

## Northbrook Presbyterian Church Newsletter

### Grace and Gratitude

Have you noticed the mornings are a bit cooler these days? I can't help but get excited about the changing seasons and the coming fall. But, before we turn the page to autumn, I wanted to look back and share my gratitude for the chance to spend some quality time with my family enjoying the beauty that Michigan has to offer over the summer.



In July, our family took our first vacation to the Upper Peninsula. It did not disappoint! We spent hours swimming in Lake Superior, hiking on trails, and basking in all the natural beauty up there... from waterfalls to colorful cliffs to spectacular sunsets.

Not only was it our first time in the U.P., but it was our first family vacation with just the five of us since we moved to Michigan. It was a gift to be on the road

together, discovering new vistas and sharing new experiences. We enjoyed sight-seeing around Marquette and Munising, sampling smoked whitefish and pasties, and playing some high-stakes games of Tenzi. It was pure grace to linger together in that beautiful country.

And, I'm feeling energized for the fall and the opportunities that await us here at Northbrook. While we're never sure how Covid might flare up and alter our plans, it feels like we are settling into a fall rhythm that feels more familiar.

As I mark my second full year of ministry with you this month, I'm grateful for all the ways we've been able to grow together, in spite of the Covid challenges. At the same time, Covid has made it harder to just get to know one another. If we haven't met, I'd love to meet you. If we've only chatted briefly, I'd love to learn more about your journey and how I can support your faith. There's no better time than the present!

Blessings,  
Pastor Ben



*“Live the Love of Jesus Christ”*



## Fall Kick-Off Sunday!

**On Sunday, September 11, we will return to our regular 10am worship time and move into the sanctuary for the first of our fall Family Sundays. Please join us following worship for a special luncheon!**

### Men's Connection—Tuesdays at 8am and 10am

On Tuesday, September 13, Men's Connection kicks off again at both the 8am (via Zoom) and the 10am (in the library and via Zoom) sessions. We will continue with the study of Jeremiah for four weeks and then move on to another book. Please contact Walt Young at [walt2701@earthlink.net](mailto:walt2701@earthlink.net) for more information and to receive the Zoom link.

### Pastor's Bible Study Returns - Wednesday, September 14 at 10am and 7pm

Ever wanted to have a better understanding of scripture? Eager to connect with others on a similar learning journey? Join us in the library or [via the Zoom link](#) on Wednesdays in the morning or evening for our weekly dive into scripture. Take what you learn on Sunday to the next level!

### LOGOS—Begins September 14th

LOGOS will begin on Wednesday, September 14th from 5-7pm and will run until April for all K-12 students. The LOGOS program is a fun-filled 2 hours that includes lessons, discussion, music, games, and dinner. The cost of the program is \$100 per semester (scholarships are available). For registration information, please contact Ken Stetson at 248-302-2177 or [stetson.kenny@gmail.com](mailto:stetson.kenny@gmail.com).

### Youth Group

On Sundays each week, we hold a group meeting for our middle and high school secondary students. This is a time to give students space to discuss what is on their minds, engage with spiritual lessons, and participate in fun games and team building together. A monthly schedule is posted on our youth ministry Google doc. For more information and access, contact Ken Stetson at (248)302-2177 or [stetson.kenny@gmail.com](mailto:stetson.kenny@gmail.com)

### Senior Soup Lunch - September 8 and September 22

Senior Soup Lunch takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Bring a friend!

### Knit Wits—Wednesday, September 28

The Knit Wits meets monthly meetings on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 1-3pm in the Library. All skill levels are welcome—bring a friend!

### Annual Interfaith Dinner September 15 at 7pm

The Northbrook Adult Education Committee is inviting you to attend the annual Interfaith Dinner sponsored by the Muslim Unity Center. We will be taking the van, or if you prefer, we can meet you at the center. Watch for more information in the weekly bulletins.

Let's reconnect & break bread together after a long awaited reunion under the sun.



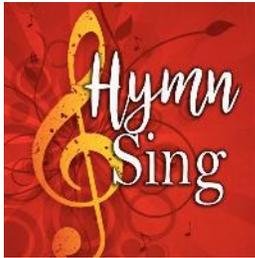
OUTDOOR EVENT  
MUSLIM UNITY CENTER  
BACKYARD

**September 15, 2022 – 7 pm**  
1830 W Square Lake Rd, Bloomfield Hills 48302

## Finance Committee—Wish List Campaign Update

Our Wish List campaign ends on August 31st. Currently, we have received over \$25,000 of pledges. If you have been pondering a contribution, now is the time to act. You can read more about it [HERE](#) or contact the church office for details. Contributions can be made by check and mailed to the church office, or via our website: [nortbhbroomkpc.org](http://nortbhbroomkpc.org) (be sure to put "Sponsorship Wish List" in the memo line). We are so grateful for your generosity as we continue to *Live the Love of Jesus Christ*.

Pastor Ben & the Finance Committee



### Hymn Sing Sunday: September 4

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

### Do you Love to Sing (shower and car singers included)?

Are you looking for a way to join a church group that is relaxed and friendly? We are excited to announce that our Church Choir will be starting once again for the fall! Rehearsals alternate between Thursday evenings and Sundays after church in order to accommodate everyone's schedules. Our first rehearsals will be Thursday, September 8 from 7 - 8:30 PM and Sunday, September 11 from 11:30-1 PM. Monthly rehearsal calendars will be available in the choir room.

You may be asking yourself, Why should I join the church choir?

- ◆ The purpose of the music ministry is to bring the message of Jesus Christ to the church through song and music, so the message can be understood with the heart as well as the mind.
- ◆ The choir plays an extremely important role in this ministry, by supporting congregational singing and reminding us that we are not alone, that we are part of a very special community.
- ◆ Some sources say that singing in the choir promotes physical and emotional health, keeps people connected, and strengthens the spirit.
- ◆ You will have the opportunity to sing a variety of songs from different styles and cultures, read music, develop better vocal technique, and learn performance skills.
- ◆ Singing in a choir is a great way to build relationships with people who have a common interest - making music to glorify God!

Returning choir members and also anyone who may not have been in a choir before, I would like to ask that you prayerfully consider participating in our upcoming fall worship season. ALL voice types and experience levels are welcome!

Angel Gippert  
Choir Director  
[angel7296@sbcglobal.net](mailto:angel7296@sbcglobal.net)



## Northbrook Book Club—Monday, September 19 at 7pm

*A Place at the Table* by Susan Rebecca White is a rich novel featuring three characters of different generations whose life paths become intertwined in the 1980s in the setting of a historic, chic café in Manhattan. As we begin the book, we are first introduced to Alice, an African American young girl, in Emancipation Township in North Carolina in 1929. In 1970s Georgia, we meet Bobby, a gay boy who is ostracized by his religiously conservative family. As time moves to the 1980s, we meet Amelia, a wealthy Connecticut woman whose life is upended when she learns of a heartbreaking family secret. Through the stories of these characters and others, and through their relationships, we witness the healing power of love, acceptance, and the authentic living of one's identity. (The photos above are of two covers available. Please be aware that there are other books of the same title, so you want the one by Susan Rebecca White with the story described here.)



We will meet in-person at church on the patio, weather/daylight permitting, or in Fellowship Hall, and via Zoom. Contact Winnie Davies-Hancock for a Zoom invitation at (248)931-0821 or [winsomeann@aol.com](mailto:winsomeann@aol.com) with *Northbrook Book Club* in the subject for Zoom details). We hope you'll join us in reading this meaningful book and for our time of fellowship and engaging discussion. Readers can check local libraries for the book or purchase a new or used copy from a bookstore or online.

**Considering joining us for the first time?** Our discussions are informal, and it's not necessary that you finish the book before our meeting. We'd love to have you join us!

Please mark your calendars with these upcoming book club dates:

- ◆ 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)



**Blood Pressure Checks are Back!!** Woohoo! Screenings will take place on September 11, November 13, and December 11. Then, we will gauge how popular it is and determine how to continue in the new year. The screenings will take place following worship, the place to be determined. If you have questions, please see Kathy Bauhof.

**Flu Shots** will again be offered at Northbrook on Sunday, September 25. Sign-ups to follow (so we know how many to have on hand). Kathy Bauhof will give the shots before and after worship, from 9-10am and 11am-12pm. If you have questions, call Kathy Bauhof at (248)515-5307.



**Thank you to everyone who donated back-to-school supplies. They have been sorted and will be delivered to the Word program at Calvin East Presbyterian Church and to students in the Pontiac schools.**

## Peace & Global Witness Offering September 4 – October 3

Through work, assistance, and financial support, we can help allay fellow world citizens' feelings of hopelessness, anxiety, and fear, and serve as peacemakers in areas of discord, whether near or far. This annual offering of The Presbyterian Church, U.S.A (PCUSA) allows us to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice around the world. Northbrook will be

able to retain 25% of our total collection for use in mission efforts that support the sharing of the peace that God and Jesus intend for all of God's children. You may use the envelope included in your church envelope packet or make a contribution by cash, check, or credit card (online). However you make your contribution, please indicate that your gift is for the Peace & Global Witness Offering. Thank you.



### Do you have friends or family with birthdays or special celebrations this fall? Maybe you know a college student who could use a fun surprise package?

*Shopping via Northbrook's own website link via SERRV.org (SERRV International) is a way to help the planet and people of the world who need your support of their Fair Trade enterprises.*



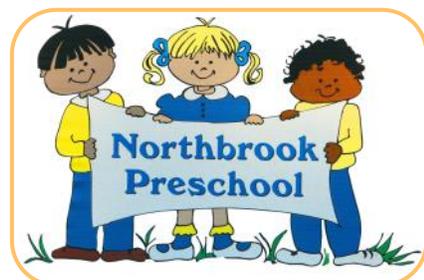
Check out the SERRV website featuring over 1000 wonderful items. Purchases made by anyone including friends and relatives via Northbrook's custom link will allow Northbrook's Mission Fund to earn 20% of the total sales. This means you will be bringing joy to your gift recipient, providing economic support, relief and empowerment to those in need in the U.S. and around the world and contributing to the mission work done by our congregation. **Here is our link: <http://serrv.org/?a=Northbrook>.** Sign in as a guest or create your own log-in. For assistance with ordering, please contact Winnie

Davies-Hancock at [winsomeann@aol.com](mailto:winsomeann@aol.com) or (248)593-8035. **Give a gift that shows your love and blesses others!** *Thank you to those of you who have made online purchases. You have added to the funds that the Mission Connection Committee is able to distribute to organizations that do important work in the world!*

### Here are some other websites for Fair Trade organizations in need of our support:

- ◆ **[EqualExchange.coop/pcusa](http://EqualExchange.coop/pcusa)**: coffees – including organic, teas, chocolates, cooking ingredients, food and gifts
- ◆ **[Mayanhands.org](http://Mayanhands.org)**: fashion, household and gift items
- ◆ **[Mayaworks.org](http://Mayaworks.org)**: fashion, household, and gift items
- ◆ **[UPAVIMcrafts.org](http://UPAVIMcrafts.org)**: fashion, household, and gift items

Northbrook Preschool will begin its school year on Monday, September 12. We look forward to another great year!! Make sure to come down the hall and look at all of our wonderful artwork!!





Another Summer Camp is in the books—filled with laughter, friendship, faith, and memories to last a lifetime. Thank you to everyone who donated their time, talents, and financial resources to this wonderful experience.

## Calendar

Sept. 4	9:30am 10:30am	In-Person & Livestream Worship ~Hymn Sing Deacons' Meeting
Sept. 5		OFFICE CLOSED ~ <i>Happy Labor Day</i>
Sept. 8	1pm	Senior Soup Lunch
Sept. 11	10am 11am 11am	In-Person & Livestream Worship & Communion/Family Sunday Fall Kick-Off Luncheon Blood Pressure Screening
Sept. 13	8am 10am	Men's Connection via Zoom Men's Connection—In-person & Zoom
Sept. 14	10am 5pm 7pm	Pastor's Bible Study LOGOS Pastor's Bible Study
Sept. 15	6pm 7pm	Nominating Comm. Mtg Interfaith Dinner—Muslim Unity Center
Sept. 18	10am 11am 5pm	In-Person & Livestream Worship Session Meeting Youth Group
Sept. 19	7pm	Book Club Meeting
Sept. 20	8am 10am	Men's Connection via Zoom Men's Connection—In-person & Zoom
Sept. 21	10am 5pm 7pm	Pastor's Bible Study LOGOS Pastor's Bible Study
Sept. 22	1pm	Senior Soup Lunch
Sept. 25	10am 5pm	In-Person & Livestream Worship Youth Group Flu Shots (before & after worship)
Sept. 27	8am 10am	Men's Connection via Zoom Men's Connection—In-person & Zoom
Sept. 28	10am 1pm 5pm 7pm	Pastor's Bible Study Knit Wits LOGOS Pastor's Bible Study

### September Birthdays

09/02 Barbara Voight	09/12 Dan Willey
09/04 Stephanie Wicker	09/13 Keith Lee
09/06 Ellsworth Adams	09/17 Bruce Murdock
09/07 Helen Gach	09/19 Diane Joppie
09/07 Nathan Sylvia	09/20 Patty Van Loo
09/08 Emily Stetson	09/20 Jeff Wilhelmi
09/09 Terri Hurbis	09/21 John Eierman
09/10 Abby Adair	09/22 Steve DeCarteret
09/10 Lois Kurta	09/22 Bozenna Johnson
09/10 Janelle Moulding	09/27 Brian Long
09/10 Evan Willey	09/28 Jim Parks
09/11 Erik Higley	09/30 Ryan Larson
09/12 Roberta Campion	

### September Anniversaries

Don & LeeAnne Hemberg – 43 years on September 15  
 Nicki & Gus Walgren – 23 years on September 18  
 Bill & Gail Travis – 52 years on September 19  
 Dan & Jennifer Gross – 16 years on September 23



Michael Bauhof helping a camper make a wooden sailboat.



The church office will be closed Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day.



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#### **Worship with Us**

**9/4—Sunday at 9:30am (on the back patio)**

**9/11 until next summer—Sundays at 10am  
(in-person in the sanctuary)**

**The Sunday service is also found:**

- Livestream—[NorthbrookPresCh YouTube Channel](#)
- Livestream on [Facebook](#)—Northbrookpc

#### **Office Hours**

Mon-Thurs: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m.—noon

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