

**Northern Lakes Community Church
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
5444 Herkner Road
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December 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!

<i>Joe Deater</i>	<i>275-2270</i>
<i>Diz Disbrow</i>	<i>668-6037</i>
<i>Doug Gauthier</i>	<i>276-9673</i>
<i>Kathy Gauthier</i>	<i>392-4072</i>
<i>Shari Hanna</i>	<i>922-0304</i>
<i>Cindy Klinefelter</i>	<i>941-1337</i>
<i>Jean Mahoney</i>	<i>947-2921</i>
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<i>Donna Miller</i>	<i>929-3484</i>

♪♪♪ 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! (June through August)

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

Phone: 231-935-4556

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mike@northernlakescc.org

Admin. Assistant: Tiffany Payne

Office: tiffany@northernlakescc.org

Session Committee Chairs

Julie Burton - Youth & Family
632-0402

Jill Butryn - Personnel
499-3055

Marge Doherty - Adult Ministries
883-8282

Lee Gwyn - Clerk of Session
276-6719

Scott Johnson - Worship
735-7503

Scott Rosenberg - Property
276-7792

Pat Thompson - Communication
642-1767

Eric Warren - Mission
933-0143

Gloria Wilson - Finance
276-7709

Men's Ministry offers cards night

Join us at 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 18 as the men of the church enjoy cards, food and fellowship. Pizza and soda provided! Please send an email to tiffany@northernlakescc.org to RSVP.

We invite all men above high school age.

Our new Men's Ministry will sponsor this event. Watch for future events such as service work on a local Habitat for Humanity site, a repair and maintenance blitz on the church buildings, and a Super Bowl party at NLCC with a BIG screen and our church sound system.

For more information contact any member of our Men's Ministry steering team: Mark Bondy, Joe Deater, Diz Disbrow, and Tom Tatar.

Christmas Eve worship at Northern Lakes Community Church

This year we will offer one service at 7:00 p.m. on 12/24. This service will include carols, candles and communion. We will offer child care for toddlers and the cry room for infants with parents. All others will have no problem enjoying the warm, wonderful service!

Internal food pantry added to our support of the Interlochen food pantry

The elders have expanded our food pantry ministry. We have added an internal one for our own members and friends. We continue to ask you to donate non-perishable items - including toilet supplies - at the foot of the cross. We will bag up an assortment of items and place them in the brown box located under the coat racks as you enter the church. Individuals in need can simply take a bag as they need. If you feel moved to support this mission, please drop off your donations at your convenience.

Prayer Concerns:

Please remember in prayer that they might be comforted:

Kathy Thorne – Friend of Kim Scherrer, ALS
Dixie and Harry Doerr, in the death of her mother
The Riggins Family
Chuck and Pat Hall
Larry and Marie Groombridge
Amy Flanagan – Sharon Webster's daughter
Cindi Mancuso—friend of Susanelou Adair, cancer
Barb Cain-Kellman's Father
Marlene and Rich Goldstrohm
Breanne Kelderhouse, niece of Donna Nelson
The entire Lovejoy family
Sally Stauffer
Father and mother of Kathy Gauthier
Brittany Ruckles
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.

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).

Statement of revenues and expenses through November 30, 2010

Operating Fund (includes building and mortgages):

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenues	\$164,634	\$172,176
Expenses	\$154,886	\$168,699
YTD Difference	\$9,748	\$3,477
YTD Positive or (Negative) Cash Flow:	\$3,477	

Reserve Fund:

Previous balance:	\$	10,518.70
Income to reserve fund:	\$	-0-
Transfers to operating fund:	\$	-0-
Current balance:	\$	10,518.70



Prayer Shawls Wrapped In Love

**From NLCC and the Ladies at Bay Ridge
We are in need; please consider this important outreach ministry.**

To date, Northern Lakes have made over 100 Prayer Shawls and given them to people in need, ranging from Illness, Graduation to Weddings.

Our prayers shawls are not to change the situation, but to change the person in the situation by giving them comfort and peace. Our Prayer Shawls will let the person know that they are cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace and WRAPPED IN LOVE!

We recently gave our last prayer shawl away. **We are desperately in need of Prayer Shawls.** We like to have a few extra on hand in case a situation needs a shawl immediately.

Starting in the new year we would like to form a small group of knitters, crocheters, or sewers to get together once a month. If anyone is interested in helping us out with this important outreach ministry please call Pat Thompson at 231-642-1767.

Preacher's Creatures December schedule

(The P.C.s are our youth group for junior and senior high youth.)

December 5 Picking Italian Dinner Theater scripts

December 19 Caroling at the Viillage at Bay Ridge

The Preacher's Creatures meet after Sunday school from noon to 2:00 or 2:30. Lunch provided.

Check out our huge and active youth group!

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 Cracker Barrel 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**.

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

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!

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.