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CONGRATULATIONS, 2025 GRADUATES!



Sam will attend Wofford College in the fall, which is evidently the new Alderman tradition. Hopefully, he will follow Ella Cole's pathway more so than his father's at Wofford. He plans to major in finance and physics. Sam is an honors graduate of Mount de Sales Academy and is most proud of maintaining a 4.0 despite his medical challenges. Sam is the captain of our state-winning quiz bowl team and is a four-year varsity golf letterman. Sam is thankful to his Northminster family for loving and mentoring him and for being his rock his entire life.



Hannah is an honors graduate of Mount de Sales Academy and will attend Auburn University in the Fall. She plans to major in interior design. While at Mount de Sales, she was a member of the Mount de Sales Troubadours, Beta Club, National Honor Society, and the Page Break literary magazine. She enjoys volunteering and teaching horseback riding lessons at Brave Meadows Therapeutic Riding Center and enjoys thrifting. She also enjoys keeping the nursery here at Northminster and is thankful for her Northminster Church family.

CONFIRMATION



Five of our young adults made a 6 month spiritual pilgrimage through our Confirmation program with 10 mentors from the membership of our congregation. On a Sunday morning in March, the confirmands and their mentors met with our session of elders and were officially welcomed into active membership. We give thanks to God for these two precious groups of siblings: CJ and Matthew Preyna, and Carolyn, Elizabeth, and Rebecca Goode.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Andrew Gardner from Mercer will be teaching a class on "Confronting Christian Nationalism" beginning April 27 and going through May 18th. Please join us for some wonderful, thought-provoking discussions. We meet downstairs in the community room.



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

We're having an amazing time in Sunday School! All children, up to 5th grade, are invited to join us downstairs in room 123 for lessons, crafts, and snacks starting at 9:30AM. We will continue through June 29th, take a short break for summer, and resume August 3rd.

2025 SMALL GROUPS



Our 2025 Small Groups are having a blast! We have 5 fellowship groups meeting this spring, each doing their own thing. Here's two of our groups recently enjoying their own outing. Want to join one of our groups? There's still time! Speak to elder



Barbara Fatkin at worship one Sunday.

OUR COMMUNITY - OUR PASTOR



Our pastor was one of seven Macon preachers invited to offer a sermon for a "Seven Last Words of Jesus" service on Good Friday at Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church in east Macon. Ralph reports: "The service lasted two and a half hours ... and it was a wonderful blessing, all of it." Then he added, "Don't worry, Presbyterians, I'm not getting any ideas."

MAY CALENDAR

May 4th - 10:30am Communion and Baptism; 4pm Yoga
May 11th - Happy Mother's Day; 10:30am celebrate 2025 High School Graduates
May 14th - Men's Breakfast at H&H Restaurant
May 15th - Last day of school for Veritas Students
May 18th - Last week of Adult Sunday School before summer break
May 19th - 6pm Stated Session meeting
May 28th - 10:30am Macon Service League Board Meeting

OUTREACH AND MISSIONS

Let's use

THE POWER OF RECYCLING

and trade

Metal for Meds!



You can help supply medications for our 2026 mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Simply bring in your aluminum cans and put them into the designated bins. When dropping off, please do not leave them in plastic bags. Thank you for your continued support for this mission!



**1 lb aluminum cans = \$1 of medicine
for our clinic in the Dominican Republic!**

**Drop empty aluminum cans in the
designated bin - We will do the rest!**

THANK YOU, CHURCH FAMILY!

Northminster church family and friends, THANK YOU for your amazing support, prayers, cards, calls and your words of Sympathy shown to me and my family as we dealt with the loss of my brother, Terry E. Andrews.

Having a church family like you with us during this difficult time will help us heal.

With heartfelt THANKS, Sandra Ridgeway and the Andrews family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May 10 - Harvey Roddenberry

May 11 - Ken Mayhew

May 15 - Virginia Cowser

May 26 - Sarah Morrow

May 11 - Betty Lamb

May 14 - Melissa McDougald

May 19 - Amanda Smith

May 26 - Kari Alderman

May 11 - Martha Hopkins

May 14 - Ella Smith

May 23 - Rex Tidwell

May 29 - Al Fatkin

GREETERS WANTED

Every Sunday, we are excited to see smiling faces at our front doors, welcoming all members, friends and visitors! Over the summer months, many members are taking much-needed vacations and trips to see family. With that, comes a need to help fill spots in the greeter roles. If you would be able to help greet any Sunday this summer, May through August, please write your name on the greeter board in the foyer or let Amy Maley know.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Each Sunday, members are encouraged to sponsor an arrangement in celebration of a special occasion or in honor or memory of a loved one. Simply sign up on the flower board in the foyer. Arrangements are \$65 each, payable to Northminster and can be taken home or donated to one of our homebound members.

Northminster's Fall Women's Retreat

October 24-25, 2025 • Friday evening and Saturday morning



The Tree of Life:

Israel's Sages on the Search for Wisdom

featuring **Dr. Christine Roy Yoder**
the Richards Professor of Biblical Interpretation
at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur



Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice.
At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks. — Proverbs 1:20

Northminster's Monthly Men's Breakfast

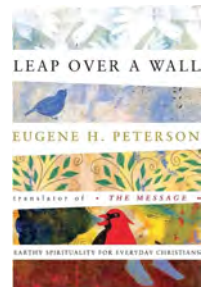


SECOND Wednesdays of every month @ 7am

H&H Soul Food Restaurant • downtown Macon

The Life of **David**

May 14 — STORIES — 1 Sam 16-31	Sep 10 — FRIENDSHIP — 1 Sam 18-20
June 11 — NAMES — 1 Sam 16:1-13	Oct 8 — SANCTUARY — 1 Sam 21-22
July 9 — WORK — 1 Sam 16:14-23	Nov 12 — WILDERNESS — 1 Sam 23-24
Aug 13 — IMAGINATION — 1 Sam 17	Dec 10 — BEAUTY — 1 Sam 25



Northminster's Summer Reading Group



The Short Stories of Flannery O'Connor

We're celebrating the 100th birthday of Georgia's own legendary Catholic novelist. We'll read a half dozen of her wild and wonderful short stories, then take a field trip to explore her home in Milledgeville.

Our reading group will meet every two weeks in the evening via ZOOM.

Stay tuned for dates, times, and short story selections! Let by Pastor Ralph and Betty Lamb.