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# NORTHMINSTER

## Life

A newsletter for members, visitors, and friends of Northminster Presbyterian Church

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## Christmas in July

Thanks to your overwhelming support for Northminster's 'Christmas in July', we are able to fully fund our Backpack Ministry for the entire school year! Your generous donations will allow us to be good stewards of Backpack finances by shopping when items are on sale.

Your contributions to this mission will allow us to help the Rosa Taylor Elementary family in the following ways:

- We will provide nutrition for children facing food insecurity on the weekends.
- We will provide classrooms with school supplies half way through the school year when items are dwindling.
- We will assist the school nurse with items needed to provide proper care for the children.
- We will help organize and maintain the school closet so that students in need can access proper clothing as needs arise.



Northminster's Backpack team is blessed by you and the following volunteers: Virginia Cowser, Isabel Davis, Benjamin Gail, Judy Hill, Roland Hill, Fran Mayhew, Ken Mayhew, Tim McCord, Jinny McDuffie, Les Peek, Suzann Smith, Ricky Smith, Lynn Southerland, Rhonda Watwood, and Catherine Woody. If you are interested in helping, just let one of these volunteers know.

## MUSIC NOTES

It is amazing how quickly summer is flying by-----  
Hopefully everyone is having some fun vacation time away.

The Music Ministry, Worship Committee and Pastor Ralph (along with Session members) have been having conversations over the spring and summer months about how to make choir more accessible for those who might enjoy singing, but cannot commit to regular weekly rehearsals. We certainly understand how full and busy people's lives already are, without adding yet another weekly commitment.



These conversations will continue as our church moves forward along the path God has for us, but a couple of ideas have come from these conversations.

In August, the choir will return to the choir loft with some simple differences --- we will joyfully lead out on only the hymns in worship. You don't have to get a choir robe, hymnal, or anything! Simply come to the choir loft at 10:15 to run through the hymns, and then be ready for the 10:30 worship service. Nervous about singing? No worries! The choir will not be singing anthems, only hymns! We look forward to seeing you in the choir loft on August 4th!

## YOUTH - SUMMER HAPPENINGS



The youth have enjoyed a full summer of activities including a week at Montreat for the older ones, a fun day at the lake with Ricky and Suzann Smith, a mission trip to Thornwell, movie night at church, and a trip to Atlanta for a Braves game. August will be a slower time so the youth can be ready for a fall schedule of school. We will have a game night at the church later in August and then kick off a full schedule in September. Stay tuned for details.

The confirmands are working hard with their mentors this summer and fall to be ready to become full members on November 24. Please continue to pray for them.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL - SEPTEMBER

We will continue to celebrate summer and give parents and students the opportunity to adjust to their school routine throughout the month of August. Sunday School will resume September 8. Be sure to check your September newsletter and weekly email for details!



## THANK YOU, CHURCH FAMILY

To the congregation of Northminster Presbyterian Church and the Congregational Care Committee from the Roddenberry Family

Thank you for the outpouring of love and support that we experienced from this wonderful church family. Our hearts are deeply touched, and it brought us so much comfort. We had to leave for South Georgia for the burial immediately after the service. The lunch provided by the congregational care committee made it easy for us, and we are so appreciative.

Love and Gratitude,  
The Roddenberry Family

## AUGUST LUNCH BUNCH

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, August 6th at Olive Garden at 12:00.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1)  3:30 Church-wide Braves Game	2)	3)
4) <i>Communion Sunday</i>  10:30 Worship  4:00 Yoga	5)	6)  12:00 Lunch Bunch at Olive Garden	7)	8)	9)	10)
11) 10:30 Worship 11:30 Committee Meetings 4:00 Yoga	12)	13)	14) 10:00 Macon Ser- vice League Meet- ing	15) 10:00 Prayer Group  1:30 Communion at Carlyle Place	16)	17)
18) 10:30 Worship  6:30 Confirmand Meeting	19)  6:30 Session Meeting	20)  7:00 Fore (In)Sight Meeting	21)	22)	23)	24)
25) 10:30 Worship  4:00 Yoga	26)	27)	28)  6:00 Bell Choir	29)	30)	31)

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3) Emily Brown  
8) Bob Brandler & Sam McDuffie  
9) Ricky Smith  
11) Cindy Morgan  
12) Jackson Gleaton  
15) Ed Clark

16) Amy Vogt & Benjamin Gail  
18) Kim Emener & Bill Faulkner  
19) Mary Beth Shuford & Kenny Walker  
26) Ann Bramlett & Jon Martin  
30) Al Diboll & Jeff Denny

