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WELCOME, BABY MICHAEL NAPIER, III



Our Northminster family is excited to announce the birth of Michael Kennard Napier, III born Friday, June 24; 7lbs 12oz 21 in; to parents Michael and Chloe.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY



Our neighborhood committee's backpack ministry continues to serve the children and families of Rosa Taylor elementary school. Throughout the 2021-22 school year, we have provided 26 bags of food to students every week - that's over 930 bags of food and drink for kids that may not have enough at home. Each year, we also help provide mid-year classroom supplies to Rosa Taylor teachers and students. These include backpacks filled with crayons, notebooks, pencils, Clorox wipes, tissues and more. Next month, we will collect monetary donations from the congregation in order to purchase supplies at discounted bulk rates and gift them to Rosa Taylor in December 2022. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry!

MUSIC NOTES

July 3rd, the Colony IV Brass will join us again. Then, mark your calendars for July 24th when Pat McCall's string quartet, Generation Fusion, will play for us again. Thanks also goes to our vocalists who have and will lead our hymns over the summer, Rebecca Layfield, and Rosie Miles. We are blessed to have such wonderful musicians willing to fill the sanctuary with their gifts of music while our choir takes a deserved summer break.



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DEATH OF MEMBERS



The month of June, two beloved members of our congregation passed away. Wednesday, June 22, Betty Barlow, residing in North Augusta, died peacefully after a brief illness. Thursday, June 23, Gene Kelly, residing at Carlyle Place in Macon, died peacefully with his loving family. Services for Betty have not yet been secured, but are planned to take place in Macon this fall in order to celebrate her life and her favorite time of year with an outdoor service. Services for Gene will be held at Northminster Saturday, July 2 at 2pm with a light reception to follow. We rejoice in heaven's gain, and mourn in our loss. Thank you for praying for these respective families.



GOOD SAMARITAN

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 June, Centenary used some of our contributions to assist six different families with their electricity bill; One of these clients is from the Hope Center. He received housing and needed \$100 to get the lights turned on. Another client is a teacher's assistant who is off for the summer and needed assistance with her bill. And another client who finally received her Section 8 housing with a house big enough for her family and needed help with her deposit.** Thank you for your generous support of the needy people in our community!

In a recent program summary of the Centenary Community Ministry's Financial Outreach Rent & Utility Assistance Program, the following was published:

"Thanks to generous donations from our partner ministries at Martha Bowman UMC, Northminster Presbyterian, Christ Church, Vineville UMC, and Centenary UMC, we provide financial assistance to local families behind on rent or utility payments. We meet with clients by appointment to hear their story and understand their need. If we are not able to assist them, we connect them to local community resources. Additionally, we work with clients to address budgeting challenges and/or advocate on their behalf with bill collections, utility companies, property management or landlords." 28.9% of Centenary clients received rental assistance, 2.2% receive assistance for water and 68.9% receive assistance with electricity.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR LES PEEK

There will be a Celebration of Life for Les Peek on Sunday, July 10 at 4:00 PM at the home of Les' friend Carl Reynolds, 7455 Estes Road, Macon. Les' family hopes that his church family can join them in this celebration.

FAREWELLS TO ELLISONS

Boyd and Mary Ellison, who have been members of Northminster for more than fifty years, will be moving to their new home in Charlotte later this month. July 10 will be their last day with us. Please join us after church to share some lemonade and cookies and wish them well.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July 2 - Molly Brown
July 11 - Frank Clark
July 25 - Jinny McDuffie

July 6 - Genny Whitaker
July 13 - Karen Jones
July 26 - Lala Scales

July 9 - Nita McCord
July 21 - Catherine Woodydy