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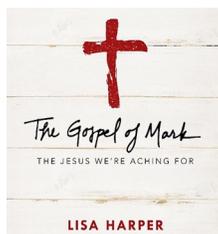
NPC CANCELLATIONS AND SCHEDULE CHANGES

Well, saints, these are strange days indeed. The kids and grandkids are home from school. People with a laptop are told to work from home. Everyone who can and should be is now hunkered down in an effort to prevent the spread of this nasty and infamous virus. This week is a dream for reading introverts ... but a nightmare for hugging extraverts! And your congregation is responding to these virus concerns as well. Here in this special addition of the newsletter, you'll find updates on all your important gatherings and events, nearly all of which have been cancelled or postponed for now. Later this week, we will send out information about Sunday worship. Finally, promise me that if you have any needs this week — groceries, prescriptions, errands, etc. — you will call the church office or call/text me directly (478-250-3355). There are many of us in the flock happy to help with anything. Don't hesitate to reach out. Meanwhile, here's a favorite scripture for your prayer and reflection this week:



"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." - Philippians 4

All will be well. Know that you are loved. RWH



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—CANCELLED

The Women's Bible Study group has cancelled all remaining weekly sessions. This class will choose, at a later date, when to reconvene and continue the current study or begin a new one. In the interim, all group members are encouraged to come together spiritually, in prayer each Wednesday morning at 10:00am. Please contact Jeanne Roddenberry at jerodden93@gmail.com if you would like to be added to their prayer list and stay updated on this group.

CHANCEL & BELL CHOIRS—POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL



For both choirs: Wednesday night rehearsals are cancelled through the end of March. As of now, rehearsals will resume Wednesday, April 1 (6:00pm for Bells and 7:00pm for Chancel). Neither choir will be performing in Sunday worship through the month of March. As of now, we will gather again in the loft or at the tables on Palm Sunday, April 5th. If you would like to get regular updates on the music ministry's schedule, please contact

Sandy Smith at music@northminstermacon.org.

MEN'S MINISTRY LUNCH

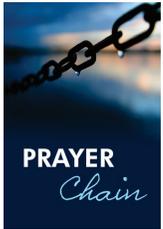
MEN'S LUNCH (MARCH) - CANCELLED

The March Men's Ministry lunch, scheduled for Thursday, March 19th, has been cancelled. This group will plan to meet again Thursday, April 16th at noon. Please see your weekly emails and bulletin for details on the location.



NPC YOUTH—MARCH GATHERINGS CANCELLED

Our youth group will not meet together for the remainder of March. We plan to continue gathering after April 1st. If you would like to be added to the email list for youth updates, please contact Ann Weaver at ann.weaver1147@att.net.

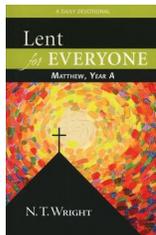
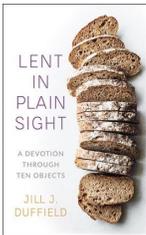


PRAYER GROUP—PHYSICAL MEETING CANCELLED

Our Thursday, March 19th prayer group meeting will not be held at the church. Please join the prayer team from your home this Thursday morning at 10:00am as they come together spiritually and pray for our congregation and community. If you would like more information about the prayer team and ways you can join them in lifting concerns and joys within our church family to God, please contact Bonnie Diboll at home368@cox.net.

5TH SUNDAY LUNCH, MARCH 29TH—CANCELLED

Although we love our time of fellowship over a wonderful meal, we also pray for wellness and in doing so believe in taking precautions that will help keep our congregation healthy. With that, we have decided to cancel the 5th Sunday lunch, scheduled for March 29th.



SUNDAY MORNING CONNECTIONS—CANCELLED, MARCH 19

All Sunday morning connections classes - Children, Youth, Adult, and Builders, will not meet this Sunday, March 22. We will assess our March 29th classes closer to that date. If you would like to be put on the email list about any of these classes, please contact Jennifer in the church office at admin@northminstermacon.org.

MARCH 19 COMMUNION AT CARLYLE—CANCELLED

Northminster's monthly communion to our homebound at Carlyle Place has been cancelled per the request of the Carlyle facility. Please pray for the wellness (mind, body, and spirit) of our beloved homebound members.

OFFICE HOURS

Northminster is graciously extending me the opportunity to have "floating" office hours this week, March 18-21. This means I will still be accessible by phone and email, but will be in and out of the office physically at various times each day. My children, though old enough to handle their own school work, still need a bit of guidance and assistance making sure they are completing all of their now-online assignments prior to due dates, and logging attendance as per their school's requirements. I thank you for your flexibility and letting me serve you while still caring for my family.

UPDATE ON BENJAMIN GAIL

Many have asked this week about the status of our employee and friend Benjamin Gail, who remains hospitalized at Emory University Hospital on Clifton Road in Atlanta. As you know, he is recovering from surgery to repair an aneurism in his head. The good news is that he has now been moved from the ICU to a regular room. The drain once attached to his head has been removed, and he is focused on rebuilding his strength and mobility. He relishes the many cards Northminster has sent, and he loves the group card we made the night of the chili fundraiser. See below his updated mailing address and phone number:

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