



A Minister's Moment

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, then you will produce much fruit... As the Father loved me, I too have loved you. Remain in my love...if you keep my commands, you will remain in my love. I have told you this so your joy may be complete...love each other as I have loved you."

John 15:5-12 NIV



As I was thinking about my final Grapevine article, I was trying to discern what I might leave you with as I say goodbye and I was reminded of Jesus' words as he said

goodbye to his disciples. In what has come to be known as Jesus' Farewell Discourse, a few things stood out to me. First, Jesus tells his disciples to remain in Him, and if they do this they will produce much fruit. In other words, stay connected to all that Jesus taught and lived out. This last Lenten season we formed 5 small groups of around 40 people, and read, discussed and practiced Soul Training exercises from James Bryan Smith's book, *The Good and Beautiful God*. Through that experience we grew together and individually and lives were changed; good fruit was produced.

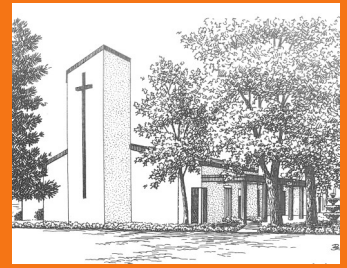
The second thing Jesus told his disciples was that he loved them and to remain in that love. If they followed his commands, they would remain in his love, and they would experience complete joy. One thing I have always appreciated about Northkirk even when I was a congregation member so many years ago, is the genuine love that is felt here. It has been my complete joy to be with you these last two years...no really...I mean it! 😊 I have felt loved and appreciated by you and have loved you in return. And so, as you continue to discern how Northkirk might move forward with a new Pastor and as a congregation, my prayer is that you take those key principles of abiding and love, and continue to produce fruit and spread joy into your community and the world. May God continue to bless you all richly.

With much gratitude,

Pastor Claire +



GOING ON AROUND NORTHKIRK



Session Highlights

Our Missions Committee is growing! The team now consists of Debby Bruce, Rudy Escalera, Jay Parvin, Laura Stephenson, David Van Curen, and Katherine Wallin.

As a small church, Northkirk has no “THEY” to keep the church running. It takes “US” to keep Northkirk vital and able to serve the Lord. If you are interested in helping out, we have several church committees that would love to have new members, and you do not need to be a church member to join: Missions (see Dan Beauvais), Membership & Fellowship (see Marilyn Switzer), Facilities & Grounds (see Steve Hanson), Christian Education (see Nona Cabral), and Music, Worship & Arts (see Thelma Campbell).

Pastor Claire has continued to guide the Session through steps needed to prepare for our next pastor.

Presbyterian churches use nominating committees to identify possible candidates for deacon and elder positions. Northkirk’s Nominating Committee members for 2026-2027 are:

Elder representatives:

Dean Collins (Chair), Steve Hanson

Deacon representative: Sharon Hayden

Congregational representatives: Mary S. Brown, Paula Emick, Mary Lee, Tom Stahl

-Joyce Brand

MomCo Fundraisers

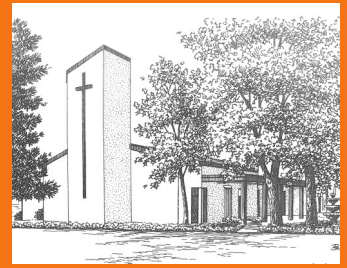
Thank you to everyone that participated in the Richie’s Diner Fundraiser for MomCo in September. The next fundraiser will be at BJ’s Restaurant on October 14th. Flyers can be found at the back of the sanctuary.

October Campus Work Day

Join us for our upcoming Campus Work Day on Saturday, October 10th at 8am. See Elder Steve Hanson for more details.



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Greetings From San Marcos

Yes, its only 88 miles from Northkirk, but we are still trying to be associated with life at Northkirk. But first, we wanted to stop and say a big “Thank You” to everyone for their generosity and caring as we moved. It has been more difficult than we ever expected, but we are slowly settling in down here. Thank you for all of your prayers and support during this tough couple of months. Kudos to Joyce for stepping in and doing an awesome job filling in as clerk.

Blessings

Daniel Beauvais

Special Offering

In the 8th century before Christ, the humble prophet Micah was deeply in touch with the plight of the people. He envisioned a world where everyone would be free to live into the fullness of the life God intended. Yet the society and the culture in Micah’s day did not match his visions of God’s reign – there was no justice, kindness or humble living.

The World Communion Offering, being received today, is a new way for Presbyterian to “love kindness” expressed in action, often involving mercy, faithfulness and steadfast commitment. Racial justice, global witness and ecumenical engagement are the important causes supported by this offering,

The prophet Micah is clear: Our love of God moves us to faithful action through justice, kindness and humble living. Participating in the Churchwide Special Offering is one way Presbyterians show their love for God and help all God’s children live into the fullness of Micah’s prophecy.

Please consider donating on Sunday, October 4th.



MISSIONS AND OUTREACH



I have a couple of reminders about our Missions activities that are coming up. First, we have a special offering – the **Peacekeeping offering** on October 4th. This is a common offering taken on World Communion Sunday by many denominations. Funds are used to support several Presbyterian causes. Please prayerfully consider donating to this special offering.

Actually, the day before, Saturday October 3rd, is the annual **Craft fair**. Please come out and support this years craft fair. You can shop. You can help. You can show up and gab. Or just come out and eat the tamales. We are putting Northkirk out in the community – let's do it with a big showing.

Next we have our **Trunk 'or' Treat** on October 28th. Please signup to be a “trunk” – that means you show up and handout candy from your car and see lots of cute kids in costumes. This is always a very popular and fun event. Sign-ups are on a clipboard in the back of the sanctuary. Then in December, we will be having our **“Breakfast With Santa”** on December 12th. Please contact Daniel Beauvais if you could help out. Finally, we will be participating in **Operation Christmas Child** again this year. We will have a special speaker from OCC in Northkirk on November 8th, then have a final collection of the boxes on November 15th. Please strongly consider taking one or more shoeboxes, fill them, and return them to church. These boxes go all over the world to kids which brighten their day and introduce them to Jesus. It's a win-win-win situation.

Blessings from Missions





WE NEED CANDY!

WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH CANDY
DONATIONS FOR OUR TRUNK OR
TREAT. PLEASE DROP OFF CANDY
DONATIONS IN BAIRD HALL OR IN
THE OFFICE. CALL ABBY FOR
MORE INFO.

OCT. 28 • 5PM TO 7:30PM

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

FOUR TIPS FOR

HEALTHY AGING

1

STAY ACTIVE

The key to staying active as you age is finding exercises you enjoy. Try to incorporate exercises that improve cardiovascular health, balance and muscular strength.

EAT HEALTHY

While diet cannot prevent all ailments, it can help reduce your risk for specific issues that are common in seniors.

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KEEP LEARNING

Studies have shown that learning new things can help slow cognitive decline in seniors. Continue to challenge your mind as you age by reading, learning new things and switching up your routine if you can.

ILLNESS PREVENTION

Schedule regular doctor's visits, get enough sleep, take vitamins and make sure you are vaccinated each cold and flu season.

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The poster features a dark background with orange and yellow wavy borders at the top and bottom. In the center, a large black silhouette of a church trunk is the main focus. Inside the trunk, there is a jack-o'-lantern with a carved face, a white ghost, a blue cauldron with purple candy and a wooden spoon, and two candy corns. The text 'NORTHKIRK CHURCH' is written in a yellow, slightly curved font at the top of the trunk. 'Halloween' is written in a white, cursive font on the cauldron. The main title 'TRUNK OR TREAT' is prominently displayed in the center of the trunk in large, bold, yellow and orange letters. Below the title, the date 'WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28' is written in white and orange. To the right, the address '9101 19TH ST. RANCHO CUCAMONGA' and the time '5:00PM - 7:30PM' are listed in white. At the bottom, a list of activities 'CANDY • FOOD TRUCKS BOUNCE HOUSE • CUPCAKE DECORATING' is shown in white. A call to action 'WE NEED TRUNK VOLUNTEERS! CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION' is in white, and a reminder 'Don't forget to wear your costume!' is in orange script at the very bottom. Several small black bats are scattered around the central trunk.

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CHURCH

Halloween

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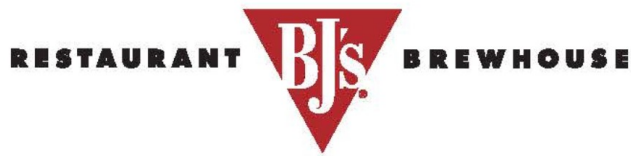
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JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS WAY TO **RAISE MONEY!**

Date: Oct 14, 2026

Time: 11:00AM to 11:00PM

For Dine In, Takeout or Curbside at this BJ's Location:

11520 4th Street
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730
909-581-6750

Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family
and friends while earning funds in support of:

MomCo of Northkirk Presbyterian

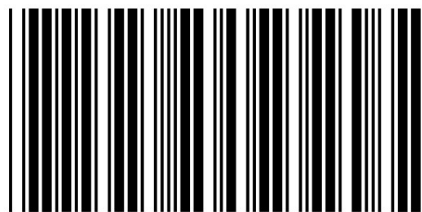
**WITH EACH FLYER PRESENTED DURING THIS FUNDRAISING EVENT, BJ's WILL DONATE
20% OF FOOD AND SOFT BEVERAGE SALES TO THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION!**

VISIT US IN PERSON, ORDER ONLINE OR PLACE A TAKE-OUT ORDER

When dining in: Present this flyer to your server at any time during your meal.

When ordering online: Enter the 6-digit fundraiser code below at the time of checkout.

When placing a take-out order: Present this flyer to a BJ's team member upon your arrival.



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Valid for dine in, takeout or curbside when applicable. Not valid toward alcoholic beverages, Happy Hour specials or for delivery orders.
Please do not distribute flyers on site during the event.



MOMCO OF NORTHKIRK

“A MOM COMMUNITY”

It's September, and that means we've kicked off our new 2026 MomCo year with a great first introductory meeting. Our theme this year is Good Company where we are bringing back the idea of 90's friendship, where we will hit "rewind" to the good ole days. Back to when friendship meant an impromptu knock on the door to say 'hi' as a welcomed disruption in our daily busy lives instead of scheduling something weeks in advance. Back when community felt tangible and supportive instead of digital and isolating. This is the year of analog friendship.

For our second meeting on September 16th, we welcomed back speaker, Kirsti Clark, who did a presentation on vision boards. We sat and planned out our visions for the upcoming year and browsed through many magazines, putting our "vision" to life on our boards! This is always a good way to start the year - with a clear vision of where you want to go with all aspects of your life.

We have our upcoming October fundraiser at BJ's Restaurant on Wednesday, October 14th where I look forward to seeing all of you! Our last fundraiser at Red Robin was a huge success with a total of \$165.09 raised! Thank you all for your continued support with our MomCo fundraising efforts. We appreciate it more than you know.

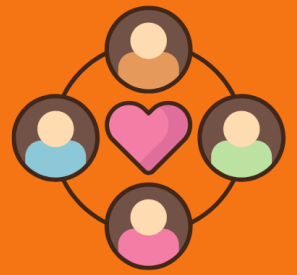
We are also very excited for the month of October where we will have our very own MomCo (MOPS) alum, Brisa, who will come help us to put together pumpkin succulent arrangements. This has always been a favorite for us MomCo moms and a great way to get into the fall spirit!

This year is off to a great start and we are feeling blessed to be able to continue with MomCo at Northkirk.

Liz Goddard, MomCo



DEACON'S CORNER



If you have never served as a Deacon or Elder, you may not know that each month Deacons provide and prepare the elements for Communion. There is a specific placement for the bread (Christ's Body) and the grape juice (Christ's Blood) on the table. Practical matters such as not using sourdough bread as it is too strong for some parishioners, deciding how many trays of tiny cups might be needed, and cutting the loaf partially through so that the pastor can divide the loaf during communion are all part of the process. Two Deacons and two Elders serve the elements, making sure that everyone who wants communion is served. They can come to you if you are not able to come to the front to receive it. Afterward, there is a bit of cleanup so that everything is ready for next month.

I have found it a great privilege to be able to help serve communion to our church family. I feel connected with the all those who have taken part over the ages. It has also been my experience that there are many helpers including past Deacons and Elders for both the preparation and cleanup. Joining in the friendly buzz in the church kitchen filling communion cups or finding clean linens to cover the bread cubes is a great way to start a Sunday morning.

Sue Sharra, Deacon of the Month



OCTOBER EVENT CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 Prayer Mtg. 9 am (Rm. 2) Worship Service 9:30 am	28	29 Prayer Part. 9 am	30 Men's Bible Study 7:30 am (Pastor's Office)	1	2 Youth Group 7:30 pm	3 Craft Fair 9 am
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Prayer Partners Tuesdays, 9 am, Mary Lee's home. Call Mary Lee with prayer requests or to be part of the group.

Bible Study Wednesdays, 7:30 am, Pastor's Office, Contact Terry Switzer.

MomCo Wednesdays, 9 am, Contact Katherine Wallin.

Prayer Meeting Sundays, 9 am, Room 2.

Happy Birthday!

Ronn Campbell	10/10
Kathi Hanson	10/15
Terri Sortillon	10/15
Steve Hanson	10/27
Holly Teixeira	10/28

Happy Anniversary!

Teri & Pete Smits	10/27
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Northkirk is collecting **Nonperishable Goods** for T.O.U.C.H. Ministries in Ontario. T.O.U.C.H. is an outreach based ministry that reaches the homeless and needy throughout the Inland Empire **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.”

October Prayer Calendar

27 Protection	28 Ed Hambly	29 Steve & Kathi Hanson	30 Loretta Hauk	1 Sharon Hayden	2 Anu & Biju Jacob	3 Wisdom
4 God’s Glory	5 Missy James	6 Carol Jenne	7 Janet & Leon Kardux	8 Nancy Kwedar	9 Carol Ledesma	10 Hope & Courage
11 Peace & Comfort	12 Mary & Scarlett Lee	13 Ruth Lee	14 John Leongson	15 Kathy McElvany	16 Nancy & Eric Michalski	17 Love & Compassion
18 Guidance & Direction	19 Marion Mildon	20 Trudy Milne	21 Cathy Moody	22 Jerry Otten	23 JD Parvin	24 Growth & Transformation
25 Spread of the Gospel	26 Barbara Pennell	27 Rebecca Peters	28 Priscilla Poba	29 Ron Purcell	30 Bob & Pat Reed	31 Unity

Deacon of the Month:
 Sue Sharra