

Grapevine

A Minister's Moment

"Didn't we tell you the same thing in Egypt? 'Leave us alone! Let us work for the Egyptians!' It would have been better for us to work for the Egyptians than to die in the desert."

Exodus 14:12 CEB

Years ago, at Northkirk, Pastor Dick Green led a group of men through some leadership books by John Maxwell. Maxwell is a well-known minister and leadership mentor. In his book, *Thinking for a Change*, Maxwell says, "Change is inevitable, growth is optional." In other words, when change happens, how we respond starts from within and is contingent on whether we are open to growing from the experience. Probably for most of us change is easier when it is our idea and not just put upon us. Change also can be easier if it's in small increments rather than major changes.

It reminded me of the Israelites when they are freed from slavery. Right away, after fleeing Egypt and Pharaoh, as soon as they found out Pharaoh was in pursuit, they uttered that familiar refrain that almost became their mantra; "it would have been better for us to stay in Egypt as slaves." That is some real resistance to change! In their defense, the Israelites had just experienced what is called "Transformational Change". Transformational change is a major change. According to Harvard Business School, transformational change is a "dramatic evolution of some basic structure of itself—its strategy, culture,

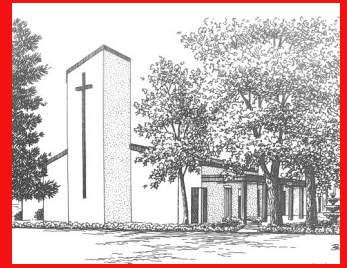
organization, physical structure, supply chain, or processes." That fits in very well with what the Israelites were experiencing.

In addition to transformational change, on the other end of the spectrum, is that of "Adaptive Change". Adaptive changes are "small, incremental adjustments that organizations make to adapt to daily, weekly, and monthly challenges. These changes are often related to fine-tuning existing processes ... and culture, and don't fundamentally change the organization as a whole, as is typically the case with transformational changes." Of course, there are many different kinds and levels of change and many that fall in between the two mentioned here and there is value to thinking about change as a spectrum.

As we move along this next year, I will do my best to help Northkirk look at its systems and processes to ascertain if some adjustments need to be made by Northkirk leadership. As we do, may God continue to inform, lead and guide His church.

Peace,
Pastor Claire

GOING ON AROUND NORTHKIRK



Committee Nights

Northkirk has resumed committee nights. What's a committee night? It was something we did pre-covid where all standing committees (Christian Education, Music Worship and Arts, Buildings and Grounds, Stewardship, Missions, and Membership) meet on the second Tuesday of the month. We start in the sanctuary with a brief time together then break out into individual committees. This method has several advantages: 1) The Pastor gets to sit in on more committee meetings in one night 2) Everyone knows when the committees meet 3) Allows for more committees working together and coordinating events. Session will continue to meet on the third Tuesday and Deacons will meet on the fourth Tuesday.

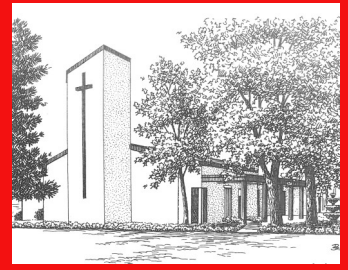
This is also a chance for members of the congregation to join a committee and see where you can apply your talents and spiritual gifts towards Northkirk and the Lord. So if you want to join a committee or just want to listen in, you are welcome to come. Our next committee night will be Tuesday, July 8, at 6:30pm in the sanctuary.

LifeStream Blood Drive

Northkirk will host a Lifestream blood drive on Saturday, August 9 from 9am-2pm. Northkirk earns \$10 per blood donation which goes towards our Missions Outreach events such as Trunk or Treat and Egg Hunt. If we are able to reach 20 confirmed donations, we will earn an additional \$500! We need all the help we can get to reach our goal. Remember, your blood donation will go towards saving the lives of up to 3 people and only takes approximately 45 minutes of your time. Please sign up online at lstream.org, on the sign up sheet at the back of the sanctuary, or by contacting the office.



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American Association of University Women- Ontario Upland Rancho (AAUW-OUR)

American Association of University Women - Ontario Upland Rancho (AAUW-OUR) is looking for Northkirk women who hold a bachelor's degree, or above, who want to enrich their lives with a dynamic group in Rancho Cucamonga. Founded in 1955 locally, AAUW has been empowering women, girls, and their families in our community. We partner with Chaffey College by providing scholarships to women going on to a 4 year university. 8th grade girls benefit from Tech Trek - STEM camp on the University of California -Santa Barbara campus each summer. We have monthly social events for members and AAUW offers many smaller interest groups. Contact me for further information and join us!

-Cynthia Freymueller, President

66ers Baseball Game

We have four tickets left in the office for the Friday, July 25th 66ers baseball game. The game will begin at 6:30pm and will feature worship music, Christmas in July, fireworks, \$1 hot dogs, and so much more! If your family needs more than four tickets, please let Abby in the office know and she can get more. Please contact Abby in the office to get your tickets today. Don't miss out on the fun and we hope to see you there!



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

BY CLERK OF SESSION: DANIEL BEAUVAIS

Session Highlights

Session started the night by interviewing the elected/incoming elder and deacons. Dean Collins (elder), Dawn Collins and Nancy Michalski (deacons) joined Session for a brief interview (yes, the book of order says we must do it). All were deemed to be outstanding candidates!

Pastor's Report

At the session meeting, Pastor Claire informed us that she will be taking her study leave (this is her interim pastor training we knew about) July 13 – 18. Pastor also requested vacation from October 4 – 10. At the session meeting, Pastor Claire led us in a study of Matthew 18:15-17. This verse was a reminder of how to handle communication and conflict, the damage and danger of gossip and rumors, and it is any Christian's responsibility to de-escalate rumors and encourage discussion between aggrieved parties.

Committee Reports

It was reported that we need a nice photo of Pastor Martin to put with the other photos of past pastors in the library. If you have a great photo of Pastor Martin, please forward it to Abby in the church office. Session voted to support MomCo, a mission of Northkirk, for \$4000 for the fall term. This should cover their babysitting needs. Our praise team (and choir and handbells) practices before church on Sunday mornings, but often struggle to communicate over extra noise. Worship committee requests that congregants

please hold conversations in Baird Hall or outside while the praise team practices, which usually wraps up about 9am. So, please try and keep it quiet in the sanctuary before 9am on Sunday mornings. Finally, this was the final session meeting for elder Chris Maitlen. Chris's term is ending, and she and her husband Les are moving to Idaho soon. Northkirk has been blessed with Chris and Les for many years. Chris's leadership and faithfulness on Session will be sorely missed. Good Luck, Chris and Les, on your Idaho adventure.

Blessings,

Daniel Beauvais

School Supply Drive

We will begin collecting school supplies for our local schools. These school supplies go to help the students and families that cannot purchase them themselves.

Last year, we were able to donate many backpacks, notebooks, and supplies to Carnelian Elementary and Hermosa Elementary. The school office was so grateful to have these items on hand for the students in need. Please leave your donations in the baskets in Baird Hall or with Abby in the office. Thank you all for donating!

Items include:

- Backpacks
- Glue Sticks
- Earbuds/headphones
- Fine point black markers



Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2025

Emily Scholz, Church Treasurer



Operational Budget	May Budget	May Actual	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Actual
Giving/Receipts	18,768.00	14,121.00	93,840.00	89,408.87
Expenses	22,215.60	20,051.02	111,186.00	106,122.23
Net Operating Surplus/Deficit	-3,447.60	-5,930.02	-17,346.00	-16,713.36

All good things came to an end. Three paydays in May caused us to have a negative month. Fortunately our expenses are remaining under budget in both the monthly and year-to-date figures. Unfortunately our giving is not.

The net operating deficit is subsidized by saving reserves and investment funds. The session has budgeted a total of \$67,373.10 to be withdrawn from our investments this year. Stewardship/Finance has set a goal of \$55,000 and approved by session to withdraw this year. We have withdrawn nothing so far this year.

If anyone has questions or comments regarding our budget, loan balances, bank balances or investments, please contact the church office at 909-989-4919 and your questions will be forwarded to our church treasurer or to someone on the stewardship/finance team.

-Emily Scholz

Electronic Giving Accounts

events@northkirk.org
mops@northkirk.org
giving@northkirk.org
theatre@northkirk.org
loveoffering@northkirk.org

These may be used with Zelle. Currently mops@northkirk.org can be used with Venmo,

Northkirk Elders Area of Responsibility

Dan Beauvais – Clerk Of Session
Nona Cabral – Christian Education
Steven Hanson – Facilities and Grounds
Jo Simmons – Membership and Fellowship
Tom Stahl – Missions and Evangelism
Thelma Campbell – Music, Worship and Arts
Alan Simmons – Stewardship and Finance
Dean Collins – Northkirk Community Coordinator
Joyce Brand – Personnel

Facility Rental

Northkirk often rents its facilities to individuals and community groups for meetings, recitals, concerts, receptions and more!

If you know of anyone who is looking for a facility, have them call the office. Abby will be happy to work with them to make sure their event is successful!

Call Abby Thomas,

Office Manager @

909-989-4919



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Shoes

I sat behind the drawn curtain, watching all the shoes go by. It seemed that no pair was alike, they were primarily tennis shoes, but a few were clogs. They ranged in colors, size and styles. Their pace was seemingly fast and purposeful. I waited patiently, thinking that one pair would actually come into the cubicle my husband laid in. I soon discovered that time wasn't on my side, it would be a while. . .

Walking outside in the cool, cloudy, but sunny June morning, I found myself people watching. I overheard different languages spoken, heard some have traveled from other states and regions, and was reminded again of what it meant to be studying diligently in the field of medicine, as I saw the clusters of students and interns. Yes, healthcare in our country is complicated, certainly not a perfect system, and does have its share of flaws, but at the same time it has made tremendous gains in combating so many illnesses and conditions that often crop up in later life. Yes, it can be confusing in that science is always changing, which is of course the very nature of it. As more evidence from study and investigation is given to a particular issue, new information does change the course for how conditions are treated or how medical guidelines change.



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Shoes (Continued)

So why am I even reminding you of something you probably know? As we are currently studying in our Sunday worship about community and being mindful of caring for one another, remember our ability to have access to healthcare is a part of that concern. We do need to pay attention to proposed cuts to healthcare that will impact the most vulnerable and poor. Cutting research funds, as well as the scientists, does impact treatments particularly for cancer, infection disease, as well as other medical conditions under study. Hospitals do rely on federal funding for financial support, some more than others, particularly those in rural communities. Hospitals and emergency rooms may again be the only source of healthcare for those left without insurance. Plus, we are realizing a shortage of medical providers, particularly in the primary care field. As our population continues to age, as chronic illnesses continue to rise, there will be more demand for complex health care and a greater burden placed on our health care system. The Internet with TikTok, Instagram, and Chat GPT may provide information for your health questions, but it will not be able to synthesize or interpret what you may specifically need.

Recently, it has been said that empathy is under attack, that ability per se “to walk in someone else’s shoes.” And yet, more than ever, we need to put on the shoes of the other. Do vote when it is called upon you, do be informed of the impact of your vote, and do even contact those local representatives or state representatives that are your voice. Watching all those shoes from behind the curtain reminded me again, that the ground, the floor walked upon was level. No matter our role, our background, our people group, our shoes we wear... we are Imago Dei, God’s image.

-Mary S. Brown



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Photo Credit: Taste of Home

Star Spangled Parfaits

Ingredients

- 2 cups fresh strawberries, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 2 cups fresh blueberries
- 4 teaspoons reduced-fat raspberry walnut vinaigrette
- 3/4 cup fat-free vanilla or strawberry Greek yogurt
- 2 teaspoons minced fresh mint
- Unsweetened shredded coconut, optional

Directions

1. Place strawberries and blueberries in separate bowls. Drizzle each with 2 teaspoons vinaigrette; toss to coat. In a small bowl, mix yogurt and mint.
2. Spoon strawberries into 4 parfait glasses. Layer each with yogurt mixture and blueberries. If desired, top with coconut. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition Facts

1 parfait (calculated without coconut): 172 calories, 7g fat (5g saturated fat), 0 cholesterol, 41 mg sodium, 24g carbohydrate (17g sugars, 5g fiber), 5g protein.

Diabetic Exchanges: 1 fruit, 1 fat, 1/2 starch.

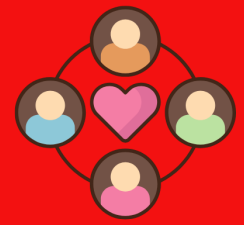
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Average Attendance for Online & In-Person Worship Services For June:

Facebook live:	3 viewers
YouTube live:	3 viewers
In-Person:	71 attendees



DEACON'S CORNER



Thank You and Welcome

As our 2024-25 class of deacons finished up their term in June, three new deacons were elected for the class of 2027-28. The new deacons are Nancy Michalski, Violeta De Leon, and Dawn Collins. They will be replacing Debbie Bruce, Evelyn Beauvais, and Paula Emick. We would like to thank Debbie, Evelyn, and Paula for their past three years of service. We would like to welcome Nancy, Violeta, and Dawn as they begin their three year term this month. If you do not have a deacon or are not sure who your deacon is, please contact Marilyn Switzer.



Meet Your Northkirk Deacons

Class of 2027-28

Nancy Michalski – Flock 7

Violeta De Leon – Flock 5

Dawn Collins – Flock 3

Class of 2026-27

Sue Sharra – Flock 2

Sharon Hayden – Flock 4

JD Parvin/Missy James – Flock 6

Class of 2025-26

Marty Sortillon – Flock 8

Kathi Hanson – Flock 9

Marilyn/Terry Switzer – Flock 1

If you do not have a deacon and would like one, please contact Marilyn Switzer.



Congratulations

20 GRADS 25

- Nicholas Freymueller - PhD
- Kristen Beauvais - B.S.
- Caruna Jacob - B.S.
- Claire Guetig - High School
- Marley Xavier Hambly-Ortiz - High School
- Mckenna Drake - Junior High School
- Owen Drake - Elementary School



JULY EVENT CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 Worship Service 9:30 am	30	1 Prayer Part. 9 am	2 Bible Study 7:30 am Coco's	3 Praise Band 5:30 pm	4 Youth Group 7:30 pm <i>4th of July</i>	5 Campus Work Day 7 am
6 Communion Worship Service 9:30 am	7	8 Prayer Part. 9 am Committee Night 6:30 pm	9 Bible Study 7:30 am Pastor's Office	10 Praise Band 5:30 pm	11 Youth Group 7:30 pm	12 Writer's Group Via Zoom 10:00 am
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Prayer Partners Tuesday, 9 am, Mary Lee's home. Call Mary Lee with prayer requests or to be part of the group.

Bible Study at 7:30 am Pastor's Office, Contact Terry Switzer. First Wednesday of the month meets at Coco's on Baseline and Haven.

3D Study - Sunday, 11 am contact Claire Schlegel 909-240-8049





During the month of **July** Northkirk is collecting **Bottled Water** for Inland Valley Hope Partners and to The Home of Neighborly Service in San Bernardino.

Hope Partners has a warehouse where low-income and homeless people of the Inland Valley can receive nonperishable food items.

You can also drop off grocery gift cards in the Northkirk office.

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*“Living out God’s Love as we
gather together and reach out.”*

July Prayer Calendar

29 Wisdom and Understanding	30 Caruna Jacob	1 Missy James	2 Carol Jenne	3 Janet & Leon Kardux	4 Nancy Kwedar	5 Forgiveness
6 God’s Glory	7 Carol Ledesma	8 Mary Lee & Scarlett	9 Ruth Lee	10 John Leongson	11 Richard & Kathy McElvany	12 Hope and Courage
13 Peace and Comfort	14 Connor & Megan McQuerrey	15 Margaret Merhoff	16 Eric & Nancy Michalski	17 Marion Mildon	18 Laura Miller	19 Love and Compassion
20 Guidance and Direction	21 Trudy Milne	22 Cathy Moody	23 Julie Neal	24 Rebecca Peters	25 Ron Purcell	26 Growth and Transformation
27 Wisdom and Understanding	28 Lee & Nancy Rash	29 Sally Richards	30 Winnie Sage	31 Wendy Salisbury	1 Ramona & John Schneider	2 Forgiveness

Deacon of the Month:

JD Parvin & Missy James