

the Encourager

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NORTH PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

FEB - 2019

SNOW

Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, we got a bunch of snow. As pretty much every other house does, I went out when it had slowed down to get it shoveled away so we could get our cars out and it would not create an even bigger mess later on. About halfway down the driveway I saw it: the dreaded plow truck. I watched in dismay as it shoved an extra layer of wet snow onto the end of the drive and proceeded down the street. This is normal, but I was hoping for a chance to get the first layer off before the second got put on as well.

By the time I got to the heavy snow at the end I was running out of steam. Even better, as I have an arrangement for parking my car across the street in my older neighbor's second drive, I had that one to do as well. I began wondering if I *really* would need my car that day...

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Mark Your Calendar

2.2

Helping Hands Pantry

2.3

Siracusa baby shower

2.4

ROMEO Club

2.10

LIFE Groups

Haiti meeting

2.12

Blanket ministry work day

2.14-2.17

Winterfest

2.16

Helping Hands Pantry

2.24

LIFE Groups

As I was contemplating this decision, I heard a sound: the lovely, wondrous sound of a small-cylinder engine. Looking up I saw one of the teenage boys down the street bringing over his family's snow blower. He had seen me taking a break and had come to help. He plowed out the heavy snow in my driveway, plowed the driveway across the street, and then plowed the older couple's main driveway while I helped our next door neighbor with a second round of heavy snow brought by a second plow truck. The young man did not ask for payment, thanks, or anything of the sort. He simply saw a need and went to fill it without boasting or seeking praise. This reminds me of the attitude we are to have in our own lives. Time and again Scripture tells us to help those in need. It does not give qualification. It does not tell us to judge if they are worth helping.

Jesus says in Matthew 6:1, "Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, *to be seen by them*. Otherwise you have no reward from your father in heaven."

Every person reading this has opportunity to quietly do good for others. It is one way we show our faithfulness to Christ. It is so easy to get caught up in our day to day activities that we start thinking we do not "have time" for it, but that is simply not true. We have the time. It is a matter of priority. The question is what will we choose?

There is a time and place for big, grandiose aid, but those tend to be few and far in-between. It is in the daily life of watching for those who need help that we find the vast majority of our opportunities to do so. It is my encouragement to you that you watch for and take those opportunities whether big or small, so that Christ may be glorified as you go about your daily life. If we were all to do this, and shine the light of Christ in our actions and words, both big and small, there is no telling how far those seeds we plant will go!

¹⁶ He sends the snow in all its lovely whiteness, scatters the frost upon the ground, ¹⁷ and hurls the hail upon the earth. Who can stand before his freezing cold? ¹⁸ But then he calls for warmer weather, and the spring winds blow and all the river ice is broken.

Psalm 147:16-18

ATTENTION BROTHERS: If you are listed to serve (i.e. prayer, preside, communion, scripture, usher, etc.), please meet in the Youth Office (across from the men's restroom) at 10:20 am each week.

Those to Serve –February 3, 2019

Children's Church: Naomi Gibson, Pam Reese
Communion Trays: Marsha Phillips, Brittany & Brent Garcia
Audio/Video: Jordan Siracusa
Security: Ken Maupin
Nursery: Staphany Cervantes, Victoria Anderson
Greeters: N. Judi Rogers S. Brenda Mohler
Mailbox: Jeanne Wadsworth, Brenda Mohler
Computer: Brenda Mohler
Worship Director: Ken Maupin
Prayer: Jeff Hagerman, Ken Lynch
Scripture: Wayne Morris
Ushers: John Castree, Brent Garcia
Preside: Tim Firm

1A Ed Long	2A Joe Nicosia
1B Larry Jones	2B Joey Nicosia
3A Braydon Letsinger	4A Taylor Dean
3B Stan Gregory	4B Jose Cervantes

Shut-Ins: Deans
Kingdom Kids: Cathy Sharp & Julie

Those to Serve –February 10, 2019

Children's Church: Sandi Riffle, Sara Maupin
Communion Trays: Marsha Phillips, Brittany & Brent Garcia
Audio/Video: Russell Dean
Security: LIFE Group
Nursery: Deanna King, Julia Garcia
Greeters: N. Firms S. Liz Willis
Mailbox: Jeanne Wadsworth, Brenda Mohler
Computer: Pam Reese
Worship Director: Jordan Siracusa
Prayer: Joe Nicosia, Marcus Price
Scripture: Stan Gregory
Ushers: Jaye Lavern, Ken Lynch
Preside: Wayne Morris

1A Ernie Stubblefield	2A Ken Maupin
1B Bobby Letsinger	2B Tim Firm
3A Mark Murray	4A. Bret Hagerman
3B Simon-Peter Broughton	4B Jerry Gibson

Shut-Ins: Kings
Kingdom Kids: Bret & Jeff

Those to Serve –February 17, 2019

Children's Church: Pat Williams, Asha Price
Communion Trays: Marsha Phillips, Brittany & Brent Garcia
Audio/Video: Scott Weir
Security: Jerry Gibson
Nursery: Debbie Letsinger, Grace Sharp
Greeters: N. Weirs S. Joan Wadsworth
Mailbox: Jeanne Wadsworth, Brenda Mohler
Computer: Sara Maupin
Worship Director: Ed Long
Prayer: Simon-Peter Broughton, Wayne Morris
Scripture: Ken Maupin
Ushers: Doug Soter, Taylor Dean
Preside: Dave Sharp

1A John Castree	2A Ken Lynch
1B Jeremy Schulz	2B Marcus Price
3A Ron Willis	4A Steve Adkins
3B Justin Reese	4B Greg Peck

Shut-Ins: Lynch
Kingdom Kids: Cathy Firm & Staphany

Those to Serve –February 24, 2019

Children's Church: Staphany Cervantes, Victoria Anderson
Communion Trays: Marsha Phillips, Brittany & Brent Garcia
Audio/Video: Braydon Letsinger
Security: LIFE Group
Nursery: Lisa/Delores Warkins, Sandi Riffle
Greeters: N. Gregorys S. Maxine Byrne
Mailbox: Jeanne Wadsworth, Brenda Mohler
Computer: Mary Riley
Worship Director: Tim Firm
Prayer: Jared Kemp, Justin Reese
Scripture: Chris Isom
Ushers: Greg Peck, Jeremy Schulz
Preside: Ed Long

1A Scott Weir	2A Dave Sharp
1B Jordan Siracusa	2B Scott Seigrist
3A Wayne Morris	4A Adam Zomok
3B Doug Soter	4B Tyler Zomok

Shut-Ins: Sharps
Kingdom Kids: Elizabeth & Naomi

How Many New Testament Books Can You Find?

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Pantry Sub List

Justin Reese	815-299-0762	Jaye Lavern	815-608-4465
Elizabeth Soter	815-721-0405	Jeremy Schulz	630-418-0371
Cameron Maupin	815-978-3362	Ken Maupin	815-262-1487
Mary Riley	815-988-7440	Sara Maupin	815-262-0303
Tammy Weir	815-751-0866	Naomi Gibson	815-742-2291
Katie Schulz	630-418-0372	Cathy Firm	815-298-6341
Maxine Byrne	815-494-2512	Liz Willis	815-494-0595
Joan Schmidt	815-708-3993	Brenda Mohler	815-505-7205
Pat Seifert	815-871-7236	Tim Firm	815-914-1782

Prayer List

- **Anneka Broughton** · **Jason Willis** · **Ken Maupin**
- **Lea Schorer** – no visitors at this time please
- **Larry Borrison** · **Jan Morris** · **Martin Graham**
- **Frances Hughes** · **Evie Garon** · **John Parker**
- **Larry Blodget** – friend of Aloha Humphries; being treated for brain cancer
- **Jack Ward**—Jan Lavern’s brother in law who is suffering from a lung disease
- **Brenda Hill**—friend of the Cervantes family who was diagnosed with cancer
- **Kevin Eley** – Bolen’s neighbor who is battling cancer
- Sonya Puentes** – friend of the Cervantes family; has cancer
- Andrew-James Broughton**—suffering complications from cancer treatments
- Family & friends of Linda Gruner** – friend of Dustin Arreguin who recently passed away
- Bolen’s nephew Tim** – dealing with chronic knee issues and scoliosis
- David Reynolds** – friend of the Bolly’s who needs our prayers
- Donny Hoffman**- Chuck Mausehund’s nephew who has cancer and is going through chemo treatments
- Sharon King** – Chuck Mausehund’s sister; going through chemo treatments
- Pete Denby** – friend of the Lyman’s who is awaiting a liver transplant
- Karla Moore** – Joel Wadsworth’s mother-in-law who is having some health issues
- Sabrina Freter** – a friend of Katie Schulz who was recently diagnosed with acute myelogenous Leukemia
- Lisa Broege** – friend of Dar Hinrichs, recently diagnosed with MS
- Clara** – friend of the Kemps who is undergoing tests for a mass found in her abdomen
- Stephanie Todd** – Will be meeting with a doctor in February to discuss a treatment plan for what they believe is a second auto-immune disease
- Kate Marschang** – daughter of a friend of Jackie Garcia who is being treated for ovarian cancer
- Pat McRill** – many of us know Pat from Pat’s Café and she has asked all of us to pray for her husband Pat who is being treated for cancer
- Mary Riley** – recovering from gall bladder surgery
- Carson, Chuck Mausehund’s grandson** – experienced seizures (possible mini-strokes) and is now at Children’s Hospital in Chicago
- Gloria Gregory** – recovering from hip replacement surgery
- Mary Enfield** – has been dealing with severe bronchitis for a few weeks
- Jan Lavern’s nephew, Oliver** – recently diagnosed with melanoma
- Marty Measley**– Jan Lavern’s neighbor in Florida, has been diagnosed with terminal lung and liver cancer
- Nolan Ray** – Taylor Siracusa’s brother; was injured in a basketball game this week that resulted in a few days spent in the hospital. He was diagnosed with a concussion and some minor tears on his spine. He is at home now and will be meeting next week with doctors to address numbness in his fingers

NPYG

If you are going to Winterfest please
meet Joey after church today!!!!

FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Parity 10-noon
3 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship Siracusa baby shower @2 pm	4 Marsha Phillips's bday	5	6 7 pm Bible Study	7	8 Jesse Garcia's bday	9 Lorene Crabb's Bday
10 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship LIFE Groups Haiti meeting @5 pm	11 Jeff & Kathy Hagerman's bday	12 Blanket Ministry work day	13 7 pm Bible Study HHP Food Delivery Gwen Sullivan's bday	14 1-3 pm Parity Vaince Barrie's bday WINTERFEST	15 Cameron Maupin's bday Golden Agers luncheon WINTERFEST	16 Parity 10-noon Pam Reese's bday WINTERFEST
17 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship Jean Foster Jordan Siracusa & Nell Isom's bday WINTERFEST	18 Dar Hinrich's bday	19	20 7 pm Bible Study Jan Morris's bday	21 Rich Hinrich's bday	22 Melanie Lavert's bday	23
24 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship LIFE Groups	24	26	27 7 pm Bible Study HHP Food Delivery	28 6-8 pm Parity Brittle McKinney's bday		

NEWS & EVENTS

--We are in need of household items for the **Essentials house**...towels, sheets, kitchen essentials, etc at the Essentials house. Please, if you have any of these items, gently used or newly purchased, that you can donate please drop them off on the first Thursday of the month from 5—6 pm.

--With the new year beginning, Ashley will be starting to put together the 2019 member directory. If you have a new picture you would like included or if your contact information has changed, please get that to her as soon as possible.

--Ashley is working on a project and would LOVE any old pictures you have with people from North Park in them. They could be pictures of events at North Park, at RCC, or just a group of friends fellowshiping with each other. If you have them in digital form, you can send them to npsc@sbcglobal.net but if you only have hard copies, you can bring them to church and she will scan them and get them back to you asap. Trying to get a good sampling from every decade so any help is greatly appreciated!!!

--**Save the Date:** Ladies, please mark your calendars for next year's Ladies retreat on March 22nd and 23rd. The retreat will be held at Kilbuck Creek and Theresa Curry will be our guest speaker

There will be a baby shower for the Siracusas on February 3rd at 2:00 in the Fellowship Hall

There will be a bridal shower for Korianne Maupin on March 17th in the Fellowship Hall

--Ashley will be available to take new pictures for the 2019 Directory today and February 3rd. If you like the picture that's in the Directory now that's great but if you don't, here's your chance to get another one!

--For all men who serve communion:

We need your help to get a little quicker at getting organized and back into our seats in the auditorium before the worship service starts. Please be in the meeting room at 10:20 am or, if Wayne asks you to substitute for someone who is not present, please head to the room right away.

Thanks for your service to the congregation!

Ken Maupin

--There will be a meeting in for those who are going to Haiti on February 10th at 5 pm in the auditorium

January 27, 2019

Ye Are the Light of the World

Welcome

Heavenly Sunlight

Prayer

I must Needs Go Home

Nearer, Still Nearer

Lord's Supper

Giving

Jesus Is Coming Soon

(dismiss for Children's Church)

Psalm 43

Sermon

There Is A Habitation

Family Time

Prayer

Those to Serve – January 27, 2019

Children's Church: Julia Garcia, Brenda Mohler

Communion Trays: Jean Foster, Judi Rogers, Mary Spohnholz

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Security: Rick Phillips

Nursery: Mignon & Elizabeth Soter

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Shut-Ins: Sharps

Kingdom Kids: Deanna & Taylor

The North Park Church of Christ is committed to sharing Jesus with our community and the world; while encouraging the spiritual development of our youth, strengthening the bond of our families, and serving the needs of our senior adults to build a church known by its love and message that flows from the very heart of God.

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MINISTER

Jared Kemp Office Hours Monday from 9 am—5 pm

***all other times by appointment**

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