

The Northminster News shares information about programs and activities of interest as well as news and milestone events in the lives of our church and larger community.

Your Pastor Nominating Committee

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The PNC (the acronym used by PCUSA) has set a schedule of meetings to take us through February. The Committee has already met on January 3, 14 and 19. Future meetings are scheduled for January 26, February 16, and February 25. We are hard at work filling out the Ministry Information Form to submit to our Session and then the Presbyterian Committee on Ministry (COM) Pastoral Call Subcommittee.

We are carefully and prayerfully reviewing information gleaned from our church's self-study and the Pastor Job Description developed by our Session. One thing that has been emphasized to us was confidentiality, by both our guide through this process, Ron Hughes, and Neeta Nichols before him. This protects the candidates who will eventually send us their Pastor Information Forms as well as allowing the PNC to work without constraints.

However, we do want to add that while we cannot share committee information, we welcome *your* comments or insights. Please share those with any of the committee members - Martha Babcock, Jim Hoogstra, Jamie Love, Caroline Kondak and Ruth Turner.

From the Bridge Interim Committee:

We are happily anticipating that our Bridge Interim Pastor will be with us by mid-February!

Reminder: Annual Congregational Meeting February 9, 2020 after worship

Plan to attend the review of 2019 and look at what's coming in 2020. Lunch will be provided - sign up on the bulletin board or phone the office at 248-644-5920 to let us know how many from your family will attend so we may arrange the proper amount of food. See you there!

Stewardship and Finance

Raise the Roof Campaign

We have great news as we approach the end of the first year of our three year campaign to fund the roof repairs: We have received \$73,375 in pledges, which is 69% of our goal of \$106,350 needed to pay off the loan to the Presbyterian Investment Loan Program. Our congregation and friends have given 46,513 in donations as of January 19, which represents 44% of our goal. This is very encouraging news at this point in the campaign.

In the November meeting, Session approved an extra payment on the loan, which reduces the principal and has the effect of reducing our overall interest cost on the loan by close to \$1,000.

The church also received a very generous donation of Hilka Brown's artwork from the family of Hilka and Harold Brown - the proceeds of which will be donated to the Roof Campaign. We will be sharing more details at the Annual meeting on February 9.

2020 Budget

We will be sharing details of the 2020 budget at the annual meeting, but as of this date, income projections, based on pledges from members and friends are below our expected expenses. The total pledges for 2020 are currently about 23% lower than 2019. Even with a reduction in our expenses for 2020, we are projecting a shortfall. At the annual meeting, we will be prepared to discuss details of our projections and our position.

If you have not yet submitted your pledge for 2020, and wish to, or have any questions or concerns, we welcome you to reach out to one of the Stewardship and Finance committee members, or the donations secretary, Bobbie Maki.



As of: Sunday January 19, 2020

	\$ 73,375 Pledged
	\$ 46,513 Received



During its January 9, 2020 meeting, the Session approved motions to:

1. Sustain the examination of the Officers-elect and proceed to install Ruling Elders Martha Babcock and Larry Sweet to active service, and install Becky Pocisk and Mary Ellen VanCanneyt to ministry as Deacons.
2. Elect officers of the Corporation: Martha Babcock, President; Sarah Leight. Treasurer; Clay Dobrovolec, Secretary.
3. Discontinue the Communications Committee, assigning committee details to office manager.
4. Assign Session representatives as follows:

Larry Sweet — Building and Grounds

Sarah Wright — Christian Education

Christy Cook — Church, Society and Mission

Judy Love — Personnel

Chris Kondak — Stewardship & Finance

Martha Babcock — Worship and Music

Susie Love — Liaison to Deacons

The next meeting of the Session will be on February 6 at 7:00p.m.

Academy Award Nominated Short Film Screening

Join us on an outing to the Detroit Institute of Arts to view the Motion Picture Academy's nominees for Best Short Film.

Screenings of this year's ten short film nominees will be presented by the film theatre at the DIA, with an intermission. Our chosen date is Friday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m.

This year, we are asking that people secure their own tickets (www.dia.org) and arrange their own carpools. The location is 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, 48202.

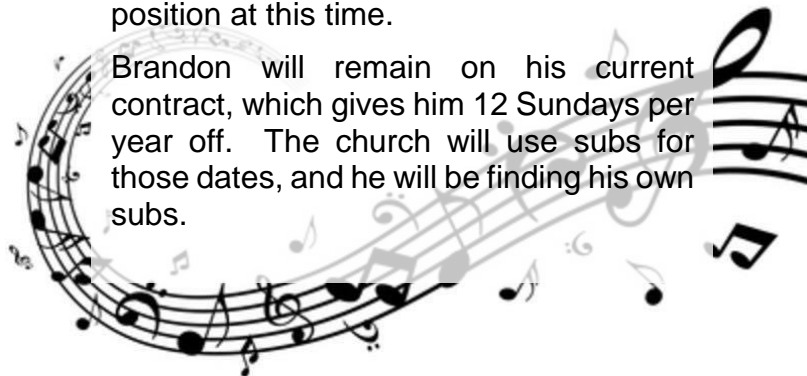
Contact [Bea Smits](#) or [Clay Dobrovolec](#) with questions.



Music Personnel Update

Catherine Lykins was hired as our Assistant Director of Music in March 2019. She has resigned as of December 31, 2019 to spend more time with her family. The church is not refilling the position at this time.

Brandon will remain on his current contract, which gives him 12 Sundays per year off. The church will use subs for those dates, and he will be finding his own subs.



Northminster Alternative Giving Opportunities (NAGO) Market

Thank you to all the folks who purchased items at the NAGO Market! You bought \$1,214 items for organizations around the world helping those less fortunate.

Additionally, \$195 was raised for Baby Basics' expenses. We really appreciate your support!

Mittens & Hats Keeping People Warm

The students at Whitman Elementary in Pontiac thank you for your donation of hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves. Northminster delivered 22 pairs of gloves or mittens and 15 hats.

They were greatly appreciated.



Church, Society & Mission

Baby Basics is Looking for Volunteers!

We have many dependable and caring people who come to distribute on our first and third Wednesdays of each month.



However, we are in need of buyers/bundlers to purchase and bundle the 2-week supply of diapers for each of our babies. It can seem daunting to begin, but one of our Board members will be happy to go with you the first time & show you the ropes. And the good thing about this job is that you can do the task any time that works for you in the week up to bi-monthly distribution days.

Please contact [Ruth Turner](#) at 248-835-5101 for more details!

Troy-Area Interfaith Group



The **TIG February 3 Meeting** will be 7:00 pm at Congregation Shir Tikvah, 3900 Northfield Parkway, Troy. The topic is *Religion and Environment: Roles for Spiritual Individuals and Faith Communities*. Guests will view the documentary *Renewal: Stories from America's Religious-Environmental Movement*. Engage in a discussion and learn what you and our faith community can do to become a caretaker for our Earth. Discussion will be led by Anna Balas, graduate of the Duke University Nicholas School of the Environment.

There will be no March meeting, but TIG Volunteers will work at **Gleaners**, 24162 Mound Road, Warren, **on March 28** from 9-11a.m. as we sort and pack food for food pantries, shelters and meal kitchens in the area. As we may be working in refrigerated areas, dress in layers & closed-toe shoes and bring work gloves. Register directly at the Gleaners website <http://www.gcfb-warren>.

On **March 1st**, join **IFLC/InterFaith Leadership Council at the Annual World Sabbath** at North Congregational Church of Farmington, 36520 W. 12 Mile Rd. in Farmington at 4:00 pm. It is wonderful interfaith service for peace that involves prayers, singing, and dancers in many traditions. For details, check the flyer or speak to Ruth Turner.

Happy Birthday!

<i>Eliza Edrington</i>	02/06
<i>Ben Gano</i>	02/15
<i>Pam Gano</i>	02/20
<i>Jonathan Pocisk</i>	02/26
<i>Donna Farner</i>	02/27

Building & Grounds

Building and grounds recently replaced the air filters on the church roof and inside Northminster. The roof drains were also unclogged so the roofs are currently dry!

A new peace pole is being selected and will be installed once the snow is gone.

Repairs being made in the Ark include replacing floor tile, ripped carpet, and torn pieces of our movable walls.

Book Group

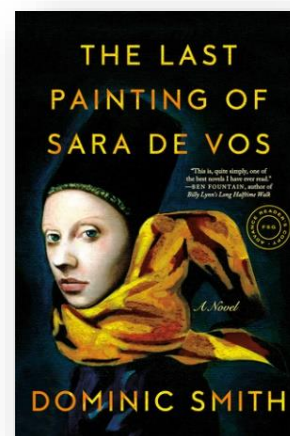
We all found our January selection, *Becoming* by Michelle Obama, to be an inspiring account of her life. We discussed the influences which led her from the South Side of Chicago to the White House.

We are going to the art world for our February book, *The Last Painting of Sara de Vos* by Dominic Smith. This work of fiction actually has three settings:

Manhattan, 1957; Amsterdam, 1637; and Sydney, Australia, 2000. It begins with the theft of a Dutch painting in Manhattan, goes on to tell the story of how the painting was done, and ends with the mystery of the theft solved. Interesting characters, and a page-turner plot.

Read the book and join our discussion on Thursday, February 13, at 2:00 in the

church. Everyone is welcome. Chris Riddering will lead the discussion.



Ash Wednesday Joint Worship at Troy First

As part of our participation in a cooperative parish model, we will be joining other congregations at First Presbyterian of Troy for worship on Ash Wednesday this year, February 26.

Details will be announced during worship in the coming weeks in the Northminster Notes emails. As always, worship dates, times, and other church events will be posted on our website calendar: TroyNorthminster.com



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	2/1
9a Bells Rehearse 9:45a Choir Rehearsal 10:30a Worship 12p Pastoral Nom Cm	11:30a Women's Luncl		7p Choir Rehearsal 7:30p Tai Chi			
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About Our Church...

Our core purpose is to love God and our neighbors as we seek to understand, respect and celebrate our differences.

In recognizing Christ's calling to treat others as

we desire to be treated, Northminster Presbyterian Church welcomes all people, regardless of sexual orientation, color, gender, religion, age, politics, social or economic class, ethnicity, nationality or disability.

We value all members of the community. We consciously strive to create an environment of mutual respect, hospitality and warmth in which none are strangers and all may flourish.

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