

## LENTEN SEASON



As Ash Wednesday approaches, Northminster is preparing our heart, mind and spirit for the liturgy and lessons of the season of Lent. We are excited this year to revive one of our favorite traditions: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! **Tuesday, February 21**, join us at 5:30pm for food and fellowship as we celebrate God's abundant blessings and prepare our hearts for a Lenten season of reflection and prayer. Cost for dinner is \$5 per person with a \$20 maximum per family.

## MEN'S DINNER - FEBRUARY 26



Pastor Ralph and Elder Mike Napier invite all men, ages 10 to 100, to join us for a man-size dinner filled with great friends and conversation Sunday, February 26th at 6pm in the fellowship hall. Invite your friends and family to attend as well.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Start pre-heating those ovens and testing out your best recipes - it's time for the Annual Youth Chili Cookoff and Dessert Auction! All are welcome to participate and bring family and friends. This is a fabulous opportunity to continue helping to make sure our youth can attend the Montreat Youth Conference this summer. Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 12! More details will be available soon.

## MUSIC MINISTRY HAPPENINGS



We are excited to see our choir back in the loft each Sunday and music director, Gunner Chancey, has exciting plans for the spring season at NPC. Choir rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the sanctuary and all are invited to participate. Keep your eyes on the weekly bulletin, Friday emails, and upcoming newsletters for further announcements.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Feb 4 - Helene Olk  
Feb 17 - Rachel Putzke

Feb 11 - Patty Martin  
Feb 17 - John Putzke

Feb 11 - Ella Cole Alderman  
Feb. 21 - Lynn Southerland

## COMMUNION



As a body of Christ, we continue to share the bread and cup at Sunday worship on the first Sunday of each month. Sunday, March 5, volunteers on our congregational care committee will not only see those at Carlyle, but will have another "Communion Blitz," sharing with homebound and isolated members at their homes. If you know of a member or close Northminster friend who should be included in these visits, please let Elder Genny Whitaker know.

## 2023 SESSION

2023 Session meetings will be held at 6pm on the third Monday of every month. If you have questions, comments or concerns about Northminster's ministries, plans, building or more, please reach out to the appropriate elder. Below is a summary of your 2023 Elder Leadership. Please contact the church office for elder contact information.

Neighborhood - Barbara Fatkin

\*discerning ministry needs; developing a presence; fostering hospitality; enhancing connections

Outreach & Mission - Kari Alderman

\*directing budget giving; providing ministry opportunities; planning special mission offerings; fostering international connections

Adult Discipleship - Nita McCord

\*planning adult Bible studies; planning special speakers & events; coordinating fellowship activities

Youth Discipleship - Donna Shuford

\*providing for youth group; directing children and youth learning; fostering generational fellowship

Congregational Care - Genny Whitaker

\*supporting persons and families in times of distress, need or grief

Membership Engagement - Jinny McDuffie

\*integrating new members; utilizing time and talents; fostering communication

Worship - Jeff Denny

\*providing for worship, music, preaching & sacraments

Finance - Minor Vernon

\*directing annual budget; planning special capital offerings; directing stewardship emphasis

Property - Ray Mosely

\*planning for short and long-term needs; overseeing buildings, property & furnishings

Personnel - Michael Napier

\*directing & supporting paid staff; facilitating teaching elder partnership; assisting with men's ministry

## THANK YOU, CHURCH FAMILY

Northminster family,

A beautiful service/reception for a beautiful man. A special thank you to Pastor Ralph, Jennifer Whitehead, musicians Sandy and Pat, the Congregational Care Committee, and the entire congregation.

Ricky loved Northminster and its people. Your support and prayers during his long 10-month bout with pancreatic cancer provided him with strength to be positive during difficult days. He spent his last two weeks surrounded by family and friends, receiving the love he shared with all of us throughout his life.

Thank you, Suzann and family.

## BUILDING UPDATES AS OF FEBRUARY 1



After months of frustrating engineering delays, permitting processes, and insurance haggling, your Property Committee is so pleased to report that this week rebuilding work has begun in earnest in the office area of our church building. Here are some of the activities that have transpired since our rebuilding permits were finally issued by the county:

- 30+ pre-engineered roof trusses have been delivered onsite

- dumpsters are staged on the front lawn for damaged roof removal
  - drop ceilings have been removed from the entire first floor
  - HVAC ductwork has been removed from all the offices, restrooms, and hallway
- Next an electrical contractor will remove all the wiring from within the damaged roof structure.

When several days of clear weather present themselves, roofers will dismantle and remove the entire roof structure from the middle building. This will mean our offices, restrooms, closets, and elevator will be temporarily exposed to the sky! Then a crane will be brought in to lift the new trusses into place, on which new decking and a new roof will be applied.



Once that major step is complete and the middle building is no longer exposed to weather, our general contractor assures us that interior work will begin straightaway and should move along at a good pace.

As we reported in the congregational meeting on Sunday, the original estimate from the steeple manufacturer for a December delivery has since been revised to April.

We appreciate your continued patience with this journey toward rehabilitation of our beloved building. We continue to be grateful for Charles Coleman, Bryan Peavy, and other Paul Davis personal who have done their best to move us along through many so many procedural obstacles.



For your Property Committee,

Ray Mosely, chair  
Mark Brown  
Ralph Hawkins, pastor