

# NEWS FROM NORTHAMPTON

Northampton Presbyterian Church  
539 Buck Road, Holland, PA 18966

SEPTEMBER 2023



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Car Cruise-In Event (9/9)**
- **Native American Sunday (9/10)**
- **Sharing Session (9/12) by Pastor Judy**
- **Homecoming Sunday and Potluck (9/17)**
- **Membership Sunday (9/24)**
- **World Communion Sunday (10/1) and a Sharing Session by Mehr Daniel**

## Livestream Information:

All "livestreamed" messages are broadcasted from our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/northamptonpresby](https://www.facebook.com/northamptonpresby)

Sunday Worship Services are additionally posted on our website: [www.northamptonpresby.com/sermon-videos](https://www.northamptonpresby.com/sermon-videos)

## *A Word from the Pastor*

*By: The Rev. Judith A. Dwyer*

Once again, September is here in all its fullness. Though the stores are full of Halloween and even Christmas decorations(!), as I write this we are still in the season of summer. The days can be warm indeed, yet that late summer heat ripens what was planted in the coolness of Spring for Fall harvest.

It's a great time to drive on over to church for our first-ever "Car Cruise-in" event, where muscle cars and other collector's automobiles will grace our parking lot! Bring along a non-perishable donation to drop in the Morrisville Food Pantry van, too!

Speaking of food, it's also a wonderful month to remember the "Three Sisters," better known as corn, beans and squash. These crops were planted close to one another by Native Americans to ensure each plant's growth. The corn provides a structure for the beans to climb; the beans to give nitrogen to the soil, and the squash spreads on the ground to prevent weeds from growing.

We will be learning about this and other aspects of Native American wisdom on September 10th, Native American Sunday. Following the service, I will share my "Southwest Sally" with the congregation in the sanctuary.





I strongly recommend that anyone who is able to view it watch the video: ["Doctrine of Discovery: In the Name of Christ"](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JvM4SJN76Yg) beforehand. It can be found on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JvM4SJN76Yg>)

This is a 43-minute documentary that will set the stage for **Pastor Judy's "Southwest Sharing Session" on September 12th (at 3 pm)**. The video teaches about the history of the Doctrine of Discovery, its basis in Christian theology, its effects on Indigenous Peoples today, and how we might start to undo it. The film features interviews with Indigenous scholars, leaders and activists from around the world, as well as Christian theologians and pastors.

Come back for our "Homecoming" Sunday on September 17th with a potluck to follow and enjoy a time of fellowship with your church family! And, on September 24th worship with us as we receive a new member into our household of faith!

As if all this were not enough to feed your soul, on October 1st we will celebrate World Communion Sunday with a special presentation after worship by Mehr Daniel, a former professor of English in her native Pakistan. Join us for Pakistani treats during coffee hour and Mehr's compelling story to follow.

The start of the church year at NPC is made all the more wonderful with the heart-warming sound of children filling our preschool. God's Window welcomes Geri Broadus to her first year as its Director, along with a few new staff members and an expanded preschool enrichment program. Geri and her staff have been hard at work throughout the summer, preparing to welcome children and parents back to school. We are happy to do the same!

When you are here at church, take a moment to look around and see how beautiful and clean the facility is, and what improvements are still being made. We have a new fridge and freezer in the kitchen; new doors are being installed in the preschool; and – the stucco is still on the building! The grounds are gorgeous and very soon the preschool children will be standing under our beautiful oak tree for picture-taking day.

All summer, our singers and musicians have led our hymn-singing and prepared offertories for worship. Under the superbly-able direction of Trish Conover, our music program continues to grow and flourish, Very soon you will be hearing about exciting programs being planned for the coming year!

All of these programs and opportunities are supported by our own Melissa Satko, without whom very little would happen here at NPC! We are lucky indeed to benefit from her awesome gifts! And, without each and every one of you, this church would cease to exist. So **"thank you"** for every single thing you do to make NPC "go!" The body of Christ is alive and well here at Northampton!

Blessings!

Pastor Judy





## *NPC Stucco Campaign Funding Update!*

*By: Jessica Stehr*

We are making amazing progress toward our goal of raising \$35,000 for the Stucco Campaign! Each week your generosity brings us one step closer. **As of July 31st, we have raised \$26,346.** This is being used to offset the \$35,000 that NPC contributed in March from our cash reserves to fully pay for the needed stucco work. NPC's cash contribution plus the \$25,000 grant and \$75,000 loan summed to the total cost of \$135,000.

Just as our homes periodically need significant investments to maintain or upgrade windows, roofs, and siding, so does the NPC building. Please prayerfully consider a recurring or one-time gift to the stucco campaign in person during worship or online ([www.northamptonpresby.org](http://www.northamptonpresby.org)). (Have you seen NPC's cool "stucco giving tile" located on our online giving site?) Every gift helps. Your involvement and financial gifts will ensure our building can continue to support our missions and programs now and in the future!

**NPC needs your help to raise \$35,000 for the stucco campaign.**

Please prayerfully consider making a contribution.

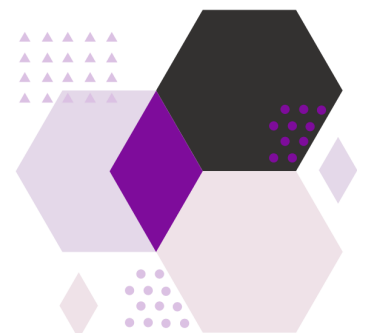
- Write a check, and write "stucco" in memo line
- Give online at [www.northamptonpresby.org](http://www.northamptonpresby.org) or via the QR code:



## *NPC Awarded \$10,000 Grant!!!*

Good news! In August, Northampton Presbyterian Church was awarded a \$10,000 Small Church Pastoral Compensation grant for 2023 from the Philadelphia Presbytery. We applied for the grant in June and will have the opportunity to apply for an additional \$10,000 grant for 2024. The funds will be used to offset a portion of our 2023 expenses for Pastor Judy's compensation. NPC's largest expense category is salary / compensation for our wonderful church leadership and staff.

The Presbytery of Philadelphia created the Small Church Pastoral Compensation Grant in recognition of the increasing financial challenges to maintaining full-time pastoral leadership. This grant seeks to offer financial flexibility and breathing space for smaller congregations facing declining membership and increasing costs and while demonstrating and nurturing a passion for mission.



*You're Invited!*

**SATURDAY**

**SEPT**

**09 2023**

**10 AM - 2 PM**



# CAR CRUISE-IN

**HOSTED BY**

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[northamptonpresby.org](http://northamptonpresby.org)

Rain date: Sept 10th  
3 pm - 7 pm

Contact Kevin Kauermann  
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267-544-8022 for further  
information.

**ALL MAKES & MODELS  
ARE WELCOME!**

**CARS • MUSIC • FOOD •  
GAMES (CORNHOLE, LADDERBALL)  
• ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS**

**TO BENEFIT THE MORRISVILLE FOOD PANTRY:**

In place of admission we will be collecting nonperishable food items such as canned soup, canned vegetables, boxed pasta, cereal, granola bars, rice, peanut butter, crackers, nuts, trail mix, etc.

Visit [mpcusa.org/food-center](http://mpcusa.org/food-center) for more info about donations. Monetary donations are also welcome.



# September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						9 <i>10 AM Car Cruise-in Event (Volunteers show up at 8 AM)</i>
10 <i>NATIVE AMERICAN SUNDAY</i> <i>10 AM Sunday Worship Livestream &amp; In-Person</i> <b>11:30 AM "Southwest Sally"</b>	11	12 <b>3 PM Sharing Session: Pastor Judy</b> <i>6:45 PM BSA Merit Badge Session</i> <i>7 PM BSA Troop Meetings</i> <i>7 PM Worship Com</i>	13 <i>8:30 AM Men's Breakfast at Robin Hood</i>	14 <i>7 PM Choir</i>	15	16
17 <i>HOMECOMING SUNDAY</i> <i>10 AM Sunday Worship Livestream &amp; In-Person</i> <b>11:30 AM Potluck</b>	18 <i>6:30 PM Boy Scouts Committees</i>	19 <i>6:45 PM BSA Merit Badge Session</i> <i>7 PM BSA Troop Meetings</i> <i>7 PM Session Mtg</i>	20	21 <i>7 PM Choir</i>	22	23
24 <i>MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY</i> <i>10 AM Sunday Worship Livestream &amp; In-Person</i>	25	26 <i>6:45 PM BSA Merit Badge Session</i> <i>7 PM BSA Troop Meetings</i>	27 <i>9 AM Women's Breakfast at Manny's Deli</i>	28 <i>7 PM Choir</i>	29	30
OCT 1 <i>WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY</i> <i>10 AM Communion Worship Livestream &amp; In-Person</i> <b>11:30 AM Sharing Session: Mehr Daniel</b>	2	3 <i>1 PM Mission Committee</i> <i>6:45 PM BSA Merit Badge Session</i> <i>7 PM BSA Troop Meetings</i>	4	5 <i>7 PM Choir</i>	6	7

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