



**NOVEMBER 2011**

**Northminster  
Presbyterian Church**  
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## **F**rom the Pastor's Pen ...

And so now, with our Halloween candy eaten and our next dentist appointment scheduled, we turn our attention toward Thanksgiving. Our country is in a bit of a funk of late, so it may be worth remembering that the Thanksgiving holiday was inaugurated by President Abraham Lincoln in the midst of the War of Northern Aggression—er, the Civil War. In the proclamation which set forth the holiday, President Lincoln listed a number of things for which our nation should be grateful, and then confesses that “No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.”

It's hard to overlook gratitude when it is woven into the name of the holiday itself—Thanksgiving. But we have, as a society, lost focus not only on those things for which we should be grateful, but to whom we should be grateful. Again, it is instructive that President Lincoln was not bashful on this point: “I do therefore invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.” There was no ACLU in those days, so the president could get away with such a statement. But he didn't mince words. We enjoy such blessings of bounty and liberty only from “our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.”

Well, that's how they talked in the nineteenth century, right? Religious verbiage was simply the *lingua franca* of the age, or so the argument goes from those who are uncomfortable with President Lincoln's unabashed faith. There's more at stake here than just a manner of speaking, alas. The Italian philosopher and statesman Marcello Pera has recently penned a book entitled *Why We Should Call Ourselves Christians: The Religious Roots of Free Societies*. Pera refers to himself as secular and liberal; yet, he cannot disentangle himself from the truth that faith is necessary to liberty. Without Christianity, societies devolve into rapacious narcissism on one hand or brutal collectivism on the other. That's not to argue from an established church; religious freedom is crucial to the equation. But it is difficult to be thankful for something without being thankful to someone, and President Lincoln was keenly aware of the source.

So this Thanksgiving, let our gratitude be shown clearly to “our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.” And let one of our loudest thanksgivings to him be for a country where we can worship freely—a country where a vibrant religion safeguards its precious liberties. In Father, Son, and Spirit, Todd

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# NOVEMBER



## **REMEMER.....**

Daylight saving time ends **November 6th** this year. We will all **“fall back”** at **2:00** a.m. local daylight time, which becomes 1:00 a.m. local standard time.

So, when you go to bed on Saturday, November 5th, turn your clock back and enjoy an extra hour of sleep on Sunday morning!

## What's Happening in November

<b>(WEEK 1)</b>		
1	7:00 pm	Circle 2
	7:30 pm	Circle 3
2	6:00 pm	Memorial Bells
	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
<b>(WEEK 2)</b>		
6	9:45 am	Sunday School
	9:45 am	Plugged
	11:55 am	Worship Service / Communion
	after worship	Fellowship Meal
	6:00-8:00 pm	Wired
7	7:00 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
8	10:30 am	Circle 1
	7:00 pm	Mission Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Bible Study
9	6:00 pm	Memorial Bells
	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
<b>(WEEK 3)</b>		
13	9:45 am	Sunday School
	9:45 am	Plugged
	10:55 am	Worship Service
	6:00-8:00 pm	Wired
15	7:00 pm	Bible Study
16	6:00 pm	Memorial Bells
	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
<b>(WEEK 4)</b>		
20	9:45 am	Sunday School
	9:45 am	Plugged
	10:55 am	Worship Service
	6:00-8:00 pm	Wired
		<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>
22	7:00 pm	Bible Study
23		No Memorial Bells
		No Sanctuary Choir

24		Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed
25		Office Closed
<b>(WEEK 5)</b>		
27	9:45 am	Sunday School
	9:45 am	Plugged
	10:55 am	Worship Service
	6:00-8:00 pm	Wired
29	10:30 am	P.W. Coordinating Team Meeting
	7:00 pm	Bible Study
30	6:00 pm	Memorial Bells
	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



NOVEMBER	
1	Brett Lemon
1	Angie Pace Gainer
1	Jennifer Pace Baker
1	Kelli Mundy
3	Skye Blackwell
4	Frances Stevens
6	Ruby Dodd
6	Floyd Moretz
6	Joey Sarver
6	Maggie Schumborg
9	Jim Deaton
10	Susan Caldwell
11	Elise Lanford
11	Marla Stevens Riley
19	Holly Woodson
20	Alison Hester
21	Peggy Walker
23	Jeannette Hayes
25	Timothy Semones
27	Bernie Barger
27	Jyke Jones
DECEMBER	
2	James Maile
4	Shirley Callaway
6	Jason Beckner
7	Jeanette Semones

# CARE, CONCERN & CONDOLENCES

**Sara Whitlock** - is living with her daughter Pat at Friendship Manor. Sara enjoys visits, cards and covets your prayers. Give Pat a call at 563-1507, if you'd like to visit. Sara does not hear well on the phone so evenings would be best to reach Pat.

**Ed Hopkins** - spent a few days in the hospital but is home now and receiving hospice care, along with the loving care of "Nurse" Lois. Your prayers would be appreciated. Hope you get to feeling better-we miss your hugs, Ed.

Please keep these folks in your prayers who have had concerns in recent months: **Jim Maile, Rob Barker, Brett Newman, Cindy Waddell, Hazel Deaton, Calvin Robertson & Irene Wise.**

**As Always Please Remember Our Shut-ins** - Please let these folks know that we've not forgotten them. Your prayers, a call or visit would be nice!

Our love and sympathy go out to Frances Bowling and family. Our beloved **Bill Bowling** has gone to be in the loving arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He fought a long hard battle. We'll miss him soooo much. We'll see him on the other side some day!!! Rest in peace, Dear Friend. Your Northminster Family.

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

## NOVEMBER

- 11/4/89 Rob & Jeannette Hayes
- 11/15/77 Phil & Mary Buchy



# KATIE CALLING

Dear Boys and Girls,  
I have been busy lately helping "Meow" watch over my "Buddy" and haven't had time to write. You can be sure that I have had some adventures and I will tell you all about them in future newsletters.

In the meantime, I hope that you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and remember your many blessings.

Purringly,  
Katie

# THIS and THAT

**Chloe Lockard** was recently inducted into the James Madison University Chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma, an International Honor Society. Beta Gamma Sigma is the highest scholastic honor that can be achieved by a student enrolled in the College of Business and is reserved for the top 10% of students. She has accepted an internship with Deloitte, an accounting and consulting firm, in Washington D.C. for ten weeks next summer. Chloe is a junior majoring in Computer Information Systems with a minor in Business Management Science.

## WWW.NORTHMINSTERPCUSA.ORG

Northminster has a *new and improved* website! Check it out at [www.northminsterpcusa.org](http://www.northminsterpcusa.org) (the same address as our old site). We now have the ability to update it on a daily basis. All suggestions for improvements should be sent to Chuck Lockard.

## The Go-Go's



Although the Lord created a beautiful day filled with sunshine as well as a whole panorama of color on the mountainside, the Go-Go's, due to several unexpected events, were unable to keep the reservation made for October to have lunch at the Peaks of Otter. We will have to plan that for next year. In the meantime, put a circle around the date Tuesday, November 15 on your calendar. That is the next time we will "take to the road". Do you remember that at one time we had planned to go to the Mountain View restaurant, north of Buchanan? At that time an attempt to make a reservation revealed that the facility had closed. Well, according to Bill Stevens, it has reopened under new management and is serving great food at reasonable costs. Let's plan to give it a check at the time we have our monthly get-together. You will be getting a call and more info soon.

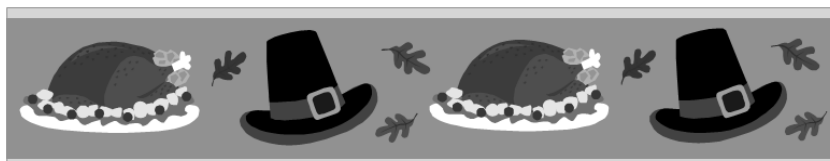
# BAPTISMAL BOWL

Looking forward to the front of the sanctuary of Northminster, the focus is on the four things that really define our faith – the Empty Cross, the Open Bible on the Communion Table and the marble Baptismal Font. You may not be cognizant of the silver bowl holding the water in the baptismal font. It is a beautiful small silver bowl with a Christian, although not Presbyterian, emblem engraved on the side.

Until recently an inspection of that bowl would have revealed that inside the bottom was very scratched and scared. (We would hope that this was due to the hundreds or thousands of times a Presbyterian Northminster minister has dipped his fingers into that water three times for each person he has baptized.) While few people saw the inside of that bowl, it was still unsightly and marred the beauty of an important object. The Go-Go's decided to do something about this.

Recently a local store had a firm replate the silver bowl. It looks lovely. A couple of small scratches can be dimly detected upon close inspection but the firm doing the work noted this and said this was the best that could be done. Perhaps those faint blemishes will remind us of the number of times it has been used. The Go-Go's are pleased to have been able to take care of this from their own funds, not those of the church. While silver prices had escalated somewhat at the time arrangements were made to do this, the Go-Go's are glad that they took care of this prior to the most recent price increases.

There is another part to this story with which someone reading this can help us. Do you know who gave this silver bowl to Northminster? Was it in memory of someone? We have all kinds of records about gifts to the church but have been unable to identify the giver of this silver bowl. Let us know if you can help. Another time consuming project a volunteer might tackle is to learn how many people have been baptized at Northminster by examining the session minutes.





## FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, **December 4<sup>th</sup>**, to attend our Festival of Lessons and Carols. The service, which includes traditional readings and carols of the season, will be held during our regular Sunday morning worship time at **11am**. Our choirs and musicians will lead us in both hymns and anthems. A reception will follow the worship. We encourage you to invite a guest for that Sunday.

**Hey kids! Save some of your Halloween candy to make this fun (and delicious) Thanksgiving treat.**

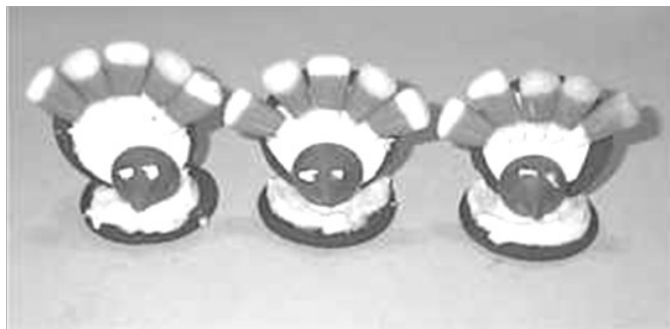
### Oreo Turkey Snack

**Ingredients:**

- Oreo cookie
- Candy Corn
- Hershey Kiss
- OPTIONAL: Green icing (or white with green food coloring)
- Red icing or small piece of red licorice

**Directions:**

1. Divide the Oreo into two pieces. (An adult can do this easily without breaking the cookies by using a sharp knife.)
2. Place four or five pieces of candy corn around the top of the Oreo cookie that has the icing.
3. Place the flat part of the Kiss in the icing at the bottom of the Oreo.
4. OPTIONAL: Add green icing to the other half of the Oreo so the Turkey will 'stand up'.
5. OPTIONAL: Add a touch of red icing or a small string of red licorice to make the waddle.
6. OPTIONAL: Eyes can be added using small pieces of icing or by 'stealing' a little bit of frosting with a toothpick.



## USHERS

- Nov. 6: Conly Dye, Grace Dye,  
Nancy Dye, Robert Dye
- Nov. 13: Youth will be ushering  
with Sam Spangler
- Nov. 20: Cameron Kelly, Kendall Kelly, Paul  
Kelly, Teresa Kelly
- Nov 27: Clay Cundiff, Greg Cundiff,  
Margie Cundiff, Trent Cundiff

## SERVING COMMUNION

- Nov. 6: Set up: Teresa Kelly, Tom Olsen -  
Servers: Sarah Jane Bova, Michelle Christian

## ACOLYTES

- Nov. 6: Communion
- Nov. 13: Grace Dye, Kendell Kelly
- Nov. 20: Grace Dye, Sarah Spangler
- Nov 27: Katlin Godsey, Devin Jones

## FLOWERS

- Nov. 6: P.W. Women / Mary Jane Bova
- Nov. 13: Al James
- Nov. 20: O'Connors
- Nov 27:

## ATTENDANCE

- Oct. 2: 91
- Oct. 9: 95
- Oct. 16: 89
- Oct. 23: 91

### Help Wanted

#### No experience needed!

If you are interested in ushering and/or serving communion (must have been an elder) please sign up on the sheets on the bulletin board across from the church office or contact **Susan Lockard by phone, 562-0942, or e-mail, clock74@cox.net**. Thank you for volunteering.

## MISSIONS

### What is a bulletin board?

Isn't it interesting that as often as we go by bulletin boards we don't often remember to look at them? I guess that either we have our minds on something else or we (I hope not), don't think that what is on the board pertains to us. I must confess that I have been guilty of this.

As many of you know I have been posting things about our missionaries on the (get this), the missionary board! It is located in the left wing exit area on the wall you face when you make a left coming out of the sanctuary.

It is my hope that I will keep current items on the board which will help to keep you up to date on what is going on in our missionary's lives. These are folks that we have been supporting who are on the field, in this country and others.

On the table under the board I have other items of interest that are free for the taking.

Please get to know your missionaries and where they are serving and most of all PRAY for them regularly. Some of you who are on the net get regular news updates forwarded to them by Todd. If the others would like a copy of the missionaries emails or letters let me know and I will get one for you. One email that I cannot forward is from Gail Smith. She is in an area where her email is not secure and we will have to make hard copies. If you really want to know how other people live (things that you won't hear on the TV or radio) read Gail's letter. You will notice that she uses some strange spellings and you might wonder where she went to school. She can't use some words like God, pray, prayer, savior. Read her letter and see if you can figure out her message.

My purpose of this letter is to encourage you all to extend your hand of love to those who are out there doing what Todd has been admonishing us to do; "to be a light in dark places."

Keep looking up-God is watching!  
Emery

# THE YOUTH CORNER

By Sam Spangler

“I love coming to church.” Those are the words I heard from one of our Plugged youth last Sunday as we were leaving. It was one of the boys who come with our kids and who was ministered to by our neighborhood block party/backpack giveaway at the start of school. There are few things more gratifying to a youth leader than to hear a second grader, who hasn’t had a church home prior to starting to come to Northminster, make a statement like that. If I didn’t have bills to pay and a family to support, I would tell you that a comment like that is all the remuneration I need!

The Northminster youth programs are making a difference. A few weeks ago in Wired we were discussing the importance of engaging with Scripture personally, rather than just through occasional exposure in church. One of our Wired youth looked at me and said “I really feel like what you’re teaching me here, it is having an impact on my life.” A single statement like that makes the hours of preparation, study and prayer worth it.

If you haven’t already noticed, we have been having very solid attendance at our Plugged group on Sunday mornings. We regularly have at least 8 and often more kids in our Plugged youth group. What is really exciting is that these are the kids who will be moving into our Wired group over the next several years and they are already getting a solid youth group foundation. Without your prayers and support of our youth programs, this wouldn’t be possible! From the bottom of my heart (as a youth director and as the father of two of our Plugged group), Thank You!!

Wired also has seen a steady attendance of 8-10 youth each Sunday evening. We have focused on starting our academic year programming with solid teaching and fellowship time. But now we are launching our monthly off campus activities as well. My goal is to have our youth engaged in at least one monthly outreach (primarily off campus) in which they serve the needs of others. We’ll be doing home visits to our homebound Northminster members and also serving in local charities and ministries. Additionally, each month we’re looking to have a game/movie night to which our youth can invite their friends for a fun and no pressure exposure to our church youth ministry. We want to increase the impact of our youth ministry by reaching the friends of our youth.

Each Sunday evening, we serve dinner to our Wired youth at 6 p.m. We’d love to have you be a part of that. Our kids always love a home cooked meal...and, from my own taste testing, I know our Northminster family can cook! If you’d like to volunteer (even if you don’t have a kid in Wired) to provide a meal (and it doesn’t even have to be home cooked) we’d be incredibly grateful! Just send me an email ( [christfollower@ymail.com](mailto:christfollower@ymail.com) ) or catch me at church. Till next month...

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

**Sam and Shelly Spangler**  
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**NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ROANOKE, VIRGINIA  
STATED SESSION MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2011**

The stated meeting of the Session of Northminster Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, VA was held on Sunday, September 25, 2011 at 12:15 p.m.. It was determined that a quorum was present to conduct the business of the session including Todd Hester, Moderator, and Peggy Walker, Clerk.

**Session Present:**

Emily Allen	Greg Cundiff
Barry Ferrell	Walt Haines
Tom Hale	Bob Newman
Susan Lockard	Ann Pace
Calvin Robertson	Harley Walker

**Session Excused:**

Kathy Baker  
Sarah Jane Bova  
Michelle Christian  
Steve Esworthy  
Karen Smith  
Dana Vaughn  
Lynn Kirby

**Absent:**

Jim Eaton

The meeting was called to order by Todd Hester, Moderator, who opened the meeting with prayer.

An Omnibus motion was made and seconded to approve committee reports from Stewardship/Finance, Worship, as well as the minutes of the Stated Session Meeting of August 28, 2011. The motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Todd reported that the pledges to the Capital Campaign have reached the \$176,000 mark with \$70,000 of that amount being in cash. Harley Walker reported that he had received checks totaling \$50,000 this morning (this being part of the \$70,000 in cash). Barry Ferrell said they would be having a meeting of the committee next week to see how many more pledges are anticipated.

Stewardship/Finance has set the dates for the stewardship campaign with pledge Sunday being November 6, 2011. Session should be able to vote on the budget at the November session meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made and seconded that November 6, 2011 be set as the date for a Congregational Meeting for the election of elders for the Class of 2014. All were in favor.

Since Todd will be on vacation on Christ the King Sunday, November 20, 2011, it was decided not to have communion that Sunday since we will not have an authorized person to conduct the service. This is by recommendation of the Worship Committee.

It was decided to have communion in December on the second Sunday, December 11, 2011. The service on December 4, 2011 will be the Service of Lessons and Carols.

Upon recommendation of the Worship Committee, worship service will be at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 25, 2011 (Christmas Day).

Motion was made and seconded that Susan Lockard be elected our delegate to the Presbytery Meeting on Thursday, October 27, 2011 at the Farmville Presbyterian Church. All were in favor.

Motion was made and seconded that the week of October 10-16, 2011 be approved as a final week of vacation for Todd. All were in favor.

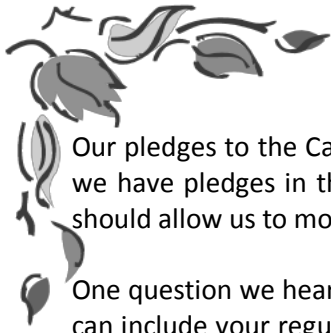
There being no further business to come before the session, Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Greg Cundiff closed the meeting with prayer at 12:40 p.m.

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Peggy W. Walker, Clerk

DEATHS: Harriet Blanding Thorne – August 29, 2011  
Esther Marrs Ruff - September 5, 2011

BIRTH: Katelyn Isabelle King – July 1, 2011  
John Brandon and Amy Barger King, Parents

Next Meeting: October 23, 2010



## Capital Improvements Campaign

Our pledges to the Capital Improvement Campaign have slowed to a standstill. The good news is that we have pledges in the amount of \$178,000 and have received cash in hand of almost \$80,000. This should allow us to move ahead with several of our high priority projects.

One question we hear is when and how do I pay my pledge. You can start immediately to pay and you can include your regular contribution in the same check or envelope with the building fund pledge. On our regular envelopes you can designate Building Fund on the "Other" line for the rest of 2011. In 2012 the envelopes will be marked "Building Fund" on the second line. You can choose the timing of your gift which can vary from each week, month, quarter, or year as you choose. If you do not normally use an offering envelope to give to the church, please designate the amount you want to go to the building fund on the bottom of your check. Our church treasurers have set separate accounts to credit you building fund gifts from the general fund and your quarterly report will reflect the amounts you give to each cause.

In recent meeting the Campaign Committee has agreed to ask the Session through the Building and Grounds Committee to allow two high priority projects to proceed. The first one is to replace the roofing material on the office wing of the building. The next priority is to replace the air handling unit for the fellowship hall. Recent estimates from contractors indicate we have the cash to complete these two projects in the very near future.

Other priorities will be given to the session in the near future.

If you have not been able to pledge to this campaign, please be aware that we can still use your pledges to complete other maintenance and improvements on our church.



## SMILE AWHILE

Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, 'My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50.' The second boy says, 'That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100.' The third boy says, 'I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!'

A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem ... A small child replied, 'They couldn't get a baby-sitter.'

Two boys were walking home from Sunday school after hearing a strong preaching on the devil. One said to the other, 'What do you think about all this Satan stuff?' The other boy replied, 'Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your Dad.'

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to 'Honor thy father and thy mother,' she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?' Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, 'Thou shall not kill..'

## WEST END CENTER

342-0902 [www.westendcenter.org](http://www.westendcenter.org)

The West End Center for Youth offers a variety of programs tailored to assist children and teens in many ways. We provide an After School Program, Educational Services, Family Care, and a Summer Program. By creating a positive and nurturing child development community, the West End Center enables local families and children with limited resources to lead more self-determined and enriched lives. Please remember them as we approach the holiday season. Through donations from area businesses, churches and organizations, West End Center provides each child with new clothing and toys for Christmas. Perhaps you can help with this, or one of their other programs. Call or visit the website for more information.

## RAM

345-8850 [www.roanokeareaministries.org](http://www.roanokeareaministries.org)

### RAM House Needs

Our doors are open seven days a week and on all holidays. There are over 3,500 volunteer slots that need to be filled each year. WE NEED YOU! Take a look at our volunteer opportunities here and call our Resource and Volunteer Coordinator, Alaina Gelbert, for more information, schedule a tour or apply to volunteer!

**Reception Desk Volunteer**— We need a morning person and an afternoon person for this job.

**Food Preparation Volunteers**—We typically have four volunteers arrive at RAM at 9:30 am each day to help our Kitchen Manager cook the day's lunch.

**Dining Room Volunteers**—In addition to our Food Preparation volunteers, we have another crew of volunteers that arrive at 11:30 am each day.

**Substitute Kitchen, Dining Room or Desk volunteers**—We realize that some people can't commit to volunteering on a regular basis but would be available from time to time.

**Administrative Office volunteer**—We need one person each day Monday through Friday to work in our office from 9 am to around noon.

**Youth Volunteers**—We can only allow youth ages 13 and older to serve. Typically youth volunteers help by serving in our dining room during the lunch hour.

The following supplies are needed at RAM

Soups, canned meat, canned tomatoes, canned vegetables, stuffing mix, gravy mix, taco mix, condiments, jelly, jello, coffee, sugar, creamer, family size tea bags, butter/margarine, all baking products, spices, paper products, foil, plastic wrap, brooms, mop heads, cleaning products, personal hygiene products, office supplies and of course will happily accept **cash** donations!

## SAINT FRANCIS SERVICE DOGS

342-3647 [www.saintfrancisdogs.org](http://www.saintfrancisdogs.org)

Make your reservations now to hear how these remarkable dogs change lives from the newest partners themselves. Bring your hankie!



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WITH US AS WE HONOR OUR  
SAINT FRANCIS SERVICE DOGS  
GRADUATE CLASS  
OF 2011

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2011  
CAVE SPRING HIGH SCHOOL  
1:00PM — 3:00PM  
RSVP TO NIKI @ 342.3647 EXT. 409

EXTRAORDINARY PEOPLE...EXTRAORDINARY DOGS

# HELPING OTHERS

Let's get up to date with the latest activities of some of the groups we support.



## PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

982-2911 [www.pccse.org](http://www.pccse.org)

The PCC plays an important part in the lives of many people. We are all familiar with the manner in which the food is provided for those in need but there are so many other ways that this wonderful organization assists. For some of the needy, help with utility bills is a requirement, a prescription cost is overwhelming, or the rent is due and there are no funds to take care of this. Another part of the work is providing after-school programs to assist students in the scholastic work, providing after school snacks as well as a mentoring program for children and young people.

The "Hunger Buster" program is one way of helping with the food program and is one that Northminster promotes. But another important way we can provide assistance is by having members serve as volunteers in these programs. With only 4 full-time and 5 part-time employees, the PCC depends heavily on volunteer support to fulfill the mission. These volunteers work in the food pantry, stocking reserves and preparing food orders; they work at the front desk, interview clients, answer phones, and prepare client intake orders. The after-school programs need tutors to work with children one hour a week, helping with homework, worksheets or studying. "Helping Hands" are needed for 2-3 hours a week to prepare healthy snacks for the children when they arrive after school. Mentors work with the children at least twice a month.

Did you see a job that you know you would enjoy filling? Contact PCC, they have a place for you.

And remember, EVERY day is a hunger buster day at PCC. Help fill those grocery bags all year round!

**Don't forget....the mitten tree will be going up soon.**

## RESCUE MISSION

343-7227 [www.rescuemission.net](http://www.rescuemission.net)

### Join us on Thanksgiving morning 2011 for the 6th Annual DRUMSTICK DASH!

This event has quickly become Roanoke's biggest family reunion with families coming from all over the United States ... and it's going green this year! Help us protect the environment and cut down on our processing costs by registering on-line through the link provided here. It's easy and there are no hidden fees! Of course, a registration form is also provided to download and print if desired.

### Not going to be in Roanoke on Thanksgiving Morning?

You can still run or walk the 5k wherever you are, wearing your 2011 DASH tee shirt. Moving your feet (wherever you are) will help others to eat! Happy Thanksgiving!!

Your participation in the Drumstick Dash provides food, shelter and clothing for the 350-plus men, women and children who seek our services each day. Thanks to ALL OF YOU who have shown your support for the Drumstick Dash and all of the ministries at the Rescue Mission. We look forward to having you join us either to DASH in Roanoke or DASH AWAY wherever you are!!

For more information, go online, stop by or call us at **540.343.7227**.

***Move your feet so others can eat!***

