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PRESBYTERY-WIDE MISSION EVENT

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 6 • 2 PM

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

This year, Northminster will be one of 5 churches within Flint River Presbytery to host this annual event. All are invited to join us in the fellowship hall **Sunday, October 6th at 2pm** to help pack bags of nutrient-dense foods that will be going all around the world to help feed those in need. These meals will help feed mothers and children, like Harun, a mother of 4 in Tanzania, families affected by natural disasters in the Philippines, India and Zibabwe, and so many more. To read more about the stories of people finding food security through the Feed My Lambs mission, visit riseagainsthunger.org/stories-of-impact.



1964-2024 - CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF NORTHMINSTER



September 29th, Northminster family and friends gathered to celebrate Northminster's 60th Anniversary. Thank you, everyone, for 60 years of making disciples, growing in faith together and serving others in Christ. We feel blessed to have many more years to come!



WELCOME BETHANY!

Last month we had the holy privilege of baptizing Bethany Cannon, granddaughter of Larry and Margaret Cannon. The Cannons joined our church this summer. We welcome them all to our Northminster fellowship.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Oct 1 - Rosie Miles

Oct 10 - David Riley

Oct 16 - Alice Fincher

Oct 20 - Brad Miles

Oct 27 - Judy Lowe

Oct 8 - Sandra Lewis

Oct 15 - Mark Brown

Oct 18 - Anna Riley

Oct 24 - John Putzke

Oct 31 - Matthew Preyna

Oct 10 - Judy Hill

Oct 16 - Ann Weaver

Oct 20 - Jan Hirsh

Oct 26 - Frank Ellis

FLINT RIVER CONFIRMATION RETREAT



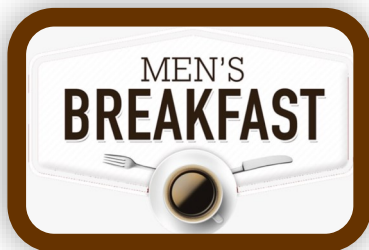
Last month, 5 of your Northminster youth participated in a presbytery-wide Confirmation retreat at First Presbyterian Church of Thomaston. This event served as a kickoff event for our youth, as they will this month begin a journey to Easter Sunday along with adult mentors from our congregation. Stay tuned for many more Confirmation updates as this pilgrimage of faith unfolds for them.

SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP IN 2025

Member Sarah Morrow recently talked with Pastor Ralph and Barbara Fatkin (membership elder) about the possibility of restarting another round of small groups for fellowship at Northminster. She told us how successful small groups had been many years in foster fellowship. The main purpose of new groups would be to build connections, deepen relationships, and to share in prayer and mutual support.

Your Session approved this idea at its September meeting. These church-wide groups will be multi-generational, co-ed, and will include 10 to 12 people each. There will be a leader selected within each group, to coordinate gatherings. The groups will start in January 2025 and continue until June, taking a break for the summer.

If you are interested in participating in a fellowship group, please sign up on your blue response sheet in your bulletin or email Jennifer at admin@northminstermacon.org.



MEN'S BREAKFAST - OCTOBER 9TH

All men are invited to gather for breakfast together Wednesday morning, October 9th at 7am. Invite a friend and meet us at H&H Restaurant (807 Forsyth St. - Downtown). Dutch treat.

LOAVES & FISHES BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



The week of October 13th, Loaves and Fishes Ministry of Macon will be celebrating their 57th birthday! Tuesday, October 15th, they will hold a breast cancer walk-a-thon in honor of clients, staff, and board members who have suffered with cancer. Then on Thursday, the 17th, they will have a lunch for clients and donors alike down at the Mission. You can go to <https://gofund.me/c3a6af09> to give or contact Chloe Napier at pmcradford@gmail.com.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



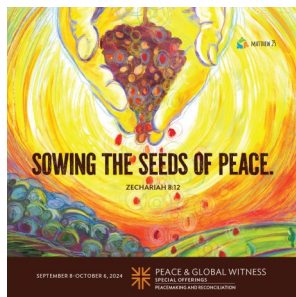
Many of us have been enjoying Ralph's study "Good Thinking About the Good Book" for the past several Sundays, but it came to a close on Sunday, September 29th. Thank you, Ralph!

Sunday, October 6th, we will begin a new study with Paul Lewis from Mercer University. Paul will be leading us in a discussion of Doug Ottati's "Living Belief: A Short Introduction to Christian Faith." This class will be for 6 weeks beginning October 6th and ending November 10th.

Paul was one of our teachers last winter. Please welcome him back to Northminster and join us for Sunday school at 9:00am October 6th.

Janell Johnson will be leading a study entitled "The Prophets' Message in an Election Year." How's that for topicality! Janell's study will be for 5 weeks, and then we will take a break until the new year.

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERING - OCTOBER 6



A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this offering for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP MEAL - NOVEMBER 17



Remember our Northminster Thanksgiving meal from years past? Our Fellowship/Adult Discipleship committee will be bringing back that fun event on November 17, 2024 after church. We will all gather in the fellowship hall for a delicious meal prepared by some excellent Northminster cooks. The menu will feature Roasted pork loin with apricot sauce, sweet potato casserole, green beans, salad, bread and for dessert, slices of Lynn Davis' world-famous cakes! All this for \$10/adult and \$5 for children 12 and under with a family cap of \$25. There will be sign-up sheets in the bulletin as the date draws near but please plan now to attend.

Youth Happenings



Sunday, October 27th, Northminster youth will meet for halloween fun at the church. Activities start at 4pm.

Sunday, November 3rd, all Northminster family is invited to our annual chili cook-off and dessert auction. This event is typically held in February, but has moved to this more fall-friendly, “chili” time of year!

Sunday, November 10th, youth are invited to gather after worship to travel together to various homes of Northminster members and friends to share a course of a progressive dinner party.



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Philippians

Wednesdays @ 10am or 6pm in our Community Room

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| Oct 2 | Thanksgiving and Confidence | Philippians 1:1-11 |
| Oct 9 | Paul's Present Circumstances | Philippians 1:12-30 |
| Oct 16 | Imitating Jesus' Humility | Philippians 2:1-11 |
| Oct 23 | Shining as Lights in the World | Philippians 2:12-18 |
| Oct 30 | Breaking with the Past | Philippians 3:1-11 |
| Nov 6 | Pressing toward the Goal | Philippians 3:12 - 4:1 |
| Nov 13 | Peace Surpassing Understanding | Philippians 4:2-7 |
| Nov 20 | Think about These Things | Philippians 4:8-23 |

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| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 29 | 30 | 1 Veritas | 2 Women's Bible Study 10am & 6pm | 3 Veritas | 4 Veritas | 5 |
| 6 9:00am - Adult Sunday School 9:30am Children's Sunday School Communion Sunday | 7 | 8 Office Closed | 9 7am Men's Breakfast 10am Macon Service League Meeting Women's Bible Study 10am & 6pm Office Closed | 10 6:30pm Macon Mayhem Board Meeting Office Closed | 11 Office Closed | 12 1pm Girl Scouts |
| 13 9:00am - Adult Sunday School Begins 9:30am Children's Sunday School 4:00pm Yoga | 14 | 15 Veritas | 16 Women's Bible Study 10am & 6pm | 17 Veritas | 18 Veritas | 19 Northminster Express Blue Ridge Scenic Railtour |
| 20 9:00am - Adult Sunday School 9:30am Children's Sunday School | 21 6pm Stated Session Meeting | 22 Veritas | 23 Women's Bible Study 10am & 6pm 10:30am Macon Service League Board Meeting | 24 Veritas | 25 Veritas | 26 1pm Girl Scouts |
| 27 9:00am - Adult Sunday School 9:30am Children's Sunday School 4pm Youth Meeting | 28 | 29 Veritas | 30 Women's Bible Study 10am & 6pm | 31 Veritas | 1 Veritas | 2 |