

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Newberry

Shut In of the Month

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Update from the Session

Below is a summary of the actions taken by the Session at the October 12 stated and October 16 called meetings:

- The September financial report was reviewed and received as information.
- The September Session minutes were approved.
- Reports and prayers were offered for the shepherding needs of the congregation.
- Caleb Yi's membership was transferred to the Hartsville PCA Church. John and Peggy Hipp's memberships were transferred to First Baptist Church, Newberry.
- The Session was appointed to serve as the Nominating Committee.
- Sessional Committee reports.
- **Missions:** A \$100 gift was approved for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
- The Church will participate in the Community Christmas Tree Lighting with a giveaway booth.
- The Christmas Fellowship on December 14 will include a recital of Alice Ramirez's students.
- The next stated session meeting will be November 9 at 8:00 pm.
- The Session received Aaron and Katie Eising as communicant members and their daughter Elena as a non-communicant member via letter of transfer from Town North Presbyterian Church (PCA), Richardson, TX.



Prayer Chain

If you have a special prayer request please call or e-mail Lisa Senn and she will send it out via e-mail to all members. Lisa can be reached at 276-3253 or e-mail lisasenn1309@gmail.com. It is indeed a privilege to lift up others in prayer to our great God.

Prayer Request

David Bunn - military; Betty Bland, Nelle Cromer, Pat Harmon, Mark McGuffee, Edna Ringer, Brady Ruff, Rob Senn, Ruby Summer, AJ Young

Worship Schedule

Sunday
9:45 am -
Sunday School
10:55 am -
Morning Worship

Wednesday
6:30 pm -
Bible Study/Prayer
6:30 pm -
Youth Group

FINANCIAL DATA - 2016

Budget Receipts	\$ 143,321.06
Budget Needs	\$ 131,741.68

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact an Elder.

Doug Wicker, Clerk of the Session

Flowers for November

6 - Communion Flowers

13 - Shirley Mohler

20 - Kathy Wicker

27 - Pat Harmon Lisa Senn

Nursery for November

6 - Catherine Faulkenberry & Elizabeth Yi

13 - Carolyn & Josh Fulmer

20 - Kristy Jennings & Wren Winter

27 - Joanna Bedenbaugh & Abigail Yi

Ushers for November

6 – Mike Birochak, Andre Jennings, Robbie Kopp, Benjamin Jennings

13 - Keith Avery, Marc Faulkenberry, Robbie Kopp, Benjamin Jennings

20 - Lee Winters, George Farris, Robbie Kopp, Benjamin Jennings

27 - Cecil McRacken, Doug Wicker, Robbie Kopp, Benjamin Jennings



Food Pantry Donations Needed

Manna House—THANKSGIVING

As we approach Thanksgiving, will you help provide food for the needy in our community? The following is a list of items we place in the bags to those in need.

Would you consider filling a large bag with any of these items?

Canned Meats, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Dry Cereal, Canned Milk, Dry Milk, Spaghetti, Macaroni and Cheese, Canned Soup, Grits, Flour, Sugar or Corn Meal.

This year Manna House has served more people than in the past and continues to have more needs than ever before. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

The Manna House box is in the Main Street vestibule. All items received through November 27 will be taken to Manna House on Monday, November 28. LET'S OVERFLOW OUR BOX!!!!

Our church is scheduled to work again November 28-December 2. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Julia for more information.

“...the Lord Jesus Himself said, ‘there is more happiness in giving than in receiving.’” Acts 20:35

Newberry ARP Youth of the Month

This month our featured youth is **Noah Yi**, 15 years old. Here are some things to know about him:

What grade are you in? *9th*

Where do you go to school? *Homeschooled/Classical Conversations*

What are some of your hobbies? *Basketball, working out, spending time with friends*

What extracurricular activities are you involved in? *Basketball and tennis at Newberry High School*

What are your plans after high school? *Attend college*

Do you have a favorite book or movie? *Inheritance by Christopher Paolini*

Do you have a favorite Bible verse? *Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*



Our Church on the Internet

If you have not visited the church's website (www.newberryarp.org) recently, there is a lot of valuable information for you and your friends regarding our church and its ministries! You can listen to the music for the upcoming Sunday's hymn ("Worship This Sunday" page), preview the Sunday bulletin, listen to recorded sermons ("Sermons"), and so much more!

Also if you are on Facebook, "like" the **Newberry Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church** page. It will update you on upcoming events and services. It is another easy way to introduce your friends to our church!



Interested in a good book? Stop by the Library and check out the selections including one by Dr. R.C. Sproul, *The Holiness of God*.

The Holiness of God examines the meaning of holiness and why people are both fascinated and terrified by a holy God. This series closely explores God's character, leading to new insights on sin, justice, and grace. The result is a new awareness of our dependence upon God's mercy and a discovery of the awesomeness of His majestic holiness. Dr. R.C. Sproul says, "The holiness of God affects every aspect of our lives—economics, politics, athletics, romance—everything with which we are involved."

Meet our new members: Aaron and Katie Eising

1. Where were you born? Where have you lived? Where do you live now?

Aaron: Born in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada; lived in Ontario, South Dakota, Iowa, Michigan, and Texas; now live in Newberry

Katie: Born in Olney, MD; lived in Maryland, Michigan, and Texas; now live in Newberry

2. What is your current vocation? Previous vocations?

Aaron: Currently houseparent at Boys Farm; previously worked in landscaping, facilities maintenance, church intern, and self-employed as a renovation/construction contractor

Katie: Currently houseparent at Boys Farm; previously a children's camp counselor and Speech-Language Pathologist in an elementary school

3. Where did you go to college? When did you graduate and with what major?

Aaron: Calvin College, graduated in 2011 with majors in Greek and Religion; Redeemer Seminary, graduated in 2015 with Master of Divinity

Katie: Calvin College, graduated in 2011 with major in Speech Pathology & Audiology, and University of Texas at Dallas, graduated in 2013 with a Master's in Communication Disorders

4. How long have you been married? How many children do you have?

Married 5 years, with one child, Elena - 1 year old

5. What are your hobbies and interests?

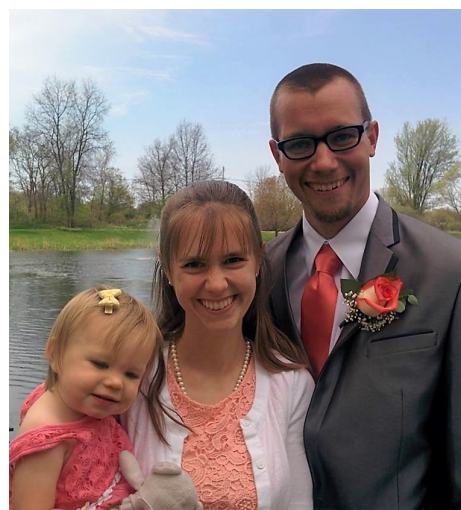
Aaron: Woodworking, coffee roasting/brewing, gardening, reading

Katie: Reading, scrapbooking, spending time with family

6. What do you enjoy about Newberry ARP Church?

Aaron: Christ-focused worship and life; welcoming and encouraging to us in our current challenging stage; communally founded and involved; a good size to comfortably develop strong relationships

Katie: The warm welcome we received, gospel-centered teaching and preaching, regular encouragement for our life at Boys Farm





BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM

November

Beanee Weenies, individual cans of Spaghetti, Lasagna, Mac and Cheese, and Pop Tarts

Our backpack program got off to a great start! We have had monetary donations and food donations and have been able to pack bags for October. We also have volunteers willing to pack them for November and December. If you would like to volunteer to pack them, the signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the Backpack room located next to the nursery.

We are partnering with Newberry Elementary School to provide food for five children to take home each Friday.

The list of the child-friendly foods needed is on the Main Street Vestibule bulletin board. The month of November we are targeting Beanee Weenies, individual cans of Spaghetti, Lasagna, Macaroni and Cheese and Pop Tarts.

Donations can be made to help fund the program at any time. You may put your check or money into your church envelope and mark it Backpack Ministry and place it in the offering plate. All money will go through our church treasury.

Please continue to pray for the children in our community who are in need.

Newberry Tour of Homes

On Saturday, December 10 our church will participate in the 2016 Newberry Tour of Homes. We have a lovely historic church and it is an honor to have been asked to open it for the tour. The scheduled tour will be from 4pm until 8 pm.



Volunteers are needed!!! We need greeters, someone to work with our bulletin boards, those willing to help spruce up the church before the tour, cookie bakers, someone to help serve refreshments.....these are just a few of the spots open for volunteers. If you volunteer, you will not be expected to be available

Brotherly Love

The Church is portrayed in many passages throughout the Bible as a family. God is referred to as our Heavenly Father and Jesus as our elder Brother. Furthermore, believers in Christ are brought together as brothers and sisters in the Spirit. The Bible is emphatic about the bond and communion that Christians share with one another because of their union with Christ. It is a reality that is not only true in this present age, but will remain forevermore. As citizens of the eternal Kingdom, all God's children throughout history will reside in the new heaven and the new earth.

The thought of family is usually pleasant for most people. Though some unfortunately have had a negative experience with their own, most people welcome and cherish the relationships they hold with their family. Because of the love we have for our family we are willing to do most anything, even give up our lives if need be, to protect and care for them. Moreover, we are willing to overlook and forgive each other for most offenses. The love that family members have for one another is a true blessing that reflects the image of God in man.

To a large extent, the kind of relationship that I have described above is evidenced in not only Christian families but in non-Christian families as well. Especially in the south, where there is a high priority on traditions and social customs, the institution of the family is viewed as a pillar of the community. Consequently, many of the virtues extolled about the family is valued and honored by most everyone. Regardless of a person's commitment to Christ and the Bible, there are social and cultural expectations of how to relate to our family.

But how does this compare with our relationship to fellow Christians? How does our love for our brothers and sisters in Christ (*philedelphia*, brotherly love; a word that the New Testament applied to Christians) compare to our love for our immediate family? Now in many cases there may be an overlap (our immediate family members are also believers), but what about those instances when it is not? How much love do we have for our fellow believers? It's obviously easier to love our immediate family (even if they are not believers), but as followers of Christ and as members of a local congregation, our witness to the world is made visible when we express brotherly love one another. Jesus Himself made this point in saying, "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (***John 13:35***)

How then do we manifest this supernatural brotherly love? The key to this love is not just feeling and having good thoughts about others, but showing it through our actions. Love is also a verb, not just a noun (good intentions or even motives). God's love for us was demonstrated in the incarnation and the crucifixion of His Son on our behalf. He not only thought about redeeming us, but He actually planned and implemented it in history.

Practically speaking we demonstrate our love everyday by what we do. How we spend our time, talents, and money is a clear indication of what we love. Therefore, if you want to demonstrate brotherly love, share your time, talents, and money with fellow believers. Would an unbeliever be able to discern what you love by observing your life? How much time do you spend enriching your relationship with brothers and sisters in the Lord? How often do you get together in a meaningful way with your church family outside of the weekly Sunday morning? When was the last time you've had a church member or visitor in your home? Brotherly love is not complicated, but it is demanding on your life. You will have to die to self. Brotherly love will require sacrifices but it yields a far greater yield for God's Kingdom. ***Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. (1 John 4:7-11)***

By His grace,
Pastor Seth



Our theme Scripture for 2016 is Joshua 1:9 *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."*

ARP Women's Ministries is an organization which encourages and equips the community of ARP women to minister together for God's glory and purpose.

Our desire is that all women in the ARP Church will: Know Jesus Intimately, Love Jesus Faithfully, and Serve Jesus Fruitfully.

The Morning Circle will meet on **Tuesday, November 1** at 10 am in the Carson Room for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. The Bible Study will be from Joshua 23 & 24. Light refreshments will be served by Carolyn Fulmer and Dottie Price. The Circle is always open for new members; contact Dr. Mary Baker for further information.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Prayer and Fellowship Thursday evenings

7-9 pm

Home of Catherine Faulkenberry

The Ladies are currently studying the **Minor Prophets**.

Very informal study time using only the Bible and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to delve deeper into our understanding of God's Word.

Do as little or as much reading or study of the passages as you feel led.

An e-mail will be sent out every Thursday morning to give you up to date details. If interested in receiving the e-mail please contact either

Shannon Winter at mtn.winters@yahoo.com 803-940-1596 OR

Kristy Jennings andrenkristy@hotmail.com 803-271-5298

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!!!!



Sunday, December 11

6 PM

*Women's Ministries Christmas
Social at the home of Allison
Yi. More details to follow.*

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We're on the web
NewberryARP.org

The greatest possession for which to be
thankful is a thankful heart.