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Sunday, December 8, we will celebrate the season of Advent with our annual Lessons & Carols service, held during our normal worship time of 10:30am. Invite a friend and join us for a beautiful morning of lessons and celebration through song and scripture!



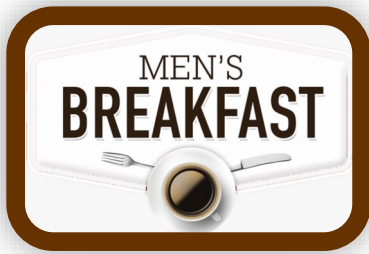
ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS FAIR - DECEMBER 8

Sunday, December 8, join us in the fellowship hall for our annual alternative Christmas fair. This event is an opportunity to give to some of our closest mission outreaches, including Thornwell, Habitat for Humanity in Macon, The Antioch Partners (our current missionary outreach), and Heifer International. With your gift, you will receive a Christmas card(s) to give to family or friends indicating that your gift was made in their honor or in celebration of a special event.

2025 CHURCH DIRECTORY

Since the time of our last pictorial directory, we have welcomed new faces and said goodbye to members who have passed. It is time for an update! Throughout the month of December, please stop by the Library any Sunday before or after worship to have your photo taken and make sure your contact information is correct. All who wish to be included in the directory, whether member or friend, are encouraged to participate. We also have a large group of students in college right now - if your child will be home for the holidays, we'd love to include an individual photo of them in the "College bound" section of our directory. If they will not be here on a given Sunday, please feel free to email a recent photo to Jennifer.





MEN'S BREAKFAST - DECEMBER 11

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



5TH SUNDAY LUNCH

Sunday, December 29th, we will celebrate the closing of the advent season and the excitement of the New Year with food and fellowship. Sign up on your blue response sheet or contact Jennifer at 478-318-7911 or admin@northminstermacon.org to let us know you plan to attend. Our menu will be determined soon.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

December 15th we will be wrapping up our final Adult/Youth Sunday School class of 2024. Janell Johnson is currently leading a study entitled "The Prophets' Message in an Election Year" in the community room every Sunday morning at 9AM. We look forward to beginning new series January 5th.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

We're excited to continue children's Sunday school through December 22nd. We will take one week off December 29th, then jump into the New Year January 5th! Throughout the month of December, we are also practicing gratitude by collecting children's coats and sweaters to be given to those in need at Rosa Taylor Elementary school.



CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERING

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior. God has blessed the church with incredible leadership in every time and place, but those leaders often need to be supported by their communities as well. This Offering addresses the support needed by some of our leaders, including supporting leadership development for communities of color and providing support for Presbyterian church workers in their time on need. This offering will be collected Sunday, December 22.

STEWARDSHIP - SEEING GOD'S GIFTS GROW



Our church budget is balanced! Because of your generosity, we excitedly welcome new opportunities for outreach, fellowship, youth activities, and continued work with our commitments to local ministries, missions abroad, and maintenance of our wonderful church building. In order to continue our mission of making disciples, growing in faith together and serving others in Christ, we strive to be good stewards of the gifts God gives through our generous congregation. Thank you.

FLINT RIVER UPDATES - RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Dear Presbyterians:

We couldn't believe the timing of the email we just received from Rise Against Hunger, and we wanted to share the REAL impact our food packaging event back in October has on people across the globe.

We just learned that as most of us are busily planning, shopping, and prepping for our Thanksgiving feast on Thursday, **our packaged meals are on their way to Burkina Faso.**

Burkina Faso, "the land of upright people," is a small landlocked country in western Africa known for its "simple and hardworking national character." Despite being a major exporter of gold and cotton, this region is one of Africa's poorest. Food insecurity there is driven by political uprisings, climate changes, and conflict.

To address some of the challenges faced by community members in Burkina Faso, **Rise Against Hunger partners with local organizations serving meals to children in school and early childhood development centers.**

The meals WE packaged will ensure these children have access to consistent nourishment, while also enabling them access to education - which will hold them in good stead for years to come.

Flint River Faithful, this Thanksgiving your FRP Staff gives thanks for YOU. For all the ways you help make our presbytery strong, faithful, prayerful, and worshipful - from serving on committees, to hosting educational events, from joining in book clubs, **to providing meals to children in West Africa - we are THANKFUL.**

This Thanksgiving, please consider lifting a prayer for those who will soon receive the meals we've prepared. *Meals neatly and lovingly packaged and boxed with smiles and laughter **with our very hands** and headed **RIGHT NOW** to children in need.*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dec 5 - Gail Walker

Dec 13 - Bernadette Preyna

Dec 17 - Roland Hill

Dec 30 - Eric Roddenberry

Dec 6 - Frenchie Bowen

Dec 13 - Abby Smith

Dec 18 - Jeanne Roddenberry

Dec 12 - Hannah Denny

Dec 15 - Mary Alice Wilson

Dec 22 - Sharon Sulkers



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.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1</p> <p>9am Adult S.S. 9:30am Children's S.S.</p> <p>Communion Sunday</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Veritas</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Veritas</p> <p>6pm Girl Scout Leader Mtg</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Veritas</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9am Adult S.S. 9:30am Children's S.S.</p> <p><i>Lessons & Carols</i></p> <p>11:45am Alternative Christmas Fair</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Veritas</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7am Men's Breakfast</p> <p>10am Macon Service League Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Veritas</p> <p>6:30pm Macon Mayhem Booster Mtg</p> <p>6:30pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Veritas</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1pm Girl Scouts</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9am Adult S.S. 9:30am Children's S.S.</p> <p>4:00pm Yoga</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6pm Stated Session Meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Veritas</p> <p>6pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Veritas</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Veritas</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9am Adult S.S. 9:30am Children's S.S.</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6pm Christmas Eve Service</p>	<p>25</p>  <p>Merry Christmas</p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9am Adult S.S. 9:30am Children's S.S.</p> <p>5th Sunday Lunch</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>