



# the Encourager

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NORTH PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

OCTOBER - 2019

## ANNIVERSARY

Today is the 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Danielle and I getting married. In that time we have had 7 zip codes, 2 states, 10 homes, 2 children and 1 phone number (yay for cellphones!). We have twice experienced the terror of being out of work for 6 months where we had to scrape by on savings, tax returns, night-shift entry level jobs, and gifts. Then there were the difficult births and pregnancies, the car engines exploding, the house repairs that cost way more than we thought we could handle, and more.

These are not the kinds of things you are dreaming about while standing in front of your friends and family saying “I do.” Usually you are dreaming of a life where late nights are nothing but laughter, children act just as you expect and desire, and you never leave the upward curve of a better and better life. But that is not reality. And I am thankful for that fact.

The reason I am thankful for this is the simple fact that without challenge – without effort or difficulty – nothing happens. Bonds are not strengthened, stories are not made, and life becomes very quickly becomes a shallow, bland puddle.

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## Mark Your Calendar

**10.5**

Helping Hands Pantry

**10.7**

ROMEO Club

**10.15**

Blanket Ministry Work Day

**10.19**

Helping Hands Pantry

**10.31**

Trunk or Treat

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Consider any good movie or book. There is always conflict, difficulty, and pain. There are good times as well, but if the entire story was nothing but one soft, nice thing after another it would be boring and bland. There would be no growth, no depth, and no truth to it.

Consider Scripture itself. In it we find both terror and triumph. Pain and joy. Strength and weakness. From Adam & Eve to Abraham to Sampson to David to Jesus to the Apostles, we find meaning and strength not because everything went smoothly but because it did not. Because it did not we can find truth and help in our time of need. In Hebrews 4:14-16 we read,

*Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

Understand, friend, that Jesus Himself was tested and tried just as we are! In doing so He became able to sympathize with and help us. I say this to say that in a different way, we too can help others from the trials and tests that we have encountered in life. Our difficulties in life are not to grind us to nothing, but to build us into those who can perform the works God has prepared for us.

At the beginning I listed many of the difficulties we have faced as a couple. We have also had uncountable joys as well. The long trips full of laughter, the movie nights, the traditions built as a family, the games, the worship, the times everything looked wrong but turned out better than dreamed of and so much more. All these things, good and bad, are what God has used to mold us and grow us as a husband & wife and as a family. Wherever you are in life, God can and will do the same, if you will let Him.

My hope and prayer for both you and I, is that we will always do so.

**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 –October 6, 2019**

**Children's Church: Pat Williams, Sara Maupin**  
Communion Trays: Marsha Phillips, Brittany & Brent Garcia  
Audio/Video: Scott Weir  
Security: Wayne Morris  
Nursery: Delores/Lisa Warkins, Pam Reese  
Greeters: N. Simon-Peter Broughton S. Maxine Byrne  
Mailbox: Colleen Crown, Gloria Gregory  
Computer: Brenda Mohler  
Worship Director: Ed Long  
Prayer: Chris Youssi, Justin Reese  
Scripture: Jeremy Schulz  
Ushers: Ernie Stubblefield, Wayne Morris  
Preside: Ron King  
1A Doyle McKinney                      2A John Castree  
1B Greg Peck                                2B Jose Cervantes  
3A Jaye Lavern                              4A Mark Murray  
3B Jerry Gibson                              4B Stan Gregory  
Shut-Ins: Adkins  
Kingdom Kids: Deanna King & Taylor Siracusa

**Those to Serve –October 13, 2019**

**Children's Church: Staphany Cervantes, Gloria Gregory**  
Communion Trays: Marsha Phillips, Brittany & Brent Garcia  
Audio/Video: Tyler Zomok  
Security: Ed Long  
Nursery: Deanna King, Julia Garcia  
Greeters: N. Jeanne Wadsworth S. Vikki Hatcher  
Mailbox: Colleen Crown, Gloria Gregory  
Computer: Sara Maupin  
Worship Director: Ken Maupin  
Prayer: Simon-Peter Broughton, Jordan Siracusa  
Scripture: John Castree  
Ushers: Mark Murray, Joey Nicosia  
Preside: Joe Nicosia  
1A Ernie Stubblefield                      2A Tim Firm  
1B Wayne Morris                              2B Ken Lynch  
3A Steve Adkins                              4A Jim McGowan  
3B Chris Youssi                                4B Jeff Hagerman  
Shut-Ins: Sharps  
Kingdom Kids: Julie Cavallaro & Cathy Sharp

**Those to Serve –October 20, 2019**

**Children's Church: Naomi Gibson, Brenda Mohler**  
Communion Trays: Marsha Phillips, Brittany & Brent Garcia  
Audio/Video: Justin Reese  
Security: Joe Nicosia  
Nursery: Mignon & Elizabeth Soter  
Greeters: N. Judi Rogers S. Joan Wadsworth  
Mailbox: Colleen Crown, Gloria Gregory  
Computer: Pam Reese  
Worship Director: Sid Long  
Prayer: Chris Isom, Scott Weir  
Scripture: Ernie Stubblefield  
Ushers: Jerry Gibson, Stan Gregory  
Preside: Ken Maupin  
1A Ed Long                                      2A Joe Nicosia  
1B Larry Jones                                2B Marcus Price  
3A Ron King                                    4A Adam Zomok  
3B Mark Murray                               4B Jeremy Schulz  
Shut-Ins: Kings  
Kingdom Kids: Bret & Jeff Hagerman

**Those to Serve –October 27, 2019**

**Children's Church: Mignon & Elizabeth Soter**  
Communion Trays: Marsha Phillips, Brittany & Brent Garcia  
Audio/Video: Mark Murray  
Security: Rick Phillips  
Nursery: Debbie Letsinger, Holly Bertram  
Greeters: N. Delores Warkins S. Grace Sharp  
Mailbox: Colleen Crown, Gloria Gregory  
Computer: Mary Riley  
Worship Director: Jordan Siracusa  
Prayer: Jeff Hagerman, Marcus Price  
Scripture: Chris Youssi  
Ushers: Jeremy Schulz, Scott Weir  
Preside: Simon-Peter Broughton  
1A John Parker                                2A Ken Maupin  
1B Dave Sharp                                2B Bobby Letsinger  
3A Joey Nicosia                                4A Justin Reese  
3B Scott Siegrist                               4B Tyler Zomok  
Shut-Ins: Lynch  
Kingdom Kids: Staphany Cervantes & Cathy Firm

# A Princess Finds A Basket

B S E H S U R H H I J X A M B  
 V R P F E W O N S P B X M I S  
 L N O G A A T R G A K R R R D  
 Z D Y T R M A H S R N E A I I  
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 T T H B L E E L S C G H K M M  
 P P B I E T R Y Y E V G P T S  
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 B E X H M B E T H F Q K P M O

AMRAM  
 BROTHER  
 EGYPT  
 ISRAELITES  
 MIRIAM  
 PHARAOH  
 RUSHES

BABY  
 DAUGHTER  
 FAMILY  
 JOCHEBED  
 MOSES  
 PRINCESS  
 SISTER

BASKET  
 DROWNED  
 HIDDEN  
 MAIDS  
 NURSES  
 RIVER  
 SLAVES

## 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                      **Russ Lyman**
- **Pat McRill**                      · **Dar Hinrichs**                      **Frances Hughes**
- **Larry Borrison**                      **Evie Garon**                      **Jan Morris**
- **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
- Bolen’s nephew Tim** – dealing with chronic knee issues and scoliosis
- Donny Hoffman**- Chuck Mausehund’s nephew who has cancer and is going through chemo treatments
- Pete Denby** – friend of the Lyman’s who is awaiting a liver transplant
- Sabrina Freter** – a friend of Katie Schulz who was diagnosed with acute myelogenous Leukemia
- Lisa Broege** – friend of Dar Hinrichs, diagnosed with MS
- Clara** – friend of the Kemps who is undergoing tests for a mass found in her abdomen
- Kate Marschang** – daughter of a friend of Jackie Garcia who is being treated for ovarian cancer
- Mrytle Williams**– has a non-malignant tumor on her thyroid
- Dennis Ritlinger**– Danielle Kemp’s Uncle who is being treated for prostate cancer
- Brandi Ostergard** – friend of Wendy Williams who has cancer
- Steve Burdge** – Sally Battha’s nephew; liver transplant
- Donna Fincher** – recovering from a fractured leg, is at Cor Mariae room 40
- Dave Bogenschutz** – friend of Dustin Arreguin who is dealing with a rare form of cancer
- Mary Enfield** – fractured vertebrae, waiting to schedule procedure to repair
- Charlene Govert** – friend of Gayle Bolen who was recently diagnosed with cancer

## NPYG

Devo today right after church - go grab something to eat and bring it back to the church to have lunch together, devo will be after

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Ned Rittler's bday Boleen's ann.	<b>2</b> Russell Deart's bday 7 pm Bible Study	<b>3</b> Sara Maupin & Pat Williams' bday	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Oliver Gregory's bday Pantry 10-noon
<b>6</b> 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship	<b>7</b> ROMEO Club	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Chuck Mausehund's bday Seifers & Rogers' ann. 7 pm Bible Study HHP Food Delivery	<b>10</b> Jan Lavern & Asha Price's bday 6:3 pm Pantry	<b>11</b> Joey Nicosia's bday	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship Sandy Youssi's bday Maupin's ann.	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Greg Peck & Dylan Erdman's bday Blanket Ministry Work Day	<b>16</b> 7 pm Bible Study	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Dave Sharp's bday Pantry 10-noon
<b>20</b> 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship Wanda Long, Janica Hagerman, Magnolia Duckertman, & John Parker's bday Rileys & Kulpas ann.	<b>21</b> Chad Kulpa & Frank Rogers' bday	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Krista McClain-Smith & Joe Nicosia's bday 7 pm Bible Study HHP Food Delivery	<b>24</b> Grace Sharp & Seth Kemp's bday 6-8 pm Pantry	<b>25</b> Adam Zomok's bday	<b>26</b> Erma Eldridge's bday
<b>27</b> 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship Mickey Tooley & Ruth Ann Mausehund's bday	<b>28</b> Chuck Donovan's bday Bret/Jenica Hagerman ann.	<b>29</b> Sara Berglund & Rick Phillips' bday	<b>30</b> Mary Hall's bday Hilich's ann. 7 pm Bible Study	<b>31</b> hley Nicosia's bday Trank or Treat 5:00—6:30		

# NEWS & EVENTS

--This year's Pasta Ball will take place on Saturday, November 2nd. If you would like to make any donations for the silent auction or would like to be put to work collecting donations or helping in other ways, please talk to Gloria or Ashley Gregory

--Please remember that if you have donations for Helping Hands Essential you can drop off on the first Thursday of the month from 5—6 pm.

--We will be collecting canned fruits and vegetables for Shults-Lewis children's home now through October 6th. There will be a table set up in the coat room for your donations. You can also donate money for them to use to purchase milk, meat, and fresh fruits and veggies throughout the year, please make any checks out to Shults Lewis and give them to Ashley.

--Make sure to congratulate Simon-Peter today - he and Terrie-Lyn found out this week that they're going to be going to be grandparents again!

--If anyone is able to help hang up Pasta Ball posters in local businesses, please talk to Gloria Gregory today after worship. It's really easy, she promises!!

--From Ken Maupin: we're a little behind working on Life Groups, starting with rounding up leaders. If any couples have a desire to lead a Life Group\* Nov.-May, please see Ken Maupin right after service or contact him today, so that we can determine how many groups we can have. \*free training!!

--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 [npcc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:npcc@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 DATES

Trunk or Treat- October 31<sup>st</sup> 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Set-Up for Pasta Ball—November 1st

Pasta Ball—November 2nd

Light Up the Parks Parade—November 24th

God's Hand Gift Shop—December 14th

**\*\*No Children's Church today\*\***

**September 29, 2019**

Oh Fill My Cup

Welcome – This Little Light of Mine

We Shall Assemble

Prayer – Joe Nicosia

The Battle Belongs to the Lord

All Who Are Thirsty

Hebrews 9:11-15

Lord's Supper/ Giving - Jared Kemp

Galations 2:20 (song)

Kum Ba Yah

1 John 1-2:2

Blessed Assurance

I Stand Amazed

2 Corinthians 4:7-15

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

The Glory-Land Way

Romans 8:31-39

Walkin' Down Heaven's Road

Family Time

Prayer

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MINISTER

**Jared Kemp Office Hours Monday from 9 am—5 pm**

**\*all other times by appointment**

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