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MACON MOVES YOUTH MISSION WEEKEND

Thursday, July 18th, Northminster youth kicked off their mission event with a multi-generation gathering welcoming speaker Rev. Chris Fuller. Friday, our youth and friends spent the day practicing Christ service all over Macon, from making sandwiches for Macon Outreach's community fridge, organizing at the Salvation Army, serving lunch to those in need and painting at the Loaves & Fishes building, they filled the day with service to the community. Saturday, these teens (who likely loath doing their own laundry) helped with just that at the Brookdale Resource Center. After which, visits were made to local nursing homes followed by visits and helping hands to some of our own members. Thank you to all who support our youth and encourage them to live as lights of Christ.



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

All children *as well as their friends and neighbors* are cordially invited to join us at 9:30AM every Sunday morning! Children's We will be sharing stories of Jesus from the New Testament, enjoy story-related activities, and refreshments will be included.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| Aug 3—Emily Brown | Aug 12—Ann Hall |
| Aug 13—Scott Emener | Aug 15—Ed Clark |
| Aug 16—Amy Vogt | Aug 18—Kim Emener |
| Aug 18—Jane Ebey | Aug 19—Kenny Walker |
| Aug 19—Mary Beth Shuford | Aug 30—Jeff Denny |
| Aug 31—CJ Preyna | |

This year, beloved homebound member, Jane Ebey, will celebrate her 90th trip around the sun! To help her and her family celebrate this milestone, we ask all interested members to bring in a colorful birthday card by Sunday, August 18th, when pastor Ralph and a congregational care committee member will be delivering them to Jane that afternoon.



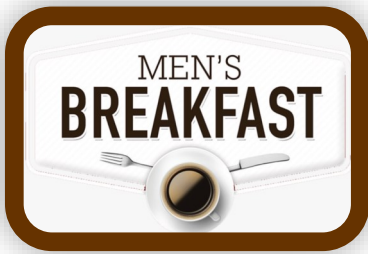
USHERS & GREETERS SIGN-UP

We are blessed to have amazing smiling faces to welcome family, friends, and visitors coming through the doors of Northminster every Sunday morning! If you are able to serve as a greeter and usher, please sign up on the board in the foyer.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Each week, our sanctuary is aided in beauty with a fresh flower arrangement from Jean & Hall Florist. If you would like to provide the flowers one week in honor or memory of a loved one or in celebration of an exciting event, you can sign up on the board in the foyer. Arrangements are \$65 (payable to Northminster) and can be taken home or donated to one of our homebound members. If you have a special request for your arrangement, such as specific colors or flowers, please let Jennifer know. Arrangements are ordered every Tuesday for the following Sunday.



MEN'S BREAKFAST - AUGUST 14TH

All men are invited to gather for breakfast together Wednesday morning, August 14th at 7am. Invite a friend and meet us at H&H Restaurant (807 Forsyth St. - Downtown). Dutch treat.

UPCOMING EVENTS



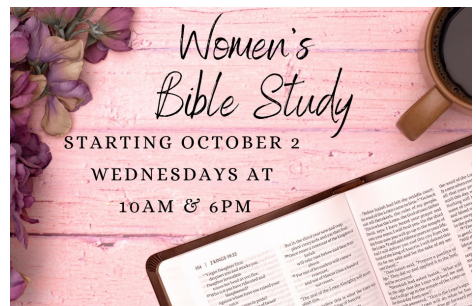
September 21-22 Confirmation Retreat

This year, First Presbyterian of Thomaston will host a Flint River Presbytery retreat for all youth who have not yet gone through confirmation. This retreat will be a kick-off event for Northminster's own confirmation class.



September 29 5th Sunday Lunch

This year, we celebrate Northminster's 60th year of making disciples, growing in faith together and serving others in Christ! We have so much to be thankful for and are excited to celebrate this milestone "birthday" with our church friends and family over lunch in the fellowship hall following worship on September 29th.



October 2 Women's Bible Study

Ralph will be leading a women's Bible Study based on the book of Philippians starting on Wednesday, October 2. There will be a morning session at 10:00 and an evening session at 6:00. Both are in-person and will meet in the Community Room. The morning session will have light refreshments and our evening session will have dinner provided.

GOOD thinking



about the

good **BOOK**

A Bible Study about the Bible itself

beating a Presbyterian path through the pages of scripture
avoiding the dangers of **Deconstruction** and **Fundamentalism**

- Aug 11 **Introduction** — Can I be a thinking person and still trust the Bible?
- Aug 18 **Fundamentalism 1** — “The Bible says it, so I believe it! Done.”
- Aug 25 **Fundamentalism 2** — Jesus did not speaketh King James English
- Sep 1 Labor Day Weekend — **no Sunday School!**
- Sep 8 **Deconstruction 1** — “There was no Jonah whale. So none of it is true.”
- Sep 15 **Deconstruction 2** — Are we saying Paul’s words are also God’s words?
- Sep 22 **Stacking Sacred Stones** — the Bible and our children/grandchildren
- Sep 29 **Conclusions** — Reading the Bible with heart, soul, *and mind*

Sundays @ 9am in the Fellowship Hall

Come take another ride on the

NORTHMINSTER!

Express!



Saturday, October 19, 2024

Register and pay
in the church office by
Sunday, September 8



TIMETABLE

6am	depart from church
9am	arrive Blue Ridge depot
10am	depart Blue Ridge by train
11am	2 hour layover in Copperhill
2pm	return to Blue Ridge depot
5:30pm	return to church

*Many lunch options on your own
during 2 hour layover in McCaysville GA*

TICKETS

\$68 for each adult
\$48 for each child 2-12

Tickets include bus transportation
and train ride, but not lunch.



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Nine of our church committees will be gathering Sunday, **September 8th** for stated meetings after worship. Please contact your committee elder for meeting location within the building. 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 - 478-957-1947
- Children & Youth Discipleship – Donna Shuford - 478-718-6442
- Congregational Care – Gail Walker - 478-361-5324
- Finance – Minor Vernon - 478-256-5716
- Membership Engagement – Barbara Fatkin - 478-396-7100
- Neighborhood – Amanda Smith - 478-731-2030
- Outreach & Mission – Kari Alderman - 478-714-0446
- Personnel – Michael Napier - mnapier@truckingexpert.com
- Property – Mark Brown - 478-390-7388

THANK YOU, CHURCH FAMILY

Dear Northminster,

Thank you does not convey how grateful we are for Lyra Watwood's baptism at Northminster. It was so wonderful to bring her to Macon and have our church family welcome her into the Christian family. We knew leaving Northminster would be one of the hardest parts when we left Macon. The loving welcome reminded us of how true that was. Thank you. -Rhonda & Joe Watwood.

Dear church family,

Thank you for all the phone calls, beautiful cards, and heartwarming/kind words after the death of my sister, Nelda, who is now with her Lord and Savior!
Love in Christ, Nita Mitchell

Beloved Northminster,

The Denny family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all who are praying for them. If you would like to see regular updates, you can find them on caringbridge.org. Simply create an account to sign in, and search "Jeff Denny".



BACKPACK'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Thank you to all who have given during our 2024 Christmas in July event supporting our backpack ministry at Rosa Taylor Elementary School. We received \$3,156, just over half of this year's goal. Remember, you can continue to give to this ministry year-round.

JUNE FINANCIAL SUMMARY

As of June 30, 2024, Northminster has received \$297,105.18 in year-to-date income and has spent \$204,131.62. We currently anticipate unbudgeted expenses to include repair or replacement of one downstairs HVAC unit and repair of the flat roofing above the fellowship hall entryway.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4 9:30am Children's Sunday School Communion Sunday	5 First Day of Bibb County Schools	6	7	8 6:30pm Macon Mayhem Booster Club Meeting	9	10
11 9:00am - Adult Sunday School Begins 9:30am Children's Sunday School 4:00pm Yoga	12 5pm Veritas Parent/Student Open House	13	14 7am Men's Breakfast 10am Macon Service League Meeting	15	16	17
18 9:00am - Adult Sunday School 9:30am Children's Sunday School 11:30am Wedding shower for Rebecca Whitehead	19 6pm Stated Session Meeting	20 Veritas - First Day of School	21	22 Veritas	23 Veritas	24
25 9:00am - Adult Sunday School 9:30am Children's Sunday School	26	27 Veritas	28 10:30am Macon Service League Board Meeting	29 Veritas	30 Veritas	31