

Northbrook Presbyterian Church Newsletter



“Live the Love of Jesus Christ”



Food Truck • Music • Fun for all ages

Wednesday, June 17 • 5 - 8pm

- Food for purchase from Tim's Gourmet Sliders
- Music by DJ Unkle Eli
- Bounce house, cornhole, games, and more!

Northbrook Church Parking Lot - rain or shine
22055 W. 14 Mile, Beverly Hills (corner of 14 Mile & Lahser Rd.)
www.northbrookpc.org 248.642.0200



Northbrook Church
GARAGE SALE
FRIDAY, AUGUST 14
&
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

START SAVING ITEMS FOR THE GARAGE SALE:
small kitchen appliances and utensils, toys, tools,
small electronics, small furniture, lamps, sporting goods,
jewelry, outdoor equipment, holiday decorations, etc.

Many volunteers needed! Sign-up in late June.

Declutter your house & garage by donating items!

No clothing, books, or large furniture items.

Tell your friends & neighbors.

Main Event Survey Results

Thanks to all who completed a survey for the Main Event. We received 25 survey responses, and 75% wanted this event to be held every other year. That means we will look forward to Fall 2027 for the next Main Event to be held at Northbrook. This year will be a time to enjoy the experiences you previously purchased!

JUNE Care & Share Cereal Drive

CEREAL FOR SUMMER DRIVE

**NORTHBROOK
Care & Share**



On behalf of children who may not have enough to eat, thank you!

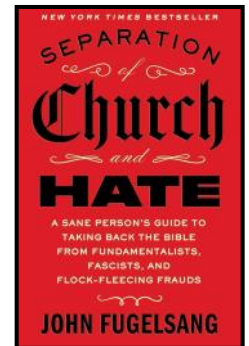
- ▶ **Healthy Cereals**
- ▶ **Kid-Friendly Cereals**
- ▶ **Breakfast & Granola Bars**
- ▶ **Individual Serving Size Containers of Fruits**
- ▶ **Milk & Juice Boxes (individual servings that don't have to be refrigerated until after opening)**

Northbrook is participating in the Presbytery of Detroit Hunger Ministries' 11th Annual Cereal for Summer Drive. We will collect these items in the manger in the main hallway through June 29th.

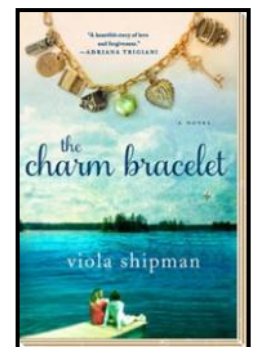
Northbrook Book Club—June 1 and July 13 at 7pm

Everybody is welcome to attend the upcoming Northbrook Book Club discussions. *Separation of Church and Hate* by John Fugelsang on June 1, and *The Charm Bracelet* by Viola Shipman on July 13. Join in person in Fellowship Hall or by Zoom. Yvonne is hosting in June, and Shirley is hosting in July. Please let Nancy Best know if you would like to attend by Zoom.

Book Summary of **Separation of Church and Hate**: *It's a contemporary nonfiction work that mixes memoir, biblical commentary, and political critique. Fugelsang, a comedian and TV/radio host, begins with his own unusual Catholic upbringing—born to a former nun and Franciscan brother—and uses that personal lens to explore what Christianity originally meant versus how it is often practiced in American public life today. He argues that the core of Jesus's message is radical compassion, humility, and justice. The book pushes back against Christian nationalism, offering readers language and scripture-based tools to challenge hate presented as faith. (summary taken from www.booksthatslay.com).*



Book Summary of **The Charm Bracelet**: *Through an heirloom charm bracelet, three women will rediscover the importance of family and a passion for living as each charm changes their lives. On her birthday each year, Lolly's mother gave her a charm, along with the advice that there is nothing more important than keeping family memories alive. In her later years, Lolly reveals the story behind each charm on her bracelet, and one by one the family stories help mother, daughter and granddaughter reconnect in a way that brings each closer to finding joy, love, and faith. A beautiful reminder of the preciousness of family.*



Please mark your calendar with these updated book titles and dates:

- ◆ August 24—*The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros - Jan hosts
- ◆ October 5—*The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans - Barb hosts
- ◆ November 16 – *The Book Club for Troublesome Women* by Marie Bostwick – Kim hosts

An Update from Session - Safety Plan

On May 17, 2026, Session approved the following:

1. Our security team is working on ways to make our building more secure for members, renters, and all users of the building. In addition to our new “Stick It” policy, we have added the “Lock It” policy. Moving forward, the doors will be locked during all activities, unless a responsible party is present to monitor unlocked doors.
2. On Sunday mornings, doors will be unlocked at 9:30, and a Safety Team Member (see below) will be at each door. Doors will be locked 15 minutes after the service begins, but late arrivals can ring the doorbell, and a Safety Team Member will be available to provide access.

For any group meeting during the week, doors may be unlocked briefly to allow access at the beginning of the meeting. However, a group representative must be present to observe access whenever a door is unlocked, and they must be sure to lock the door when they leave the door to join the meeting. During office hours, staff will monitor the doorbells to allow access. If your group meets after hours, you are encouraged to leave a note on the door for late arrivals to call a group representative after the doors have been locked.

3. We are looking for members to be a part of a Safety Team of approximately 8-10 rotating people to monitor building access starting at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. They are also responsible for ensuring all doors are locked at 10:15 and monitoring the halls during worship. Let Penny Willey or Peggie DiFalco know if you are interested or have any questions.

Finance Matters

As we move through the year together as a church family, the Finance Committee would like to thank everyone for the faithful generosity that continues to support the ministries and mission of our church. Your contributions allow us to maintain our church home, support our staff and programs, and serve both our congregation and the greater community.

We also offer a gentle reminder to those who made a financial pledge for this year to please review your current giving and, if possible, remain on pace with your pledged amount. Consistent giving throughout the year helps the church meet its ongoing financial commitments and plan responsibly for the months ahead.

We understand that circumstances can change, and above all, we are grateful for every act of support, prayer, and participation in the life of our church.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness and generosity.

In Faithful Service,
Dan Gross (Chair) on behalf of your Finance Committee: Tim Boese, Tom MacFarlane,
Mark Best, Ryan Stottlemeyer, Mike Krug (Financial Secretary), and
Pastor Ben Larson-Wolbrink

Please Welcome Northbrook's Confirmands

Alex Burnham is in 7th grade at Anderson Middle School in Berkley, where his favorite subjects are math and history (especially ancient history, World War I, and World War II). He likes playing video games, especially Fortnite, Minecraft, and Roblox. He also plays soccer (midfield). Alex has been coming to Northbrook since he was very young. He's a regular at LOGOS and also loves summer camp. He lives in Berkley with his parents and older sister, Grace.

Lila Daniels is in 6th grade at Royal Oak Middle School. She has been coming to Northbrook since she was a baby, and even played baby Jesus in a Christmas pageant! She attends Logos regularly and has been coming to camp since 2022. She likes camping at Groveland Oaks with her parents and older sister Grace. Lila enjoys playing basketball and softball.

Amelia Drinkert has been coming to Northbrook since she first went to camp in 2022; she has been to camp every year since and also attends LOGOS regularly. She's a midfielder on her soccer team, DCFC. She's on a couple of swim teams and prefers the breaststroke and IM events. Amelia is involved with the yearbook at her school and likes to spend time with friends. She really likes animals, especially her dogs Scout and Darla. She lives with her parents and three older siblings (Jack, Charlie, and Lucy) in Beverly Hills and is in 8th grade at Berkshire Middle School.

Ben Ellis is in 8th grade at Royal Oak Middle School. He's been coming to summer camp with Northbrook since 2020 and also attends LOGOS. He lives in Royal Oak with his parents and younger brother, Henry. Ben really likes soccer; he plays Right Back on his travel soccer team, Detroit City FC. He also runs the 100m, 200m, and 4x200m relay for his school's track team.

Liam Hattermann is in 8th grade at Shrine Academy. He has two older siblings, Amelia and Grant. Liam really enjoys playing soccer for his DCFC team. He also enjoys hanging out with his friends, especially biking and playing video games. He also enjoys listening to music and playing music on the guitar. Liam has been coming to summer camp with Northbrook since 2021.

Owen Hurbis is in 8th grade at Royal Oak Middle School. He's been coming to Northbrook with his mom since he was born and enjoys participating in different things at the church. He loves being part of the Tech Team on Sunday mornings. He also likes serving as liturgist, and is involved with all the youth/children's programs, and especially enjoys summer camp. Owen enjoys playing golf and is a caddie at Red Run Golf Club. He's a goalie on his rec soccer team. He likes LEGOS and Star Wars.

Nathan Larson-Wolbrink has been involved at Northbrook since his family moved to Michigan in 2020; he especially enjoys summer camp and logos. He lives in Berkley with his parents and two older sisters, Lily and Hope, and is in 8th grade at Anderson Middle School. He enjoys running cross-country and track (400m, 4x400m relay, and 800m) on his school teams. He also enjoys hanging out with friends, especially when they ride bikes or play video games.

Kayla Shearer has been coming to camp with Northbrook since 2021 and also comes to LOGOS. She really likes soccer and plays striker on her club team. She is in 8th grade at Warner Middle School in Farmington, where she enjoys learning and spending time with her friends. She also enjoys listening to music, being at the beach, and being active. She lives with her parents and older brother, Cole, in Farmington.



*Back Row (left to right): Alex Burnham, Liam Hattermann, Ben Ellis, Nathan Larson-Wolbrink, Owen Hurbis
Front Row (left to right): Amelia Drinkert, Kayla Shearer, Lila Daniels*

I'm pleased to share that our Northbrook Sewing Team recently completed a mission project for the Little Dresses for Africa charity. Our volunteers sewed 35 beautiful dresses made from pillowcases—that will bring hope and joy to girls in need. The dresses will be delivered to the warehouse in Rockwood MI, then distributed in Africa or other countries in crisis. Thank you to everyone who donated their time and talent: Kim Bowden-Adair, Nancy Best, Liz Hurbis, Jaki Romanchuk, Gayle Travis, and Stephanie Wicker. A special thank you to Janet Evans for donating pillowcases. Your generosity truly makes a difference!

To learn more about this charity, you can visit their website: <https://littledressesforafrica.org/>.

With gratitude - Mary DeCarteret

Little Dresses for Africa Mission Project



The Northbrook Sewing Team (left to right): Liz Hurbis, Stephanie Wicker, Mary DeCarteret, Nancy Best, and Jaki Romanchuk. Not pictured: Kim Bowden-Adair and Gayle Travis.

JULY & AUGUST Cleaning Supplies *Care & Share Drive* **Sunday, July 12 through Monday, August 24** ***In support of those served by Kids Empowered On the Move***

Household cleaning supplies are items that every family needs and needs to resupply on a regular basis. Their costs add up and can be draining on those with a very limited income. We will collect items in the manger in the main hallway. Here are some suggested items, but you may think of others:

- ◆ Laundry soap
- ◆ Laundry stain-fighter sprays
- ◆ Multipurpose cleaning sprays
- ◆ Disinfectant cleaning sprays
- ◆ Bleach
- ◆ Glass cleaner
- ◆ Floor cleaners for mopping
- ◆ Disinfecting/Sanitizing wipes
- ◆ Toilet bowl cleaner
- ◆ Sponges, etc.
- ◆ Dish soap – probably most for sink dishwashing vs. dishwasher detergent



To volunteer to help with the drive or ask questions, please contact Winnie Davies-Hancock at 248-931-0821 or winsomeann@aol.com.

Northbrook Mission Tithe Dollars at Work as We Share the Love of Jesus Christ

In May, we sent out the following support to nonprofits based on Northbrook's mission tithe of contributions from January through April:

- \$ 2915 to The Baldwin Center (Pontiac)
- \$ 1521 to Fort Street Open Door for outreach programs
- \$ 634 to Presbytery of Detroit Hunger Ministries Program
- \$ 1521 to Frontera De Cristo (Border Ministries), split between Mission Co-workers' support and General Ministry Support
- \$ 1521 to South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless (S.O.C.H.) – Welcome Inn
- \$ 253 to Southwest Detroit Immigrant and Refugee Center (SWIRC)
- \$ 250 Kids Empowered On the Move

We also sent out our One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering collection of \$975 to the Presbyterian Mission Agency of the PC(USA).

Northbrook, thank you for continuing to give generously so we can address our mission of working to *Live the Love of Jesus Christ* out into the world.



Lifelong Learners on the Move



Northbrook's Lifelong Learners Committee has been busy organizing excursions and tours this year. On April 30th, a group toured the Ford Piquette Plant, learning about the early days of Ford Motor Company. The outing also included a driving tour of the historic Boston Edison district. On May 11th, another group toured the recently opened Kirk Gibson Parkinson's Center. Be sure to check out the weekly bulletins and weekly emails for other upcoming Lifelong Learners events.

Calendar

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| June 1 | 7pm | Northbrook Book Club Meeting |
| June 2 | 8am 10am 5:30pm | Men's Connection via Zoom Men's Connection—In-person & Zoom Brady's Bunch at The HoneyTree Grille |
| June 3 | 11:15am | Yoga |
| June 5 | | Summer Office Hours begin: Office Closed on Fridays |
| June 7 | 10am | In-Person & Livestream Worship ~ Communion Sunday ~ |
| June 8 | 4:30pm | Worship Comm. Meeting |
| June 9 | 8am 10am | Men's Connection via Zoom Men's Connection—In-person & Zoom |
| June 10 | 11:15am | Yoga |
| June 11 | 1pm | Senior Lunch |
| June 14 | 10am 11:15am | In-Person & Livestream Worship ~ Pride Sunday ~ Deacons' Meeting |
| June 16 | 9am | Men's Connection Wrap-Up Breakfast Meeting at the Gallery Restaurant |
| June 17 | 11:15am 5pm | Yoga Neighborhood Night @Northbrook |
| June 19 | 10am | Julie Dawson Home & Garden Tour |
| June 21 | 9:30am 10:30am | Move to Outdoor Worship In-Person & Livestream Worship ~Happy Father's Day~ Session Meeting |
| June 22 | 9am-12 | Vacation Bible School (6/22-6/26) |
| June 25 | 1pm | Senior Lunch |
| June 28 | 9:30am 3pm | In-Person & Livestream Worship Youth Mission Trip (6/28-7/2) |
| July 5 | 9:30am | In-Person & Livestream Worship |
| July 9 | 1pm | Senior Lunch |
| July 12 | 9:30am 10:30am | In-Person & Livestream Worship Deacons' Meeting |
| July 19 | 9:30am | In-Person & Livestream Worship |
| July 23 | 1pm | Senior Lunch |
| July 26 | 9:30am | In-Person & Livestream Worship |

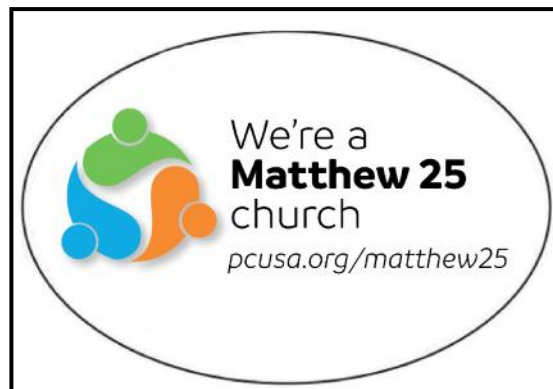
June & July Birthdays

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| 06/02 MaryBeth Parks | 07/01 Gary Voight |
| 06/04 Cheryl Clemens | 07/03 Peggie DiFalco |
| 06/06 Carl von Ende | 07/05 Judie Murdock |
| 06/08 Pam Grim | 07/09 Aayla Ault |
| 06/08 William Hancock | 07/10 Leah Guindi |
| 06/15 Beth Ellis | 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 Laurence Guindi | 07/25 Diane Vanasupa |
| 06/24 Gayle Travis | 07/26 Dave Grim |
| 06/27 Lila Daniels | 07/26 Grace Nji |
| 06/29 Lily Larson-Wolbrink | 07/30 Joyce Vander Weide |
| 06/30 Nathan Larson-Wolbrink | |

June & July Anniversaries

Bill & Vicki Back—57 years on June 10/6/01
 Bryan Adair & Kim Bowden-Adair—43 years on June 11
 Robert & Lori Sandercock—33 years on June 12
 Ron & Susan Riggan—48 years on June 17
 Steve & Megan Taylor—24 years on June 22
 Michael & Cheryl Clemens—47 years on June 23
 David & Bonnie Hough—44 years on June 26
 Roy & Bonnie Annett—37 years on July 8
 Ann & Jason Daniels—26 years on July 8
 Will & Cassie Clemens—5 years on July 11
 Tim & Susan Boese—51 years on July 12
 Jim & MaryBeth Parks—48 years on July 15
 Stephen & Jennifer Sicora—54 years on July 15
 Amy & Bruce Annett—41 years on July 20
 David & Annie Burnham—21 years on July 23
 Cayce & Cindy Sowle—30 years on July 27

Please visit our website: www.northbrookpc.org
 for the most current calendar of events.



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VBS VOLUNTEERS

JUNE 22 - 26
9:00AM - 12:00 PM

There are roles for everyone!


Can't help that week? We need help preparing crafts and materials ahead of time! Sign up using the same code or link above.

To sign-up scan or visit
<https://www.myvbs.org/northbrook-vbs-2026>

We Need YOU!

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

QR Code



KIDS' CONNECTION
NORTHBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Kids' Connection, our Sunday ministry for young children at Northbrook, is for children in preschool through 5th grade. Children may begin worshipping with their families in the sanctuary and will be dismissed for Kids' Connection after Pastor Ben's children's message. Each Sunday, the children will learn about connecting with God and others by hearing the stories of the Bible in fun and meaningful ways. **We hope to see your kids on Sundays!**

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Worship with Us:

10am in the sanctuary through June 14
9:30am on the patio starting June 21

The Sunday service is also found:

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

Office Hours

Mon-Thurs: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Friday: Closed during the June, July & August
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