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# NORTHMINSTER *Life*

**WOMEN'S RETREAT WITH DR. LISA NICHOLS HICKMAN**



## Praying the **Life Cycle:** Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow

Women of all ages: Come join us at Northminster Presbyterian Church for a conversation and reflection on the different ages and stages of our lives. Life Cycle Theory helps us to pay attention to questions of meaning, purpose, and formation during those different ages and stages. As a community of Christian faith, learning more about the life cycle invites new opportunities for connection, community, and commitment to prayer as we discover new strength for today and deeper hope for tomorrow both for ourselves and for our neighbors.

**November 12-13, 2021**

Friday evening 6-8:30pm and Saturday morning 9am-2pm. Meals included.

Regular registration until November 7 is \$25

Register online at [www.northminstermacon.org](http://www.northminstermacon.org) or call 478-477-6646



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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 August, Centenary used some of our contributions to assist five families with their rent. One of these renters had extraordinary medical expenses causing her to ask for help with her rent. Another renter had to cut back on her work hours due to health issues and will be receiving Section 8 housing in September.**

**Assistance was also given to six other families with their utilities. One of these renters was living at the Brookdale Warming Center; now living in a house but needed assistance with this deposit** . Thank you for your generous support of the needy people in our community!



The Northminster Youth have several activities/events planned for the remainder of the year. Mark your calendars for the following and be sure to invite your friends:

**Sunday Oct 17:**

Lunch and pumpkin carving after church in Fellowship Hall.

**Sunday Oct 31:**

HALLOWEEN! Trunk or Treat at Northminster!

Time: 5:30pm - 7pm

**Sunday Nov 7:**

Time and location: At Northminster after church in Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided. The boy's activity: Service project TBA The girl's activity: Making sand dollar ornaments for the teacher's at Rosa Taylor Elementary for Teacher Appreciation Day.

**Saturday Nov 20:**

Movie & Game Night at Northminster! Dinner provided Time: 6pm - 11pm. If anyone needs a ride home no worries! It will be a late night.

## MUSIC NOTES

It's hard to believe the holiday season is upon us! You will want to mark your calendars and plan to attend our annual Lessons and Carols service on December 5th at 10:30am. Invite a friend to join you; it always starts the Christmas season off on the right note!

Our choir did a wonderful job of presenting an anthem for us this past Sunday. Unison, hymn based anthems have been planned for October 31st and November 14th. We would love to have you join us. Come to the choir loft, wearing a mask, as 9:45 that morning and learn the simple, yet beautiful, anthem. No weekly, or weekday, commitment required. Just come and enjoy "...the hidden life-celebration in the act of making a joyful noise, all together." (lindythompsonblog) You will be glad you did!



## CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to members Brand and Nancy Miles on the birth of their first grandchild!

Wren Miles Trieu arrived Friday, October 1st via c section at 7:55 AM weighing a robust 9 lbs 4 oz. It is also Aunt Rosie's birthday!

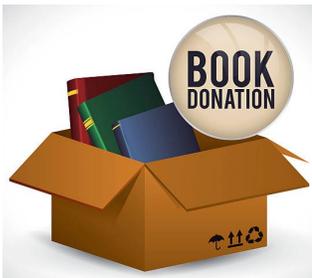
## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

As our newsletters included pre-covid, we have begun including our member's and friend's birthday in our monthly editions once again. Please let Jennifer, in the church office, know if you have a birthday this month that is not listed.

Oct 1 - Rosie Miles  
 Oct 9 - Tom Granum  
 Oct 15 - Mark Brown  
 Oct 16 - Elaine Bowen  
 Oct 24 - John Putzke  
 Oct 30 - Carolyn Gleaton

Oct 6 - Jon Geerlings  
 Oct 10 - Judy Hill  
 Oct 16 - Ann Weaver  
 Oct 18 - Anna Riley  
 Oct 26 - Frank Ellis  
 Oct 31 - Matthew Preyna

Oct 8 - Sandra Lewis  
 Oct 10 - David Riley  
 Oct 16 - Alice Fincher  
 Oct 20 - Jan Hirsh  
 Oct 27 - Judy Lowe  
 Oct 31 - Claude Buzzell



## BOOK DRIVE FOR MACON RECOVERS

Throughout the month of October we are collecting used books to help build the library at Macon Recovers. If you have any books you would like to donate, please put them in the "Neighborhood Nook" box located in the church foyer. All genres are welcome; however, we don't want to bring over anything too sad. Thank you on behalf of Macon Recovers and the Neighborhood Committee.

## ADVENT GIVING - STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS



**Within the months of November and December, we will begin two of our annual advent giving events:**

**Gloves for the Homeless**  
 (Providing new gloves for those in need this winter)  
 &  
**Alternative Christmas Fair**  
 (Supporting Thornwell, Habitat for Humanity, and Loaves & Fishes)  
 Details coming soon.

## RAISING THE ROOF FOR LOAVES & FISHES



Your support of the Raise the Roof campaign to help provide a covered space at Loaves & Fishes has raised over \$35,000!

*Dear Northminster Family,  
 I am humbled and overwhelmed by your generosity for our special project with Loaves and Fishes. Because of YOU this ministry will expand and continue to impact lives. I will keep you posted with the progress of construction as it begins and the fellowship and worship in the new space once completed. You all truly live Christ's message.  
 - Warmest regards, Kari Alderman*

## AUGUST 2021 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

As of August 31, Northminster has received \$312,639.70 in pledges, which is \$39,986.34 more than the \$272,653.36 expected so far this year. We have received \$13,819.50 in loose offerings, which is \$11,513.86 less than the \$25,333.36 expected so far this year. We have received \$23,143.41 in offerings for unbudgeted and outreach programs. We have spent \$328,557.06 which is \$6,594.23 more than the \$321,962.83 that was planned to be spent so far this year.

In summary, we have received \$349,602.61 in total income and spent a total of \$328,557.06, which leaves us with a current surplus of \$21,045.55.

<b>NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b>		
<b>FINANCIAL SUMMARY</b>		Aug-21
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>		\$ 153,489.34
<b>OPERATING FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>		\$ 195,089.14
<b>ENDOWMENT NET ASSET VALUE</b>	6/30/2021	\$ 700,500.89
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>\$ 1,049,079.37</b>
<b>Year-to-date Giving and Expenses</b>		
Pledges Given	Expected Pledges	Surplus/Deficit
\$ 312,639.70	\$ 272,653.36	\$ 39,986.34
Loose Offerings	Expected Offerings	Surplus/Deficit
\$ 13,819.50	\$ 25,333.36	\$ (11,513.86)
Other Income		\$ 23,143.41
Total Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Surplus/Deficit
\$ 328,557.06	\$ 321,962.83	\$ (6,594.23)
Total Expenses	Total Income	Surplus/Deficit
\$ 328,557.06	\$ 349,602.61	\$ 21,045.55