

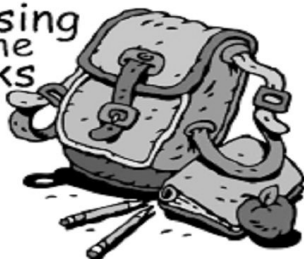
# AN EXCITING SUMMER CONTINUES AT NORTHMINSTER!

## **Today through August 26th Sermon Series: Why Scripture?**

One of the central pillars of Presbyterian and Reformed Christian faith is the commitment to scripture as “the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ.” We place our collective and historic encounter with scripture at the center of our worship and theology. What does that mean for progressive people of faith who also see the Bible, despite its inspiration by the Holy Spirit, as a human document, influenced by world views and prejudices of the time? In this series we will explore why scripture is still not only relevant but revelatory and revolutionary for us today.

## **August 26th: Back Pack Sunday**

Blessing  
of the  
Backpacks



It's hard to believe it, but School is starting soon! Before classes begin the final week of August, we invite all students (from Nursery School to PhD programs) and teachers to bring their backpacks,

messenger bags and brief cases to church on Sunday, August 26th for our annual “Blessing of the Backpacks,” a chance for us to lift up the school year to come and all who will be a part of it for safety, learning and all the blessings we can imagine. Come be a part of this special annual service!

## **Contact Information for our Pastors**

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**Pastor Jessica** leaves today for vacation and will return to the office on August 13th. In her absence, contact Pastor Michael for any needs.

*We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), serving locally through the Presbytery of Chicago.*

*We are an inclusive community of faith.*

*As a member of More Light Presbyterians and the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches, we invite all persons into our Christian worship and ministry.*



*In consideration of the entire worshipping community, please silence your cell phones and other devices before worship begins. Thank you!*

## **Pastor Michael's General Assembly Report**

### **on August 12th**

From June 16-23, over 550 Presbyterian clergy and Ruling Elders gathered in St. Louis as Commissioners to the 223rd General Assembly of the PC(USA). They considered a number of ministry, mission, social justice, and church governance issues. After Coffee Hour on August 12th, join Pastor Michael for a conversation about the assembly and a review of the actions taken by the Assembly—including the church's first formal transgender-inclusive statement.