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NORTHMINSTER

Life

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2018 Alternative Christmas Fair

Northminster's Heart for Giving



Thanks to YOU the Alternative Christmas Fair will bless those in need with medical supplies, food, shelter, and a home filled with love. Amazing gifts in honor or memory of family and friends, your generous donations raised a total of \$5,720!



Macon Area

Habitat for Humanity®

Loaves and Fishes Ministry - \$1,005
 Habitat for Humanity - \$965
 Thornwell Home for Children - \$2,160
 Bangladesh Medical Supplies - \$1,590



Thornwell
 Building Tomorrow's Families Today

God has truly blessed Northminster's congregation with giving hearts, a desire to serve, and talent that enriches our community and beyond. Thank you so much to all who helped with this annual service project and to all who gave to these wonderful ministries.

BACKPACK BLESSINGS

Our Backpack Ministry partners with First Presbyterian Day School to serve 55 children at Rosa Taylor Elementary who face food insufficiency during the weekends and during holidays. Northminster volunteers also provide school supplies, personal items of underwear and socks, as well as keeping the school's clothes closet organized.



Your generous donations each year for '**Christmas in July**' have enabled Northminster to fund this ministry throughout the entire school year! In 2018 we provided over:

1,440 items of milk and juice • 1,440 items of protein • 1,080 fruit items
 1,080 snack items • 720 breakfast items

In addition to our dedicated Northminster team of volunteers, we also need to thank service groups in our community who have donated to this mission. The **Exchange Club of Macon** recently donated \$300 to our Backpack fund. Also, the **Macon Service League** donates food items and school supplies regularly. If you speak to someone in these service groups, please express your thanks.

Thank you for your 'heart for outreach'!

Your NPC Backpack Team: Virginia Cowser, Isabel Davis, Frank Ellis, Mary Ann Ellis, Judy Hill, Jinny McDuffie, Les Peek, Suzann Smith, Rhonda Watwood, Kathy Wheeler, Catherine Woody

**If you would like to volunteer, please contact Judy Hill!



NEW WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES

Our New year will begin with new Sunday School and worship times. Sunday, January 6th, Connections will begin at 9:30, with Sunday School lessons starting at 9:45am. Our worship service will begin at 10:30am.

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Sunday School - Engage: Mission

JANUARY LUNCH BUNCH

ENGAGE MISSION



The BUILDERS Sunday school class Returns on January 13th. Builders is the class for those who are building their families, careers and lives in Christ. We will be studying the Engage: Mission series from PCUSA. The seven sessions are intended to challenge congregations to reach out with Christ's care to the greater community. Lessons will begin at 9:45am in room 108 downstairs. Books will be available in class. All are welcome!

The Lunch Bunch is a Dutch treat group that gets together on the first Tuesday of the month. The group is open to anyone who likes to eat out and have fellowship time with members and friends of the church. The Lunch Bunch will dine Tuesday, January 8th at Bone Fish Grill at 12:00.



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Your Session met with Tom and Doris Granum and received them as new members. They have transferred their membership from First Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- Elders will serve communion by intinction for the Christmas Eve Service, December 24.
- The Fifth Sunday lunch on December 30 will be hosted by the Christian Education, Personnel, and Worship committees.
- The guest preacher on December 30 will be Brian Wright. Ralph will be excitedly moving his daughter, Ella, to Macon!
- The new 10:30 time for worship services will begin on January 6. New Sunday School class offerings will be publicized in the next few weeks.
- A confirmation class will be offered in the new year.
- The 2019 church budget will be finalized at the January Session meeting.
- The small group meals designed to help Ralph develop relationships with members are going extremely well! Please call the church office if you would like to participate.
- The church directory photos are almost complete. Please contact Jennifer if you have not participated.
- Heartfelt thanks were extended to out-going elders Jeff Denny, Amy Maley, and Joe Watwood!
- The new class of elders for 2019 will be welcomed at a continental breakfast on Jan. 6 and will be installed at the worship service.

MUSIC



NOTES

parents! Well, I am very thankful that we turned the century, and we experienced none of those negative issues that we were hearing so much about.

Many people like to make New Year's Resolutions, so I would like to ask you to consider becoming a part of the Music Ministry at NPC as your Resolution. We are so Blessed to have so many people sharing their musical gift as part of their Offering to God. During the month of December, we enjoyed the music of the Adult and Bell choirs, the Youth Music Connection, the Brass Ensemble, String Quartet, Harpist Calista Koch, and Ella Cole Alderman singing a lovely solo for our Christmas eve service, and Tom Jones, who helps with our instrumental arrangements. Thank you so much to all these people who made our December services so very special and filled our hearts with the sounds of the Season.

I wish each of you a Happy and Blessed New Year!





January Birthdays

- 1) Susan Welch,
- 3) Gene Kelly
- 9) Jo Brandler,
Billy Maley
- 11) Paul Evans
- 13) Kay Allen
- 14) Shelby Duffy
- 20) Rhonda
Watwood
- 21) Beau Kitchens
- 24) Minor Vernon
- 25) Evelyn Clark

Happy
Birthday!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6) 8:30 Officer Installation Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service— Officer Installation 4:00 YOGA	7)	1) <i>New Year's Day</i> Staff Holiday	2) Church Office Closed 7:00 Chancel Choir (abbreviated rehearsal)	3)	4)	5)
13) 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service <i>Committee Meetings</i> 4:00 YOGA	14) <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>	8) 12:00 Lunch Bunch @ Bonefish Grill	9) 10:00 Macon Service League Meeting 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Chancel Choir	10) 10:00 Prayer Group 1:30 Communion at Carlyle Place	11)	12)
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