sunday—Picnic Celebration!

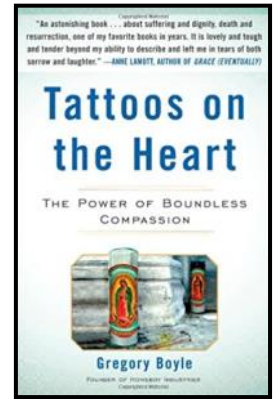
For our Family Sunday on June 5th, we'll celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, giving the disciples what they needed to spread the Good News. We'll also celebrate our graduates, thanking God for bringing them this far and trusting that God will provide everything needed for the next steps of the journey. Following worship, we'll have a picnic with live music. Invite your friends!



**Summer Backyard Book Study:
Tattoos on the Heart by Gregory Boyle**

Prepare to be inspired this summer - and share that inspiration with others - as we gather in our friends' back yards to explore *Tattoos on the Heart*, by Gregory Boyle. Mark your calendars with the dates below and stay tuned for host information.

For thirty years, Father Boyle has run Homeboy Industries, a gang-intervention program located in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles, the gang capital of the world. In *Tattoos on the Heart*, he distills his experience working in the ghetto into a breathtaking series of parables inspired by faith.



Arranged by theme and filled with sparkling humor and glowing generosity, these essays offer a stirring look at how full our lives could be if we could find the joy in loving others and in being loved unconditionally. In each chapter, we benefit from Boyle's gentle, hard-earned wisdom.

These essays about universal kinship and redemption are moving examples of the power of unconditional love and the importance of fighting despair. Gorgeous and uplifting, *Tattoos on the Heart* reminds us that no life is less valuable than another.

June 22 - Intro & Chapter 1 (Host: Penny Willey)	August 10 - Chapters 6 & 7 (Host: Amy Annett)
July 13 - Chapters 2 & 3 (Host: Rev. Ben Larson-Wolbrink)	August 24 - Chapter 8 & 9 (Host: Kathy Bauhof)
July 27 - Chapters 4 & 5 (Host: Tricia LaSota)	

Behind-the-Scenes Collections Tour—Friday, June 24

We are so pleased to announce that Adult Education Committee is back in action! We are working on organizing a few activities for the summer and this is our first confirmed tour.

All are invited to attend the *Behind-the-Scenes Collections Wing Tour* at the Cranbrook Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills. This tour was even recently featured in a *New York Times* article titled *The Story on Modern Art and Design Housed in a Suburban Detroit Basement*. We will have the opportunity to descend to the lower level into the specially designed vaulted rooms where the artwork is stored and cared for when not being exhibited. The tour features over 7500 pieces of art by major notable artists including Charles and Ray Eames, Florence Knoll, Eero Saarinen, Ruth Adler Schnee, Olga de Amaral, John Glick, Andy Warhol and many others. It will include sculptures, textiles, ceramics, drawings, prints and paintings.

Our tour is scheduled for Friday, June 24th at 11am. The cost is \$15 per person and is wheelchair accessible. Masks are encouraged but not mandated at this time. If more than 20 sign up, we will break into two back-to-back tours on the same day. One group will visit the regular museum, at no extra charge, for a self guided tour of the current exhibition while the other group visits the vaults. You may drive on your own or we will offer carpooling from the church. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions, please call or text Liz Hurbis at (248)225-5272.



Outdoor Worship Begins June 26th at 9:30am

Join us outdoor on the patio at **9:30am** for Summer Worship. Bring a chair or a blanket to spread out, or take a chair to use. Seating will also be available inside Fellowship Hall. If the weather is inhospitable, we'll move inside. We will also continue to livestream the outdoor service on our YouTube Channel at [NorthbrookPresCh](#) and on [Facebook](#).

Summer Camp registration is now open!

We will be returning to Camp Timbers again the week of July 31st through August 6th. Camp registrations are due by July 1st. To complete the initial registration, please complete the form at this [link](#). The cost for camp will be \$450 and can be paid by check made out to Northbrook Presbyterian Church or online [here](#). If you have any further questions, please contact Ken Stetson at stetson.kenny@gmail.com.



Men's Connection – Tuesdays at 8am & 10am

The 8am gathering meets via Zoom, while the 10am gathering is hybrid, with the option to gather in the library or attend via Zoom. Please contact Walt Young at walt2701@earthlink.net for details. *Please note that Men's Connection will meet on June 7th and then take a summer break. Men's Connection will resume on Tuesday, September 13th.*

Senior Soup Lunch - June 9, June 23, July 14 & July 28

Senior Soup Lunch takes place on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 1pm in the library. You are invited to come and enjoy a delicious soup, salad, bread, and dessert lunch. There will be plenty of time for conversation and getting to know one another.

Knit Wits—Wednesday, June 22 & July 27 at 1pm

The Knit Wits meets monthly meetings on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 1-3pm in the Library.

Mission Thank-you

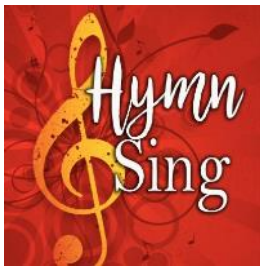
Northbrook members and friends, thank you for your compassionate generosity as you contributed funds in support of One Great Hour of Sharing (\$2270), our special collection for the support of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance relief efforts in response to the war in Ukraine (\$1970), and the donations of diapers and baby wipes for Baby Basics of Troy Ministry!



Place of Refuge Volunteer Work Days coming in July

A Place of Refuge will be holding more work days in July. Work continues on the second house in Detroit as they prepare for the next youth residents. Anyone interested in helping with drywall, electrical, and painting is welcome to join us. More details will be available in upcoming bulletins and emails. [A Place of Refuge](#) provides temporary housing for youth transitioning from Foster Care to adult living.





Hymn Sing Sundays: July 3 & September 4

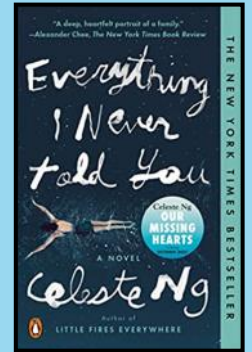
Do you have a favorite hymn you'd like to sing? During our Sunday morning services on July 3rd and September 4th, congregation members will be able to suggest hymns to sing in place of the sermon.

Northbrook Book Club—Monday, June 27 at 7pm

The Northbrook Book Club will meet on Monday, June 27 at 7pm (in-person or via Zoom), to discuss *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng. Please contact Nancy Best for a Zoom invitation. In-person discussion will be at the church on the outdoor patio, weather permitting. New members are always welcome!

A quick synopsis of the upcoming books (see dates below):

Everything I Never Told You is a moving story of family, secrets, and longing. It is both a gripping page-turner and a sensitive family portrait, uncovering the ways in which mothers and daughters, fathers and sons, and husbands and wives struggle, all their lives, to understand one another.



Monday, August 8 at 7pm

Save for Fireflies by Nathaniel Missildine—Enjoy memories of a cross-country family road trip from the unique perspective of Pastor Ben's college friend, Nat Missildine. In 2008, after years living in France, the author returned to his native United States with his wife and two young daughters to drive a full loop around the country. His travel memoir of the experience traces the rediscovery of home as a tourist with no fixed address and no planned destination. Covering 12,000 miles through 32 states, the book offers an accelerated take on the life of a new family as well as the story of a country that may have undergone a greater shift than the traveler who has returned to pay witness to its resilience and splendor. How does Nat look back on this experience now? How do you remember your family summer road trips? What does "home" mean to you? We hope you'll join us in reading a delightful summer book and joining us for an engaging discussion. Readers will need to purchase a book on Amazon.

Please mark your calendars with the upcoming book club dates:

- ◆ August 8: Save for Fireflies by Nathaniel Missildine (Pastor Ben's friend)
- ◆ September 19: A Place at the Table by Susan Rebecca White, fiction, 336 pages (Winnie hosts)
- ◆ October 24: The Women of the Copper Country by Mary Doria Russell, historical fiction, 341 pages. Michigan Great Read Book (Barb hosts)
- ◆ December 5: The Yellow House by Sarah M. Broom, memoir, 384 pages (Paulette hosts)

Cans for Communion Collection Sunday, July 3—Sunday, July 11

To Benefit: The Open Door Outreach Center, Waterford

We will collect non-perishable food items and personal care/hygiene items in the main hallway by the manger. Food items needed: all types of canned foods, condiments, jelly/jam, pasta and pasta sauce, cereals, crackers, juice, cake mixes, and frosting.



Dear Northbrook Family

- ◆ Have you ever dedicated a park bench to a loved one?
- ◆ Have you ever sponsored an impoverished child in another country?
- ◆ Have you ever planted a tree in honor of a departed friend or relative?

If you have ever done any of these or some smaller acts of kindness and generosity, you no doubt felt a very personal sense of joy and, perhaps, even peace.

We invite you to consider a special gift to Northbrook that might lift up your passion for Christ's ministry here. To spark your imagination, we are pleased to share a "Sponsorship Wish List" with suggested opportunities for giving. We believe this program will allow you to connect in a very special way with an activity or an aspect of the church where you have a particular passion.

Please prayerfully consider a special area you would like to sponsor at Northbrook, either your own passion or one on the suggested "Sponsorship Wish List." You may submit your contribution using the "Sponsorship Contribution Form" portion of this page (below). Donations can be made anonymously or in your name.

We are very grateful for every member's pledges, for the legacy gifts that we currently manage, and for all of the time, talent, and support that our members give to Northbrook. Our goal with this "Sponsorship Wish List" is to ensure we can maintain and continue to grow our church programs, outreach, and mission objectives.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
The Northbrook Session

SPONSORSHIP CONTRIBUTION FORM

Create your own sponsorship or select one of the suggested items from the Northbrook Sponsorship Wish List on the following page.

List Your Contribution Item or Details Here

Amount

Sponsor Name & Contact information: _____

Do you want to remain anonymous? Yes No

NORTHBROOK SPONSORSHIP WISH LIST

WORSHIP

- Communion - provide the elements for one year (\$300 suggested)
- Sanctuary Flowers - beautify the sanctuary for one Sunday (\$50 suggested)
- Guest Preacher - provide quality preaching for one Sunday (\$200 suggested)
- Microphone - amplify the choir for better sound with another mic (\$700 suggested)

CONNECTIONS

- Coffee Hour - sponsor refreshments for one Sunday after worship (\$150 suggested)
- Postage - cover mail communication for one year (\$1600 suggested)
- Flowers for the Grounds - beautify the church for one year (\$500 suggested)
- Internet Service - maintain our online presence for one year (\$1500 suggested)
- New Phone System—replace our outdated and very old phone system (\$2000 suggested)

MISSION

- Pastor Benevolence Fund - provide resources for people in crisis (\$200 suggested)
- Summer Camp - sponsor one young person for a week of camp (\$425 suggested)
- LOGOS - sponsor one child for a full school year (\$150 suggested)

PROPOSED PROJECT: NORTHBROOK PARK

This will be an inviting place on our church grounds to enjoy recreation and to meet our neighbors

- Northbrook Park Bench - a spot to linger and connect (\$500 suggested)
- Northbrook Park Picnic Table - a place to break bread together (\$1000 suggested)
- Northbrook Park Shade Structure - easing connection on hot days (\$10,000 suggested)

CAPITAL CHALLENGE: WATER REMEDIATION

This will involve work to shore up church drainage in order to secure our foundation

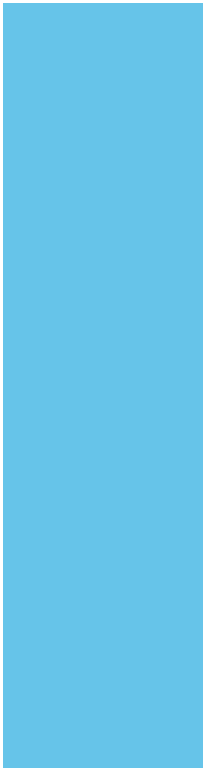
- Entire project - \$16,500, though any contribution toward this would be welcome



May Photos



The Preschool at the Memorial Day Parade





**Sunflower
Garden
Planting
at
The Place
of Refuge**



June/July Birthdays

06/01 Matt Broadwell	07/01 Gary Voight
06/02 James Johnston	07/03 Peggie Schiller
06/02 Celia Metcalf	07/04 Oliver Hemberg
06/02 MaryBeth Parks	07/05 Camille Higley
06/04 Cheryl Clemens	07/05 Judie Murdock
06/06 Carl von Ende	07/09 Aayla Ault
06/08 Pam Grim	07/10 Leah Guindi
06/08 William Hancock	07/11 Ann Daniels
06/15 James Francis	07/12 Grace Burnham
06/15 Julie Huddlestun	07/12 Michael Wicker
06/18 Bev Dinsmore	07/22 Kathy Bauhof
06/18 Meredith Riggan Maurer	07/23 David Hough
06/19 Larry Guindi	07/25 Diane Vanasupa
06/20 Claire Higley	07/26 Dave Grim
06/24 Gayle Travis	07/26 Grace Nji
06/27 Lila Daniels	07/30 Joyce Vander Weide

June/July Anniversaries

Bill & Vick Back – 53 years on June 1
 Kim Bowden Adair & Bryan Adair – 39 years on June 11
 Bob & Lori Sandercock – 29 years on June 12
 Ron & Susan Riggan – 44 years on June 17
 Steve & Megan Taylor – 20 years on June 22
 Michael & Cheryl Clemens – 43 years on June 23
 David & Bonnie Hough – 40 years on June 26
 Roy & Bonnie Annett – 33 years on July 8
 Ann & Jason Daniels – 22 years on July 8
 William & Cassie Clemens – 1 years on July 11
 Tim & Susan Boese – 47 years on July 12
 Jim & MaryBeth Parks – 44 years on July 15
 Stephen & Jennifer Sicora – 50 years on July 15
 Amy & Bruce Annett – 37 years on July 20
 David & Annie Burnham – 17 years on July 23
 Cindy & Cayce Sowle – 26 years on July 27
 William Swink Jr. & Judith Swink – 56 years on July 30

 In Memorium



Joyce Hamburg

April 24, 1934—May 23, 2022

Calendar

June 3	7pm	Friday Fun Zoom
June 4	9am 10am	Spring Clean Up Care & Share Donation Drive-In
June 5	10am 11am	In-Person & Livestream Worship Communion/Family Sunday/ Graduation Sunday/Pentecost Church Picnic
June 7	8am 10am	Men's Connection via Zoom Men's Connection—In-person & Zoom
June 9	1pm	Senior Soup Lunch
June 12	10am 11:15am	In-Person & Livestream Worship Deacons' Meeting
June 19	10am	In-Person & Livestream Worship ~ Happy Father's Day ~
June 22	1pm 7pm	Knit Wits Backyard Bible Study
June 23	1pm	Senior Soup Lunch
June 24	11am	Cranbrook Museum Behind-the- Scenes Collections Wing Tour
June 26	9:30am 10:30am	In-Person & Livestream Worship ~ Summer Outdoor worship begins ~ Session Meeting
June 27	7pm	Northbrook Club Meeting
July 1		Camp Registration Due
July 3	9:30am	In-Person & Livestream Worship Communion/Family Sunday/ ~ Hymn Sing~
July 4		OFFICE CLOSED ~ Happy 4th of July ~
July 10	9:30am	In-Person & Livestream Worship
July 13	7pm	Backyard Bible Study
July 14	1pm	Senior Soup Lunch

July 17	9:30am	In-Person & Livestream Worship
July 24	9:30am	In-Person & Livestream Worship
July 27	1pm 7pm	Knit Wits Backyard Bible Study
July 28	1pm	Senior Soup Lunch
July 31	9:30am	In-Person & Livestream Worship Summer Camp (7/31-8/6)

Please visit our website:
www.northbroopc.org for the most update
calendar information.



**Save the Date
For
Vacation Bible School
August 16th—18th**



The church office will be
closed Monday, July 4 in
observance of Independence Day.

Family Sundays

We are excited to have the families of Northbrook lead worship on the **first Sunday of each month**. You won't want to miss this special monthly service: led by our young people, for *all God's people*.

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Worship with Us

Sundays at 10am: 6/5, 6/12, 6/19

Sundays at 9:30am on the Patio starting 6/26

- In-person in the sanctuary
- Livestream—[NorthbrookPresCh YouTube Channel](#)
- Livestream on [Facebook](#)—Northbrookpc

Office Hours

Mon-Thurs: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Friday: Closed June 3 – Sept. 2

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