

**Northern Lakes Community Church
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
5444 Herkner Road
Traverse City, MI 49684**



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January 2010 Newsletter

Our Mission Statement:

*Growing and sharing our
love for Jesus Christ.*

Our Biblical Theme (I Corinthians 3:7-9):

“So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes all things grow. All have one purpose...For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building.”

Our Purpose: Northern Lakes Community Church exists to make disciples and send apostles. Disciples follow Jesus Christ; apostles witness to Him. We make disciples by **worshipping** Jesus with joy, **teaching** His Gospel, and gathering **small groups** for Bible study and prayer. We send apostles by **witnessing** to Christ in the community, employing **members’ gifts for ministry**, and working to **serve human needs** near and far.

We pray that all we do will reflect the love of Jesus Christ, and be scriptural, authentic, and of the highest possible quality.

Deacons Ready to Serve! Deacons perform ministries of service and compassion. If you have, know of, or see a spiritual or physical need...Please contact a Deacon!

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<i>Diz Disbrow</i>	<i>668-6482</i>
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♪♪♪ Praise the Lord! ♪♪♪



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Worship Schedule:

Northern Lakes Tuesday

Worship, 2:00 p.m. at The Village
at Bay Ridge, 3950 Scenic Ridge
(Silver Lake Rd., south of TC
West Jr. High)

Lake Worship – 8:00 a.m. at
Taylor Park on Long Lake – bring
a chair!

Praise Worship, Sunday at 10:00
a.m.

Sunday School for all ages,
11:20 a.m.

Child Care Provided

Pastor: Mike Riggins

Music Director: Gretchen Palmer
gretchensings@gmail.com

Office

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Session Committee Chairs

Gene Adams – Property
228-4708

Julie Burton – Youth & Family
943-4642

Jill Butryn – Personnel
930-4770

Marge Doherty – Adult Ministries
946-0316

Lee Gwyn – Clerk of Session
276-6719

Scott Johnson – Worship
938-3335

Pat Thompson – Communication
642-1767

Eric Warren – Mission
933-0143

Gloria Wilson – Finance
276-7709

Congregational Meeting 1/17/10

The congregation will hold its annual meeting following worship on Sunday, January 17. The agenda will include the election of elders, deacons and members of the nominating committee; approval of the budget; and review of the pastor's compensation for 2010.

Members: please attend. This is an important meeting at an important time in the life of NLCC. Our church is picking up momentum. Help us make wise decisions that will fuel that movement!

January Youth Group Schedule

Here's what the Preacher's Creatures, our Middle/Senior High Youth Group will be doing this month:

January 10 Luke Jeopardy prep and BIG GAME

January 24 Italian Dinner Theater rehearsal

January 30 Italian Dinner Theater rehearsal (time TBA)

January 31 **9th Annual ITALIAN DINNER THEATER**

The Preacher's Creatures meet following Sunday school.
Bring a friend!

Listen to Sermons

CDs made of each Sunday's sermon are available the following week on the top shelf of the bookcase at the back of the worship area. You may borrow a CD by using the signup sheet on the bookcase, or by calling the church office at 935-4556.

We also offer recent sermons in the mp3 format on our web site:
www.northernlakescc.org

Prayer Concerns:

Please remember in prayer that they might be comforted:

The Adair family
Marlene and Rich Goldstrohm
Rick, Katie and Sage Coe Lovejoy
Sally Stauffer
Father of Kathy Gauthier
Marie Groombridge
Dan Lincoln, Pat Rhoades-Hall's nephew
Chris, Donna, Jack and Benjamin Miller
Rosemary Roberts
Mel and Jane Rotier
Our college students, both home and away.
Our service men and women, here and abroad.

The new medical privacy rules make it more difficult for pastors and deacons to learn who is hospitalized. Now, more than ever, it is extremely important for families of patients to notify the church when a person goes into the hospital. Please call the church office (935-4556) when you, or a loved one, go into the hospital!

Please call Pastor Riggins at church (935-4556) to activate the Prayer Chain. Or try Pastor Mike's cell phone number (342-1374).

Officers' Retreat 1/9/10

All elders and deacons serving on the boards of the church will gather on Saturday, 1/9, for this annual event.

Arrive before 8:00 a.m. for breakfast and plan to stay through the mid-afternoon. Please bring \$5 to help defray costs for the two meals.

**Giving to NLCC in 2009 finishes with
miraculous upswing**

-- Or --

God does answer prayer

In what can only be taken as an outpouring of divine and human generosity, Northern Lakes Community Church finished what had been a terribly difficult financial year with a bang.

As you will see elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter, our church concluded 2009 with amazing momentum.

How do you measure a church's performance? We closely monitor worship attendance, which has seen a slight up-tick. Offerings give us another useful gauge. On the financial scale, NLCC had probably its best month ever in December.

Praise God! And thank you to the members and friends of our congregation!

NEEDED: Team of energized people to organize a craft fair at NLCC for fall of 2010. Much of the ground work has been done!

If interested, please see Marge Doherty or e-mail at marjoried@charter.net. Thanks!

**Bible 101
Sunday school class for adults
Teaching basic Bible
Begins January 10**

The Reverend Mike Riggins will teach Bible 101, a new adult Sunday school class.

Bible 101 will begin at the ground floor, giving students a basic introduction to the contents, history and meaning of Scripture.

Our two current adult Sunday school classes will continue. Bible 101 is for adults who want to begin studying the Bible. No prior knowledge will be assumed.

No prerequisites, no tests, no fear! Is Bible 101 for you—or somebody you might invite?

Safe Harbor will be back in full swing soon and WE NEED YOU!!!! Check out the bulletin board near the bathrooms for complete information. We had a lot of help last year... can we count on you this year too?

ON-GOING EVENTS

- ❖ **Returnable Cans and Bottles (with MI 10¢ deposit)** may always be left at the church. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to help families who have emergency needs. If you would like to return the bottles and cans yourself and turn in the deposit, we would greatly appreciate your effort!
- ❖ **Bible Study:** Pastor Mike leads Bible Study at Clancy's Kitchen every **Tuesday at 7:00 a.m.**
- ❖ **Bible Study:** There is a women's Bible study at Kim Scherrer's house every **Wednesday at 7:00 pm.**
- ❖ **Jr-Sr. High Youth** meet 1st & 3rd Sundays; **Elementary Youth** meet 2nd & 4th Sundays. (Sept.- May)
- ❖ **NLCC is now collecting only Oleson's receipts and Spartan and Campbell's UPCs** Look for reminder symbols on products for what to save. The front panel products do not work. Clip the Campbell symbol next to the UPC. Deposit boxes are available at the church. Oleson's receipts and Spartan UPC's can be turned in at any time so we won't turn in receipts until we have at least the minimum.
- ❖ **NLCC also participates in a program at Gordon Food Services called Partnership in Savings.** If you present their card each time before you check out (Xeroxed cards are available on the table at NLCC. The UPC# on the card is 00200 9515), our church will get credit (a %) for your purchases! Carry it with you! Any dividend that we get from these ventures goes into the Operating Fund of our church. **We all have to shop and eat – this is just an easy way to help out!** Ask your friends and family to save their receipts for you! Every little bit helps! Questions? Suggestions? Call Church Office 935-4556.
- ❖ **Meijer's Community Rewards Program** is a simple way to augment our operating fund. **We receive a check every month!** All you have to do is present your card (this is not a credit card) to the clerk each time you check out! Applications for the Community Rewards Program are available at NLCC and at Meijer's stores. You may also register for this program online at www.Meijer.com/rewards. Our organization code number is **779560**.

Statement of revenues and expenses through December 31, 2009

Operating Fund (includes building and mortgages):

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenues	\$178,875	\$210,023	\$31,148
Expenses	\$203,739	\$188,072	(-\$15,667)
YTD Positive or (Negative) Cash Flow: \$46,815			

We paid \$1,500 of our \$4,000 per capita assessment to the Presbytery.

Building Reserve Fund:

Previous balance:	\$ 5,810
Income to building reserve fund:	\$ -0-
Transfers to operating fund:	\$ -0-
Current balance:	\$ 5,810

GIVING REPORTS

This year, we will be sending out the end of the year giving reports via email. If you can make sure the office has your correct and current email, it would be greatly appreciated!

The Northwest Community Action Agency offers training in home buying, managing household finances, tax return preparation and more. Visit their web site for more information: www.nmcaa.net

NMCAA will also host a gala 1/23/10. Proceeds will help "warm the homes of our neediest neighbors."

Pop Cans

Friendly Reminder: The Deacon's continue to collect Pop Cans. The money is used for an emergency fund for people in need. Monthly, the Deacon's return the cans for their deposit refund. Please drop off your pop cans at the church and thank you for supporting this ministry.

If you wish to make your own announcement, please call the church office (935-4556) by noon on the Wednesday before you would like to do so. We also permit representatives from programs of the church to make their own announcements just before worship begins. We ask only that you help us coordinate these announcements. Thank you!

Business Card Size

2 X 3 ½

\$100 per year

Your ad will reach every member plus potential new people. It is a great advertising opportunity for you!

½ Page

8 ½ X 5 ½

\$200 per year

¼ Page

4.6944w X 7.6944h

\$150 per year

NORTHERN LAKES
COMMUNITY
CHURCH WELCOME
BOOKLET 2010

This will be printed in January and ready for distribution by Feb. 2010.

The church is in the process of putting together a Welcome Booklet. This will include the history of our church; all the programs with information, facilitators and phone numbers.

We need your ad in PDF format or camera ready, as soon as possible. Please send it to pthompson@tcseniorcenter.com

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Northern Lakes Community
Church

The only ads we will take are for members of our church.

