
July-August 2010

THE MISSION OF NORTH BRANCH REFORMED CHURCH
*is to invite all people into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
 that results in a continuing worship of God and
 daily service in the Holy Spirit's presence.*

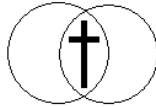
September 2010 Messenger Deadline: August 20th + Bulletin Deadline: Each week by Thursday Noon

Adult Education

MONTHLY NOON BIBLE STUDY: Meets on the second Tuesday of each month. The next meetings will be on Tuesday, **July 13th** and **August 10th** and will focus on the Book of John.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: From 9:15 to 10:30 AM in the Upper Room, all are welcome to join us as we continue in the book of Revelation led by Pastor Mark.

SMALL GROUPS: Interested in being part of a circle of care with Christ in the center? Join a small group. Most of our groups meet monthly and function as either a Bible Study, task group, or support group. For more information contact Pastor Todd in the church office.



Christian Action

NBRC CHILDREN'S CLOTHING CHALLENGE is currently accepting donations of spring/summer children's clothing in good, clean condition, sizes infant to 18. All donations can be dropped in the bin in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Bateman (908-369-6729) or Ellen Stires (908-642-6468).

THANK YOU: Caroline Stires would like to thank the congregation for their unbelievable support regarding the Soles 4 Souls organization. Together, we have collected over 180 pairs of shoes for those suffering in Haiti and Tennessee, along with others dealing with terrible situations. She would like to continue collecting shoes later in the year considering the successful outcome during the month of May. Thanks again!

MISSION OFFERING: We collect a mission offering on the first Sunday of each month. Mission Offering envelopes are at the beginning of each month in the offering envelope packages. Additional envelopes will

be placed in the pew racks. The July Moment for Mission will focus on the Kirkside and in August will be Adult Day Care Center.



FOUR SEASONS OF GIVING: The Christian Action committee will be collecting school supplies, underwear and socks during July-September. A box is available in Fellowship Hall for your donations.

Christian Care

JANUS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: The purpose of this group is to offer education and support in an attempt to build friendship and understanding among people suffering from loss and aid them in coping with their losses. This group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM at The Centre at Raritan, 1124 Highway 202S-A2, Raritan, NJ 08869. The next meetings will be Tuesday, **July 13th** and **August 10th**. For more information please contact Barbara Ronca. M.S.W., L.C.S.W., Counseling and Therapy Services at 908-218-9062.

CHRISTIAN CARE SERVICES: Blood Pressure Check: 2nd Sunday of every month in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 AM. **Medical Equipment:** Judy Wilkinson, 908-218-1575. **Prayer Concerns:** Kathy Herrman, 908-231-1917. **Small Chore Services for the Elderly:** Louise Manning, 908-722-3834 or call any of the deacons listed in the bulletin. **Transportation Needs:** Alice Swan, 908-722-5308. **DVDs and Audio Cassettes of worship services for shut-ins:** Fred Swan, 908-722-5308. For further information regarding Christian Care and its services, please call Louise Manning 908-722-3834 or Nancy Vollers 908-725-7656.

PLEASE NOTIFY us when you or a member of your family is admitted to a hospital. This knowledge will be useful for visitation and prayers. You may contact

the church office, 908-725-2313, Pastor Todd, 908-725-2313, or Louise Manning, 908-722-3834.

Fellowship

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS: *Lemonade on the Lawn* begins on **June 27th through September 5th**. You only need to prepare beverages (lemonade), which are supplied by the Fellowship Committee. Baked goods or other refreshments are optional. Please sign-up in Fellowship Hall.



Interfaith Hospitality Network

IHN HOSTING: NBRC will be hosting IHN guests again this year from Sunday evening, **July 4th** through Sunday morning, **July 18th**. If you are willing to volunteer as an evening host, or to prepare meals, or be a sleepover host, by contacting Laurel Ennis (908-722-1018) or Ruthann Pauli (908-575-1601).

Kirkside

VACANCY: Do you know anyone interested in living in a shared house for seniors? There is a vacancy for one resident, male or female, age 62 or older, for a second-floor room at Kirkside. Please contact Barbara O'Rourke at 908-526-8115 for further information.



Prayer Needs

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Evelyn Fisher, Marie Hunter (daughter-in-law of Marilyn Hunter), Marilyn Hunter, Mary Knapp, Jim McKelvey, Cathy Pfauth, Harold Polhemus, Minerva Zingler.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SERVICEMEN: Michael Campbell (nephew of Janet Kolb), Tom Cantilina, Adam Clark (in Iraq), Jim Crosley (husband of Jennifer (Munzenmaier) Crosley), Nichole Haas (niece of Ron & Lori Taylor), Greg Hall (nephew of Pat Cahill, in Iraq), Rob McCracken (husband of Meg (Yarnell) McCracken, in Afghanistan), Michael B. Morella (nephew of Carl and Kris Weigner, in Afghanistan), Colin O'Rourke, Marc Reinecker (cousin of Rick Smith).

Preschool

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2010-2011: The Preschool offers priority to church members who would like to register their child for our Preschool classes next year. Please call the Preschool Director,



Jennifer Landrieu at 908-725-2326 for more information on classes and tuition rates.

Women's Ministry

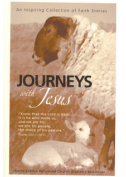
STRAWBERRY PANCAKE BRUNCH: On Sunday, **July 11th**, Women's Ministries will be serving a delicious brunch of pancakes with strawberries. Tickets are available in Fellowship Hall—Adults-\$5, Children (10 and under) \$3, donations for seconds. All proceeds will go to community outreach, which NBRC supports.



BLOW-OUT SHIRT SALE: ALL SHIRTS \$5!!! *Blue Golf Shirt and Denim Shirt are available.* Two logos--"Let Us Encourage One Another" and "Be Still." All proceeds go to our local missions. For further information, please call the office at 908-725-2313.

CHANCEL FLOWERS: If you would like to provide the Sunday flower arrangement in memory of someone or just would like to provide an arrangement, there is a sign-up sheet for this purpose in Fellowship Hall. See Fred Yarnell, 908-722-4759, for details.

JOURNEY WITH JESUS: Read almost 100 personal stories of faith from North Branch Church members. The book is only \$10.00. North Branch Women's Ministries will donate all proceeds from the sale of "Journeys with Jesus" to local missions. To obtain a copy, contact Pam Frueh at 908-526-1829.



Worship



SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP meets in the Upper Room on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM before the worship services to pray for the ongoing ministry of NBRC. Anyone wishing to join is welcome!!!

Youth

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2010: Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, August 16th through Friday, August 20th from 9:00 AM to 11:45 AM each day. For any questions, please call Amie Wengryn at area code 908-541-1585.



VBS CRAFTS: The craft crew for Vacation Bible School is in need of the following donations: one-poundish empty metal coffee cans. There will be a box in Fellowship Hall for all donations. Thank you for your support.

NURSERY CARE: Childcare is available for children

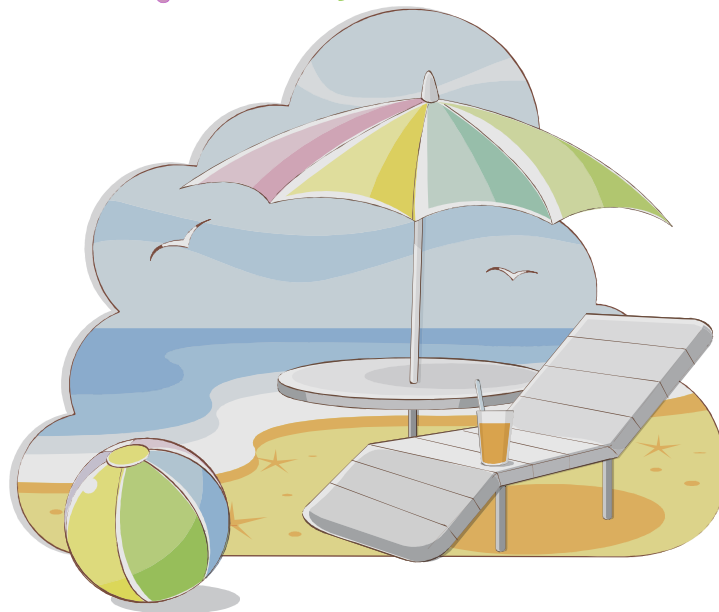
ages 0 to 3 years during both worship services on Sunday. Our nursery is a cheerful, warm and inviting space staffed by loving volunteers. For information or

questions, please contact Natsuko Buurstra, 908-268-6512.

HOW DOES JESUS WANT HIS CHURCH TO BE HIS HANDS AND FEET TO THOSE LOOKING FOR WORK? During this time of high unemployment, we will publicize information for those seeking jobs in the Messenger, bulletin and, if requested, our website. Jobseekers should email the office (office@NBRC.com) the information listed below (with your name which, of course, will not be publicized), and we are asking job holders to be reading, praying and sending helpful information to the same office email.

Type of Job Sought	Title of Last Job Held	Short Description of the Industry	Years Experience in that Industry
Analytical Chemist in Pharmaceutical or Generic Drug Development	Principal Scientist	Pharmaceutical development/analytical support to new product development; methods development/validation/transfer; technical report writing	15+
Controller/Management Position of Company's Finance Dept.	Manager of Financial Planning and Analysis, North America Operations	Responsible for budgets, forecasts, company's analytics. Last 10 years in Health Care Industry	20+
Program/Project/Product Manager	Coordinator of Product Management - Marketing	Wireless Telecommunications	8+
Customer Service/ Administrative/ Clerical		Wireless Telecommunications	20+
Executive/Administrative Assistant	Executive Assistant	Exec. Assistant to President of a division marketing company. Made travel arrangements, presentation materials, managed calendar, planned meetings, client dinners, and client visits. Also did some expense tracking	22 years at company, 13 as Exec. Assistant
Software Quality Assurance Analyst or Manager	Software Quality Assurance Analyst	Responsible for testing product and assuring that a quality product is delivered within a promised timeframe.	Over 22 years in Information Technology
Software Configuration Management, Software Release Management, and Defect Tracking Management	Software Quality Assurance Analyst	Manage the software configuration management process of versioning objects, code, and documentation. Manage Defect Tracking process and promotion of change requests from developer to tester to client. Monitor and report to senior management the progress of defects and customer issues from receipt to release.	Over 22 years in Information Technology
Procedural / Systems Analyst /Technical Writer	Software Quality Assurance Analyst	Soup to nuts "full project lifecycle" analysis, requirements planning, design and implementation of software systems.	Over 22 years in Information Technology
Corporate Trainer	Software Quality Assurance Analyst	Train client or in-house staff pertaining to procedures, methods, or the "how to" of using a software product.	Over 22 years in Information Technology

Summer Vacation



**STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION
AND OFFICE HOURS**

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Evening hours & meetings by appointment

Brian Katona
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Tuesday & Thursday - 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Wednesday & Friday -2:00 to 5:00 PM

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CONSISTORY

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Memorial Gifts (sub of Finance) - Janet Kolb

Men's Ministry - Wes Frueh

Music (sub of Worship) - Patti Harmer

Pastor/Staff Relations - Paul Soskey

Preschool Board - Larry Fox

Women's Ministry - Laurel Ennis

Worship - Carrie Dilgard

WORSHIP SERVICE FOR JULY AND AUGUST

9:30 AM - Worship Service

9:45 AM - Sunday Ministry (Children 3 years old to 4th Grade)

10:30 AM Fellowship Time

SUNDAY, July 4, 2010

(Communion Sunday)

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor Mark Swart will preach.

Our Mission...
Luke 10:1-20

SUNDAY, July 11, 2010

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Anna Schwarz will preach.

SUNDAY, July 18, 2010

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor Todd Buurstra will preach.
The Cosmic Christ
Colossians 1:15-23

SUNDAY, July 25, 2010

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor Mark Swart will preach.

SUNDAY, August 1, 2010

(Communion Sunday)

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor Heidi Butterworth will preach.

SUNDAY, August 8, 2010

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor Todd Buurstra will preach.
Drama: Sometimes a Helping Hand
Maybe a Listening Ear

SUNDAY, August 15, 2010

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor Todd Buurstra will preach.

SUNDAY, August 22, 2010

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor Todd Buurstra will preach.
Wisdom and Wealth
James 1:1-11

SUNDAY, August 29, 2010

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor Todd Buurstra will preach.
Trials and the World
James 1:12-27