

# North Shore Church News

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**Sunday Worship**

10:00am  
Worship (Sanctuary/Facebook)  
10:15am  
Music & Movement and  
Godly Fun

**Midweek Manna**

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

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***“A Few Thoughts On.....”***

***The Unfamiliar, The Unknown, and the Uncertain...***

As many of you know, we have had a work camp team of nearly 50 teens and adults staying at our church building in July, as they have engaged in service projects throughout metro Milwaukee. This group is from the First Presbyterian of Kirkwood, MO, and they have been sleeping, eating and gathering in our building throughout their two-week stay. It has been an interesting experience to have them with us, and one of the highlights was the opportunity to share in a very pleasant evening of food, fellowship, and worship on July 12. It began with a pot-luck picnic (hosted by our Fellowship Committee and filled with tons of wonderful options provided by our members), and then we remained seated around the tables for a worship service that included the musical talents of our Uker-ists. With a large group from Kirkwood, and just as many (if not more) of our own members in attendance, it turned out to be a truly joyous gathering. The tables were mixed with adults, youth and kids from both groups, the conversation was lively and genuine, and I even watched as some tables ended up taking group pictures before they departed for the evening. We couldn't have asked for a better experience.

What stood out to me, however, was the spirit of some of the comments I heard at the conclusion of the evening. The leader of the Kirkwood group approached me with appreciation (and a notable sense of relief) at the conclusion of the evening's events. They had been through some less-than-positive worship experiences with host churches in the past, and he had been somewhat reluctant to engage in this opportunity with us, as they weren't sure how it would play out. The next day, I received an email from one of our own members offering appreciation for the evening and thanking me for, 'being open to hosting the group and bringing us along for the experience.' There were a number of other responses that shared a similar spirit of surprise, and as I reflected on the

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positive evening we shared, as well as the reactions I had heard, I found myself reminded of how often the greatest blessings from God rest in our willingness to step out, in one way or another, into the unfamiliar, the unknown, and the uncertain.

This whole experience started with a random email that I received from this group last fall, wondering if we would be open to the possibility. From there, our Trustees had to be willing to step into the uncertainty of having a group stay in our building for all this time. Our staff had to step into the unknown of what it would mean to coordinate such a presence in our building. Our Fellowship Committee had to step into the call to host an evening without a clear sense of where it would take place (weather), who would be there, what food would be provided by members, and more. All the while, the group from Kirkwood had to step into the risk of worshipping and fellowshiping with a congregation that they did not know.

Has everything been perfect having this group with us? Of course not. There will always be hiccups in such things. All in all, however, we have played a central role in this group's meaningful work throughout the Milwaukee area, we have created relationships with people we would have never otherwise met, and we have enjoyed experiences and blessings in our shared journeys of faith that we would have missed out on completely had we not stepped into the unfamiliarity, unknown and uncertainty of this request that had been placed before us.

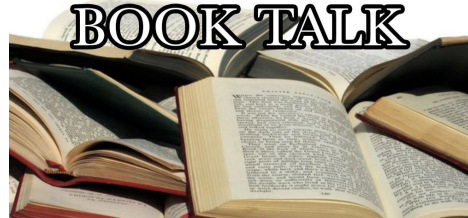
It was a joy to spend this time with this group on that evening of July 12, and there are other blessings that it will bring into the life of our church as well. Moving forward, however, I think the greatest blessing might be that it serves as a reminder of how often the greatest blessings from God rest in our willingness to step out, in one way or another, into the unfamiliar, the unknown, and the uncertain. There is great comfort in walking the familiar and predictable paths of life, but nearly every great story of our faith stems from the moments in which people strayed from the familiar and stepped away from the predictable. As we continue to journey in faith in 2023 and beyond, both as individuals and as a church, that is likely a reminder that will often suit us well.

In Faith, ***Marty***

## FORMATION AND ENRICHMENT

### Tuesday Morning Book Group

The Tuesday Book Group has been busy discussing various topics and books over the last program year. Most recently, we finished reading “Just Mercy” by Bryan Stevenson and are eagerly looking ahead to next year!



We have decided to take the busy month of August off and resume our meetings in September. Look for our next title in the September newsletter, and remember, all are welcome to join us! We meet on Tuesday mornings from 9:00-10:00 via Zoom and from 10:00-11:00 in person, gathering in Friendship Lounge.

In his book “Here and Now,” the late Dutch theologian Henri Nouwen said, “An important discipline in the life of the Spirit is spiritual reading.” He says, “Spiritual reading is not only reading about spiritual people or things. It is also reading spiritually, that is, in a spiritual way! Reading in a spiritual way is reading with a desire to let God come closer to us.”

Come and join us as we share our love of reading and our desire to bring God closer to us. We look forward to seeing you in September!

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### Thursday Bible Study: 9:30am

Bible study meets on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 in the Owl Room and on Zoom. The Zoom link is available in Marty’s Monday email. Please join us as we continue our study of David’s kingship in 2 Samuel. We will follow this with a study of the Psalms.



*If you have any questions, or would like to receive more communication about our study groups, contact anyone in the church office.*





**WE'RE BACK!** St. Ben's Meal is an outreach program that serves Milwaukee's neediest citizens. On the third Tuesday of each month, September through May, NSCC provides casseroles, desserts and servers for the evening meal. Please consider joining our NSCC volunteers who already help out on this much needed, and personally gratifying program. ***DUE TO REDUCED NUMBERS OF GUESTS, WE HAVE SCALED BACK THE AMOUNT OF FOOD WE PROVIDE*** so it's easier than ever to be involved!

If you have questions, please contact Dona Wininsky, 414-426-3086 or [Dona.Wininsky@gmail.com](mailto:Dona.Wininsky@gmail.com).

|  | Monthly<br>Sept -May | Following<br>Months<br>(Detail) | As Needed<br>(Dona will<br>Confirm) |
|--|----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b><u>I will provide casseroles</u></b> (ONE RECIPE – ONE LARGE LOAF PAN IN CHURCH KITCHEN) RECIPE WILL BE PROVIDED.       |                      |                                 |                                     |
| <b><u>I will prepare desserts</u></b> (30 pieces) (Your choice of “finger food – cookies, bars, brownies, cup-cakes, etc.) |                      |                                 |                                     |
| <b><u>I will serve (5:00 – 6:30pm)</u></b> at St. Ben's (please list number of servers)                                    |                      |                                 |                                     |
| <b><u>I will drive food from church to St. Ben's</u></b> (pick up at 3:30pm)   |                      |                                 |                                     |
| NAME _____   |                      |                                 |                                     |
| PHONE _____  |                      |                                 |                                     |
| EMAIL _____  |                      |                                 |                                     |

Please return form to church or to Dona at [Dona.Wininsky@gmail.com](mailto:Dona.Wininsky@gmail.com).  
Thank you.



Midweek Manna will continue to move indoors and out as the schedule permits. Please take note of the following:

- August 2: Indoors (Marty away)
- August 9: Outdoors (potluck picnic)
- August 16: Indoors (Rock the Fox)
- August 23 and 30: Outdoors

Our **Manna cookouts** continue to be a success. Our third and final potluck picnic of the season will be on August 9. We will start with the cookout at 5:45 and then proceed directly into our Manna worship service at 6:30pm.





### **REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH – HELP MAKE BAG LUNCHES!**

Volunteers are needed for the first weekend of August to make 85 bag lunches for those who rely on Repairers of the Breach for support and food. Each lunch should have a Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwich, bag of chips or pretzels, fruit and/or veggie, sweet treat (granola bar, cookie) and a bottle of water or juice. Bag lunches should be dropped off to church by noon on Sunday, August 6th.



If you are in town, please consider helping-out this great cause! Click on the QR Code to sign up, and contact Jane Ford with any questions at [janer1975@gmail.com](mailto:janer1975@gmail.com). Thank you!

### **SOLES FOR JESUS – SORT & SERVE & JOIN THE FUN!**

We have a summer opportunity to sort and serve at Soles 4 Jesus on Tuesday, August 8, from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Gather some friends and help make a huge difference for those receiving shoes in Africa.



**JUSTONEMORE**  
*Rescuing Food, Helping Souls*



Please use this QR code to sign up.

Hope to see you there!



## August 2023

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   |
|--|---|---|
| <p>30</p> <p>10:00am Worship - Rev. Dr. Barry Szymanski</p> <p>10:15am Music &amp; Movement and Godly Fun</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship</p>                                  | <p>31</p> <p>5:30pm Benevolence Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm Evening Prayer</p> <p>8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p> | <p>1</p> <p>10:30am Yoga</p> <p>6:00pm Deacons (Owl Room and Zoom)</p> <p>6:00pm Stewardship Board (Upstairs Classroom)</p> <p>6:00pm Trustees (Library)</p> <p>7:00pm BCE (Youth Room)</p> |
| <p>6</p> <p>Communion</p> <p>10:00am Worship</p> <p>10:15am Music &amp; Movement and Godly Fun</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship</p> <p>Repairers of the Breach Bag and Drop</p> | <p>7</p> <p>1:00pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm Evening Prayer</p> <p>8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p>        | <p>8</p> <p>10:30am Yoga</p> <p>6:00pm Soles for Jesus - Sort &amp; Serve</p>   |
| <p>13</p> <p>10:00am Worship</p> <p>10:15am Music &amp; Movement and Godly Fun</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship</p>   | <p>14</p> <p>1:00pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm Evening Prayer</p> <p>8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p>       | <p>15</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>10:30am Yoga</p> <p>7:00pm Council</p>  |
| <p>20</p> <p>10:00am Worship</p> <p>10:15am Music &amp; Movement and Godly Fun</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship</p>   | <p>21</p> <p>1:00pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm Evening Prayer</p> <p>8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p>       | <p>22</p> <p>10:30am Yoga</p>   |
| <p>27</p> <p>10:00am Worship</p> <p>10:15am Music &amp; Movement and Godly Fun</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship</p>   | <p>28</p> <p>1:00pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm Evening Prayer</p> <p>8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p>       | <p>29</p> <p>10:30am Yoga</p>   |



| Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday   |
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| <p>2<br/>6:30pm Midweek Manna with Communion (Rev. Rob Fredrickson - Preaching)<br/>7:30pm Fellowship</p> | <p>3<br/>9:30am Bible Study (hybrid)<br/>9:30am Yoga</p>  | <p>4<br/>6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite)<br/>7:30pm RR Historical Society</p> | <p>5<br/>8:00am Fox Point Farmer's Market<br/>9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge<br/>10:30am OEAnon Special P-Meyer - Friendship Lounge</p>   |
| <p>9<br/>5:45pm Potluck Picnic<br/>6:30pm Midweek Manna</p>   | <p>10<br/>9:30am Bible Study (hybrid)<br/>9:30am Yoga</p> | <p>11<br/>6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite)</p>                                 | <p>12<br/>8:00am Fox Point Farmer's Market<br/>9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge</p>   |
| <p>16<br/>8:30am Quilters<br/>6:30pm Midweek Manna<br/>7:30pm Fellowship</p>                              | <p>17<br/>9:30am Bible Study (hybrid)<br/>9:30am Yoga</p> | <p>18<br/>6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite)</p>                                 | <p>19<br/>8:00am Fox Point Farmer's Market<br/>9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge</p>   |
| <p>23<br/>6:30pm Midweek Manna<br/>7:30pm Fellowship</p>  | <p>24<br/>9:30am Bible Study (hybrid)<br/>9:30am Yoga</p> | <p>25<br/>6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite)</p>                                 | <p>26<br/>8:00am Fox Point Farmer's Market<br/>9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge<br/>1:00pm Glaub Visitation<br/>2:00pm Glaub Memorial</p>   |
| <p>30<br/>6:30pm Midweek Manna<br/>7:30pm Fellowship</p>  | <p>31<br/>9:30am Bible Study (hybrid)<br/>9:30am Yoga</p> | <p>1<br/>6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite)<br/>7:30pm RR Historical Society</p> | <p>2<br/>8:00am Fox Point Farmer's Market<br/>9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge<br/>10:30am OEAnon Special P-Meyer - Friendship Lounge<br/>1:30pm Reindl Memorial<br/>2:30pm Reindl Visitation</p> |

## 2023 NACCC MEETING AND CONFERENCE DELEGATE REPORT

### *“The Daring Endeavor of Being Church”*

My first experience attending a National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC) annual meeting and conference was two years ago on Zoom. It was efficiently conducted and a very convenient way for me to attend as our church’s delegate. But I couldn’t fully enjoy or appreciate the fellowship of others until this year, when I attended as our delegate *in person*. The chance to meet and talk with pastors, church members, guest speakers, and representatives of missions and a seminary is the main reason to attend in person. I found there are many people who attend this gathering every year and look forward to reconnecting with good friends, colleagues, and acquaintances.

Aside from the routine business of approving minutes, actions, and nomination slates, the business meetings included informative “Being Church Moments.” Pastors or members described how their churches have transformed and found innovative ways to worship and serve God by recognizing their strengths amid declining membership and financial challenges. We also heard NACCC-supported missionaries describe their organizations’ needs, goals, and accomplishments in serving people in Argentina, Mexico, Kenya, Nigeria, and Haiti, as well as here in the States. The NACCC website has information about the missions they support at <https://www.naccc.org/missions-outreach/mission-partners/>

The Saturday night dinner with the missionaries was one of a number of opportunities to meet members of other churches as well as some of the missionaries the NACCC supports. I felt lucky to end up at a table with one of the Hosanna Industries staff members whom I’d met on past mission trips. Also seated at our table was the minister who leads a mission in Argentina serving those who live in abject poverty. The mission provides food (including food grown in community gardens), education, and primary health care, and spreads the gospel through worship, Sunday school, and related opportunities. It was very interesting to have conversations with both these representatives and learn more about their organizations over dinner.

As part of the business sessions, we welcomed four new churches into the NACCC from California, Connecticut, New Hampshire, and New York. We heard results from a task team, which had completed its three-year research and compilation of books, articles, videos, podcasts, and other resources that member churches might use to explore and enable discussion of issues of justice and race discrimination. Retiring NACCC staff members were recognized and various awards given for service to the NACCC and its related organizations. By the way, there is an opening for editor of *The Congregationalist* magazine, if you're interested!

<https://www.naccc.org/join-our-team-2/>

The guest speakers were very thought-provoking. Rev. Justin Berkobien, an associate pastor at a congregational church in California, spoke about what it means for a church to be successful. Is it really about numbers (i.e., the size of the budget or the membership) or is it about faithfulness? A good summary of his talk, which I borrow from the official event description, is: *The true life of the church is found in the covenantal way, as congregants gathered in Jesus' name share life with one another and experience the presence of the living God.*

Speaker Rev. Debie Thomas, a minister at an Episcopal church in California, explored how as Easter people, we need to acknowledge—maybe even embrace—our sorrows, as well as our joys in life. Inevitably, we experience both sorrow and joy, and many emotions in between. Rev. Thomas maintains our ways of coping should include lament; that sharing our sorrows with God leads to a deepening of faith. Hers was a very moving presentation revealing very challenging personal experiences.

On Tuesday, we witnessed and celebrated the graduation of a seminarian from the Congregational Foundation for Theological Studies (CFTS) program. We also honored the dedicated work of the dean of that program, who was retiring from his position. It was very heart-warming to hear the graduating student express gratitude for help he'd received along the way, and his gracious tribute to his mentors—especially the one who had inspired him to answer God's call to ministry.

Marty and other Wisconsin Congregational Association (WCA) members did a wonderful job planning all the sessions, the business meetings, and other programming content. Hosting the conference was a huge undertaking! And our church was well-represented by a number of our members who attended sessions, worked the registration table, and/or were on hand to answer basic questions and guide attendees throughout the day.

I understand some of the speaker presentations may be available on video through the NACCC website for viewing sometime in the future. They contain much food for thought as churches face an uncertain future. It would benefit our congregation for us to listen to and reflect on the content of these presentations as we move forward in Christ.

**Susan Wauck, NSCC Delegate**





## COMMUNITY GROUPS THAT USE OUR FACILITIES

The July experience of hosting the mission group from Kirkwood, MO is an apt reminder of the ongoing growth of our support of community organizations in and around the Fox Point area. We have continued to foster relationships with partners who make use of our wonderful church facility, and we are always open to exploring new opportunities as they present themselves. With this in mind, we wanted to share a list of organizations that use our church building and grounds on an ongoing basis:

- ♦ AA and Al-Anon - Monday Nights
- ♦ Over Eaters Anonymous - Saturday Mornings
- ♦ Railroaders Historical Association - First Friday of the Month
- ♦ North Shore Quilters - Wednesday mornings once a month
- ♦ Yoga and Chair Yoga - Various days and times, depending on enrollment.
- ♦ LX Club - Starting in October, this senior activity group will use our facilities on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. NSCC members are welcome to join these gatherings.
- ♦ Fox Point Farmers Market - Seasonal use of our parking lot
- ♦ Fox Point Village - Use of our parking lot during elections, emergency response training, and more.
- ♦ Stormonth School - Use of our facility as an emergency evacuation place as well as a venue for their annual “Kindness Retreat.”
- ♦ Various musical organizations use our sanctuary for concerts on a recurring basis.





### **Midweek Manna Potluck**

During the **Midweek Manna Potluck Cookout August 9 at 5:30**, Kelsey will be there with fun activities for the kids. Sidewalk chalk! Bubbles! Bean bag toss! And maybe the giant parachute! Bring a side dish or dessert to share and join the church family for a meal and worship.



### **KidsConnect Scheduling**

Look for an email from Kelsey in mid-August regarding KidsConnect scheduling for the fall of 2023! KidsConnect has been described as a “church party” by previous attendees. It’s meant for kids in grades 2-6 and friends are welcome!



### **Interested in teaching or helping with our Children’s Ministries?**



The wonderful Ms. Haley Krueger will continue with us as our primary Godly Fun teacher in the fall! But we are always looking for helpers/second adults for Godly Fun and other events. Interested in seeing what our youngest church-goers are up to? Contact Kelsey at [kelseymolinari@nscchurchwi.org](mailto:kelseymolinari@nscchurchwi.org).

## A FEW THINGS TO TAKE NOTE OF...

**Staff Availability:** Please note that **Rev. Marty will be away July 23-August 5.** Please contact Kerrin in the church office for assistance during these times. Marty will be available by cell phone in case of emergency.



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## SAVE THE DATE!

**Karl D Schimpf Memorial Blood Drive**  
*Sunday, September 24, 9AM-2PM*  
*In Fellowship Hall.*

(appointments available at [Versiti.org](http://Versiti.org))

**Volunteers needed for welcoming, registration, snack station;**

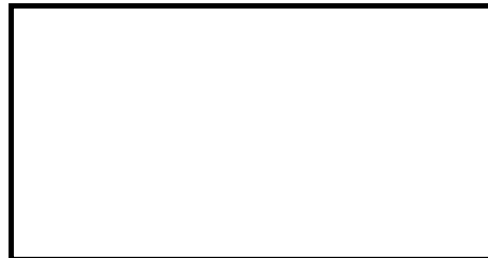


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