

SUNDAY STUDIES



We have had a blessed return of intergenerational Sunday School beginning in January. The next 6-week study, "Do Pharaohs Still Exist," will begin Sunday, April 7th, led by Janell Johnson. Join us each Sunday morning at 9:00^{AM} for study and fellowship with light continental breakfast provided.



Children's Sunday School

Every Sunday morning
at 10AM

All Elementary children (K4 through 5th grade) are invited to attend Sunday School at 9:30^{AM}. We'll have a lesson with a craft and a morning snack. All children will join their parents for the worship service at 10:30. If you are able to help provide snacks, such as crackers and juice, please bring them to church with you any Sunday morning.



YOUTH

YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT - APRIL 14

All Middle and High Schoolers will meet Sunday, April 14th from 4pm-6pm at the church.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Each of our 10 church committees will be gathering Sunday, **April 14th** after worship for their second of five meetings this year. Location of each meeting within the church building is to be determined. If you would like to join one of the following committees, or simply sit in on a meeting to see what it's all about, please contact the corresponding Elder. Contact the church office for their email or phone number.

- Adult Discipleship & Fellowship – Nita McCord
- Children & Youth Discipleship – Donna Shuford
- Congregational Care – Gail Walker
- Finance – Minor Vernon
- Membership Engagement – Barbara Fatkin
- Neighborhood – Amanda Smith
- Outreach & Mission – Kari Alderman
- Personnel – Michael Napier
- Property – Mark Brown
- Worship – Jeff Denny

Congrats!
2024 GRADUATES

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 12th as we recognize and celebrate our 2024 graduates during the worship service.. If you have a graduating senior and you have not yet turned in their photo and biography/plans, please send them to Jennifer at admin@northminstermacon.org as soon as possible.

HAUGAN MISSIONARY UPDATE

The Haugans are coming! Mark your calendars for May 5th. The Haugans will be visiting our congregation that Sunday. Jeanne continues to heal from her recent double-knee replacement surgery here in the US, but George has returned to Duhok. Thank you for keeping them in your prayers for their ministry in Iraq and Jeanne's continued healing.



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC UPDATE

The session is discussing possible opportunities for our congregation and our Presbytery to form a partnership with our friends in the Dominican Republic. We will have some updates and more news next month. In the meantime, know that dozens of children are using the equipment you all collected and sent every day after school. We are excited to share pictures and stories with you all soon.



GOOD SAMARITAN

This month, our Good Samaritan Fund was used to help a local family connected to our sister church, St. Andrews Presbyterian. We assisted them with household expenses as the grandmother, parenting her 5 grandchildren, is recovering from an injury that is preventing her from working. We also provided a Kroger gift card for a family. Our church continues to support the Centenary Church's Mission with a monthly donation for short-term expenses within the community. Thank you for continuing to support our Good Sam fund with monthly donations.

*Thank
you* 

Dear Northminster SAINTS - I cannot adequately express our thanks and appreciation for the prayers, cards, gift cards, and love you have so generously given to our family since my health journey with kidney disease began. We love you all like family, Brad, Nancy & Rosie



Congratulations to our music director, Gunner Chancey, on completion of his choral direction of Mercer University students as part of his graduate work.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Apr 1 - Andy Weaver
Apr 11 - Gwen Kitchens
Apr 22 - Sophie Aiello
Apr 30 - Kendall Emener

Apr 6 - Bonnie Diboll
Apr 18 - Liz Riley
Apr 24 - Jane Prentice

Apr 11 - John Hurst (101st!)
Apr 22 - Lynn Davis
Apr 29 - Horace Stringfellow

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - JANUARY 2024

As of February 29, NPC has:

- Received \$78,797.41 in pledges.
- Received \$30,965.00 from the 2024 January Pledge Challenge
- Received \$20,934.39 from regular (no pledge) givers.
- Received \$418 in loose offerings.
- Received \$8,084.21 for outreach programs
- Spent \$76,627.10 on total expenses which is \$7,023.16 more than the \$69,603.94 budgeted.
- Summary: NPC has received 139,199.01 in total income and has spent a total of \$76,627.10.

WORDS FROM PASTOR RALPH

Since during Holy Week I filled your email inboxes with lots of preacher-prose, for our April newsletter allow me simply to offer some brief updates and celebrations:

— I know members will join me in thanking Gunner and our choir for their great musical contributions to Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday. The styles were varied but the offerings were universally rich. Choir: We thank you for your time and talent.

— With the repair of the front sidewalk now completed (damaged when the crane arrived to dismantle the steeple wreckage), I'm delighted to report that our beloved building is 100 percent repaired from the tornado damage two years ago. We will always owe the Moselys, Mark Brown, Jennifer—and many others along the way—a debt of great gratitude for seeing us through this long journey of rehabilitation.

— And speaking of our building, on Christmas Eve our sanctuary chandeliers decided they deserved a holiday. Turns out, the entire sanctuary lighting control system built in 1980 was on its last leg—the chandeliers simply being the first circuit to go. Original estimates for a space-age control system approached 50k, but our intrepid electrician Jeff Williams proposed a simplified system made up of parts available locally. Even then, the replacement wiring project came in at \$18,000. But guess what? An amazing church member made an anonymous donation and covered the entire cost. I say Amen to the comment of one of your elders: "The generosity of this congregation never ceases to amaze me."

— This spring all of our church committees are in full swing, and our next church-wide committee meeting Sunday is April 14 after worship. We'll spread out a little more this time, but everyone meeting in the same hour proved great for morale! Thanks all.

— Special thanks this spring to Rosie Miles, Chloe Napier, Lynn and Hannah Denny, Virginia Cowser, and elder Donna Shufford for really stepping up with our children and youth in recent weeks. We appreciate all you are doing to help us all honor the vows we make as a congregation to our children at baptism.

— And a shout-out to Jeanne Roddenberry for leading discussions each Wednesday morning for our Lenten Ladies Bible Study! It takes a superstar like Jeanne to make an old man like Brother Bailey interesting and fun! Aramaic, anyone?

— With the session's blessing, in November I gathered all of our "middle-aged" members for a lunch meeting to begin discussions with them about the next 5+ years of our congregation. It was a fun and fruitful discussion, agreeing on our many blessings and charting out some of our urgent needs. Round 2 of that discussion happens April 21 after worship. I'm grateful to our 30, 40, and 50-somethings for helping the session look ahead.

— Finally, I want to remind you about my weekly pattern of ministry, now that I live with Deb in Kathleen. Most Mondays I work from home: worship planning and preaching/teaching prep. Most Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays I am in the church office at least part of the day. Most Fridays are a personal day. Saturdays often include church or presbytery activities, and Sundays are, blessedly, a full day of ministry. Notice all the "mosts!" Every week is a little different in the pastoral work, depending on a host of factors. But here's the bottom line for me: Always reach out whenever you would like to connect for conversation, visitation, and prayer. Text, phone, e-mail, social media, via Jennifer ... however you get to me, please get to me, so we can schedule a time to visit in person. I delight in conversation and aim to serve you in your spiritual pilgrimage with Jesus. Although every week is fluid, I trust you know after five years together that I will always make you my precious priority.

So there's a little Resurrection Roundup for the unfolding Easter season.

I continue to give thanks to God for the great privilege of being your pastor in this time.

With much love, RWH