

Northside Pastor Search Nears End!

July 24th will be an exciting, and hopefully historic, Sunday for Northside. The Pastoral Nominating Committee has chosen the candidate they feel will best serve as our next Pastor and has set July 24 as the Sunday for the candidate to preach at Northside. There will be a reception on Saturday, July 23 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM for the congregation and any interested members of St. Aidan's to meet the candidate informally. Then there will be a congregational meeting after the Sunday service for the congregation to formally vote on whether to call this candidate. Biographical information about the candidate will be sent to the congregation July 16. Many, many thanks to the members of the committee: Brian Spolarich, Chair; Jean Loup, Secretary; Kirstin Klevering; Geoff Stanton; Diane Zahn. We can all hardly wait to meet this person you are all so excited about!
—Caroline Richardson

Are You New (or Newish) Around Northside/St. Aidan's?

If so, read on:

In many churches, newcomers tend to lie low for several months before "getting involved." Sometimes, this is the way the newcomer wants things to be, which is fine. But sometimes, this happens because there is some kind of culture that suggests a newcomer is being "pushy" if he or she steps forward.

Rest assured: no such culture exists around here. We need you! Both our congregations have a number of ministries (some shared, under the name of NAM – Northside Associated Ministries). We can always use more hands, more ideas and more mutual support in what we undertake.

Because of the demographics of Ann Arbor, people are constantly moving away. But throughout our forty-five year history, some very short-term members of our churches have contributed significantly to our lives together, often in leadership roles. We would love to have you step into this time-honored tradition!

A list of volunteer opportunities is available in brochures in each sanctuary. To give you an idea of the range, please take a look at the list on page 5.
—Angela Williams

Friend us on Facebook!!

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Fran Board, Caroline Richardson

Sundays

8:30am-Adult Education

9:30am-Episcopal Holy Communion

9:45am-Children's Education

10:00am-Presbyterian Worship

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Transitions

Welcome to little Josephine Speyer, born on June 16th, 2011, at 30 weeks gestation, and congratulations to her parents, Lark-Aeryn and David Speyer! Josephine weighed 2 pounds (910 grams) and was pronounced as healthy and breathing well in her first assessment. At this writing, Josephine has been gaining weight and is thriving!

Members of both churches have been saddened recently by the deaths of beloved family members. Our love and prayers are with those who mourn.

Pam Trostle, a long-time member of St. Aidan's, died suddenly on June 22nd at age 58. Her memorial service was held on Tuesday, June 28th at St. Aidan's. The poem below, by Langston Hughes, was a favorite of Pam's and was read at her service.

Pam was known for her many charitable works in the area and will be in our memory for a long time to come for her cheerful outlook as well as her good works. Her obituary is available on the St. Aidan's website, <www.staidan.org>.

In Memoriam

Daniel Robert Leo Ferran, 1968-2011

Son of Helen Olson

A memorial service was held at Northside Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 26. His obituary is available online at <<http://obits.mlive.com/obituaries/annarbor/obituary.aspx?n=daniel-r-l-ferran&pid=151855151>>

Barbara Becker, 1924-2011

Mother of Nancy Becker Johnson

Carolyn Renner, 1922-2011

Mother of Jeff Renner

Lorraine Zimmerman, 1912-2011

Mother of Jean Loup

Lafadie Belle Whittico, 1910-2011

Mother of Mathew Whittico

Mother to Son

Well, son, I'll tell you:
Life for me ain't been no crystal stair.
It's had tacks in it,
And splinters,
And boards torn up,
And places with no carpet on the floor—
Bare.
But all the time
I've been a-climbin' on,
And reachin' landin's,
And turnin' corners,
And sometimes goin' in the dark
Where there ain't been no light.
So, boy, don't you turn back.
Don't you set down on the steps.
'Cause you finds it's kinder hard.
Don't you fall now—
For I've still goin', honey,
I've still climbin',
And life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

—Langston Hughes



Greenfaith Update

As time moves along in our two-year commitment to GreenFaith, it can be enlightening to look at how other churches are doing with their involvement in GreenFaith. GreenFaith recently reported that Trinity Presbyterian Church in East Brunswick, NJ is in the first class of congregations to graduate from GreenFaith's Certification program. St. Aidan's is still in the early months, and Trinity has completed their program. Recognizing that each church is unique in size, resources, and geography, it may be of interest to look at notes from their website which highlight some of their activities during their involvement with the GreenFaith program.

"Trinity's environmental mission statement 'We as a family of faith believe it is the responsibility of all to care for God's creation through environmental education, conservation, and community outreach' speaks to the fact that our church family feels a personal responsibility to care

for God's creation." Everything that is done in the church is done through the environmental lens — meaning that what is best for God's creation is always a consideration in our decision-making.

Trinity has done some amazing environmental work. Some examples of this include installing a butterfly garden,

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infusing creation art into worship, holding vegetable dinners, changing to energy efficient lighting, switching to Green Cleaning products, changing to reusable dinnerware, holding religious-environmental education programs for all ages, addressing everything from pollution to environmental justice, holding an environmental justice tour of the New

Brunswick area, participating in national and international Environmental Justice initiatives, and recently inviting the community to a sustainable Soiree." (From the Mission and Environmental Stewardship page at www.trinity-pc.org).

Alan Vayda, Senior Warden and active member of the GreenFaith Team, reports on St. Aidan's progress: "As we approach the end of the first six months in the GreenFaith Certification Program, the Green Team is working on our first report. This report will include our audits that establish our baseline in three areas: Spirit, Stewardship (building & grounds), and Environmental Justice, and our action plan for the remaining year and a half. We will also report on the green activities have been carried out so far."

To put your belief into action for the earth visit: www.greenfaith.org

—Fran Board

FYI

NAM Donations to Food Gatherers totaled 54 lbs. (4-30) and 90 lbs (7-1)..

Eco-Tip from GreenFaith

Waste Reduction: Individual households receive thousands of pieces of junk mail each year, most of which is printed on virgin paper and is not recycled. Reduce your junk mail by 90% in one easy step: <http://mailstopper.tonic.com/> . For a small fee, Mail Stopper will remove you from junk mailing lists and plant 5 trees.

From the NPC Interim Pastor

Northside Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor, MI (NPC) has long been seeking full inclusion for all members in the leadership of their denomination, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) [PC(USA)]. They have pursued this as a matter of justice, through prayer, witness, and attempts to change the denomination's polity. In 1985 NPC joined the More Light Presbyterian network, a national PC(USA) group, with the goal of inclusion for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender church members. In 2010 the NPC Session of elders sent an overture to the denomination's General Assembly via the Presbytery of Detroit in yet another attempt to make the rules more inclusive.



Rev. Dr. Ellen Acton

The General Assembly adopted a similar overture from Western Reserve Presbytery (Cleveland, OH) and, since late last year, PC(USA) representatives in Presbyteries around the nation have been voting on the change. On May 10 of this year the deciding vote was cast in Minneapolis, removing the final official barrier to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Presbyterians called to ordained service in the PC(USA).



Jenny Howard

This change in the church's stance goes into effect on July 10th. In observance of this important milestone in the life of the denomination, NPC held a special worship service at 10 am Sunday morning, July 10, 2011, in the upper sanctuary at 1679 Broadway Street in Ann Arbor. The guest preacher was Jenny Howard, an ordained elder in the PC(USA), and an NPC member. As an Inquirer under the care of the Presbytery of Detroit, she is in the ordination process for Presbyterian ministry. She left a 35-year computer systems career when she discerned her call to ministry, entering Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary's Master of Divinity program in 2008.

Since confronting her own gender identity issues in her early 50s, Jenny has been an out-loud advocate for full inclusion of LGBTQ people, not only in the church, but in the larger culture as well. She has been an active volunteer in numerous advocacy, education, and justice efforts. She was the first openly transsexual person to be admitted to a Presbyterian seminary.

Jenny's faith is grounded in her confession of Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. This claim on her life leads her to witness to the power of God, to work for justice for all, and to alleviate suffering wherever it may be. Her spiritual background includes the Methodist and Unitarian traditions, as well as personal study of medieval Catholic mystics, ancient mythologies, and Asian religions. A relative newcomer to Presbyterianism, she was blessed to wash up on the shores of the PC(USA) during a stormy period in her life in 2005. It feels, she says, like home, in a way that no other faith tradition ever has.

NPC members recognize that the change in the church's official stance does not mean there will be no more resistance within the denomination, and they intend to continue working for the full inclusion of all persons within religious communities.

At the same time they want to give grateful recognition to the many persons who have worked hard to make changes, in the PC(USA), in other Christian denominations, and in other religious traditions, which have helped make their own step forward possible. And of course, they give thanks to God for the grace and strength to persevere in acting on their beliefs about justice.

Ellen Acton

Vestry Notes

St. Aidan's Vestry met May 4, May 21, June 8, and June 29

The vestry discussed plans for the summer which include a single Sunday service at 9:30AM preceded by adult education at 8:30. Various fund-raising opportunities have been discussed and a rummage sale is being planned for late August or early September. The vestry has been monitoring our finances closely. Expenses are on budget but income from all sources (pledges, loose offering, fund-raising) is about 8% below budget. This small deviation is not cause for concern at this point but we encourage everyone to keep their pledges up to date.



The Vestry at Work

The vestry is working on two long-term issues this year: 1) welcoming and incorporation of new members, and 2) lay leadership development. We will be implementing some ideas on welcoming and incorporation that we heard about at the Diocesan Ministry Fair on May 7 and discussed at our retreat on May 21. We also invited the Rev. Deon Johnson, a specialist on making church buildings more inviting and

helping them communicate the vision of the congregation, to visit us and help us evaluate our building. He presented his analysis on June 29 and the vestry is working on implementing many ideas based on his analysis. As the vestry started discussing strategies to nurture and support lay leaders, we started rethinking how we organize our committees and activities with the goal of streamlining our structure to better make use of people's time and talents. We will continue our analysis and may be unveiling the new structure later this year.

—Alan Vayda



St. Aidan's Vestry (l to r): Alan Vayda, Sr. Warden; Jim Barber; newest members Peter Karefa-Smart and Mary Bartkowiak, Secretary; Fran Board; Sue Pfoutz, Jr. Warden; and Rachel Baird, Treasurer.

Are You New (or Newish)? (continued from p. 1)

Volunteer Opportunities

- Go to the Delonis Center (312 W. Huron) on the second Friday of each month to help cook (3:00 – 5:00 p.m.) or serve (5:00 – 7:00 p.m.) the evening meal that is served there daily.

- Participate in work days – or at other times – to beautify and maintain the woods and grounds around our building, or upgrade the indoors.

- Work with our youth in the Nursery or Learning Center, or teach Sunday School.

- Join any committee that appeals to you!

And this is THE BIGGEST: mark your calendar

now for the week of Monday November 14 – 21 when we will be hosting the Men's Rotating Shelter, as we do every year. Volunteers are needed to stay overnight at church, to drive guests from the Delonis Center to and from church in the evenings and mornings, to make soup and act as hosts during our seven evenings. It is a big effort for which we are richly paid in the appreciation of the thirty or so men who stay under our roof.

Welcome aboard! If you would like to consider participating in one of our activities, please speak with one of the Pastors or a greeter, and they will put you in touch with the relevant person.

Parishioner Profiles—Remote Version

Anticipated Visit from Dot Shields in August

Those of us who have been around Northside and St. Aidan's for a long while remember how poignant it was when Dot Shields left Ann Arbor to move to Marshfield, Wisconsin. She moved there in December 2004 to join her sister in caring for their elderly mother, Ethel Huntwork. We were sorry to see Dot leave Ann Arbor, and yet pleased for her that she could participate in this new "adventure". Due to her caretaking responsibilities, Dot has not been able to visit us nearly as often as she would have liked. Those circumstances have changed now, since her mom died on April 1st this year. Her mom was still editing the church newsletter, reading a lot of library books, and doing several crossword puzzles daily. Their far-flung family had gathered for a wonderful 97th birthday weekend for Ethel in mid-March, which was fully enjoyed by all 40 in attendance. Two weeks later, when Dot looked in on her mom at 5am, Ethel was unresponsive and her breathing was very labored; by 3pm that afternoon, surrounded by her two 'resident' daughters, as well as by many distant family members via speaker-phone, Ethel had slipped away, having carefully trained her whole family (AND her doctor!) that she definitely did not want to be resuscitated "when the time came" ... may she rest in peace.

During Dot's nearly seven years in Marshfield, she worshipped at the First Presbyterian Church, but she declined to join the congregation until it finally acted on its oft-spoken commitment to justice in the church, particularly in the realm of fully welcoming gays and lesbians, even in official leadership roles. FPC/M is still not a "More Light" congregation, but they DO belong to the LGBT-friendly (but somewhat more institutional) Covenant Network. And year-by-year the Marshfield congregation's full welcome of LGBT members has become more concrete and tangible: they have actually elected, ordained, and installed a lesbian couple, one as an elder, the other as a deacon, after their many years of membership and their marvelous leadership in the children's music program. Dot is also very pleased that the whole Presbyterian denomination has adopted "I0-A" -- a new measure in their Book of Order that officially permits the ordination of gays and lesbians and also deletes the previous (offensive!) clause that had effectively prohibited their ordained leadership in the denomination. Herself having long ago been ordained an elder at Northside, Dot accepted nomination just a few weeks ago, to serve a term on the Marshfield congregation's session.

Dot's three children live

across the continent and beyond. Her youngest child, Andrew, lives in Basel, Switzerland, with his spouse (Andrea Delpho) and their three children, ages 5 to 11. Andrew is an English teacher, poet, and musician; Andrea administers the exchange student programs at the university in Basel. One of Dot's twin daughters, Sara, is a family physician in central Massachusetts. Sara is married to Bruce Fishbein (an electrical engineer) and they have two children, 17 and 15. Ruth (Sara's twin) lives in San Diego where she is training to sell distressed real estate. She is married to Leslie Cox, her partner for nearly ten years. Ruth and Leslie were able to marry in California in that too-brief window of time when same-sex marriages were legal there. All the Shields family recently gathered in Saint Louis, Missouri, for the wedding of Dot's step-grandson, Jason Shields, and his bride, Emily Lebsack.

Dot has many special memories from her 21 years at Northside. Events and times that are especially memorable include the Saturday-morning Bible study group, the mid-week prayer group with Susan Baker and Lillian Rutledge, Sunday-morning adult education sessions with Saint Aidan's

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Update from Stephen and Sarah Obed

Dear friends from St. Aidan's!

Hello from Washington D.C.! We miss having service and communion with all of you, and regret that we didn't have the chance to say farewell before leaving Ann Arbor. We were very happy to have spent the Easter holiday service with you before we left!

As most of you know, Sarah received her master degree in Public Policy at the end of April - and her parents drove down from Alaska to celebrate. By May 1st we had cleaned out our apartment and had joined her parents on a road trip down to Nashville and Memphis Tennessee. It was a great chance for everyone to see parts of the US we had not seen before! We danced to the country tunes in Nashville before singing the blues with Elvis in Graceland.

We traveled for about a week before Sarah's parents went back to Alaska, and we headed to Washington D.C. Sarah was offered a position working as the Government Relations Director for Doyon, Limited. Doyon is an Alaska Native

owned business corporation based out of Fairbanks. We will be spending the summer in DC as she learns the ropes of this new position, and then we will be moving back to Alaska to live by the end of August. We feel particularly blessed that Sarah was able to find a job which uses her education in public policy to work on Alaska Native issues, which has always been one of her passions!

Stephen has also recently been approved for his permanent residence status, and has been officially welcomed to the United States! As such he will be looking for training and employment opportunities in the heavy equipment and construction industries in Alaska. Together we are hoping to start a family soon!

We thank each and every one of you for being a part of our lives for the last two years and for welcoming us into the St. Aidan's family, and we look forward to the day we see you again. Look us up if you ever come to Alaska to visit!

God bless,
Stephen and Sarah Obed

Dot Shields (continued)

folks, and the Lenten study of Douglas Klotz's wonderful little book on breath prayers and praying the Lord's Prayer in Aramaic. She also treasures her memories of Janie Spahr's visit in 1994, Peter Boeve's final sermon at NPC (on the Prodigal Son), a long and vigorous breakfast conversation (at the Flim-Flam!) with Alan Kiste as he first arrived at Northside, Peter Bower's series of sermons on Jeremiah, the celebration of "Coming Out Day" in October 1995, when Dot was liturgist and Marie Penner-Hahn (then age 8!) helped her with props, and Lawrence Reh's wonderful sermon at Chuck B-H's installation service. Other high points in Dot's spiritual life center around 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 about the variety of spiritual gifts, especially the phrase "Some have faith!" which has been her personal touchstone for very nearly half a century now! Dot was also active in the Detroit Presbytery's work in support of "lgbt inclusion" and treasures her acquaintance with the two Kens (Collinson and Smith) and with Dan Stoepker, Jim Beates, Howard Warren, Susan Thomas, and all the other members of TAMFS/ Michigan and MLP/Detroit.

Dot speaks with much anticipation about her forthcoming visit to Ann Arbor. She is timing it around the August meeting of the NAM book group, and at least one Sunday morning worship in "the upper room" (where she hopes to be the lector!).

We look forward to seeing you too, Dot!

What Northside/St. Aidan's Means to Me

During several past stewardship seasons Northside has incorporated a "What Northside Means to me" segment into Sunday morning worship. We, the newsletter team, thought such a series would be of interest in the newsletter. We are hoping that some of you will volunteer pieces for future issues. To get the ball rolling, the following is a reprise of remarks I made in worship a few years ago.

—Caroline Richardson

My first husband and I joined Northside in 1970. One of my first Northside memories is of Bill Baker, Northside's founding Pastor, showing up at our house the Sunday after our oldest son, Bradley, was born to bring us the rose that had been on the altar during the service in honor of Brad's birth. Later that winter I started bringing Brad to the Drop-In Center jointly run by Northside and St. Aidan's. This was a free childcare venture carried on for many years. Mothers (or fathers) could drop off their little ones on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons for a parenting respite or stay and visit with other adults while the children played. Most of the time, I stayed. My confidence in my parenting skills grew a lot from talking with other parents and realizing that Brad was indeed doing all the things other babies his age were doing. I learned that other people's children got into just as much mischief as he did and that I need not get bent out of shape every time he took a tumble.

Northside retreat weekends at Sara Grindley grew to feel just like the family reunions at the Log House which I so dearly cherish. All the kids learned that there were lots of adults who cared about them and if any of them misbehaved, any adult in the vicinity would correct them no matter whose kid it was. The kids accepted this, often with more grace than when their own parents reprimanded them. Northside became my second family.

Northside also challenged me. I was brought up in a Republican family where no one went in for "causes." I remember encountering my first homeless person at Northside. He smelled bad and you could see the grime on his neck, but Bill Baker greeted him with a warm handshake and a smile just like he did everyone else and I knew my aversion had to go. Cooking at Delonis has become a privilege. Cleve Evans asked us to be-

come a More Light congregation. Cleve was gay? I didn't know I knew anybody who was gay. Then Nate Seites showed up. Nate was the father of two daughters, the younger of whom had died of leukemia. He told us how his older daughter didn't want him to visit her sister's grave after she learned that her father was gay. It broke my heart. I had never heard of transgender people. Now they are part of my Northside family.

There have never been enough of us. So sooner or later it is your turn to be Chair of the Drop-in Center Board, Financial Secretary, or Clerk of Session. I found out I could do those things. I could be a leader and get things done (at least once in awhile.) We've always worried about next year's stewardship campaign. Will we be able to pay the minister? There has been a "Grace of God" line in the budget any number of years but Northside is still here. Together we somehow get things done. Does it have something to do with faith?

Then there are all the Sundays I cried during worship. Raising children, dealing with my mother's death, getting through a divorce, stress over a job—about the second hymn I'd be in tears. There were no disapproving looks or prying questions, just hugs. I remember the Sunday after a particularly difficult "blended" holiday season when both my son's family and George's daughter had visited-- I burst into tears when I walked through the sanctuary door. It felt so good to be in a place I knew I was accepted and loved.

So what does Northside mean to me? It means being cared for and loved, being challenged and learning. It means trying to be what God intends for me to be. A long time ago when Dill Howorth was editor of the newsletter, there was a section called the "Lay Parson's Corner." I remember writing a piece for that column and comparing Northside and St. Aidan's to the house plants I pattered around with at the time. I said there was good soil here. Good soil for putting down roots, good people for watering young plants, a community for celebrating new growth. As I get older it is also a place to share memories and to keep hope for the future. I still have some of those house plants, and Northside and St. Aidan's are still good soil. With the grace of God may we always keep it that way.

Upcoming Events

Appearing during A2 Art Fair...
Dr. Geoffrey Stanton,
Organ-Powered Electronics
 (Organ/Synthesizers)



Playing classical, jazz, ragtime, and more (including his own works). Two shows, two venues-historic Bethlehem Church and the Art Fair Fountain Stage

Wednesday, July 20, 3-3:30 PM
 Bethlehem Church, 423 S. 4th Ave.

Live electronics and projections. With Professor Elaine Grover.

 Come grab a real German pretzel!

Thursday, July 21, 2-2:40 PM
 Fountain Stage (Ingalls Mall-E. Washington and N. University). Special Guest-The Queen of Sheba

Friday, July 22, 3-3:30
 Bethlehem Church (same program as 6/20)

Fun for all! Free (Goodwill donation at Bethlehem Church).
 Check out Geoff Stanton on YouTube (type "geoffreystanton" in YouTube search bar).

"...a composer of formidable talent."
 American Academy of Arts and Letters
 New York

"...Stanton's keyboard wizardry..."
 Ann Arbor News

Pretzel sales at Bethlehem to benefit the church. These are incomparable. Buy them singly or by the dozen. (They sell out FAST.)

Goodwill offering at Bethlehem to benefit the Leupold Foundation, dedicated to the preservation of the organ and its repertoire.

Moving costs for the Rodgers organ at the Fountain Stage underwritten by King's Keyboard, Ann Arbor.

- "No Graves as Yet" by Anne Perry is the book chosen for discussion at the next meeting of the **NAM Book Group**, at Caroline Richardson's (11356 Tall Shadows Ct., Pinckney) on **Thursday, July 14.**
- Ellen Acton is on vacation through July 16.
- The final chapter of the Racial Justice Book Group (Rainbow Economics: Closing the Racial Wealth Gap) will be discussed Tues., July 26, 7 pm.
- **NAM Older Youth** are invited to several planning sessions following Sunday worship services. **The first one is next Sunday, July 17, 11 am.**
- Rachel Baird will preach at St. Aidan's on July 17.

Summer FUN at the Howell Conference & Nature Center

Summer Resident Camp

This summer, let children **create memories** that will last a lifetime at the Howell Conference & Nature Center! Make new friends, explore and learn about nature, try new adventures, and **connect with God** while attending summer resident camp!

Situated on 270 acres, the Howell Conference & Nature Center is owned and operated by the Presbytery of Detroit. Guided by Christian leaders, camp gives children in grades 2nd through 12th the chance to **grow their faith** in a unique setting.

Campers enjoy modern lodges, while taking part of numerous **traditional camp activities**. Days are spent swimming, boating, doing crafts, playing outdoor games, enjoying campfires, learning archery, and so much more. In addition, campers are challenged with the high ropes course, 500-foot zip line, and 60-foot climbing tower.

There are **eight different themed camp weeks** to choose from, starting in June through August. Many camps also include off-site activities, such as visiting Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes or a visit to the Detroit Zoo.

Call us for more information or visit www.howellnaturecenter.org!

Summer Day Camp & Day Camp Extreme

With themed weeks such as "Outdoor Adventure," "Junior Zookeeper," and "Week of 100 Games," a great time is almost guaranteed! Children spend summer days learning and playing in our unique camp setting. Summer Day Camp is open to children entering 1st through 5th grades, and Day Camp Extreme is for those entering 6th through 8th grade. Before and after care is available. Call us for more information or visit www.howellnaturecenter.org!

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HOWELL NATURE CENTER

Note from Dorothy Bell

I sit in the second row so that I can rest against the chair in front of me. This allows me to be stable and take the bread and hold the wine chalice. Eventually the person who is standing in front of me tumbles to my need for an opening in the row in front of me.

Calendar

Sunday

8:30 am Adult Christian Education
9:30 am St. Aidan's Communion
10:00 am Northside Presbyterian Worship
11:00 am NAM Older Youth meeting

Tuesday-Friday

10am-1pm Church office hours

Wednesday

8:00 am NPC Prayer Group
12 noon NAM Bible Study
7:00 pm Vestry

Thursday

7:30 pm NAM Book Group

Coming Up

thru 7/16 Ellen Acton on vacation
7-18 thru 30 Susan McGarry on vacation
7-23, 2-4 pm NPC Reception for Pastoral Candidate
7-23, 7pm Farewell party for Brian & Alan at Pat Hodges' home
7-24, 10am Pastoral Candidate preaches at NPC
11am NPC Congregational Meeting
7-26, 7pm Racial Justice Book Group
7-27, 7pm NAM Administrative Council
7-31, 11:15 am NAM Older Youth meeting
8-2 thru 8-12 Office Secretary on vacation

AA meetings

Sundays, 7:00 pm
Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays: 7:30 pm

12step meetings

Wednesdays 6:15 pm
Fridays 6:15 pm

Groups meet in library, lounge, upper sanctuary
ACoA (*Adult Children of Alcoholics*) meeting
Tuesdays, 7:00 (lower sanctuary)

ICPJ regularly scheduled monthly meetings

2nd Tuesday, 11am-1pm (upper sanctuary)
1st & 3rd Thursdays, 12-2pm (lounge)
1st & 3rd Fridays, 11-12:30 (lounge);

The Office Secretary will be on vacation from Aug. 2-12th. All work requests and info for July 31st, Aug. 7 & 14 bulletins need to be into the office by Fri., July 22nd. Thank you.