



NORTHMINSTER *Life*

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STEEPLE IS RISEN

Friday, April 9, 2022 -
Friday, October 6, 2023

Our steeple is complete!
Thank you to all of our members and
community for patience and
perseverance throughout what has been
a very unpredictable year-and-a-half.



2023

Womens retreat

NOVEMBER 3-4

Exploring and Expanding our Images of God

LED BY DR. MARTHA MOORE-KEISH

Women of ALL ages

6pm-9pm Friday (dinner included)

9am-2pm Saturday (breakfast and lunch included)

\$25 per woman

Northminster Presbyterian Church

565 Wimbish Rd. Macon

register by mail or online at northminstermacon.org

Our annual Fall Women's Retreat will take place November 3rd and 4th. We invite all



women of all ages to this exciting event. Our event leader this year is Dr. Martha Moore-Keish of Columbia Theological Seminary. She will be leading us through "Exploring and Expanding our Images of God." Attendance is \$25 for the whole session and includes dinner on Friday as well as breakfast and lunch Saturday. We will gather Friday from 6pm-9pm and Saturday from 9am-2pm here at Northminster. We can't wait to see you there!

2024 SUNDAY STUDY KICK-OFF AND PLANNING DINNER

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SUNDAY
SCHOOL

Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 6:00

Sunday School, Sunday Study, Learning Lab – No matter what you call it, Sunday morning at 9:00 is a wonderful time to meet with old friends or make new friends, have a cup of coffee and a bite to eat, and maybe even learn a little bit as we share our faith with one another. The meal we are planning for Wednesday, November 8th is to talk about what you, as a part of this congregation, want to see in the form of Christian education for the coming year. Even if you don't want to participate in any Sunday morning studies, please come and help us decide what is best for this congregation. We need everyone's input.

Please join us for a wonderful FREE meal of pork loin, sweet potatoes, green beans, salad, and Lynn Davis' cake at 6:00pm on Wednesday, November 8th. If you need a ride, please contact Jennifer in the church office and she will arrange for someone to pick you up. Reservations are encouraged and the blue sign-up sheet is in the bulletin.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Sunday, **November 5th after church**: Pizza and Ornament-making! All school-aged children and parents are invited to this activity.

Sunday, **November 12th at 4^{pm}**: Hot dogs and s'mores at the home of Allen & Barbara Fatkin, we'll pack Thanksgiving

Dinners for the 8 homeless students at Rosa Taylor.

Sunday, **November 26th after church**: We'll put up the tree in the sanctuary. Lunch will be provided.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



Train Ride!

Ride the Rails with FRP Saturday, November 11th.

Azalea Sprinter
Roundtrip from
Willacoochee Station
137 Fleetwood Ave.

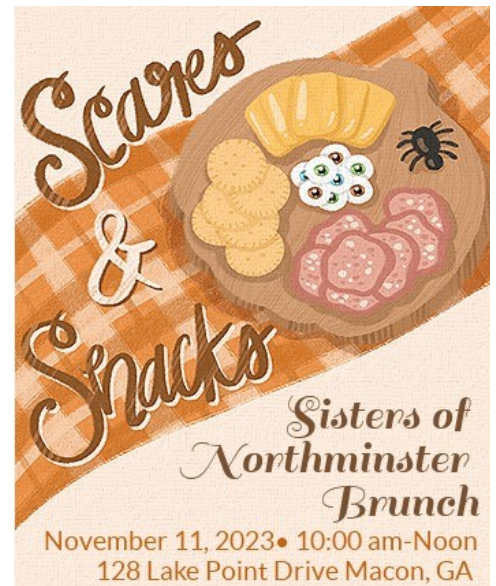
10am Departure

Lunch Included

Tickets \$45

RSVP by Nov. 5

ecantrell@flintriverpresbytery.org



Extending the time of fellowship together after the Fall Women's Bible Study, member Chloe Napier invites all ladies of Northminster to brunch at her home Nov. 11, 10:00am-noon.

Advent Season Sunday Study

A Clear View of the Birth of Jesus

In a series of short lectures, Dr. Bailey brings fresh perspectives to many of the common assumptions and holiday tropes surrounding the birth of Jesus:

November 12	Where was the "manger"?
November 19	What was the "inn"?
November 26	Surprises: Jesus' ancestors
December 3	Surprises: Joseph and Herod
December 10	Salvation and the Wise Men
December 17	Herod's Atrocities and Simeon's Welcome

**9am Sunday
mornings in our
Fellowship Hall**

Light breakfast included!

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - SEPTEMBER 2023

As of September 30, NPC has:

- Received \$278,096.63 in pledges
- Received \$41,345.01 from regular (no pledge) givers
- Received \$14,195.48 in loose offerings
- Received \$17,998.14 for outreach programs
- Spent \$360,780.73 on budgeted and outreach expenses

*Summary: NPC has received \$351,635.26 in total income and has spent a total of \$360,780.73 which leaves us with a deficit of \$9,145.47.

LOAVES & FISHES FOODIE FUNDRAISER

This is one of our favorite fundraisers! Simply dine (or take-out) at one of the participating restaurants on **November 16th** and that restaurant will donate 5% of sales for that day to the Loaves and Fishes Ministry of Macon. Some of the restaurants include El Sazon, Grey Goose, O Honey, Ingleside Village Pizza, Dawson's Kitchen, El Sombrero, Sid's, Jonahs on Johnston, Bears Den, and Texas Border Grill.



RAISE THE ROOF - 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



On October 22, after worship, members of our session and many spouses enjoyed a light lunch downtown at the Loaves & Fishes ministry. Invited by Jake Ferro, director, together we celebrated the 1-year anniversary of the dedication of the pavilion behind the Loaves & Fishes facility on Martin Luther King Avenue. Last fall, we raised \$40,000 to complete that project, and since then the shelter has provided a roof over many meals, Bible study, outdoor worship, and recreational gatherings. We were

told that sometimes clients just come and sit for a bit, to get out of the heat or the rain. During lunch, elders also met the newest Loaves & Fishes staff. This longtime ministry to homeless persons in Macon remains one of our primary mission partners. Our thanks to Jake and staff for welcoming us in for fellowship.

CHURCH FAMILY SUPPORT - BROADWAY MOMENTS



Northminster women support Northminster women! Recently a group of church members travelled to Sandersville to see member Rosie Miles perform on stage in a community theater produced entitled BROADWAY MOMENTS. Rosie did a fantastic job on stage, and a good time was had by all!



THANK YOU, NORTHMINSTER FAMILY

"I would like to thank the many church members for their kind expressions of sympathy regarding the recent passing of my sister, Merrily. They were very thoughtful. I also want to thank Ralph for his comforting phone call." -Tim McCord

Betsy Fatkin, mother of member Allen Fatkin, would like to thank the Northminster congregation for your prayers, encouragement and cards while she recovered from a broken femur.

"Northminster Friends, Our family is so very grateful for your generosity during our time of need. We are so blessed to have your support and prayers. Yours in Faith, Lisa & Eric Schultz" -Jennifer Whitehead's sister and brother-in-law, who is undergoing treatment for acute leukemia.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nov 1 - Larry Smallwood
Nov 10 - Charlotte Nolan
Nov 14 - Kathy Smallwood
Nov 28 - Kaye Mosely

Nov 4 - Ryden Aiello
Nov 11 - Kathy McCord
Nov 18 - Ron Wolfe

Nov 9 - Donna Shuford
Nov 13 - Virginia Hall
Nov 20 - Susan Simpson

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00 ^{AM} Women's Bible Study 6:00 ^{PM} Women's Bible Study	2 8 ^{AM} -2 ^{PM} Veritas	3 8 ^{AM} -12 ^{PM} Veritas 6 ^{PM} -9 ^{PM} Women's Retreat	4 8 ^{AM} -2 ^{PM} Women's Retreat
5 9:30 ^{AM} Coffee Hour 10:30 ^{AM} Worship Communion Sunday 11:45 ^{AM} Youth Pizza & ornament-making	6	7 8 ^{AM} -2 ^{PM} Veritas	8 10:00 ^{AM} Macon Service League Mtg 6:00 ^{PM} Sunday Study Kick-off and Planning Dinner	9 8 ^{AM} -2 ^{PM} Veritas	10 8 ^{AM} -12 ^{PM} Veritas	11 10 ^{AM} -12 ^{PM} Ladies' Brunch at Napier home 1:00 ^{PM} Girl Scout meeting
12 9:00 ^{AM} Advent Study 10:00 ^{AM} Coffee 10:30 ^{AM} Worship 4 ^{PM} Youth at Fatkin Home	13	14 8 ^{AM} -2 ^{PM} Veritas	15 10:30 ^{AM} Macon Service League Board Mtg	16 8 ^{AM} -2 ^{PM} Veritas Loaves & Fishes Foodie Fundraiser	17 8 ^{AM} -12 ^{PM} Veritas	18
19 9:00 ^{AM} Advent Study 10:00 ^{AM} Coffee 10:30 ^{AM} Worship	20 6:00 ^{PM} Stated Session Meeting	21	22 Staff Holiday	23 Happy Thanksgiving! Staff Holiday	24 Staff Holiday	25
26 9:00 ^{AM} Advent Study 10:00 ^{AM} Coffee 10:30 ^{AM} Worship 11:45 ^{AM} Youth put up sanctuary Christmas tree	27	28 8 ^{AM} -2 ^{PM} Veritas	29	30 8 ^{AM} -2 ^{PM} Veritas		