

The Piper



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July 20, 2025

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

At 10 o'clock worship:

"Hymn to Christ"

Pastor Ben Robbins

Worship Information:

Shortly after its conclusion, a recording of the service will be made available for you to participate online. Please check your email for the link to our YouTube channel.

[Northmont United Presbyterian Church - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/@northmontchurch)
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In case you missed it ...

July 13, 2025

"Being Samaritan"

Pastor Ben Robbins

Check your email and the church website for the recording.

Stewardship & Finance

Update from the Stewardship and Finance Committee

The good news is that we are nearing successful completion of our fundraising for the repaving of our parking lot, having raised more than \$70,500. We thank all those who have contributed so generously. The less good news is that pledged and non-pledged donations to our normal Adult Offering to pay for the day-to-day operations of Northmont have been lagging each month since March 2025. As of June 30, actual Adult Offering contributions total \$180,500, which is \$8,300 or 4.4% below the Adult Offering budget of \$188,800. Contributions during July and August are typically below budget, because many members are in summer vacation mode. Please help us pay our bills by keeping up your contributions during the summer. Thank you!

Summer Mission Week



August 11-14, from 9am-12pm each day, Northmont has been invited to be the lead volunteers at the North Hills Community Outreach garden in Bellevue. Youth and adults can come to the garden each morning to pitch in. If you would like more info- please contact Pastor Ben.

Mission Committee

CAN YOU HELP newly arriving international students with gently used housewares and furniture?

Northmont, through its Mission Committee has supported PRISM for many years. PRISM (Pittsburgh Regional International Student Ministries), located in Bellefield Presbyterian Church in Oakland, uses the opportunity of students coming to Pittsburgh from around the world to conduct international ministry right here at home! PRISM offers evangelical hosting, pastoral counseling, and intercultural education experiences to international students and visiting scholars studying at universities in the Pittsburgh area.

PRISM conducts an annual “Garage Giveaway” (<https://prismpgh.org/donor/>), accepting donations of used goods that are still in good, fully functional condition and making them available at no cost to each year’s crop of new students. They’re looking for:

Desks, Tables, Chairs, Small Furniture, Small Appliances, Kitchen Items, Linens
(No large furniture, TVs, computers, baby items, or sharp knives)

2025 donations are received at Bellefield Church August 12-14 for the giveaway on August 16. Folks can drop them off themselves at that church, but Northmont’s Mission Committee is also available to pick up your donations at any time prior to those pickup dates. For more information or to arrange a pickup, please contact Ted Mills (412-742-0556, millsfam78@gmail.com).

PARKING LOT UPDATE

GREAT NEWS!! The Anonymous Donor Challenge has been met! An additional \$11,320 has been donated since the beginning of June when the extremely generous anonymous offer was made to match the next \$10K to be contributed with an additional \$10K donation. A total of \$76,427 has now been received, which, with the additional matching donation, will put us at \$86,427, or 91% of our initial goal!

Thank you so much to all who have contributed and, recalling the recent

encouragement from Dave Antonson that we might not only meet but exceed our goal, I hope that we can continue to move further still toward our final objective. Please be sure to mark any additional contributions for the Parking Lot!

Thank You!

Ted Mills, Parking Lot Funding Drive Manager



On Sunday, August 3, we welcome Lisa Buckingham back to the pulpit as part of our Centennial Guest Preacher series. We hope you're able to attend.



Lisa (Tweardy) Buckingham served as the youth leader here at Northmont from June 1997 - October 2004. She worked primarily with middle school and high school students with a focus on providing opportunities for students to worship God, study Scripture, build community, and offer service from a local to an international level. Some of her favorite memories come from weekend

retreats, summer mission trips, and the Summer's Best Two Weeks summer camp she brought to the church.

Since leaving Northmont, Lisa has worked as the Director of Youth Ministries at Third Presbyterian Church in Uniontown, PA and as the Family Ministries Coordinator at Grace Church in Martins Ferry, OH. Recently, she and her three amazing children - Olivia (age 16), James (age 15) and Connor (age 13) - relocated back to Uniontown, PA where she is currently working as a Family Resource Specialist with Head Start/Early Head Start of Fayette County.

Lisa is thrilled to participate in worship on Thanks Offering Sunday, and looks forward to worshipping together with her Northmont family.



Pastor's Corner

The Rev. Ben Robbins

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**THINGS TO LOOK FOR...
NOW ONLINE: First Look**

<https://www.youtube.com/@northmontchurch>

This video series is your first opportunity to take a look and start prayerfully pondering the scripture I'll be preaching on that Sunday. This YouTube series is posted early each week, so look for it in your email.

NEW TO OUR NORTHMONT YOUTUBE CHANNEL:

NORTHMONT KIDS!

Much like First Look, NORTHMONT KIDS is a weekly series that covers the same subject as the sermon I am about to preach but explained at a child's level.

You can go to our YouTube channel (link above) to check it out and share!

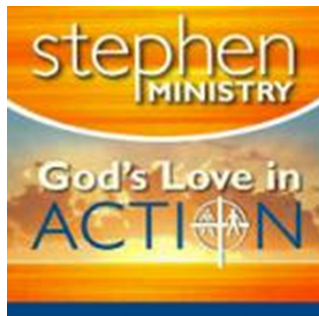
IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE who is in the hospital, please contact Pastor Ben at 412-715-3892.



Clef Notes

Music Director, Stephen Schall
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The choir is off for the season. If you would like to share your talents during worship, please let me know. In the meantime, I hope you have a wonderful summer.



TO ADAPT OR CONFORM TO NEW CONDITIONS

Have you or someone you know recently had to adjust to any of these situations: a new job, a new baby, a new boss, a new house, a separation, a grown child moving back home, a seriously ill parent, or a death? If so, a Stephen Minister can be there to listen and care for you as you go through this difficult time.

Contact Stephen Ministers Leaders

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WHAT'S ON THE CALENDAR?

BOY SCOUTS	MON, JULY 21, 7:00
NORTHMONT DELIVERS	TUES, JULY 22, 8:30
NBC	9:00
LITERACY PGH TUTORING	10:00
LONGVUE ACRES GARDEN CLUB	6:30
KNIT WITS	WED, JULY 23, 9:30
SPIRITUAL FORMATION	THURS, JULY 24, 7:00



Founded as a fellowship of men, the **NORTHMONT BROTHERHOOD CLUB (NBC)** meets weekly on Tuesdays at 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Ecumenical in scope, NBC welcomes men from both Northmont and neighboring congregations. Normally, attendees gather for prayer, devotions, and a weekly program, generally consisting of speakers presenting on a variety of subjects, including religion, mission, community, history, health, sports, business, and technology. For more information, please contact Ted Mills at millsfam78@gmail.com