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NORTHMINSTER OUTREACH MISSIONS

Northminster's annual Alternative Christmas Fair was held very differently in 2020, with our church family giving through mail, online, and in-person throughout the months of November and December. Even through these difficult and unusual circumstances in which our congregation, and our world, has found itself in 2020, the mission of the church to "Serve others in Christ" remains unwavering. We are able to give more this year to the following outreach ministries this year than ever before. Thank you for your generosity!



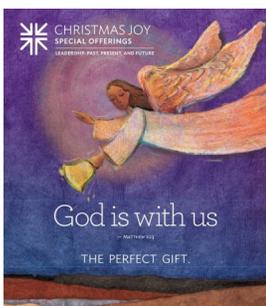
Loaves & Fishes: \$2205



Habitat for Humanity: \$2765



Thornwell: \$2245



CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

God has blessed the Church with incredible leadership in every time and place, but those leaders often need to be supported by their communities as well. The Christmas Joy Offering addresses the support needed by some of our leaders, including supporting leadership development for all communities and providing support for Presbyterian church workers in their time of need. This year, our congregation contributed \$530 to this mission.



The scripture tells us to "love your neighbor as yourself." What better way could you love your neighbor than helping them in times of need. The Good Samaritan Offering does this for the needs in our community and for the needs of our congregation. **In the month of December, Centenary used some of our contributions to assist 2 different families with furniture for their homes (one of the families lost their home in a fire); one individual with his car payment; another family with their utilities plus another family with their rent.** Thank you for your generous support of the needy people in our community!

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MUSIC NOTES

Happy New Year to everyone! We are all praying for this to be a better year than 2020 was. Although, it is worth noting that more spiritual growth can occur during hard times, when we are made more aware of how dependent we are on the Lord, than when everything seems to be easy and flowing along smoothly. But for 2021, hopefully the music will still continue to minister to each of you, whether you are worshipping in person or via livestream.

Our December music was just exceptional, and if you didn't get to hear it yet, the services are all available on the church website. I hope you will go back and listen to them again, even if you have already heard them.



Our bell choir has resumed rehearsals, so even though we will still not be having choral singing just yet, we will be blessed by the music our bell ringers bring.

On any Sunday that you are available, we would welcome you to the choir loft to help us "lead" on the hymns. Just come to the loft at 10:15 wearing your mask. It is very helpful for the livestream to have singers in the choir loft, and we would gladly welcome you.

Prayers for a Blessed 2021!

YOUTH MONTREAT 2021



Mark your calendars for June 12-19 for summer camp at Montreat! All youth that will be in grades 6-12 in the 2021-2022 school year are invited to attend. Registration and deposit are due to the Presbytery March 1st, making our individual deposits of \$50 per person due February 15th. The Presbytery will underwrite a large portion of travel and board for the group this year, so do not let expenses be a deciding factor.

THANK YOU, CHURCH FAMILY

Thank you for your cards, calls, texts, meals, and more. Your continued support and prayers throughout the time of my treatments mean the world to us. We are so thankful for our amazing church family.
Love, Fran Mayhew

YOUR 2021 ELDER LEADERSHIP

At the January 3 congregational meeting, new elders for the 2021 year have been elected as follows: Kari Alderman, Jan Hirsh, Roland Hill, Melissa McDougald, Minor Vernon
More information regarding the organization of our elder's roles and their contact information will follow next month.