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S'Mores and Songs

FIRE PIT WORSHIP NIGHT

🔥 S'mores 🍂 🎵 Songs 🍂 ☕ Hot Chocolate

This Saturday
6 - 8 P.M.

Join Pastor Dana on her Birthday
for an evening of singing,
fellowship and fall fun around
the fire pit!



Outdoor Worship & Stewardship Sunday

Join NPC outdoors this Sunday for an Outdoor Worship and Stewardship Sunday. Dress comfortably, bring your lawn chairs, hats, and water bottles, and don't forget your pledge cards. A special time of pledge-card dedication will be included during the service.



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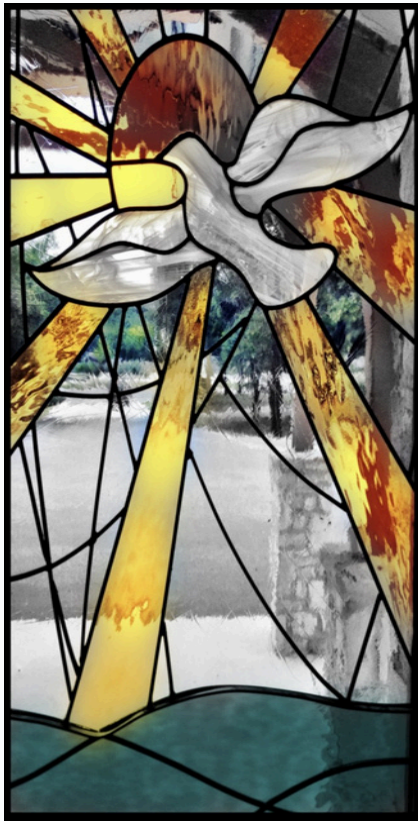
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Web Calendar





This Week at Northminster

For Further Information check the calendar on the church website at www.npcsatx.org

Calendar

Sunday, Oct 25 - Reformation Sunday

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

9:00 A.M. - Sunday School

10:30 A.M. - Outdoor Worship Service

11:45 A.M. - Fellowship Time

Monday, Oct 26

10:00 A.M. - MMG Meeting on Zoom

1:00 P.M. - Handbell Practice

Tuesday, Oct 27

12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M. - PCHAS Luncheon

6:30 P.M. - Line Dancing Class

7:00 P.M. - NPC Book Club

Wednesday, Oct 28

5:00 P.M. - Isaiah Video Bible Study - Classroom 1

6:30 P.M. - Youth Bible Study

Sunday, Nov 1 - All Saints' Sunday

9:00 A.M. - Sunday School

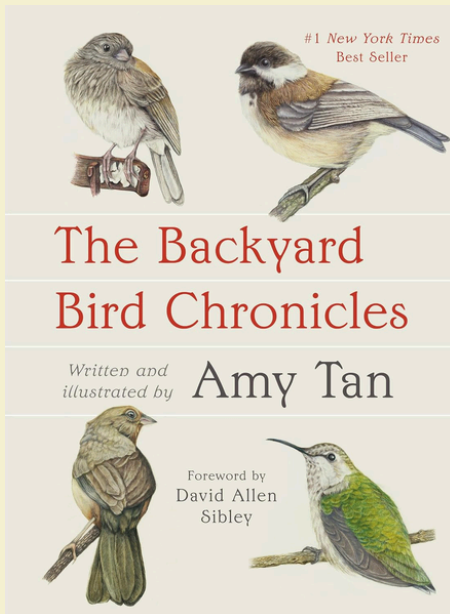
10:30 A.M. - Worship Service

11:45 A.M. - Fellowship Time

November Birthday Cake



NPC BOOK CLUB



The NPC Book Club meets on the last Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is this coming week. The October book of the month is *The Backyard Bird Chronicles* by Amy Tan. Come ready for thoughtful discussion and great fellowship!

**Next meeting: Tuesday, October 27th
at 7:00 P.M.**

Prayer List

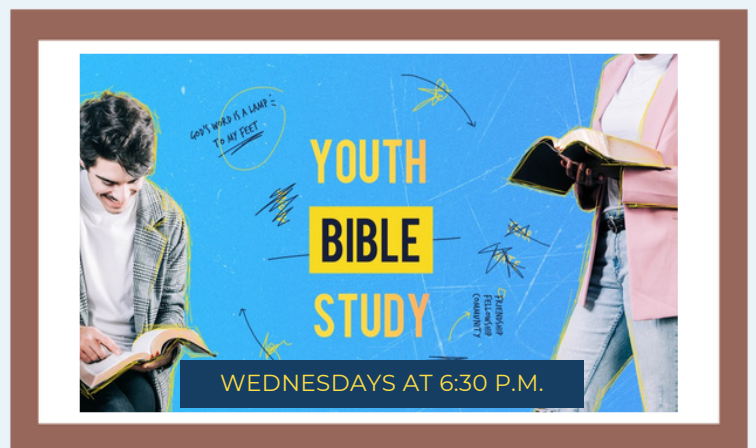
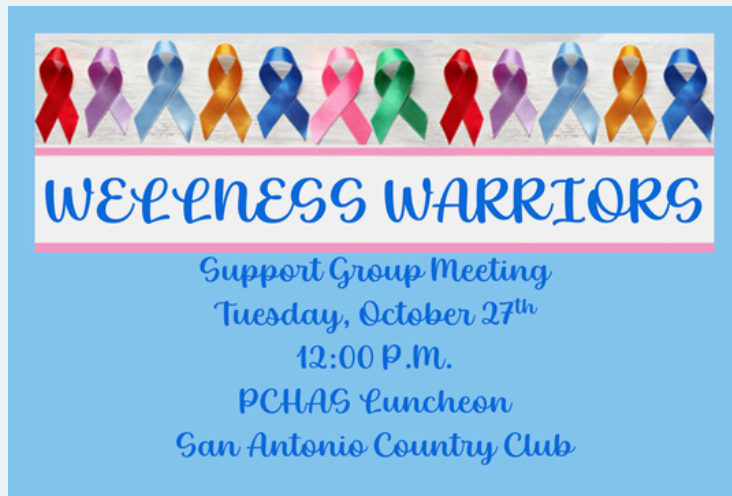
Members:

- Georgia Hale
- Bill & Louise Bischoff
- Guy Greene
- Nancy Moore
- Margie Brown
- Karen Currie
- Cynthia & Jack King
- Shannon Lewis
- Brenda Pinner
- Mary Lou Carroll
- Charlie & Lora Havrda
- Dickey & Yvonne Ma
- Pastor Dana
- Eddie Pope
- Hugo Salazar

Friends

- Gretchen Lewis (Cancer)
- Zach McManus (ALS)
- Patricia Pope (Eddie's Mom)
- Ken & Carol Polsz
- Bob Raksnis (Recurring Cancer)
- Rebecca Jackson (Cancer)
- Betty Fiorillo (Camille's Sister-in-law)
- Raquel Ybarra (Miriam's Mom)
- Jack Shrock (Brain Injury)
- Jay White (Heart Condition)





Stewardship: An Exercise in Faith

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse... and thus put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts."

— *Malachi 3:10 (NRSVUE)*

What does it mean to trust God with something we can count, spend, save, and hold in our hands?

Stewardship Sunday invites us to consider a question that reaches far beyond our church budget:

What does the way we use our resources say about our faith?

In Malachi 3, God calls the people back to faithfulness after they have neglected their covenant responsibilities. The familiar words about bringing the whole tithe into the storehouse are sometimes interpreted as a promise that giving more will bring greater financial blessings in return. But this passage is not about making a deal with God. It is about restoring a relationship built on trust, faithfulness, and commitment to the community of faith.

Stewardship is not a transaction with God. It is a response to God.

We live in a world that encourages us to protect what we have, prepare for uncertainty, and measure our security by what we accumulate. Families have bills to pay, retirement to consider, and unexpected expenses to prepare for. Faith does not mean ignoring those responsibilities or giving beyond our means. But it does invite us to consider whether the desire for security has become so powerful that we have lost sight of what we can share.

Giving is one way we practice trusting God when we cannot see the entire road ahead. It reminds us that our lives are about more than our bank accounts, possessions, or ability to control the future. We belong to something larger than ourselves—a community called to worship, serve, care for our neighbors, and carry the love of Christ into the world.

That mission requires more than good intentions. Churches need people willing to give their time, share their gifts, and invest their resources in ministry. Every contribution helps make a difference, whether it supports someone in need, encourages a struggling neighbor, nurtures a child's faith, or equips the congregation to respond to its community.

This does not mean God promises to make us wealthier if we give more. Faithful people still experience hardship, loss, and uncertainty. Generosity is not a formula for getting what we want from God. It is a way of living out our trust in the God Who remains faithful through every season of life.

Perhaps stewardship is best understood as a spiritual practice. Like prayer, worship, and service, giving shapes us into people whose lives reflect what we believe. It challenges us to loosen our grip on what we cannot ultimately control and participate more fully in the work God has placed before us.

This Stewardship Sunday, the invitation is not simply to decide how much to give. It is to ask what kind of people we are becoming and what kind of church we want to be. Can we give not out of fear, guilt, or the expectation of personal reward, but out of gratitude for God's grace and hope for what we can accomplish together as a community of faith?

Malachi's message is a call to return to faithfulness. Our giving does not purchase God's love; it responds to the love we have already received.

Stewardship is faith put into practice. It is choosing to believe that what we share can serve a purpose greater than ourselves, that generosity matters even when the results are uncertain, and that God's work is worth our participation. We may not know everything the future holds, but we can choose to help build it with faith, generosity, and hope.

Listen to *Move Your Heart* by Joel Figueroa on You Tube



MISSIONS



During the month of October, the NPC Mission and Outreach Ministry will be collecting items for the Silver Room. This is a local resource room here in San Antonio for Adult Protective Services that helps provide items for seniors who are in need of basic supplies.

Below is a list of needed items. Most of them are basic supplies that we often take for granted. Helping provide these items allows seniors to save money for other important needs like food and medicine.

Shampoo & Conditioner Shaving Supplies Body & Hand Lotion
Tooth Brushes Toothpaste Soap Chapstick Slipper Socks Adult Diapers
Antibacterial Sanitizer Antibacterial Wipes Puzzle Books Game Books
Cards Cleaning Supplies Dish Detergent Laundry Detergent Sponges
Toilet Paper Paper Towels

Hope Outshines Hardship

A luncheon event benefiting the children and families of PCHAS



There is still time to RSVP for the Presbyterian Children's Home and Services (PCHAS) San Antonio Luncheon on October 27. PCHAS would love for you to be there as they gather to celebrate what becomes possible when a community chooses to believe in children and families.

This year's theme, *Hope Outshines Hardship*, reminds us that hardship does not have the final word. Your support helps families move through their hardest seasons and into something steadier, safer, and more hopeful. Together, we are building a world where every child is safe and every family is strong.

2026 San Antonio Luncheon
"Hope Outshines Hardship" Luncheon
Tuesday, October 27, 12-1 p.m.

San Antonio Country Club

4100 N. New Braunfels Avenue San Antonio, TX 78209

Don Taubert is NPC's table host for this event.

2026 WEEKLY INSPIRATION

"Never be afraid to
trust an unknown future
to a known God."

CORRIE TEN BOOM

woman's day

Sermon of the Week

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Matthew 22:34-40

Rev. Dana Boes Pope

Stewardship Sunday

Outdoor Worship Service

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HAPPENINGS

Monday Morning Group Bible Study via Zoom

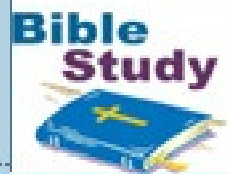
Monday Morning Group
(Recurring every week on Monday at 10:00 A.M.)

Join the Zoom Meeting

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WEDNESDAY EVENING

Bible Study

THE BOOK OF

ISAIAH

Hope for
today.
Purpose for
tomorrow.



Wednesdays



5:00 P.M.



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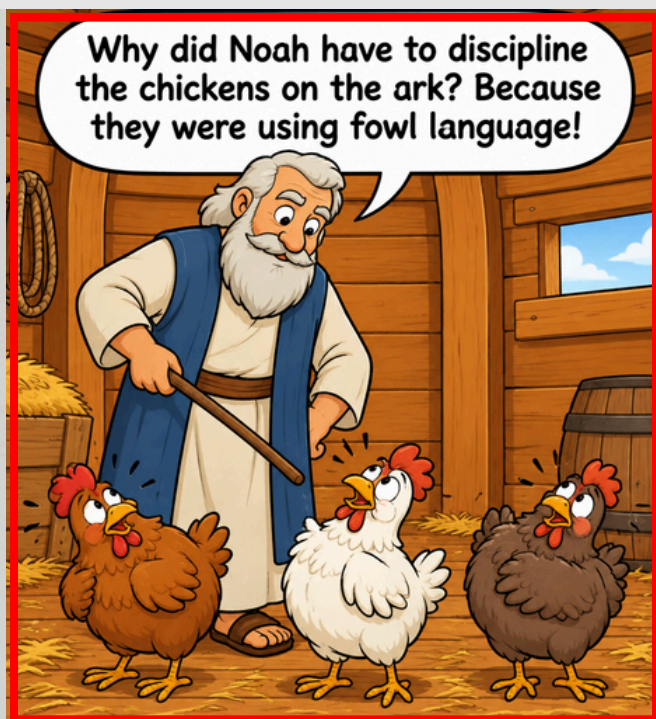
If you're unable to attend Northminster Presbyterian Church's weekly worship service in person, you can view it on NPC's YouTube channel on Sundays at 10:30 A.M.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJYafEQzKv7Vol235zQ8Qw>

The YouTube livestream of the worship service can be conveniently accessed from the homepage of our website.
Just click on the button "Live Stream Services."



Joke of the WEEK



Lectionary Readings for the week of October 25

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46



Weekly Meditation Time

Household Prayer

God of love, teach us to love You with all that we are and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Open our eyes to the people, places, and resources You have entrusted to us. Help our household use our time, gifts, money, and attention with gratitude and care. Show us one faithful step we can take today, and give us courage to take it together. Amen.

Questions for Reflection

1. What does loving God and loving our neighbor look like in our household this week?
2. Which gifts, resources, or responsibilities have been entrusted to us, and how are we caring for them?
3. Where might we practice greater generosity with our time, attention, or money?
4. What is one concrete act of stewardship we can take together today?





CHURCH WEBSITE

www.npcsatx.org

Weekly Food For Thought



Did you
know?

Did You Know that NPC will be having an outdoor worship service this Sunday? The weather has finally cooled off enough that it should be a beautiful morning to worship together outside in God's creation. The worship service this Sunday will feature some good old-fashioned Gospel hymns. Dress comfortably. Bring your lawn chair, hat, and a bottle of water, and come ready to sing to the Lord and worship God together!



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