



NORTHMINSTER *Life*

SEPTEMBER 2024

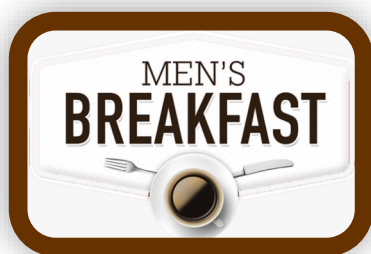
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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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
- Children & Youth Discipleship
- Congregational Care
- Finance
- Membership Engagement
- Neighborhood
- Outreach & Mission
- Personnel
- Property



MEN'S BREAKFAST - SEPTEMBER 11TH

All men are invited to gather for breakfast together Wednesday morning, September 11th at 7am. Invite a friend and meet us at H&H Restaurant (807 Forsyth St. - Downtown). Dutch treat.



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**.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| Sept 4 - Ben Shurford | Sept 6 - Abigail Gleaton |
| Sept 7 - Edward Gleaton | Sept 9 - Suzann Smith |
| Sept 12 - Tim McCord | Sept 13 - Sam Alderman, IV |
| Sept 14 - Annette Hutto | Sept 15 - Ella Hawkins |
| Sept 17 - Josh Denny | Sept 18 - Ann Smith |
| Sept 20 - Sam Alderman, III | Sept 21 - Jennifer Whitehead |
| Sept 22 - Don Hendrix | Sept 22 - David Preyna |
| | Sept 22 - Andrew Preyna |

WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

This month, on September 29, we are celebrating Northminster's 60th anniversary!

So your preacher went rummaging around in the basement of the Biblical canon for some significant spiritual meaning about the number sixty. Paul warns young Timothy not to support widows under 60 years old (1 Timothy 5:9). Sixty year old ancient Jews could undo a vow of service to God by paying some shekels (Leviticus 27:7). Issac becomes a father of twins at age 60 (Genesis 25:26). King Rehoboam, husband to 18 wives, wound up with 28 sons ... and 60 daughters (2 Chronicles 11:21). When mean old Nebuchadnezzar made an idol of gold that stood 60 cubits tall, faith heroes Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to worship it (Daniel 3). Amorous king Solomon was so in love he contracted 60 men to escort his carriage on the way to see his beloved (Song of Songs 3:7).

Meh. None of these instances jumped up and shouted, "Preach me, preach me!" (Although Solomon's Love Parade might make for a fun sermon.). Maybe there's nothing spiritual spiritually significant about 60 years after all. But wait ... there is one more. Speaking of Solomon: 1 Kings 4:22 gives an accounting of the king's daily Instacart order. The Big Guy was so wealthy, his household required 60 measures of fine flour a day. (That's a lot!)

Fine flour. 60 measures. Now that might preach.

Flour may not be the most exciting marker of wealth, but kings, queens ... and congregations gotta eat! And has not God been so generous to Northminster over these years, feeding our flock with pastors, elders, sermons, music, teaching, service, mission, and fellowship.

I remember someone once observing: you may not be able to remember what you ate for breakfast on some certain date years ago. But the fact that you are here, alive, confirms that you have been fed time and time again. I think the point of that little wisdom, when first I heard it, was about sermons. You probably don't remember the vast majority of them, but if you are still moving along your pilgrimage with Jesus, you have surely been fed along the way by the Holy Spirit. And could not the same thing be said about congregational life as a whole? We are here, now; alive and in love, with God and with neighbors. That is a marker of spiritual true wealth, so much more eternal than all the gold and silver old Solomon could report on his taxes.

For me, the recent death of Rev. Charles Hasty, our founding pastor, makes this 60th anniversary all the sweeter and richer. Charlie was such "fine flour" for our congregation, taking that original group of Presbyterians and spiritually organizing them into a new, vital congregation of Christians for the (then) north of Macon.

And by God's good grace, the feast goes on. RWH

THANK YOU, CHURCH FAMILY



Dear Northminster Church,
Thank you so much for showering our mother, Jane Ebey, with love and cards on the occasion of her 90th Birthday. It was special that Pastor Ralph delivered the cards in person.

In the past, Jane blessed family and friends with personalized cards on their birthdays and other occasions. Sending Jane birthday cards was a wonderful blessing on her special day.

Sincerely, Lois Ebey, Karen Ebey-Tessendorf,
Martha Lee and Peter Ebey





CARDS OF CARING

Sunday, August 25th, an excited group of Presbyterians gathered after worship to make cards of encouragement that have been taken by the Denny family to the Duke Cancer Center, spreading the love and light of Christ to the patients undergoing treatment.

BLOOD DONATIONS



Recently our beloved member Jeff Denny required a transfusion of platelets, as his own had become critically low. Jeff and Lynn learned then that there is a critical need for blood donations here in our region. To put that in perspective, I'm told it takes 4 to 6 bags of blood to produce one bag of platelets. **So in honor of the brave journey Jeff is making through cancer treatments, Virginia Hall, Gail Walker, and your pastor are asking everyone to**

consider donating blood. You can visit Redcrossblood.org to find a place and register for a time. I certainly recognize that blood donation is not something everyone can do, but if you can, we hope you will. Thank you for your consideration.



GOOD SAMARITAN

Last month, we collected over \$800 in our Communion Sunday monthly donation for our Good Sam fund- Thank you!

We donated \$500 to purchase school supplies for our Presbytery's annual drive to fill school backpacks for the New American Pathways Ministry in Atlanta, GA. New American Pathways supports immigrant families in the greater metro Atlanta area.

We give \$400 to Centenary Community Ministries in downtown Macon each month. We also gave a \$200 Kroger gift card and a \$250 car payment for a single mother who recently lost her job to company layoffs. Your gifts make a direct impact on so many people. Thank you!



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will not hold Sunday school Labor Day weekend, September 1st. The following Sunday (September 8), we're excited to kick off a great new school year with Sunday School at 9:30 every Sunday morning!



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.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

For Grades 6-12
September 21-22
First Presbyterian Church
Thomaston, GA

**Register with Brittany @
britd@flintriverpresbytery.org**

Deadline to register Friday September 13

Check In: Saturday, 21 September, 10:30AM
Event Concludes: Sunday, 22 September, 12PM

Confirmation Classes Featured:

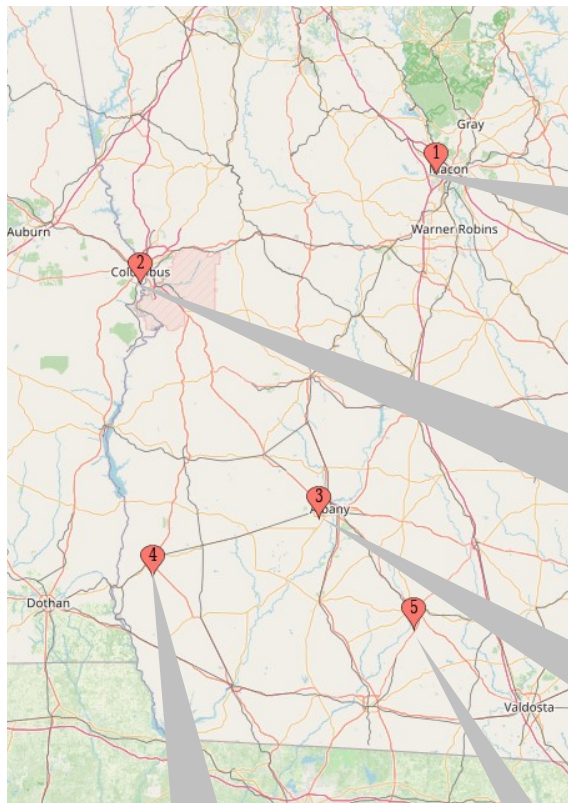
What is Confirmation?
Being Presbyterian Means...
How to Write a Faith Statement
DIY Confirmation Stoles

Classes taught by FRP pastors and educators.
Meals and educational resources provided!

FEED MY LAMBS

PRESBYTERY-WIDE MISSION EVENT WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 6 • 2 PM

TOGETHER WE CAN PACK OVER **55,000** MEALS!



NE CLUSTER EVENT | 2:00 P.M.

Northminster Presbyterian Church
565 Wimbish Road
Macon, GA 31210
478.477.6646

NW CLUSTER EVENT | 2:00 P.M.

First Presbyterian Church
1100 First Avenue
Columbus, GA 31901
706.322.4523

CENTRAL CLUSTER EVENT | 2:00 P.M.

Covenant Presbyterian Church
2126 West Edgewater Drive
Albany, Georgia 31707
229.436.5731

CENTRAL CLUSTER EVENT | 2:00 P.M.

Cuba Presbyterian Church
2254 Cuba Road
Blakely, GA 39823

SOUTHERN CLUSTER EVENT | 2:00 P.M.

First Presbyterian Church
501 1st Street, S.E.
Moultrie, GA 31768
229.985.3158

AN EVENT FOR ALL AGES!



We are a vibrant body of Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations who are committed to responding to God's call, proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and nurturing congregations for effective ministry and mission.

2024

SEPTEMBER



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 No Sunday School -Labor Day Holiday- Communion Sunday	2 Labor Day Holiday	3 Veritas	4	5 Veritas 6pm Girl Scout Leader Mtg	6 Veritas	7
8 9am Adult S.S. 9:30am Children's S.S. Baptism Sunday 11:30am Committee Mtgs 4-6pm Youth	9	10 Veritas	11 7am Men's Breakfast 10am Macon Service League Meeting	12 Veritas 6:30pm Macon Mayhem Booster Club Meeting	13 Veritas	14 1pm Girl Scout Troop Mtg
15 9am Adult S.S. 9:30am Children's S.S. 4:00pm Yoga	16 6pm Stated Session Meeting	17 Veritas	18	19 Veritas	20 Veritas	21 Confirmation Retreat @ FPC Thomaston
22 9am Adult S.S. 9:30am Children's S.S. Confirmation Retreat @ FPC Thomaston	23	24 Veritas	25 10:30am Macon Service League Board Meeting	26 Veritas	27 Veritas	28 1pm Girl Scout Troop Mtg
29 9am Adult S.S. 9:30am Children's S.S. 11:30am 60th Anniversary (5th Sunday Lunch)	30	1	2	3	4	5