

SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE TEAMS

This Sunday, March 5, 2017

Pastor Rev. Erwin Goedicke
Sermon Larry Sansoucie
Music Chris Wallhausser
Worship Leader Jenny Loomans
Ushers Conrad Burton, Paul Schoenharl
Children's Sermon Dave Woellert
Lay Reader Cheryl Burton
Communion Prep The Goedicke
Communion Dist. Gary & Jenny Loomans,
 Jon Kopke, Peggy Grant
Audio Visual Grace Loomans

Next Sunday, March 12, 2017

Pastor Rev. Erwin Goedicke
Music Chris Wallhausser
Worship Leader Jenny Loomans
Ushers Eddie Gaddis, Tom Beuerlein
Children's Sermon Gary Loomans
Lay Reader William Alexander
Audio Visual Grace Loomans

Hospitality House pledge reminder

Last year the Session committed North Church to raise \$10,000 for CAIN's Hospitality House renovation project. Our pledge at this level comes with the opportunity to name a room in the house in honor of Ruth and Jack Payne and Bill and Betty Myers, who are among the very first volunteers in CAIN's 25-year history. To date \$5,829 has been contributed by our members (including a garage sale last fall). Some of us made our pledge to be paid over a period of 2 years. This is a reminder that we are now into the second year. We can reach our goal of \$10,000 with an average gift of \$279 per household from among our regular attenders. Checks should be made payable to NorthChurch with CAIN Hospitality House designated on the memo line. All donations are tax deductible. If you are reading about this only for the first time, please consider prayerfully your individual contribution to this project.

CELEBRATIONS & COMMUNITY PRAYER

BIRTHDAYS:	Bob Coffey	3/5	Harold Wetzel	3/6
	Scott Engle	3/10		

NORTH  CHURCH

Erwin F. Goedicke, *pastor*
 Chris Wallhausser, *music & worship*
 Larry Sansoucie, *pastoral associate*

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 Joann Ashley, *urban missionary*
 The Congregation, *ministers*

March 5, 2017

THE NORTH CHIMES
 Learning to live the love of Christ



The various people Jesus encounters in the Gospels are not just characters in an "old, old story." They're real people, and they could be us. They certainly represent the kinds of people we are. And when they meet Jesus they are always challenged to embrace a more authentic faith. As are we.

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Lent Discovery Hour Class



It's one thing to learn about ways to experience God's presence. It's another to *practice God's presence*. That's what we'll be doing in Discovery Hour during the season of Lent. Pastor Erwin will facilitate, building on the class led by Rev. David Zuidema the past 3 weeks.

Lent Study and Prayer

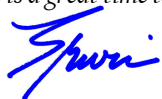


Begins this week, March 7. Each Tuesday, through April 4, excerpts from the writings of great spiritual figures, including Martin Luther, Henri Nouwen, George Buttrick, and more will guide us in contemplation and lead us into extended times of prayer.

Thank you, NorthChurch for giving SuzeAnn and me these past 6 weeks, and the 6 weeks last Fall, for this time of Sabbatical! And thanks so much to everyone who has taken on extra work to make this possible, and for how you have cared for each other.

SuzeAnn and I spent a week in Orlando, FL, took walks in local parks there and here, and took extra time in our daily times of prayer. I also spent 4 days at the Abbey of Gethsemani near Bardstown, KY, and then 3 more at a friend's house here in Cincinnati for a time of solitude and silence. In between, we saw some good movies, a ballet, and read some good books. I finished off my sabbatical time with a very satisfying several days of clearing out brush behind our house and scraping paint from our porch.

People wonder, "Did you get what you needed from this time?" Yes! I return refreshed and glad to be back in this work of ministry with you, with the conviction that God is calling us over the next several years to an adventure of learning to "walk by faith, and not by sight." Lent is a great time to get started on that adventure!



Jeff Hosmer, who was at Northminster in Finneytown for many years, is now pastor. North Lake Church sits on the edge of The Villages, the largest retirement community in the nation. 80% of this 1,500 member church is over 65. The average Sunday attendance is 1,375. The church is known for its outstanding music in worship - both the band in the contemporary service and the choir in the traditional service - and for Operation Homebound, a ministry that prepares and delivers daily meals to some 180 homebound residents in the area. It was a joy to be with the Hosmers and we loved the energy of this largely "seasoned citizen" congregation.



Third Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati
North has had a relationship with Third Church for many years. They haven't had an ordained pastor since Rev. Santana Krishnan died over 5 years ago. They have about 35 members, but they run the largest VBS in the Presbytery every summer and have a daily after school program that reaches 100's of at-risk kids. The Sunday we attended, there were about 25 in worship, half of them children or teens. The choir sang without

Our Sabbatical worship experiences

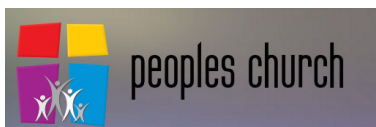
- Pastor Erwin

Many of you bring me bulletins from churches you've visited while you're out of town. So here's a brief travelogue of places where SuzeAnn and I worshiped while we were away on Sabbatical last month.

North Lake Presbyterian Church, Lady Lake, Florida.

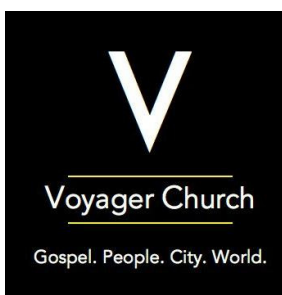


accompaniment (or rehearsal!) but with enthusiasm and sincerity. The message was given by a young man who is considering a call into the "preaching ministry." We loved the open-hearted and genuine faith of this little congregation.



Peoples Church, Uptown Cincinnati

My friend Chris Beard is lead pastor. Peoples used to be called First Christian Assembly of God and was once a very traditional, all-white Pentecostal church. In the past 15 years, they have gone through a major transformation and are now the most multi-racial, multi-ethnic congregation in the city. SuzeAnn and I attended the 2nd service. Dr. Salim Munayer, a Palestinian Christian from Bethlehem, who leads a ministry of reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians, was the guest speaker. He gave a challenging and inspiring message about the ministry of reconciliation of all Christ-followers (2 Cor. 5:19). We loved the diversity reflected not only in the people, but in the worship.



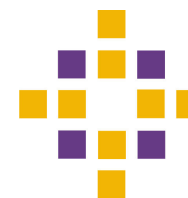
Voyager Church, Northside.

Voyager is a new Southern Baptist church being established here in our neighborhood. The pastors are two young men who recently graduated from seminary - Brandon and his wife Candace, and Kyle and his wife Tiffany, who between them have 6 children under 6. They're involved with the local schools, Community Council, and CAIN. They recently began meeting in a storefront on Hamilton Avenue, across from the mattress shop. Besides SuzeAnn and me, and Kyle and Tiffany who led singing and prayer, there were 2 other people in the pews. But we had a full service of worship. Kyle preached and communion was offered, while Brandon and Candace had a class for the kids. We loved their hopeful commitment to their call and faithfulness to Christ.

These 4 worship experiences couldn't have been more different from one another, or from ours here at NorthChurch. But in each of them, the name of Christ was lifted up, the people of God gathered together, and the Spirit of God was at work.

"Let's Get Real!" - Lenten sermon series

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| Mar 5 Away with you Satan! | Matthew 4:1-11 |
| Mar 12 Are you a teacher of Israel? | John 3:1-17 |
| Mar 19 If you knew the gift of God... | John 4:5-42 |
| Mar 26 You have seen him. | John 9:1-41 |
| Apr 5 Do you believe this? | John 11:1-45 |
| Apr 12 They went to meet him, shouting. | John 12:1-19 |



In the midst of winter's chill, as we grow impatient for spring, fill us with your warmth and new life, dear Lord.

How can we serve you?

Prayer Requests:

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I'd like to know more about...

I'd like someone to know...

Send me the weekly e-newsletter:

MY CONTACT INFO:

Name

Email

Address

Phone

Other