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**Our *HELP* is in the name of the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.  
*Psalm 124:8***





## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that **KATE SHRIVER** was a high-school valedictorian.... that **DREW LAIRD** was hired as a soccer coach and teacher of Physical Education at Eden Christian Academy....that many elephants enjoy chewing tobacco....that there are only 12 letters in the Hawaiian alphabet.... that we have new carpet in several first floor rooms and the office hallway.... that **GERRY RICHARDSON, DICK SKILLEN, SCOTT SHRIVER, AND DAN SHERWIN** put in a week of hot, high work late August to do long-needed repairs near the roof of our original building....that 64% of Americans live in the state where they were born.... that **RACHEL SHARPNACK** is a new Stephen Leader, after completing her five-week course....that **ANNETTE WU** is in training to become a holistic nutritional advisor and has retired from nursing....that 70% of Americans own running shoes but don't run....that **JULIE HARRER** and **NATALIE KARR** provided dinner for the September Encounter....that **LINDA SIGER** and **KIM HAYTOCK** worked with staff to provide great decorations for PBJ launch....that the average taxpayer's contribution to the USA operates the federal government for 1.5 seconds.... that Blackburn Study Center uses our original building Mondays and Wednesdays and has record enrollment this year....that Community Bible Study also has record enrollment....that the average marriage lasts 23 years.... that **LESLIE VAN NEWKIRK** works with our teens but has retired as a children's SS teacher after 56 years of service in that roll....that hyperbole is a thing....that **LAURA OSMOND** and her team mailed off 37 college care packages....that 68% of Americans do not like others to notice or comment on their appearance....that those who read the FYI look 21% nicer than those who don't? Did you know these things? I thought you should

## PRAISE, PRAYER, & PBJ

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 | 6:30 P.M. | ROOM 107



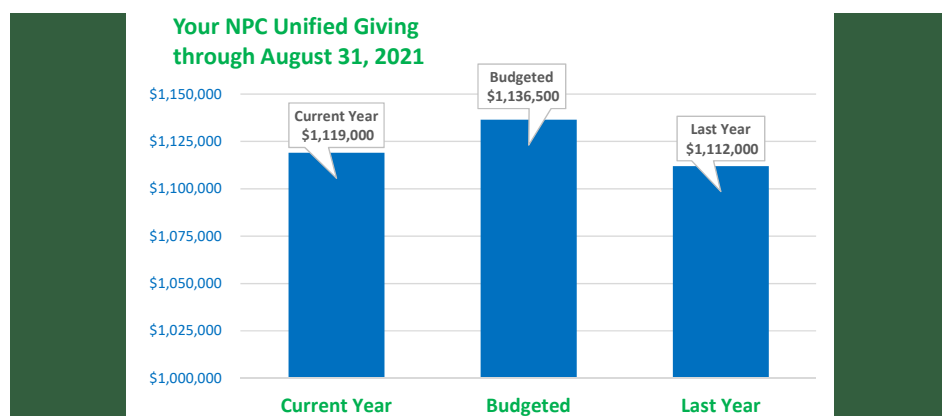
Starting Sunday October 3, NPC will hold evening prayer gatherings the first Sundays of the month to further enjoy the Lord and seek His power to work in and through us. Mark your calendar to join us for these one-hour gatherings.

## HISTORY CORNER

"It is impossible to enslave mentally and socially a Bible-reading people."  
- Horace Greeley, 1926-2015

## GIVING UPDATE

Unified Giving of \$1,119,000 for our church year is 2% below our budgeted amount and 1% greater than last year.



## COMING SOON - FAITHLIFE ONLINE DIRECTORY

Ever wished you had an online pictorial directory of everyone in your church? Well, it's happening. Expect to see an email invitation to register your family for Faithlife directory in just a few weeks. Help us ensure we have the most up to date contact information by getting your family registered.



## TOP GUN TESTIMONY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16  
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. OR  
1:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Northgate Church will host retired Navy Captain, Tom Joyce, a former Top Gun aviator who flew the F-14 Tomcat in the movie, Top Gun. Bring your son (7<sup>th</sup> grade and up) and come hear Tom's stories and witness for the Lord. Sign up for either of the times at [northgatechurch.com/events](http://northgatechurch.com/events).

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

OK, it is time for some fun...There was a TV game show that ran from 1956-1968 called "To Tell the Truth". The show's moderator/host (that will be me) would read aloud the unusual occupation or experience of the "central character" (that will be this month's Feature Family) and then four celebrity panelists (that will be everyone reading the column) would try to guess who was telling the truth by asking questions to three people all claiming to be the real \_\_\_\_\_. So, don't turn the page yet and read in first person some interesting facts about this month's feature family.

I was born in Jackson, Michigan. I attended Taylor University in Indiana as a Psychology Major with a Minor in Music. The music director at my church introduced me during my senior year to the man I would marry 18 months later. Before I was married I lived in NYC where I worked in public relations for the Museum of Natural History. I also completed a course at the Barbizon School of modeling and the New York Institute of Fashion. My husband was drafted into the Army where he was part of the "Special Services" that produced musical shows for the soldiers. After the army stint and back in NYC, I worked as the fashion department manager at Lord and Taylor and then as a buyer for Frederick Atkins. Then my husband took a job as music director in London at All Souls Church where John Stott was the pastor. Both our sons were born during our six years in London. We moved to Cardiff, Wales when my husband accepted a job to conduct the Welch National Opera.

We came back to the states to care for aging parents and my husband took a job at my Alma Mater, Taylor University, to teach music and piano. We moved to Pittsburgh in 1979, and I still live in the same house where I raised my two boys in the North Allegheny school district. My husband plied his talents as the Minister of Music at Memorial Park, taught at Carnegie Mellon, was the organist and choir master at Fox Chapel Episcopal Church, and was the founder of the Pittsburgh Concert Choral. He passed away two years ago. He had struggled with dementia for five years while I was his primary care giver.

Did I mention that while being a full time wife (almost 60 years) and mother of two boys I had a few other interesting careers while in Pittsburgh? I taught at the Barbizon School in Pittsburgh. I worked in fund raising for Family Guidance. I worked for Penney's as a color analyst in cosmetics and then custom decorating. I was a field interviewer for Mathematical Policy Research. I was also a Commissioned worker at All Souls in London and a Licensed Eucharistic Lay Minister at Fox Chapel Episcopal Church. Oh, I took up skiing at the age of 71.



Still Stumped? Continue reading to find the true identity of this remarkable person...

**Sandra Bedford** is the mother of Chris Bedford, the talented bass player in the worship team at North Park Church for many years. Chris graduated from Duquesne University and did graduate work at Carnegie Mellon. You have heard him play the bass guitar but he also played the upright bass in the orchestra. He has played with numerous jazz groups but his primary support comes working as a registered nurse. He is close to getting his degree as a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner. He has three girls and one son. Sandra's other son Timothy, is currently working as a therapist in Costa Rica and hasn't been able to visit since the current pandemic began. He shares the family musical talents playing the piano and violin. He had one son who tragically committed suicide.

Sandra grew up in a Baptist Church, which her parents randomly picked, as they did not go to church growing up. She was steeped in scripture but remembers at a very young age looking out her bedroom window into the sky and realizing that she needed to engage in a conscious act of accepting Jesus as her Lord and Savior. Her favorite scripture since college has been *Proverbs 3:5-6*, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your path."

You may have met Sandra if you attend Tuesday JOY Fellowship or did the cleanup day at NPC or serve meals at Light of Life. She loves the opera, ballet, and the symphony. She enjoys gardening and active outdoor activities. I can't wait to see how God is going to use her talents and experiences to build the church body at NPC. - **Jim Ludwig**

# WORSHIP

## A TO Z CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following people who completed the A to Z 2.0 Challenge! These faithful folks memorized a bible verse for every letter of the alphabet - two years in a row! Way to go!

Alison Sanders  
Amana Morley  
April Sanders  
Beth Morley  
Chad Morley  
Chloe Sanders  
Dan Hendley  
Joel Morley  
Peter Sanders

## CHILD SAFETY POLICY

Did you know that North Park Church has a Children's Ministry Policy and Procedure Manual?

Our Children's Ministry, in conjunction with our Senior Pastor, has written and thought out this policy to keep our children safe. It spells out exactly our intentions in regard to the safety of the children of the church. If you would like to read it, you can access it any time on the church website.

## TREKKERS

**OCTOBER 10, 2021**  
**4:30 - 6:30 P.M. | OUTSIDE NPC**

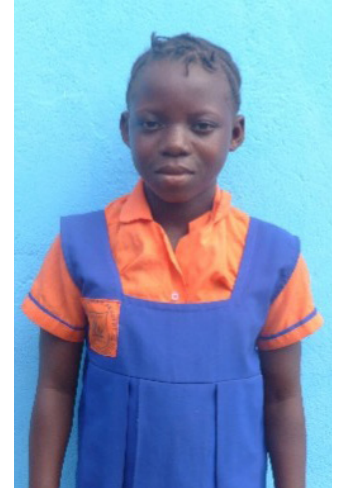
Weather permitting. Questions?  
Contact Beth Morley  
([mrsbmorley@gmail.com](mailto:mrsbmorley@gmail.com))

## EXPLORE THE BIBLE KIDS LAUNCHED!

The Children's Ministry just launched Explore the Bible Kids during our Kids' Worship time! For kids ages 3 through second grade, Kids' Worship meets during the second half of the adult worship service every Sunday now! (No more every-other-week-thing due to COVID!)

Each week, the kids will learn about, pray for, and take an offering for Kadiatu, a child that we sponsor through Eduations who lives in Sierra Leone!

They will hear a story from the Bible and learn how to practically apply it to their lives too! This new curriculum is tech-heavy, so kids will be seeing slides and videos as well as printed materials that are high quality! There also is time for bible verse memorization too!



Here are some of the fun facts our kids have already learned about.

- Did you know that babies have more bones than adults?
- The heaviest baby ever born was a staggering 22 pounds, 8 ounces. Wow.
- David had seven older brothers.
- Eli, who was the priest who taught Samuel to serve God, lived to be 98 years old.
- Donkeys can eat 5% of their body weight in straw, hay, and grass every day. That would be like you eating 16 QUARTER POUND CHEESEBURGERS!

Many thanks to the following volunteers who are leading and helping lead Kids' Worship this year.

Lisa Arnold  
Jody Bishop  
Nicole Bright  
Elizabeth Haytock  
Kayleigh Layden  
Kiley Librich  
Claire McKinney  
Beth Morley  
Jan Muzyn  
Kim Mycyk  
Bethany Osmond  
Davey Pinkerton  
David Pinkerton

Iona Pinkerton  
Isadora Pinkerton  
Susann Pinkerton  
Alison Sanders  
Beth Satariano  
Daniel Satariano  
Matthew Satariano  
Ben Smalley  
Kristen Smalley  
Will Smalley  
Caleb Stites  
Lily Stites  
Nancy Van Sickle



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL KICK OFF

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8 | 7:00 P.M.  
UPPER PARKING LOT

We will be gathering outside for our second annual bonfire and an evening of restoration and fellowship. We will have a special time of worship together along with a short talk, and s'mores ingredients will be provided. Please bring your own camp chair or blanket and a roasting stick (if you have one). If the weather doesn't hold up, we will let you know about alternative plans. We would love for you to join us as we seek to renew our sense of community! Questions? Email Kirstin Lukas ([kirstinlukas@gmail.com](mailto:kirstinlukas@gmail.com)). To sign up go to [www.northparkepc.org/events](http://www.northparkepc.org/events)



## MOMS FELLOWSHIP

We will be gathering weekly and alternating between crafts and play dates with the kids and having childcare so we can fellowship and have a time for devotions as adults.

Come whenever you can and invite your friends!

**October 5** | Blue Room

\***October 12** | Room 110

*Childcare provided*

**October 19** | Rooms 208 & 210

\***October 26** | Room 110

*Childcare provided*

**November 2** | Rooms 208 & 210

\***November 9** | Room 110

*Childcare provided*

**November 16** | Rooms 208 & 210



\*We plan to provide childcare on those dates. (If you read the Women's Ministry newsletter, we have pushed back the start date of Moms by a few weeks.)

To sign up please contact Kayleigh Layden ([knauerkm@gmail.com](mailto:knauerkm@gmail.com)) with any questions or to let us know you plan to attend.

## YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

### OCTOBER 3

Youth Group  
6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

### OCTOBER 10

Youth Group  
6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

### OCTOBER 13

Small Groups  
7:00 - 8:30 P.M.

### OCTOBER 17

Youth Group  
6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

### OCTOBER 24

Youth Group  
6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

### OCTOBER 27

Small Groups  
7:00 - 8:30 P.M.

### OCTOBER 31

No Youth Group  
Due to Halloween



## STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING

### A LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE:

Since 1975, over 600,000 people from all walks of life have been trained as Stephen Ministers- lay caregivers who, in turn, have brought God's healing love to millions of hurting people going through difficult times in life. These people are drawn to Stephen Ministry training by the desire to make a difference during a time of need in someone's life. What often surprises them is the tremendous personal and spiritual growth they themselves experience.

### THESE ARE THOUGHTS OF SOME OF THOSE STEPHEN MINISTERS:

- "Stephen Ministry has taught me the power of presence-of being there for someone. The experience has changed my life forever."
- "Whoever you are or whatever experiences you bring, you can learn valuable caring skills through Stephen Minister Training."
- "If someone asked me to go fishing a couple hours every week, I'd be there. So I figured I could make that kind of time to serve Christ."
- "Stephen Minister training helped me understand how listening is more than just hearing the words someone says — it's responding to their heart."
- "My Stephen Ministry training taught me real caring skills I could use and apply in everyday life. I've tended to give advice and try to fix other people's problems. This training showed me its more about listening — and allowing God to work."

### IF YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A STEPHEN MINISTER, HERE ARE SOME NEXT STEPS:

- Pray for discernment about your gifts, your passions, and how God is asking you to grow in ministry.
- Talk with any of the trained Stephen Ministers about their experience: Nancy VanSickel, Mushira Mikhail, Jim Ludwig, and Manny Velarde
- Let one of your Stephen Leaders (Mark Sharpnack, Rachel Sharpnack, and Susan Meenaghan) know about your interest in training to become a Stephen Minister.



# CONNECT



Don't you hate that moment when you're caught flatfooted, not knowing what to say, or how to answer a question regarding gender, sexuality or identity without sacrificing God's truth, and at the same time not offending the listener? What do you say to your inquiring young child? Your teenager? Co-worker? Teacher? Are you questioning yourself after a conversation... How was my tone? Did I answer factually but sound like I'm open to more conversation?

If you would like to be equipped to handle these questions and situations thoughtfully, come to our half day workshop called, "Christians Navigating Gender in Today's Culture." The workshop will be held at North Park Church in Rooms 305 & 307 on Saturday, October 23, from 9:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. Our presenters for the workshop include Pastor Ben, Laura Daly, and David Janvier, a clinical Christian psychologist who specializes in gender and sexuality.

The topics to be covered include the following:

1. What the Bible says about Gender
2. What the relevant science/neuroscience says about gender dysphoria
3. How to develop a game plan for different scenarios whether you're at work, at school, at home....

Attendees can expect an interactive workshop that will practically prepare people for engaging in conversations related to gender. **Registration for the workshop is necessary** and can be done in the lobby or by contacting Pastor Ben. Registration costs \$10 per person. Childcare will also be available for those needing it.



## COMPASS EVENT: THANK A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21 | 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.  
BLUE ROOM

As COVID-19 brought swift changes to classrooms, restaurants, churches, and a host of other public venues around the world, it also greatly altered the way those serving on the front lines in hospitals and medical clinics went about their jobs. Some had less work as surgeries were delayed. Others worked longer hours, putting their own health on the line. In response to their Herculean effort, we want to say "Thank you" to our local medical professionals.

Over dinner, we'll hear from people whose lives were directly impacted by medical professionals as they battled COVID-19. We'll also hear from medical professionals about how their work was affected by the virus and what it was like to be on the front lines.

For dinner, the main course will be pulled pork. People attending are asked to bring something to contribute based on last names:

- A-G** - Salads
- H-O** - Sides
- P-Z** - Desserts

After dinner, we are going to assemble small gifts and write thank you cards for local medical professionals, which you can then deliver to medical professionals you know. Extras will be given to a local Emergency Room. To join us for the dinner and assembling of the gifts, please, sign up in the lobby or by contacting Pastor Ben.

# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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- 1 Miles Lukas**  
**2 Spencer Mitchell**  
**Lisa Moriconi**  
**3 Olivia Hopkins**  
**4 Kate Brown**  
**Andrew Glancy**  
**Robert VanderWeele**  
**5 Jonathan Mycyk**  
**8 Aaron Whittington**  
**Abryanna Whittington**  
**12 Bethany Mitchell**  
**William Smalley**  
**16 Jeff Fowler**  
**Mary Warmbrodt**  
**18 Samuel Brown**  
**20 Adele Radacsy**  
**23 Hope Wiggins**  
**31 Emily Harrer**  
**Christie Wilkin**
- 1 Grant & Deborah McKinney**  
**2 Jonathan & Chloe Havener**  
**5 Chuck & Judy Brooks**  
**8 Edward & Jan Muzyn**  
**12 Mark & Rachel Sharpnack**  
**19 Dale & Laura Wiggins**  
**20 Henry & Lisa Lish**