



# NORTHMINSTER *Life*

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## YOUTH CAR WASH - MAY 2ND

Come to the church Saturday, May 2nd between 10AM and 1PM to help our middle and high school youth wash their way to Montreat!

Pollen season is long-lasting in Macon, so we know your car will want a refresh and what better way to have it cleaned than by our very own youth! Your donations will go to help cover the cost of both high school and middle school Montreat conferences. This year, we have 4 high schoolers and two middle schoolers who will be attending these summer events. **\*If the weather does not cooperate, we will have a "rain-out" day the following Saturday, May 9th, also from 10-1.**

## CONGRATULATIONS, 2026 GRADS!

We will hold our senior recognition Sunday during worship on May 10<sup>th</sup>. We're excited to celebrate member, CJ Preyna and our wonderful nursery helper, Karrington Williams. Karrington, an alumni of our very own Northminster Preschool, will be graduating from the Academy for Classical Education.



CJ's formal education began at Hahira United Methodist Preschool, Hahira, GA and culminated at Mount De Sales Academy, Macon, GA. His accomplishments include lettering in Varsity baseball, being nominated for GIAA All Star athlete, and serving in the Partners Club as a Special Olympics buddy. His involvement in both his school and church communities has been an integral part of his journey. CJ will attend Middle Georgia State University, where he plans to study Business Administration and Sports Management.

"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." - Philippians 1:6

## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



We are so thankful to have a church full of welcoming, smiling faces! We can always use those spiritual gifts of warm, inviting members to help with ushering and greeting on Sunday mornings. Thank you so much to everyone who already volunteers. To sign up for a Sunday, simply write your name on the greeter board in the foyer. Whether you've done this a hundred times or never before, please consider signing up to help.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. in the community room continues through May with Ralph as our teacher. He's leading a wonderful study on the days right after the resurrection. It's never too late to come even if you've missed some Sundays. It's always a treat to have Ralph teach Sunday school or Bible study, so don't miss it! Children's Sunday school continues beginning at 9:30 a.m. (childcare begins at 9:00 for adults wanting to attend Sunday school). All kids in 5<sup>th</sup> grade or younger are invited to attend.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



The spring women's Bible study is being taught by our wonderful pastoral intern, Mark Montgomery. He is focusing on food in the Bible - Spiritual and physical sustenance. He is even providing some of that physical sustenance at each session! Come and delight in the fellowship, get to know Mark and enjoy his teaching and cooking! The Bible study is Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and/or 6:00 p.m. in the community room.

- May 6 Hospitality: Breaking Bread Together
- May 13 Blessing: The Cost of a Bowl of Stew
- May 20 Becoming God's People: A Lamb, Milk, and Honey
- May 27 Offering and Sacrifice: BBQ Time!

## FELLOWSHIP LUNCH - JUNE 7TH



Our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday lunch falls in the very busy month of May, so we will instead hold this lunch Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Mark's time with us will be winding down so this lunch will be to celebrate him. Our own David Kenney, Sr. will be leading us in a hymn sing at the lunch! In his former career, Mark was an elementary school music teacher, so we think it will be fun to celebrate him with some wonderful singing. Keep an eye on your bulletin and weekly email for details such as the menu and your blue response sheet to let us know how much food to prepare.

## SMALL GROUPS



Our small groups have been having a wonderful time in fellowship together! Pictured here, is our group led by Sharon Sulkers, enjoying a day of pizza for lunch and a game of Mexican Train. If you are interested in participating in a small group or simply want to know more about them, please contact Natalie Vernon at 478-957-4550 or nhvernon@aol.com.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May 10 - Harvey Roddenberry  
May 11 - Ken Mayhew  
May 15 - Virginia Cowsert  
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 - Allen Fatkin



## MUSIC NOTES!

Happy Spring, Everyone! In this column, I often tell a musical story or reflect on a Scripture passage. This month, the format will change considerably. You know how newly engaged couples send out "save the date" cards? Well, I have so much news that I am asking you to save the DATES!!! Here we go:

### SUNDAYS:

- May 10th - 10:30 AM worship service: our pastoral intern, Mark Montgomery, will accompany the vocal choir on his recorder
- May 17th - 10:30 AM worship service: handbell choir will play
- May 31st - 10:30 AM worship service: Frank Ellis will play his trumpet
- June 28th - 10:30 AM worship service: Atlanta Guitar Duo will play guitar and banjo
- July 19th and 26th - 10:30 AM worship service: special music to welcome our sisters and brothers from the Dominican Republic
- July 26th - 3:00 PM: solo organ concert by David Kenney, Jr.
- October 25th - 3:00 PM: string quartet concert by Generation Fusion (featuring some organ accompaniment)
- November 29th (First Sunday of Advent) - 10:30 AM worship service: Lessons and Carols, with Generation Fusion Quartet

### WEDNESDAY:

- August 19th, 6 PM & 7 PM, resume regular rehearsals for handbells and vocal choir, respectively

Are you EXCITED? Well, please make plans to attend all the services, concerts, and rehearsals, AND... add to the celebration by bringing family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues! Together, let us "make a joyful noise to the Lord" (Psalm 100:1)!!! Until next time...

Grace and Peace, David

## FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATES




From the Finance Committee: Thank you for your continued financial support of our church, its pastor and staff, and its programs in 2026. Please contact Gregg Reed (gareed105@gmail.com) or any member of the finance committee if you have any questions about the budget and its status.

	March 2026 Actual	March 2026 Budget	2026 YTD Actual	2026 YTD Budget
Pledged & Regular Giving	\$28,890	\$38,683	\$132,136	\$116,047
Carry Forward	\$8,305	\$8,305	\$24,915	\$24,915
Total Income	\$37,892	\$47,988	\$166,224	\$143,963
Total Expenses	\$50,545	\$43,989	\$147,576	\$131,967

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
			10am & 6pm Women's Bible Study  6pm Bell Choir 7pm Vocal Choir	Veritas Senior Lunch  10am Line Dancers		 10am-1pm
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9am Adult S.S.  9:30am Kidventures		Veritas	7am Men's Breakfast  10am & 6pm Women's Bible Study 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Vocal Choir	Veritas  10am Line Dancers  6:30pm Girl Scouts	Veritas	Rain-out Day  10am-1pm  1pm Girl Scouts
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9am Adult S.S. 9:30am Kidventures  Communion & Graduate Recognition Sunday		Veritas  6pm Girl Scouts	10am & 6pm Women's Bible Study  6pm Bell Choir 7pm Vocal Choir	Veritas  10am Line Dancers		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9am Adult S.S. 9:30am Kidventures  4:00pm Yoga	6pm Session Meeting	Primary elections for Governor	10am & 6pm Women's Bible Study  7pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal	10am Line Dancers		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9am Adult S.S. 9:30am Kidventures	  Staff Holiday		10am & 6pm Women's Bible Study  7pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal	10am Line Dancers		